

# Seeking Public Office

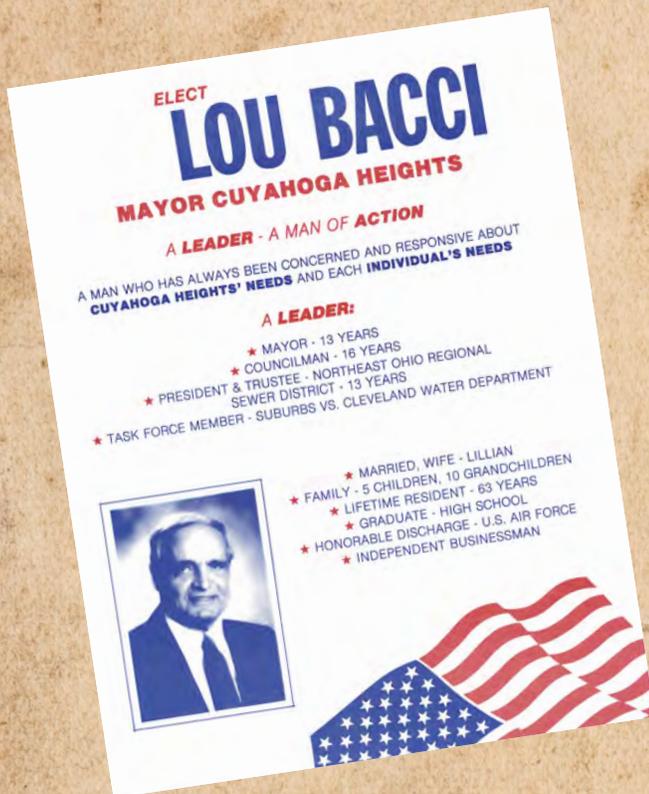


Vincenzo Bacci and future mayor Jack Bacci  
campaigning for Stanley "Jack" Klima

# Cuyahoga Heights 2018 Centennial



Elected officials and guests attending an event in the late 1960s or early 1970s at the Sheraton Cleveland on Public Square, which is now the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel.  
(front left to right): Dorothy Andrews, Joe Andrews, Eleanor Koran, Jack Klima, Louise Hanousek, John Hanousek, Lillian Bacci, Lou Bacci, Stella Bohdan and John Bohdan



1998 Bacci  
Campaign Flyer

# Seeking Public Office

by Laura Bacci Merhaut

**One of our most precious freedoms is the right to vote!** Some remark “it was vicious,” but in the end “we were all neighbors.” Others remember it as “hurtful and very personal,” yet many recall the serious effort of putting yourself out there; the campaign and the total disappointment; but tried again.

Here are some examples of campaign literature, buttons and a bit of Cuyahoga Heights political nostalgia. Memories of some residents were of what seemed to be lavish parties of the time held by both slates, yes, *slates*, put forth to woo your vote!

Big Bill Gerdon’s Progressive Party; John Hanousek, Jack Klima and the Citizens Slate; and Lou Bacci’s Civic Party Team were grass roots politics at it’s best. Norbert Chase recalls brainstorming sessions held in their kitchen with everyone crowded around the table, planning a better local government.

Although there are no photos, I remember hand-painted plywood campaign signs being created in the basement of our Bacci home at 4574 East 49th Street. They were probably painted by artist Marco Vaccher. One had a broom on it and called for “a clean sweep” while the other, calling upon the Polish heritage of our community: “Pull up your ‘gacies’ (long underwear) and vote for Bacci!” Another opposition slogan, according to Ralph Contipelli, called for “...ease your burden, vote for Gerdon.”

Election eve, these sparring forces paraded around the village in trucks or cars, or whatever was available, with loud speakers blaring to remind you that their candidates had your best interest at heart. They also waited, hoping to respond to last-minute literature the opposition put out that might affect voters’ choices.

For years there were paper ballots, hand counted, then we graduated to huge voting machines. These machines had levers under each name or issue that the voter would pull down to select his or her choice. When voters finished making selections, a large lever was pushed to the side completing the voting process.

We are now very technologically advanced and vote on ballots that are scanned electronically into the system. Residents of Cuyahoga Heights can also vote at home from the comfort of their own living rooms. Sadly though, there is voter apathy and voting attendance is down, even in small town America, where we have our most direct say in how we are governed.

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### Local Political Parties Campaign Literature

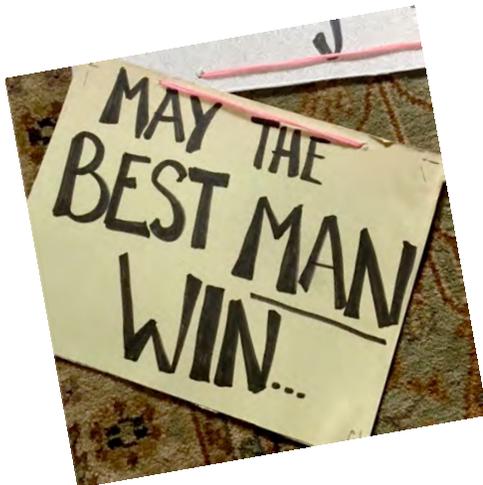
Included in these scrapbook pages are items that demonstrate how cleverly local campaign propaganda was incorporated into something as benign as a Cuyahoga Heights Home Day program in 1949. “Big” Bill Gerdon, touting his Progressive Party candidates wasn’t shy about the size of his picture either—a full page!

