

Village of Cuyahoga Heights

July 2022

Continuing to move our legacy community forward...



Upcoming Dates and Reminders

June 25 - Village wide garage sales 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

July 1 - Men & Women softball registration deadline

July 4 - Independence Day
Village Hall/Service Dept. Closed



July 5 - Rubbish collection

July 6 - Special pick up

July 7 - Charity pick up

July 9 - Village wide shred day from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

July 15 - Fall soccer, flag football and cheerleading registration deadline

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



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At the Village Hall

Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the Month
Caucus 5:00 p.m.
Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development Committee
Public Works Meeting

Finance Committee Meeting
2nd Wednesday of the Month, if needed

Zoning Board Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the Month at 5:00 p.m.

Work Sessions of Council

4th Wednesday of the Month at 5:00 p.m.

*Only in January, February, March, April, May, October

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

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From the Mayor's Desk

I wanted to thank our residents, staff, family and friends that attended our Memorial Day parade and service for paying homage to the brave men and women who gave their lives for this country. And for the first time in our history, we had a female veteran present the memorial wreath—Ms. Vera Heinzman who served in the Air Force and is the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Wendy Heinzman, who also was in attendance with her family. We've included an insert of pictures from the event with the newsletter.

Around Town

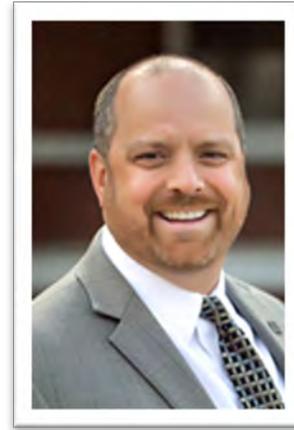
Scott Electric, a newer business in town located on Grant Avenue has been in our town for about 1-1/2 years; however, they finally had their "Grand Opening" on Thursday, June 9—due to the pandemic. They sure knew how to put on an event and it was good to meet their staff here in town, as well as their corporate management team from Pennsylvania. Also, I was honored to assist their staff with the ribbon cutting ceremony. For those that don't know, Scott Electric is one of the largest independent electrical distributors in the United States with a customer base of electrical, mechanical, general contractors, industry, government agencies, municipalities, retail hardware and building supply markets.

Our office received numerous comments from residents who attended the Broadway musical "Waitress" on Thursday evening, June 9. They stated the show was fantastic, the price of the ticket was great—as the village picked up half the cost, and having the bus drive them to and from was less hectic and you didn't have to pay for parking. We are very fortunate that our village is able to offer events like this to our residents at a minimal cost.

The village hall and service department will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of the holiday. Our administration wishes everyone a very happy and safe Fourth of July holiday...*God Bless America!*

Our annual shred day is set for Saturday, July 9 at Gateway Products Recycling • 4223 East 49th Street from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please note that we will have a service department employee on site to assist you with your bags/boxes of shredding material. We hope our residents will take advantage of this service.

Concession stand hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (*staying open later if there are games being played in Bacci Park.*) Food trucks are every Wednesday evening and we've included a flyer with this newsletter as it pertains to the month of July. Please follow our social media accounts with updates.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Our swimming pool hours of operation are Monday through Sunday with open swim from 12:00-7:00 p.m. The cost for passes for village residents are \$25 for an individual pass or \$75 for a family pass. Please email chvpool@cuyahogaheights.com to inquire about upcoming swim lessons. Also note that the pool will close at 5:00 p.m. on the following dates due to swim meets: June 28, June 30, July 7 and July 21.



Senior Citizens

In cooperation with Independence Discount Drug Mart, Nurse Socausky, and my office—we will again be offering flu shots to our village senior residents (60 years of age and older) on Friday, September 16 at Klima Gardens. So that we can safely manage the event, blood work appointments will begin at 8:30 a.m. in 10-minute increments; flu shots will begin at 9:00 a.m. in 5-minute increments. As a reminder, if you plan on getting blood work, **please do not eat or drink anything**, except water, after midnight the night before. Please contact Lee Ann at the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours (8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.) **Deadline to register is Friday, September 2. Flu shots and blood work will strictly be by appointment only.** Drug Mart will provide us with registration forms which we will drop off at your home prior to your appointment. You will need to fill it out and bring it with you on the day of your appointment. We will again be serving a warm breakfast for our senior citizens (packaged in individual containers)—so you can either eat it at Klima's or take it home with you. If you are 65 years of age or older, please bring your Medicare Card as we will seek Medicare payment for qualifying seniors. Our village will pay for flu shots for our village senior residents and employees just like we've done in the past.



