

## Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

Council members chose their leadership at the January Organizational Meeting. They elected Dan Fritz as Council President and Paul Stanard as Planning Commission Chair. Ted Buczek was chosen to be the second Council member on Planning Commission. Council President Fritz appointed David Emerman Chair of the Facilities Committee and Steve Richman Chair of the Roads and Safety Committee. Dan Fritz will serve on Facilities and Monica Sturgis will serve on Roads and Safety.

Council also set its meeting schedule as follows: Council meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday each month. The exceptions are the February and October meetings, which will be held one week earlier (February 6 and October 9) due to scheduling conflicts.

Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. The exception is the September meeting, which will be held on September 9 because of Labor Day. Council Committee of the Whole will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month; this meeting is occasionally cancelled because of lack of business and will definitely be canceled on July 3 because of the proximity to the Fourth of July.

Roads and Safety and Facilities Committees will meet on February 5, March 5, April 30, June 4, August 6, September 3, October 1 and November 5, and December 3 at 8 and 8:30 a.m. respectively. We occasionally cancel a committee meeting due to a lack of business so please check with Village Hall or [morelandhills.com](http://morelandhills.com) website before attending one of those meetings.

This winter, with the succession of freeze-thaw cycles, has been extremely hard on the roads. The Village currently has crews out every week patching holes in the roads. If there is a particularly bothersome or dangerous pothole in your neighborhood, please call the Service Department at 440.248.1188.

I am offering a heartfelt thank you to those of you who donated to the Moreland Hills Police and Employees Foundation. As you know, members of the Foundation collect this money throughout the year and give it to our employees during the holidays who appreciate the money and your generosity. It is unethical for our employees to accept a direct tip from residents, but this organization and this procedure allows you to show your gratitude

and generosity in a legal and ethical manner. I thank you.

The Chagrin Falls Suburban Volunteer Fire Department (CFSVFA) is a non-profit organization that has provided both Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services to Moreland Hills since 1934. It has been and continues to be a cost effective regional approach for Chagrin Valley Communities to work together to receive Emergency services. The current fire station was built in 1986 and no longer meets the needs of the department. Therefore, they started a capital fundraising campaign in October 2017 to help finance necessary renovations to the existing fire station. All donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to Chief Zupan, 21 West Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, or you can contribute online at [cfdfundraiser.org](http://cfdfundraiser.org). This renovation does not benefit Chagrin Falls Village, rather, it helps our nonprofit fire department, which has outgrown its space.

The weather has been crazy lately with incredible winds and resulting power outages. Please do NOT dial 9-1-1 to report a power outage. You can report a power outage in the following ways:

- By calling 888.544.4877
- By reporting it on the First Energy website: [firstenergycorp.com/content/customer/outages\\_help/Report\\_Power\\_Outages.html](http://firstenergycorp.com/content/customer/outages_help/Report_Power_Outages.html)
- By reporting it using a mobile device with the First Energy Smartphone App.

- Mayor Susan Renda

## Safety Corner

The Police Department would like to remind you to be sure your residence is identified with **visible house numbers** to assist public safety services and first responders to your location. A minimum of 3" numbers is preferred. If your residence is not properly identified, it can cause a delay in services during an Emergency.

### Village of Moreland Hills

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## Closings and Events

### Presidents Day

Village Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, in observance of Presidents Day. There will be no Special Pick-ups or Yard Waste Pick-ups that week; Senior rubbish/recycle pick-up and other streets scheduled for Monday rubbish/recycle pick-up, will be done Tuesday.

### Police Town Hall Meeting

The Moreland Hills Police Department welcomes you to join them for a Town Hall Meeting on **Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m. in the Community Building**. It's tax time again, so the department will discuss what is trending in the way of Frauds, Scams and Internet Schemes to help keep you safe from cyber thieves looking to steal your information.

## Deer Management Program

Brian Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Metroparks, has informed the Village that the Metroparks will continue their deer management program this winter to establish and maintain a balanced ecosystem. They plan a deer herd reduction for the South Chagrin Reservation.

Portions of, or the entire park, will be closed to the public from noon to 6 a.m. the following morning on several days during the period through mid-March. They will use every safety precaution, but please be aware of any posted signs. In addition to posted closure signs, all residents who own property adjacent to Cleveland Metroparks property will be sent a letter informing them of the culling program. The resulting venison will be donated to a local food bank.

