



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

# March 2025 Newsletter

## Upcoming Dates and Reminders

**March 5 – Charity Pick Up**

**March 9 – Daylight Saving Time Begins**

**March 17 – Happy St. Patrick’s Day**

**March 17 – Youth Baseball & Softball Registration Deadline**

**March 20 – Spring Begins**

## 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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Minutes of our council meetings are posted every month under the government tab.





# 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.



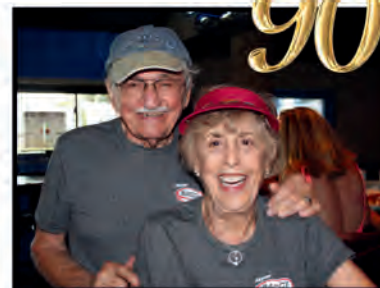
It's that time again! Start cleaning out your basement, closets, attic—put those items you no longer want aside and save them for our village-wide garage sale. The event will take place on Saturday, June 28, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Village residents interested in participating in the garage sale at 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.

90<sup>th</sup>



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!*







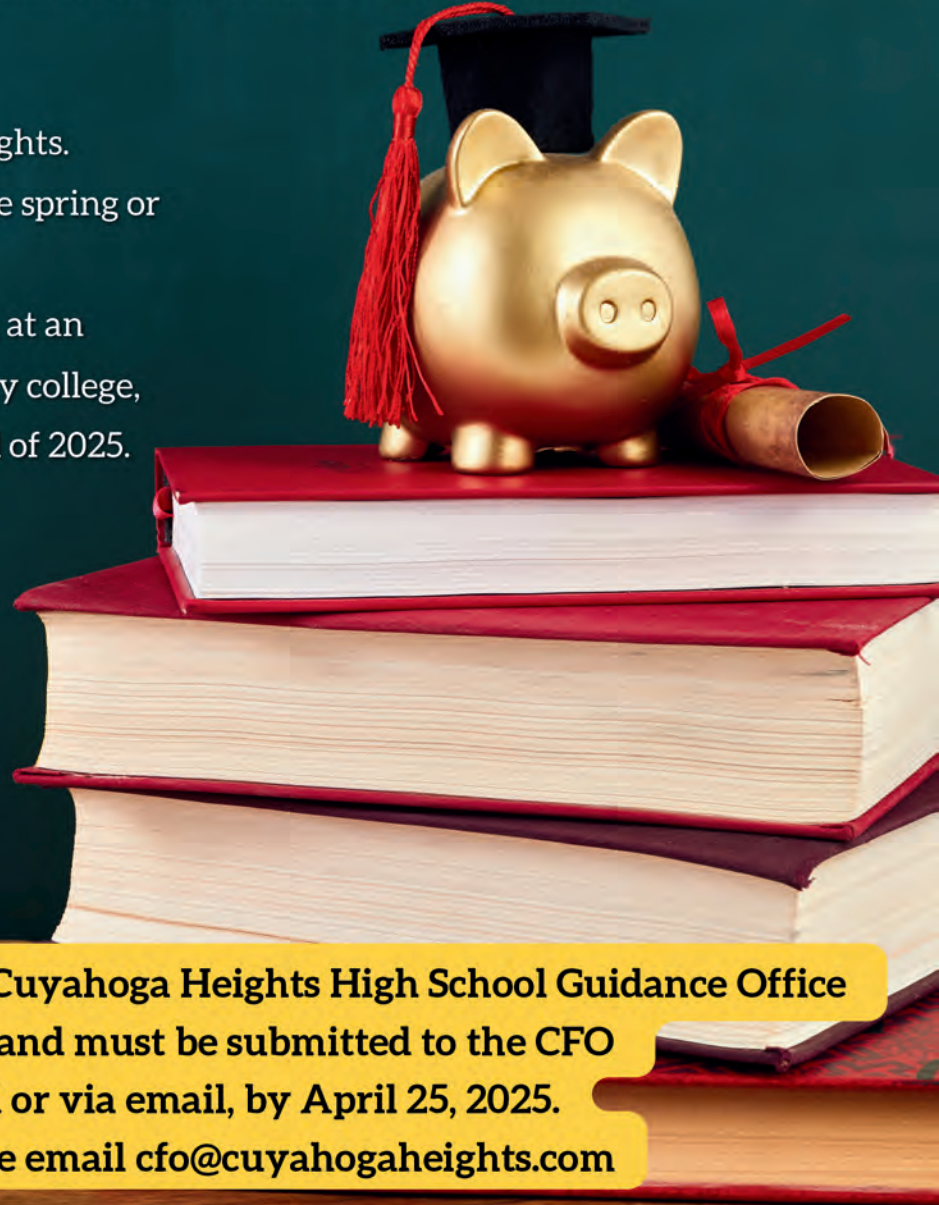
From the office of your CFO, Angel Meriwether

