

# Bay Village News

July 2021



Dear Fellow Residents and Business Owners:

Happy Summer!

As you may know the U.S. Post Office misplaced the majority of the spring sewer and refuse billings that are normally received by residents in early April. If you have not paid through an automatic electronic withdrawal, or other method, the enclosed sewer bill reflects both the April and July quarterly charges. The city has waived late payments on the April billings. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

In March, the City and the Cuyahoga County Public Library system hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking, which signaled the formal start of construction on the 17,000-square-foot Bay Village library branch. The two-story building will feature exciting amenities including a browsing-friendly layout, comfortable seating areas with increased natural light, two fireplaces, a dedicated high-tech teen space, an interactive early childhood area with a family restroom, and the library system's first west side Innovation Center. The center will feature equipment such as 3D printers and computers with advanced design software. There will also be a second-floor outdoor patio area where residents can read and relax. Several of these enhancements were made possible through the generosity of local donors. Thank you for your support. Additional features include:

- Multiple small conference areas for studying and business meetings.
- Several large meeting rooms for community groups and activities.
- A drive-up window allowing residents to pick up books from their vehicles.

The current library branch on Cahoon Road will remain open through construction and will have the new building rendering and interior material samples on display. Renderings of the exterior and the main floor plan are included for your reference. The Innovation Center will occupy the area listed as the maker space.

This site was chosen because of its proximity to Bay Middle and St. Raphael Schools and the after-school activities offered by the branch to our students. A separate entrance has been designed allowing direct access into the teen area during after school hours. The site was also chosen because it did not affect sporting fields or wooded areas.

The Cahoon family valued the importance of education. There are no prohibitions in the will against libraries. In fact, the Rose Hill Museum served as the Bay Village Library in Cahoon Park from 1919 to 1960. The library can be open seven days a week.

On Thursday, June 24th, representatives of the Heritage Home Loan Program will host an information session at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Bay Village City Hall, 350 Dover Center Road. This program provides homeowners with homes 50 years old (and older) with technical guidance and low-cost financing for home improvements and maintenance projects. A letter is enclosed with additional information for your reference.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Paul Koomar*

\*\*\*\*\* **BULK PICKUP DAY** \*\*\*\*\*

**Bulk Pickup day is on the 3rd Tuesday of a full work week.**

**Upcoming dates for Bulk Pickup: July 20th, August 17th & September 21st**

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**From the Police Department** - During the warmer, summer months the Bay Village Police Department generally notices an increase in Theft From Autos and stolen vehicles. There are many ways to combat this problem. Remove valuables from plain view inside the vehicle. Either put valuables in the trunk, out of view or take them inside the home. If the vehicle looks empty, the perpetrator will move on.

Lock your vehicle at all times. The Bay Village Police rarely take calls of vehicles that have had windows smashed to gain entry. It is not typical because it is simply too loud and would attract attention.

Do not leave your keys inside your vehicle for any reason. This is especially important with push start vehicles. With these types of vehicles, the perpetrator does not need to find the keys to start the vehicle.

Proper lighting near your driveway and home security cameras are excellent deterrents. Criminals are looking for easy targets. Discourage them from coming near your property.

If you see something, say something. Crimes like these usually appear in clusters. If you call the police right away, it will increase the likelihood of apprehension. If warranted, call 911 or the non-emergency number at 440-871-1234.

**From the Fire Department** - Our annual hydrant maintenance season will begin, Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and will be completed, weather permitting, by mid-October. Each year we test and flush out every hydrant in the city to ensure proper function, pressure, and maintenance.

Prior to September, we will post temporary signs at all the entrances to the City as a reminder. We will also notify City Hall each morning of our work area for the day. Please note that hydrants are flushed from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Since hydrant maintenance procedures can loosen some of the rust in the water mains, you may notice rusty or discolored water when we are flushing in your area. If this happens, let your cold water run for a few minutes until it is clear again. Should any rusty water end up accidentally in your laundry, the Fire Department will have a supply of rust remover packets. Call 871-1214 for more information, or just stop in at the Fire Station.

Residents are urged to register for **“Ready Notify-CodeRED”**, Cuyahoga County’s emergency alert system. **ReadyNotify-CodeRED** provides users with immediate information regarding emergency events in Bay Village and other important information such as Water Boil Alerts, Weather events and Safety Messages. It is our way of communicating emergent matters to our residents. Users can receive information via landline telephones, cell phones, SMS/text messaging, email, fax and Mobile App. To register please click on the link available on the home page of city’s web site [www.cityofbayvillage.com](http://www.cityofbayvillage.com). Forms are also available at the Police Department. Fill one out, and we’ll get you signed up.

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