



# Village of Cuyahoga Heights

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

## June 2023 Newsletter

### Upcoming Dates and Reminders

May 29 – Memorial Day

Village Hall/Service  
Department Closed

Bike Decorating at 9:00 a.m.  
Klima Gardens

Memorial Day Parade 10:00 a.m.

Kennedy House Open  
10:30-11:30 a.m.

May 30 – Rubbish Collection

June 3 – Village Wide Garage Sale  
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Swimming Pool Opens  
12:00 p.m.

June 7 – Charity Pick Up

June 18 – Father's Day

June 21 - First Day of Summer!

### 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/ Finance 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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are posted every month under the government tab.



# From Mayor Bacci's Desk

Greetings—hope everyone is doing well! I wanted to thank Councilwoman Lois Henley with her assistance at our Arbor Day event. It rained a lot that day and the ground was very wet, so we all met under the pond pavilion at Bacci Park and honored those individuals who had a tree planted on behalf of their family. Family members that talked took us down memory lane and shared beautiful stories; others brought tears to our eyes. This year we planted 13 trees. For those that don't know, we celebrate this holiday every other year—in the odd years. Our next Arbor Day celebration is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2025. Pictured is Councilwoman Henley welcoming everyone to the event.



I wanted to remind our residents that this coming Monday is our annual Memorial Day parade and service. Please join me, our elected officials, residents, family, and friends as we pay tribute to those Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Parade step-off time is 10:00 a.m. from Klima Gardens—marching south on East 71st Street to the Village Hall War Memorial. After the service, please join us for food and refreshments. “Thank you to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.”



The Historical Committee will open the Kennedy House to visitors on Memorial Day from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Take a minute to stop and visit the house—see the beautiful displays, memorabilia and documents that are part of our village's history.

## AROUND TOWN

### River Sweep

Thank you to Council President Renato Contipelli for assisting with the Canal RiverSweep at Bacci Park last month. Mr. Contipelli noted that they had a great turnout and a lot of fun with about 120 volunteers, that's 45 more volunteers than last year! He also noted that the weather was perfect and they picked up a lot of trash and debris. Mr. Contipelli thanked Police Chief Sturgill, Councilman Centa, Park Patrol Staff Tony Casavecchia, Concession Stand staff Kelly Hartman and Cheri Piasecki, and all the residents and volunteers who came out and did an amazing job on cleaning up the creek area. Pictured is Council President Contipelli with Fletcher Sturgill.



### Miss Poppy

Prior to the Village of Cuyahoga Heights' council meeting on May 10, I had the honor of introducing The American Legion's Post 627 Miss Poppy Milania Budner and Master Poppy Hayden Bahr. Miss Poppy gained her eligibility through her great-grandfather Bill Myers, a Korean War Veteran – United States Marine Corp. Master Poppy gained his eligibility through his grandfather Larry Jones, a Vietnam War Veteran – United States Air Force.





## *From Mayor Bacci's Desk continued...*

### **Mind Challenge**

A group of our senior citizens have been visiting the City of Brookpark's Senior Center on a weekly basis where other seniors from various communities formed teams to play "Mind Challenge." The game is played over a vast array of trivia categories. Senior Citizen President Noel Centa recently advised us that on Tuesday, May 16 our seniors were leading the event! Their latest score was 81; the next closest team had a score of 66. Congratulations to our team and best of luck as they move forward in the tournament. Strategizing at the table in this picture are (L-R): Dolores Len, Norman Merhaut, Noel Centa, Rick Centa, Barb Bartczak and Diane Leciejewski.



### **Class of 2023**

Best wishes and congratulations to the students of Cuyahoga Heights High School Class of 2023 who graduate on Sunday, May 28. Village resident students are Summer Andrews, Halle Barfield, Georgia Barnes, Jared Cowling, Jeffrey Derbin, Michael Derbin, Jaden Figard, Gianna Grattino, Mackenzie Horky, Sophia Janezic, Becky Lepkowski, Caleb Mahoney, Diya Patel, Hannah Trusso, Mackenzie Vallier, and Bella Williams. "As you now go out into the world remember to connect life to what you have learned. Embrace new questions, respect old wisdom, and never let go of your dream."



### **Last Day of School**

Thursday, June 1 is the last day for students at Cuyahoga Heights Schools. With that being said, please use extra caution when driving and pulling in/out of your driveway as kids will be playing, riding their bikes, walking around and don't always pay attention to motor vehicles.



### **Concession Stand**

The concession stand officially opens for the summer on Tuesday, May 30. Food trucks will again be back during the months of June and July with our first Food Truck—*Pack Your Bowl* on Thursday, June 1 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Stop on down, grab a bite to eat and enjoy all that the park has to offer.