The Civic Party Team, later the Citizen’s Party, made sure their literature during campaign season was bold and covered all the bases including a category they titled: “Nuisances.” This team, who put forth not only Louis Bacci, but also John Hanousek and Jack Klima for the mayor’s seat, dreamt big. In 1963, they proposed plans for an awesome year-round recreational facility, including living quarters for its custodian at Chapek’s Grove. Eventually the plan was modified, but the facilities have served residents well over the decades.

Jack Klima served as mayor as noted earlier and Lou Bacci was finally elected mayor in 1972. In these early years, there weren’t many women visible in our local government. But as time moved along, the ladies of Cuyahoga Heights chose a more active role and ran for elective offices—serving as clerk, treasurer and on village council. In the late 1950s, Helen Dustheimer seemed way ahead of the curve by seeking public office “right alongside the boys.”

I remember the candidates, from both parties/slates standing on the corner of East 71st Street and Dressler Court every election morning—all day long. They stood there in all kinds of weather, with a fire burning in a 55-gallon drum to keep them warm and ugh—smelling of smoke. They stopped voters as they poured in to cast their ballots. Years ago, voting was a top priority to every citizen. They knew their vote mattered and counted. Several elections have been decided by a coin toss. I also remember if someone was ill in the hospital, candidates alerted the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections so they could take a ballot out for that person to vote. You never wanted to miss the opportunity to vote.

Mayor Louis Bacci’s wife, Lillian, used to make pizzas and deliver them to the corner for the hungry candidates. Others delivered coffee. It was a long day, with the polls open 13 hours. And, there was always someone who had a bottle of some “spirits” to warm the cockles of everyone’s hearts.



Tongue-in-cheek campaign sign when a woman challenged sitting mayor Louis Bacci.



1958 Instructions to Voters by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and 1920s Lever-Action Voting Machine

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Consecutive

Name of Voter

Residence

Name or Registered Number of Voter

**CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS VILLAGE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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<p style="font-size: small;">Make a (X) in the Square to the Left of the Name of the Candidate to be voted for.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For Members of County Board of Education (Vote for not more than three)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">L. R. DEWEY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S. W. JENNINGS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C. A. KAISER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WILL C. KNOX</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OSCAR J. PETER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">J. E. ROWLAND</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HENRY S. SHERMAN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For Members of Board of Education (Vote for not more than three) Four-year term</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EDA GERDON</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALBERT J. RIEGER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">H. C. STEINITZ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Two-year term (Vote for not more than two)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R. D. KERR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E. RICKARD</p>																																																																																																			

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<p style="font-size: small;">Make a (X) in the Square to the Left of the Name of the Candidate to be voted for.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For Justice of the Peace (Vote for not more than one)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEROLD TRAVERSE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRANK E. HANOUSEK</p>																																																																																																			

*November 8, 1921 municipal ballots*

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
ANNUAL  
HOME DAY



*SATURDAY and SUNDAY*  
*AUGUST 6th and 7th, 1949*

Prizes                      Games  
Fun For All

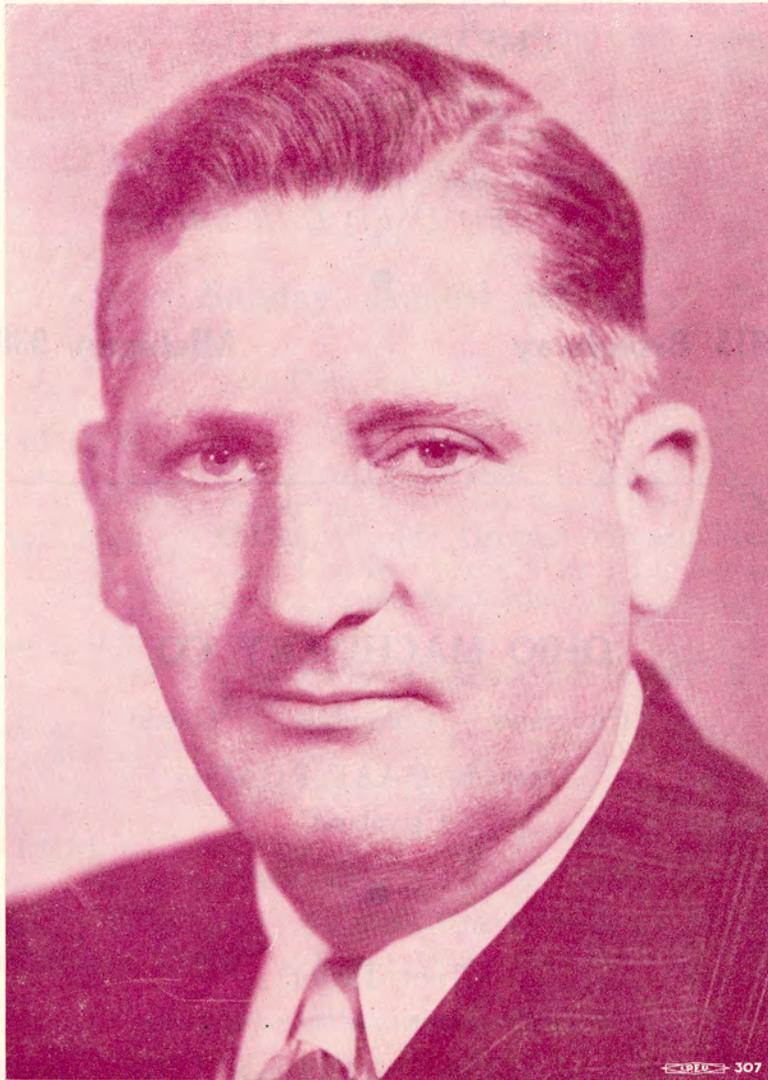
CHAPEK'S GARDEN  
4646 E. 71st St. — Cuyahoga Hts., Ohio

GENERAL PRINTING CO., 4015 CLARK AVE.

