

Village Of Cuyahoga Heights



December 2017

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Future Important Dates:

December 22 - Village Hall/Service Department
Closed

December 25 - Merry Christmas! Village Hall/
Service Department Closed

December 26 - Rubbish Collection

December 27 - Special Pick Up

January 1 - Happy New Year!
Village Hall/Service Department
Closed

January 2 - Rubbish Collection

January 3 - Special Pick Up

January 4 - Charity Pick Up

January 6 - Inauguration



Meeting Reminders:

Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Work Sessions of Council

4th Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.
only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Zoning Board Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Economic Development Committee

2nd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Finance Committee

2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
Only in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May & Oct

Village Hall office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Minutes of our Council Meetings are posted every month under the Government tab and under Village Council – Agenda/Minutes on our website at www.cuyahogaheights.com



Village Hall

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From the Mayor:

I would like to personally thank Councilwoman Marilyn Duszynski for her 26 years of service, and to Councilwoman Lois Henley for the past 4 years (*26 years total*). Both ladies have served as public servants to our Village and I thank them for everything they have done. On behalf of the entire Village of Cuyahoga Heights, thank you for your outstanding dedication, commitment, and endless service as elected officials to our Village. We wish you both a very happy and healthy retirement...enjoy your children, grandchildren, and family. Pictured to the right is Councilwoman Duszynski receiving her proclamation during last week's council meeting.



Events

What a fabulous Christmas party our senior citizens threw on Saturday, December 9. Great food, music and conversation. I've included a few pictures on the following page from the event.

Unfortunately our football team lost to Minster High School in the Division VII State championship on December 1. We are very proud of these fine young men and their accomplishments for taking us to State for the last two years. Thank you to the Cuyahoga Heights Football team, their coaches and staff for another incredible ride.

Birthday wishes

Milestone birthday wishes to Hank Lemiec who turns 70 on December 28.

December birthday wishes to employees: (4) Brenda Poole; (8) Jesse James; (12) Vince Trusso; (14) Wendy Heinzman; (15) Diane Simmons; (16) Lou Franko, Damon Schreiber; (19) Michael Petti; (21) Howard Selig; and (30) Frank Trusso.



Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Theresa Bentejewski, Mrs. Ernestine Deliberato, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Mrs. Donna Pellini, and Mrs. Dorothy Sonoda.

Wishing each and everyone one a very Merry & Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

We truly are blessed!

*Merry
Christmas*



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From the Mayor *(continued)*:





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From the Clerk:

We are coming to the end of another year, and once again, I can report that we are financially sound, and will head into 2017 with a reserve of approximately one million dollars in the bank to start 2018.

This is the end of my eighth year as Clerk/Treasurer, and starting January 1, 2018, I will be moving into the elected position of Clerk of Council, and Ms. Meriwether will be filling my position as the full-time CFO.

I was first elected to the Clerk's position in 2010 during the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. Every community had to make some very hard choices just to stay solvent and continue operating, large companies were going bankrupt, the housing market plummeted, and many families walked away from their mortgages leaving millions of unoccupied homes.

It took years to recuperate, and the Mayor and I, with the support of Council have all worked very hard to make the right choices regarding our finances to keep our Village solvent. After eight tough years, we are well positioned financially, we have moved forward with many large projects, our housing market is booming, and our Village looks beautiful. We are doing everything we can to make our town a safe, beautiful, and wonderful place to live and raise our children.

I am very proud of the hard work that we all put in to make this happen, and I look forward to the next four years as your Clerk of Council.

My family and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and hope to see everyone during the Holiday season.

Month Distributed	2014	2015	2016	2017	Difference from 2016	% change from 2016
JANUARY	701,203.65	806,899.10	742,767.00	615,702.19	(127,064.81)	-17.11%
FEBRUARY	542,645.46	626,184.73	838,249.20	770,824.69	(67,424.51)	-8.04%
MARCH	929,321.38	838,149.44	1,156,108.74	834,117.05	(321,991.69)	-27.85%
APRIL	711,647.56	623,337.78	557,419.65	819,064.56	261,644.91	46.94%
MAY	617,963.16	783,999.52	707,171.63	920,803.38	213,631.75	30.21%
JUNE	643,339.71	578,703.87	706,933.54	775,712.94	68,779.40	9.73%
JULY	744,253.53	630,699.68	634,398.50	838,532.27	204,133.77	32.18%
AUGUST	616,110.30	851,514.14	634,653.04	827,364.68	192,711.64	30.36%
SEPTEMBER	607,652.11	422,410.26	593,840.10	745,943.56	152,103.46	25.61%
OCTOBER	676,923.26	772,784.21	671,155.91	954,738.05	283,582.14	42.25%
NOVEMBER	638,874.48	557,624.59	746,467.49	874,108.73	127,641.24	17.10%
DECEMBER	666,050.52	617,179.24	583,611.25	755,416.13	171,804.88	29.44%
TOTAL	8,095,985.12	8,109,486.56	8,572,776.05	9,732,328.23	1,159,552.18	17.57%



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Police Department:

HOLIDAY HOME SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION

The holiday season is a busy and exciting time for all. Unfortunately, it is also a time when people can become careless in protecting their homes from holiday crime and nothing can ruin your holiday faster than becoming a victim of crime. The following tips can help you enjoy the holiday without incident.

- Be extra careful about locking doors and windows when leaving your home, even for a few minutes.
- Don't openly display gifts in view of the front window, tempting a thief to "smash and grab".
- Leave a radio or TV on so the home appears to be occupied. When leaving for an extended period of time, don't advertise!
- Have a neighbor or family pick up your newspapers and mail. Use auto-timers on indoor and outdoor lights.
- Don't leave messages on your answering machine or posts on social media (i.e. Facebook or Twitter) that you are out of town.
- Don't leave keys near the door (i.e. under rocks, flower pots, or above door ledges). Instead, leave the key with a trusted neighbor or family member.

