

IN & ABOUT *Moreland Hills*

Message from Mayor Susan Renda **Dear Resident,**

I hope you find the spring edition of In and About Moreland Hills interesting and enlightening. There is a great deal of useful information throughout the newsletter, so please take a few minutes to read and enjoy it.



In the last newsletter we informed you that the Village would host Greening the Hills just once this year. Several people have called or written to express disappointment and

to let us know how much they enjoy and appreciate that event. Thank you for letting us know. We will revisit this decision at the end of the year and may go back to holding two recycling events next year. Some have suggested that we do a shredding only event; however, we would still need to have Service Department employees help us with the event, so the cost savings would be minimal. Given that the cost is not overwhelming, if you want to have two events going forward, let us know that and we will do it.

We have started up the Parks Commission again after a several year hiatus. The following residents have volunteered to serve: Ted Friedman, Jessica Gift, Bill Janke, Roy Minoff, Alan Olsson, Heather Prendergast and Angela Wyatt. Additionally, Councilman Paul Stanard and I and a member of the Service Department will attend meetings and help with projects. I will nominate these people at the May 8 Council meeting and ask Council to confirm the nominations. At our first meeting, I announced that Jessica Gift will chair the Commission. I identified four parks, one cemetery and two parcels of green space that will be under the purview of the Commission. I am excited to work

with this interesting and diverse group of people and to see what recommendations we come up with.

The Renovation project at Village Hall and the Police Department continues to progress nicely. Both the roof on the Police Department and the roof at Village Hall are about 90 percent complete. The new vestibule at Village Hall is about 60 percent complete. We anticipate that all work will be done by the end of April, and that we should be done with punch list items by mid-May. We will have an open house at the Police Department and Village Hall this summer to show off the newly renovated buildings.

You will see in "Ordinances and Resolutions" that the Village is offering an Employee Retirement Incentive Plan. The Village is willing to buy two years of service for qualifying employees. We offer this program every few years. It lowers the cost of employee salaries to the Village and helps those who may be close to retirement. We have offered this program in the past with great success.

I want to thank the residents of the Village again for passing the Safety Levy last fall. I understand that no one wants to pay more taxes, including me. But that extra income has made a huge difference in our lives, especially in terms of planning for the future. I promise we will continue to be frugal and thoughtful about expenditures.

As always if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at srenda@morelandhills.com or 440.248.1188.

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Community Kids Fishing Day June 15



Although it may not feel like it now, warmer weather is fast approaching. Soon it will be time to break out the fishing poles.

Please mark your calendar for this year's *Community Kids Fishing Day* to be held **Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The Police, Service Department and Village staff look forward to another great day of fishing at Potts Pier with young members of our community. Turn off the TV, video games and cell phones, and enjoy an outdoor activity with your kids. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 440.248.7585.

– Police Chief Kevin Wyant



Green Tip Tips to Recycle Right

1. LEAVE RECYCLABLES LOOSE – NOT BAGGED.

Plastic bags do not belong in your recycling bin or cart. Plastic bags get tangled in the sorting machines at the recycling facilities and cause major problems for the recycling process. Plastic shopping bags can be recycled at many retail locations, including Giant Eagle, Lowe's Home Improvement, Marc's, Target and Walmart stores.

2. MAKE SURE IT IS CLEAN AND EMPTY, AND REPLACE CAPS.

Rinse residue from cartons, containers, bottles and jars or any other recyclable that may contain food particles and replace the caps.* Remember, greasy pizza boxes are not accepted.

3. KEEP IT DRY.

When it comes to paper and cardboard, keeping it dry is imperative for the recycling process. Please flatten all cardboard boxes as well.

4. DON'T WISHCYCLE.

Think you can throw everything into your recycling bin and it will get sorted out at the recycling plant? Think again. Recycling only these five core items is paramount: cans, cartons, glass, paper and plastic bottles and jugs.

