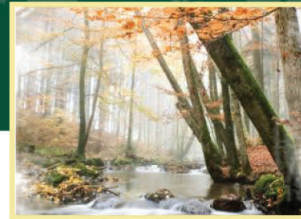


Moreland Hills at a Glance

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills



January 2016

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

I would like to thank everyone who took the online survey regarding the Comprehensive Land Use update, those who participated in telephone interviews and/or focus groups, and those who came to the open house on Nov. 18 to provide input regarding the plan. Over 200 people participated in the online survey or in telephone or focus group interviews. Furthermore, nearly 100 people joined the Land Use Committee at the open house. You provided a large amount of interesting and valuable data.

Councilman Fritz, chair of the committee, and I are doing a deep dive into the data to pull out all significant information and to organize it in a meaningful way. We intend to present that data to the committee near the end of January and anticipate that the committee will make its recommendations to the Planning Commission in February. This was an interesting and instructive process, and I appreciate the level of participation and engagement of our residents.

I am happy to report that two gentlemen have purchased the Sunoco station at the corner of SOM Center Rd. and Chagrin Blvd. and are motivated to clean and update the site. Mike Rajko and Richard Greaves came before the Board of Zoning Appeals and Council on Dec. 9 to seek a Use Variance to re-establish the non-conforming gas station use.

They have paid all back taxes and fines related to the property that were incurred by the former owner. As a good faith effort, the new owners removed nearly 300 old tires and several inoperable cars from the property. They agreed to work with Planning Commission to design a new façade for the building that will be more reflective of the character of the Village.

Furthermore, they will present a landscaping plan and a plan for new and more appealing signage. Council voted unanimously to approve their request contingent upon their

cooperating with Planning Commission to complete the promised improvements.

I have just finished my second term in office. The last eight years have flown by in the blink of an eye. I have so enjoyed my job as mayor of Moreland Hills and it has been my honor to serve the residents of this lovely Village. I look forward to the next four years, to continuing my work with Council members to plan, deliberate and act in a responsive, responsible manner.

My next term will be very different, as Village Law Director Margaret Cannon will retire at the end of the year. Margaret has been a constant and invaluable adviser and friend. Her advice and guidance has made me a better mayor and a better person. She has sat on my right side at almost every Council meeting for eight years. Her advice was always spot on. I will miss her, but more importantly, the entire staff will miss her. I wish her well on her treks across Europe and whatever other interesting events and adventures her retirement brings.

You will see in *Ordinances and Resolutions* on the back of this newsletter that I have begun the process of naming my staff for the next term. Council approved a contract that allows Chagrin Valley Engineering and Jeff Filarski to continue to provide our engineering services.

I am thrilled to have CVE and Jeff continue to serve the Village in this capacity. Jeff's support and advice are invaluable to Council, the residents and me. I look forward to continuing to work with him.

- Mayor Susan Renda

Second Annual Chilly, Chili Cook-Off and Relay for Life Rally

Wednesday, Jan. 27
5-7 p.m.

Commons at Orange High School

For tickets or to submit a chili for the contest, email cindyruessell@ameritech.net.

Green Tip: Reduce Your Pet's Carbon Paw Print

Here are a few simple steps to reduce your pet's "paw print" on the environment:

Switch to biodegradable waste bags:

Your pet's waste decomposes naturally, and many pet companies now offer biodegradable bags that decompose in a month or two.

Make your own treats: This not only saves on shipping and packaging, but it also is a way to offer your dog healthier, preservative-free snacks.

Donate used towels, sheets and dog accessories to your local shelter: Instead of throwing away old towels, ripped T-shirts or extra dog beds, call the local humane organization and see if they could use them.

Choose reusable supplies:

If you use puppy pads, choose machine-washable versions instead of disposable. Look for collars made from sustainable organic fibers like hemp.

Recycle as much as possible:

Pet food cans are usually recyclable and so are many types of plastic containers.

Use environmentally friendly cat litter:

Opt for litter made from corn (even GMO-free corn), renewable wheat crops, wood shavings or recycled newspaper.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in November and December:

Ordinance 2015-85 – enacts new Sections 1313.14 and 1331.09 of the Building Code of the Village of Moreland Hills. This will permit the Village to charge a double fee to a resident or homeowner for a permit or registration when they have failed to file an application prior to performing work.

Ordinance 2015-86 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with United Survey, Inc. for the 2015 Sewer Rehabilitation program in the amount of \$139,082.50, which was the lowest and best bid received.

Ordinance 2015-87 – is an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping

Ordinance 2015-88 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with MetLife for the provision of dental coverage to Village employees for a 12-month period.

Ordinance 2015-89 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Guardian Life Insurance Company of America for the provision of life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to Village employees.

Resolution 2015-90 – recognizes September as National Preparedness Month in the Village of Moreland Hills.

Ordinance 2015-91 – authorizes Change Orders No. 1 and 2 for the 2015 Asphalt Pavement Program. Change Order 1 is an increase in the amount of \$6,804.11 for additional apron and culvert replacement; Change Order 2 is a decrease amount of \$37,812.93 as a result of contract reconciliation and completion of the project.

Ordinance 2015-92 - authorizing Change Orders No. 1 and 2 for the 2015 Drainage and Culvert Program. Change Order 1 is an increase amount of \$10,986.40 for additional work; Change Order 2 is a decrease amount of \$9,642 as a result of contract reconciliation and completion of the project.

Ordinance 2015-93 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd. and Jeffrey J. Filarski for Village Engineer services, effective Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2017.

Resolution 2015-94 – requests the County Fiscal Officer to make advances from the proceeds of real and personal property tax levies and special assessments during the fiscal year 2016. Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34 provides that any money in the County treasury for the account of the Village and lawfully applicable to the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2016.

Ordinance 2015-95 – establishes the temporary appropriations for the first quarter of fiscal year 2016, to provide for current and other expenditures for the Village.

Ordinance 2015-96 - is an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping.

Closings and Reminders

New Year's Day: Friday, Jan. 1 – Closed. Rubbish pick-up will not be affected.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, Jan. 18 – Closed. Monday senior rubbish pick-ups will be done on Tuesday, Jan. 19. There will be no special pick-ups that day.

Christmas Trees Collected in January
Put your Christmas trees at the curb Jan. 1-31, and the Service Department will pick them up.

Shop With a Cop

Our 2015 Shop with a Cop day was a huge success! Thanks to the generosity of our residents, community members and friends, over \$3,100 was raised. We took three families with a total of 11 kids shopping for the holiday season, with the assistance of Assistant Safety Director Canter, Officer Scolaro, Officer Canter, Officer Park and Officer Krall. After shopping, we enjoyed pizza with the Chagrin Falls PD group at the Moreland Hills Community Building. The children had a surprise visit from Santa, who gave each child a chocolate gift. The children also had fun making a craft project. A huge shout-out of thanks to all who contributed to make the day possible.

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

Feed Your Christmas Tree to Goats

If you are looking for a "green" way to dispose of your Christmas tree, bring it to Kelly's Working Well Farm at 16519 South Franklin St. in Chagrin Falls and feed it to the goats. For more information, visit www.kellysworkingwellfarm.com.

Please note the website printed in the December Newsletter was incorrect; the one listed above is the correct website.

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