



# Village of Cuyahoga Heights

June 2020

*Continuing to move our legacy community forward...*

## Upcoming Dates and Reminders

**June 27** - Village-Wide Garage Sale 8:00 am- 3:00 pm

**July 1** - Men and Women Softball Registration Deadline

**July 1** - Charity Pick-Up

**July 3** - Village Hall/Service Department Closed - Independence Day observed

**July 4** - Happy Independence Day

**July 15** - Fall Soccer, Flag Football and Cheerleading Registration Deadline



Agenda/Minutes of our council meetings are posted every month under the government tab



### At the Village Hall

#### Council Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
Caucus 6pm, Meeting 7pm

#### Economic Development Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
4:30pm

#### Public Works Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
5pm

#### Finance Committee Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
5:30pm

#### Zoning Board Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
at 6pm

#### Work Sessions of Council

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
at 6pm (Only in January, February, March, April, May, October)

**Village Hall office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

## From the Mayor's Desk

I hope all of our fathers had a great day last Sunday...I know I sure did! I don't think anything will ever take away from *(not even this mess, we call 2020)* spending alone time with my girls. We didn't do anything special, just spent a day on the lake, making memories. Sometimes I have to remind them of how important memories are as you get older. That's one thing our seniors have always taught me, *"the best things in life are the people we love, the places we've been and the memories we've made along the way."*

Our community has nothing to report outside of what everyone already knows. Numbers of confirmed cases will most certainly continue to rise as testing availability increases and folks get out and gather more often. All we can ask is that you respect others and their safety when coming into contact with them in public places. We are also attempting to allow the use of some of our facilities throughout the village starting in July. Noting there are certain restrictions and responsibilities on the user(s), as well as fees for sanitizing certain areas after use.

### Monthly Revenue Update

At our last business meeting, I briefed Council as our numbers continue to trend downward through June as anticipated, knowing that June, July, August and September would most likely be hardest hit. But again, we have been prepared since the onset and continue to make the necessary adjustments as/if needed, while all essential services remain.

Some of our businesses have already overcome the learning curve on how to operate within the government's guidelines and feel that over the course of the remainder of the year they will heal, slowly. Others, like the steel industry and the likes have had to lay off as many as 300 employees...but as they await orders to begin filling the calendar, they look to bring back as many folks as they can throughout the next 6-8 months in anticipation of our economy regaining strength.



*Making memories and getting caught in a pop-up downpour while riding in a golf cart.*



## From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

As a community we will heal, our businesses are working extremely hard to sustain their employees and we have worked right alongside them. I did want to mention that our State Representative Jeffrey Crossman has been an incredible advocate in Columbus for us and has worked with us directly to assist in any state and federal funding for our business folks. He also worked with Charter Steel to help their employees navigate through some issues they were having with the "Ohio Works" program. "Hats off" to our State Rep... great job!

### Around Town

It is so nice to see so many of our children involved in our summer youth recreational activities program that is managed by Recreation Director Deal. The kids are laughing, smiling, running around and just being kids! Mr. Deal and his staff are doing an amazing job. Some of the activities include crafts, board games, kick ball, and many other fun things. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the entire group walked down to the Village Hall from Klima Gardens with a thank you sign and letter for the Village Hall staff for continuously working through the pandemic. They also gave a thank you letter to our police, fire, and service departments. Each child signed their name next to an imprint of their hand on the sign, and ours is proudly displayed in the hallway at the village hall. If you haven't had the opportunity to sign your child(ren) up but would like to do so, please contact Recreation Director Deal at [chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com) or (330) 703-9175. Please note that children under 6 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. The program is for village resident children.

We received positive feedback from our residents about our food truck program at Bacci Park, and I wanted to thank Concession Stand Manager Hartman for handling this task. It was nice to see so many residents at the park during the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>—our first week with food trucks! The following food trucks will be at the park from 4:00-7:00 p.m.: Wednesday, July 8 - *Slammers Patty Wagon*; Thursday, July 16 - *Jackpot Chicken*; Tuesday, July 21 - *Smash Time*; Wednesday, July 29 - *SWAT*; and Wednesday, August 5 - *Smokin' Rock and Roll*.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our shredding vendor has cancelled all shredding events for 2020. Please note the information on your village calendar that our event for Saturday, July 11 has been cancelled.



# From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

## Congratulations

Village residents Dave & Stephanie Volek are "over the moon." Their daughter Samantha got engaged on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to Garrett Hodge. Best wishes to the happy couple as they begin planning their big day which will take place in the fall of 2021.

