



Continuing to move our legacy community forward...

November 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

November 2 – West Side Market

November 3 – Daylight Saving Time Ends

Turn clocks back one hour

November 5 – General Election Polls open from 6:30 am – 7:30 pm

November 6 – Charity Pick Up

November 11 – Veterans Day Village Hall/Service Dept. Closed

November 12 – Rubbish Collection

November 13 – Special Pick Up

November 28 – Happy Thanksgiving Village Hall/Service Dept. Closed on Nov. 28 & Nov. 29

December 2

Christmas Stocking Registration Deadline

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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/ 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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From Mayor Bacci's Desk

We couldn't have asked for a better day for our corn roast!

The weather was picture-perfect, an enormous amount of people, the fireworks were spectacular, and fun was had by all. Thank you to village hall, service, police and fire personnel, our elected officials, and all the countless volunteers who helped out. It truly is genuine that it takes a village to pull off an event like this. Mark your calendar and save the date for next year's corn roast which will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Pictured is Cornelius, our corn roast mascot, with Pack 28 who oversaw the hot dog booth.



Pickleball/Sports Court Area

We wanted to share with our residents that the pickleball and sport courts will close for the season on Friday, November 1. Hope those that used the courts enjoyed themselves this summer and we'll open them back up in the spring (weather permitting.)

General Election

Don't forget that next Tuesday, November 5 is the Presidential General Election. Polls will be open in the Ralph Contipelli Civic Center (lower level) of the village hall from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. This election will decide The President and Vice-President of the United States, US Senate, US Congress, Ohio Senate, Ohio House, county council and judicial seats as well as state, county and local issues. Voters are encouraged to view a sample ballot on the Board of Elections website because there are at least six pages of candidates and issues that need to be read carefully to ensure the ballot is voted properly. Some of the text is printed on more than one page of the double-sided ballots. If you need additional information, the Board of Elections phone number is (216) 443-8683 or you can also go online at boe.cuyahogacounty.gov.



Veterans Day

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day to honor our military veterans for their service to our country. This history of Veterans Day. World War I, known at the time as "The Great War," officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day—a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

From Mayor Bacci's Desk (continued)

On behalf of our village, I would like to thank and acknowledge the following residents who are Veterans: John Baranowski, Richard Cockrell, Howie Combs, Dave Domzalski, Ed Gaida, Rich Grabowski, Tim Krenisky, Sean Lemiec, John Lipnick, Jimmy Medlock, Josh Murray, Tom Nova Sr., Ed Ranch, John Reiger, Bobby Santiago, Ray Smosarski, Frank Trusso Jr., Vince Trusso, Brad Unger, Scott Wadsworth and Richard Wallace. If we missed any residents that have served, please call our office so we can include you in the future. Again, thank you and God Bless our Veterans!



West Side Market

Our next trip to the West Side Market is scheduled for Saturday, December 7.The village van will pick up residents at their home beginning at 7:45 a.m. (the market opens at 8:00 a.m.) and shoppers will have a couple of hours to shop. The van will then depart the market around 10:15 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 note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult and there is a \$5.00 non-resident fee.

Santa Claus is Coming to the Village!

We received notice from our friends at the North Pole that Santa Claus and the Mrs. will be visiting Bacci Park on Sunday, December 22 from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This event is for our resident children and grandchildren between the ages of 0-12.Dress appropriately for the weather—we'll have a fire going, hot cocoa and cookies. Pictures will be taken and each child will receive a goody bag. Please note that you must sign up for the event by contacting the village hall during regular business hours at 216-641-7020 or email Lee Ann at my office at l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com. We will need to know the name(s) of your children/grandchildren and their ages. Deadline to register for the event is Monday, December 2.



Christmas Decorating Contest

Don't forget to turn your lights on at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 22 for our annual Christmas decorating contest. To participate—just turn your holiday lights on by 5:00 p.m. There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Good luck to all!



From Mayor Bacci's Desk (continued)

Birthdays

November birthday wishes to employees: (1) Tom Nova; (10) Tom Kekelis, (13) Carl Smith, and (28) Mark Hine.

Milestone birthday wishes to resident Barb Biro who celebrates her "60th" on November 3 and to Councilman Bob Unger who turns "70" on November 27. Best wishes to you both as you celebrate your special milestone birthdays!

