



Village of Cuyahoga Heights

October 2022

Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

October 1 - Corn Roast

October 1 - Youth Basketball Registration Deadline

October 5 - Charity Pick Up

October 8 - Kennedy House Open Visitors Welcome
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

October 10 - Columbus Day

October 31 - Happy Halloween



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.

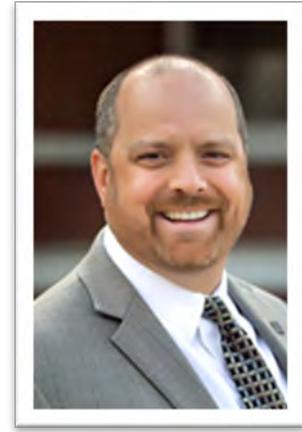
*Only in January, February, March, April, May, October

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

After a 2-year hiatus, I was able to take our seniors back to Kelleys Island on August 29. It rained that morning on the island; however, once we were done with lunch it was sunny and humid! The trip was significantly overdue for many of our seniors who wanted to get away from home for the day. Our meal was good and the water was perfect—Lee Ann didn't get seasick this time! I will continue to try and keep this tradition going and hope that more of our seniors will join us next year. Pictured are "Aunt" Bea Duber, CFO Angel Meriwether and myself—we needed to tell a joke to get Aunt Bea to smile for the camera, and it worked!



Senior Citizens

We held our annual senior citizens flu shot and breakfast at Klima Gardens several weeks ago. Our turnout was a little smaller than usual but everyone still enjoyed themselves. It was nice to see most of our seniors stay and have breakfast—making it a social event with their neighbors. Pictured are Mr. Lou Franko and myself from that morning.



Cuyahoga Heights Schools Superintendent Tom Evans announced that the school was bringing back their senior citizens dinner for the villages of Cuyahoga Heights, Brooklyn Heights and Valley View. The dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 19 at the high school. If you need additional information, please contact Noel Centa, president of our village's senior citizen organization.

Halloween

We will again be hosting a "Halloween Costume Drive-Thru" at Bacci Park on Monday, October 31 from 4:45-5:45 p.m.—right before the kids go door-to-door. The event is for our resident children and grandchildren, between the ages of 0-12. Upon entering the park, your first stop will be at the concession stand where the children will receive a Halloween goody bag from our elected officials and village hall staff; there will be additional stops with treats from our departments along the way before exiting the park. Please note, we are asking that everyone remain in their vehicles throughout the "drive-thru" for everyone's safety.



If you would like to participate in this event, you must sign up. Please contact the village hall during regular business hours at 216-641-7020 or email i.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com. We will need to know the name(s) of your children/grandchildren and their ages. **Deadline to register for the Halloween Drive-Thru is Monday, October 24.**

And lastly, please don't forget to wear your costume so we can get plenty of pictures and you'll be ready to go Trick-or-Treating in town from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Residents that wish to pass out candy at their home, please leave your front/porch light on so the children know they are welcome at your home.



From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

General Election

Don't forget that Tuesday, November 8 is the General Election. 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 must be postmarked 30 days before an election in order to be eligible to vote. The registration form, as well as "Vote by Mail" applications are available for our residents at the village hall during normal business hours. You can also go online at boe.cuyahogacounty.gov and fill out the forms. If you need additional information, the board of elections' phone number is 216-443-8683.



Congratulations

John Deliberato, village resident, shared some exciting news with us recently—he became a great-grandfather for the third time. Elley Katherine Pucci was born on August 21 and weighed in at 8-lbs., 5-oz. Congratulations to the family and the proud great grandpa!



Village resident, Bea Duber attended her oldest granddaughter, Nicole Franchino's wedding on September 2 at the Columbia Ballroom in Columbia Station. This is Aunt Bea's first grandchild that got married, and she was simply "over the moon" that day! Pictured at the wedding with Aunt Bea are: her daughters (Vicki & Traci); grandchildren (Nicole, Dylan, Sydney & Olivia); niece/nephews (Lee Ann, Stanley & Michael). Best wishes to Joe & Nicole—the newlyweds!



