

# Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

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*At a Glance*

## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Greetings Residents,

I would like to start out by thanking all of you who donated to the Moreland Hills Police and Employees Foundation. Due to your generosity, our employees were able to receive a Holiday bonus which was well received and greatly appreciated. While this effort is not associated with Village Administration, I still feel compelled to thank each of you on behalf of our amazing employees.

I recently had the honor of swearing in our newest member of Village Council. Jennette Irish-Glass will serve a one-year term that was opened up with the recent resignation of Councilwoman Laura Kozminski-VanderHart. Jennette currently serves as the Director of Technology for Orange Schools and has lived in Moreland Hills for 20 years.

In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint, Village Council and members of my Administration have been reviewing solar options for Village Hall. While still in the discussion phase, we hope to firm something up soon if, in fact, studies and analysis make it advantageous and effective with our goal of reducing our carbon footprint. To date we have also instituted practices that lead toward that effort. Our Service Department has purchased battery powered equipment such as leaf blowers, lawn mowers, hedge trimmers and weed trimmers. A reminder that these units are also much quieter and serve the dual purpose of reducing the noise pollution throughout the Village.

This year saw many improvements within our borders. Chagrin Boulevard was repaved along with several side streets. Our Road Program also addressed crack sealing and pavement repairs on many other roadways. Additionally, we secured outside funding for improvements to Jackson Road this year and are working on

outside funding for another County roadway, Chagrin River Road, so that improvements can take place this year. We repaired and improved our largest retaining wall on Giles Road, enhanced many of our cul-de-sacs with new trees, improved our Garfield Birth Site with new fencing and general enhancements, added audio-visual upgrades in Council Chambers so that we can host virtual meetings approved by our electorate, improved our Police Department fleet with a new cruiser and detective car while also adding two brand new Harley Davidson patrol motorcycles. These motorcycles came at no cost to Moreland taxpayers as we used outside seizure funding to purchase these units. Look for them on the roadways this spring.

I'm incredibly proud of our employees who made these improvements (and many more) while coming in under budget! I'm convinced our reserves and financial practices are competitive and among the best in northeast Ohio. We approach every purchase with our bottom line in mind and in line with your expectations that we maintain healthy reserves and healthy budget practices.

Lastly, on December 17th, Wreaths Across America landed in Hogsback Cemetery. If you haven't seen this amazing historical location I encourage you to do so. Robin and Cathy Schwind, who spend hours volunteering at this site, hosted the event which laid wreaths across the graves of soldiers from the War of 1812, the Civil War and WW2. A special thanks to the Schwinds for their dedication and hard work. Hogsback is located off of SR 87 (South Woodland) just west of Chagrin River Road. The access drive is sometimes hard to spot and we are planning on improvements in 2023.

The Fritz family would like to wish you and yours a healthy and prosperous 2023. It continues to be my honor to serve as your Mayor.



## SHOP WITH A COP

Our 2022 Shop with a Cop day was a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of our residents, community members, and friends, the Moreland Hills Police Department was able to provide 12 gift cards to families this holiday season. A huge shout out of thanks to all who contributed.

Lt. Todd Dietzel

## HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING

Residents can recycle their holiday lights by bringing them to our Village Campus. Lights can be dropped off Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 3:00pm, to be recycled. The drop-off box is located behind the Service Department in our recycling materials shed.

Please DO NOT place holiday lights in your curbside recycling. "Tanglers," including holiday lights and power cords, cannot be recycled in your home recycling bin and will cause problems and shutdowns at the local recycling facility.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## 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.

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## ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in December:

**Ordinance 2022-67** – authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk of Council to enter into an agreement with the Chagrin Falls Suburban Volunteer Fireman’s Association Inc. for the provision of fire protection and emergency medical services.

**Ordinance 2022-71** – designates the Council Clerk to attend Certified Sunshine Law Training for newly appointed Council Members.

**Ordinance 2022-72** – authorizes the Mayor to accept a perpetual drainage easement or the installation, maintenance, and repair of a storm sewer and appurtenances upon the property known as PPN 913-14-016.

**Ordinance 2022-73** – amends Chapter 971, “Erosion and Sediment Control,” of the Codified Ordinances to conform to the Village’s OEPA General Stormwater Permit.