Kudos to village resident Michael Hartman who was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester at Baldwin Wallace University. Michael is majoring in early childhood education. Great job Michael—keep up the good work!

## Birthdays

June birthday wishes to employees: (1) Bryan Rini; (6) Anthony Kotar; (8) Stanley Schab; (11) Viktor Zsigmond; (15) Patrick Goldsworth, Josh Elenniss; (17) Councilman Matt Schoeffler; (23) Bob Krajewski and William Malovrh.

## Thoughts and Prayers

Mr. Donald Boing, lifelong resident passed away on June 20<sup>th</sup>; he was 90 years old. For those that didn't know, Mr. Boing was appointed as a police officer in our village in 1954 by Mayor William Gerdon. He retired as Lieutenant from the department in 1981. Mr. Boing was also a U.S. Air Force veteran.

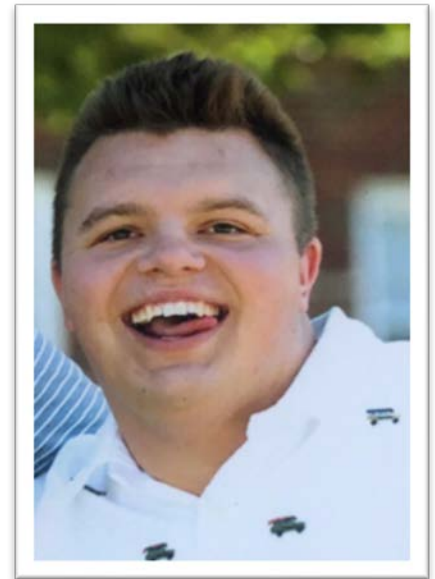
Earlier this month, village residents Nichole Tritsarolis and Wendy Santiago lost their mother Jacqueline Albondante; she was 72 years old. Please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers.

As always, please continue to keep several of our residents in your prayers: Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mr. Howard Combs, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Ms. Marti Malek, Miss Delia Trevisani, Mr. Dan "Tuzzy" Tucholski and Joe Vitanza.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July. A day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. God Bless America!

*"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."*

*~ Abraham Lincoln*



# *From the Building Department*

Every season is a good idea to look around your home and perform the maintenance needed to keep everything looking great and working well. Your yard, the exterior of your house and the condition of any accessory buildings or sheds that may need to have some maintenance done to them.

Here is a short checklist.

## Landscaping:

- Keep lawns mowed and maintained
- Keep shrubbery trimmed and from being overgrown
- Remove any trash or debris
- Repair any damaged fencing

## Houses and accessory buildings:

- Remove peeling paint and repaint
- Repair any damaged siding
- Repair any broken windows
- Tuck-point any brick or stonework, including chimneys
- Roof repairs or re-roof
- Repair or replace gutters and downspouts



The Building Department is available to homeowners for any questions or information that might be needed regarding the maintenance of your home. We can also supply contractors who are currently registered with the village should you need to hire a contractor. Please feel free to call the Building Department at (216) 641-7020 if you need assistance.

You may also contact the Building Department with any questions regarding the George M. Suhy Grant Program or to pick up an application.

**When contemplating using the George M. Suhy Grant Program, it is advisable to contact the Building Department before beginning your project.**

# *From the Police Department*



*From the desk of Chief Sturgill*

Dear Residents and Valued Business Partners:

On behalf of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department, I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the recent events that have transpired in our country. Please know that the officers of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department share the same anger, disgust and disappointment that many in our community and across this country are feeling regarding the actions that led to the tragic death of George Floyd.

Sadly, the actions taken by one individual officer have contaminated the trust, confidence and positive influence that so many officers have built. Every person deserves to be treated humanely with fairness and dignity, not with the cruelty and indifference that was witnessed by all for that 8 minutes and 46 seconds. These actions were in direct violation of the core police tenet, "to protect" and are inexcusable. **I have yet to meet a police officer that condones this horrible act.**

Police officers are sworn to be protectors and guardians of the community. We undertake our responsibilities with the knowledge and understanding that we serve only by the permission and legitimate power bestowed to us by that community. It is only with citizen support that we can uphold the law fairly, justly, professionally and with accountability.

On the same note, a citizenry that gives permission to be policed must be accountable for their own actions. Like police officers, citizens should also be fair and just when judging and critiquing actions of the law enforcement profession and/or the individual officer.

