

# Moreland Hills at a Glance

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills



February 2020

## Message From Mayor Daniel Fritz

Dear Residents,

I hope this message finds you all doing well and enjoying your start to the new year. Since I last wrote to you, I have been busy acclimating to my new position as your Mayor. The work has been very time consuming and intensive, but I am proud to report that it has also been productive. While many staff members have been of great assistance, I would like to sincerely thank my Administrative Assistant Sherri Arrietta, Service Director Ted DeWater, Police Chief Kevin Wyant and our Assistant to the Treasurer Marcia Bossart. All have been instrumental in ensuring this transition proceeds as smoothly as possible. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind residents how fortunate we are to have such a professional and dedicated staff. As you all know through your personal endeavors, having a strong team allows for greater efficiency and an enthusiastic approach toward our goal of serving the residents of Moreland Hills.

As I mentioned last month, Council approved the appointments of William R. Hanna as our Village Law Director and R. Todd Hunt as our legal representative for the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Hanna comes to us with vast experience in municipal law and currently represents the City of Cleveland Heights and Richfield Village in that capacity. As Law Director, Mr. Hanna will draft our ordinances, represent us with any legal challenges and provide valuable input whenever the Village is considering options related to improved efficiency and safety. Mr. Hanna will also keep our staff up to date when it comes to changes being proposed in Columbus and the potential impact these changes can have upon our Village. R. Todd Hunt is well known in Ohio when it comes to zoning related issues. He has argued several cases before the Ohio Supreme Court and has a reputation of providing excellent services to the municipalities that he serves. I strongly feel that these two individuals posture our Village upon solid legal ground and with the tools necessary to adhere to our goal of maintaining our current zoning.

As I also pointed out last month, I come from a strong background in public safety. My father was the Fire Chief in Orange Village for 24 years.

He continues to be a source of inspiration when it comes to safety related issues and overall work ethic. In my capacity as a firefighter/paramedic one of my goals is to continue to ensure your safety while using this newsletter, social media and community meetings for this important responsibility. Today I met with Dave Conley who is in charge of Regional External Affairs for First Energy. We discussed the tools available from First Energy that allow our residents to report outages, determine how long their power may be disrupted and to check on the status of their inquiries. In the near future we will roll out some of the tools you can use to answer that all important question: "When is our power coming back on?". While very important, this information is secondary to your safety. I would like to ask that you all take a minute to advise everyone in your household of the inherent dangers associated with downed power lines. As we enter the time of year where snow and ice can wreak havoc on our roadways and trees, we all need to be aware that wires can be comingled with any downed tree and that ANY DOWNED WIRE should be considered live even if you are sure it is not. Unfortunately, I have seen firsthand the dangers associated with live wires and spreading this message to all of you is very important to me.

In the near future we will be working to roll out information through other outlets including the new use of social media. As we come on line with these new outlets you will, of course, be advised. It is my sincere honor to serve as your new Mayor. Residents can be assured it is a responsibility I do not take lightly and one I'm enthusiastically embracing.

Warm Regards,  
-Mayor Daniel Fritz

### Mayor's Open Door Day February 10, 2020 9:00am – 4:00pm

Residents can meet with Mayor Fritz and discuss any issues or concerns they may have. Please call Sherri to schedule a time. 440.248.1188

## Safety Corner: Power Outage Safety Tips

- Stay away from downed power lines and anything touching them.
- If you see a downed wire, call FirstEnergy at 1-888-LIGHTSS (544-4877) or contact the Police or Fire Department.
- Never use your stove, gas grill or a heater designed for outdoor use to heat your home.
- Never use candles around pets or small children.
- Never connect a generator directly to your home's electrical system without isolating it from the power lines. This should be done by a qualified electrician; contact the Moreland Hills Building Department for permitting requirements.
- Improperly connecting a generator could create a safety hazard in your home and for FirstEnergy workers.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions when using a home generator.

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## Moreland Hills *at a Glance*

### Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in January:

**Ordinance 2020-01** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Walter|Haverfield LLP from the January 2020 Organizational Meeting through the January 2021 Organizational Meeting, for general legal services and to engage William Hanna as Law Director and R. Todd Hunt as Legal Counsel for the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission.

**Ordinance 2020-02** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd. and Jeffrey J. Filarski for Village Engineer Services.

**Ordinance 2020-03** – provides for the continued employment of Santo T. Incorvaia as prosecutor, fixing compensation.

**Ordinance 2020-04** – confirms the reappointment by the Mayor of the Village of Moreland Hills of Sherri Arrietta as Clerk of Council for a term beginning at the adjournment of the January 2020 Organizational Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the January 2022 Organizational Meeting.

**Ordinance 2020-05** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement between Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, Cuyahoga County and the Village of Moreland Hills for participation in the Juvenile Court Community Diversion Program for 2020.

**Ordinance 2020-06** – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with United Survey, Inc. for the sewer lateral sealing project in the Winterberry Pump Station service area, in the decrease amount of \$13,664.17.

### Deer Management Program

The Cleveland Metroparks will be continuing their deer management program this winter. A portion of South Chagrin Reservation is within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Moreland Hills, and management is planned for this area.

**From Noon to 6:00am the following morning, portions or all of South Chagrin Reservation will be closed to the public on several days from January 21 through March 19, 2020. The reservation will be posted/signed and closed completely during the management program.**

The safety protocol that has been successfully utilized by Cleveland Metroparks from the

beginning of the program will continue; Safety remains their number one goal.

Specific closures will be posted on Cleveland Metroparks Alerts and Closures page [www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/alerts-closures](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/alerts-closures) by 6:00pm on the evening prior to an area's closure. When posted, the announcement will give details about reservations and sections of the parkway that will be closed between noon and 6:00am the following morning.

Cleveland Metroparks has worked hard to ensure that the deer management program is safe, humane, and effective. As in past years, venison will be donated to a local food bank.

### Closings:

#### **PRESIDENTS DAY**

Village Offices will be closed on Presidents Day, Monday, February 17th. There will be no Special Pick-Ups or Yard Waste Pick-ups that week; Senior rubbish/recycle pick-ups and other streets scheduled for Monday rubbish/recycle pick-up will be done on Tuesday.

### Events:

#### **Town Hall Meeting with State Representative Phil Robinson, Jr.**

**Monday, March 9, 2020 6:30pm-8:00pm  
in the Community Building  
Free and Open to the Public**

The District 6 Town Hall tour is part of Representative Robinson's effort to reach out to the communities of District 6 and fulfill his goal of holding a town hall in all 17 communities of the district.

Representative Robinson will discuss the state budget, bipartisan priorities, other legislative updates, and local community concerns for working people and families in District 6. These town halls will provide constituents with a legislative update, as well as an open forum to ask questions and identify community concerns that can be addressed through state government.