Pictured with Barb is her family at our 2019 Easter egg hunt and Bob with his mom, Mrs. Joan Unger during the 2022 flu shot event.







Offices Closed

Please note that the village hall and service department will be closed on Monday, November 11; Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of the holidays.

"Wishing you and those dear to you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday—may your heart be filled with gladness and your home be filled with joy!"



A Message From your CFO, Angel Meriwether

The Corn Roast would not be a success without our volunteer base that runs the food booths every year. This year's groups who deserve a shout out are the Music Boosters, Pack 28, CHS PTO, Cheerleaders, Cross Country, Junior Class.

After hosting our 12th Annual Corn Roast event, we are excited to share with you that the Village of Cuyahoga Heights has donated more than \$49,000 over the years to school district groups.

Thank you again to all the students, parents, teachers and village residents for volunteering your time and carrying on this amazing tradition!











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Cuyahoga Heights



A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF, BRIAN STURGILL



November 3-9, 2024

Sleep First. Drive Alert.

The National Sleep Foundation's Drowsy Driving Prevention Week® encourages everyone to prioritize sleep and drive when they are alert and refreshed. Our goal is to help people get the sleep they need and reduce the number of drivers who choose to drive while sleep-deprived.

Together, we can help people drive alert and work to prevent thousands of motor vehicle crashes each year.

Warning Signs of Drowsiness and Fatigue

If you:

- · Can't remember the last few miles driven
- · Have wandering or disconnected thoughts
- · Experience difficulty focusing or keeping your eyes open
- · Have trouble keeping your head up
- · Drift from lanes or hit a rumble strip
- · Yawn repeatedly
- · Tailgate or miss traffic signs
- · Find yourself jerking your vehicle back into lane...

Then you may be suffering from drowsiness or fatigue.

Continuing to drive in this condition puts you at serious risk of being involved in a fatigue-related crash. You should pull over in a safe place and get some rest before resuming your trip.



What You Can Do to Stay Alert While Driving:

• Sleep / Take Naps: Your best bet is to get enough sleep every day. If you feel drowsy while driving, a 15-minute nap can be very effective. Make sure to pull over in a safe place.





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- Caffeine: Avoid caffeine during the last half of your workday as it may contribute
 to sleeping problems. You can gain short-term alertness by drinking coffee or
 other caffeine sources if driving, but it usually takes 30 minutes to take affect and
 wears off after a few hours.
- **Regular Stops:** You should stop every 100 miles or 2 hours. Switch drivers if you can.
- AC MAX Re-circulation: Do not operate the vehicle for extended periods of time with the AC on MAX or Recirculation. Under these conditions the level of CO2 in vehicles is increased and may contribute to drowsy driving.

If You are Planning a Long Trip, use the following tips for avoiding fatigue:

- Prepare for your trip by getting a good night's sleep the night before. Plan to drive during the time that you are normally awake and stay overnight rather than traveling straight through.
- · Avoid driving during the body's "down time". According to AAA, this is generally in the mid-afternoon and between midnight and 6:00 a.m.
- · If you have passengers, talk to them. It will help to keep you alert and they will also be able to tell if you are showing signs of getting sleepy.
- · Schedule a break every 2 hours or every 100 miles. Take a nap, stretch, take a walk and get some exercise before resuming your trip.
- · Stop sooner if you show any danger signs of sleepiness.

"Tricks" That <u>DO NOT WORK:</u>

· Opening the window, turning on the air conditioning, or playing loud music are not effective in keeping drivers alert for any extended period of time.





AMESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF, MIKE SUHY





How you can be FIRE-SAFE in the Kitchen



Stay in the kitchen when frying food or cooking with oil or grease.







Never cook when you are tired.







To put out a pan fire, slide a lid over the pan. Turn off the stove and let the pan cool.





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If you have a fire and it does not go out, get out of the home and call the fire department.







Keep things that can burn away from the stove.

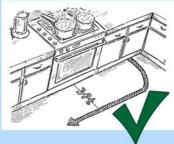




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Keep kids at least three feet from the stove.





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SAFETY WEEK IN VILLAGE

In the beginning of October, the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department visited the middle school for their Safety Day and spoke to the seventh graders about fire safety and fire extinguisher use, Stroke 101 which included education on stroke signs and symptoms and awareness, and Stop the Bleed which included first aid for trauma and tourniquet use. The seventh graders also got hands on experience in all these experiences.











The Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department visited the elementary school and spoke to the Pre-K – fifth graders about fire safety and 9-1-1, including stop, drop and roll, staying low, checking doors for heat, and the importance of smoke detectors and escape routes. The firefighters also showed the kids around the fire truck and ambulance. Students were given a helmet and badge upon completion of their "training."

Thank you to the elementary school and parents for allowing us to visit and educate your children—it's an event we look forward to and enjoy every year.







Service Dept. 5181 Canal Rd. Cuyahoga Hts. Ohio 44125 (216) 641-3505 sd@cuyahogaheights.com

VILLAGE SERVICES



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 - NOW ONLINE!

If you need a special pick up for trash that is oversized, large amounts, or hazardous waste, you can now go online 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 submit your information by 4:00 p.m. on Monday to get on the list for Tuesday's pick up. Please visit www.cuyahogaheights.com at the top select 'Online Services' & select the red 'Special Pick Up' tab. Please fill out your name, address, and all information regarding items you would like to be picked up and where they are located. You will then get an email response when the request has been successfully submitted. If you have any questions, please contact Vera at 216-641-3505.



Charity Pick Up - NOW ONLINE!

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. Please visit www.cuyahogaheights.com at the top select 'Online Services' & select the red 'Charity Pick Up' tab. Please enter your address and select from the drop down. Fill out your name, phone number, email address and all information regarding items you would like to donate and where items are located. This must be submitted prior to the first Wednesday of the month for this service. You will then get an email response when the request has been successfully submitted. If you have any questions, please contact Vera at 216-641-3505.



Dumpsters - **NOW ONLINE!**

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. Please visit www.cuyahogaheights.com at the top select 'Online Services' & select the red 'Dumpster Rental' tab. Provide your information and select a preferred delivery date for the dumpster & specify the location for placement. You can now conveniently pay the fee online through a link that will be sent to your email. You also can drop off cash or check payments at village hall. 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.



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 your home.

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Meals on Wheels (By Lori's Custom Catering) - NOW ONLINE!

Visit www.cuyahogaheights.com at the top select 'Online Services' & select the red 'Meals On Wheels' tab to fill out an application. This service is available to any village resident that is 60 years of age or older. A lunchtime 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 at the service department at 216-641-3505 or <a href="mailto:service-servic



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.



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.

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 at 216-641-3505 or sd@cuyahogaheights.com.

Recreation Department News

with Recreation Coordinator, Vera



Fall Basketball practices will be jumping off soon!
If you have registered for fall basketball, we are
working with the neighboring communities to
finalize teams and coaches will be in contact
after placement is complete.

Cedar Point

2025 Season Pass Reimbursement

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will reimburse \$75 to residents who purchase or have already purchased a Cedar Point Season Pass for the 2025 season. Residents must forward the email confirmation that you receive from Cedar Point after purchase to chvrec@cuyahogaheights.com. Reimbursement will only be provided to residents currently living in Cuyahoga Heights and requires the inclusion of names of all pass holders for 2025.

Reimbursement will be issued within three weeks of submission acceptance & is \$75 per pass regardless of 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.



In conjunction with the Cuyahoga Heights Historical Committee, we'd like to honor our military veterans by placing wreaths at St. Mary's Cemetery this December.

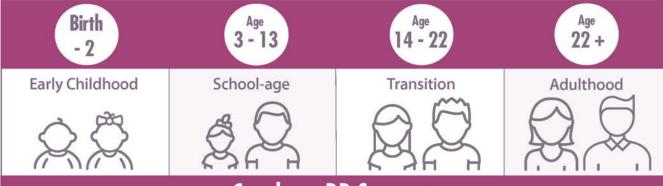
If you have loved ones who served our country in any fashion, we will offer the purchase of a wreath (expected cost \$20.00.)

Depending upon response, we will select a date, have a brief ceremony and families can place their respective wreaths on gravesites.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Contact Mark Chase at (216) 409-1179 or Laura Bacci Merhaut at (216) 256-6349.

Deadline is November 15, 2024 so wreaths can be ordered.

Overview of DD Services in Cuyahoga County



Cuyahoga DD Supports

There are many ways Cuyahoga DD can help throughout one's life.

Early Intervention (EI) services are provided by Cuyahoga DD in partnership with Bright Beginnings.