5. PLASTIC.

Plastic bottles and jugs are acceptable. The shape of the container determines if it belongs in curbside recycling. Only plastic items shaped like bottles and jugs are acceptable. If it has a neck (with an opening or a neck that is more narrow than the body), it can be placed in your recycling cart. Examples include: Bottles – water, soda, beverage, shampoo, mouthwash and other bottles over 2 inches wide; Jugs – milk, water, juice, and laundry detergent.

*WHY SHOULD THE CAPS BE REPLACED?

Once the plastic bottles (with caps on) are ground up, they go through a water bath. Since the caps are generally made out of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and polypropylene (PP) they will float and the plastic bottles will sink making it easy for the facility to sort the different types of material and recycle them into new items.

If you throw the cap in the trash instead, it typically ends up in the ocean. Sadly, plastic bottle caps are among the top five most common items of trash found on beaches worldwide. Marine mammals, fish, and birds mistake bottle caps for food and can suffer from digestion problems and possibly death.

Another reason you will want to make sure to keep your caps on is that they are made out of a valuable plastic that is in high demand. Once recycled, caps can be turned into storage bins, shipping containers, mixing bowls, spatulas, shovels, watering cans and much more.

The Association of Plastic Recycler's message is to 'empty and replace cap.' So, remember that before you toss your drink. Also, make sure you never flatten your bottle because it could get mistaken for paper in the sorting process.

Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in April:

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 Second Reading**

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 Second Reading**

Ordinance 2019-15 – authorizes all actions necessary to accept an Energized Community Grant(s) from NOPEC for 2019.

Ordinance 2019-16 – amends Section 931.06 “Connection Charges” of the Codified Ordinances regarding the manner in which sewer connection charges may be paid to the Village. This amendment will allow residents to pay a lump sum or make payments over a 3-year term with a 3% interest rate per annum.

Ordinance 2019-17 – authorizes participation by the Village in the Ohio Department of Transportation Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2019.

Ordinance 2019-18 – authorizes the Mayor to purchase a Caterpillar Model 926M Wheel Loader with standard equipment and additional specifications from Ohio Cat through Sourcewell Contract No. 88910. Sourcewell is a municipal contracting agency that allows municipalities to take advantage of lower costs.

Ordinance 2019-19 – amends Ordinance 2018-25 that approved a contract with LaBella Associates, P.C. for architectural design professional services for the Village Building Improvements Project at a cost of \$21,460. This ordinance authorizes and directs the Mayor to pay LaBella’s reimbursable expenses, as the reimbursement of these expenses was not part of the original contract amount approved by Council.

Ordinance 2019-20 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Diversified Infrastructure Services, Inc. for the 2019 Sewer Inspection and Cleaning Program, in the amount of \$147,275.

Ordinance 2019-21 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a settlement agreement and release in the case of *Katherine Bennett, ET AL. V. Village of Moreland Hills, ET AL.* The property owners at 90 Mill Creek Lane appealed a final decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas; the Village and the property owners have reached an agreement to settle and resolve the pending lawsuit.

Ordinance 2019-22 (as amended) – established an Employee Retirement Incentive Plan (“ERIP”). This opportunity is offered to eligible employees, which will help decrease the cost to the Village of employee salaries.

Ordinance 2019-23 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Message from the Historical Society

Ohio is the Birthplace of the American Hunter Jumper Classic. Who would have known? Betty Weibel knows! Betty grew up in the Chagrin Valley and brings with her a firsthand account and decades of experience. She began her career as a newspaper journalist and worked as a sports broadcaster for ESPN as an equestrian commentator. She has also been an organizer of the Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic in the past.

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. Betty will share a little history; a behind-the-scenes look at the horse show; and why for 50 years, thousands of people from around the world have flocked to Moreland Hills to attend this special event. Books will be available for purchase (\$19.99 cash or check). Entrance is free to the Horse Show for this visit ... just say you’re “with Betty.”

Resident in the Spotlight

Bill Wortzman

Moreland Hills resident Bill Wortzman has lived in the Village for about 17 years, four and a half of which he served as a Councilman.

