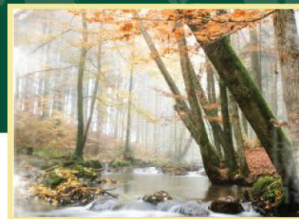


Moreland Hills at a Glance

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills



December 2015

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

On Nov. 11 at 11:00, approximately 50 people – Moreland Hills residents, employees and friends from around northeast Ohio – gathered at Veterans Gateway Park to celebrate Veterans Day by honoring those men and women who have served their country in the military. For those who do not know, Veterans Gateway Park is at the corner of Miles and SOM Center Roads. The five flags in the park represent the five branches of the military. The U.S. flag is, of course, in the middle of the military flags.

Assistant Safety Director Dale Canter, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, gave a deeply moving speech focusing on the sacrifices made by those who have served their country in the military. The Moreland Hills Police Department's color guard, Lt. Todd Dietzel, Sgt. Ross Fowler and Officer Laura Park, gave a rifle salute in honor of all men and women who have served in the military. Officer and Bugler Jeff Canter played "Taps" in honor of all those who lost their lives in service to our nation. All in all, it was a moving and beautiful service. We plan to use this park every Veterans Day and Memorial Day to honor our veterans.

I have wonderful news about the bridges in Forest Ridge. Councilman Paul Stanard, Village Engineer Jeff Filarski and Service Director Ted DeWater recently revisited the decision to close the bridges. They collaborated on ideas to fix the bridges as opposed to abandoning them. They devised a plan to install braces and reinforce the pylons so that we will be able to use the bridges for pedestrian traffic without any concern about a bridge failure. The bridges are now open and safe to use. Members of the Service Department will continue to make improvements to the bridges over the coming months. This is a fiscally responsible and creative fix to a complicated problem, and I applaud the work of Mr. Stanard, Mr. Filarski and Mr. DeWater.

As you know, Councilman Buczek, Councilman Fritz and Councilman Richman and I were unopposed in the November election. Thus, we will each have another four-year term. This Council and Mayor have forged an extremely professional and respectful working relationship. We all appreciate your trust in and support of our work. We love the work we do and take our responsibility to our residents very seriously. We try to be fiscally responsible while always looking to improve services. I look forward to serving you, our residents, for four more years.

The Master Plan Committee is finishing up its work and will make recommendations to the Planning Commission in January and to Council in February. They have been incredibly thoughtful and enthusiastic about their work. I look forward to reporting their results to you in the next newsletter. If you have not taken the survey yet, please take a few minutes and fill it out. You can find the link to the survey on our website, www.morelandhills.com.

Speaking of our website, Sherri Arrietta, my administrative assistant, has been working with the county to redesign and enhance the website. It will be up and running soon. It will be more interactive and Sherri will be able to update it more often as opposed to waiting for a third party to update it. I hope you find the information on it useful and informative.

I wish you and your families a very happy holiday season!

- Mayor Susan Renda

Shop With a Cop

The Moreland Hills Police Department will partner with other local police departments to participate in the annual "Shop with a Cop" holiday program on Dec. 12. Officers will be taking underprivileged children shopping for holiday presents and food for the children and their families.

After shopping, the officers and children will have a pizza party. Last year, thanks to the generosity of our residents, we raised more than \$5,000!

If you wish to make a donation, please do so by Dec. 8. Checks can be made payable to George Murray FOP Lodge and sent to:

**MHPD – Shop With a Cop
4350 SOM Center Road
Moreland Hills, Ohio 44022**

Thank you in advance! We appreciate it and know the kids and parents are very grateful.

-- Lt. Todd Dietzel and
Det. Scott Williams
440.248.7585

Green Tip: Feed Your Christmas Tree to the Goats

You may ask, "How do I recycle my Christmas tree?" Feed it to goats, that's how.

That's right, goats! Pine needles will provide a delicious and nutritious meal for them. They are high in Vitamin C and are a natural de-wormer. If you are wondering where on earth to find goats, surprisingly, they can be found just a short trip away to Kelly's Working Well Farm in Chagrin Falls (16519 South Franklin St.).

This "farm next door" is a family-run, nonprofit, educational farm striving to serve as a model of sustainable community-based agriculture. When you bring your tree to the farm, it's fun to linger a bit and watch the goats devour the tasty treat, visit the other farm animals, and tour this agrarian gem in our midst.

For more information, go to www.kellysworkingfarm.com or visit them on Facebook.

Please Keep Dogs Leashed

The Village would like to remind residents that your dogs are required to be either physically confined or restrained upon your premises by a leash, tether, adequate fence, supervision, or secure enclosure to prevent escape.

Furthermore, you shall not be permitted to let them run at large upon any public way or upon unenclosed land. (According to Village Codified Ordinance Section 505.01).

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Rubbish and Recycling

The Service Department would like to remind all residents to have their rubbish and recycling carts at the curb **no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.**

The Service Department has received many calls for missed collection at homes after the truck has collected in the resident's neighborhood. The Village collects Rubbish and Recycling utilizing an automated collection system which allows for the collection process to move very quickly and efficiently. The route can be collected in approximately 4 hours if all residents have their cans out on time.

In an effort to remain cost-effective, the Service Department will **no longer return for missed rubbish or recycling collection** that was not placed at the curb **prior to 7 a.m.** without being charged against that residents special pickup allowance or being charged a \$25 special pick-up fee. The Service Department will be making note of the addresses where carts were not out at the curb within the proper time frame.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Donate to the Moreland Hills Police and Employees Foundation

Once a year, the Foundation sends a letter to all residents of Moreland Hills asking you to consider making a tax-deductible contribution for the benefit of the police and employees of our Village. This is an easy way to say "thank you" for the good service they provide.

Watch for the letter in the coming weeks, and please consider being a part of this tradition that dates back to 1966.

Safety Reminders

Ready or not, winter is coming. Here are some tips to keep safe during severe winter weather from the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management.

Prepare emergency supplies, including:

- three days' supply of food and water
- a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with extra batteries to hear local information if the power is out
- a first aid kit and necessary medications
- blankets and warm clothing
- pet items (food, medications, etc.)

Closings and Reminders

Holiday Closures

- Christmas Eve: Thursday, Dec. 24 - Closed
- Christmas Day: Friday, Dec. 25 - Closed
- New Year's Eve: Thursday, Dec. 31- Close at noon
- New Year's Day: Friday, Jan. 1 - Closed

There will be no BZA or Planning Commission Meeting in December

Holiday Rubbish Collection

Christmas Rubbish Pick-up: **NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE**

Village offices will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24. However, Thursday rubbish/recycling will still be picked up that day.

New Year's Rubbish Pick-up: **NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE**

Village offices will be open until noon on Thursday, Dec. 31, therefore rubbish will still be picked up that day.

***Please have all rubbish out by 7 a.m. on the day of collection.**

Keep a winter emergency kit in your car:

- bottles of water and granola bars or other non-perishable food
- bags of sand or cat litter to provide traction under tires
- hats, gloves and blankets
- cell phone chargers
- snow shovel and ice scraper
- emergency flares

Bring pets inside. If you can't bring them in, make sure outdoor animals have adequate shelter, unfrozen water and food.

If your pipes freeze, do not thaw them with a torch. Thaw the pipes slowly with warm air from an electric hair dryer

Turning on the stove for heat is not safe. Have at least one of the following heat sources in case the power goes out:

- extra blankets, sleeping bags and coats
- fireplace with dry firewood or a gas fireplace
- portable space heaters or kerosene heaters
- keep space heaters at least three feet from other objects and never leave them unattended.

**For more information, visit
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