It is also not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of the holiday spirit by soliciting donations from door to door for a non-existent charity. Donate only to a recognized charitable organization of your choosing.

"Help us, help you!" Contact the police with any suspicious activity. The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department offers vacation checks and special attention details on your home if you are leaving town for an extended period of time. Please call to place your vacation house watch.

Remember to use 911 for emergencies and (216) 883 – 6800 for all other calls



The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year!



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Fire Department



We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you to Mayor Bacci for bringing our department a turkey for Thanksgiving. It is always nice to have a little home cooking when you are working for the holidays.

Our department rang in the season and celebrated with a number of our retirees. It was great to get together and reminisce with so many.



Santa will be visiting our families this month during the station's annual Christmas party. Each year, Local 702 and the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department join together to host this special gathering.

Building Department:

Winter Safety Reminders:

First and most importantly, verify that you have smoke detectors on all levels of your house and smoke detectors are tested and active.

Check all exterior lighting string connectors that they do not come in contact with the ground or metal gutters.

Not more than one extension cord should be used nor tied together.

Verify wood or gas burning fire places have fully opened damper and draw well.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year – drive carefully.





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Dispatch:

Residents it's time to start thinking about snow! Please remember that if two or more inches of snow falls in a twenty-four hour period the Village will declare a snow emergency and all vehicles must be removed from the Village streets. This will make it easier and more efficient for the Service Department to plow our streets. If your vehicle is not removed from the street, dispatch will need to call you or we will have an officer stop at your home.



Thank you for your cooperation.



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the
Cuyahoga Heights Dispatch Center!*

Senior Corner:

Hi everyone. Well it has been a while since I have written. It has definitely been a busy year. I hope 2018 is the year you all decide to join the Cuyahoga Heights Seniors. It has been such a fun year. We have been on the Goodtime, to the Hofbrau House, Sweeties for some candy and miniature golf, a Captains game where we enjoyed one of their suites, Chagrin Falls, the Schnitzel Haus, Peek and Peak, and quite a few other places. Plus we had our St. Pat's party, our Anniversary Dinner, our Pot Luck dinner, our picnic, Halloween Party and our wonderful Christmas Party. We just really enjoy each other's company and keeps us so busy.

We would really love to have new members and make new friends so please give us a try. We know you are out there and really want to join us, so please give me a call and we will welcome you into our wonderful group.

Our Corn Roast was so great this year. The weather was nice for us this year. It was crowded with so many people, it just had to make you smile. The pony rides for the kids and the hay rides were so much fun. There were so many things to do. We raffled a couple of baskets and got to spend time at our booth meeting new people and talking with old friends. There was definitely enough food and fun to go around for everyone.

I went to one of the grandson's school concerts and they had the strings and the strings orchestra and the high school choir. What a performance. I am amazed at how talented our children and grandchildren are. The teachers at Cuyahoga Heights should be commended on how well all of our students are doing. Mr. Sokol and Miss Pittman are wonderful teachers and you can just see that they have a good relationship with the kids.

I must say that our village looks nicer every year. Our Service Department does such a great job of keeping everything look so clean and tidy. The gift that our city gives all of us seniors of cutting our grass and plowing our driveways is such a blessing. I don't think I would be able to handle those chores at my age. Thank you Cuyahoga Heights for taking such good care of us.

Well everyone, I will now wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and let's hope 2018 brings wonderful things to all of us and peace all over the world.

If you have any questions or would like to let me know that you would LOVE TO JOIN THE CUYAHOGE HEIGHTS SENIORS, just give me a call.

*Noel Centa, President – Cuyahoga Heights Seniors
(216) 509-5278*



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Service Department:

Hazardous Waste Round-Up

This is a year round program – please call the Village Hall if you have hazardous waste that needs to be picked up.

Leaf Pick Up

Fall is upon us and we would like to remind our residents to rake their leaves to the tree lawn; our Service Department will then dispose of them for you

Snow Removal Program * Residential Snow Removal Program

- All Village roadways will be plowed first and maintained prior to any driveways being plowed.
- Once the Service Director feels that the roadways and municipal buildings have been maintained, the driveways of our **senior citizens** will be plowed (*using the same criteria that applies to our grass cutting service*).
- Afterwards, taking into consideration manpower, time and safety issues the Village will **help** residents with their driveways in the event of a storm that produces more than 2-4 inches of snow at the resident's request.
- All residents must have driveway markers in place in order to allow the Service Department to plow their driveway. The Village will provide markers and place them for all seniors who qualify for the "grass cutting program." Residents with shorter driveways need 4 markers in place, and long driveways must have 6 markers. They need to be placed at the beginning, middle (if long drive), and at the end of your drive. If you wish to purchase markers from the Village for \$1 each, please stop at the Service Department. Should you have any questions please contact Service Director, Dave Sammons at 216-641-3505.
- Please note that residents are responsible for cleaning their driveway aprons, as it is difficult to plow them over again after the streets are plowed. Each homeowner and/or resident must have a waiver of liability on file at our Service Department. If you already have filled out a waiver of liability and there have been no changes to it, there will be no need to fill out a new one.

From the Sports Commissioner:

Sports Registration Deadlines:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Youth Basketball	October 1, 2017
Spring Soccer	February 15, 2018
Youth Baseball & Softball	March 15, 2018
Men's & Women's Softball	July 1, 2018
Fall Soccer	July 15, 2018
Youth Flag Football	July 15, 2018
Cheerleading	July 15, 2018