For El Services, call Bright Beginnings first: 216-698-7500.

Cuyahoga DD El supports can include:

- physical therapy
- · occupational therapy
- speech/language therapy
- developmental expertise

Other supports to help address your needs

Family Supports Program and Lending Libraries

- Planning and support to help you address your needs
- Communication, assistive technology and behavioral supports
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy
- Family Supports Program and Lending Libraries

Eligibility for Cuyahoga DD

services must be

redetermined at age 3 and 6.

Call 216-736-2673.

- Planning and support to help you address your needs
 - Transition planning beginning at age 14
 - Communication, assistive technology and behavioral supports
 - Physical, occupational and speech therapy
 - Travel assessment and training
 - Hiring events for job seekers
 - Connections to community partners and resources
 - Family Supports Program and Lending Libraries

Eligibility for Cuyahoga DD services must be redetermined at age 16. Call 216-736-2673.

- Planning and support to help you address your needs
- Communication, assistive technology and behavioral supports
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy
- Travel assessment and training
- Support to find or maintain employment or day services
- Information on residential options
- Connections to community partners and resources
- Family Supports Program and Lending Libraries

Cuyahoga DD Family Supports Program

This funding is for people eligible for Cuyahoga DD services and supports who live at home with their families and are not enrolled on a Medicaid waiver. Funds can be used for camp, respite care, home modifications, special equipment, incontinence supplies, specialized nutrition, leisure/recreation and services for infants and toddlers.

Cuyahoga DD Lending Libraries

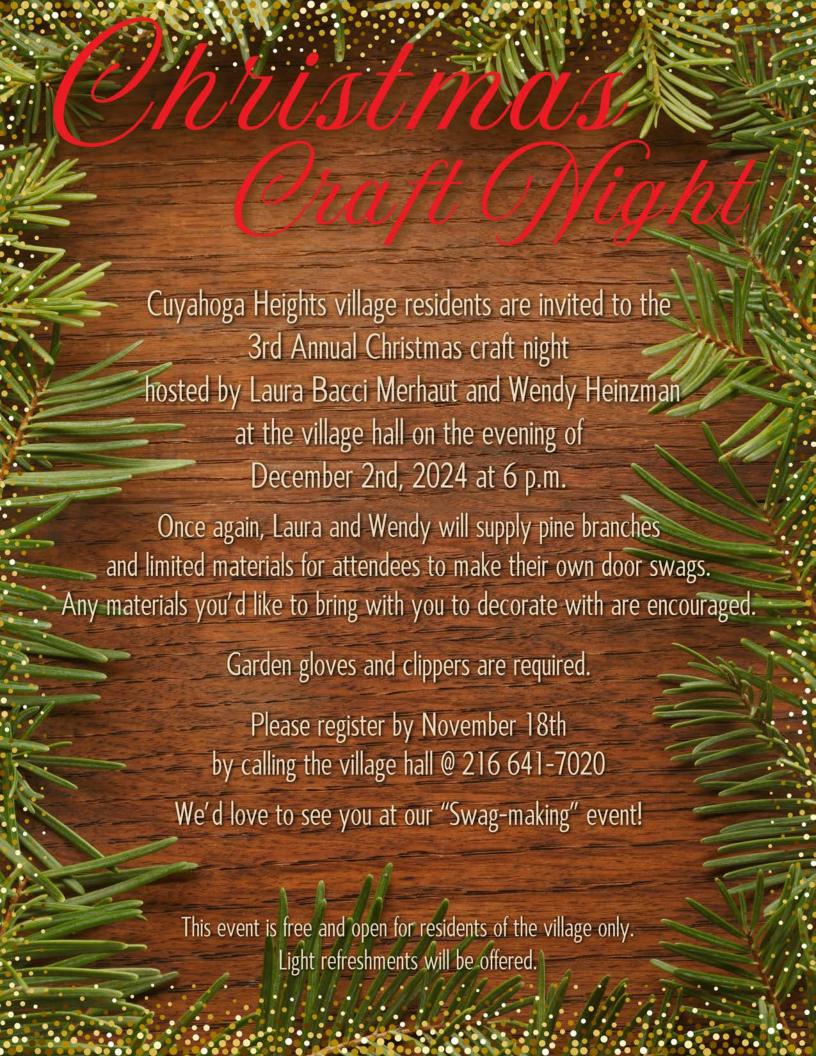
Take advantage of the OT/PT and Assistive Technology libraries that contain over 2,000 pieces of equipment that can be loaned for trial periods. Visit www.CuyahogaBDD.org.

