

# Moreland Hills at a Glance

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills



December 2017

## Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

I presented a proclamation to the Officers of the Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club at the Nov. 8 Council meeting to honor the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of their club. The Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club was formed in November 1917 at end of WWI as an outgrowth of the Red Cross service. The members have continued to contribute to the Red Cross and have added Meals-on-Wheels, Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Hiram House Camp, and many others to their philanthropic giving. They sent gifts and local newspapers in support of local soldiers in World War II and the Vietnam War.

The Bentleyville Road Neighborhood Club carries out its mission "to retain neighborliness and friendliness" and assimilates new neighbors into its network with enthusiasm and love. They support each other in their time of need and celebrate the joys of life together. For the past 100 years the members have held monthly meetings to exchange news and information and enjoy each other's company. Congratulations to all the members. We have posted a picture on the website of the proclamation presentation.

As you probably know, Council will have a vacant seat in January. Our Charter requires that they fill that seat within 45 days. If you are interested in applying for the seat, the following information will be helpful to you:

**Qualifications:** According to the Moreland Hills Village Charter, to apply for the open Council seat you must have been a resident and an elector of the Municipality for at least two continuous years before the day of your appointment (January 2018).

**Time Commitment:** Each Council member is expected to attend the monthly Council Meeting (the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.), the Committee of the Whole Meeting (the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.) and your assigned Committee meeting. Meetings last about two hours on average. There is preparation time for each meeting that varies both by committee and individual.

**Committees:** The Council Committees are: Roads & Safety, Facilities and BZA/Planning Commission. Roads and Safety and Facilities meet as needed; BZA/Planning meets on the first Monday of each month.

**Salary:** Council members are paid a salary of \$600 per month.

**To Apply:** Please submit a resume with cover letter to [villagehall@morelandhills.com](mailto:villagehall@morelandhills.com) or drop them off to Sherri at Village Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 3. Please include your email address.

**Applicant Interviews:** Will take place weekday evenings during the weeks of Jan. 15 and Jan. 22. You will be contacted to set up an interview time.

Congratulations to Paul Stanard and Monica Sturgis, both of whom will be returning for another term on Council. A fond farewell to Gary Sherck who served one term on Council but decided not to return.

The Moreland Hills Police Department held a Town Hall Meeting on Nov. 9 to discuss the recent car break-ins. Chief Wyant feels that most of these crimes are tied to the opioid crisis. Criminals are looking for easy targets, cash or something that can be quickly converted to cash. Check the Safety Corner in this newsletter, [morelandhills.com](http://morelandhills.com) website or the Moreland Hills Police Facebook page for the safety tips they provided. We will continue to hold these safety meetings periodically.

The Village is changing its special pick-up policy. Starting Jan. 2, 2018, each resident will receive one free special pick-up per year. You can receive a second one for \$25 but can only have two per year. All rules for rubbish pick-up can be found on the Village website.

- Mayor Susan Renda

## Blue Tip

This winter, give your lawn the gift of good health.

- Use environmentally friendly ice melt product, such as Potassium Acetate (KA). KA is just as effective as salt, but it is less harmful to plants and trees. Due to its cost, it is a more feasible alternative for use on front walkways or driveways.
- If you use salt, reduce the amount you apply to icy sidewalks and roads as it negatively impacts the health of streams, rivers and your lawn.
- Don't forget to continue to *scoop the poop* throughout the winter as well. Pet waste pathogens like E.coli end up in rivers and streams, even during a winter thaw.

## No-Shave November

Ten Moreland Hills Police Officers will be participating in "No-Shave November," which is a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving in order to raise cancer awareness. Each officer had to donate \$30 to participate, and Mayor Renda will match the total amount donated by those officers. If you wish to donate as well, you can bring cash or a check (made out to Village of Moreland Hills Police Department).

The MHPD will donate all money received to a charitable organization or family of a fallen officer.

## Closings and Reminders

### Holiday Closures at Village Hall

Christmas Eve: Friday, Dec. 22 – Closed

Christmas Day: Monday, Dec. 25 – Closed

New Year's Eve: Friday, Dec. 29 – Close at noon

New Year's Day: Monday, Jan. 1 – Closed

### Service Department Reminders

- **Christmas & New Year's Rubbish/Recycling Pick-Up:** Any **Monday** pick-ups will be done on Tuesday. All other days will remain as regularly scheduled.
- **NO Yard Waste or Special Pick-Ups** will be done on Monday, Dec. 25 or Monday, Jan. 1. **REMINDER: Residents need to call the week prior (as late as the Friday before) to get put on the schedule for a yard waste pick-up.**
- The Service Department will start picking up Christmas trees Jan. 8 and will continue through Feb. 9.
- Chipping is done for the year, and will resume again next April through October (third full week of the month).

### Meeting Schedule

There will be no BZA or Planning Commission Meetings in January.