*1949 Home Day Campaign Flyer*

**For Continued Progress**

**Retain**



**MAYOR WILLIAM R. GERDON**

*1949 Home Day Program*

## GREETINGS.....

Home Day has become a tradition in Cuyahoga Heights. Through the splendid support of the cooperating clubs and groups, we hope to make the 1949 Home Day an event long to be remembered.

We wish to thank the donors for their generosity, the subscribers of our souvenir program booklet and to our friends, neighbors and village employees, who worked to make the affair entertaining to all.

On behalf of the officials and members of the committee, I wish to extend an invitation to all the residents to come and take part in the festivities. It's your Home Day, come and enjoy it.

Sincerely,

MAYOR WILLIAM R. GERDON  
*Chairman*

Ladies' Auxiliary Post 6566  
Pres. Geraldine Schuman

VFW Post 6566  
Commander John Hanousek

Toscana Club  
President

Civic Club  
Pres. Harvey Bloam

Women's Club  
Pres. Emma Farrar

4 H Club  
Eleanor Koran, Sponsor

Baseball Club  
Pres. Chester Luck

Fire Department  
Chief William J. Saunders

Police Department  
Chief William Baur

1949 Home Day Program

**FOR COUNCIL**



**John C. Bloam  
Council**



**John Hanousek  
Council**

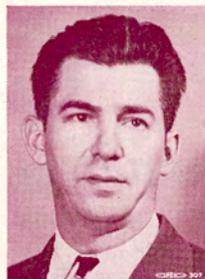


**Charles Reali  
Council**

These members of Council have demonstrated they represent the best interest of our community. Their record speaks for itself. Return the entire slate at the fall election.



**Edward Flowers  
Council**



**Stanley Klima  
Council**



**Tony Wencke  
Council**

**Progressive Party Ticket**

*1949 Home Day Program*

**For Continued Progress...**

**Re-Elect the Progressive Party Candidates**



**WILLIAM R. GERDON**  
Mayor

Cuyahoga Heights will continue to progress under their leadership  
and efficient management of public affairs in the  
best interest of all our people.



**HENRY J. DOMZALSKI**  
Clerk



**LAWRENCE JONES**  
Treasurer

**Progressive Party Ticket**

*1949 Home Day Program*

FOR  
OUTSTANDING  
LEADERSHIP

... *Elect*

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## THE CIVIC PARTY TEAM

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*Election Day* is rapidly approaching, therefore the CIVIC PARTY wishes to take this opportunity to present to the voters of Cuyahoga Heights Village a resume of the qualifications of each of its candidates.

These candidates have been residents of the Village for many years, some having previously served on the Council and all are conscious of the growing needs of our community.

As property owners, these people are pledged to bring "CIVIC MINDEDNESS" back to Cuyahoga Heights. It is their intention to present a sound platform for your consideration and then to diligently work to achieve its aims, thus serving the general welfare of the entire community.

All are sincerely devoted to improving our village in all areas where improvement is required.

Their endeavors will not be restricted to satisfactorily resolving the purely governmental problems, but will be expanded to include the promotion and maintenance of a complete recreational program for people of all ages.

May we present the following candidates of The Cuyahoga Heights Civic Party for your careful consideration.

FOR



MAYOR

**LOUIS J. BACCI** has served four years as Councilman. He has been President of Council, a member of the Finance Committee and was active on the Police Pension Board. "Lou" was born and raised in Cuyahoga Heights, is married, a home owner, and the father of four children. He is presently employed as a foreman for a cement contractor.

After graduating from high school, he served in the Merchant Marine and the Air Force.

Mr. Bacchi's varied experience makes him a desirable candidate for Mayor. Affability and great energy combined with a strong desire to serve as well as improve the community, plus a proven civic mindedness which is borne out by his past record as a councilman, well qualifies Mr. Bacchi for your support in the coming election.

*1957 Campaign Flyer*

for COUNCILMAN



The CIVIC Party

**LESTER H.  
BAUR**

CONSTRUCTIVE THINKING and a great capacity for work are characteristics of Lester Baur who is seeking his first public office.

He has served in the past as secretary to political parties which gives him an awareness of the problems and conditions which exist in our community.

He is a high school graduate, married, a home owner and veteran of the United States Air Force.

He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the A. F. of L. Union.

Mr. Baur is a builder, and has lived in the Village for eight years.

The name Baur is an old and respected one in Cuyahoga Heights. His father was born and raised here and his grandfather will be remembered by many in his capacity as Street Commissioner.

for COUNCILMAN



The CIVIC Party

**JOHN  
BLOAM**

A FIRM SUPPORTER OF CIVIC AFFAIRS, John Bloam has ever had the best interests of the Village at heart.

He is known for his interest in the youth of the Village, having been the originator of the old Cuyahoga Heights Boys' Club.

"Johnny" has been a resident for thirty-one years, is married, the father of four children and a home owner.

He has served nine years in the Fire Department, has served four years on the Village Council, and is now a member of the Zoning Board.

Mr. Bloam is a tool and die maker for Jack and Heintz and has been employed there for fifteen years.

We feel that his past record of service well qualifies Mr. Bloam to serve as a member of your Council.

for COUNCILMAN



The CIVIC Party

**JOHN J.  
BOHDAN**

SEEKING RE-ELECTION TO COUNCIL, John Bohdan is completing his second consecutive term.