Congratulations

Joe Menkhous, son of village residents Joe and Christy Menkhous, graduated from Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology on May 12 with a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Arts in Theology degree. He was ordained to the Catholic priesthood on May 21 at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in downtown Cleveland by the Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL Bishop of Cleveland. After the ceremony, his family had a celebration for him at Klima Gardens. Congratulations to Father Joe, a genuine and kind-hearted individual who will be an amazing priest; we are all so very proud of him. Father Joe has been assigned to be an associate priest at St. Bernadette Church in Westlake.



Happy 50th golden anniversary to Rick & Mary Ann Cockrell who celebrated their big day on June 10. "May God continue to bless the love in your hearts and your life together—best wishes on your 50th." The two of them are pictured from our 2014 Memorial Day service.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Congratulations to village resident Michelle Rhome—her daughter and former resident Shelly Rhome recently married Brian Williams. The festivities took place in Las Vegas during the month of June with friends and family in attendance. Best wishes to the newlyweds!



During the 5th grade award ceremony at CHES on May 31, Talya Schoeffler, daughter of village resident Scott Schoeffler received two very prestigious awards: the President's Education Award and the Cathy Ditzel Award. In addition, my little one—Lily Anne who is a classmate of Talya's also received the President's Education Award. Congratulations to both girls and best wishes on your next adventure as you enter into middle school.

Birthdays

July birthday wishes to employees: (2) David Lukas & Christina Caporuscio - *who also share a birthday with me*, (5) Rick Henley, (17) Tony Dorris, (18) Nicholas Mancini and (27) Fire Chief Michael Suhy.



Condolences

Long-time village resident Mrs. Harriett Koren passed away on June 4; she was 95 years old. She will be greatly missed for the lady she was. Pictured below are Mrs. Koren and Miss Trevisani during our 2019 flu shot event.



Village resident Jackie Toth lost her brother Victor Pavlovic who passed away suddenly on June 15; he was only 60 years old. Please keep all the families in your thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. Sue Eliason wanted to thank everyone for their kind words, cards, donations, flowers—and for just being there for her during the loss of her son, Rick.



“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”
~ John Adams



From the Chief Financial Officer Angel Meriwether



Finance Update on Grants

What is a grant?

A grant is a way federal, state, and county government agencies can financially assist local governments. This can be a wide range of projects such as infrastructure, public services and stimulating the economy. The best part is that grants do not have to be paid back.

The Village has received over **ONE MILLION DOLLARS** in grant funding over the past four and a half years. We are very thankful to all the federal, state and county support the village has received. Please see the below list of all the grants we have received.



Village of Cuyahoga Heights
Grant Application History

Cuyahoga Heights Grants	Year	Project Title	Funds Awarded	Village Match
FEMA FPS	2018	Smoke alarms	6,310	\$315
Cuyahoga County Demolition Fund - Round 8	2018	5 residential + part of 4400 E. 71st St.	360,000	
BWC Firefighter Exp. to Env. Elements Grant (FEEEG)	2018	Diesel Exhaust System Parts	13,120	\$2,624
ODNR Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant	2018	Bacci Park Trail Phase 3A	150,000	
NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant	2019	Sign	3,128	
Cuyahoga County Municipal Grant	2019	B Moore Property Demo	150,000	
Cuyahoga County Healthy Tree Canopy Grant-Planning	2019	Inventory & Planning Grant for Tree Canopy	9,500	\$500
BWC Safety Grant (2019)	2019	Police Body Armor	1,600	\$533
FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FY 20 AFG)	2020	Power cots and lifts for ambulances	50,000	\$2,500
NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant	2020	TBD-Generator	2,956	
Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund Assistance	2020	COVID PPE Expenses	35,000	
Firehouse Subs Grant	2021	LUCAS Device	15,946	
NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant	2021	TBD-Generator	2,064	
Enhanced Mobility Program	2021	Purchase of 8 Passenger Van for Senior Transport	70,000	\$14,000
American Rescue Plan Funds	2021	Revenue replacement due to COVID-19 pandemic	63,500	
NOACA Enhanced Mobility Grant	2021	Senior Transport Van	70,000	
Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant (CDSG)	2022	New Playground Equipment-Bacci Park	50,000	\$50,000
NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant	2022	TBD-Generator	2,113	
State Capital Budget Request	2022	Willowbrook Connector	75,000	

