

July 2018

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

Over the last two months, I have written about the need for an increase in the Police & Fire Levy because of drastic decreases by the State of Ohio in funding available to support local safety forces. This letter is the third in that series. Last month I wrote about efforts the Village has made to save money and be more efficient. This month I want to highlight the many ways in which our police officers maintain the safety of the Village and go above and beyond their regular duties in their service to our community.

Our officers know us – they know our values and what is important to the Moreland Hills community. They are a friendly face to our residents, and they go out of their way to ensure the Village lives up to our reputation of being a safe and enjoyable place to live. This year in its “Rating the Suburbs” issue, Cleveland Magazine ranked our Police Department fourth out of the 77 communities it evaluated. The safety of our community is not only a source of pride for our residents, but it is also essential to who we are and what we value as a community.

Our police are very dedicated to helping children, keeping them safe, teaching them skills, and developing good relationships with them. They walk through Moreland Hills Elementary and Brady Middle School every day. They try to be present at those schools for arrival and dismissal times and interact with families. Lt. Todd Dietzel provides A.L.I.C.E. training, a program that teaches our children and teachers what to do in the event of an active shooter in the schools.

The “Shop with a Cop” effort was started by officers to raise money and take underprivileged children shopping right before Christmas. Our officers organize and staff the Community Kids Fishing Day every year at Forest Ridge Park. They work with the U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, a Youth Organization for one week every summer. They also participate in the annual trunk or treat event at the schools.

Each year the Police Department organizes and attends both a Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day ceremony at our Veterans Park. Interim Chief Dale Canter and Officer Joe Scolaro both have been featured speakers and have shared their experiences of serving their country during the war with us. This year, Lt. Dietzel’s father-in-law, Retired Major Al Catani, shared a very moving story of his experiences during the war. Officer Jeff Canter always closes these ceremonies by playing “Taps” on his bugle.

For the last two years, Chief Kevin Wyant and Lt. Dietzel have hosted Town Hall Meetings to

discuss break-ins and raise awareness about safety. Last year Officer Laura Park taught three “Fight Like a Girl” classes, which were well-attended and very informative. Sgt. Caroline Tackla trains the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) so that they will be available to help the Police in the event of a major incident. Recently Lt. Dietzel started a Moreland Hills Police Department Facebook page to enable the Police to keep residents informed and aware. Finally, 10 officers participated in “No Shave November,” during which they raised money to donate to the family of a fallen officer.

Our Police Department members receive many awards, both individually and as a group. Every year our officers win the AAA Community Traffic Safety Award; they won Gold in 2016 and Platinum in 2017. In addition, every year, several of our officers win OVI Task Force Awards. Officer Tony Buzecan won an award in 2016; Officer Tom Pate won one in 2017; and Officers Laura Park and Josh White both have won multiple awards in the past two years.

The proposed 3 mill increase to the Police & Fire Levy will go in front of residents for consideration in November. Each one mill would cost a homeowner \$35 per \$100,000 property valuation. The increase will ensure that the Village can maintain the level of service we celebrate, feel proud about, and has become a defining part of our Village. Please join me and Council Members for an informational meeting on July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Council Chambers to discuss this as a community. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at 440.248.1188 or srenda@morelandhills.com.

- Mayor Susan Renda

Rain Barrel Workshop

August 1, 6:30-8 p.m. – Moreland Hills Community Building

The Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting the workshop where each participant will construct a 60-gallon rain barrel to take home. The barrel, downspout, diverter, and all materials are included. The Village will waive the \$10 permit/inspection fee for participants.

The cost is \$60 and you must register for the workshop. Register at cuyahogascwd.org/events or call Jacki Zevenbergen at 216.524.6580, ext. 1006. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JULY 25!**

Kids Fishing Event a Success

Another successful Moreland Hills Community Kids Fishing Event was held June 16 at Potts Pier in the Forest Ridge Preserve.

I would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all who attended the Fourth Annual Community Kids Fishing Event, which was our most successful to date. A fun time was had by all!

It is such a pleasure to know that families are outdoors interacting with their kids and engaging with our staff.

Approximately 100 people were in attendance. About 56 of that number were kids ready to fish.