## 2025 Village Scholarship Program

Our scholarship program assists village resident graduates. Recipients will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship in the form of a tuition reimbursement.

### Requirements for Eligibility

1. **Be a resident** of Village of Cuyahoga Heights.
2. **Be a graduating high school senior** in the spring or summer of 2025.
3. **Be enrolled** either full-time or part-time, at an accredited college, university, community college, vocational or technical school for the fall of 2025.
4. **Complete** the fall 2025 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, 2026.



**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 or via email, by April 25, 2025. Any questions please email [cfo@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:cfo@cuyahogaheights.com)**



### Fiscal Office Public Notice:

Our 2024 annual financial report has been completed by public office and was submitted to the Auditor of State in February 2025.

The report is available for public inspection at the office of the chief fiscal officer.





# A Message From Your Fire Chief, Mike Suhy



## Spring Forward Reminder:

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 9, 2025. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour and take this opportunity to test the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



## Spring Break

### Fire Safety:

With travel over Spring Break please remember to unplug appliances, turn off space heaters, and checking smoke alarms before leaving your home.



## Home Heating

### Safety:

March can still bring chilly temperatures. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything flammable and never leave them unattended.



## Pet Fire Safety

Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

### SAFETY TIPS

- Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.
- Keep pets away from a chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

## Pets and Wildfires

Make sure pets are included in your family's wildfire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household. Ensure each kit is a size and weight that can be quickly and easily loaded into a vehicle when packing to evacuate.



### FACT

Pets or wild animals have a part in starting about 750 home fires per year. These involve cooking equipment, fireplaces and chimneys, space heaters, lamps, bulbs, wiring, and candles.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards







# VOCH Building Department

Building Commissioner, Norm Casini  
Assistant Building Commissioner, Ken Labella

**What a tough winter we've had so far.... and only 22 more days till spring! We hope everyone has been healthy throughout the winter months.**



## **Attention Homeowners:**

On March 1st, the Building Department will be sending out Rental Renewal, Out of County Owners of Rental Property and Vacant Dwelling applications. All applications can be found on our website [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) in the building department or through the online services tab at the top of the page.

**Applications for the above are all due on April 1, 2025.**

If you have rental property or a vacant dwelling and have questions regarding the applications, please contact the building department at 216-641-7020, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 pm.



Minimum areas of habitable rooms shall have a floor area of no less than 70 sq ft.

*Exceptions: Kitchens*

Minimum dimensions of habitable rooms shall be no less than 7 ft in any horizontal dimensions.

*Exceptions: Kitchens*

***Just a quick reminder.... If you are planning any home improvement projects for the spring and summer months, the George M. Suhy grant program is available, if your project qualifies.***

