

# Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

JULY 2021

*At a Glance*

## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Dear Residents,

I hope that you receive this current edition of our newsletter at a time when you are returning to some sense of normalcy. I'm so incredibly proud of this Village and all of the employees and residents who took the time to assist in our challenges during a time which will forever be etched into history. Residents stepped up on our CERT Team to call members of our senior community. Neighbors checking on their fellow neighbors just to see if they needed anything and to update them on information related to vaccinations. In Moreland Hills our CERT team defines who we are as a whole. Thanks to residents like Tom Shaper who came up with the wonderful concept of the Community Tree Planting program. Residents from all areas of the Village showed up to plant trees at Forest Ridge in an area that will forever memorialize the difficult year and associated losses we all suffered. Employees came up with work process enhancements and alterations that resulted in the continued efficiency of services under less than normal circumstances. These employees weren't motivated by compensation or overtime, they were motivated by their desire to keep the Village running smoothly and safely. As Mayor, I could not be more proud of their efforts.

Our Community Kids Fishing Day was held this past June. Police Chief Kevin Wyant and members of the Police Department organized and hosted this wonderful event at Potts Pier. We had a great showing and the kids caught lots of fish while the parents caught lots of photo ops and smiles. Once the Pavilion is finished this Fall, our Village Park at Forest Ridge will become the center of many future activities that will allow our community to gather and create lasting memories. I'm very excited at the potential for this new area and hope to offer diverse events that will serve to educate, entertain and unite our residents. Members of our Parks Commission will play a vital role in coordinating future events in 2022.

Speaking of the Parks Commission, our second annual "Head For The Hills" event will take place on Saturday, October 9th. The focal point of this event will be the 5K run over the flowing hills along Chagrin River Road. All runners can access this event on the Hermes Racing

website. Under Calendar of Events, one can navigate to October and click on "Head For The Hills". Please encourage all of your friends to enter this run and help to assist our Parks Commission as they raise funds for future enhancements to our parks. This event is not only for runners. The Parks Commission is also planning a hike in Forest Ridge and a shortened kids "Fun Run" through the Village Park. Look for more information as we get closer to that date.

A few house cleaning issues to bring up. We are experiencing many concerns over residents placing items at their curb well before their scheduled Special Pick-up date. As a reminder, residents are to place their Special Pick-up items at the curb on the Sunday before the Monday collection. We need to consider that our neighbors may be impacted as they drive by mattresses and old furniture piled along the street 10 days before a neighbor's Special Pick-up is scheduled. Please help us spread the word. Complaints have not been limited to Special Pick-up items. A reminder that branches for our Chipping Program should be placed at the curb the weekend before chipping takes place. For July this would mean that branches are to be placed at the curb by Sunday evening on July 18th. If residents place branches out at the curb after the Service Department has collected the branches on their street, they will not be chipped. Our Service Department has to coordinate the collection of branches among 1400 homes and cannot circle back to collect branches that were placed out too late. See the Village Website or call us to inquire about these dates.

Some good news on our recycling program, thanks to the efforts of our enlightened residents, we tied for second in the County in 2020. Moreland Hills recycled 24% of the total collected waste. This is a number we should be very proud of. But we can do better. Let's shoot for number 1 in 2021. See our website for video links to some helpful suggestions. The videos feature some familiar faces from around the Village.

I continue to be incredibly proud to serve as your Mayor. Along with a very dedicated Village Council, I am working very hard to make sure Moreland Hills maintains its beautiful landscapes and friendly atmosphere. Enjoy your July.



## HEAD FOR THE HILLS!

The Moreland Hills Parks Commission invites you to join their fundraising efforts by participating in their annual "Head for the Hills!" Event on October 9, 2021. There are three options to participate in; 5K Run, 1.5 Mile Hike, and a Fun Run/Walk.

Your registration fee will grow our Parks Fund and will support future projects, such as completion of the community pavilion at Forest Ridge and improvements in signage and other enhancements at the Garfield Cabin and Birth Site Park.

For more information and to register, visit [www.hermescleveland.com/road racing](http://www.hermescleveland.com/road racing) and go to their calendar of events, where the link to register will be on October 9.

## RECYCLE BETTER, RECYCLE RIGHT IN MORELAND HILLS!

According to the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's 2020 Annual Residential Recycling Report, Moreland Hills came in second place (tied with North Randall) at 24% of total residential waste collected for recycling (not including compost).

We are so very proud of our Green Commission for all of their hard work with this program as well as our Service Department for making this all happen. Last but certainly not least, a pat on the back to our amazing residents who put forth great effort to keep us at the top as an example to follow!

We take our responsibility of environmental stewardship very seriously. Well done Moreland Hills!

