

June 2016

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

The Service Department has finished the pilot program to determine if weekly recycling pick-up is desirable. Our recycling tonnage has increased significantly over the last few months and we have received a lot of positive feedback so Service Department members will continue to pick up recyclables on a weekly basis. There will, however, be some changes to both the rubbish and recycle schedules.

As you know, the Village recently purchased automated trucks for both rubbish and recycling. These purchases have resulted in safer and more efficient collection. Before automation, each truck had three men on it – a driver and two handlers – and was on the road for about six to seven hours a day. Now each truck has one man and is on the road for about three to four hours. To further increase efficiencies, we will start transitioning to rubbish and recycle pick up on Tuesdays and Thursdays only in June. Residents who currently have that service on Wednesday will be changed to either Tuesday or Thursday. You will receive a letter with instructions if your service is going to change.

Furthermore, the Village currently provides special pick-up service on Mondays, including for seniors and those with handicaps, and yard waste pick up service on Fridays. Both yard waste and special trash collection service will now occur on Mondays. This new schedule will allow the entire Service Department staff to work on other projects such as mowing or patching the roads all day Wednesday and all day Friday. We are continually looking at our operations to determine ways in which to be most efficient. We feel that this change will help us accomplish our goal of maximum efficiency.

Service Department employee Stan Sirk, retired from the Village on April 29 after more than 32 years of service. He was hired by Mayor Croucher (during his first term) and went on to serve under four Mayors and countless Council Members. He worked with three different Service Directors and five different Police Chiefs. His family has a deep history of public service; his twin brother, Dan, works in the Chagrin Falls Wastewater Department, and his brother, Pat,

recently retired from there. His son, Josh, works in several different fire departments in the area. Stan and his wife, Jodi, will stay in the area. Stan is already working doing landscaping and tree trimming. We will all miss Stan, his work ethic and his ready smile. I will present Stan with a proclamation honoring his 32 years of service at the June Council Meeting at 7 p.m. on June 8. I hope you will be able to join us.

Several people have called or emailed to ask about a local fee that is on your Cleveland Water bill. It is collected on behalf of the Village and then paid to Cleveland Water for upkeep of the fire hydrants. It is usually a wash; sometimes the Village owes Cleveland Water more money.

On May 7, the Village held its biannual *Greening the Hills* event. Residents brought 10,858 pounds of paper to be shredded and kept out of landfills. The Village also collected used computers, other electronics and hazardous wastes. Several residents and Council Members then went to Forest Ridge and pulled 13 large garbage bags of garlic mustard, an invasive species.

On Tuesday, June 28, at 7 p.m. Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed zoning change. I hope to see you there.

- Mayor Susan Renda

Deepwood Pack Cleanup

Mayor Renda would like to recognize and commend the following group of children for their efforts in picking up litter from the cul-de-sac on Deepwood Drive out to Route 87:

Anna Kirsch
David Kirsch
Antoinette Wright
Nev Grimm
Lucy Grimm
Malena Galvez
Max Galvez
Peter Bradford
Jack Bradford

They took on this endeavor themselves and should be proud of their positive attitudes and for being good citizens.

Be a Good Neighbor

A Reminder from Mayor Renda

Please be considerate of your neighbors and note the following Village Ordinance regarding floodlights: **“No direct rays may illuminate neighboring property.”** Per Section 1337.03 Spotlights and Floodlights.

Additionally, at this time of year we get a lot of complaints about barking dogs. Please be considerate and bring in your dogs if they are barking. Furthermore, if you have a complaint about a barking dog, it is appropriate to call the police department. As much as I would like to help you, I have no authority over barking dogs. Also, please remember to pick up your dog's waste. Pet waste left in the yard eventually becomes a part of storm water runoff that ends up in Lake Erie and helps create algae blooms that are increasingly prevalent.

Special Council Public Hearing Meeting June 28 at 7 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider Ordinance No. 2016-19 regarding proposed amendments to the Planning and Zoning Code and the Zoning Map of the Village of Moreland Hills to enact new Chapter 1159, “Chagrin Northwest Residential & Planned Development Conservation District,” and to change the zoning classification of the following parcels on Chagrin Boulevard from U-1 Dwelling House District to U-5 Chagrin Northwest Residential & Planned Development Conservation District.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in May:

Ordinance 2016-19 – submits the question to the electors whether the Moreland Hills Planning and Zoning Code should be amended to enact new chapter 1159, “Chagrin Northwest Residential and Planned Development Conservation District,” as well as amending the Zoning Map of the to reflect that new zoning classification district of certain parcels from U-1 Dwelling House District to U-5 Chagrin Northwest Residential and Planned Development District. **Placed on Second Reading.**

Ordinance 2016-20 – adopts the 2016 Comprehensive Land Use Plan. **Placed on First Reading.**

Ordinance 2016-21 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with ODOT to participate in the ODOT winter contract for road salt. This ordinance supersedes and replaces Ordinance 2016-11 passed on February 10, 2016.

Ordinance 2016-22 - a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Community Garden

If you are interested in a plot in the Community Garden this year, please contact the Service Department at 440.248.1188

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Coming Events

Butterfly Garden Planting

June 8, 4:30 p.m.

Come join the Mayor, Village employees, and members of the Green-Parks Commission to help plant the Village’s Butterfly Garden at Veteran’s Gateway Park at the corner of SOM and Miles. Don’t forget a hat, sunscreen, and gardening gloves.

Community Kids Fishing Day

June 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Moreland Hills will host its Second Annual Community Kids Fishing Day at Potts Pier (3800 Chagrin River Road).

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Zika Virus Information

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is monitoring for mosquitoes that may transmit disease, including the Zika virus. Residents can help reduce the mosquito population by removing containers that can hold water for a week or more. To prevent exposure to mosquitoes, use insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin or lemon eucalyptus oil.

For more information, visit
<http://www.ccbh.net/zika-virus>

Green Tip

Down the Drain and Back Again: Pharmaceuticals in the Water Supply

For over a decade, researchers have known of a looming environmental problem: mini doses of the myriad drugs we take are showing up in our nation’s water supply.

How did this happen? Besides unused pills thoughtlessly flushed, nearly all the other medicines we take, prescription and over the counter, can pass largely unaltered through our bodies into our wastes and are flushed down the toilet. Almost all the meds that are on the market today are going to be released into our environment by this mechanism. Their accumulation, even exceedingly diluted, will likely have unintended consequences.

Measured in parts per billion or trillion of water, we’re now able to detect minute amounts. Experts neither know which compounds have the greatest potential to cause harm to health and environment nor how to remove them safely and economically. While the hazard to human health is uncertain, the effects on aquatic life such as lobsters, fish and frogs have been observed, e.g., Potomac River fish have been found having both male and female characteristics.

What can we do? As residents, we can collect and dispose of unused drugs at our police department. (There’s a container in the entrance of the station.) As citizens, we can contact our government representatives to research this problem and come up with solutions to monitor and remove pharmaceuticals from our water.

- Ron Neuger