

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Dear Residents,

As our Village continues to navigate our way through this current pandemic, our focus remains on the safety of our residents, the safety of our employees and the fiscal oversight required with an ever-changing economic outlook. In the past few months you have heard a great deal from my office and some of this news has not been good. My message today is one of optimism as I share several updates that will continue to stand as a sign of our perseverance and ability to navigate this crisis as a united community.

Recently, one of our residents, Tom Shaper, reached out to me with the goal of organizing a community effort to define this unique and challenging moment in history. Specifically, Tom suggested that we identify an area within one of our parks and coordinate the planting of flowering trees and butterfly bushes. This area would stand as a beautiful testament to our collective perseverance. Additionally, Mr. Shaper suggested that we include our residents in this tribute. Representatives from multiple neighborhoods in our Village would assume the planting efforts at this location, thus incorporating widespread community involvement. Working with our Service Director, Ted DeWater, we identified an area that would be perfect for this project. The parking area at Forest Ridge Preserve is surrounded by a continuous mound and this site has been chosen as our best option. We will coordinate the planting of 6' flowering trees and butterfly bushes to beautify this area. Residents who are interested will be randomly selected using a process being developed by members of Village Administration. If selected, the resident (and their family, if desired) will visit this site under the guidance of the Service Department. Residents will be directed to plant the tree or grasses, fertilize, backfill and perform a onetime watering of the newly planted tree. Once completed, we will have a beautifully designed area constructed by the residents of our wonderful Village. In the future, an appropriate plaque will also grace this location. We loved the symbolism and agreed that this effort is one we can all embrace. Look for information regarding entry and proposed dates. We will provide this information on our website and on

the Village's Facebook page. Additionally, residents can also contact Sherri at Village Hall to enter their names for consideration.

Secondly, while we have been communicating with residents about the need to taper back our 2020 budget, we do have some good news. We have decided to move forward with the demolition of the current home located a short distance away from Potts Pier in Forest Ridge Preserve. In its place we will be constructing a beautiful pavilion with dedicated restroom facilities. The previous administration was successful in securing an Ohio NatureWorks grant in the amount of \$150,000.00. While our Village has sought other assistance with outside funding, the current economic constraints suggest these funds may be tapered back or eliminated. Through our budgetary process the Village has previously allocated funding for this project and, coupled with the NatureWorks grant, these funds get us very close to the total projected cost. Our philosophy, and I'm sure most will agree, is that it would not be prudent to eliminate this project and lose the awarded grant funding. This structure will be available to all residents and will also provide a venue where we can gather together for events and celebrations in one of the most beautiful areas of our Village.

So there is the good news amidst the hardships and challenges that have been coming our way. Members of Village Council continue to work with Administration on many issues that affect your comfort and safety. Our civility and mutual respect continue to be the backbone of our success and productivity. On behalf of my staff, all employees and members of your Village Council we wish you much happiness and good health as summer approaches.

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE:

Cuyahoga County will be completely closing Chagrin River Road (bridge over Willey Creek) from Miles Road to Jackson Road, from June through October.

The road will be closed between CHAGRIN BLVD. and MILES ROAD. A full detour will be provided for thru traffic. Local Access Only.

All vehicular, pedestrian and cycling traffic will be directed to utilize the designated detour routes of Chagrin Blvd., SOM Center Road, and Miles Road to avoid construction.

THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!



REMINDER FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Special Pick-Up Policy Changes

Each resident is now entitled to **two (2) free pickups per year**, except that the resident shall pay the Village for any out-of-pocket expenses (such as Freon removal) which the Village will incur as a result of such pick-up.

Only **three additional special service pickups per year** may be scheduled with the Service Department for a fee of **fifty dollars (\$50.00)** plus any additional charge for any anticipated additional expenses.

Such charges shall be paid prior to the removal. You can drop a check off at Village Hall or mail it to Village Hall, 4350 S.O.M. Center Road, Moreland Hills, Ohio 44022.

Dump Trailer Rental

Residents can rent a dump trailer from our Service Department on weekends to use for house clean outs, small home repair projects that the resident is completing themselves, etc. Please note, it is not to be used for contractor's waste. The cost to rent it is **\$150.00**.

Please call the Service Department for more details at 440-248-1188 or visit our website to download the rental application.

SR 87 SLOPE REPAIR PROJECT

This project is slated to be finished at the end of June. While this project is still ongoing, we need all pedestrian traffic including cyclists, runners and walkers to adhere to the total road closure located at the SR 87 construction zone. This dangerous construction area is not safe for passage due to heavy equipment, debris and other hazards. We are nearing completion of this project and ask for your patience. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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Moreland Hills *At a Glance*

COMING EVENTS

Special Pick-Ups and Yard Waste Pick-Ups to Resume – The Service Department will begin their Special Pick-Up and Yard Waste Pick-Up services on **Monday, June 1**. Residents are reminded to call the week prior to schedule both pick-ups and that yard waste must be in the proper brown lawn and leaf bags. Both Pick-Ups must be placed at the curb by 7:00am on the day of the pick-up (done on every Monday unless it is a Holiday). **Please refer to the Service Department article for information about Special Pick-Up Policy Changes.**

Greening the Hills – Greening the Hills will be held on Saturday, June 13, from 9:00am to Noon at Village Hall.