### Village of Moreland Hills

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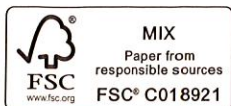
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### Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in November:

**Ordinance 2017-40** – amends Section 1177.11 (g), “Solar Energy Systems,” of the Planning and Zoning Code as requested by the Fire Marshal, to include pathways on rooftops with solar panels and markings to ensure safe access and notice to fire department personnel in the case of a fire or other emergency at a structure with a solar energy system. **Placed on Second Reading**

**Ordinance 2017-49** – amends Section 1131.13, “Decision of the Board of Appeals,” of the Codified Ordinances to make the expiration of BZA approvals consistent with the expiration of Planning Commission approvals. **Placed on Second Reading**

**Ordinance 2017-56 (as amended)** – amends Subsection (d) of Section 121.01, “Council Rules” and Chapter 951, “Solid Waste Collection and Disposal,” of the Codified Ordinances to include provisions reducing the number of special service pick-ups and regulating missed pick-ups, pick-ups for residents with special needs, and the disposal of materials from construction projects or due to a tenant vacating a property.

**Ordinance 2017-58** – amends and updates the Traffic Code of the Codified Ordinances to change the penalty provisions to conform with State Law.

**Resolution 2017-59** – opposes House Bill 267 which proposes to eliminate political subdivision immunity for negligent operation of a Police, Fire or Emergency Medical Vehicle during an emergency.

**Ordinance 2017-60** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Vancuren Services, Inc. for the 2017 Hazardous Tree Removal Program in the amount of \$34,250.

**Ordinance 2017-61** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Diversified Infrastructure Services, Inc. for the 2017 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program, in the amount of \$116,578.75.

**Ordinance 2017-62** – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

### Environmental Corner

Each year in the United States, more than 500 million disposable plastic straws are used, which wreaks havoc on the environment, especially the oceans. Most straws are made of polypropylene, which is a petroleum byproduct that is not easily recyclable, nor does it easily degrade. In the last 25 years, more than 6 million plastic straws and stirrers were removed from beaches. Many more are left to float in the ocean.

*To reduce our effects on the environment, please consider saying “no” to the straw.*

One of the films at this year’s Cleveland International Film Festival, “Straws: a documentary film for a sea of change,” discussed this very issue. Visit [strawsfilm.com](http://strawsfilm.com) for more information.

### Message From the Historical Society

National Veterans Day and Military Families Month remembers those who served our country in uniform. We thank these residents for their service:

Lawrence O. Adams, Dr. Herbert L. Adelstein, Paul R. Batchell, Ravelay Beattie, Hugh M. Beattie, Serenus Bennett, Michael Bergschneider, Dorsey G. Berry, S. Neil Bluhm, Albert Brendel, Robert Berger, John J Buynack, George Chalmers, Ralph Corlett, Benjamin F. Cover, Samuel G. S. Deiss, John F. Elber, Michael Evarts, John J Exol, Charles S. Glass, Daniel R. Groth, Leonard J. Haase, Carl M. Heacock, Oscar Henrikson, David Hersman, Allen D. Jennings, Christian Kruetlof, Willard E. Lockemer, Derrel W. Luse, Jonathan Martin, George J. Mateja, Frederick Meditich, Richard R. Moore, Owen Neff, Grover S. Ramsay, Jack Rivard, Jr., George Rosin, Walter Schendel, William Schmidt, Jack Schron, John Sheridan, George Sheridan, Robert Street, Frank Teasar, John Utaw, William J. Wenworth, William T. Wickham, John L. Wilker.

Please support our efforts to document all residents who served in the United States Armed Forces by emailing [mhshsohio@gmail.com](mailto:mhshsohio@gmail.com).

### Safety Tips

The Moreland Hills Police Department recently held a Town Hall Meeting to discuss recent car break-ins. Following are some safety tips:

- Lock your doors
- Close and lock all ground floor windows
- Remove valuables from your car
- Turn on outdoor lights
- Consider installing doorbell cameras or outdoor security cameras
- Home security systems
- Place your home on vacation watch when you are away – call our police and fire dispatch service at 440.247.7321; hold your mail; have someone you trust and who lives close by be a “keyholder” in case of an emergency
- For any non-emergency police matter call Dispatch at 440.247.7321; for all police and fire emergencies call 911

If you would like an officer to come to your home to assess your security concerns, call 440.247.7321 and ask to talk to an on-duty officer.

### Moreland Hills Police and Employees Foundation

Once a year, the Foundation sends a letter to all residents of Moreland Hills asking you to consider making a tax-deductible contribution for the benefit of the police and employees of our Village. This is an easy way to say thank you for the good service they provide. Watch for the letter in the coming weeks and please consider being a part of this tradition that dates back to 1966.

### Donate to Shop With a Cop

The Moreland Hills Police Department is participating in the annual “Shop with a Cop” holiday program for underprivileged children on Dec. 9. If you wish to make a donation, please make checks payable to “Village of Moreland Hills” and mail to:

MHPD – Shop With a Cop  
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