

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

I want to take this opportunity to review snowplowing procedures. If a snowstorm hits during the hours when the Service Department employees are here, they get the trucks out, do a safety check and start plowing. If, however, a snowstorm hits overnight or on the weekends the on-duty Police Sergeant calls the Service Director who calls in the on-call plow crew. It takes about an hour from the Sergeant's call until the trucks are on the road. The drivers have to come into the Service Garage, get the trucks out, warm them up and do a safety inspection. Once the trucks are on the road, the streets are always plowed in a specific order with safety in mind.

First, main roads are plowed and treated; once they are passable and safe, streets with hills that go down into a main road are plowed and salted. This is done because a motorist has the possibility of sliding down a hill into traffic on a main road. Finally, all side streets are plowed and curves and hills are salted.

An unfortunate side effect of plowing is that sometimes mailboxes are knocked down. This is very rarely a result of the plow actually hitting the mailbox, but is, instead, the force of the snow that knocks it over. The heavier the snow, the more likely it is that mailboxes will come down. If your mailbox is knocked down, please call the Service Department at 440.248.1188 or email service@morelandhills.com. Leave your name, address and phone number. The Service Department employees will repair your mailbox as soon as possible. Please do not expect a call-back from the Service Director, as he is overwhelmed with other responsibilities during and shortly after a storm.

If you feel that we are taking too long to respond, feel free to call one of the secretaries or me with your complaint. The most important thing to remember is that having your mailbox knocked down is not personal or intentional.

Winter has once again been very hard on our roads. The constant freeze-thaw cycles are particularly tough on roads. This winter has been a year of extremes, extremely cold temperature days have been followed by spring-like days. The Village staff is aware of this fact and we expect that we will need to have an aggressive road program this year. The Village budgets and spends about a million dollars a year on the roads, on average.

While that spending amount does not provide perfection, it fits into the annual budget and keeps the roads in good condition. This spring the Service Director and Engineer will do their annual drive through the Village to evaluate the

roads and identify areas that need repair or resurfacing. They will take their findings to Council's Roads and Safety Committee where the 2019 Road Program will be discussed and recommended to Council. Council ultimately appropriates the money for the program, probably at the April Council Meeting.

The renovations at Village Hall and the Police Department are progressing well. You may have noticed that we needed to remove some trees in front of the PD. Their presence was deleterious to both the roof and the siding on the front of the building. Amazingly, we have hit very few snags and the contractor has been able to work most days, despite the tough weather conditions. We anticipate being done with both projects in late spring and having an open house for both buildings in the summer.

Take care, and stay warm.

- Mayor Susan Renda

Harvest for Hunger

Moreland Hills has partnered with Chagrin Falls, Bentleyville, Hunting Valley, and South Russell for the Cleveland Food Bank's annual Harvest for Hunger campaign.

Nonperishable food and monetary donations will be delivered to the Cleveland Food Bank by the Chagrin Falls Fire Department, coordinators of this event.

Tax Reminders

RITA — Municipal income tax returns are due Monday, April 15, even if no income tax is due. For filing requirements, contact RITA [800.860.7482](tel:800.860.7482) or visit RITAOhio.com. File early and file electronically to avoid the "last minute" stress.

Tax Forms — The IRS has reduced the amount of printed tax forms and publications available to public libraries nationwide. As a result, a limited amount of printed tax materials will be available in the library branches for customers.

Residents may order tax forms and publications directly from the IRS at IRS.gov/orderforms or by calling 800.829.3676.

Additional resources can be found at: cuyahogalibrary.org/Research/Tax-Information.aspx

Closings and Events

Service Department Reminders

The 2019 Chipping Program starts next month; the week of April 15-18. Please note, chipping will not be done on Friday, April 19, because Village Offices will be closed for Good Friday. The Chipping Program runs from April through October, on the third full week of every month.

Holiday Closing

Good Friday - Village Offices will be closed on Friday, April 19.

