



# From Mayor Bacci's Desk

## *Around Town*

**LAST CALL!** We invite our residents to honor departed family members through the planting of a memorial tree as we celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 25 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, Red Maple, Crimson King or Black Gum), its planting and initial maintenance, and a memorial plaque. **The deadline to purchase a tree is Friday, March 14**, and the application along with payment must be turned into the village hall at that time. Applications are available at the village hall or on our website.



Save the date for our annual Easter egg hunt which will take place on Saturday, April 12 at 11:30 a.m., **rain or shine!** The egg hunt is open to all Cuyahoga Heights' resident children and grandchildren 0-12 years of age. Anyone wishing to donate Easter baskets for the egg hunt can do so by dropping off your basket at the village hall during regular business hours prior to Thursday, April 10. Additional information such as location of the event will be included in the next newsletter.



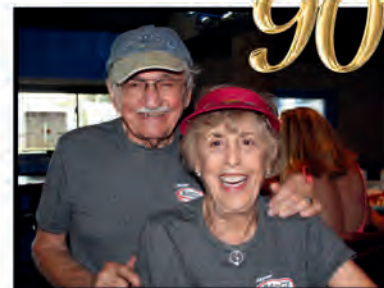
It's that time again! Start cleaning out your basement, closets, attic—put those items you no longer want aside and save them for our village-wide garage sale. The event will take place on Saturday, June 28, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Village residents interested in participating in the garage sale at their homes need to register by calling the village hall at (216) 641-7020 during normal business hours. By registering your residence for this event, you will receive one (1) table which will be dropped off at your home earlier that week by our service department. Please be advised that there are not enough tables for more than one table per residence. In addition, we will be placing ads in the Neighborhood News and online to promote our garage sale. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 11.**



## *Birthdays*

Special birthday wishes to village resident, Mr. Denis Vanek who will celebrate his 90th birthday on March 25. "May this special milestone be a testament to a life well-lived!" Pictured are Mr. Vanek and Ms. Marilyn Duszynski. This photo was taken in 2022 during lunch at The Casino Bar & Restaurant in Kelleys Island during my annual August senior's trip.

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March birthday wishes to employees: (8) Police Chief Sturgill; (11) Joe Wallace; (12) Angel Meriwether; (15) Jeremy Grabowski, (18) Jeff Baciak; (19) Frank Marcelli; (25) Barb Cash and Tracy Deal; and (26) Jimmy Berdysz.

# From Mayor Bacci's Desk (continued)

## Congratulations

On Tuesday, February 18, village resident and Cuyahoga Heights alum, Mikey McManus was recognized and received “The Louis Natale Referee of the Year Award” by the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Association. This award is a testament to Mikey’s hard work and determination as a wrestling official. Pictured with Mikey is retired Cuyahoga Heights Schools Superintendent Tom Evans.



Kudos to village resident Marissa Ulery who was named to the Dean’s List at Ursuline College for the Fall 2024 semester. Congratulations on your academic achievement Marissa!

Ryan Krajewski graduated from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) on January 31 at Parris Island, South Carolina. His family and friends are incredibly proud of all his hard work and accomplishments to become a marine. Pictured with Ryan are his father, Bob Krajewski (and Cuyahoga Heights Service Department employee); sister, Brooke; and mom, Lee Ann. Godspeed and stay safe Ryan.



## Condolences

Mrs. Mary Frances Casavecchia, or as we affectionally called her “Aunt Mary,” was a long-time resident of the village, passed away on February 3 at the age of 88. She was a kind woman, a good neighbor of the community, and always had a smile on her face. Many of us remember when she worked at the snack counter in the cafeteria at the high school—and she always made sure you ate your lunch before you were allowed to purchase a snack...lol! She truly will be missed by those who knew her. Please keep her family, especially her children Carl and Carla, as well as her niece Barb Biro in your thoughts and prayers. Pictured is Aunt Mary at Kelleys Island in August, 2012 during my annual trip with our seniors. Even though it rained the entire day, she had fun and smiled the whole day through.



*Lastly, but absolutely not least. I wanted to let everyone know, especially all of the ladies and yes, even some gentlemen in town that have been urging me to take that “next step” with my lovely longtime girlfriend...to that, after over nine years of being very patient with me, Miss Tricia got her ring and we couldn’t be more excited for the next chapter of our lives! For those of you that don’t know or have never met Tricia, she’s a Brooklyn (OH) girl and has been a special needs teacher for over 30 years (currently in Parma) and yes, I’ve heard all the jokes on how that’s probably why she’s able to deal with me. Sooo, stay tuned...hopefully I’ll be able to share some fun pics in the future as we move forward!*