**Ordinance 2022-74** – amends Chapter 973, “Comprehensive Stormwater Management,” of the Codified Ordinances to conform to the conditions of the Village’s OPEA General Stormwater Permit.

**Ordinance 2022-75** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Mutual of Omaha for the provision of dental coverage to Village employees for 2023.

**Ordinance 2022-76** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Mutual of Omaha for the provision of life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to Village employees for 2023.

**Ordinance 2022-77** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Medical Mutual for the provision of health care insurance to Village employees for 2023.

**Ordinance 2022-78** – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

**Ordinance 2022-79** – establishes the temporary appropriations for the first quarter of the fiscal year 2023, in order to provide for current and other expenditures for the Village.

**Ordinance 2022-80** – amends Section 103.01, “Council, Committees and Planning Commission” of Chapter 103 of the Administrative Code, “Notification of Public Meetings,” and amending Section 121.01 of the Administrative Code, “Meetings,” of Chapter 121, “Council Rules,” to authorize Village Boards, Commissions, and other Village Public Bodies to meet in a virtual or hybrid format and updates notice requirements for same.

**Ordinance 2022-81** – grants consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to apply, maintain and repair standard longitudinal pavement markings, erect regulatory warning signs, and to remove snow and ice on state highways within the Village.

**Ordinance 2022-82** – fixes the compensation of various officers and employees of the Village of Moreland Hills.

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES AT VILLAGE HALL

CLOSED: New Year’s Day (Observed), Monday, January 2

CLOSED: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 16

- Monday Rubbish/Recycling Pick-Ups will be done on Tuesday, January 3 and January 17; there will be no Special Pick-Ups or Yard Waste Pick-Ups either week.

## SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES

The Service Department provides snow and ice removal for all State, County, and Local roadways. Additionally, any private roadways that pay a fee may also receive this service. Crews are dispatched once the Service Director or Service Foreman receives a call from the Police Department. Since our officers are on the roads 24-7, they are best postured to determine when the roads become impassable.

For planning purposes, the Village is divided into two (2) routes; North and South. Snowplow operators are tasked with clearing primary roadways first. Primary roadways include SOM Center Rd., Chagrin Blvd, South Woodland Rd., Miles Rd., Jackson Rd., and Hiram Trail.

After primary roads are considered safe for travel, snowplow operators move onto secondary streets. These secondary streets include roadways with steep hills, dangerous curves, and intersections.

Once the primary and secondary routes are complete, snowplow operators then clear all other roadways and apply salt where needed.

When the Village experiences heavy snow events, the Service Department will gradually increase snowplow operator levels to a maximum of six operators. When at full capacity, the routes are further broken down so that three (3) trucks can efficiently coordinate snow removal.

Items to remember during a snowfall event:

- Once crews are dispatched, it may take up to one (1) hour before the snowplow operators arrive at Village Hall, perform safety checks, and head out on the road.
- It is imperative that you park in your driveway, and not the roadway. Cars parked in the street hamper our ability to clear roadways and create safety-related issues.
- Keep in mind that, while it may appear that your road has not been plowed, snow can quickly cover the roadway. Please be patient and understand that during a light snowfall it takes an operator 4.5 hours to complete their route. During a heavy snowfall it may take longer than that.
- During heavy snowfall, snowplow operators are often challenged by ill-advised motorists who can create delays as they get stuck on hills and create congestion on the roadways.
- During heavy snowstorms, snowplow operators can be tasked with long shifts, sometimes throughout all hours of the day. Service Department members are broken down into teams, so others can go home and rest while awaiting their next call-out.

## REMINDERS FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT...

**Christmas Tree Pick-Up** –

Place your trees at the curb for pick-up from the Service Department starting January 9 through February 3.

**Drainage** –

The Service Department would like to remind residents that during the winter months it is important to keep leaves, branches, and snow piles clear from your drainage swale and driveway pipe to ensure for proper drainage.

**Snow Plowing** –

The Service Department would also like to remind residents and their plow contractors not to plow snow into or across the roadway as this can cause an accident when a passing car runs into the snow.