Coming Events

Muffins with the Mayors - Tuesday, March 12, 9 a.m. at the Orange Senior Center

Five area Mayors (Moreland Hills, Pepper Pike, Orange Village, Woodmere, & Hunting Valley) will sit down to have an informal question and answer breakfast with their constituents. Enjoy coffee, muffins, and a chance to learn more about local issues that impact our lives. Free to all members of the Community. Please pre-register at 216.831.8600, ext. 5700.

Big Green Celebration at Hiram House Camp - Friday, March 15, 7-11 p.m.

Enjoy craft beer from BRIM Kitchen and Brewery along with other libations, dinner, music from Second Avenue: Acoustic Duo, games and more! All proceeds will go to benefit The Hiram House Campership Fund, which helps sponsor youth from low-income families and youth in foster care to attend camp! *This is a 21 and over event.*

For more information, visit hiramhousecamp.org/st-pats-bash-2019/.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in February:

Resolution 2019-02 – approves the Solid Waste District Management Plan Update for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Development of this plan is a requirement of Ohio law and must be ratified by every solid waste district in Ohio.

Ordinance 2019-03 – consents to the Ohio Department of Transportation’s repair of the slope along South Woodland Road (SR-87).

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. **Placed on First Reading and Referred to the Planning Commission.**

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. **Placed on First Reading and Referred to the Planning Commission.**

Ordinance 2019-06 – approves and adopts current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances.

Ordinance 2019-07 – authorizes Change Order Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 with Sander Contracting, Inc. for the Police Station Roof and Village Hall Entrance Project. Change Orders 1, 2, and 4 are for the Police Station Roof and total an increase amount of \$11,444 for additional work required. Change Order 3 is for the Village Hall entrance to make it Code compliant in the increase amount of \$750.

Environmental Corner

Ordinance 2019-08 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health relating to illicit discharge detection and elimination programming and pollution prevention/good housekeeping assistance.

Ordinance 2019-09 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc., which includes general liability, police professional, public official, automobile, and property & cyber liability insurance at a total cost of \$49,387 per year.

Ordinance 2019-10 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Ordinance 2019-11 – amends Chapter 903, “Use of Public Ways for Small Cell Wireless Structures” of the Streets, Utilities, Public Services and Engineering Codes, to lawfully exercise municipal authority on this subject in a manner consistent with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4939 and the FCC’s Small Cell Order.

Beware of IRS Imposter Scam

The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs is warning residents about a new round of impostor scams impersonating County Sheriff’s deputies or court officials.

- Don’t trust caller ID readings—scammers often spoof names and numbers.
- Let numbers you don’t recognize go to voicemail and don’t call unknown callers back.
- Hang up on anyone who threatens you with arrest, legal action or seizure of your accounts.
- Hang up if someone claims to be a grandchild in trouble with the law.
- Remember, it’s not “free” or a “prize” if you have to pay.

Blue Tip

Taking Root for Clean Water

The simple act of planting a tree helps to keep our waters clean.

- Leaves intercept rainfall before it enters nearby storm drains and creeks, which helps reduce flooding.
- Leaves also store and release water from rainfall into the atmosphere
- Leaf litter builds health soil, increases soil’s water-holding capacity, and helps replenish groundwater.
- Roots increase infiltration and storage, reduce erosion, and take up nutrients and pollutants from the soils and water.

The more native tree and plant cover that we have in our neighborhoods, the healthier our creeks and our communities will be. To learn more trees and native plants, visit neohi-ostormwater.com/neopipe.html or cuyahogawcd.org.

- If you’re worried, call police, Scam Squad or family for help checking out the call.
- Hang up if a caller insists on staying on the phone while you go to the bank or to buy gift cards.
- Hang up if anyone directs you to pay using store gift cards, money wires or mailed cash. They’re scammer favorites because they’re hard for police to trace.

Cuyahoga County residents who receive scam calls are encouraged to report them at consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us or by calling the Scam Squad line at 216.443.SCAM (7226).