

### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Dear Residents,

As I write this letter, I am very encouraged and optimistic regarding the recent announcements by the Governor and Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As you are aware, many of the public health orders will be lifted early this month. The easing of these restrictions is attributable to the efforts of those in our state and across the entire country. Our employees have been outstanding in their adherence to campus protocols and the changes to our work environment and work processes. While we are easing back into normalcy here on the Village Campus, we have not flipped the proverbial light switch completely. Our protocols throughout the Village for all Moreland Hills' employees are being amended based on consultation with our Village Law Director and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. While I look for our campus to be fully open in the near future, we are still closed while we consult with the professionals so that our employees continue to feel safe and comfortable.

Last month I advised you that Council was considering a rewrite of our existing pool ordinance. The rewrite was adopted on third reading at our May Council Meeting. This rewrite is now the enforced standard for new swimming pools located within our Village. Specifically, our outdated ordinance did not address the growing interest in plunge pools, swim spas and the proliferation of a myriad of wading pools available at all big box stores. Our rewrite first went through the Village's Planning Commission where these changes were considered. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended the continued prohibition of traditional above ground swimming pools in Moreland Hills. Other areas that were considered included the limit of 100 square feet for any swim spa, hot tub or plunge pool to be located above ground. Any of these pools larger than 100 square feet will be required to be installed in-ground. There was consensus that the Village would need to carve out a permissible above ground wading pool definition so that residents could use the temporary wading pools that are so popular today. Like the earlier described structures, wading pools also have a size restriction. Moreland Hills has designated an 80 square foot wading pool as a permitted use. A wading pool is a pool

that is no deeper than 30 inches and has a diameter of 10 feet or less. There was consensus that any wading pool increasing in size from a 10-foot diameter would start to appear as a traditional above ground pool. There are other requirements incorporated into this new ordinance. All residents are encouraged to contact our Building Department prior to purchasing any of the above structures so that compliance with the new ordinance is ensured. Any swim structure not defined in the ordinance is to be considered a prohibited use. As your Mayor, I feel the new rewrite strikes a fair balance between our long-established prohibition of traditional above ground pools and the new proliferation of swim structures as previously described.

Our Road Program will begin shortly. After a competitive bid process, our 2021 Road Program was awarded to Chagrin Valley Paving at a cost of \$714,584.71. Look for improvements throughout the Village ranging from complete resurfacing to crack sealing and other road surface enhancements. Additionally, we will be addressing the retaining wall at the intersection of Miles and Bentleyville Roads. This large wall will receive concrete repairs and a new paint job. The Village will also be replacing our corporation signs that are visible as one enters our beautiful Village. Bids were recently received for our pavilion project to be located at Forest Ridge. Improvements to parking areas in Village Park and the addition of a new pavilion with fireplace and restroom facilities are slated for completion this Fall.

I would like to thank all Village employees and our wonderful residents for a very successful *"Greening the Hills"* event held this past May. Former Mayor Renda forged a path with this wonderful event. We continue in the tradition of environmental awareness and will continue to adhere to policies that protect our wonderful community. Members of our Green Commission were also on hand to educate residents on proper recycling techniques.

It's a very busy time over here at Village Hall and we are endeavoring to provide top level services to the amazing residents of Moreland Hills. I continue to be very proud to serve as your Mayor and wish you all a happy and healthy June.



### SAFETY CORNER

It is that time of year again when motorcyclists will be on the roads, so please follow these tips to help keep them safe:

- Eliminate distractions like cell phones; store your cell phones in the glove compartment.
- Give motorcycles extra room and time as it is easy to misjudge their speed and distance.
- Make sure your mirrors are in the proper position; check blind spots by physically turning around before changing lanes.
- Talk with young and inexperienced drivers about being aware of the presence of motorcycles and explain that a fender bender for them could be fatal for a motorcyclist.
- Use caution when opening the door to exit a parked car, especially in areas with heavy traffic.
- Slow down when going through intersections. Failure to notice a motorcycle at an intersection is one of the leading causes of collision with motorcycles and vehicles.
- Use special caution in areas with road construction.
- Keeping the volume turned down can help you hear a motorcycle when you may not be able to see it.
- Provide a safe distance from a motorcycle, especially during inclement weather.