This is not an all-inclusive list. Other types of services and supports may be available. Services and supports are based on a person's assessed needs, using a person-centered approach.

New to Cuyahoga DD? Time for redetermination? Call: 216-736-2673



General Information: 216-241-8230



The Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens invite all Cuyahoga Heights Residents to join them on a trip to this year's



at the IX CENTER in Brook Park

Friday, November 22, 2024
Bus leaves Town Hall at 9:30 am ~ Returns at 2 pm

Tickets at the door: \$14 (Online until November 21: \$12)

Hundreds of vendors and food!

* Santa Land – Mail your letter to Santa

Sugar Plum Shoppe – 3,000 pre-wrapped gifts under \$9

Call Village Resident Robyn Nobili at 216-202-1394 before November 15 to reserve a seat on the bus.

Please leave a message and Robyn will get back to you.

This event is on a first come, first served basis, and there are only 32 seats available on the bus.

Please note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult, and there is a \$5.00 non-resident fee.



The Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens invite all Cuyahoga Heights Residents to join them on a trip to

"Once Upon a Christmas Craft Show"

at Grace Church in Middleburg Heights Friday, November 8, 2024

Bus leaves Town Hall at 2:30 pm/ Returns at 6 pm

Free Admission ~ 150+ vendors and 12 Food Booths

Call Village Resident Bea Duber at 216–883–4873 before November 1 to reserve a seat on the bus.

This event is on a first come, first served basis, and there are only 32 seats available on the bus. Please note that children 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult, and there is a \$5.00 non-resident fee.

Senior Citizens Puzzle Exchange

If there are any village senior citizens that wish to participate, we highly encourage you to join in!

If you have a puzzle or board game you no longer want, you can bring it up to the village hall and exchange it for a different puzzle or game.

There will be a black bin labeled "games and puzzles" located at the rear entrance of the village hall that you can access at anytime for picking up and dropping off.

Any questions you may have, please call Noel Centa, senior citizens president at 216 509-5278

CORN ROAST OCT 5, 2024































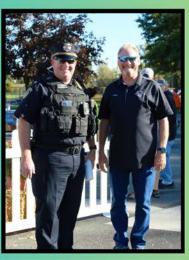










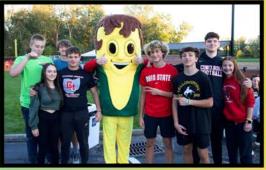












































CORN ROAST KICKBALL GAME!























Sunday, December 22nd 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Village Resident children/grandchildren

+ ages 0-12

Take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus and then afterwards warm up by the fire and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and cookies!

Call the village hall at 216 641-7020 during regular business hours or email Lee Ann at l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com to sign up

*Sign up deadline is Monday, December 2

DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY	CALLS	FIRE OR	POLICE	911
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Fire Department		(216) 641-6799				
5480 Grant Avenue	(216) 641-6799 Fire Chief Michael Suhy					
	(216) 883-6800					
	(216) 640-2045					
5480 Grant Ave	Police Chief Brian Sturgill					
VILLAGE HALL4863 East 71st Street	(216) 641-7020					
4863 East 71st Street	Fax: (216) 641-8485					
SERVICE DEPARTMENT	(216) 641-3505					
		Fax: (216) 641-0315				
5181 Canal Road		Service Director Dave Sammons				
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Website: www.cuyahogaheights.com						
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Todd Bloam						
Rick Centa						
Renato Contipelli	7143 Marcelline Court	(216) 210-2307				
Matthew Schoeffler						
Robert Unger	4753 East 71st Street	(216) 533-0089				
David Volek	4680 East 71st Street	(216) 570-6239				
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	Cleveland, OH 44144					
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Todd Sciano	7979 Hub Parkway	(216) 642-1130				
Donald Bohning & Associates	Valley View, OH 44125	Fax: (216) 642-1132				
BUILDING COMMISSIONER						
Norm Casini		(216) 641-7020				
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Cuyahoga Heights High School.....(216) 429-5707 Cuyahoga Heights Middle School.....(216) 429-5757 Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School.....(216) 429-5880