

### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ETHAN SPENCER

Having been your mayor for a little over a month now, I can say that I'm learning a tremendous amount. We have a very fine staff serving you here at Village Hall. I cannot say enough about their dedication and concern for our residents. Now that the weather is better, you will see our service crew out and about a lot more. They have already begun mowing and chipping and we have an aggressive road program this year too. Our police have procured a second motorcycle, so expect to see it around town this summer at community events and on the roads for traffic enforcement.

Last month I mentioned that I would share a bit more about myself. After growing up in Western Pennsylvania, I went on to graduate from Dartmouth College with a degree in economics. I also have an MBA from Northwestern University.

Professionally, I have worked in strategy consulting at Boston Consulting Group and held strategy and leadership positions at General Electric. For the last 19 years, I have led large numbers of employees and managed budgets in executive roles at American Greetings. Most recently, I was Vice President and Treasurer. My responsibilities included all cash related functions, investor relations, insurance and real estate.

My wife, Elizabeth, and I have been married 32 years and have resided in Moreland Hills for 22. We were originally transferred here from Connecticut and decided to forego another corporate transfer in order to raise our children in Moreland Hills. Now our daughters, Emily and Lydia, are out pursuing their own careers. Our son, Will, graduates from Ohio State this summer. I cannot forget to mention the final member of the family, our dog, Teddy. He is our 11-year-old beagle/boxer mix you may see around Village Hall from time to time.

I have held many community volunteer positions over the years, including OCAA soccer coach and the Cleveland Zoo Society Board of Directors. In 2019, I was elected to Moreland Hills Council and in 2021 my peers on Council elected me Council President. I enjoy golf, cooking, exercise, travel and nature.

My priorities as mayor are to preserve the distinctive character of Moreland Hills while respecting individual property rights, to keep all our residents safe through excellent police and emergency services, to maintain a strong fiscal discipline, and finally to improve resident engagement through our commissions. Moreland Hills is truly a special place. Of course, my staff and I welcome suggestions and feedback from all residents.



### CHAGRIN RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERS

Every Moreland Hills residence and business lies within the Chagrin Falls watershed. This means that all groundwater draining from our properties eventually flows into the Chagrin River.

Learn what you can do to protect this vital natural resource. A website developed by The Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP), a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the Chagrin River, provides landowner tools and tips for keeping our waterways healthy: <https://crwp.org/what-can-i-do/>

Moreland Hills has been a proud CRWP member since 1996.

### STUDENT CIVIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Village of Moreland Hills is seeking one Moreland Hills resident who is a current high school student graduating in the class of 2025 to join its Parks, Green, and Diversity and Inclusion Commissions. These commissions are tasked with important work, such as preservation, recycling, and representation. The student selected will serve for two years as a full voting member of these commissions, with their input equal in weight to all other members. In year one, the student will be a member of the Green Commission and Diversity and Inclusion Commission. In year two, the student will be a member of the Parks Commission. Commission members attend commission meetings, discuss their opinions, help plan events, and cast their votes. Additionally, the selected student will have the opportunity to meet with the Village Mayor, Council President, and department heads.

**Eligibility:** You must be in the graduating class of 2025 and you must be a Moreland Hills resident. The selected student may choose to begin their term in either Summer of 2023 or at the start of the 2023-24 school year.

**To apply:** Email a maximum two-page essay to [villagehall@morelandhills.com](mailto:villagehall@morelandhills.com) answering the following question: "Over the next 10 years, how will you improve the communities in which you live?" The following information should be in the body of your submission email only: name, address, email, phone number, school, and graduating class. Essays will be scored without knowledge of the identity of the applicant, so please do not put any identifying information in your actual essay, as that information will not be made available to those scoring them.

**The deadline for submittal is May 15, 2023.** Selections will be made in June 2023. We look forward to your input!

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# Moreland Hills

*At a Glance*

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

**Ordinance 2023-15** authorizes the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement with KTS Equipment Inc. through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for one wood chipper for the Service Department, for a price not to exceed \$69,104.80 including a trade-in option.

**Ordinance 2023-16** authorizes the Mayor to purchase one 2023 Ford F-150 Police Responder vehicle for an amount not to exceed \$47,341.00.

**Ordinance 2023-17** authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Crossroads Asphalt Recycling, Inc. or the 2023 Asphalt Pavement Program, in the amount of \$847,355.10.

**Ordinance 2023-18** authorizes participation by the Village in the ODOT Road Salt Contract awarded in 2023, for the 2023-2024 winter season.

**Ordinance 2023-19** authorizes the Mayor to “opt-in” to national opioid settlements to resolve opioid litigation against Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart.

**Ordinance 2023-20** an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

**Ordinance 2023-21** an ordinance amending Ordinance 2023-18 authorizing participation by the Village of Moreland Hills in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2023 and declaring an emergency.

## THE MORELAND HILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Moreland Hills Historical Society is preparing for another season at the James Garfield cabin located on the grounds of the village hall. We are looking for volunteers to open the cabin to visitors on Saturdays 10-1 from June thru September. This is a great opportunity for community service hours. If you are interested, please contact [MHHSohio@gmail.com](mailto:MHHSohio@gmail.com).

## COMING EVENTS

### Chipping Week – May 15-19

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 May 15; 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.

### Greening the Hills – May 20

Greening the Hills will be held on Saturday, May 20, from 9:00am to Noon at Village Hall. Bring your hazardous waste, paper for shredding, electronics, scrap metal, tires, and oil-based paint to be properly disposed. Employees and volunteers will be on hand to take the items out of your vehicle as you drive through our campus.

### Memorial Day – May 29

Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29. There will be no Special Pick-Ups or Yard Waste Pick-ups that week. Any Monday Rubbish collections will be done on Tuesday.

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

Yoga Sessions will be held every Saturday, June through September at 9:00am, RAIN or SHINE. The first session will be held on June 17. 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.

### 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. 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.

## INFORMATION ABOUT NOPEC

Eligible residents and small business owners will be receiving natural gas and electric enrollment letters for our community’s energy aggregation programs through NOPEC.

Letters began mailing in early April for enrollment in the NOPEC electric program and mid-April for natural gas for the period beginning with customers’ June 2023 meter read dates.

If you want to enroll in NOPEC’s Standard Program Price, you don’t need to take any action when you receive your enrollment letter. **You will automatically be enrolled.**

Additional information about the aggregation program and available rate options including fixed term, monthly variable pricing, and 100% renewable electric options can be viewed online at [//nopec.org/letter](http://nopec.org/letter) or by calling NOPEC’s Customer Care Center at 1-855-667-3201.

If you do not want to enroll in the natural gas or electric aggregation programs, **you must return the opt-out form attached to your enrollment letter to NOPEC by mail or by fax to 440-774-4422 by the date indicated on your letter. To learn more visit [nopec.org](http://nopec.org)**