"My experience on Village Council helped me realize the strength of local government," Bill said. "There was a cohesiveness among Council members that allowed us to function so effectively and efficiently. The amazing thing was that personal politics were never discussed – it was never part of what we were doing. We all just wanted to do justice for the people in the community." All in all, he said serving on Council was a very rewarding experience and he misses the people with whom he worked. "I learned a lot – and I got to see government at its best."

Speaking as a resident, Bill said he likes everything about living in Moreland Hills, from its convenient location to outstanding leadership by Mayor Susan Renda and exceptional services. He knows firsthand the importance and quality of the Village's emergency services, which he graciously credits for saving his life.

President and owner of The Wortzman Company for the last 40 years, Bill is a successful CPA and lawyer, practicing in both professions. But Bill is quick to point out that he came from humble beginnings.

"I grew up in what would be considered a dysfunctional family in inner city Cleveland," Bill explained. "We were on welfare, living in the projects." On top of his family's financial challenges, Bill's two brothers struggled with mental illness. In the 1940s, this was not something people talked about, which left Bill's mother with very few options for help.

Fortunately they found assistance through the Jewish Family Service Association (JFSA) of Cleveland, which not only helped Bill's brothers with their mental health issues, but also provided the family with basic necessities like food and clothing. "One of my brothers lives in a group home and still receives services from JFSA today," Bill said.

As Bill got older, he was determined to attend college and achieve independence, despite his lack of resources. Once again, JFSA stepped in to help by providing financial assistance that enabled Bill to attend Fenn College (now Cleveland State University) through a work study program, alternating school and work every three months. But Bill didn't stop with earning a bachelor's degree in accounting; he continued his studies and went on to receive his law degree from Cleveland Marshall Law School.

As Bill's career took off, he promised himself that when he could, he would give back to charity because of how he and his family were helped in so many ways.

Bill kept that promise and then some.



In addition to his full-time professional career, Bill said he dedicates at least 30 hours a week to service on several nonprofit boards, including JFSA, which provides a range of social services for families, including mental health; Hopewell, a farm-based residential treatment program for adults with severe mental illnesses; and LifeAct, a suicide prevention and education program for Northeast Ohio middle schools and high schools. Bill also sits on the Accounting Advisory Board at Cleveland State University, volunteers at Jewish Federation of Cleveland, and has served on the boards at University Hospitals and Bellefaire JCB.

Bill said the highlight of his charitable work was helping JFSA overcome significant financial difficulties in 2007. Serving as board chair for nearly five years, Bill led the efforts to stabilize the agency's finances. Thanks to his expertise, JFSA is back on track and soon will be opening its new headquarters in Pepper Pike. Now a life director, Bill said he is grateful for the opportunity to help pay back JFSA for all the help they have given his family.

Additionally, Bill shares his expertise in fundraising with many organizations, chairing a number of successful endowment, annual fund and capital campaigns.

"Charity means something very personal to me because of my brothers," Bill said. Most of the charitable organizations I'm involved with deal with mental illness. It has been close to me my whole life, and I want to make a difference."

Mark Your Calendars for these Coming Events!

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING/BZA MEETING

Monday, May 6, 6 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m.

Public Hearing for Ordinances 2019-04 and 2019-05

(see Ordinances and Resolutions for a description of these ordinances)

CHIPPING WEEK

May 20-24

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.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27

Village offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no special pick-ups or yard waste pick-ups done that day.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Monday, May 27, 11:30 a.m.

The Memorial Day Service at Veterans' Park will be at 11:30 a.m. It is tradition to lower the flag to half-staff early in the morning and raise it about noon. The service will consist of some brief remarks and conclude with the flag raising.

JAMES A. GARFIELD CABIN OPEN HOUSE & EVENT

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

James A. Garfield Birth Site Park, 4350 SOM Center Road

RAIN GARDEN RE-PLANTING EVENT

Saturday, June 8, 9-11 a.m. – Village Hall

For more information on this event, see the "Blue Tip" in this Newsletter.

COMMUNITY KIDS FISHING DAY

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

Moreland Hills will host the 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.