He is President of the Council, member of the Finance Committee, and the Fireman's Pension Board.

"Johnny" has been a resident of the Village for thirty-two years, graduated from South High School, is married, a home owner and the father of three children.

His is Commander of the Cuyahoga Heights Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

His special interests as a councilman have been in zoning, youth of the Village, and the general welfare of the community.

Mr. Bohdan's past record speaks for itself and well qualifies him for further service as your councilman.

*1957 Campaign Flyer*

for COUNCILMAN



The CIVIC Party

TONY  
**CASAVECCHIA**

AN AWARENESS OF THE CIVIC PROBLEMS of our Village and a concern for its progress characterizes Tony Casavecchia, who seeks public office for the first time.

He has been a resident of the Village for thirty-two years having been born and raised here.

He served with the Armed Forces and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is married and a home owner, is employed by the Grant Avenue Plant of Ford Motor Company in the Plant Protection Department. He is also a steward in the Union.

As a private citizen, Mr. Casavecchia has shown his interest in community affairs by regularly attending Council meetings to express his opinions and keep abreast of current problems and discussions.

for COUNCILMAN



The CIVIC Party

FRANK A.  
**KACZMAREK**

PROTECTION OF PROPERTY VALUES in the community is of prime importance to Frank Kaczmarek, a home owner and resident of the Village for eight years.

He has been employed by The American Steel & Wire Company for eleven years.

He is an active member of the Executive Committee of the Steelworkers' Grievance Committee.

Mature judgment and a deep interest in the future growth and welfare of Cuyahoga Heights, in our opinion, well qualifies this candidate for the office of councilman.

for COUNCILMAN



The CIVIC Party

JOHN P.  
**PALLINI**

A FORMER SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE VILLAGE, John Pallini's concern is with better service to the taxpayer and general civic betterment.

These interests have made him a regular member of the audience at Council meetings.

He is a graduate of Cuyahoga Heights schools, married and has been a resident of the Village for twenty-six years.

He is presently employed by the Hauserman Company and is a department steward in the C. I. O. Union.

We believe Mr. Pallini merits your support in the coming election.

*1957 Campaign Flyer*

for **TREASURER**



The **CIVIC Party**

**HELEN  
DUSTHEIMER**

**WELL KNOWN TO ALL** is Helen Dustheimer who has lived forty-six years in this Village.

She is a retired school teacher, now tutoring in English and substituting in the local school system.

Many years ago, the Americanization classes held in the building which is now called the Toscana Club called her "Teacher."

Several younger citizens of the Village learned to play the piano under her expert tutelage.

She has been employed by Jones Road Church for the past ten years as organist and spends every Thursday at the State Hospital in the capacity of Red Cross Gray Lady.

Mrs. Dustheimer is a graduate of Western Reserve University and is an active member of Cuyahoga Heights Women's Club.

She has always taken an active interest in civic matters and asks your support in her candidacy for Treasurer of your Village.

# LOOK TO THE FUTURE

*Elect . . . .*

**THE**

**CIVIC PARTY**

**TEAM**

**November 5, 1957**

JACK ZIMMERMAN,

*Chairman Civic Party.*

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 J. E. JOHNSON PTG. CO., CLEVELAND 2, OHIO

*1957 Campaign Flyer*



**NORBERT CHASE**  
4941 East 71st Street

*Re-elect . . .*

**NORBERT CHASE**  
*for Clerk*

**MARRIED:** Wife, Gloria; four children, namely, Jeffrey—8, Marilyn—6, Lorraine—5, Mark—3 months.

**RESIDENT:** Of Cuyahoga Heights for 27 years.

**EDUCATION:** Cuyahoga Heights High School, 2 years  
Baldwin Wallace College.

**WELFARE SERVICES:** Red Cross Campaign.  
Solicitor for Charitable Organizations.

**EMPLOYED:** American Steel and Wire Company as Master Mechanic Clerk.

**ORGANIZATIONS:** Veterans of Foreign Wars, Parent Teachers Association.

**EXPERIENCE:** Clerk—6 years.  
Firemen's Relief and Pension Board, 2 years.  
Secretary of Zoning Board.



*Elect . . .* **HELEN DUSTHEIMER**  
*for Treasurer*

**HELEN DUSTHEIMER — 4935 East 71st Street**

**MARRIED:** Husband, Oscar; two sons, Jack Jones—42, Larry Jones—39.

**RESIDENT:** Of Cuyahoga Heights for 46 years.

**EDUCATION:** Cleveland Normal Teachers College of Western Reserve University.

**EMPLOYED:** Substitute teacher at Cuyahoga Heights School.

**WELFARE SERVICES:** Collector. Gray Lady at Cleveland State Hospital.

**EXPERIENCE:** 30 years of teaching in Cleveland Public Schools. 2 years of substitute teaching in Cuyahoga Heights Schools. 16 years as Organist at Jones Road Church.



*1959 Campaign Flyer*



**SAMUEL F. AMARI**  
7143 Marcelline Court

**EXPERIENCE:** Council 6 years.  
Finance Committee.  
Public Works Committee.  
Policemen's Pension Board.  
Past Secretary Firemen's Pension Board.