# *From Mayor Bacci's Desk continued...*

## **Swimming Pool**

The Cuyahoga Heights William R. Gerdon swimming pool will officially open for the summer on Saturday, June 3 at 12:00 p.m. Hours of operation are Monday through Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost for pool passes for village residents remains the same at \$25 for an individual pass and \$75 for a family pass. Information has been posted to our Cuyahoga Heights Recreation social media account on how to purchase your pool passes online. Please contact the swimming pool beginning June 3 at 216-341-7684 or email the pool staff at [pool@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:pool@cuyahogaheights.com) if you have any questions.

## **Garage Sale/Shred Day**

Don't forget that the village wide garage sale takes place on Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Our annual shred day is set for Saturday, July 8 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.

## **Birthdays**

Milestone birthday wishes to Mr. Frank Schoeffler who celebrates his “70th” birthday on June 10. Wishing you happiness, health, and prosperity! Pictured is Frank and I at our 2018 senior citizens flu shot event at the village hall.

June birthday wishes to employees: (1) Bryan Rini; (3) Michael Cuthbertson; (6) Anthony Kotar; (8) Stanley Schab; (11) Viktor Zsigmond; (15) Josh Elenniss, Patrick Goldsworth; (23) Bob Krajewski and William Malovrh.

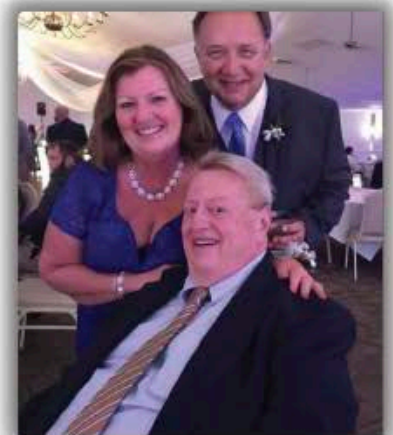
## **Condolences**

Please keep Frank and Kim Schoeffler and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Kim lost her brother Dale Jeanguenat, who also was a resident in town, on April 26; he was 74 years old. Pictured are Kim, Dale and Frank at a wedding in 2017.

*Save the Date — Saturday, October 7 for our annual Corn Roast.*

**“Be patient and calm; no one can catch a fish with anger.”**

– President Herbert Hoover







# Council Member Spotlight



Councilman: Robert Unger  
 4753 East 71st Street Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125  
 Phone: (216) 533-0089  
 Email: [rw.unger@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:rw.unger@cuyahogaheights.com)

## "What about Bob?"

- Worked in the steel industry for 30 years.
- Started in 1974 shoveling iron ore pellets from between the railroad tracks for Republic Steel.
- Graduated from Baldwin Wallace with a Business Degree while working full time, and raising a family.
- Finishing my career at Charter Steel as a Plant Manager and retired in 2004.

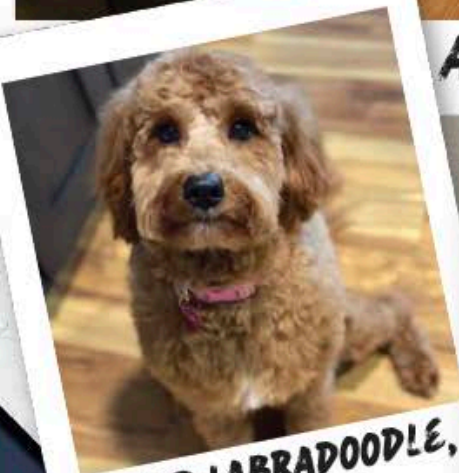
I graduated from Cuyahoga Heights High School in 1972, and started a family in 1974.

Councilman – 6 years  
 Clerk/Treasurer – 12 years  
 Married to Janine for many years, and we still like each other most of the time !!  
 Seven children  
 Thirteen grandchildren

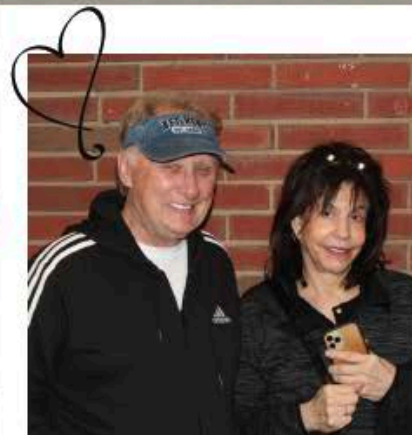


ALL 13 GRANDKIDS!

We love Cuyahoga Heights, and always wanted to make it the safest, most beautiful community to live. I decided to run for Council to help make decisions that would benefit all of our residents, and keep our village financially sound, and our residents safe.



