

VOCH Building Department

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This summer you may be thinking about building a deck to enjoy the nice warmer weather. Before you begin your deck project, you will need to submit a few items to get a permit from the building department. Permits are required for the installation of any deck.

Deck Building Guidelines:

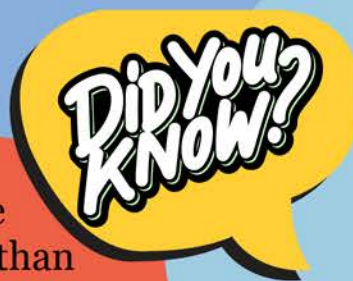
- Complete a building permit application, available on the village's website www.cuyahogaheights.com, through our GovPilot portal.
- Provide a site plan showing the location of the existing house and proposed location of the deck.
- Make sure you are aware of the property line setbacks.
- Submit two sets of drawings describing the material intended to be used and a cross section of the deck and a railing detail.

Basic guidelines to build a deck:

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

Spiral Stairways:

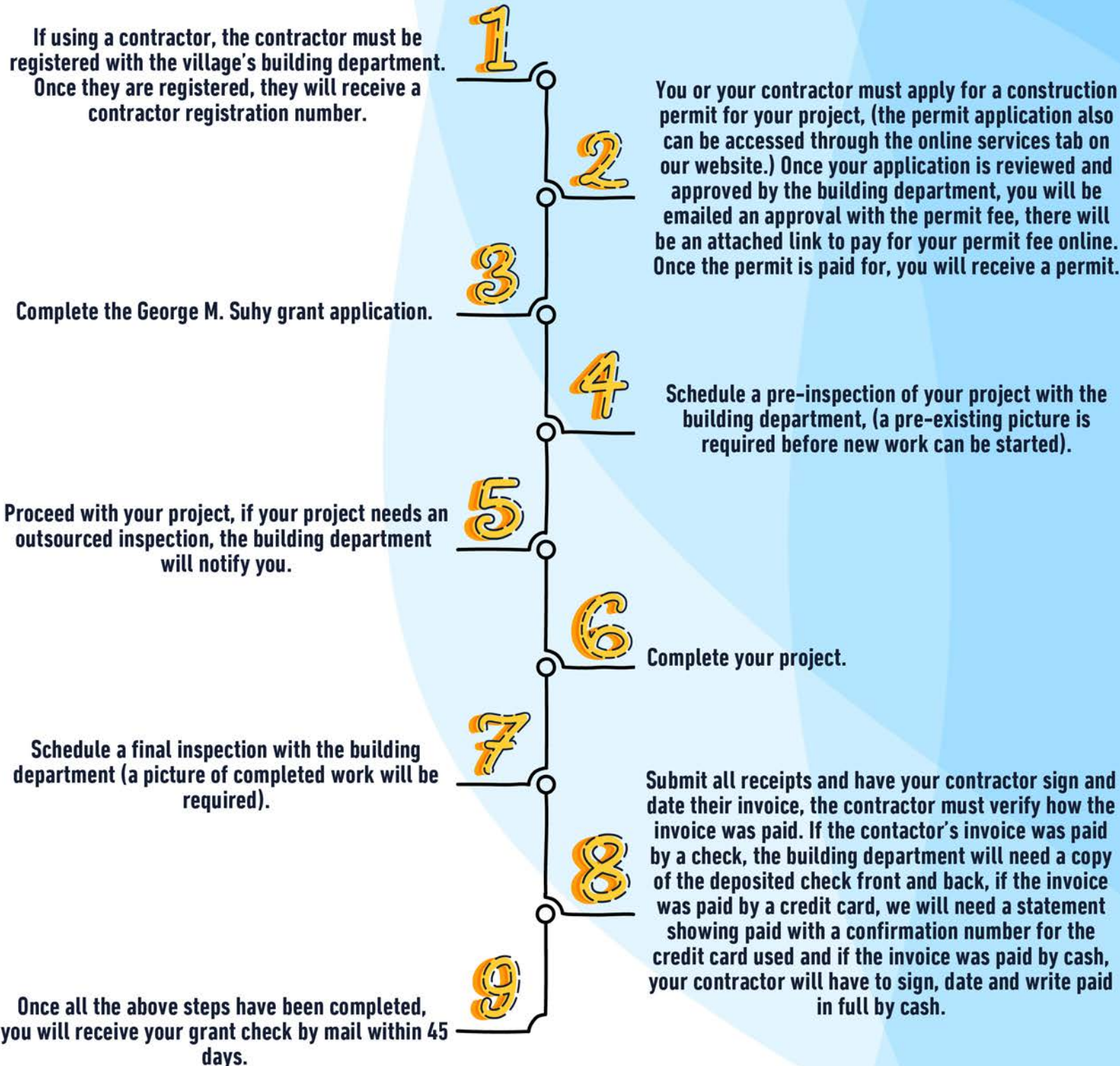
Spiral stairways are permitted, provided that the clear width at and below the handrail is not less than 26 inches and the walkline radius is not greater than 24-1/2 inches. Each tread shall have a depth of not less than 6-3/4 inches at the walkline. All treads shall be identical, and the rise shall not be more than 9-1/2 inches. Headroom shall be not less than 6 feet, 6 inches.





The George M. Suhy Grant Program

The process is now done online through our website at www.cuyahogaheights.com, click on the online services tab at the top of the page and scroll down to Suhy grant application. This is where you will start your application for your grant. Please follow the steps listed below:



Please note: If you do not have access to a computer, please call the building department and we can schedule a time when you can come into the village hall, and we will assist you in filling the application out on a village computer. Please call 216-641-7020 to schedule with the building department Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m.