*Re-elect . . .*  
**SAMUEL F. AMARI**  
*as Councilman*

**MARRIED:** Wife, Yolanda; two children: David 8,  
Daniel, 5.

**RESIDENT:** Of Cuyahoga Heights 20 years.

**EDUCATION:** South High School.

**EMPLOYED:** American Steel and Wire Co., Account-  
ing Clerk.

**WELFARE SERVICE:** Collector for Charitable Organi-  
zations.

**ORGANIZATIONS:** Official of Toscana Club.  
Parent Teachers Association.  
Cuyahoga Valley Little League.  
Secretary 2 years.  
Treasurer 1 year.



*Elect . . .* **LOUIS J. BACCI**  
*as Councilman*

**LOUIS J. BACCI**  
4574 East 49th Street

**MARRIED:** Wife, Lillian; four children, namely:  
Charlotte Ann—12, Louis, Jr.—8, Laura Jean  
—6, Johnny—4.

**RESIDENT:** Of Cuyahoga Heights for 33 years.

**EDUCATION:** Cuyahoga Heights High School.

**EMPLOYED:** Perrozini Cement Co.

**WELFARE SERVICES:** Solicitor for charitable  
funds.

**EXPERIENCE:** 4 years Members of Council. Ex-  
President of Council. Police Pension. Finance  
Committee.

**ORGANIZATION:** Holy Name Society; Parent  
Teachers Association.



*1959 Campaign Flyer*

*Elect . . .*

**JOHN J. BOHDAN**  
*as Councilman*



**JOHN J. BOHDAN**  
4536 East 49th Street

**MARRIED:** Wife, Stella; three children: Sandra Lee, 11; Michael John, 8; Gail Marie, 3.

**RESIDENT:** Of Cuyahoga Heights for 35 years.

**EDUCATION:** South High School. Night school courses.

**EMPLOYED:** Plant Inspector for Arcrods Corporation.

**WELFARE SERVICES:** Collector for many charitable organizations.

**EXPERIENCE:** Past Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars.  
Coach for Farm Team of Little League.  
4 years member of the Council.  
Past President of the Council.

**ORGANIZATIONS:** Boosters Club President; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Parent Teachers Association.



*Re-elect . . .* **DONALD B. DOSKEY**  
*as Councilman*



**MARRIED:** Wife, Rena; son, Donald, 12.

**RESIDENT:** Of Cuyahoga Heights for 14 years.

**EDUCATION:** Garfield Heights School.

**EMPLOYED:** Self-employed—owns Atlantic Station on Garfield Blvd.

**ORGANIZATIONS:** Toscana Club; American Legion; Parent Teachers Association.

**EXPERIENCE:** Council—2 years. Finance Committee.

← **DONALD B. DOSKEY**  
4958 East 71st Street

*1959 Campaign Flyer*



*Elect . . .*  
**STANLEY KLIMA**  
*as Councilman*

**STANLEY KLIMA**  
7137 Marcelline Court

**WIDOWER:** Two children, namely: Gail, 18—student Ohio University; Joyce, 14—Cuyahoga Heights School.

**RESIDENT:** Of Cuyahoga Heights for 23 years.

**EDUCATION:** East Technical High School.  
Fenn College.

**EMPLOYED:** Foreman—Grabler Mfg. Co.

**WELFARE SERVICES:** Solicitor for Charitable Funds.

**EXPERIENCE:** Council—10 years.  
Police Pension Board.  
Past President of the Council.  
Public Works.  
Zoning Board.

**ORGANIZATION:** Parent Teachers Association.



**VOTE A STRAIGHT CITIZENS PARTY TICKET on Tuesday, NOVEMBER 3, 1959**



**JOHN P. PALLINI**  
4579 East 71st Street

*Elect . . .*  
**JOHN P. PALLINI**  
*as Councilman*

**MARRIED:** Wife, Grace; son, Douglas, 4 months.

**RESIDENT:** Of Cuyahoga Heights for 29 years.

**EDUCATION:** Cuyahoga Heights School.

**EMPLOYED:** E. F. Hauserman Company.

**ORGANIZATIONS:** Toscana Club.

**EXPERIENCE:** Ex-Service Director.



*1959 Campaign Flyer*

## The Citizens Party Platform

### **NUISANCES**

During the past two years Cuyahoga Heights has become the Number One target of commercial dump operators. JOHN L. HANOUSEK and his CITIZENS PARTY pledge to combat this evil, and, will fight to keep commercial dump operators out of Cuyahoga Heights.

The State of Ohio has definite plans to construct the Outer Belt, south (going east to west) which will eliminate many of our older residents on East 71st Street and Bletch Court. The CITIZENS PARTY is definitely opposed to this route and will recommend that it be moved south of its present proposed location.

At the present time, an organization is striving to change our zoning to permit the building of a motel in our village. The CITIZENS PARTY is definitely opposed to the construction of any motel.

Just because the people of Cuyahoga Heights live near industrial plants does not mean that the many nuisances and health hazards now existing must be permitted to continue. Industries which pollute the air should be stopped or required to install modern means of taking care of obnoxious fumes.

### **RECREATION**

A complete recreation program for the children of the village is necessary. The youngsters should have more recreation equipment and their activities should be supervised — not only for their pleasure, but for their safety.

The gully along the ball field at Chapeks will be filled and a toboggan slide will be constructed.

A dance pavilion at Chapeks will also be constructed.

Ice-skating rinks will be furnished both on East 71st Street and East 49th Street.

The Teen-Age Canteen will be supported whole-heartedly by our Citizens Party.

"HOME DAY" will be re-established with the election of the Citizens Party.

Organization of teams in water sports to compete with other villages will be strongly supported.

