

Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

FEBRUARY 2023

At a Glance

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Hello Residents,

As we navigate our way through another northeast Ohio winter, change is beginning to take shape within Moreland Hills. Specifically, I'm proud to announce that effective March 1st, 2023 Executive Lieutenant Todd Dietzel will assume the role as the next Police Chief of the Village of Moreland Hills. While I'm saddened that Chief Kevin Wyant will be leaving us, I wish him success and good health as it relates to his retirement. Chief Wyant has served as Chief since 2014 and in that time has proven to be a regional leader well respected by those in local member agencies and within our own department. Chief Wyant will be missed and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his dedication and efforts related to the Moreland Hills Police Department.

Executive Lieutenant Dietzel was selected after assessment by a panel consisting of myself, Council President Ethan Spencer, Roads and Safety Chair Tom Fish and our Village Prosecutor Santo Incorvaia. While he had some outstanding competition, Executive Lieutenant Dietzel was unanimously selected by the panel. Todd has been our Executive Lieutenant since 2014 and has worked alongside Chief Wyant on a daily basis in that capacity. He served as a Patrol Sergeant from 2004 – 2014 and as a Patrol Officer from 1998 – 2004. This experience in our wonderful Village ensures a working knowledge of our community and lends itself well toward his advancement to the position of Chief of the Department. Prior to coming to Moreland Hills, Executive Lieutenant Dietzel served the City of East Cleveland and the Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Housing Authority Police Department. As your Mayor, I am

extremely confident in Executive Lieutenant Dietzel and his advancement to the position as your Police Chief. If you should see Todd, please offer him congratulations as he prepares for his new role within the Moreland Hills Police Department.

Some of you have contacted my office in the hopes of changing your natural gas supplier or to question rate increases in your monthly bill. A reminder that we are a NOPEC Community but that NOPEC, and only NOPEC, can coordinate your "opt out" and assist with rate issues. The Village does not have the ability to assist you with these issues in the same manner that we aren't able to answer questions or assist with your internet or cable bills. A separate boxed item in this newsletter provides some contact information for NOPEC should you be interested in "opting out" of their plan and selecting another option.

A reminder that, while tempting, residents should not be feeding wildlife on their property. While this isn't a widespread problem, I have received some concerns related to some who are doing just that. Wildlife should remain wild and practices that are motivated by good intent can actually harm the animals and create a nuisance for your neighbors.

Lastly, a word about fire safety. As our homes are sealed up this winter, please ensure that you have a working smoke detector on each level of your home at a minimum. Carbon monoxide detectors should also be present in the basement near your utility areas and in the bedroom hallway at a minimum.

We hope that you are enjoying the winter in our beautiful Village.



MORELAND HILLS POLICE AND EMPLOYEES FOUNDATION

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the Foundation this past year. The Village police and employees genuinely appreciate your support and your personal notes of thanks for a job well done. If you have not had an opportunity to donate to the Foundation, it is not too late. Please contact Village Hall if you need a donation envelope. Thank you again for your support. Best wishes for a great 2023!



Retiring Police Chief Kevin Wyant



Incoming Police Chief Todd Dietzel

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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in January:

Ordinance 2023-01 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Roetzel & Andress for legal services and to engage William Hanna as Law Director and R. Todd Hunt as Legal Counsel for the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission for 2023.

Ordinance 2023-02 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd. and Jeffrey J. Filarski for Village Engineer Services for 2023.

Ordinance 2023-03 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.



OCER PARTNERSHIP

Orange Community Education & Recreation (OCER) has partnered with The Impact Group, a Hudson-based organizational team, to create its strategic plan. Through this plan, OCER intends to set a 3+ year course to actualize its mission “to build and engage our community through the development and delivery of excellent learning, discovery, and active recreational experiences for all.”

The Orange City School District community and its stakeholders are crucial to the development of this plan.

We are interested in gaining your feedback on the organization, including youth and adult recreation, sports, early childhood preschool, Orange Senior Center, Orange Art Center, aquatics, sports, theatre, adaptive recreation, and our facilities, through a community survey. This anonymous feedback will help us better understand community needs, interests and demographics so that we may plan for the future and continue to offer the best services possible.

Take the Community Survey through February 6 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HSSJYLK> or find additional information at www.orangerec.com/plan.aspx.

NOPEC REMINDER

Just a reminder that we are a NOPEC Community, which provides our residents with the option to use NOPEC as their gas and/or energy supplier. You always have the option to shop around and “opt out” of NOPEC to use a different supplier. If you have any questions about NOPEC or issues with your billing, please call NOPEC at 855.667.3201 or visit www.NOPEC.org, as the Village cannot help you with that information.

CLOSINGS

Presidents’ Day

Village offices will be closed on Presidents’ Day, Monday, February 20. 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.

2023 VILLAGE EVENTS

Greening the Hills

Our Greening the Hills events will be held on Saturday, May 20 and Saturday, September 16 from 9:00am to noon. Residents can bring paper to be shredded securely, household hazardous wastes, tires, oil-based paint, scrap metal, computers/electronics, propane tanks, and medications.

Head for the Hills! 5k Run

This Parks Commission sponsored event will be held on Saturday, October 7, at Lang Pavilion. Look for more details as the event date gets closer.

More in the Hills Events at the Lang Pavilion

We plan to have more wonderful community events at Lang Pavilion like last year, including music events, Fight Like a Girl self-defense class, Chagrin Valley Fire Truck Night, Yoga at the Pavilion, and more! Look for more details and dates in the coming weeks.

DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Cleveland Metroparks will be continuing their Deer Management Program this winter in a portion of the South Chagrin Reservation. Portions of the South Chagrin Reservation will be closed to the public on several days from January 17 through March 16, 2023, from noon to 6:00am the following morning.

Safety remains the number one goal of the Cleveland Metroparks. Signage indicating that the reservation will be closed completely during the management program will be posted. In addition, residents who own property adjacent to the Cleveland Metroparks property will receive a letter informing them of the program.

Specific closures will be posted on the Cleveland Metroparks Alerts and Closures page by 6:00pm on the evening prior to an area’s closure. <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.

SAFETY CORNER...WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

- **Stay home**, Only go out if necessary.
- **Drive slowly**. Always adjust your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.
- **Accelerate and decelerate slowly**. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids.
- **Increase your following distance** to five to six seconds.
- **Know your brakes**. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- **Do not stop if you can avoid it**. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- **Do not power up hills**. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads will just make your wheels spin. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill slowly.