

### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ETHAN SPENCER

I have some exciting news to share! Your Village Council has filled the seat which was vacated when I became Mayor. Frederick (Rick) Vincent, who has been a resident of the Village for about 11 years, is an Engineering Design Manager in the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's Engineering and Construction Department, and he is your newest Councilman. He has jumped right into the Council position and onto the Roads & Safety Committee, where his experience will be very valuable. Welcome, Rick!

As I have been out and about over the last month speaking with residents, a couple seasonal topics have come up. I would like to share with you a little more detail about both our Road Program and our cul-de-sac/right of way maintenance approach. This month I will focus on roads. Look to next month for a cul-de-sac discussion.

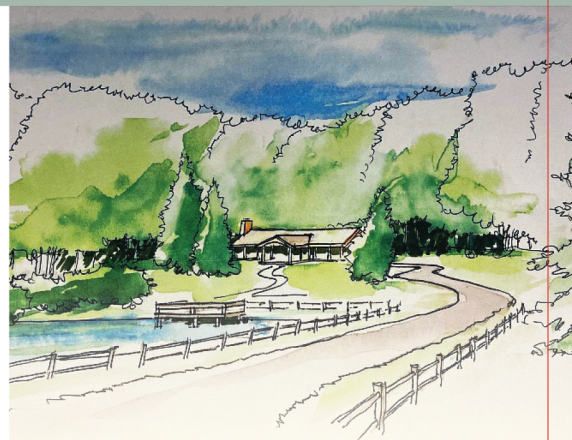
In terms of roads, during the pandemic our Village froze spending in many areas in order to protect against a potential revenue downturn. This included paring down the Road Program. While spending fluctuates depending on other needs and circumstances, in an average year the Village spends a little more than \$1M per year on outside contractors for resurfacing and making significant repairs to our roads, storm, and sanitary infrastructure. This excludes smaller patching jobs that can be done by our Service Department. For example, you may have noticed the work recently done on lower Jackson Road. We were able to accomplish that in-house. During 2020, outside spending dropped to about \$760K. In 2022, we tackled a large section of Chagrin Blvd. supplemented by \$250K from Cuyahoga County so our spending was almost two times a "normal

year." During that time, we were also working to secure additional county, state or federal money to assist on some of our larger roads. Both Chagrin River Road and Jackson Road have needed resurfacing for a while, but like Chagrin Blvd., they are county roads and much too expensive for us to complete on our own. Fortunately, we did secure ARPA funds and Ohio Public Works Commission funds for these roads this year. Therefore, we plan to resurface our section of Chagrin River Road from Chagrin Blvd. to Miles Road. We are planning to resurface Jackson Road from SOM Center Road to the Village line near Lander Road. For 2023, our budgeted spending for infrastructure improvements is over \$3M.

Each year our Village Engineer updates his analysis of road conditions to set priorities for resurfacing, pavement repairs, surface treatment and crack sealing. He provides me with a three-year plan indicating the priority for resurfacing projects based on road condition. We use that plan during the budgeting process to determine which roads will be done during the upcoming fiscal year. I can assure you that the condition of our roads is a top priority, and we will continue to seek outside funding to supplement our budget. If you believe your street should be done sooner, please understand that we must spend your tax dollars wisely and efficiently. We will only spend what we can afford so that we do not end up asking for new taxes.

As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [espencer@morelandhills.com](mailto:espencer@morelandhills.com) or 440-248-1188.

Have a wonderful summer.



### THE JAMES A. GARFIELD BIRTH SITE AND CABIN

The James A. Garfield Birth Site and replica cabin will soon open our doors for our 23rd season.

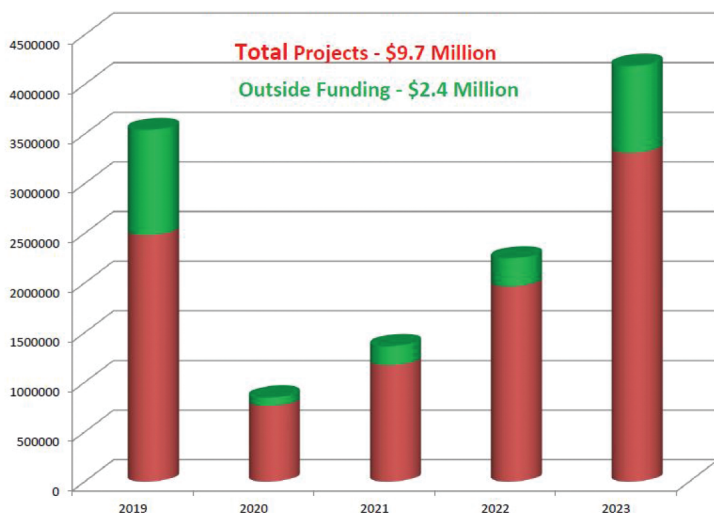
The cabin will be open Saturdays from 10:00-1:00 all summer, beginning on June 3.