For the second year in a row, village resident, Michael Cimperman participated in the Bike to Cure VeloSano on Saturday, September 10...which is also his birthday. He and his friend Brent biked 101.41-miles in 5 hours and 34 minutes for the cure. In addition, they raised \$3,345 for lifesaving cancer research at the Cleveland Clinic. As many of you know, Michael lost his father to cancer last July—and this is why VeloSano is so important to him. Great job guys! Pictured are Michael and Brent after the race.



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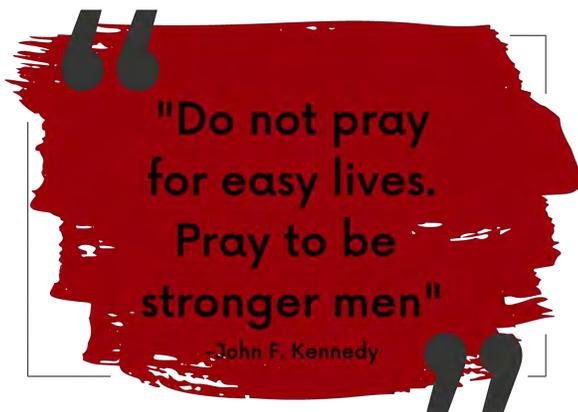
Birthdays

October birthday wishes to employees: (2) Ben Chojnacki, (4) Councilman David Volek, (11) Steve Harris, (15) Nick Frye, (23) Tyler Selig and (24) Mindy Armbrust.

Deepest Sympathies

Several residents who lived in the village at one time recently passed away. Mrs. Clara Pallini passed away on September 5 at the age of 91. Many of you may remember that she was our school crossing guard for many years. Lidio "Lee" Collecchi III passed away on August 30 at the age of 40 leaving behind his wife and three children. Also, village resident Dolores Len suddenly lost her son, Seth on August 14; he was 46. Please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers.

In closing, as many of you know by now, our village hall staff and service department personnel have been diligently planning and working on our annual corn roast which takes place this Saturday. I hope many of you are able to attend this event as it brings the entire school community together—raising money for school organizations and just being out with neighbors and friends. A schedule of events for that day is on the last page of the newsletter. See you then!



From the Chief Financial Officer, Angel Meriwether

Finance Employee Spotlight

Mindy Armbrust - Administrative Accounting Assistant

I am extremely excited to be transitioning into my new role with the village as an Administrative Accounting Assistant with the Finance Department. For the last four years I was Administrative Support at the Service Department, the last year of which I was also the Recreation Coordinator for the village. I truly enjoyed my time in both of those roles, especially getting to know so many residents, both adults and children, and will miss my current co-workers but look forward to this new endeavor.



I grew up in Brooklyn Heights and graduated from Cuyahoga Heights Schools in 1997. I have been married to my husband, Kris, for 18 years and we have two sons, Nick, a sophomore, and Ben, an 8th grader. Prior to working for the village, I was a stay-at-home mom and then worked in the Cuyahoga Heights School cafeteria. In 2018 I began working for the village and in 2020 we made the decision to move into the village to raise our boys.

In my spare time I am usually watching our boys play sports (football, basketball, wrestling, track and baseball) or spending time with friends.

Income Tax Revenue



From the Police Department

A Message from Your Police Department

A reminder to all parents and students crossing East 71st Street during school pickup and drop-off hours: Please be cautious of vehicles and use the crosswalks provided.

Kids love the magic of Halloween: Trick-or-treating, classroom parties and trips to a neighborhood haunted house. But for moms and dads, often there is a fine line between Halloween fun and safety concerns, especially when it comes to road and pedestrian safety.



Here's a scary statistic: Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year!

Costume Safety

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

Out and About

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time that your children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

Driver Safety

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween
- DON'T DRINK & DRIVE

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

Respectfully,

Chief Sturgill

Brian D. Sturgill, *Chief of Police*



From the Fire Department

Fire Employee Spotlight

Firefighter Bryan Rini - Full-Time Firefighter Paramedic

- Hired in 1997
- Featured in Cleveland Clinic Magazine, The Siren, for outstanding medical rescue
- CPR Instructor

"I enjoy serving the residents of Cuyahoga Heights while maintaining old and establishing new relationships with the people and families of the town I grew up in."