*1959 Campaign Flyer*

## COUNTY CHARTER

The present mayor has emphasized that his retention in office is necessary to prevent the adoption of a Metro Form of Government. This is a complete falsehood since you as a voter will have the opportunity to vote for or against a Metropolitan Form of Government. Public officials will have no voice in whether this type of government is adopted.

The CITIZENS PARTY is *against* Metro and urges every voter to . . . .

**VOTE NO** on the *proposed County Charter* on Tuesday, November 3, 1959.



**YOUR VOTE** is the **KEY** to **GOOD GOVERNMENT**  
Remember: You and You Alone Know How You Vote!



**VOTE A STRAIGHT CITIZENS PARTY TICKET**  
on **NOVEMBER 3, 1959**

For Mayor	
<b>X</b>	JOHN L. HANOUSEK
For Clerk	
<b>X</b>	NORBERT B. CHASE
For Treasurer	
<b>X</b>	HELEN DUSTHEIMER
For Members of Council	
<b>X</b>	SAMUEL F. AMARI
<b>X</b>	LOUIS B. BACCI
<b>X</b>	JOHN J. BOHDAN
<b>X</b>	DONALD B. DOSKEY
<b>X</b>	STANLEY KLIMA
<b>X</b>	JOHN P. PALLINI

Issued by Cuyahoga Heights  
CITIZENS PARTY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

ELMER SCHROEDER, Secretary  
5015 East 71st Street

1959 Campaign Flyer

*Presenting the . . .*

**CITIZENS  
PARTY  
CANDIDATES**

*and its*

**PLATFORM**

*for Cuyahoga Heights*

*1963 Campaign Flyer*

Presenting to you . . .

*The*  
**CITIZENS' SLATE**  
**CANDIDATES**  
*and*  
**PLATFORM**  
*for Cuyahoga Heights*



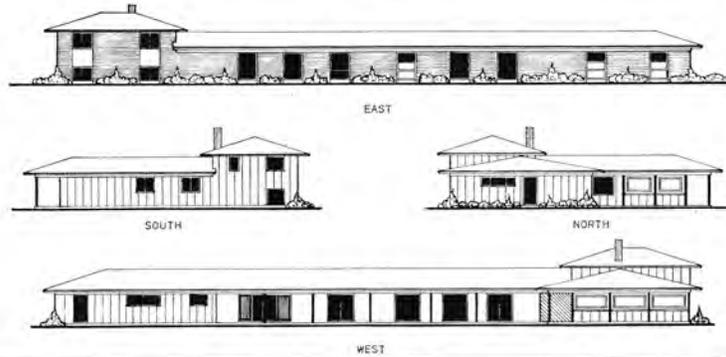
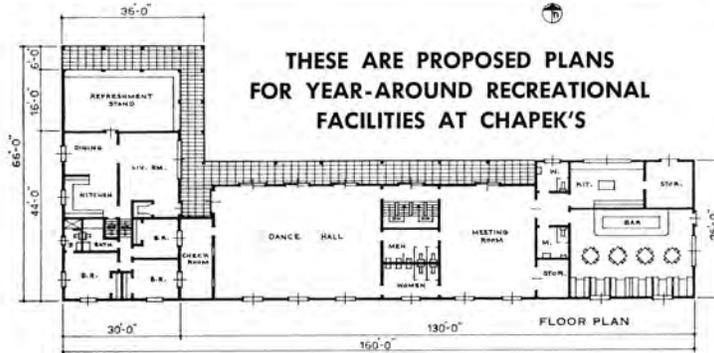
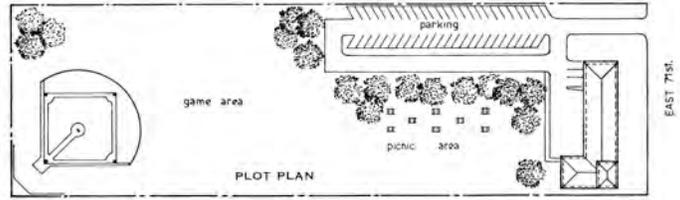
LOUIS J. BACCI, For Mayor

**Dear Elector:**

If you wish to preserve the remaining fine residential areas in Cuyahoga Heights and not ruin the valuation of your home because of landfills and dumps, if you feel the need for more co-operation and efficiency on the part of your local government, then **BACK** the **BACCI CITIZENS' Slate**. This is a Slate with **NO** Special Interest **EXCEPT** to **PROVIDE** the Best Government possible for the Benefit of the Inhabitants of Cuyahoga Heights and to Safeguard the Investments of each Resident in his Home and Property.

1963 Campaign Flyer

Cuyahoga Heights 2018 Centennial



<i>For Mayor</i>	
X	LOUIS J. BACCI
<i>For Clerk</i>	
X	NORBERT B. CHASE
<i>For Members of Council</i>	
X	JOHN J. BOHDAN
X	RALPH DeSANTIS
X	JOHN L. HANOUSEK
X	STANLEY KLIMA
X	JOSEPH KVASOK
X	RAYMOND SKIBA

**VOTE FOR BACCI CITIZENS' SLATE CANDIDATES on NOVEMBER 5, 1963**



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CITIZENS' SLATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

ALBERT EZZO, Secretary  
7125 Bletch Ct.

1963 Campaign Flyer with Pavilion Plan

**Presenting  
The 1965  
PROGRESSIVE  
PARTY SLATE**



*Mayor*  
**William R. Gordon**



**DEDICATED TO SERVE  
ALL THE PEOPLE**



**CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 2, 1965**



*1965 Campaign Flyer*

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### *Dear Resident:*

November 2nd, 1965 will be an important day in our community. It will be your duty and opportunity in true American tradition to select the candidates who will serve you and your interests in Cuyahoga Heights for the coming two-year period.

