

Village of Cuyahoga Heights

Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

February 2023 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

February 1 - Charity Pick Up

February 2 - Groundhog Day

February 4 - West Side Market Trip

February 14 – Happy Valentine's Day

February 15 – Spring Soccer Registration Deadline

February 20 – Presidents' Day Village Hall/Service Department Closed

February 21 - Rubbish Collection

February 22 - Special Pick Up

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 Mayor Bacci's Desk

February is upon us, and I must say, we have been pretty lucky with this year's winter weather. Hopefully, spring will be here before you know it. We will just have to wait and see if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow on Thursday, February 2—Groundhog Day.

Holiday

In observance of Presidents' Day, our village hall and service department will be closed on Monday, February 20. Please note that rubbish collection will take place the following day, Tuesday, February 21 and special pick up on Wednesday, February 22.

Events

We invite our residents to honor departed family members through the planting of a memorial tree as we celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Bacci Park. Village residents may purchase a tree through the village for \$200 which includes your choice of a tree (White Oak, Red Oak, Norway Maple, Green Mountain, Sugar Maple or Red Maple), its planting and initial maintenance, and a memorial plaque. For those residents interested in purchasing a tree, the application along with payment must be turned into the village hall c/o Lee Ann by Monday, March 27. Applications are available at the village hall or on our web site.

Don't forget that there is a bus trip scheduled to the West Side Market on Saturday, February 4. The bus will pick up residents at their home beginning at 7:00 a.m. Shoppers will have a couple of hours to enjoy all the market has to offer. The bus will depart the market at 9:45 a.m. to bring you back to your residence. Residents must register by calling the village hall no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, the day before the trip. Please also note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Programs

Trying to get healthy for the New Year—join the Seven Hills Recreation Center. The village has continued their agreement with Seven Hills for our village residents to use their facility. Our 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, we will pay 50% of the rate for all other bona fide village residents desiring to secure a membership as outlined in our price sheet. In order to purchase a membership, please contact the village hall during normal business hours. Each resident/family must show proof that he/she is a bona fide resident of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. At that time, you will also need to pay your 50% of the membership (cash or check only) for those not covered under the 100% rate.











From Mayor Bacci's Desk (continued)

A copy of the approved application, rules and regulations will then be given to the resident. It is then up to the resident to take the approved application to the Seven Hills Recreation Center so that you can receive your official pass. We hope our residents will take advantage of this special offer and keep fit.

We are pleased to announce that we have renewed our contract with the Heritage Home program for 2023. This program offers free technical assistance advice for home repair and maintenance projects on homes that are over 50 years old. In addition, the program offers low-interest equity loans for home improvement projects. For additional information, please contact a Heritage staff member at 216-426-3116 or visit their website at www.heritagehomeprogram.org

Senior Citizens

Our transportation program continues to be one of our village's most utilized services. This service is available for our senior citizens (60+ years of age) who are otherwise unable to get to their doctor's appointments. If any senior citizen has a doctor's visit and is in need of transportation, please contact Vera Heinzman at the service department one week prior to the scheduled doctor's visit at 216-641-2702.

Congratulations

Kristin Brauer celebrated her 30th birthday on January 3. But the real party was on Saturday, January 7 at Forest City Brewery—her husband Drake and family threw a surprise birthday party for her.From what I heard; she was totally surprised! Pictured with Kristin are her siblings Courtney and Charlie.

David & Laura Unger became first-time grandparents. Their son David and his wife Alexis welcomed Archer David who was born on December 27. Congratulations also to Mrs. Joan Unger who was blessed with yet another great-grandchild. Pictured are David Unger with his children: Zach, Alexis, and David.

Nicole Janezic tied the knot with Chris Demand on Friday, December 16 at Windows on the River. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

We are proud to announce that Tyler Hughes was offered and accepted a Graduate Assistant's position at Ohio Dominican University as their tight ends coach while studying to receive his Masters Degree in Sports Management. In addition, Tyler graduated from John Carroll University on December 9 and is looking forward to his commencement ceremony this spring. Congratulations Tyler on a job well done! Pictured with Tyler are his dad Dan and mom Jennifer.









From Mayor Bacci's Desk (continued)

Birthdays

Our office continues to collect dates of our residents' birthdays. If you would like to share this information with us, please email to l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com.

Special birthday wishes to Mrs. Irene Kloss who turns 92 on February 3 and Mrs. Adeline Lipiec who turns 98 on February 8. God bless these wonderful women.

February birthday wishes to employees: (5) Jason Sagan & Dave Palucki; (14) Assistant Building Commissioner Ken LaBella who will turn 60; (15) Building Commissioner Norm Casini will turn 90; (16) Joe Cipriano and Councilman Rick Centa; (24) Todd Sciano; and (28) Lee Ann Schoeffler.



Condolences

The village's magistrate, Dean DePiero lost his mom Roberta on January 15; she was 80 years old. Please keep Dean and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

"99% of failures come from people who make excuses." ~ George Washington



From the desk of your Chief Financial Officer Pingel Meniwether





2023 Village Scholarship Program

The scholarship program assists village resident graduates.