OUR LABRADOODLE, DYLANIE



MY WIFE JANINE AND I



I AM CURRENTLY RETIRED, WHICH GIVES ME TIME TO ENJOY OUR GRANDCHILDREN, GOLF, AND FISHING





From the desk of your Chief Financial Officer



*Angel Meriwether*

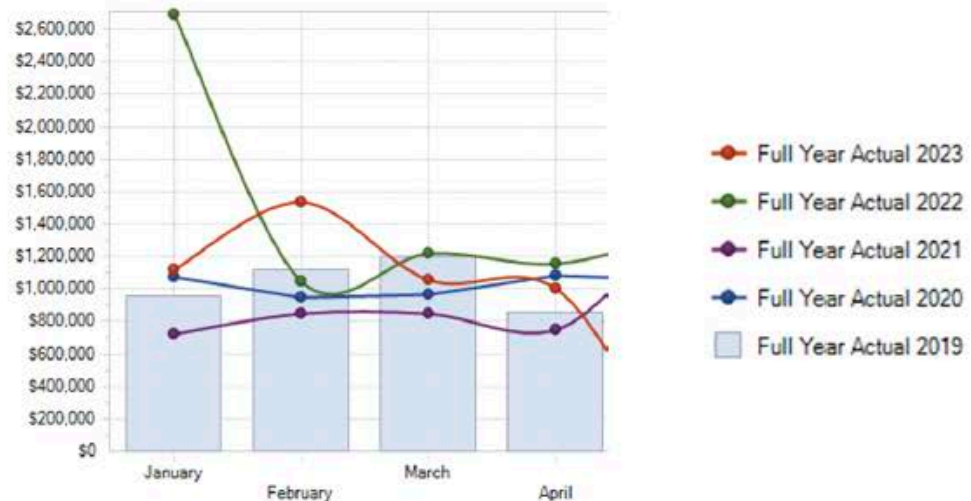


## Village Financial Updates

The largest portion of the Village's Revenue comes from our tax revenue and is from income tax (i.e. payroll taxes/net profit). We are diligently monitoring that our budget and revenue is on track to reach our annual revenue estimates.

Below outlines this portion of our revenue received year to date.

### Income Tax Revenue Collected YTD



On behalf of Mayor Bacci and council,  
congratulations to the 2023 scholarship  
recipients:

Jared Cowling  
Jaden Figard  
Mackenzie Horky  
Gianna Grattino  
Becky Lepkowski  
Hannah Trusso  
Bella Maria Williams





# A Message from Your Police Department



With the end of the school year quickly approaching the CHS seniors will soon be graduating. This will bring to the community many graduation parties and celebrations. Underage drinking increases during celebratory times such as prom and graduation.



## Some Facts

- Parents who give alcohol to their teen's friends under any circumstances, even in their own homes, are breaking the law.
- Parents who knowingly allow a person under 21 to remain in their home or on their property while consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages can be prosecuted.
- Adults (non-parents/non-guardians) can be prosecuted for serving or purchasing alcohol for minors, which carries a penalty of up to a \$1,000 fine and up to 6-months in jail.

## Suggestions When Hosting

- Send invitations and try to avoid the "open party" situation.
- Don't send e-mail invitations. They can be forwarded to a large number of people quickly and you lose control of who has the information.
- Put your phone number on the invitation and welcome calls from parents.
- Set rules ahead of time such as no alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.
- Set a start and end time for the party.
- Avoid allowing underage attendees to leave and return to the party.
- Provide plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Let your neighbors know in advance there will be a party and that you will be there to supervise.
- Familiarize yourself with your community's noise ordinance.
- Limit the party access to a certain area of the house/property.
- Have a plan for dealing with vehicles. Include parking information on your party invitation.
- Secure all forms of alcohol.
- Make regular visits to all party areas while being sensitive to your graduates need for independence.
- Invite other parents to help chaperone if there is a large number of teenagers expected.

## If You're Away or Out of Town

- Set and communicate rules and standards to be followed in your absence.
- Do not allow underage youth to have unsupervised parties or gatherings.
- Remind them of their responsibilities and the consequences of their actions.
- Have a relative or responsible adult stay at your home during your absence, have your teenager stay with a responsible adult or ask a neighbor to watch the house and stop in while you are gone.



# A Message from Your Police Department cont...

## If Your Teen Attends A Party Elsewhere:

- Discuss the graduation events and parties with your teen and with other parents.
- Be sure to know the exact location or address of the party and the phone number of those hosting the party.
- Ensure that an adult will be home and that there will be no alcohol or other drugs allowed.
- Know who your child is attending the party with and obtain all necessary cell phone numbers.
- Establish clear guidelines and curfews.
- Talk to your teen about the serious dangers and consequences of underage drinking and driving.
- Plan for transportation beforehand. Assure your teen that you, a relative or an adult friend can be called at any time if a ride is needed... **NO QUESTIONS ASKED!**
- Be awake when your teen gets home. This will give you the opportunity to talk with them and be involved.
- Remind your child that you are there for them always with...**NO QUESTIONS ASKED!**

Respectfully;  
Chief Sturgill

The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department  
would like to congratulate the Class of 2023.  
Please have a **SAFE** and **HAPPY**  
Graduation season!!!  
We wish you all the best for a successful  
future!







## FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF MIKE SUHY

### Philips Lifeline



The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department is dedicated to finding solutions that support the independence of older adults. One of these solutions is the Phillips Lifeline System—ideal for a variety of needs. Have you fallen and require assistance? Are you having trouble breathing and need an ambulance? Find yourself locked out of the house and must find someone with a key? Philips Lifeline can help connect your loved ones and the fire department. Signing up is easy. We will come to your home and show you how the system can work, install the equipment, maintain all your products, and assist you with any questions along the way.

- 33% of people age 65+ will fall. At 80, that increases to 50%.
- Seniors who receive help within an hour have a better rate of survival.
- The faster help arrives, the less likely an injury will lead to hospitalization or the need to move into a long-term care facility.

If you would like a consultation and/or a Phillips Lifeline System unit installed, call Assistant Chief Borowy at the Fire Department 216.641.6799.

*From all of us, we wish everyone a safe  
and Happy Memorial Day.*

*It is an important time to remember all those Americans who have fought to keep this  
country safe and free.*

*It is a day to honor and respect the armed forces, those who have already sacrificed,  
and those who continue to serve our country still today.*





# 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 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](mailto:sd@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](mailto: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*

The Cuyahoga Heights Service Department will rototill residential gardens once a year, free of charge, upon request. Area to be rototilled must be clearly marked. Please call the service department at 216-641-3505 to be put on the list.





FROM YOUR  
RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT



**Cedar Point Season  
Pass Reimbursement**

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will reimburse \$50 to any resident who purchases or has already purchased a Cedar Point Season Pass for the 2023 season. Residents must show a valid 2023 season pass or receipt of payment (with pass holder name listed) 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 two weeks of submission acceptance. *Reimbursement is \$50 regardless of pass type purchased.* Contact Vera at 216-641-2702 with any questions.

# SPORTS NEWS

Softball, baseball, and t-ball are underway!  
Best of luck this season to all the children participating.  
Stop down to 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 website.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Men's & Women's Softball	July 1, 2023
Fall Soccer	July 15, 2023
Youth Flag Football	July 15, 2023
Cheerleading	July 15, 2023
Youth Basketball	October 1, 2023



**CONGRATS TO ALL THE SENIOR PLAYERS  
THIS SEASON!**



# Yoga

with Jessica Tresko

The village is proud in continuing partnership with Jessica and her yoga classes since 2016.

Join us twice per week via a virtual or in person format.

Classes ranging from:

*Vinyasa flow* matches the breath with movements; works up a vigorous sweat

*Yin* deep stretching on the floor

*Relaxation* supported relaxing positions on the floor; props needed

Ages 10 and above of all skill levels are welcome!

*When:*

Wednesdays - virtual format from 5:15 -6:15 pm

Saturdays - In person format from 9:15 - 10:15 am

*Where:*

Virtual classes on Zoom - email & Zoom needed to access.

In person classes - upstairs auditorium at the village hall located at 4863 East 71st,  
Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125

*Cost:*

Residents - FREE

Non-resident guests - \$5 per class (can be pre-paid or paid day of class )

Pre-registration is required. Forms can be filled out at the village hall



# Upcoming Events

## **BACCI PARK FOOD TRUCKS** *Check Out List of Events for* **JUNE 2023**



### ***PACK YOUR BOWL***

**THURSDAY**

**6/01**

ASSORTED MEAT AND VEGGIE BOWLS,  
SANDWICHES, WRAPS, QUESADILLAS,  
SIDES, DRINKS AND MORE!

### ***OFF THE GRIDDLE***

**THURSDAY**

**6/08**

CUBAN SANDWICHES, GYROS, PITAS  
SALADS, FRIES AND MORE!

### ***CHEESY DAVE'S***

**TUESDAY**

**6/13**

GOURMET MAC AND CHESE, BURGERS,  
SANDWICHES AND SIDES!

### ***SOUTHERN THANGS***

**THURSDAY**

**6/22**

BURGERS, CHICKEN SANDWICHES,  
SALADS, SIDES, DESSERTS AND MORE!

### ***TWISTED GRILL N GRIND***

**THURSDAY**

**6/29**

BURGERS, TACOS,  
BREAKFAST ITEMS, SIDES,  
DESSERTS AND MORE!





# ARBOR DAY 2023





# 2023 RIVERSWEEP @ BACCI PARK