Total Grant Funding Received \$ 1,130,237

Total Required Village Match \$ 70,472

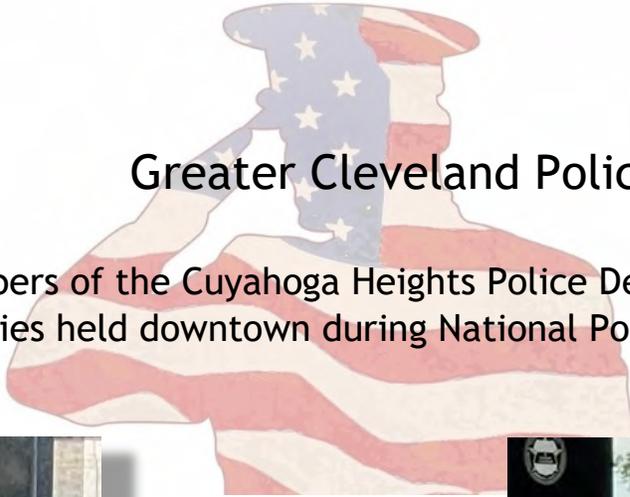
Total Percent Matched 6%

Questions about your individual *Income Tax* returns? Contact Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A) 1-800-860-7482
 Questions about your *Property Tax*? Contact Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office 216-443-7010

From the Police Department

Greater Cleveland Police

On May 20th members of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department participated in the ceremonies held downtown during National Police Memorial Week.



From the Police Department (continued)

A Message from Your Police Department...

Dear Residents and Valued Business Partners:

Under new legislation recently signed by Gov. Mike DeWine, Ohioans can now legally set off fireworks on certain holidays. However, there are still some things that you need to know about the new law and the use of fireworks in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.



Dates Fireworks Are Allowed

Beginning on Friday, July 1, 2022, adults can begin using “consumer” fireworks on the following dates:

New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	Chinese New Year
Cinco de Mayo	Memorial Day (weekend before)	Juneteenth
July 3, 4 and 5 and Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays - immediately preceding or following the “4th” holiday		
Labor Day Weekend		Diwali

Rules Concerning Fireworks

Although fireworks are now legal on certain dates, there are still laws governing and rules governing their use. Some of these are as follows:

- The new law prohibits anyone from using or possessing fireworks while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, alcohol, or controlled substances. This violation is a 1st degree misdemeanor which carries a penalty of up to 180 days in jail and a \$1000 fine.
- Fireworks must be set off on your own property or another’s private property (with owner’s permission). It is illegal to ignite fireworks on another person’s property without permission.
- Within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights, fireworks are not permitted in/on any Village or publicly accessible property, including (but not limited to); streets, roadways, parking lots, sidewalks, driveway aprons, tree lawns, parks, or trails.

Firework Safety Guidelines

Under the new law retailers are required to provide the following safety recommendations to all customers:

- Don't allow children to play with fireworks.
- Set them off outside in a clear area, away from houses, dry leaves, and other flammable materials.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby in case of emergencies.
- Don't try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
- Make sure other people are out of range before lighting them.
- Don't have any part of your body over the firework while lighting it.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place and keep unused products away from where you're igniting them.
- Don't light fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.
- Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.

From the Police Department (continued)

Please keep in mind that the use of fireworks in the village while legal, is a “**privilege.**”

The new law gives the discretion to local municipalities on whether to allow for the use of fireworks or to “opt out” of the new law thus continuing the ban. Local governments may also create local ordinances pertaining to fireworks.

As in the past, Cuyahoga Heights Police officers will still respond to any, and all firework complaints. Upon investigation of the complaint, officers will consider the “totality of the circumstances” and use their discretion to determine the appropriate enforcement response if/as needed.

Factors officers may take into consideration are (but not limited to):

- overall public safety (any device(s) or display deemed un-safe will be shut down)
- location, distance & display proximity factors (i.e., adequate safety zone radius)
- size/power of devices (1.3G Class, black market or homemade devices are prohibited)
- time duration of display(s)
- time of day/night (fireworks after midnight may be considered a peace disturbance)

As stated before, the use of fireworks within the village is a privilege. Many surrounding communities, (i.e., Brecksville, North Royalton, Parma, Brookpark, Broadview Hts., et.al.) have elected to continue the ban on fireworks.