Recipients will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship in the form of a tuition reimbursement.

In order to be eligible for the award, the recipients must meet several requirements:

- 1. Be a resident of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.
- 2. Be a graduating high school senior in the spring or summer of 2023.
- 3. Be enrolled either full-time or part-time, at an accredited college, university, community college, vocational or technical school for the fall of 2023.
- 4. Complete the fall 2023 school term with a grade point average sufficient to be in good standing with the academic institution.
- 5. Must submit proof of grades to the CFO's office by March 1, 2024.

Applications are available at the Cuyahoga Heights High School Guidance Office or at the village hall and must be submitted to the CFO at the village hall by May 1, 2023.

Any questions please email cfo@cuyahogaheights.com

A Message from Your Police Department

Reporting Power Outages and Downed Lines

Customers who experience a service interruption due to the storm are encouraged to report their outage by calling 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877), texting OUT to LIGHTS (544487) or clicking the "Report Outage" link on www.firstenergycorp.com/outages.

Residents can sign up to receive email and text message alert notifications for updates after they've reported a power outage. You can also use two-way text messaging to report outages, request updates on restoration efforts and make other inquiries about their electric accounts. More information about these communications tools is available at www.firstenergycorp.com/connect.



Ice accumulation can bring down power lines and tree branches. Customers should assume all downed or low-hanging power lines are energized and dangerous. Stay at least 30 feet away and use extra caution where downed lines are tangled in trees or other debris, and do not touch anything that is also in contact with a power line. Report downed lines ASAP by calling 911.

For updated information on the company's current outages, the company's storm restoration process and tips for staying safe, visit FirstEnergy's 24/7 Power Center at www.firstenergycorp.com/outages.

Winter Storm Preparation

The CHPD and First Energy encourages residents to plan for the possibility of power outages and cold temperatures due to the impending winter storms by following these tips:

- Keep electronic devices such as cell phones, laptops and tablets fully charged.
- Have a car charger on-hand to charge mobile devices if your power is out. If you have a smart phone, this will ensure you have access to online information sources.
- Keep a flashlight, portable radio and extra batteries handy in the event of a power outage. Tune to a local station for current storm information.
- Gather extra blankets or a sleeping bag for each person.
- Do not use gas stoves, kerosene heaters or other open-flame heat sources to prevent deadly carbon monoxide gas from building up in your home.
- Stock an emergency supply of convenience foods that do not require cooking.
- Consider maintaining a hard-wired phone to report an outage or emergency. A plain, hard-wired phone can operate on power delivered through the phone line.

A Message from Your Police Department continued ...

Snow Emergency Parking Ban - Codified Ord. #452.13

Please remember that whenever the snow exceeds two (2) inches, the snow emergency & parking ban will be placed into effect.



Village Codified Ordinance #452.13 states,

"During the period of the emergency, the parking of all vehicles upon any or all of the streets of the village shall be prohibited."

To assist us, we ask that you refrain from parking on the streets if the weather forecast predicts snow that will accumulate two (2) inches or more. We also ask that residents advise guests and visitors that may arrive or be present during any active ban.

Whenever possible, the village will attempt to notify residents when a "snow emergency parking ban" has been placed in effect. All residents are urged to sign up for the "Swift-Reach" notification program by contacting the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall. The "swift-reach" system may notify registered residents of when a snow ban is in effect and of other important village information.

Please note that as a last resort, vehicles may be cited and/or towed.

STAY SAFE!

Respectfully,

Chief Sturgill
Brian D. Sturgill
Chief of Police





FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF MIKE SUHY



We hope everyone had a healthy and happy holiday season. Our department rung in the season and celebrated with several of our retirees. It was great to come together and reminisce with so many, including Assistant Chief Marty Malek, Assistant Chief Ron Henry, Lt. Dennis Suhy, Lt. Don Pallini, FF Pete Panizzutti, FF Rick Bacci, and FF Mike Chase.



The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department would like to wish Assistant Chief Howard Selig all the best in his retirement. Assistant Chief Selig was a member of the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department since April 2, 1989. While on the Fire Department Howard was a Lieutenant, Captain, and Fire Inspector. Howard retired on January 31.





Retirement



FIRE EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS

We would like to congratulate Firefighter Bryon Borowy. Bryon will be our next Assistant Chief and will take over on January 31. Bryon has been an acting officer since 2015, served as vice president for Local 702 and represents CHFD on the Southwest Emergency Response Team Fire Investigation Unit.



We also would like to congratulate Firefighter Nick Frye as the next full-time firefighter at CHFD. Nick has been a part-time firefighter for the Village of Cuyahoga Heights since 2019. We look forward to Nick joining our team and community.



Congratulations!



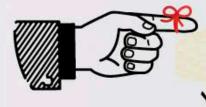
From your Building Department

Building Commissioner, Norm Casini Assistant Building Commissioner, Ken LaBella

Hope everyone had a blessed and safe Holiday Season and Happy New Year to All!