At this time, the social contract between the populous and law enforcement is under scrutiny like never before. I am hopeful that solutions will be found, changes will be made and that wounds will heal. I believe the pendulum will eventually swing back to the middle and that common ground will once again be found.

On behalf of the CHPD, I would like to thank the Village of Cuyahoga Heights' officials, residents and businesses for the many kind acts of support (prayers, phone calls, letters, food deliveries) shown to our department throughout this stressful and tumultuous time.

Personally, I would also like to thank all the police officers and staff of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department for answering the call, staying on point and holding that line. Damn Proud!

**Stay Safe!**

**Respectfully,**

*Chief Sturgill*





# CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Firefighter Spotlight



**Tom Nova** - Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic, hired 2011

- Cleveland Airport Fire Dept. and Valley Fire District
- Fire Inspector, Rope Rescue, Confined Space, Swift Water Rescue
- Initiated a variety of Safety Programs in his fire departments
- Married to Sherri, 2 children, Kaitlynn and Lexie

What Tom enjoys about working for CHFD: "Growing up, raising my family in Cuyahoga Heights and graduating from CHS in 1989, I always wanted to be a firefighter for Cuyahoga Heights."



**Patrick Goldsworth** - Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic, hired 2015

- Parma Firemedic
- Brooklyn Heights Part-Time Firemedic
- CERT Representative
- Married to Kaitlyn, 3 children, Autumn, Ace, and, Alivia

What Partick enjoys about working for CHFD: "Serving the Village because I attended Cuyahoga Heights Schools and it feels good to give back to the community that I grew up in."



**Bill Malovrh Jr.** - Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic, hired 2015

- Lieutenant/Firemedic Mentor Fire Department
- Lake County HazMat, Fire Instructor, Fire Inspector, Arson II Investigator
- Director of the Matt Henk Foundation and National Fallen Firefighters Softball Tournament
- Fiancee Catina, 4 children, Billy, Tyler, Payton, and Matthew

What Bill enjoys about working for CHFD: "The friendships and knowledge I've gained and been able to share."



**Nick Heintz** - Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic, hired 2015

- Lieutenant/Firemedic/Training Officer for City of Willowick Fire Dept.
- Registered PACU Nurse - University Hospital
- State Fire Inspector and HazMat Tech
- Founder/CEO of the Palumbo Ohio Firefighters Foundation

What Nick enjoys about working for CHFD: "The family atmosphere created by the residents and Village staff."

# From the Village Hall

## Newsletter

If you wish to submit information for our newsletters, please make sure that it is turned in to Wendy Heinzman by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Please email the information to [w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:w.heinzman@cuyahogaheights.com).

## New Residents

If you recently moved into our Village, we need your help! Please contact the Village Hall during normal business hours with your name, address and phone number so we can update our records. You may also email the information to Lee Ann at [l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com).

## East 49<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot

As many of you may know, in an effort to assist our East 49<sup>th</sup> Street residents that require additional parking from time to time for visitors, parties, etc., you are able to use the parking lot on the west side of the street. Please note that use of the parking lot will be by **permit only**; just as we do when a resident needs to rent Klima Gardens, the Village Hall, Bacci Park pavilions, and so forth. To secure your permit, please stop at the Village Hall during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m. No deposit fee is required.

## Table & Chair Rental

A limited number of tables and chairs (*maximum of 3 tables, 30 chairs*) are available for use by residents having parties *at their residence*, free of charge. Please contact the Service Department at (216) 641-3505 to arrange a time when you can pick them up during normal business hours.



## Pre-Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child or know of a child in our school district who is eligible to attend Pre-Kindergarten this year, please call the elementary school office at 216-429-5880 to make an appointment for registration. Children who will be four years old on or before August 1, 2020 are eligible for the pre-kindergarten program.





## *From the Village Hall (continued)*

HAVE YOU COMPLETED ALL YOUR JIGSAW PUZZLES?

ARE YOU TIRED OF THE SAME BOARD GAMES?

We are trying to gauge interest in a jigsaw puzzle/board game exchange area to be located outside the village hall. If you have a puzzle or board game you no longer want, you could bring it to the Village Hall and exchange it for a different puzzle or game in the bin. If there is enough interest, we will implement this in the near future. If you might be interested, call the Village Hall to let us know your thoughts.



### **Good Canine Citizen**

Pet owners: Please remember to pick up dog droppings while walking in the neighborhood or enjoying Bacci Park/Klima Gardens with your pet. There are children that play in the areas, and they are not as attentive to minding where they walk or what they are walking on. In addition, **please be sure to walk your pet on a leash as there is a leash law.** As always, your cooperation is appreciated.