Please remember that the privilege enjoyed today, can be removed in the future. I request that for those of you who plan to take advantage of the new fireworks law, please consider **safety** and **courtesy** your priority, while enjoying your firework display. With a little courtesy, patience and some “common sense” from all, everyone should be able to enjoy this summer’s holiday season!

STAY SAFE!

Respectfully,

Brian D. Sturgill

Brian D. Sturgill, Chief of Police



FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

From the Fire Department

Fire Employee Spotlight

Full-Time Firefighter Paramedic, Lieutenant Steve Harris

- CHFD Local 702 past Vice-President
- CPR Instructor
- Southwest Emergency Response Team, Rope Rescue
- Girls' Basketball Coach at Cuyahoga Heights Schools
- Instructor for Allison Rose Foundation
- Married to wife Tina for 27 years, three kids Jacob, Matthew and Julia

"I enjoy working for the village where I grew up. I like that each day is different at CHFD—it can go from a fire call, to training CPR, to a motor vehicle accident all in the same day."



Memorial Day 2022 was Assistant Fire Chief Howard Selig's last parade with the Village of Cuyahoga Heights' Fire Department. He had the honor of lowering the flag to half-staff with his son Tyler who is the newest cadet at the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department.

From the Village Hall

Primary Election

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 2 and the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the village hall in the civic room (lower level.) Please note that if you have moved or changed your name since you last voted, you must complete a new registration form to reflect your new address and/or new name. Voter registration forms, as well as vote by mail applications are available for our residents at the village hall during normal business hours. Please exercise your right to vote—your vote counts!



Parks and Playgrounds

The village owns, operates, and maintains Bacci Park with a pond for fishing in the summer and ice-skating in the winter. Bacci Park also has its own playground, two ball fields, three pavilions, and a soccer field. **Please note that fishing in the pond at Bacci Park is for residents only, and by permit which can be obtained from the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department.*



Notary Service

Several of our employees at the village hall are Notaries for the State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County and would be happy to notarize items for village residents, *free of charge* during regular business hours.



Newsletter

In order to keep our residents informed, the village publishes and delivers a monthly newsletter to the residents each month. In addition, the newsletters, minutes from council and workshop meetings are posted to our web site at www.cuyahogaheights.com.

Seven Hills Recreation Center

Our village has an agreement with the Seven Hills Recreation Center for our village residents to use their facility. The village will pay 100% of the rate for bona-fide village residents that are 62-years of age and older, U.S. Veterans, and disabled residents. In addition, the village will also pay 50% of the rate for all other bona-fide residents desiring to secure a membership as outlined in the contract. Residents must register/pay for their membership at the village hall during normal business hours with proof of identification.



Social Media

Follow Cuyahoga Heights on all our social medias for daily reminders and upcoming events around town!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cuyhtsvillage>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cuyhtsvillage/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CuyHtsVillage>



From the Service Department

Service Employee Spotlight

Permanent Part-time Laborer, Zach Bernstein

“I was born and raised in Valley View with my parents, Kristin and Ken, and my siblings, Alyssa and Nick. I attended Cuyahoga Heights Schools and the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center until I graduated in May of this year. In November of 2021 I started working part-time at the Cuyahoga Heights Service Department as part of the CVCC Early Placement Program. In June of 2022 after my graduation, I became a permanent part-time employee.

In my time at the service department, I have learned to use loaders, assisted with landscaping maintenance around the village and helped out with any jobs that needed to be done.

Outside of the service department, I work side jobs doing landscaping. I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. Going into the future, I hope to remain at the service department long-term.”



2022 CHS Graduate



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Service Employee Spotlight

Seasonal Laborer, Jacob Artino

“I was born and raised here in Cuyahoga Heights with my grandfather Jesse, and my sister Jaidenn. All throughout my school years, I attended Cuyahoga Heights and later the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center until I graduated in May of this year.

I began delivering newsletters and the Neighborhood News for the village four years ago. Then in the summer of 2019, I worked at the Cuyahoga Heights pool. Since the summer of 2021, I have been working at the service department as a seasonal laborer and park patrol whenever my school schedule allowed. I have learned a lot about landscaping/maintenance during my time here.”

