

Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

FEBRUARY 2021

At a Glance

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Dear Residents,

I hope this edition of our newsletter finds you healthy, happy and warm. We continue to navigate our way through this pandemic and there is good news. The vaccine distribution has entered the 1B phase, which will include incremental distribution for members of our senior community. Additionally, school employees are covered in 1B and this inclusion will help get our schools back to some sense of normalcy. As a firefighter/paramedic I have received my first dose and I'm scheduled for my second. I did not suffer any ill effects of this vaccine other than a very minor sore shoulder.

As you would guess, there are members of our community who require assistance from time to time. This assistance often takes the form of simple communication. Not all of our residents utilize the internet on a daily basis and many do not use social media. Thankfully, we have volunteers ready to assist. Members of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) were called upon to deliver information related to the 1B vaccine schedule. Residents on our Special Assistance contact list were given locations and numbers to call so that they can schedule an appointment. Special thanks to all of the community volunteers who make up our CERT and to Sgt. Caroline Tackla and Administrative Assistant Sherri Arrietta who helped to coordinate this effort. If you are aware of anyone who should be on our community list for "Special Assistance," please contact Sherri at 440.248.1188 and that resident will be placed on our contact list.

Last month I advised you that Council held their annual Organizational Meeting in early January. The results of that meeting have designated Councilman Steve Richman as Council President for 2021. Councilman Richman was also our Council President last year and I

look forward to continuing down our path of mutual respect and positive collaboration on behalf of the residents. Additionally, Councilman Paul Stanard was once again appointed as our Planning Commission Chair. He will be assisted by Councilwoman Laura Kozminski VanderHart, who was appointed to the Planning Commission for a two-year term. These two did an outstanding job in 2020 and their continued positions within our Planning Commission will serve our residents well. Our Roads and Safety Committee will be chaired by Councilman Ethan Spencer and he will be assisted by Council President Richman. Our Facilities Committee will once again be chaired by Councilman David Emerman. David will be assisted by Councilwoman Monica Sturgis. I am very proud of this Council and their dedication and enthusiasm. We continue to work together on behalf of Moreland Hills' residents.

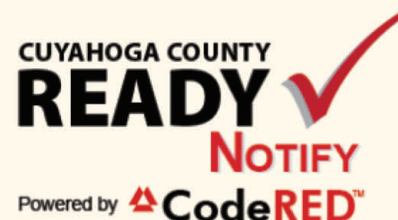
We are currently finalizing our budget for 2021. You may be aware that our budget must be passed by March of each year. Up to that point, we operate under a temporary budget as we finalize our Road Program and weigh options for other capital improvements and services. We ended the year in great financial shape due to the teamwork that exists between Administration and Council. The pandemic has certainly thrown us a few curveballs but an astute Council has worked very hard with my Office to make important decisions that have kept our finances on solid ground. I am proud to announce that we did so without tapping into our reserves, and in fact, added to them. My goal in 2021 is to continue down this path of fiscal responsibility and to address our needs in a proactive manner.

We are turning the corner on COVID. There is room for optimism, but hard work remains. I look forward to serving as your Mayor in 2021 and could not imagine a better place to call home.



MORELAND HILLS E-NEWSLETTER

The Village provides the option to receive our monthly newsletter virtually. Check our website and Facebook page for the link to sign up to receive our e-newsletter.



READY NOTIFY – CODE RED

The Village is once again offering this notification system to our residents. Check our website and Facebook page for the link to sign up for the Code Red emergency notification system.

CLOSINGS:

Presidents Day: Village offices will be closed on Presidents Day, Monday, February 15th. There will be no Special Pick-ups or Yard Waste Pick-ups that week; Senior rubbish/recycle pick-ups and other streets scheduled for Monday rubbish/recycle pick-up will be done on Tuesday.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

There were no Ordinances & Resolutions passed in January.