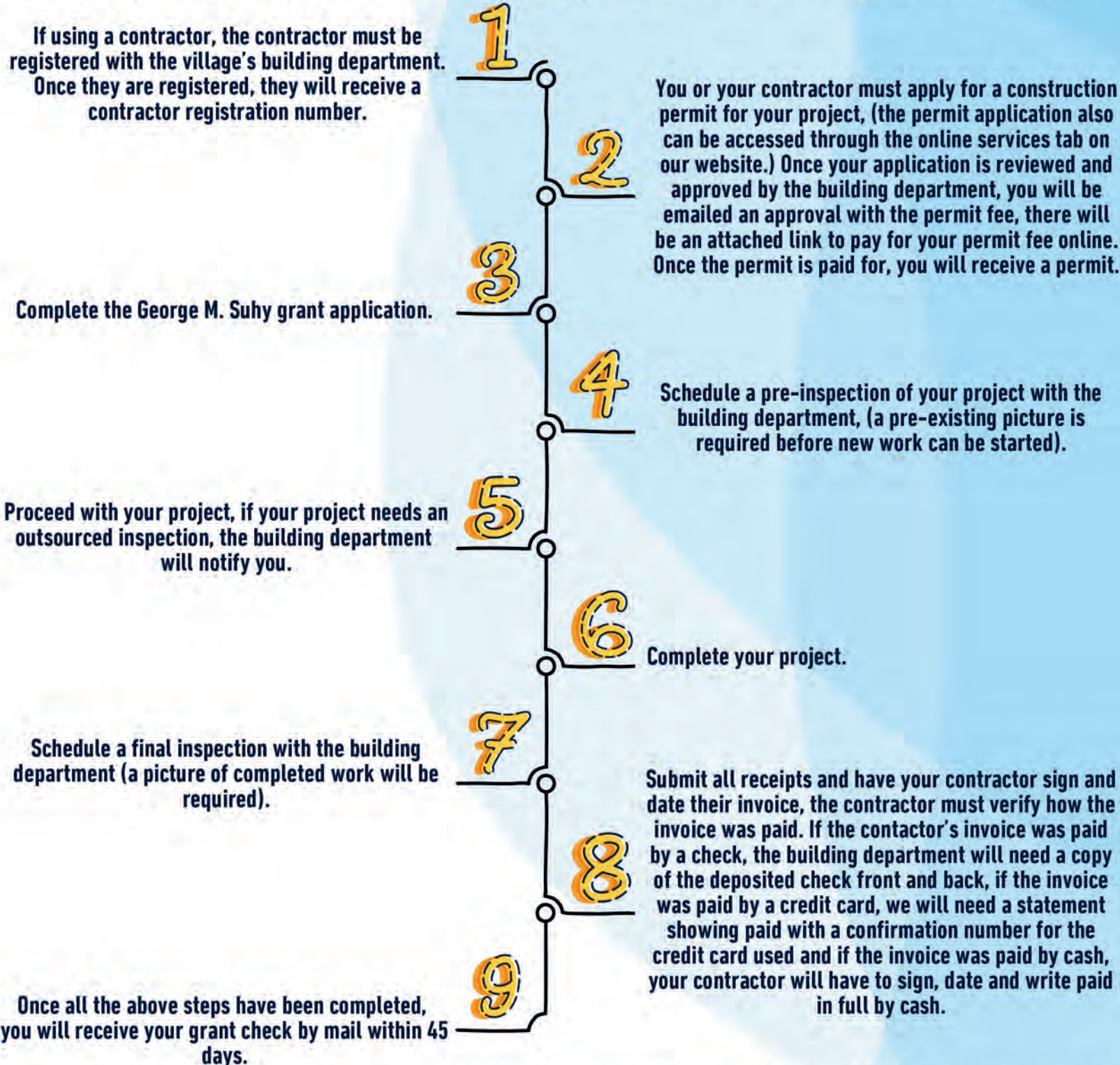
***As always, if you have any questions, please contact the building department at 216-641-7020.***





# The George M. Suhy Grant Program

The process is now done online through our website at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://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.



# VILLAGE WIDE 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](http://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](http://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.**



## Pest and Insect Control Service - **ONLINE COMING SOON!**

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.



## Tree Trimming/Removal Service - **NOW ONLINE!**

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. Please visit online at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) under 'Online Services' & select the red 'Tree Trimming' tab.



# VILLAGE WIDE SERVICES



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

Visit [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://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 [sd@cuyahogaheights.com](mailto:sd@cuyahogaheights.com).**



## Dumpster Rentals - **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](http://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.



## Table & Chair Rental - **ONLINE COMING SOON!**

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.