We are looking for volunteers to welcome guests to the JAG cabin and provide them with basic knowledge about Garfield's early years. Our volunteer minimum time requirement is 3 hours. Student volunteers under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. No experience is necessary; Training will be provided.

On June 10th we have special guest volunteer Debbie Weinkamer who has been involved with the Garfield's 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, presentations, 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.

Please email [MHHSohio@gmail.com](mailto:MHHSohio@gmail.com) should you have questions.

### ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FROM 2019 THROUGH 2023



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# Moreland Hills

*At a Glance*

## HIRAM HOUSE CAMP

### Job Openings

Hiram House is still looking for a few additional staff members this summer. Job openings for Day Camp Counselors, Overnight Camp Counselors and Lifeguards are still available. Anyone interested can apply online at <https://hiramhousecamp.org/contact-us/employment/> or call the office at (216) 831-5045. The first day of camp starts June 12.

### Movie Night Under the Stars is back at Hiram House Camp

#### Movie Night Dates:

Saturday, June 10th  
(Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs)

Friday, June 30th (Back to the Future)

Friday, July 14th (Lightyear)

Friday, July 28th (Flushed Away)

Saturday, August 12th (The Sandlot)

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and camp out on the lawn at Hiram House Camp. A concession stand will be available for snacks and drinks. Please no outside food, pets or smoking. Camp gates will open at 8:30 pm. Movies will start roughly at 9:15-9:30 pm as it gets darker at camp. This is a family-friendly event. All proceeds go to benefit the campers at Hiram House Camp. Tickets can be purchased online or on that evening at camp. All movie information will be available on the camp movie night website <https://hiramhousecamp.org/summer-movie-series/>

## CLOSINGS

### Independence Day – July 4

Village Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. Tuesday rubbish/recycling pick-ups will be done on Wednesday, July 5.

## COMING EVENTS

### Community Kids Fishing Day– June 10

The Ninth Annual Community Kids Fishing Day Event will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Potts Pier. The morning session is full; we are only taking registrations for the afternoon session (1:00pm-4:00pm). To register for this event go to the Village Facebook page or website for the link to the registration form.

### Chipping Week – June 19-23

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 19; 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.

### Coyotes: Our Town & Country Canines – June 22 – 7:00-8:00pm

Come to the Orange Branch Library on June 22nd to learn facts about these highly adaptable animals. A naturalist from the Geauga Parks District will talk about identification, how we can co-exist, and more.

### “More in the Hills” Presents Yoga at the Pavilion Featuring Marni Task Yoga – June 24

Yoga Sessions will be held every Saturday, June through September at 9:00am, RAIN or SHINE. The first session will be held on June 24 (not June 17th as previously stated). The fee is \$10.00: Cash or check payable to Marni Task Yoga, or Venmo @Marni-Bucchieri. Yoga will be held rain or shine, but if the temperature is below 60 degrees, it will be cancelled. Please come prepared and dressed appropriately for the weather and remember to bring your yoga mat, blocks, blankets, and water.

### Coming Events at Lang Pavillion

#### Chagrin Valley Wellness Fest – July 15 - 9am-1pm

The Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce is holding a wellness fest at Lang Pavilion that includes health and fitness activities for the whole family. Registration deadline – July 1; \$50.00 for members and \$100.00 for nonmembers. For more information, contact [chamber@cvcc.org](mailto:chamber@cvcc.org).

### Moreland Hills Community Event – July 29

Join us for a community celebration with the music of OPUS 216, and more! Look for more details on this event in the coming weeks.

## THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED IN MAY:

**Ordinance 2023-22** authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Project Award Agreement with Cuyahoga County for an award from the ARPA Community Grant Fund for the President Garfield Birth Site and Cabin Path Stairs Project, for an amount of \$186,173.00.

**Ordinance 2023-23** authorizes the Mayor to enter into a pass-through agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Forest Ridge Project, for an amount of \$75,000.00.

**Ordinance 2023-24** authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with United Survey, Inc. for the 2023 Sewer Inspection and Cleaning Program for an amount of \$199,690.00.

**Ordinance 2023-25** an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

**Ordinance 2023-26** authorizes the Mayor to purchase office furnishings for the Village’s Police Department from APG Office Furnishings for an amount not to exceed \$28,035.03.