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Just a reminder to "Like" the *Village of Moreland Hills* on Facebook to stay up to date on Village events and issues.



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DIAL 2-1-1 FOR COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

Cuyahoga County residents can call United Way’s 211 HelpLink to access information about the COVID-19 vaccine, including eligibility details and places to obtain inoculations.

Residents can access vaccination information by dialing 2-1-1 on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

RESIDENTS IN NEED OF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

The Village continues to compile a list of residents who may be in need of some special assistance during this time (i.e. increased communications, any assistance from Village departments that we may be able to offer, etc.).

If you or someone you know in the Village needs this special assistance, please call Sherri at 440-248-1188 or email her at villagehall@morelandhills.com. Please provide the resident’s name, address, and current contact information.

This, of course, does not include any emergency or assistance from Police, Fire, or EMS – you must still call our First Responders for those types of emergencies.

DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Cleveland Metroparks will be continuing their deer management program this winter. A portion of South Chagrin Reservation is within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Moreland Hills, and management is planned for this area.

From Noon to 6:00am the following morning, portions or all of South Chagrin Reservation will be closed to the public on several days from January 22 through March 21, 2021. The reservation will be posted/signed and closed completely during the management program.

The safety protocol that has been successfully utilized by Cleveland Metroparks from the beginning of the program will continue; Safety remains their number one goal.

Specific closures will be posted on Cleveland Metroparks Alerts and Closures page by 6:00pm on the evening prior to an area’s closure. When posted, the announcement will give details about reservations and sections of the parkway that will be closed between noon and 6:00am the following morning. <https://Clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/alerts-closures>

Cleveland Metroparks has worked hard to ensure that the deer management program is safe, humane, and effective. As in past years, venison will be donated to a local food bank.

SOUTH CHAGRIN RESERVATION RESTORATION PROJECT – JACKSON FIELD

The Metroparks has recently began a restoration project on the Chagrin River at Jackson Field to stabilize the streambank, improve floodplain connectivity, and to improve water quality in the Chagrin River. This erosion has infringed upon Jackson Field and threatens the hiking and bridle trails. Rebuilding those trails would require significant tree removal. This project uses natural materials including boulders and trees to rebuild the bank and restore wildlife habitat and native vegetation.

The heavy construction will end by Feb 28, and the landscaping will be installed in the spring. Parking will be limited during this time.

For more information, visit <https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/.../sou.../jackson-field>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Police Chief Kevin Wyant, who was sworn in as President of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association (CCPCA) in January. The CCPCA’s Mission Statement is “To perform and build up an official and mutual friendship between the members, to devise methods to suggest ways and means for the advancement of the police profession, to read articles and discuss police incidents and experiences that will be of interest to the association and to seek ways to improve the delivery of criminal justice to the citizens of Cuyahoga County.”

RECYCLING AMBASSADOR

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District (CCSWD) completed its first Recycling Ambassador course in October. Recycling ambassadors are volunteers who are trained by the CCSWD to work in their communities to help improve recycling by serving as their neighborhood’s subject matter expert on recycling. Kris Tesar, chairperson of the Moreland Hills Green Commission, was among the graduates of the program. Kris is pleased to offer her services to the Village as waste reduction, recycling and composting consultant. Please reach out to her with questions or concerns at ktesar@morelandhills.com.

CARDBOARD COLLECTION NOW AVAILABLE AT VILLAGE HALL

Our Service Department is now providing a cardboard collection Monday – Friday, from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Please check in at the Service Department first when bringing your cardboard to dropoff.

Cardboard **MUST** be broken down and flattened. This service is **ONLY** available **during business hours**.

We are working on an after-hours and weekend option and will inform residents if/when it is available.

The Village is aware of the growing need for this service as online ordering is increasing. By using this service, you are ensuring that your cardboard will be recycled. Currently, some of the cardboard that is left next to residents’ recycle carts may not get recycled as it can get wet. Wet cardboard cannot be recycled.