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## Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinance was passed in January:

**Ordinance 2019-01** – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

## Message From the Moreland Hills Historical Society

Happy New Year 2019! Thank you Hiram House Camp for hosting our fall MHHS meeting. It was a bitter cold night in November when we gathered to celebrate the anniversary of James Garfield's birth! Young Jimmy Garfield joined us, portrayed by the very talented, young Aiden Kondik.

The evening allowed me to reflect on what it may have been like for Eliza Garfield in these cold woods of Moreland Hills 187 years ago... brrr. During our meeting, we said thank you to Mike Bergschneider for his year of service and welcomed Randy Nielsen as a board member and our new treasurer.

The Garfield cabin needs guides to volunteer three hours one Saturday this summer. Contact [MHHSOHIO@gmail.com](mailto:MHHSOHIO@gmail.com).

*Won't you join us?*

**Feb. 17 – 5-7 p.m.** We are serving up a family style, *President's Day FEAST* including: squirrel (imitation) soup, mashed potatoes, and apple pie. More information available at [MHHSOHIO.org](http://MHHSOHIO.org).

**March 4 – 10:15 a.m.-12 p.m.** Board of Trustees meeting at Luna Bakery, 34105 Chagrin Blvd., Moreland Hills.

## Environmental Corner

*Ways to Reduce Landfill Waste*

**Donate Clothes** – Throwing away clothing is one of the biggest contributions made to landfills. Donate to people in need, Goodwill, or sell them at a garage sale.

**Eat Healthy** – Buying healthier foods does not require as much disposable packaging. Don't buy fast food take out as often either.

**Save Leftovers for Next Day** - Eating leftovers more often will save on money and result in less food waste.

**Buy Things With Less Packaging** – Buy a bunch of food at the same time and store it in the freezer. Do not buy more until the freezer is empty. Also, buying food in bulk means less packaging and less waste.

**Boycott Plastic Water Bottles** – Millions of plastic water bottles are thrown away every day. Not only will you save a lot of money by switching to reusable bottles, you will also be throwing away fewer water bottles.

**Just Don't Buy As Much Stuff** – Re-evaluate your priorities and think about what you need vs. what you want. Simply buying less stuff will severely cut back on the amount of items sent to the landfill. Always be mindful of what you throw away.

## Beware of IRS Imposter Scam

Since it is tax season, it is a good time to remind everyone of the ongoing IRS scam the police department has received numerous calls about. It is a phone scam where the caller claims to be an IRS employee informing you that you owe taxes and threatening to arrest or deport you if you don't pay. Be aware the scammer may:

- Know all or part of your Social Security number
- Rig the caller ID to make it look like the call is from the IRS
- Tell you to put the money on a prepaid debit card and tell them the card number

**Recycle** – Utilize the Village's curbside recycling program and recycle cans, cartons, glass bottles/jars, plastic bottles/jars/jugs/tubs, and paper and boxes. Be sure to empty, rinse, and replace any caps on those items; flatten cardboard.

**Purchase Items Made From Recycled Products** – Help make the environment clean and green. You will also be providing a helping hand to reduce landfills.

**Composting** – Recycle your kitchen waste to create nutrient rich food for your plants.

**Reuse** – Take your own shopping bags with you to the store. This can prevent thousands of plastic bags ending up in landfills.

**Buy Rechargeable Batteries** – They will save you money in the long run and keep disposable batteries out of landfills.

Disposable batteries can be harmful to the environment as chemicals inside can leak.

**Buy Items Packaged in Recycle Cartons** – Buy items packaged in recycled cartons or reuse those cartons. Old newspapers make great packaging material, too.

**For more information, visit [conserve-energy-future.com/15-easy-ways-to-reduce-landfill-waste.php](http://conserve-energy-future.com/15-easy-ways-to-reduce-landfill-waste.php)**

**Know that the IRS does NOT:**

- Call to demand immediate payment without first sending notification by mail
- Ask for credit card numbers over the phone
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement to arrest you for nonpayment

If you receive one of these calls and/or think you have been scammed, call the Moreland Hills Police Department. You can also call the IRS directly at 800.829.1040 or call their help-line at 877.908.3360 for advice and guidance.