

# Bay Village News

October 2016



Dear Fellow Residents and Business Owners:

Welcome to Fall!

As this is my last newsletter, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the great privilege and honor of leading my hometown as Mayor for the past 16 years. Together, during that time, we have been through both great and tough times. But, no matter what life throws at us, Bay always prevails. Through blizzards and hurricanes, post-9/11, and the Great Recession, we have remained a desirable, tight-knit, caring community with wonderfully talented residents.

During the past 16 years, we have invested heavily in projects that continue to build on past successes and move the city forward, without raising taxes. From the Family Aquatic Center, to the Police Station, to the various sewer and road projects, strategic investments were made to improve our community to maintain property values and the desirability of our beautiful city. In this current real estate market, we are certainly reaping the benefits of great schools, neighborhoods, and city services.

I would also like to thank my staff and the wonderful, dedicated employees of the City of Bay Village. You rock! And an especially big thank you to departing Safety and Service Director Scott Thomas for a job very well done. We wish you and Sue the very best out west!

According to the Charter of the City of Bay Village, the successor to the Mayor is the President of Council, if he so decides. Since he is currently undecided, City Council voted to appoint Law Director Gary Ebert as interim mayor. He will do an excellent job and will ensure a very easy transition for both residents and employees.

Again, thank you so much!

Sincerely,

*Mayor Debbie Sutherland*

**Make sure you are signed up for "ReadyNotify",** Cuyahoga County's emergency alert system. **ReadyNotify** provides users with immediate information regarding emergency events in Bay Village and other important information, including Cuyahoga County Government News, Cuyahoga County Building Closures, Water Boil Alerts, and Safety Messages. Users can receive information via landline telephones, cell phones, text messages, email and fax. Sign up at <https://cuyahogacountyoh.my.gov-i.com/signup>. **If you don't have access to the internet, forms are available at the Police Station, Dwyer Senior Center, and City Hall. Fill one out, and we'll get you signed up.**

**From the Fire Dept.** - FEMA has designated September as National Preparedness Month: Don't Wait. Communicate. Sign up today for the Bay Village ReadyNotify emergency notification system on the Emergency Preparedness page at [www.cityofbayvillage.com](http://www.cityofbayvillage.com)."

**From the Service Department** - **Leaf Pickup** begins the week of October 17 and continues through December 12, depending on leaf fall. Please rake leaves to the curb, do not pile leaves in the street. **Yard Waste** collection ends November 29, 2016.

**From the Community Services Dept.** - **Bay Village Holiday Caring & Sharing Program Helps Residents at the Holidays**  
The Bay Village Holiday Caring and Sharing Program was created to help Bay families in need at the holidays. Families with children under age 18 may qualify for our Adopt a Family program, and receive gifts for the children that may not otherwise be possible that year. In addition, a food pantry is also available to those Bay Village residents who qualify.

You can help by: **Contacting Bay Village Community Services** if you are a family in financial need, or you know of a family who is experiencing financial hardships. All information is confidential.

**Making a cash donation to Holiday Caring & Sharing.** Funds are used to purchase grocery gift cards that are distributed throughout the year, as well as at the holidays.

**Adopting a family.** If you or your organization is interested in providing gifts for a family, contact Bay Village Community Services.

Please contact Leslie Selig, director of Community Services, at (440) 899-3409, or [lselig@cityofbayvillage.com](mailto:lselig@cityofbayvillage.com) by November 1<sup>st</sup> if you are interested in participating in this year's Holiday Caring & Sharing program.

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### **A Message from Paul Vincent, Ward 2 Councilman, and Chair to the City's Environment, Safety, and Community Services Committee**

As many of you know, there was a tragic dog bite incident on August 20th and our Council has been working hard to improve our animal ordinances with a focus on improving resident safety and increasing owner responsibility. There has been a significant amount of input from Council Members, residents, and others on how best to balance public safety with fairly holding owners and their pets responsible. On behalf of the other Members of Council, we thank all for their contributions, and we look forward to receiving more helpful and insightful ideas in the future.

On September 12, the Environment, Safety, and Community Services Committee held a meeting to discuss both short and long-term solutions to our existing C. O. 505 Animal and Fowl ordinance. At the conclusion of that meeting, we agreed to propose an amendment to the existing ordinance that established the following:

1. Increased penalties to owners that violated 505.01 by failing to control their animals within their property or on a leash. Specifically, if your animal leaves your control and is considered at-large by the Bay Village Police Department, the penalties escalate from minor misdemeanor to 4th Degree Misdemeanor and then to a 2nd Degree Misdemeanor for the third and all future offenses; and
2. A new penalty if your animal were to attack another animal or person, but not yet designated a dangerous or vicious dog. This is referred to as a "One Strike Rule." It means that if your animal is to leave your control and attack another dog without provocation and you are found guilty for violating this provision, you are guilty of a 3rd Degree Misdemeanor. If your animal leaves your control and bites a person and you are found guilty for violating this provision, you are guilty of a 2nd Degree Misdemeanor. If your animal leaves your control and bites a person or animal and causes serious damage according to R.C. 955.11(A)(5) and you are found guilty for violating this provision, you are guilty of a 1st Degree Misdemeanor.

The Committee will be taking up further considerations such as creating a "Nuisance" dog designation, establishing a "Three Strike Rule," and reviewing various other important concerns within our Animal and Fowl ordinance.

If you'd like to hear the meeting in its entirety, please download from the following link: <https://goo.gl/0cKLgU>.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to write me at [PVincent@CityofBayVillage.com](mailto:PVincent@CityofBayVillage.com) or call me at (330) 671 0323.

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