

June 2019

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

Every year Orange High School allows its seniors to explore their dreams and possibilities by participating in a "Senior Project." This year I was honored to be asked to sponsor one such student, Ethan Sands. As you will see from his letter he is enthusiastic, intelligent and dedicated. He came to us asking to better understand local government. We tried to give him a well-rounded experience. He was up for every task from discussing the difference between our Charter and Ordinances to helping repair a trail in Forest Ridge. It has been fun. Thanks, Ethan, for sharing your time with us and for writing my newsletter. It's been great!

- Mayor Susan Renda

Hello! My name is Ethan Sands and I am a senior at Orange High School. Currently, I am completing my senior project at the Village of Moreland Hills. Mayor Renda has graciously allowed me to write this month's issue of the Moreland Hills Newsletter, and I am very thankful for the opportunity to do so.

On Tuesday, May 7, I had the privilege to sit in a meeting of the newly restarted Parks Commission. The Commission, which had been on hiatus for five years, consists of passionate, civic-minded residents of Moreland Hills who wish to see the Village's public lands used in the best manner possible, as well as the Mayor, Service Director Ted DeWater, and Clerk of Council Sherri Arrietta.

In Moreland Hills, we are lucky to have the Forest Ridge Preserve (the entrance is located on Chagrin River Road, across the street from the Polo Field), a 142-acre park featuring winding forest paths, sweeping elevation changes, and sheer cliff-faces. Altogether, the park is a tremendous encapsulation of the natural beauty present in Northeast Ohio. However, there are some features of the entrance to the park that many in the community believe could be expanded upon. During the enthusiastic meeting, members discussed the culmination of months of work: the possibility of an upcoming grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, which

would allow for the demolition of the old "House on the Hill" that currently lies at the end of the drive; the construction of a recreational pavilion; and the installation of an ecologically sustainable restroom on the site. Beyond this grant, however, there are other improvements that members of both the Commission and the community would like to see. Luckily, the Parks Commission is not going anywhere and its members have their eyes on the future!

Additionally, I would like to briefly cover what types of experiences I have had on my senior project so far. Most days, I have been able to meet a different employee of the Village and learn about their role and the type of work they do. For example, I spent time with Treasurer Prashant Shah, Building Department Commissioner Paul Kowalczyk, Housing Inspector Tom Merhar, Law Director Aimee Lane, and Village Prosecutor Santo Incorvaia. Mayor Renda and her secretary, Sherri, have been kind enough to reach out to not only employees on the Moreland Hills campus, but also other community leaders like Chagrin Falls Fire Marshal Jim Alunni, who let me follow him through a normal day and gave me a new perspective on matters of fire safety and emergency services.

As a closing message, I would like to once again thank the Mayor and the entire staff of the Village. I have met employees from nearly every department and have felt nothing but welcome the whole time. As I take stock of my life so far and prepare for the next part, I count myself lucky for a variety of reasons: lucky to live in a such a beautiful place, lucky to have access to lands like the Forest Ridge Preserve and the Metroparks, and lucky to have gotten to meet those dedicated public servants who work hard to ensure a thriving community for us in Moreland Hills.

Thank you and enjoy the summer,

- Ethan Sands

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Blue Tip

Since summer is upon us, many people will be outside enjoying our beaches and water sources for swimming, boating, and fishing. We can all take steps to enjoy those activities without litter and pollution.

Boaters can do their part to keep our water clean by keeping the following out of our rivers and Lake Erie:

- Single-use plastics
- Invasive species
- Fishing line
- Boat fuels and fluids

Everyone can do their part to keep our beaches beautiful by properly disposing of trash so that storm water does not wash litter from storm drains, roadsides and parks onto our beaches.

Spring Clean for Safety

- Discard expired medicines, chemicals and cleaning products. Medications can be brought to the Police Department and put in the Rx Drug Drop Box. Hazardous wastes can be dropped off at the Service Department Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Separate newspapers, rags and other combustible material from fireplaces, dryers and other heating elements to prevent fire.
- Change smoke detector batteries regularly.
- Clean garage clutter and store tools safely away from children's reach.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in May:

Ordinance 2019-04 – enacts new Section 1151.10, “Dwellings Permitted On A Lot,” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Moreland Hills, to clarify that there shall not be more than one (1) single-family dwelling located on a lot.

