

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

Last month Orange High School Student, Ethan Sands, used this space to tell you about Forest Ridge and the discussions about the House on the Hill. Having Ethan intern here was a great experience for the staff and me. He was inquisitive, helpful and dedicated to learning more about local government. I expect that Ethan will accomplish great things in college and beyond.

You may have heard that Moreland Hills was rated the number one community in Cleveland Magazine's "Rating the Suburbs" edition (June 2019). We who live here know that Moreland Hills is the same wonderful community that it was last year when it was ranked 17th. It is, however, nice to be recognized as a great place to live, work and play. When my family and I moved to this area 22 years ago, I tracked down a copy of "Rating the Suburbs" to help me narrow my search for the perfect community for us. I cared most about Safety (currently number one) and Education (currently number five). Thus, it can be a meaningful tool for those moving into the area.

I want to give a shout out to Police Chief Kevin Wyant and the MHPD for keeping us safe and secure. I also want to thank Service Director Ted DeWater and the MHSD for keeping our Village looking good. Did you notice how gorgeous Veterans' Park looked on Memorial Day or how beautiful the Village Hall campus is looking these days? And speaking of Village Hall campus, the renovations are nearly complete. I promised that we would hold an open house so residents can see the improvements at the Police Department and Village Hall. On Thursday, September 25, the Police Department, Service Department and Village Hall will be open 6-9 p.m. You can come and see the improvements, see the firing range and see where we all work. I hope to see you then.

Dumping Items at Village Hall

The Service Department wants to remind residents that they cannot dump garbage at the service facility. The only items that can be dropped off at the service facility during business hours ONLY (M-F, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.) are household hazardous wastes, computers, fluorescent lightbulbs and oil-based paint.

Any other items that do not fit in your rubbish container require a Special Pick-Up from the Service Department. Special Pick-Ups are done on Mondays, but you must call the week prior to be put on the list. Each resident is entitled to one FREE Special Pick-Up and one additional for \$25, per calendar year.

Anyone caught dumping their trash at the service facility will be cited by the Police.

Axiom Development Group held a ceremony on May 21 to celebrate breaking ground at the new Moreland Commons Development on Chagrin Blvd. The development will feature 59 units, 41 single family homes and 18 townhomes. Axiom has partnered with Payne & Payne Builders for home construction and with Howard Hanna for marketing. Officials of Axiom met with Village officials on June 11 for a formal Preconstruction Meeting. They discussed mobilizing and officially breaking ground the week of June 24.

The Village emphasized the importance of tree preservation, closely following all storm water pollution prevention rules and keeping Chagrin Blvd. swept and free of mud and debris. Traffic will be maintained on Chagrin Blvd. although there may be some slow-downs during water main and sewer tap-ins. They anticipate being done with the infrastructure phase of construction by mid-November. Payne and Payne plans to build one of the townhomes during that period.

2019 is the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Village and, as you know, we were named the Number One Suburb in Cleveland Magazine so we want to celebrate! Maureen Geck, president of the Moreland Hills Historical Society is helping me plan the event, which will be held on Saturday, September 7 in the afternoon. Please save the date. It will be held at the Village Park at Forest Ridge across the street from the Polo Fields. We will provide food, fun, and games. Service Department members will man the grills (they are fabulous chefs) and Fire Truck Pizza Company will provide delicious pizza and entertainment. NOPEC is helping sponsor this event through their community grant program.

I hope to see you there!

- Mayor Susan Renda

Reminder About Solicitors

Village Ordinances require that all solicitors obtain a license from the Police Chief before going door-to-door. If you prefer not to be interrupted at home by solicitors, you may fill out a form to be put on the "Do Not Knock" list. The form is available online at morelandhills.com and at the Police Department. Once you are on the list, if a solicitor still comes to your door, please call the Police Department at 440.248.7585 (M-F, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.) or the non-emergency number 440.247.7321.

Village of Moreland Hills
 phone: Village Hall 440.248.1188
 web: www.morelandhills.com
 e-mail: villagehall@morelandhills.com

Blue Tip: Rain Gardens

The Village had an event to re-plant the Rain Garden outside Village Hall last month. For those who do not know, a rain garden is a saucer-shaped garden that soaks rainwater into the ground quickly to help protect streams and Lake Erie by filtering storm water runoff.

Rain gardens are important because they reduce the velocity of storm water runoff by spreading the water out over a planted area where the water will be held for 1-2 days, soaking into the ground. Rain gardens will not breed mosquitos, as some may fear because mosquitos take 7-10 days to go through their life cycle.

Not only do the plants in a rain garden create a beautiful landscape, but they also provide food and shelter for birds and butterflies. Rain Gardens can also save you money! The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) offers a credit on your storm water utility fee if you install a rain garden that drains 25% of the property's roof area. For details, visit neorsd.org

If you are interested in planting a rain garden, you can download a Rain Garden Manual at cuyahogawcd.org or call 216.524.6580 to have one mailed to you.

Teen Volunteers Needed

Monday, July 29 – Friday, August 2

Teen Volunteers are needed for the One-Week Summer Safety Town Program at Orange Community Education & Recreation. Teens will assist with the program at the Pepper Pike Learning Center, working directly with children ages 4-5 who are entering kindergarten. Volunteers must commit to work the entire week 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All volunteers must attend a MANDATORY training session July 26, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. For more information, visit orangerec.com.