The building department is working with GovPilot on new software for 2023. This program will have some great features for our residents and the new program should be implemented by the end of March. Residents will now have online access to all building department forms and applications. There will also be a module on the new system listed as "Point of Concern" that will allow residents to identify any concerns such as road or sidewalk hazards, property maintenance issues, landscaping concerns and all building department related concerns. Residents will be able to access Gov Pilot to express their concern and track the concern to see the progress how it is being handled. This program will be accessible with all applications and forms on our website www.cuyahogaheights.com in the building department.



New year means new contractor renewals! All contractors should be registered for 2023 if they are performing work in the village. To be properly registered they would need the following:

- √ Application completed in full
- ✓ Certificate of Insurance with the Village of Cuyahoga Heights listed as additionally insured
- ✓ Proof of Worker's Compensation Insurance
- ✓ State License
- ✓ Proof of Registration with local City tax agency, R.I.T.A.
- ✓ Registration Fee in the amount of \$100.00. Check made payable to The Village of Cuyahoga Heights

You may contact the building department to verify if a contractor is currently registered with the Village of Cuyahoga Heights at 216-641-7020.

Council has approved another five years for the George M. Suhy Grant program, the program will run from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027. There have been some new added features to the grant program, more information along with the proper guidelines for applying for the grant program will be coming to you soon.





Rental Renewals, Out of County Rental Owners and Vacant Dwelling applications will be due April 1, 2023.



Follow-up maintenance letters for those who have not addressed any maintenance violations from 2022.

DID YOU KNOW:

Smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

1. In each sleeping room

2. Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms

3. On each addition story of the dwelling (including basements and habitable attics)





From your Service Department

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.

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.







From your Service Department (continued)

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 <u>service department at 216-641-3505</u> with your name, address, phone number, and the nature of your <u>problem</u>. 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.



New Year, New Equipment!

The beginning of this New Year has been very exciting for the service department! The first week of January, we picked up our brand-new garbage truck for the village. We are retiring the old garbage truck after 20 years of servicing the village every week. We are very eager to get the new garbage truck on the road and when you see it out on your street this month, give the driver a wave and a thumbs up!

We also have a new landscaping trailer for 2023! The new trailer is enclosed and will assist with keeping our landscaping equipment out of the elements. Plus, it looks even better with the addition of our village logo! When the weather starts to warm up and you see the new trailer around the village, give the head landscaper Eric a thumbs up!





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.

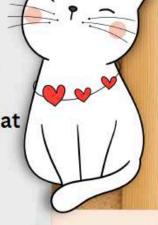




FROM YOUR RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all the participants from January's Artist For A Day village outing! It was a great time to gather for an afternoon of painting & socializing! We look forward to planning more trips throughout the new year.

If you have any questions or suggestions for future trips, please feel free to send me an email at chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com or contact me at 216-641-2702.





Cedar Point Season Pass Reimbursement

We are still accepting Cedar Point 2023 Season Pass Reimbursement requests!

Contact Vera at chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com for more information!

SPORTS 6



NEWS

There is still time to register for the first two youth recreational sports in 2023!



2/15 ~ Youth Soccer registration deadline



3/15 ~ Youth Baseball & Softball registration deadline

Registration forms for both activities are available on the village website www.cuyahogaheights.com.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to send me an email at chvrec@cuyahogaheights.c om or contact me at 216-641-2702.

Vera Heinzman Recreation Coordinator Under the 'Recreation' option at the top, click the 'Sports' tab and you will find the forms under 'Application Deadlines'.

In addition to the registration form, a Recreation Public Health Waiver is required for all participants and available on our website.

Register Today!





CuyahogaRecycles.org

5 Ways to Recycle Right

- Leave recyclables loose not bagged. Plastic bags do not belong in your recycling bin or cart. 1. Plastic bags get tangled in the sorting machines at the recycling facilities and cause major problems for the recycling process. Plastic shopping bags can be recycled at many retail locations, including Giant Eagle, Lowe's Home Improvement, Marc's, Target and Walmart stores.
- 2. Make sure it's clean and empty. Rinse residue from cartons, containers, bottles and jars or any other recyclable that may contain food particles. Greasy pizza boxes are not accepted.
- 3. Keep it dry. When it comes to paper, boxes and cardboard, keeping it dry is imperative for the recycling process. Flatten all cardboard and boxes as well.
- 4. Don't wishcycle. Think you can throw everything into your recycling bin and it will get sorted out at the recycling plant? Think again. Recycling only the correct items is paramount: aluminum cups, cans, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, paper and boxes along with plastic bottles and jugs.
- 5. Join a social media community. Share a post. Do a story. Get engaged with the social media accounts in your community.

Recycle Right in Cuyahoga County.

Recycle right in your home by placing only these items in your recycling, Items should be loose - unbagged - in your recycling cart or bin.



Some communities accept additional items such as these shown below. Check CuyahogaRecycles.org for details.



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Happy New Year!

If you are 55 years old or older, please come join the Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens for friendship, parties, trips and luncheons!

Our first meeting of 2023 will be on February 14th at 5pm at the village hall. On that day, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a meal. Please mark your calendar.

Dues will be payable at this time (\$20.00)

Please respond to **Noel Centa at 216-509-5278** if you will or will not be attending by **February 7**, so that we will know how much food to order for the party.