

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Hello Residents,

I hope that this summer is providing you with an opportunity to spend time with family and to perhaps walk in the beautiful parks located in the heart of our village. We are all discovering ways to navigate this challenging and difficult time in our history. It's no secret that in addition to the pandemic, tensions are also high throughout our country. Many are protesting in a civil manner while, unfortunately, other actions have resulted in destruction and even injury and death. As members of regional law enforcement teams (SWAT, Regional Task Force), members of our Moreland Hills Police Department have assisted in controlling the rioting in Cleveland and have also assisted at the peaceful and meaningful protests scheduled and conducted in the Chagrin Valley. Their presence continues to be professional and essential.

We are a cohesive and small village that takes great pride in our community. However, the square mileage of a community doesn't dictate the ability to foster change and promote harmony. We have heard from residents and many are asking questions that are being discussed nationally. Some of our residents want to know what our policy is for the use of excessive force. Others would like to know about de-escalation training. Some residents would like to know if we have any history of complaints related to our Police Department. All of these questions are healthy. And all deserve to be answered. This process will be taking place under the umbrella of what I have grown to know as an outstanding Police Department. In fact, just this past month we were advised that our community, once again, is ranked #1 in terms of safety (Cleveland Magazine Rating the Suburbs). In my 18 years as an elected representative in local government I have seen our Police Department recognized as an example that many communities

wish to emulate. I know the men and women on our Police Department personally and can state, unequivocally, that they are outstanding officers and caring individuals. We will move forward to address these questions as a team consisting of myself, members of Council, Police Department Administration and engaged residents of our village. We will listen with open ears, as even the best agencies have room for improvement. But most importantly we hope to generate policy that continues to posture our Police Department in a manner that promotes diversity and respect for generations to come.

I would also like to take a moment this month to remind all of our residents of the importance in contacting our Building Department whenever they are starting a home improvement project. In another area of this newsletter you will find a list of projects that require permits and even some projects that are prohibited by our building code. Recently, we have discovered a handful of construction projects without the required contractor registration and/or building permits. One project was completed at considerable expense only to be labeled as non-compliant by our building code. Our Building Department is not a significant revenue generator. Building permits account for 3.5% of our revenue. Most permit fees simply cover the cost of the inspections, plan review and record keeping. These processes are in place to protect the homeowner completing the project and neighbors who may be affected by the design, location or noise. Before you undertake a project please call us first. We can save you time, aggravation and money.

My family and I would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer. We are so very proud to call Moreland Hills our home and to benefit from the great residents who make up our wonderful village.



A MESSAGE FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

If you are planning renovations or repairs to your home, please contact the Moreland Hills Building Department before beginning any work. Many projects require permits and plan review, and all must comply with the Village's code requirements. Additionally, contractors must register with the Village before beginning work.

Some examples of projects needing review and/or permits include, but **are not limited to:**

- Tree cutting
- Roofing
- Driveways/paving/concrete work
- Furnaces or air conditioning units
- Hot water tanks
- Plumbing or electrical work
- Generators
- Decks
- Swimming pools (only in-ground pools permitted)
- Fences
- Sheds or other accessory structures
- New windows/doors
- Interior or exterior renovations
- Additions
- Hardscape landscape elements
- On-site dumpsters

The Building Department is available to answer your questions and ensure your project goes smoothly while being in compliance with Village regulations and can be reached between 8am and 4pm Monday through Friday at 440-248-1188 or by e-mail at building@morelandhills.com

A searchable copy of our Ordinances is published at www.morelandhills.com under the tab marked "Codified Ordinances."

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At a Glance

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in June:

Ordinance 2020-37 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a mutual aid agreement on behalf of the Village of Moreland Hills with the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District for the mutual interchange of police protection services.

Ordinance 2020-38 – amends Chapter 903 “Use of Public Ways for Small Cell Wireless Facilities and Wireless Support Structures” of the Streets, Utilities, Public Services and Engineering Code. Minor clarifications were made so that it would be consistent with the Village’s Small Cell Permit Application.

Resolution 2020-39 – adopts the alternative tax budget of the Village of Moreland Hills for the fiscal year 2021.

Ordinance 2020-40 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Resolution 2020-41 – authorizes the Village Treasurer to prepare and submit an application for funds for the Village from Cuyahoga County under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and Ohio Senate Bill 310, affirming that such funds shall be used only to cover costs incurred by the Village consistent with the requirements of applicable law.

Resolution 2020-42 – confirms the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve a Conditional Use Certificate at 50 Addison Lane for a lot stabilization project in a Riparian Zone.

PROJECT UPDATES:

The SR 87 Slope Repair Project completion date has been delayed until mid-July because of wet soil conditions.

While this project is still ongoing, we need all pedestrian traffic including cyclists, runners and walkers to adhere to the total road closure located at the SR 87 construction zone, for your safety.

Chagrin River Road Bridge Repair (over Willey Creek) from Miles Road to Jackson Road continues through October.

The road will be closed between CHAGRIN BLVD. and MILES ROAD. A full detour will be provided for thru traffic. Local Access Only. All vehicular, pedestrian and cycling traffic will be directed to utilize the designated detour routes of Chagrin Blvd., SOM Center Road, and Miles Road to avoid construction.

THE BAKE IS BACK!

Dear Residents:

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

We would like to thank you for the generous donations that you have made in the past. 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.

We have held this event at the “House on the Hill” at Forest Ridge for the last five years. We received this house in the 2014 land acquisition and it has fallen into serious disrepair. You may know that the Village has received a grant to remove the house and replace it with a pavilion, which is more appropriate to a park setting. We would like to use any remaining funds from this event for that project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mayor Daniel Fritz

COMING EVENTS

4th of July Holiday – Village offices will be closed on Friday, July 3. The Rubbish/Recycling schedule will not be affected.

Chipping Week is July 20-24 – 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. Please have the bundles stacked by the side of the road by 7:00am on July20; 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.

James A. Garfield Cabin Now Open – The Cabin Open House scheduled for August 1 has been cancelled; however the cabin is now open and accepting visitors by appointment only. Contact mhshohio@gmail.com to make an appointment or for more information. All visitors must practice social distancing and wear masks. Please note, there will be no access to public restrooms. Cabin volunteers are always needed; if interested please contact the Historical Society at the above listed email address.

GREENING THE HILLS WAS A SUCCESS!

On June 13, over 300 cars came through Village Hall to drop off hazardous waste, electronics, tires, and paper for shredding. Thank you to all who helped make this event go smoothly, including the Service Department, Council Members and other volunteers. A big thank you to our residents, as well, for following the safety procedures and guidelines. You all helped make this event a success!