Ordinance 2019-05 – amends Section 1171.03, “Swimming Pools,” and Section 1313.13, “Building Permit Application; Issuance Restrictions; Conflict With Zoning,” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Moreland Hills, to make the two Sections consistent with each other so that the Building Department shall approve plans and specifications for swimming pools administratively and that the Planning Commission shall approve plans and specifications for tennis courts and other play areas.

Ordinance 2019-24 – amends Section 157.03, “Members; Terms,” of Chapter 157, “Parks Commission,” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Moreland Hills. This ordinance amends the composition of the Parks Commission to provide for seven electors of the Village, a non-voting Historical Society member, and four-year terms for all members.

Resolution 2019-25 – authorizes the Village to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance under the State of Ohio Natureworks Grant Program, to demolish the house and build a pavilion and ADA composting restrooms at Forest Ridge.

Ordinance 2019-26 – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc. (SME) for the State Route 87 Slope Stabilization Project, in the increase amount of \$6,000. This is a result of additional time spent on the design development and discussions with ODOT, which were not part of the original contract.

Ordinance 2019-27 – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with Euthenics, Inc. for the State Route 87 Slope Stabilization Project, in the increase amount of \$2,400. This is a result of additional time spent on the design development and discussion with ODOT, which were not part of the original contract.

Ordinance 2019-28 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc., for the 2019 Asphalt Paving Program in the amount of \$434,218.30.

Ordinance 2019-29 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with United Survey, Inc. for the Sewer Lateral Sealing Project in the Winterberry Pump Station Service Area, in the amount of \$98,386.

Ordinance 2019-30 – amends Ordinance 2019-15 authorizing all actions necessary to accept North-east Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant(s), to reflect that the Village has previously entered into a grant agreement with NOPEC to receive one or more NEC grants for 2019 and to authorize acceptance of grant funds.

Ordinance 2019-31 – authorizes the Mayor to purchase a Labrie Automizer Drop Frame Body on an Autocar Dual Steering Dual Sit-Down Cab and Chassis with Street Side Cart Tipper for Recycling Purposes from Best Equipment Company, at a cost of \$324,452.00.

Ordinance 2019-32 – amends section 1343.01, 1343.04 and 1343.07 of Chapter 1343, “Point-of-Sale Inspections,” of the Village of Moreland Hills regarding escrow procedures.

Ordinance 2019-33 - an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Coming Events

James A. Garfield Cabin Open House & Event **June 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Garfield Cabin, 4350 SOM Center Rd.

Featuring *A visit with Young James Garfield and his mother Eliza*. Presentation begins at noon. The cabin will be open Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. from June through September.

Rain Garden Re-Planting Event

June 8, 9-11 a.m.

The Village Hall Rain Garden needs to be re-planted after the construction that was done on our campus. We would love for our residents to volunteer to help re-plant it. Please email Sherri at villagehall@morelandhills.com if interested.

Community Kids Fishing Day

June 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Moreland Hills will host its 5th Annual Community Kids Fishing Day at Potts Pier (3800 Chagrin River Road). The Police, Service

Department and Village staff look forward to another great day of fishing with young members of our community. Call Chief Kevin Wyant with any questions at 440.248.7585.

Chipping Week

June 17-21

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. Please have the branches stacked by the side of the road the week prior. The Service Department will chip them over the following week. They cannot chip logs over 5 inches in diameter.

Hunter Jumper Classic

July 4-14

The Hunter Jumper Classic comes to Moreland Hills at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field July 4-14. On **Wednesday, July 10 at 6 p.m.**, bring the whole family to meet Betty Weibel, whose book,

The Cleveland Grand Prix: An American Show Jumping First, was published by The History Press and honors our equestrian heritage. Betty will share a little history, a behind the scenes look at the horse show, and why thousands of people from around the world have flocked to Moreland Hills for 50 years to attend this special event. Books will be available to purchase (\$19.99 cash or check). Entrance is free to the Horse Show for this visit. Just say, “you’re with Betty.”

Q&A Session with the Illuminating Co.

July 10, 6:30-7 p.m. (*date change)

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.