## 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.



## Equipment Loans

*In previous years, the service department has provided equipment loans to residents, including plumber's snakes for unclogging drains. However, moving forward, the service department will discontinue this practice. **If you experience an emergency, please reach out to the service department, and we will assess whether we can assist you immediately or if we can recommend any vendors to help with blocked drains.***





# Residential Snow Removal Program

*The village offers snow removal service performed by our service department to our residents during the winter months. If any resident is interested, please read for details on how to sign up.*

- 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](mailto:sd@cuyahogaheights.com).*



# Recreation Department News

with Recreation Coordinator, Vera



With the basketball season now wrapped up, congratulations to all the players for their hard work! It's time to gear up for the exciting spring sports season that will be kicking off shortly!



## Cedar Point 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](mailto: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.

**SPORTS REGISTRATIONS**  
Youth Sports sign-ups are now just a click away! Registration forms are available online at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) under ONLINE SERVICES.  
**UPCOMING DEADLINE:**  
March 17, 2025  
Youth Baseball & Softball

A BIG thank you to everyone who joined us at Main Event on our first youth trip of the year!



Stay tuned for future trip announcements in our upcoming newsletters. If you have any suggestions for community trips, feel free to reach out at any time!

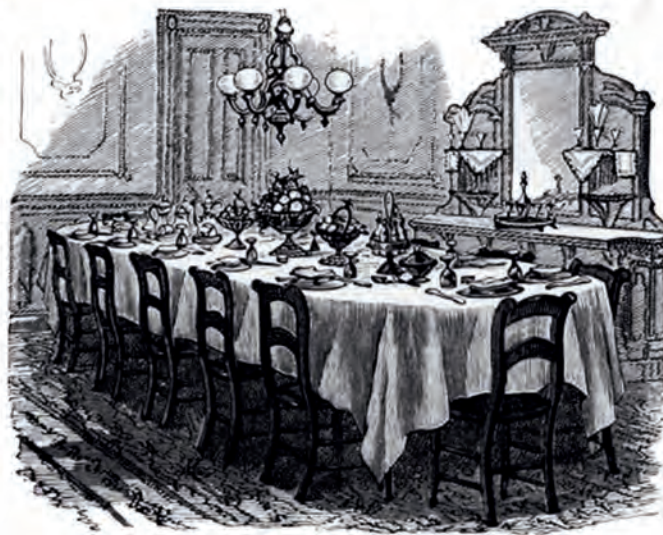


Save the Date: May 8, 2025

## *Cuyahoga Heights Seniors Citizens “Spring Fling” Bruncheon*

“A bit of his (her) story...a bit of fun! Years ago, when we were young women, our families encouraged us to fill a chest with items we’d need if and when we became housewives...I don’t believe I had a true “hope” chest, but I know my sister did. So, to make a long story shorter, a young girl would also seek out a pattern of china for more formal dining. I remember my mom, Lillian Bacci, advising me: “...you want to have place settings for 12...” Wow! Well, I’ve been wondering how many of our residents have lovely settings of china tucked away in a cupboard, basement or attic—seemingly forgotten, unattended—unloved. So here’s our idea—the CHV Seniors would like to host a bruncheon. If need be, have someone assist you in locating your china, then bring a place setting, including a dinner plate, bowl & coffee/tea cup (we’ll provide cutlery) to the village hall for a SPRING FLING together on May 8, 2025, 11:00 am.

For a minimal cost, \$8.00, we’ll set everything up and provide a lovely respite chock full of neighborly camaraderie. We can share stories of how and when your china was acquired and “why” you’re not using these dishes? If, for some reason, you don’t have china, ask a friend or neighbor to share or bring your everyday place setting along. Although this sounds like a girly event, we certainly welcome any men who might be interested.



*P.S. And, if you have a lovely tablecloth hiding out in a drawer somewhere, let us know and we’ll use it when we set up our tables...*

For a reservation, call Noel Centa @ 216 509-5278 on or before Monday, April 7th.  
\*Payment will be due when reserving your place. Checks should be made payable to “Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens Club.”





# UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

## Adult

### **The Florist of Millionaires' Row / *Registration required.***

Explore the rich history of gardening through the life of Ella Grant Wilson, the celebrated Florist of Millionaires Row. Known for her exceptional work with Cleveland's elite, Ella was instrumental in shaping horticultural practices of her time.

