

Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

MARCH 2020

At a Glance

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Dear Residents,

Village Hall has been very busy lately as we forge ahead with the work required in 2020.

We are currently in the process of finalizing our fiscal year 2020 budget. I have met with all department heads so that we can agree upon capital improvements while adhering to our goal of adding to our financial reserves. Our completed budget will be presented to Village Council in March.

Our FY 2020 Asphalt and Maintenance Program (Road Program) was presented to Council this past February. We have an aggressive program slated for many improvements this year. Additionally, the County will be performing some needed improvements within our borders. One of these improvements is the replacement of the bridge over Willey Creek located on Chagrin River Road. This project will close Chagrin River Road from Miles to Jackson Road. This total closure will start in June and end sometime in October.

Members of our Service Department have been busy cold patching potholes as the freeze and thaw season takes its toll. A reminder that major work will take place during the construction season and this cold patching is a temporary fix to assist in protecting the motoring public. Please remember to slow down as you travel around the work crews.

As I have stated in the past, changes made in Columbus can have a major impact on Moreland Hills. To that end I have recently met with Senator Matt Dolan so that we could discuss issues such as home rule, school funding, recently proposed gun safety legislation and environmental issues. Senator Dolan and State Representative Phil Robinson have been very accessible and

responsive to concerns I have raised on behalf of the Village. You may have received notification of State Representative Phil Robinson's Town Hall Meeting to be held in Moreland Hills on March 9th. I have attended several of these Town Hall events and they are a fantastic opportunity to meet your legislator and to ask questions regarding issues that you are personally interested in. This Town Hall will take place in our Community Room and starts at 6:30 pm.

Speaking of state government, I recently had the pleasure of presenting proclamations to several Moreland Hills students who took part in the 5th Annual Ohio YMCA Youth and Government Middle School State Assembly. Tyler Heasley and Camryn Zucker traveled to Columbus and took part in this event. Both drafted legislation on environmental issues such as recycling and reforestation. One of the bills made it all the way through Committee and to the Student Governor where it was "signed" into law. Their efforts represent the type of civil and intelligent discourse we all expect in our government.

It is my pleasure to serve as your Mayor and I look forward to the year ahead as we continue to make Moreland Hills the special place we all know and love.

Warm Regards,
Mayor Daniel Fritz

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HARVEST FOR HUNGER

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

This food and fund drive runs through the month of March and provides for 21 Northeastern Ohio counties. Nonperishable food and monetary donations, once collected, will be delivered to the Cleveland Food Bank by the Chagrin Falls Fire Department, coordinators of this event.

You can drop off donations at Village Hall in the appropriately marked collection bins throughout the month of March.

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 total road closure is to ensure that the work can be performed more quickly.



MAYOR'S OPEN DOOR DAY

March 27, 2020

9:00am – 4:00pm

Residents can meet with Mayor Fritz and discuss any issues or concerns they may have.

Please call Sherri to schedule a time.
440.248.1188

COMING EVENTS

Town Hall Meeting with State Representative Phil Robinson, Jr.

Monday, March 9, 2020

6:30pm-8:00pm

Community Building

Free and Open to the Public

CLOSINGS AND REMINDERS

Good Friday – Village Offices will be closed on Friday, April 10.

The 2020 Chipping Program starts next month; the week of April 20 – 24. The Chipping Program runs from April through October, on the third full week of every month.

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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in February:

Ordinance 2020-07 – amends and restates Ordinance 2020-13 providing for the continued employment of Santo T. Incorvaia as Prosecutor. The hourly fee for items that are outside the scope of routine matters was incorrect, and some “scope or work” items were left out.

Ordinance 2020-08 – designates the Council Clerk to attend Certified Sunshine Law Training for newly elected and re-elected Council Members.

Ordinance 2020-09 – approves and adopts current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances.

Ordinance 2020-10 – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with Chagrin Valley Paving for the 2019 Asphalt Repairs and Maintenance Program for the decreased amount of \$42,872.42 as a result of contract reconciliation due to the project being completed.

Ordinance 2020-11 – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with ABV Contracting Co. for the 2019 Drainage and Culvert Program for the increased amount of \$3,200.00 as a result of additional work which needs to be completed at 35295 Miles Road.

Ordinance 2020-12 – accepts the bid of and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Terrace Construction Company, Inc. for the installation of sewer laterals in various locations in the Village, in the amount of \$178,413.61.

Ordinance 2020-13 – accepts the bid of and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Nerone and Sons,

Inc. for modification to piping and valves at various pump stations, in the amount of \$116,400.00.

Ordinance 2020-14 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District relating to Public Involvement and Public Education Programming for the calendar year 2020.

Ordinance 2020-15 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contractual agreement with the City of Bedford for jail services for the cost of \$75.00 per day, per prisoner.

Ordinance 2020-16 – authorizes all actions necessary to accept a Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2020 Energized Community Grant.

Ordinance 2020-17 – authorizes the Mayor to purchase a Caterpillar DG60 Natural Gas Generator (including installation) from Ohio Cat Power Systems in the amount of \$35,174.00, part of which will be paid for by NOPEC Grants.

Ordinance 2020-18 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Ordinance 2020-19 – 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 \$53,314.00 per year.

MUSINGS FROM THE MORELAND HILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We ended 2019 by setting up a very small museum store (including the \$15 Moreland Hills reusable tote). All proceeds from the store benefit the JAG Cabin. www.MHHSohio.org

We are looking ahead to 2020. This year we plan to enhance our outreach to local schools in the community. In particular, we are looking for a student familiar with 3D printing. We would love to have a small “traveling” cabin for use off site. We are also planning an Open House on June 6 with Eliza Garfield. Perhaps you know of a local gifted actor/actress who would portray one of the Garfield friends.

Please remember to share our need for a Cabin Coordinator with any person interested in meeting new people and preserving local and presidential history. Until we find the right coordinator, we are asking your help to open the cabin for our visitors just one Saturday (or any other day/time) this summer. It is easy to get started, just email us at MHHSohio@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity for student service hours!

FROM THE VILLAGE ENGINEER...

This year there are many projects planned in the Village to improve our infrastructure.

Road Program – this year we will be resurfacing Meadowhill Lane, additionally we will be repairing and maintaining various streets.

Drainage and Culvert Program – we are evaluating the videotapes from the internal inspection of a portion of the culverts in the Village. We will replace and repair culverts and drainage facilities based on this information.

South Woodland Rd. Slope repair – the work on the stabilization of the landslide is moving along. The watermain and storm sewers in the area have been relocated and the contractor is beginning the installation of the retaining wall. We anticipate the project to be completed in June.

Forest Ridge Preserve – the design of a 60 ft x 30 ft pavilion and parking area in the spot where the “house on the hill” currently sits has begun. A restroom facility will also be built to provide facilities that can be used for picnics and events.

In addition to these Village projects, there will be work occurring on Chagrin Blvd. in front of the Moreland Commons development. This is being done to add a turn lane into the development from the eastbound direction.