From the Service Department (continued)

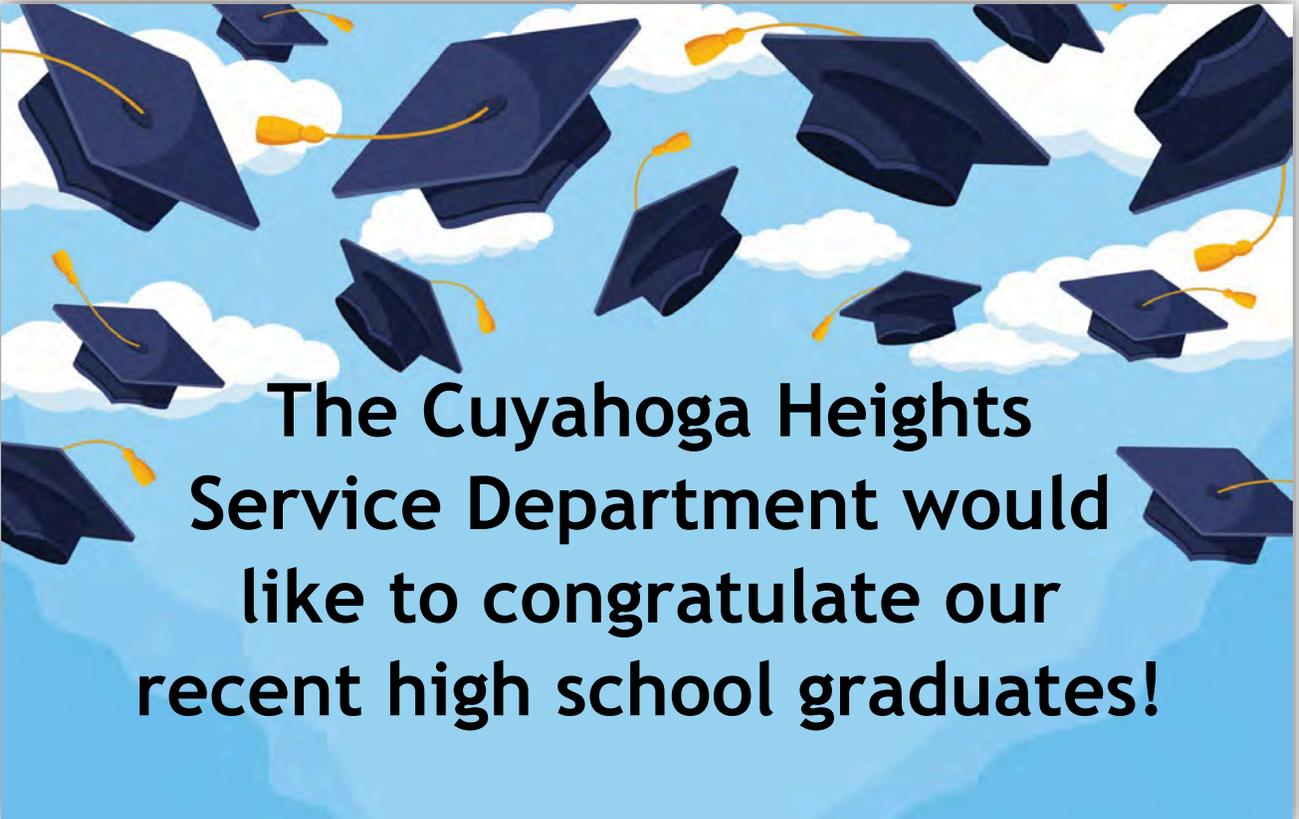
Service Employee Spotlight

Seasonal Laborer, Austin Neel

“I currently live in Middleburg Heights with my dad, stepmom and four sisters. I graduated this year from Walsh Jesuit High School and participated in the wrestling program.

This month I began working at the Cuyahoga Heights Service Department as a seasonal laborer. I have been working closely with the head landscaper and hope to learn from him and be a valuable asset to the village.

In my spare time I like to work out, fish and hang out with my friends.”



**The Cuyahoga Heights
Service Department would
like to congratulate our
recent high school graduates!**

From the Service Department (continued)

Garbage Pick Up - Recycling - Yard Waste

Our service department collects garbage every Monday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. at no charge to its residents. They 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 note that if a holiday falls on a Monday; the service will commence on Tuesday.