Mayor

Susan C. Renda, srenda@morelandhills.com

Council

- Ted Buczek, tbuczek@morelandhills.com
- David Emerman, demerman@morelandhills.com
- Daniel Fritz, dfritz@morelandhills.com
- Stephen Richman, srichman@morelandhills.com
- Paul Stanard, pstanard@morelandhills.com
- Monica Sturgis, msturgis@morelandhills.com

Clerk of Council

Sherri Arrietta, villagehall@morelandhills.com

Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in June:

Ordinance 2019-34 – amends Ordinance 2018-75 fixing compensation of various officers and employees of the Village. This change will allow the Building Official to interview and hire an electrical inspector.

Ordinance 2019-35 – updates the Village of Moreland Hills' consent to ODOT's repair of the slope along South Woodland Road (SR-87).

Ordinance 2019-36 – authorizes the Mayor to purchase a Caterpillar XQ60 diesel generator with low profile tandem axle trailer from Ohio Cat Power Systems.

Ordinance 2019-37 – amends Section 931.07, "Mayor to Regulate" of the Codified Ordinances regarding sewer accessibility. This change will memorialize the existence of a policy regarding sewer lateral availability and sewer accessibility.

Ordinance 2019-38 – enacts Chapter 707 "Tobacco Product Vendors; Sales to Persons Under Age 21," of the Codified Ordinances, to prohibit sales to persons under age 21 and to provide permitting of businesses who sell tobacco products; Repeals Section 537.16 "Illegal Distribution of Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products or Alternate Nicotine Products;" and Approves a contract with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to administer and enforce Chapter 707. This is aimed primarily at "vaping," which is becoming increasingly frequent and problematic with teens.

Ordinance 2019-39 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Resolution 2019-40 – adopts the alternative tax budget of the Village of Moreland Hills for the fiscal year 2020.

Kiwanis Club Annual Rummage Sale

July 11 & 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

July 12 & 19, 5-8 p.m.

July 13 & 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

(Kiwanis Barns at the Orange Schools Campus)

New Plans for Forest Ridge

On May 8, Council approved Resolution 2019-25 to allow the Mayor to apply for an ODNR Natureworks Grant for Village Park at Forest Ridge.

At the first few meetings of the Parks Commission, the "House on the Hill" was discussed at length. The meetings were held at the house and members took a tour of it to help them determine a plan for the house. It has not been lived in for quite some time; it needs a lot of work and the Village would need a lot of money to do that work. The Commission ultimately concluded that the house should be removed and a pavilion and vault restrooms should be put on that property.

It should be noted that by removing the house, a net amount of over 2,000 square feet of impervious surfaces will be removed, which will be good for the environment and the property. It was also brought to the Parks Commissions' attention that many people thought the house was a private residence, so they would often turn around and not utilize the park. Taking down the house and building a pavilion will make it look inviting and will encourage more people to use the park, which is what we want. There will be handicap parking close to the facilities and paved walkways leading to the pavilion and the restrooms. The Parks Commission did spend a lot of time discussing all ideas and possibilities for this property, so this decision was very well thought out.

After much discussion and consideration, the Parks Commission made a recommendation to Council to allow the Mayor to apply for this grant to include the demolition of the House on the Hill, building a pavilion, and installing an ADA compliant restroom with drinking water at Village Park in Forest Ridge. Council members accepted their recommendation.

Community Kids Fishing Event

Another successful *Community Kids Fishing Event* was held June 15 with about 64 kids in attendance. Thank you to Mayor Susan Renda, Council, police officers, service department and Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Special thanks also goes to Paradise Ridge (Chris and Claudine Paradise), Buckeye Worm Farm and Aqua Doc for their donations.

Coming Events

4th of July Holiday

Village offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4. For those with a Thursday rubbish/recycling pick-up day, it will be picked up on Friday, July 5. The Service Department will NOT be doing Special Pick-Ups that week (Monday, July 1) but will still do Yard Waste Pick-Ups.

Chipping Week July 15-19

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 enforce these rules and will **NOT** chip items that do not comply. Please have the branches stacked by the side of the road the Sunday night prior. The Service Department will chip them over the following week.

Q&A Session with the Illuminating Co.

July 10, 6:30-7 p.m.

Village Hall Council Chambers

Dave Conley, the Regional External Affairs Manager with the Illuminating Company, will be available to answer any questions from our residents prior to the Council Meeting on July 10, from 6:30-7 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers. All residents are welcome to come and ask questions or voice any concerns.

Landowner Workshop—Stream Stewardship and Storm Water Mangement

July 22, 7-8 p.m.

Chagrin Falls Township Hall

Learn about yard flooding or streambank erosion issues on your property. Register at abeattie@crwp.org or 440.975.3870 ext. 1003.

Asphalt Paving Program

The 2019 program is underway and will be completed by July 24. Visit morelandhills.com for a map showing the streets that are included. Questions? Jeff Filarski, Village Engineer, 440.399.0810 or filarski@cvelimited.com.

Block Party Information

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