REGIONAL EVENTS

CLEVELAND WATER

Join the Cleveland Water Department **Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** to celebrate **Drinking Water Week** at the Baldwin Water Treatment Plant (11216 Stokes Blvd., Cleveland).

- Water Treatment Plant Tours
- Water Related Demonstrations
- Hands-On Exhibits
- Family Fun & Activities
- Food Trucks
- Kids Zone

CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tree Huggers Workshop

Learn about protecting and restoring Cuyahoga County's tree canopy! Register at cuyahogaswcd.org or by mailing a check, payable to Cuyahoga SWCD, for \$10 per attendee to: Cuyahoga SWCD, 3311 Perkins Avenue, #100, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. The \$10 fee includes a tree.

There are three dates for the workshop:

Wednesday, May 8 - 5:30-8 p.m.

Lakeview Cemetery Daffodil Room
12316 Euclid Ave, Cleveland
Register by May 1.

Saturday, May 18 - 9:30 a.m.-noon.

Cuyahoga Community College East
Education Center, Rm. 15
4250 Richmond Road, Highland Hills
Register by May 10.

Wednesday, May 22 - 5:30-8 p.m.

Olmsted Township Hall
26900 Cook Rd (at Fitch Rd.)
Olmsted Township
Register by May 10.

Reminders

RECYCLE CART STICKERS

The Service Department will be placing recycling stickers on your recycling carts starting at the end of May/beginning of June, on your recycling day. These stickers, which are part of a grant the Village was awarded from the County, will go right on your recycle cart in order to further help you understand what can and cannot be put in the curbside-recycling program.

GREENING THE HILLS

There will NOT be a *Greening the Hills* event in May this year. The Village will still hold the event in the fall, on October 5 (9 a.m. to noon). The Village always tries to operate in the most efficient and cost-effective way possible, however, we will re-evaluate the situation again after the fall to see if we should go back to holding two *Greening the Hills* events next year.

From the Building Department

Does Your Project Need a Permit?

Are you planning renovations or repairs to your home? If so, contact the Moreland Hills Building Department before beginning work. Many projects require permits and plan review, and all must comply with the Village's Code requirements. Additionally, any contractors performing work on your property must register with the Village before beginning your project.

Examples of projects needing review and/or permits include:

- Tree cutting
- Roofing
- Driveways/paving/concrete work
- Furnaces or air conditioning units
- Hot water tanks
- Plumbing or electrical work
- Generators
- Decks
- Swimming pools (only in-ground pools permitted)
- Fences
- Sheds or other accessory structures
- New windows/doors
- Interior or exterior renovations
- Additions
- Hardscape landscape elements
- On-site dumpsters

We are here to answer your questions and ensure your project goes smoothly while being in compliance with Village regulations. A searchable copy of our Ordinances is published at morelandhills.com under the tab marked "Codified Ordinances."

Safety Corner

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month



With warmer weather, it is time to remind everyone to be on alert and to share the road with motorcyclists.

Riders who have been cooped up all winter are excited to be out on the road again, but that should not stop them from using caution.

Both motorcyclists and motorists need to be aware of their surroundings. *Checking blind spots, mirrors, and using turn signals are necessary when changing lanes and when passing.*

Distracted driving has been on the rise too. Distractions during driving could mean the difference between seeing a motorcyclist or not, when preparing to change lanes. DO NOT let one text change anyone's life forever!

Riders need to take precautions as well. Take a defensive driving course, wear protective gear, and keep your bike in its best working condition. Also, be aware of any road hazards and dangerous weather conditions.

For more information visit nhtsa.gov/safety/motorcycles.

Infrastructure Update

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

Road Program – This year we will be resurfacing Brandon Court and Springdale Lane and performing repairs and maintenance work on many streets.

Drainage and Culvert Program – There are five locations where this work will occur: on SOM Center Road near Hiram House Camp, Meadowhill Lane, Jackson Road at Giles Road and Hunting Trail.