We urge you to elect the candidates of the Progressive Slate, who are pledged and dedicated to the progress and growth of our community. It is time to stop the bickering which has nothing to do with the sound operation of a **GOOD VILLAGE**. Let us make our goal service in the interest of all as neighbors. Let us keep Cuyahoga Heights suburban!

We feel it is **NECESSARY** and proper to submit our platform to you for your consideration:

**TRANSPORTATION:** The Geauga Transit Co. ceased operation here without advance notice on April 1, 1965. Mayor Wm. Gerdon has contacted several other operators to take over the line. At present, representatives of Valley View Village have joined in negotiations to get the service restored.

We feel public transportation is essential to the future growth of this community. Mayor Gerdon will submit plans for the purchase and operation of a local bus service if present negotiations fail. Transportation is a **MUST** for all the Progressive candidates.

**HEALTH CLINIC:** Remodeling plans for the basement area of the Town Hall are being studied. The plan includes the establishment of a health clinic for all the residents of the village.

**STREET LIGHTING:** The Illuminating Co. is currently making a survey of the lighting on all streets. This will include lighting the Freeway as soon as the road is widened.

**EAST 71st-GRANT INTERSECTION:** The present road is a traffic bottleneck. Currently the mayor has been in contact with the Cleveland officials on the widening of the roadway since part of the intersection is in Cleveland. This improvement has top priority.

## PUT THESE MEN



Left to right—Henry Kalish, Council; Ralph Contipelli, Council; Frances Byrne, Council; John F. Jackson, Treasurer; Wm. R. Gerdon, Mayor; Harry M. Schuman, Clerk; Wm. Randle, Council; Stanley Smith, Council; Clement Tucholski, Council.

*1965 Campaign Flyer showing Council Chamber*

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**AIR CONDITION TOWN HALL:** The Progressive Slate pledges to Air-condition the Town Hall so as to make it suitable for all-year round social events. Recreation rooms for club, Boy Scouts, Golden Agers etc. are planned in the basement remodeling.

**EXPANSION OF RECREATION:** We propose plans to expand the recreation facilities at Chapek's since additional space has been made available by the clean fill operation. A suitable shelter and new sanitary facilities are being considered.

Provide an expanded indoor recreation program during the winter months to include transportation for swimming with Saturday and vacation activities.

**STREET MAINTENANCE:** Continue our program of street maintenance and resurfacing.

**JOB PLACEMENT:** Continue to build up public relations with industry to promote job placement for the residents. Continue to conduct the program to assist in getting summer work for the college-bound students. The program was started this summer under guidance of Councilman John Jackson with impressive results.

**NEW EQUIPMENT:** Replace the present ambulance with the latest emergency vehicle and equipment.

**AIR POLLUTION**—Mayor Gerdon has arranged for an air sampling program by the State Board of Health. The findings to be evaluated and steps taken to abate the nuisance.

You can do your part to make this program a reality by electing the entire Progressive ticket.

# IN THESE CHAIRS

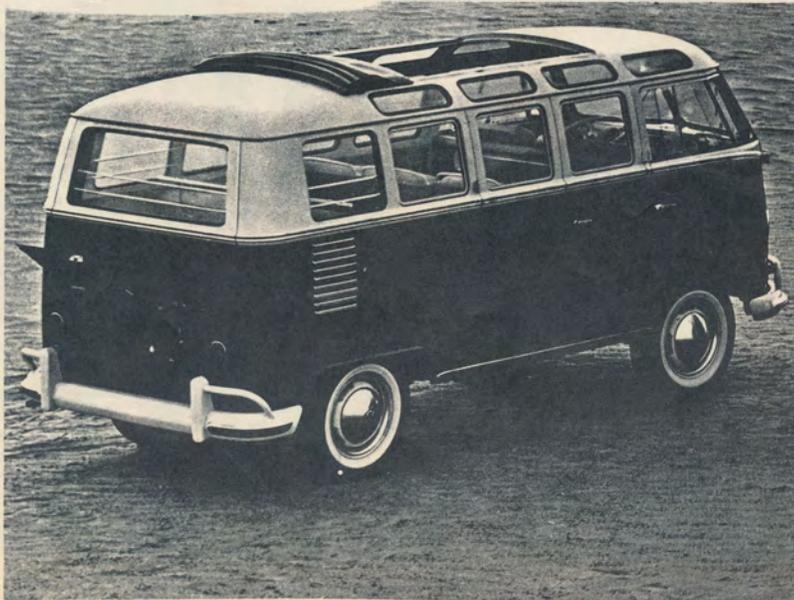


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**Proposed Ambulance ...**



**Proposed Bus ...**

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CAMPAIGN MANAGER  
4953 EAST 71st STREET  
CLEVELAND 25, OHIO

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*Presenting the*

**CITIZEN'S  
PARTY**

*. . . its*  
Accomplishments  
*and its*  
Platform  
*for Cuyahoga Heights*



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# the Cuyahoga Heights Citizen's Party

## Our Past Record

*The Citizen's Party looks with pride upon its accomplishments and achievements. Let our past record of service, progress and improvement speak for itself.*

**WE HAVE . . .** built a much needed police station without any increase in taxes.

- . . . purchased a new and modern aerial ladder fire truck to protect our homes and industries in cases of emergency.
- . . . purchased a new ambulance to provide the best possible emergency service for our residents.
- . . . obtained the services of CTS for good public bus transportation at a minimum cost.
- . . . corrected the bad intersection at East 71st Street and Grant Avenue by purchasing property for the widening of Grant Avenue.
- . . . settled the lawsuit involving the East 49th Street hill. The road has been repaired and reopened once again.
- . . . corrected the Willowbrook wall by rebuilding the entire project.
- . . . accomplished getting door-to-door mail delivery on Willowbrook Drive.
- . . . constructed a combined storm and sanitary sewer on East 49th Street to eliminate the flooding of basements in that area.
- . . . extended the storm sewer at the end of Willowbrook Drive and thereby eliminated the extremely hazardous condition that had existed there.
- . . . relocated and improved the East 71st Street playground.
- . . . purchased new equipment for both the East 49th Street and East 71st Street playgrounds.
- . . . obtained an expense-free hospitalization plan for full-time village employees.

