

# Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

*At a Glance*

## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Dear Residents,

As you read this letter, Village Council will be voting on the adoption of our 2022 budget. As many of you know, we operate on a temporary budget until March when we pass the actual budget that contains various line items for improvements and operating expenses. As I write this letter, I am able to mention several areas where significant expenses are being discussed. Our Village applied for and received \$250,000.00 in assistance for the repaving of Chagrin Boulevard from South Lane to the Chagrin Falls border. While that assistance is significant, the project is estimated at 1.4 million dollars. Residents have made their voices heard when it comes to the maintenance of our roadways. In our 2016 survey, the upkeep of our roadways was continuously rated as being a top priority for our residents. Our proposed 2022 Road Program also includes the complete resurfacing of three other streets and a long list of full depth repair, crack sealing and other roadway improvements throughout our neighborhoods. Each year the Road Program represents our largest outlay in terms of our budget. Residents should know that the development of our Road Program is based on an annual inspection of every road surface. This inspection is completed by our Village Engineer and Service Director. Road surfaces are graded based on their condition, use, and safety. As a minimum we maintain a 5-year infrastructure improvement plan so that all major projects are planned for in advance. Major capital improvements such as equipment and facility upgrades can then be budgeted around this essential program. Our goal each and every year is to tackle our infrastructure improvements in an aggressive and responsible manner. As with your own finances, our budgeting must take into account a myriad of factors. For Moreland Hills, these factors include 5-year projections related to capital and operations, anticipated changes to personnel costs, decreased revenue streams, changes in property valuation

and unanticipated expenses just to name a few. Our residents should know that we spend a great deal of time planning for all contingencies as we strive to address the needs of our community and ultimately end the year with healthy reserves. Village Council plays an integral role in this process and is advised of major capital improvement requirements through their respective committees. The overall budget is then presented for consideration and discussion at the appropriate Council meeting. All of these meetings are open to the public. In addition to members of our Village Council, I must also thank our Treasurer Prashant Shah and his Assistant, Marcia Bossart, for all of their hard work as it relates to the budget approval process.

Every six years our Village is required to appoint a Charter Review Commission made up of electors who reside in our Village but do not hold public office. These members are appointed by the Mayor and each member of Village Council. Our Charter Review Commission is made up of nine residents who then read through our Charter and determine if any changes should be recommended to our electorate. These residents volunteer their time and are procedurally guided by our Village Law Director. Any changes to our Charter require voter approval. You will be advised if any suggested changes will be coming to the next General Election for your consideration.

We continue to plan for community events in our new pavilion this year. Events will include acoustic music, lectures, presentations, and family gatherings. Our first event will take place on Saturday, May 7, at noon. Plan to join us as we dedicate our new pavilion. We will have live music, food, crafts and other family-friendly events. Our Parks Commission will also be assisting with this event. I look forward to an exciting year as we gather in the heart of Forest Ridge amongst neighbors we know and new neighbors we will meet.



## HARVEST FOR HUNGER

The Village of Moreland Hills has once again partnered with Chagrin Falls, Bentleyville, Hunting Valley, and South Russell for the Cleveland Food Bank's annual Harvest for Hunger campaign. This food and fund drive runs through the month of March and provides for 21 Northeastern Ohio counties. Nonperishable food and monetary donations, once collected, will be delivered to the Cleveland Food Bank by the Chagrin Valley Fire Department, coordinators of this event.

You can drop off donations at Village Hall in the appropriately marked collection bins in the lobby throughout the month of March.

Last year, a total of over 4,000 pounds of food and \$200,000 was collected for this great cause. This community-wide effort will make a difference in people's lives and the need has never been more critical. The following are the most needed items:

- Cereal (hot or cold)
- Peanut butter
- Canned tuna/chicken
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned or boxed entrees
- Whole grain rice and pasta
- Beans (canned or dried)
- 100% juice
- Pasta sauce (low sodium)

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## TAX INFORMATION:

### REMINDER

Municipal income tax returns are due Monday, April 18, even if no income tax is due. For filing requirements, contact RITTA 1-800-860-7482 or visit their website at [www.RITTAOhio.com/faq](http://www.RITTAOhio.com/faq). File early and file electronically to avoid the “last minute” stress.

Residents may order tax forms and publications directly from the IRS online or by phone:

- Visit [IRS.gov/orderforms](http://IRS.gov/orderforms) to order tax products to be delivered to your home by mail.

- Call the IRS toll-free at **1.800.829.3676** to order tax products to be delivered to your home by mail. This service is available **7:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Friday**, excluding Federal Holidays.

## SERVICE DEPARTMENT

### REMINDERS

The 2022 Chipping Program starts next month; the week of April 18-22. The Chipping Program runs from April through October, on the third full week of every month.

## CLOSINGS

### Good Friday -

Village Offices will be closed on Friday, April 15

## MHHS

If you are interested in joining the Moreland Hills Historical Society, please email them at [MHHSOHIO@gmail.com](mailto:MHHSOHIO@gmail.com). For more information about MHHS, visit their website at [www.mhhsobio.org](http://www.mhhsobio.org).

## ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in February:

**Ordinance 2021-59** – amends Section 153.02 of the Codified Ordinances, “Paid Holidays,” to modify the schedule of paid holidays when Christmas Day falls on Saturday or Monday and to authorize the Mayor to modify that schedule when New Year’s Day falls on Saturday.

**Ordinance 2021-60** – enacts new Chapter 161, “Diversity and Inclusion Commission,” of the Codified Ordinances to establish the Moreland Hills Diversity and Inclusion Commission and prescribe its responsibilities and organizations.

**Ordinance 2022-06** – authorizes Change Order No. 3 with United Survey, Inc. for the 2020 Sewer Rehabilitation Program, for a decrease amount of \$15,113.96, which will reconcile and close out the contract.

**Ordinance 2022-07** – authorizes participation in a joint project with the Village of Bentleyville for the Miles Road Culvert C-30 Rehabilitation project, near the intersection of Miles Road and North Fork Drive.

**Ordinance 2022-08** – authorizes all actions necessary to accept a Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2022 Energized Community Grant.

**Ordinance 2022-09** – designates the Council Clerk to attend Certified Sunshine Law Training for newly elected and re-elected Council Members.

**Ordinance 2022-10** – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

**Ordinance 2022-11** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc., which includes general liability, police professional, public official, automobile, and property & cyber liability insurance.

## COMING EVENTS

**Community Kids Fishing Day –  
SAVE THE DATE – June 11**

The Eighth Annual Community Kids Fishing Day Event will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Potts Pier. There will be two different sessions that day: 9:00am-Noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm. Look for more details to be announced in the coming weeks as they become available.

## SAVE THE DATE

We will be having our Pavilion Grand Opening on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from Noon to 3:00pm. Additional details will be available in the coming months in our newsletter and on social media.