# *From the Service Department*

## Garbage Pick Up - Recycling - Yard Waste

The Village Service Department collects garbage every Monday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. at no charge to its residents. Our Service Department will come into your yard and take your garbage tote and recycling container to the curb; afterwards they will carry it back into your yard. **Please be sure to place your daily household garbage in trash bags prior to placing it in the garbage tote.**



Please note that if a holiday falls on a Monday; the service will commence on Tuesday.

## Special Pick Up

For large items such as appliances, furniture, mattresses, large trash items, etc., are every Tuesday, *free of charge*. Residents must call the Village prior to Tuesday for this service.

## Newspaper/Cardboard Recycling

Do your part in helping the environment; recycle cardboard and newspaper. Our Village has a recycling container which is located in Bacci Park in the rear of the back parking lot. The container is strictly for cardboard and newspaper. Stop on down and do your part in recycling. If you have a large amount and are unable to take it to the container, please call the village hall during normal business hours prior to Tuesday mornings; we will put it on our "special pick up" list.

## Grass Cutting

The Village will cut the grass of each senior citizen's residence that is 60 years of age or older and that qualifies under the program. **Please remove dog droppings on a routine basis.**



## Rototilling

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will rototill residential gardens once a year, *free of charge*, upon request. Area to be rototilled must be clearly marked. Please call Village Hall to be put on the list.

## *From the Service Department (continued)*

### Meals on Wheels

This service is available to any village resident that is 60 years of age or older. A lunch time meal will be delivered to your home daily, Monday through Friday by our Service Department. This is an affordable option, the cost is \$25.00 per week, which is only \$5.00 per day (must sign-up up for a full week). To receive meals for a given week payment must be made by the Thursday prior.

If you have any questions regarding this service, please contact Mindy Armbrust at the Service Department at (216) 641-3505 or [m.armbrust@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:m.armbrust@cuyahogaheights.com).



### Tree Trimming/Removal Service

The village will provide a professional tree trimmer to remove or trim a tree on a resident's property. Please note that tree trimming/removal is limited to two (2) trims per year and one (1) removal. If a crane is needed for tree removal, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for the service. In addition, if a stump needs ground, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for this service, whether the homeowner uses the tree company that the village has a contract with or another tree company. Forms are available on our website and at the village hall during normal business hours.

### Dumpsters

Residents may rent a village dumpster for personal use at their home by paying \$30.00 to the village for each dumpster load. Dumpsters can be used for yard waste, construction debris or miscellaneous household items **NOT** including carpet, tires or hazardous waste. Please do not mix materials. Contact the Service Director at (216) 641-3505 for this service. Use of the dumpster is for a maximum of two (2) weeks. After two (2) weeks, the dumpster will be picked up from the resident's home. If the resident needs to use it again, he/she will go back on the waiting list.



### Pest Control Program

Pest control services are available by calling Rich or Jeremy Kozlovich at Pest Management, Inc., at (216) 661-3553. Please leave a message with your name, address, phone number, and nature of problem. This service is free except for termites, bed bugs and wildlife. In addition, they will also spray the outside of your home in the spring to hinder any unwanted pests from entering your home.



## From the Recreation Director:

With youth and adult organized sports leagues in play again, please note the upcoming registration deadlines for the remaining recreational sports for 2020.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Men's & Women's Softball	July 1, 2020
Fall Soccer	July 15, 2020
Youth Flag Football	July 15, 2020
Cheerleading	July 15, 2020
Youth Basketball	October 1, 2020

Despite the cancelation of the Spring 2020 soccer season, registrations for the Fall leagues are still required and should be submitted by July 15, 2020. **In addition, a COVID-specific waiver must also be completed and submitted as part of the registration process.** Copies of all registration forms and waivers are available at the Village Hall or on the Village website (found under Recreation - Sports.)

As always, if you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to reach out to me at [chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com) or give me a call at 330.703.9175.

Jason Deal



### Charity Pick Up

If you have small household items and clothing that you didn't sell at the garage sale, you can put it on the charity pick up list for next Wednesday, July 1. Please contact the village hall prior to July 1 during normal business hours to be added to the list. Any other large items that you want to get rid of must be put on the special pick up list for Tuesday, July 7. We have reached out to several agencies that will not accept large items at this time.

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[A.DOMZALSKI@CUYAHOGAHEIGHTS.COM](mailto:A.DOMZALSKI@CUYAHOGAHEIGHTS.COM) TO JOIN  
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