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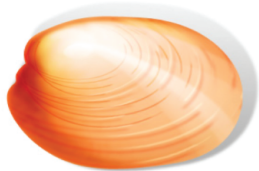
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### THE BAKE IS BACK

Dear Residents:

In appreciation for the great job the Village employees do for our community, the Village of Moreland Hills is hosting the 21st annual “Employee Clambake” in October. As you may remember, we cannot use tax dollars for this event and thus, must ask for contributions.



Due to COVID, we were unfortunately unable to have this event last year, although many of you were still kind enough to donate. The donations received last year will be used for this year’s event, however while many residents were generous, the amount of donations received was considerably lower because of the pandemic. Therefore, we are still in need of donations because without your kind support, we would be unable to host this event.

If you would like to help this year, donations can be made by check payable to the *Village of Moreland Hills*. All sponsors will be recognized in the program distributed at the event.

With the removal of the “House on the Hill,” we are excited to host this year’s event at our new pavilion, being constructed this summer. Any funds above what is needed to host this event will be transferred to the Parks Fund to help toward this and other improvements to our parks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Daniel Fritz

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in June:

**Ordinance 2021-22** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Pinnacle Construction and Development Group, Inc. for the Forest Ridge Pavilion Contract A, for the building structure for the amount of \$190,757.00.

**Ordinance 2021-23** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Carron Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the Forest Ridge Pavilion Contract B, for the site work for the amount of \$71,591.50.

**Ordinance 2021-24** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a First Amendment to the agreement with Great Lakes Recycling, DBA Simple Recycling, for the collections of soft recycling materials in the Village. This will extend the contract for an additional 3 years, including amendments to their pick-up procedures, collection schedule, inventory of containers, and the contractor’s fee.

**Ordinance 2021-25** – temporary suspends the enforcement of Village Code provisions requiring Conditional Use Permits for outdoor dining through August 31, 2021.

**Resolution 2021-26** – adopts the alternative tax budget of the Village for the fiscal year 2022.

**Ordinance 2021-27** – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

### REMINDER FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

When placing your rubbish/recycling or items for a special pick-up out to the curb, they cannot be placed out any earlier than 7:00pm the NIGHT PRIOR to the pick-up day. For special pick-ups, this would be the Sunday night before the Monday pick-up.

We have received multiple complaints that many people are putting their special pick-up items out too early. Please be considerate of your neighbors by adhering to these rules.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### JAMES A. GARFIELD CABIN – OPEN

The cabin will be open **Saturdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm, from June through September.**

The replica cabin is located at the James A. Garfield Birth Site Park, 4350 SOM Center Road (on the Village Hall campus). Visits are always free of charge. We are adhering to the current CDC recommendations, so those who are not vaccinated are asked to wear a mask and those that are vaccinated do not have to wear a mask. As public health orders are changing frequently, visitors may be directed to use the current health orders that are in place at that time.

**Cabin tours outside Saturday morning hours may be arranged by contacting the Moreland Hills Historical Society at [mhhsOhio@gmail.com](mailto:mhhsOhio@gmail.com).**

### FROM THE PARKS COMMISSION...

Hello Residents,

Summer is here. Our community garden is starting to flourish. The seeds and plants have gone in the ground and some plots already have a few veggies popping up. Next time you are in the neighborhood, be sure to stop by and take a peek. Potts Pier is stocked with lots of fishy friends. It is a lovely spot to take in a picnic or just a quick stroll around the pond.

We hope you have had a chance to check out Forest Ridge Preserve. The paths are cleared and with all the foliage, it is a great way to beat the heat and still get in all your steps!

For all you Birders out there, the forest canopy is a treasure trove. Be sure to let us know if you spot anything up in the trees, and you can always send pictures to [villagehall@morelandhills.com](mailto:villagehall@morelandhills.com) where they can be shared on social media.

Happy trails everyone.

–Ursula Freundlich

### COMING EVENTS

#### **Fourth of July – Village Offices Closed**

Village Offices will be closed on **Monday, July 5** for the Fourth of July Holiday. There will be no Special Pick-Ups or Yard Waste Pick-Ups done that week. Regular Monday Rubbish/Recycling Pick-Ups will be done on Tuesday, July 6.

#### **Chipping Week – July 19-23**

**PLEASE NOTE** the following procedures that **MUST** be adhered to: **Branches should be cut into 4-foot lengths and stacked, facing the same direction, untied and in SEVERAL SMALL PILES; IF YOU HAVE ONE LARGE PILE, IT WILL NOT BE CHIPPED. In addition, piles with crisscrossed branches and anything over 5 inches in diameter WILL NOT be chipped.** Please have the bundles **stacked by the side of the road the Sunday prior (July 18);** the Service Department will chip them over the entire week. **Items placed out AFTER that date, WILL NOT BE CHIPPED.** Please note: per Village Ordinances, the first 15 minutes will be provided without a charge. Any additional time needed for chipping will be charged at a rate of \$30 for each 15 minutes over the allotted time