

Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

JULY 2022

At a Glance

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Hello, Residents,

Moreland Hills is thriving as we make our way through a beautiful summer. We hope that you have attended one of our “More in the Hills” events or have participated in our Saturday yoga sessions at the Lang Pavilion. We have more events scheduled throughout the summer and they can be found on our Village Facebook page, website and this newsletter.

Just a few weeks ago, our Police Department hosted its annual “Community Kid’s Fishing Day” at Potts Pier in Village Park. We had a great turnout with lots of smiles and some impressive catfish and small mouth bass. Thanks to our Police Chief Kevin Wyant and his Officers for taking their time to make this event a success.

Recently, the Village hosted our “Gas Versus Battery” event at Lang Pavilion. We had a good turnout as residents saw first-hand the benefits associated with the use of battery-powered lawn equipment. Together we can make a difference and help to reduce noise pollution in our Village. Battery-powered leaf blowers and weed trimmers are significantly quieter when compared to their gas counterparts. Additionally, there is no need to mix fuel and attend to many of the maintenance issues that gas-powered units require. If you use a landscaper you can still help. Consider the purchase of a battery-powered leaf blower and leave it out when you are scheduled for maintenance. Homeowners can request that their leaf blower is used for general cleanup after the lawn is serviced. We hope that many residents will make the switch to battery-powered units. My family has made the switch and the reduction of noise levels in our yard has been significant. I’m happy to take phone calls or answer emails if anyone is interested in learning more about this switch.

Our Road Program starts this month and will feature many improvements throughout the Village. Many residents contact me regarding the condition of their road surfaces. It must be noted that we don’t approach this maintenance in a haphazard manner. Each year our 5-year plan is updated as winter takes its toll on the asphalt. In the spring, our Engineer drives the entire Village and updates road condition rankings based on several factors including, but not limited to, safety and traffic volume. These rankings are then used to prioritize improvements in a fair and equitable manner. This year we are spending 1.8 million dollars on our roads. This includes the resurfacing of Chagrin Boulevard and several side streets throughout the Village.

Members of our Charter Review Commission are working hard to review our Village Charter and suggest any changes they feel are necessary. This Commission is made up of volunteers and is chaired by resident Trina Gigax. Any suggested changes will be evaluated and considered by your Village Council. Upon consensus, Council may then vote to forward some or all of these suggestions for your consideration in the next general election. Special thanks to all of the residents who are helping out with this process.

Members of our Parks Commission are working hard to prepare for our annual “Head for the Hills” event this fall. Looking to set a healthy goal? Consider preparing for this 5k run/walk and enjoy one of the most beautiful courses in the Chagrin Valley. In addition to this run/walk, we will feature a hike, kids’ activities and more.

I look forward to seeing many of you at one of our events and wish you all a happy and safe July.



HEAD FOR THE HILLS AND SUPPORT OUR PARKS!

Come join friends, families, and other outdoor enthusiasts for Head for the Hills 2022. This annual event will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at the Lang Pavilion at Forest Ridge. There will be a 5K run, 1.5-mile hike, fun run/walk, kids’ activities and more. You won’t want to miss it. Last year, over 170 people had a great time at Head for the Hills!

Head for the Hills is sponsored annually by the Moreland Hills Parks Commission. The funds raised go to improve our local green spaces for the public, like a recently approved project to make additional enhancements to the new Lang Pavilion area.

Moreland Hills green spaces are one of our community’s greatest treasures enjoyed by thousands each year. The Parks Commission’s ability to make future improvements and help preserve these spaces relies on donations from the public, area businesses, and funds raised by this event.

Learn more about Head for the Hills 2022, register for the 5K run or 1.5-mile hike, or donate by going to <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/MorelandHills/HeadfortheHillsRun> or scan the QR code with your smart phone camera.



THE BAKE IS BACK!

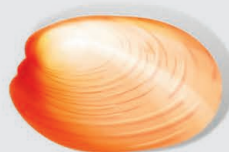
Dear Residents:

In appreciation for the great job the Village employees do for our community, the Village of Moreland Hills is hosting the 22nd annual “Employee Clambake” in September. As you may remember, we cannot use tax dollars for this event and, thus, must ask for contributions.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mayor Daniel Fritz



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MORELAND HILLS IS #1 IN SAFETY

Once again, Moreland Hills was ranked #1 in safety and # 4 overall in the *Cleveland Magazine’s* “Rating the Suburbs: Best Places to Live” issue.

Thanks to our Police Department and Village employees for continuing to make Moreland Hills a wonderful and safe place to live.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in June:

ORDINANCE 2022-32
Amends Section 1171.11, “Supplemental Regulations for Certain Uses” to delete Subsection 1177.11(g), “Solar Energy Systems,” amend Schedule 1177.07, and enact new Chapter 1367 “Solar Energy Systems” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Moreland Hills to remove the requirement for a conditional use certificate for solar panel installation. **Placed on First Reading as amended and Referred to the Planning Commission.**

ORDINANCE 2022-33
Authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc. for the Chagrin Boulevard Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$794,437.00.

RESOLUTION 2022-34
Adopts the alternative tax budget for the fiscal year 2023.

ORDINANCE 2022-35
An appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

ORDINANCE 2022-36
Authorizes the Mayor to execute the Community Funding and Escrow Agreement for the modernization of the Chagrin Valley Fire Department Fire Station.

COMING EVENTS

Kiwanis Rummage Sale – July 14-16

The Kiwanis Club of Lander Circle is holding its 65th Annual Rummage Sale

Hours: Thursday - 10:00am – 3:00pm and 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday - 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday- 10:00am – 3:00pm

Location: Kiwanis Barns behind the tennis courts on Gail Allison Drive on the Orange School Campus

For more information, visit www.landercirclekiwanis.com/rummage-sale or call 440-771-3447.

Chipping Week – July 18-22

The Service Department will chip branches and sticks on your street. The branches should be cut into 4-foot lengths and stacked, in small bundles, facing the same direction; they DO NOT need to be tied. Piles with crisscrossed branches and anything over 5 inches in diameter WILL NOT be chipped. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. Please have the bundles stacked by the side of the road by 7:00am on July 18; the Service Department will chip them over the entire week. 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.

“MORE IN THE HILLS” EVENTS*

Yoga at the Pavilion Featuring Marni Task Yoga – July Sessions – 2nd & 16th

Yoga sessions will be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, June through September at 9:00am, RAIN or SHINE. The suggested drop-in fee is \$10.00: Cash or check payable to *Marni Task Yoga*, or Venmo @*Marni-Bucchieri*.

July 7 @ 6:00pm

Home Safety & Security Presentation with the Moreland Hills Police Department

July 14 @ 6:00pm

Cuyahoga County Consumer Frauds Presentation

July 21 @ 6:00pm

Gardening Problems & Nature Walk hosted by the Moreland Hills Parks Commission

***Events continue to be scheduled so please check Facebook and our website for an up-to-date list of events.**

CLOSURES

Independence Day – July 4

Village Offices will be closed on **Monday, July 4** for Independence Day. 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 5.

FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN MORELAND HILLS

Moreland Hills Council recently “opted out” of an Ohio law that allows residents to discharge consumer grade fireworks on certain dates throughout the year.

Please be advised that the discharge of fireworks is **still prohibited** in the Village of Moreland Hills 365 days a year. Licensed commercial vendors are still permitted to discharge fireworks under the guidance and approval (requires permit) of our local Fire Marshal.