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# Moreland Hills

*At a Glance*

## COMING EVENTS

### Community Kids Fishing Day– June 12

The Seventh Annual Community Kids Fishing Day Event will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Potts Pier. There will be two different sessions that day: 9:00am-Noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm. Email Chief Kevin Wyant at [kwyant@morelandhills.com](mailto:kwyant@morelandhills.com) to register for one of the sessions.

### Chipping Week – June 21-June 25

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 (June 20); 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.

### Independence Day – Village Offices Closed

Village Offices will be closed on **Monday, July 5** 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 Tuesday, July 6. **\*PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Special Pick-ups done Monday, June 28, however Yard Waste pick-ups WILL still be done.**

## 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. In order to be COVID compliant, visitors are asked to wear a mask, practice social distancing, and keep groups under 10 people. As public health orders are changing frequently, visitors may be directed to use the current health orders that are in place at that time. Please note, there are no restrooms available on site.

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

## MORELAND HILLS RESIDENT, ALLAN KLEINMAN, CELEBRATES HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Members of the Moreland Hills Police Department along with Mayor Fritz were proud to participate in the 100th birthday celebration of resident Allan Kleinman. Along with his friends and family, members of the Police Department and Mayor Fritz drove by and showed their love for this decorated World War II veteran (served in General Patton’s division). We are proud to have residents as gracious and accomplished as Mr. Kleinman. It was a pleasure to see his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in attendance as well.

## RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Since Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross 140 years ago, volunteers have stepped up to adapt in the face of change and give hope to people during life’s emergencies. Consider joining the Red Cross as a volunteer to help chart the path forward for years to come. The most needed volunteer positions are:

- **Disaster Action Team Members** respond to local disasters and provide immediate assistance, including shelter, food and comfort following a home fire or other emergency.
- **Blood Donor Ambassadors** greet, check in and thank blood donors at blood drives.
- **Transportation Specialists** transport and deliver lifesaving donated blood.

To learn more, visit: <https://www.redcross.org/volunteertoday>.

## ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in May:

**Ordinance 2021-11** – amends various Subsections of Section 1171.03 of the Planning and Zoning Code, “Swimming Pools,” and various sections of Chapter 1323 of the Building Code, “Swimming Pools,” to clarify approval procedures and regulations applicable to swimming pools, hot tubs, and swim spas. **Placed on Third Reading and Passed As Amended 5/12/21.**

**Ordinance 2021-19** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court for Moreland Hills’ participation in the Juvenile Court Community Diversion Program for 2021.

**Ordinance 2021-20** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc. for the 2021 Asphalt Pavement Program, for an amount of \$714,584.71.

**Ordinance 2021-21** – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

## DISCOVER FOREST RIDGE PRESERVE

Summer is right around the corner. We know our community values our outdoor spaces and with warmer days ahead, we wanted to remind everyone that Forest Ridge Preserve is waiting to be discovered by you.

Forest Ridge is a 142-acre preserve that provides beautiful views of the surrounding hillsides and scenic overlooks of wooded ravines. The Village initially purchased 9 acres of property to create this preserve in 2006 and subsequently purchased 115 acres of mature upland forest and 18 acres of relatively flat land with ponds and fields of wildflowers, creating the Village’s first park.

Now is a great time to walk the trails and see how all the trees have come back to life. There are benches to sit on and contemplate the beauty of the forest. On your way down from a hike, do not forget to visit Potts Pier and see if you can spot a few of our underwater friends. There is ample parking on both sides of the park and it is a wonderful way to spend a few hours getting to know one of the Village’s best-kept secrets. Forest Ridge Preserve is located at 3800 Chagrin River Road. It is next door to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and across from the Polo Fields.