**Wednesday, April 2 / 7:00 p.m.**

### **Wednesday Night Book Discussion / *No registration required.***

Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date.

**Wednesday, April 16 / 7:15 p.m.**

### **Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion / *No registration required.***

Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date.

**Thursday, April 17 / 2:15 p.m.**

### **Revisit the Richfield Coliseum, 1974-1994 / *Registration required.***

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Richfield Coliseum. This program will be held at the Independence Civic Center: 6363 Selig Dr. Independence, OH 44131

**Friday, April 18 / 12:30 p.m.**

### **Craft Supply Swap / *Registration required.***

Bring unwanted arts and crafts supplies and exchange them for something new! Participants may arrive at 10:00 to unload and display their materials. Limit of 2 boxes of supplies per person.

**Friday, April 25 / 12:00 p.m.**





# Teen

## **Teen Squishy Circuits / *Registration required.***

Come learn and experiment with electrical circuits using special conductive and insulating play dough!

**Saturday, April 5 / 2:00 p.m.**

## **VolunTeens / *Registration required.***

Volunteer at the library, earn service hours. We will work on a project benefitting the library or for a need in the community.

**Tuesday, April 15: 6:30 p.m.**

# Children

## **Baby & Toddler Storytime / *No registration required.***

Birth – 35 months with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books.

**Mondays, March 3 – April 28 / 11:00 a.m. & Wednesdays, March 5 – April 30 / 10:00 a.m.**

## **Preschool Storytime / *No registration required.***

Ages 3 – 5 (but not yet in kindergarten) with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories.

**Thursdays, March 6 – May 1 / 10:00 a.m.**

## **Toddler Storytime / *No registration required.***

19 – 35 months with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories.

**Thursdays, March 6 – May 1 / 11:00 a.m.**

## **Focus on 4's and 5's / *Registration required.***

Preschool children 4 and 5 years of age and their caregivers join us for stories, songs, and a focus on skills to prepare for kindergarten.

**Wednesdays, March 12 – April 16 / 11:00 a.m.**

## **Egg Dyeing With a Twist / *Registration required.***

For students in grades 3-5. Get creative as we try a few nontraditional and fun ways to color eggs!

**Tuesday, April 8 / 6:30 p.m.**

## **Kindergarten Countdown - Goal Setting / *Registration required.***

Children entering kindergarten fall 2025 with caregiver. Join us as we help your child build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. This session will focus on goal setting.

**Wednesday, April 9 / 11:00 a.m. & Thursday, April 10 / 10:00 a.m.**



**For more information, stop by the Independence Branch, call 216-447-0160, or visit [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org).**



# 2025 Spring/Summer Available Seasonal Positions

## Park Patrol

You will monitor and patrol the parks and trails while driving a golf cart, or on foot. You will be responsible for checking on pavilions, playgrounds, trails, roadways, and restrooms to ensure they are clean of trash, debris, and vandalism. **Must be 16!**

## Lifeguard

You will oversee swimming, teach swimming lessons, and monitor the areas to prevent accidents and assist swimmers when necessary. You must obtain or have a valid Lifeguard Certification prior to June 1, 2025. **Must be 15!**

## Facility Attendant

You will maintain a safe, clean environment at the pool facility and be responsible for general cleaning in the pool area, splash pad, pickleball court, sport court, playground, office and restrooms/changing facilities. Also, join in the fun while assisting with non-pool activities. **Must be 15!**

## Recreation Attendant

You will assist with daily crafts and activities at the pool complex while maintaining a safe and fun environment for the pool guests while using the playground, pickleball court, sport court, and splash pad. **Must be 15!**

## Cashier

You will check guests in at recreation facilities, prepare food (when applicable), sell snacks and beverages, and perform all necessary cash register duties. This will all be done while maintaining a clean and safe environment. **Must be 15 and have efficient math skills!**

Full Job descriptions are available online at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com)  
under Departments "Village Employment"

All applicants, new and returning, must apply online at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com)  
under "Online Services" on or before March 14th.



# Yoga



with *Jessica Tresko*

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

Join her on Saturday mornings and start your mornings with a clear mind

Ages 10 and above of all skill levels are welcome!