A special thank you to Mayor Susan Renda and Moreland Hills Village Council for their full support of the event. Additionally, an overwhelming thank you goes out to those police officers, service department staff, volunteers, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Step Outside Grant) and those who donated and partnered with the Village of Moreland Hills to make this 2018 event a success. Vendors who donated to the event were Paradise Ridge (Chris and Claudine Paradise), Buckeye Worm Farm, and Aqua Doc. Thank you!

See you at the fishing hole next year!

- Chief Kevin Wyant

Please Note: The Service Dept. no longer has mulch available for residents to purchase.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in June:

Ordinance 2018-15 (as amended) – provides for the submission to the electors of the Village of Moreland Hills of a proposed amendment to Article IX, Section 4 of the Charter of the Village of Moreland Hills. This will increase the 3.0 mill levy by 3 mills for a total of 6 mills to pay the current and capital expenses associated with the Village Safety Service now and in the future. **Placed on Second Reading**

Ordinance 2018-22 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Ronyak Paving, Inc. for the 2018 Asphalt Paving Program, in the amount of \$155,157.50.

Ordinance 2018-23 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Strawser Construction for crack sealing, micro surfacing, and cape sealing as part of the 2018 Asphalt Paving Program, in the amount of \$276,073.46. This contract is under the Ohio Department of Transportation Contract 101-G-19.

Ordinance 2018-24 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Euthenics, Inc. for geotechnical and structural engineering work on State Route 87. This work will determine the type of retaining wall system necessary to stabilize the slope on State Route 87.

Ordinance 2018-25 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with LaBella Associates, P.C. for architectural design services for Village building improvements; Police Station roof, new secured entrances at Village Hall and the Police Station, and general maintenance to all buildings.

Ordinance 2018-26 – enacts new Chapter 903, "Use of Public Ways for Small Cell Wireless Facilities and Wireless Support Structures," of the Streets, Utilities Public Services and Engineering Code. Substitute House Bill 478 provides that municipalities must permit wireless service providers, cable providers, and video service providers to attach small cell wireless facilities to municipally owned support structures located in the right-of-way. This ordinance creates regulations to the entities who desire to construct, operate, and maintain small cell facilities and new wireless support structures.

Ordinance 2018-27 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Closings and Reminders

4th of July Holiday

Village offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. The rubbish/recycle pick-up schedule will NOT be affected.

Safety Levy Informational Meeting – July 11, 6:30 p.m.

Residents are invited to attend this informational meeting regarding the proposed Safety Levy on Wednesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers. Mayor Renda and Council will present pertinent information and answer questions.

Chipping Week July 16-20

The Service Department will chip branches and sticks on your street. The branches should be cut into 4-foot lengths, and all sticks and branches must be bundled. They cannot chip logs over 5 inches in diameter. The Service Department will chip them throughout the week, beginning at the south end of the Village. **They will not come back through a second time, as it takes them the entire week to make their way through the whole Village; therefore, it is important that you have the branches stacked by the side of the road on Sunday evening, July 15.**

Block Party Information

If you and your neighbors are planning a Block Party, please notify the Police and Service Depts. in advance so they can determine if roadblocks and/or barricades are needed. If you need extra rubbish cans for the party, please let the Service Dept. know.

Kiwanis Rummage Sale

July 12-14 and 19-21

Thursdays – 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

Fridays – 5-8 p.m.

Saturdays – 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Kiwanis Barns behind the tennis courts on Gail Allison Drive on the Orange School Campus

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4th of July Fireworks Safety

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- Read all labels before igniting.
- A responsible adult should supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.
- Wear safety glasses when lighting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time, then move away.
- Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them into a metal or glass container.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and placing them in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.
- Do not bring pets to a fireworks display.

Environmental Corner: Keep Your Recycling Out of the Landfill

"Wish-cycling," is causing people to put things in the recycling bin that cannot be recycled.

Some of those items are not recyclable, and other items are snarling recycling equipment or contaminating things that could be recycled. This causes a quarter of recyclables to be dumped into the landfill.

- Rinse all plastic, glass and metal bottles, jugs, jars and cans, and replace small caps before putting them into your recycle cart.
- Items that cannot be recycled curbside: plastic bags; plastic wraps; Styrofoam, thermoplastic food trays or brittle food containers; greasy pizza boxes; plastic, Styrofoam and cardboard coffee cups.
- For information on where to recycle certain items, refer to the Moreland Hills Recycle Guide or cuyahogarecycled.org.

When in doubt, leave the item out of your cart.