*1969 Campaign Flyer*

# **OUR 1969 PLATFORM**

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1. One of the main objectives of the Citizen's Party is to improve the conditions of Chapek's Grove. This area can be renovated into a fine recreational area to be used and enjoyed by all of the village's residents.
  - (a) We would like to construct a modern pavilion at the picnic grounds. This could be used as a shelter and as a dance floor; it will house kitchen facilities; it will have multi-purpose rooms where classes (such as Arts and crafts) could be conducted for the young and old; there would also be adequate room for summer band concerts here.
  - (b) The grounds at Chapek's Grove would be prepared to serve two purposes. Part of the acreage would be used for the construction of a long-overdue baseball field for the athletes of our community, including Little Leaguers, Pony Leaguers, and any other interested ballplayers. We advocate the construction of baseball facilities that we can be proud of, including modern lighting, adequate seating, well-landscaped and well-maintained grounds, etc.
  - (c) The remaining part of the grounds would be used for varied recreational purposes. We would like to install tennis courts and volleyball courts, and build barbeque pits with adjacent tables and facilities to accommodate family picnics for residents of the village.
2. The Citizen's Party feels that our Service Department can be improved by the following two proposals:
  - (a) We would like to construct a new Service Department garage to house and safeguard our expensive equipment.
  - (b) We feel that it would be advantageous to hire a full-time mechanic to maintain and keep our equipment in good working condition at all times.
3. To continue the plan to keep our public buildings modern and more comfortable, we advocate the installation of air-conditioning units in the Fire Department building and the village hall. This would make the hall available for all-year use for village residents.
4. We will finish resurfacing East 49th Street and install curbs and gutters south of the Penn-Central bridge. We will also resurface Grant Avenue and East 71st Street.
5. We would construct a firing range and provide necessary training facilities for the Police Department.
6. We consider it important that the Village negotiate with the City of Cleveland for the purchase of land on Canal Road which is now being used for a baseball field.
7. We would like to provide better ice skating facilities by resurfacing the present rinks and improving the lighting.
8. We would adopt a program to clean and maintain the village catch basins and sewers on a regular basis not less than yearly.
9. We think it is important to provide Saturday public transportation for shoppers during the holiday season.
10. The Citizen's Party is concerned, as is every interested citizen, in battling the mounting problem of air and water pollution. We will continue to combat these in every way possible. We will seek outside assistance to better determine solutions. We will discourage the expansion of present landfills and any new landfills within the borders of the village.

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We, the members of the CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS CITIZEN'S PARTY, pledge to you, the residents of our village, that, if elected, we will strive to see that the above platform is undertaken without fail, and each PROJECT is completed during the next term of office.

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*Elect an*  
**Honest  
Efficient  
Unified  
and  
Capable Government**



Keep Cuyahoga Heights progressive and strong

**VOTE**

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**Straight Citizen's Party Ballot**

FOR MAYOR	
X	STANLEY KLIMA
FOR TREASURER	
X	DONALD B. DOSKEY
FOR EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION IN COUNCIL	
X	JOSEPH F. ANDREWS
X	LOUIS J. BACCI
X	JOHN J. BOHDAN
X	THOMAS J. BOROWY
X	JOHN L. HANOUSEK
X	THOMAS MORRILL

Keep America strong.

Exercise your right to vote on

**Tuesday, November 4, 1969**

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CITIZEN'S PARTY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Joseph D. Kvasnok, Secretary  
7128 Marcelline Court



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*Mayor Jack Bacci's hay wagon in the August 11, 2018 Centennial Parade*

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## Cuyahoga Heights Recent History of Voting in General Elections

01 — Registered Voters

02 — Ballots Cast

03 — Blank Ballots Cast

04 — **Percentage of those Voting**

		01	02	03	04
2018	0470 Cuyahoga Heights—00-A	437	246	3	<b>56.29</b>
2017	0470 Cuyahoga Heights—00-A	449	278	37	<b>61.92</b>
2016	0470 Cuyahoga Heights—00-A	453	323	17	<b>71.30</b>
2015	0470 Cuyahoga Heights—00-A	455	281	3	<b>61.76</b>
2014	0484 Cuyahoga Heights—00-A	454	169	3	<b>37.22</b>
2013	0484 Cuyahoga Heights—00-A	467	295	45	<b>63.17</b>
2012	0508 Cuyahoga Heights—00-A	498	341	7	<b>69.88</b>
2011	0507 Cuyahoga Heights—00-A	509	343	0	<b>67.39</b>
2010	0515 Cuyahoga Heights—00-A	559	336	0	<b>60.00</b>

Average percentage of Cuyahoga Heights voters exercising their American right to vote: 60.55 %

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**“Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it.”**

**Susan B. Anthony**