

Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

JUNE 2022

At a Glance

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Hello Residents,

I write this month's letter during a very exciting time for our Village. The dedication last month at our new Lang Pavilion has created a gathering place for our community. Over the years that I have been associated with Village government, a common concern expressed by residents was our lack of a centralized venue that would foster an improved sense of community. The Lang Pavilion can be reserved by all residents and has already hosted a wedding, prom pictures and family gatherings. Regulations can be found on our website or by contacting Sherri in Village Hall. A sincere "thank you" to all who assisted with our dedication event. This includes members of our Parks and Green Commissions, the Moreland Hills Historical Society and all of our amazing employees in the Service Department and Village Administration. I would also like to thank Luna Bakery & Café and Flour Restaurant for their generous contributions to this special event. Lastly, we enjoyed the company of former Mayor Susan Renda and former resident Charles Lang whose efforts, along with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, formed the backbone of this incredible acquisition.

There are several ordinances that were passed recently that all residents should be aware of. First, Village Council passed an amended Ordinance related to the use of campfires and open burning. The purpose of this ordinance was to remove the vaguery which made enforcement difficult and led to confusion amongst our residents. In general terms, residents may enjoy a "recreational fire" that uses seasoned firewood and does not produce a large amount of smoke. Residents cannot burn yard waste, garbage, green twigs or anything other than seasoned firewood. If a recreational fire is found to be in violation of this ordinance, the police department has the authority to request that the resident extinguish the fire. Open burning is defined as burning outside of an approved device and is prohibited by this ordinance. As an

example, this violation would include a resident who has raked a large pile of leaves and has decided to set it on fire. A violation of our open burning prohibition may result in a citation and applicable fine. The full version of this ordinance can be found under "Quick Links" on the main page of our Village website under "Recently Passed Code Amendments." Secondly, you may have read about a new state law that permits the use of certain fireworks on a prescribed set of dates. The language in the state law incorporated an "opt out" for communities who preferred to continue with their prohibitions on the use of these pyrotechnics. After reading our "opt out" legislation in three successive Council meetings, debating this issue at our Committee of The Whole meetings and seeking the advice from our Fire Chief and Police Chief, the Village decided to opt out of this new permitted use. To be clear, the use of fireworks in the Village of Moreland Hills will continue to be prohibited by our local code.

We are excited for additional "More in the Hills" events that have been scheduled for the month of June. Another section of this newsletter will highlight these events. The events can also be found on our Village website under "News and Events" and are also prominently advertised on our Village Facebook page. A reminder that all "More in the Hills" events take place on Thursday evenings and usually start at 6 or 6:30pm.

The Village has also scheduled "Yoga at the Pavilion" on the first and third Saturdays each month. These sessions are for all skill levels including those who have never tried yoga. Join us at 9am on these Saturdays as Instructor Marni Task leads the class through a relaxing and healthy yoga session in one of the Chagrin Valley's premier locations.

My family and I would like to wish you a happy and healthy summer. We look forward to seeing you at one of our events or on the trails of our beautiful nature preserve.



GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY ORANGE BRANCH LIBRARY!

- Their new website launched with a live chat feature during normal business hours
- Summer Reading Program starts June 4th
- *Reel Abilities Film Festival* on October 13th - 2 short films will be shown and there will be activities centered around National Disability Awareness month.
- *Digital Navigators* offer one-on-one assistance to help you or someone you know connect to the internet, get a device, set up a telehealth appointment and more. Call 216-749-9420 to make an appointment.
- Other Great Services: Passports, In-person Story Times 3 days a week, Meeting Rooms, Study Rooms, and Lending Zoom Licenses.
- *Library 2 You* services for those who find it difficult to get out to the library; materials can be mailed to customers.

For more information about these services, call the Orange Branch Library at 216-831-4282 or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org.

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MORELAND HILLS DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMISSION

Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved with your local government? The Village is seeking nine individuals to establish our Diversity & Inclusion Commission. Appointed members act in an advisory capacity to make recommendations to Village Council on areas such as:

- Messaging in Village created content. Areas include social media, newsletter, website and other communications.
- Suggestions for programing in our “More in the Hills” series and educational, cultural, and other community sponsored events.
- Non-discriminatory hiring practices as they relate to Moreland Hills employees. Areas include advertising for vacancies and other promotional efforts.
- Potential collaboration with neighboring communities and their commissions to help bring about mutual understanding and respect among all persons, and to safeguard the right to be free from all forms of discrimination.

We feel that we have made considerable effort to improve in these areas. However, we can always do better! Please consider helping us in this capacity. Interested residents should email a letter of interest to Sherri at villagehall@morelandhills.com. Nine members will then be selected by the Mayor, Council President and members of Village Council. To learn more about the Moreland Hills Diversity and Inclusions Commission, visit www.morelandhills.com, click on Codified Ordinances at the top of the page and search for *Chapter 161*.

JAG CABIN

The James A. Garfield Birth Site and replica cabin will open our doors for the 22nd season this June.

Join us June 4 at 10:00am and visit with Debbie Weinkamer who has been involved with the Garfield family story since 1998 and has done extensive research into their life and times. She is the Lead Volunteer at James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor where she guides public tours, creates and presents programs and exhibits. Having an Associate in Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education, Debbie strives to make her presentations engaging, meaningful, and educational for audiences of all ages.

We are looking for people with strong oral communication skills who have a warm personality to welcome guests to the JAG cabin and provide them with basic knowledge about the early years of the late President. Our volunteer minimum time requirement is 3 hours. Student volunteers under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

If you wish to greet our guests, contact the Moreland Hills Historical Society at MHHSohio@gmail.com.

COMING EVENTS

Community Kids Fishing Day – June 11

The Seventh Annual Community Kids Fishing Day Event will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Potts Pier. Like last year, there will be two different sessions that day; 9:00am-Noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm. To register for this event go to the Village Facebook page or website for the link to the registration form or email Chief Wyant at kwyant@morelandhills.com.

Chipping Week – June 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. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. Please have the bundles stacked by the side of the road by 7:00am on June 20; 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 – First Session June 4

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*. Email yoga@morelandhills.com and indicate the date(s) you are signing up for.

June 9, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Gas vs. Battery Powered Lawn Equipment Presentation

June 23, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Music in the Park with Ben Gage

June 30, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Chagrin Valley Fire Department Truck Night

Please RSVP to villagehall@morelandhills.com if you plan to attend any of these 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.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in May:

Ordinance 2022-14 – amends Section 1519.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Moreland Hills to prohibit the discharge, ignition, or explosion of fireworks on certain days each year. *Placed on Third Reading and Passed.*

Resolution 2022-28 – authorizes the Village of Moreland Hills to become a *Power A Clean Future Ohio* community and to adopt a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Village.

Ordinance 2022-29 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with The Vallejo Company for the 2022 Asphalt Pavement Program, for an amount of \$992,725.10.

Ordinance 2022-30 – authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Gilmore Security for the purchase of commercial security equipment for the Police Department, for an amount of 39,610.44.

Ordinance 2022-31 – to consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation’s project to remove the existing structure over a culvert and replace with fill on So. Woodland Road.