**From all of us at the
Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department**



Happy Halloween!



From the Village Hall

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

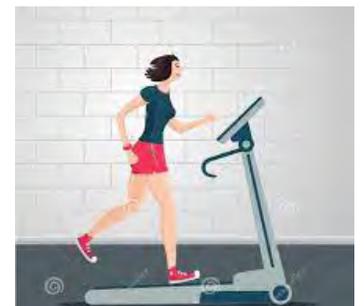
In order to keep our residents informed, the village publishes and delivers a monthly newsletter to the residents each month. In addition, the newsletters, minutes from council and workshop meetings are posted to our web site at www.cuyahogaheights.com.

Sleeping Mat Project

Please be advised that the village hall **will not be collecting anymore plastic bags** for the sleeping mat project—but *thank you* to all that provided us with the bags! Just so you know, we continue to meet once a week making these special mats.

Seven Hills Recreation Center

Our village has an agreement with the Seven Hills Recreation Center for our Cuyahoga Heights 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 Building Department

Fall has arrived! The summer months were beautiful with quite a few 90-degree days, hopefully we will still see some 70 and 80-degree days and have a great fall season, with a long Indian Summer! With the cooler months approaching, here are a few helpful tips.

Helpful Fall and Winter Tips:

- Be sure to change your furnace filters
- Shut off and drain lawn irrigation systems
- Cut your grass lower to prevent snow mold
- Make sure your roof gutters are cleaned of all debris and all your downspouts are open
- Have a licensed roofer come out and perform a maintenance inspection on all flashings and shingles
- Check your fireplace to make sure your damper is working properly
- Check that all windows and doors are properly sealed
- Now is a good time to clean up yards by trimming trees, shrubs and flower beds
- Have your exterminator spray the exterior of home for unwanted spiders

A reminder to all residents that the George M. Suhy Grant program expires on December 31, 2022. If you are looking to have a home improvement project done this year, be sure to check with the Building Department for proper permitting, making sure your contractor is registered with the village and grant guidelines. As always, please contact the Building Department at 216-641-7020 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Let's keep Cuyahoga Heights a **BEAUTIFUL** place to live!!!

Thank you,

Norm Casini, Building Commissioner

Ken Labella, Assistant Building Commissioner

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DID YOU KNOW...

Where a masonry or metal rain cap is installed on a masonry chimney, the net free area under the cap shall not be less than four times the net free area of the outlet of the chimney flue it serves.

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From the Service Department

Service Employee Spotlight

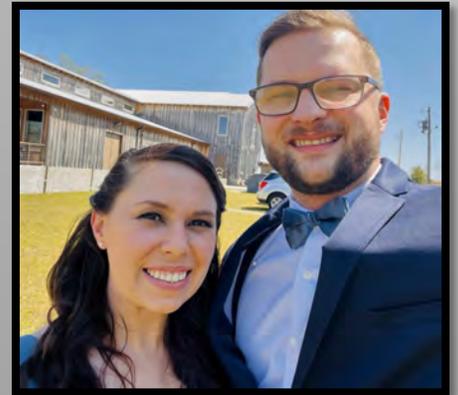
Vera Heinzman - Operations Support & Recreation Coordinator

I am Vera Heinzman and I am from Dothan, Alabama.

In September I began my new role as Operations Support at the Cuyahoga Heights Service Department and Recreation Coordinator. I have lived in three different states and four different countries! So, I have a lot of places that I have called 'home' over the years. I am a United States Air Force Veteran, which I am very proud of and where most of my stories come from.

My husband is a local from North Olmsted, Ohio and we met while both stationed in South Korea. We are so excited to be new homeowners in Olmsted Falls, Ohio and I am very excited to be working as the Operations Support at the Service Department and Recreation Coordinator.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family, going to baseball games and watching both College and NFL football.