Classes ranging from:

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

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

*Yin* deep stretching on the floor

**When:**

Saturday mornings - In person format from 9:15 am - 10:15 am

**Where:**

Upstairs auditorium at the village hall located at 4863 East 71st St.

**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 found on our website at [cuyahogaheights.com](http://cuyahogaheights.com)





***A reminder from the  
Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School***

If your child will be 4 years of age by August 1, 2025, please join us for a Pre-K parent information session on

**March 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the  
Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School.**

This session will talk about our award-winning Pre-K program for the 2025-2026 school year.







## **Why Ohio's Electric Rates are Rising: The PJM Capacity Auction Explained**

In June 2024, PJM Interconnection, which manages the electric grid for 13 states including Ohio, held a capacity auction that resulted in dramatically higher capacity prices. This means higher electric bills for all electric customers in Ohio and the other states PJM serves. ***These new prices will go into effect from June 2025 – May 2026.***

### **What is capacity?**

Capacity is a part of the generation charges on your electric bill. It is the fee that power companies charge to make sure their power plants are ready to produce electricity when there is a high demand for it, like on very hot or cold days.

### **Is this capacity price increase in NOPEC's control?**

NOPEC has no control over the PJM capacity auctions which set capacity prices that are passed through to all residential and commercial electric customers in PJM's footprint, including Ohio.

### **How will the results of this auction impact electricity bills?**

The PJM auction for the June 2025 – May 2026 period resulted in an 800% increase in capacity prices. For the average household in Ohio, this means electricity costs could go up by about 10-15%, which is around 2 cents more per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

### **What is causing the increase in capacity prices?**

The main reason for these higher prices is increased demand for electricity driven by economic and population growth, greater use of electronic devices, and more extreme weather patterns.

### **How long will rates be this high?**

The higher electricity prices are expected to last for the next 3-5 years until incremental electricity generation capacity is added.

### **What steps can households take to prepare for higher electricity costs?**

Invest in energy-efficient appliances and lighting. Look for ENERGY STAR-rated products that consume less energy.

- Install smart thermostats to reduce energy consumption when you're not at home.
- Improve home insulation and seal any drafts to maintain indoor temperatures more efficiently.
- Consider installing solar panels or other renewable energy sources to offset electricity costs.
- Conduct an energy audit to identify areas where you could reduce your energy usage.
- Simple changes like turning off lights when not in use, unplugging devices, and using energy-intensive appliances during off-peak hours can make a difference.

***Visit NOPEC's Energy Savings Center for more energy-saving tips and resources, [www.nopec.org](http://www.nopec.org).***



# Upcoming Spring Events

*that you won't want to miss!*



**Saturday, April 12**

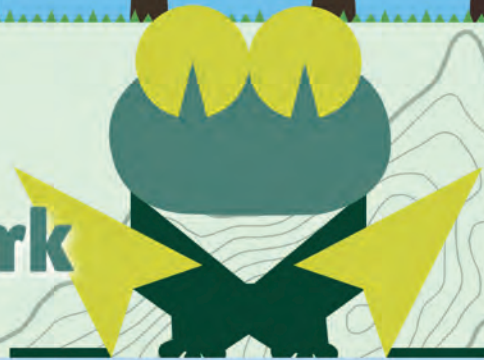
**Village Easter Egg Hunt**

**Friday, April 25**

**Village Arbor Day Celebration at Bacci Park**

**Saturday, May 3**

**Riversweep at Bacci Park**

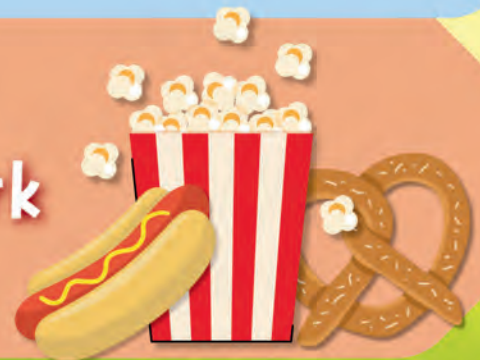


*Monday, May 26*  
*Memorial Day Parade*

**Tuesday, May 27**

**Opening Day at the Bacci Park**

**Concession Stand**



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