Special Pick Up

If you need a special pick up for trash that is oversized, large amounts, or hazardous waste, don't forget to call the service department to be put on the special pick up list. Special pick up day is on Tuesday mornings, unless there is a holiday on Monday, at which time, the special pick up will be taken care of on Wednesday. You must call the service department at 216-641-3505 by 4:00 p.m. on Monday to get on the list for Tuesday's pick up.

Charity Pick Up

Our service department will pick up any small usable item at your residence that you would like to donate to charity on the first Wednesday of each month. Small household items, clothes, etc., are collected and donated. No tax receipts are given for this service, and you must call the service department prior to the first Wednesday of the month for this service.

Newspaper/Cardboard Recycling

Do your part in helping the environment; recycle cardboard and newspaper. Our village has a recycling container located at Bacci Park in the rear of the back parking lot. The container is strictly for cardboard and newspaper. **Please make sure to break down your cardboard boxes before placing them in the container.** 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 service department during normal business hours prior to Tuesday mornings; we will put it on our "special pick up" list.



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. Please note that the disposal of debris created from outside the village is prohibited.



Table & Chair Rental

A limited number of tables and chairs are available for use by residents having parties at their residence, free of charge. Please contact the service department to reserve your tables and chairs and to arrange a time when you can pick them up.

From the Service Department (continued)

Pest and Insect Control

Pest control services are available by contacting our service department at 216-641-3505 with your name, address, phone number, and the nature of your problem. We will then reach out to our pest control vendor. This service is free except for termites, bed bugs, and wildlife. The village also sprays the outside of your home in the spring to hinder any unwanted pests from entering into your home.



Meals on Wheels (By Lori's Custom Catering)

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 (**you 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.



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 can be found on the village website and once completed can be returned to SD@cuyahogaheights.com or dropped off at the village hall.

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. We must have a signed waiver on file to perform this service. Your form can be returned to the village hall. If you are unsure if you have a waiver on file, please contact the service department at 216-641-3505. Please remember to remove dog droppings on a routine basis.



Rototilling

Our service department will rototill residential gardens once a year, *free of charge*, upon request. Area to be rototilled must be clearly marked. Please call the service department to be put on the list.

From the Building Department

Summer has arrived with the temperatures in the 90's, hopefully this will dry everything out from all the spring rains. This is a great opportunity to get those home improvement projects started. The George M. Suhy grant program is still in effect through December 31, 2022. Keep in mind that the grant program can be used for several exterior improvements to your home, so take advantage of it. If you are not sure your project would qualify for the grant program, call the building department and we can assist you.

The building department would like to thank all of the residents for acting on their exterior maintenance letters that were sent out in early June. A few residents have already completed the items that were sent out to them or advised us that they have scheduled the work that needs to be done. Overall, the response has been great! This benefits the whole village and all the property values.

As always, if you need any assistance, please call the building department at 216-641-7020 and ask for Norm Casini, *Building Commissioner* or Ken LaBella, *Assistant Building Commissioner*.

DID YOU KNOW?

Deck building guidelines:

- 1. All decks more than 30-inches above grade must have a guardrail with a minimum height of 36-inches**
- 2. The footer for deck postholes must be a minimum of 38-inches**
- 3. Deck post must be a minimum of 4" x 4"**
- 4. Three building department inspections are required:**
 - Footer (postholes)**
 - Framing**
 - Final inspection**



Sports and Recreation Department

Sports

Softball, baseball and t-ball are underway! Best of luck this season to all the children participating. Stop down at Bacci Park and enjoy a game and visit our concession stand. Listed below are registration deadlines for the rest of the year. As always, registration forms can be found on the village's website.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Men's & Women's Softball	July 1, 2022
Fall Soccer	July 15, 2022
Youth Flag Football	July 15, 2022
Cheerleading	July 15, 2022
Youth Basketball	October 1, 2022



Cedar Point Season Pass Reimbursement

The village will reimburse \$50 to any resident who purchases or has purchased a Cedar Point Season Pass for the 2022 season. Resident must show valid 2022 pass and proof of residency for reimbursement. Reimbursement will NOT be given for anyone not currently residing in Cuyahoga Heights. Please bring your valid 2022 season pass or receipt of payment (must show passholder name) and proof of residency to the village hall for verification. Reimbursement will be issued within three weeks of submission acceptance. Reimbursement is \$50 per pass regardless of pass type purchased. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to send me an email at chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com or contact me at 216-641-2702.

Mindy Armbrust, Recreation Director