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 at 216-641-3505 prior to the first Wednesday of the month for this service.

From the Service Department (continued)

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 at 216-641-3505 to reserve your tables and chairs and to arrange a time when you can pick them up.

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 Vera Heinzman at the service department at 216-641-3505 or sd@cuyahogaheights.com.



From the Service Department (continued)

Leaf Pick Up

Fall is upon us, and the beautiful colored leaves will soon be crunching under our feet. 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.** If you are unsure if you have one on file, please contact Vera Heinzman at 216-641-3505 or sd@cuyahogaheights.com.

Sports and Recreation Department

Sports

Our flag fall soccer, flag football and youth cheerleading seasons are underway. Good luck to all those participating this season!

Our registration period for basketball comes to an end on October 1st. Late registration inquiries can be made to Vera Heinzman at chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com. It will be a few weeks before teams are finalized with our neighboring communities.

Cedar Point Season Pass Reimbursement

Please see the attached flyer on the backside of this page with details regarding the continuing Cedar Point Season Pass Reimbursement.

Youth Trips

This spring and summer the village youth enjoyed many outings. With the return to school and the Corn Roast those trips have been on a slight hold. Have no fear, we are planning an outing the week of Thanksgiving break and more information will be out soon!

New Recreation Coordinator

The village has a new Recreation Coordinator, Vera Heinzman. Our previous Recreation Coordinator, Mindy Armbrust has taken another position in the village and Vera is ready to take on this role and is excited to continue the fun with the village youth!

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.

Vera Heinzman
Recreation Director



Cuyahoga Heights Village Residents

Looking to have unlimited fun this fall and the summer of 2023? We want to help!

Cedar Point

Cedar Point is currently offering specials on 2023 Season Passes which include admission for the remainder of 2022.

Go to cedarpoint.com to get the latest 2023 Season Pass information and current specials!

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will reimburse \$50 to any resident who purchases or has purchased a Cedar Point Season Pass for the 2023 season. Residents must show valid 2023 season pass and proof of residency for reimbursement. Reimbursement will NOT be given for anyone not currently residing in Cuyahoga Heights.

Please bring your valid 2023 season pass or receipt of payment (must show passholder name) and proof of residency to Village Hall for verification. Reimbursement will be issued within 3 weeks of submission acceptance. Reimbursement is \$50 per pass regardless of pass type purchased.

If you received reimbursement for a 2022 Season Pass you are still eligible for a 2023 Pass!

Please contact the Recreation Department at (216) 641-2702 or chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com with any questions.



Village of Cuyahoga Heights Annual Community Corn Roast Saturday, October 1, 2022

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| 4:00-9:00 p.m. | Food Stands Open |
| 4:00-8:00 p.m. | Activities for the kids:
Games * Crafts * Pumpkin Decorating * Face Painting
(KIDS TENT) |
| 4:00-6:30 p.m. | Fire Department Obstacle Course |
| 4:00-8:00 p.m. | Trackless Train Ride |
| 4:00-8:00 p.m. | Rock Wall Climbing |
| 4:00-8:00 p.m. | Bungee Jumping Trampoline |
| 4:00-8:00 p.m. | Photo Booth - TENT 2 |
| 4:00-8:30 p.m. | Corn Maze |
| 4:00-10:00 p.m. | Family Friendly Hay Wagon Rides |
| 4:00-10:00 p.m. | Beer Garden - CHS Alumni Association |
| 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Kickball Game |
| 5:30 p.m. | CHS Youth Cheerleaders (Grades 3-6) |
| 6:00-6:45 p.m. | Magician Rick Smith - Magic Show - TENT 1 |
| 6:45-7:45 p.m. | Strolling Magician |
| 7:00-10:00 p.m. | Music by The Good Knights |
| At Dusk | Fireworks |



Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Bacci Park

Annual Corn Roast

Activities start at 4:00 PM



This annual event supports and celebrates a number of important community groups, volunteer organizations and our school district.
No dogs are allowed at this event. Only licensed service dogs are permitted.