*Please note the following procedures that must be followed: All items will need to be in your trunk/pick-up bed. When pulling into our campus, follow the directional signage. Do not get out of your vehicle. Open your trunk/hatchback when instructed to, so that our employees can then remove the items; they will not take anything from inside your vehicle including from the passenger seat or back seat. Please note that our employees will be taking proper precautionary measures by wearing masks and gloves.

Community Kids Fishing Day- RESCHEDULED – The Sixth Annual Community Kids Fishing Day, originally scheduled for June 13, has been rescheduled for Saturday, **September 12**, from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Potts Pier.

Chipping Week – June 15- June 19 – The Service Department will chip branches and sticks on your street. The branches should be cut into 4-foot lengths and stacked, in small bundles, facing the same direction; they DO NOT need to be tied. Piles with crisscrossed branches and anything over 5 inches in diameter WILL NOT be chipped. Please have the bundles stacked by the side of the road by 7:00am on June 14; the Service Department will chip them over the entire week. Please note: per Village Ordinances, the first 15 minutes will be provided without a charge. Any additional time needed for chipping will be charged at a rate of \$30 for each 15 minutes over the allotted time.

James A. Garfield Cabin Open House – The replica cabin open house has been rescheduled for **August 1**, from 10am-1pm. Bring the whole family to hear Eliza Garfield (portrayed by Debbie Weinkamer) speak at noon, sharing her memories of our community as it was in the 1830s. Please note: The cabin is currently closed, and we will continue to keep you up to date should this event be rescheduled or canceled.

MORELAND HILLS RESIDENT, ALLAN KLEINMAN, CELEBRATES HIS 99TH BIRTHDAY



Members of the Moreland Hills Police Department along with Mayor Fritz were proud to participate in the 99th birthday celebration of resident Allan Kleinman. Mr. Kleinman and his wife, Millicent, received friends from a safe distance as friends and family drove by and showed their love for this decorated World War 2 veteran (served in General Patton's division). We are proud to have residents as gracious and accomplished as this wonderful couple. It was a pleasure to see their grandchildren and great-grandchildren in attendance as well.

SAFETY CORNER

COVID-19 Scams

No one is unaffected by the coronavirus pandemic. As a result of everything from government-mandated isolation to rampant unemployment, our lives look a lot different today than they did even a month ago. Unfortunately, there are plenty of people out there ready to prey on the resulting fear and confusion.

Various types of Coronavirus Scams, to name a few:

- Coronavirus Stimulus Check Scams
- Medicare Scams
- Email Scams
- Fake Coronavirus Website Scams
- Investment Scams
- Debt Scams
- Coronavirus Tax Scams

For more information on these scams, www.oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/fraud-alert-covid19.asp
www.consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us

To report a scam, contact the Moreland Hills Police Department at 440-248-7585 or the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs Scam Squad at 216-443-SCAM (7226).

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in May:

Resolutions 2020-27 – proclaims the existence of a local emergency. This resolution allows the Village to be eligible for any assistance, grants, funding, or other type relief benefit related to the COVID-19 pandemic from any federal, state, or local governments.

Ordinance 2020-28 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Master Cooperation Agreement with the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works to participate in the countywide Preventive Maintenance Program. It allows for participating communities to be reimbursed for the cost of materials used performing routine maintenance on county roads.

Ordinance 2020-29 – authorizes participation by the Village of Moreland Hills in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2020.

Ordinance 2020-30 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Barbicas Paving, LLC for the 2020 Asphalt Pavement Program.

Ordinance 2020-31 – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with Diversified Infrastructure Services, Inc. for the 2019 Sewer Inspection and Cleaning Program, in the decrease amount of \$31,977.00 as a result of contract reconciliation due to the project being complete.

Ordinance 2020-32 – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with Terrace Construction Co., Inc. for Sewer Lateral Installation in various locations in the Village, in the \$3,011.35 as a result of additional work that needs to be completed at three (3) locations in the Village.

Ordinance 2020-33 – authorizes the Village to participate in a consortium to obtain bids for solid waste transfer and disposal services. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will prepare all bid documents for all communities in the consortium, who will then determine the lowest and best bidder.

Ordinance 2020-34 – authorizes the Village to participate in a consortium to obtain bids for recycling processing services. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will prepare all bid documents for all communities in the consortium, who will then determine the lowest and best bidder.

Ordinance 2020-35 – authorizes the Mayor to expend funds donated by Village resident to purchase gift cards for employees and their families attending the Annual Village Clambake for employees.

Ordinance 2020-36 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.