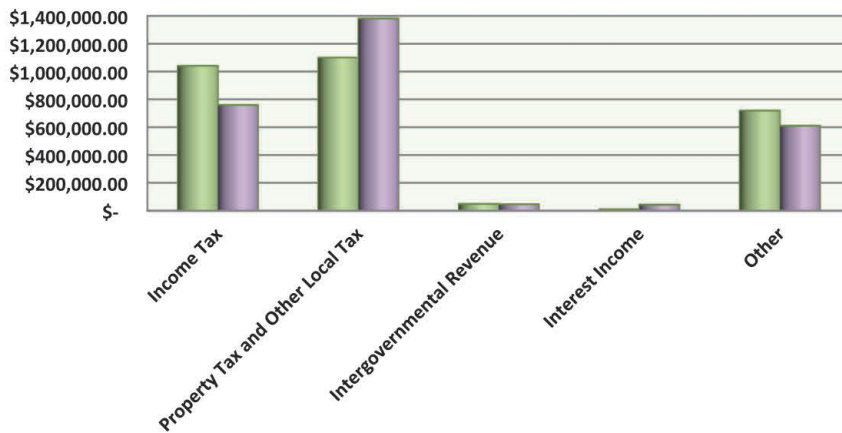
South Woodland Road Slope Repair – The repair of the landslide east of Farwood Drive will be undertaken by ODOT. We do not have an official start date, but we anticipate a late summer/early fall start of construction. South Woodland Road will be closed to through traffic at the project location during construction.

Greentree Water Reclamation Plant – There will be additional wet weather flow storage installed at the plant. Construction date to be determined.

Village Finance Report

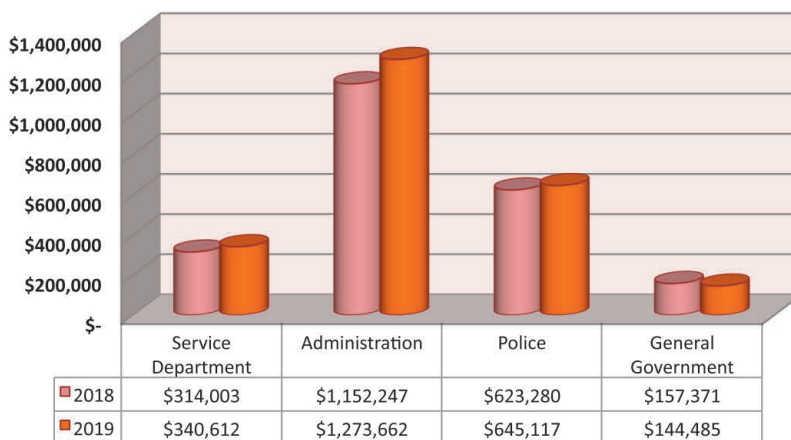
Revenues from Income Tax were down significantly in the first quarter of 2019 due to lower tax liabilities from individual taxpayers. Property Taxes, on the other hand, have increased based on the passage of the additional 3 mill levy for the Police and Fire Services approved by the voters in November of 2018. Operating expenses for the various departments, including safety and service, stayed on par with the preceding year. The Police Department, Village Hall and the Service Garage are getting much-needed repairs in the amount of approximately \$1.2 million, which are being financed through the issuance of 15-year bonds due to the favorable interest rate environment further enhanced by the Village's excellent Aa1 credit rating. The annual infrastructure improvements will continue during 2019 with an approximate cost of \$1.7 million along with capital expenditures in the amount of \$1.1 million which include vehicles and equipment for the Police and Service departments.

Quarter 1 Revenue Comparison 2018 to 2019



	Income Tax	Property Tax and Other Local Tax	Intergovernmental Revenue	Interest Income	Other
2018	\$1,041,215.00	\$1,100,719.00	\$48,706.00	\$10,464.00	\$719,369.00
2019	\$760,282.00	\$1,381,652.00	\$46,562.00	\$43,700.00	\$610,707.00

Quarter 1 Expense Comparison 2018 to 2019



Blue Tip Rain Garden Planting Event

Stormwater pollution is the number one source of pollution in our waterways. By controlling the stormwater runoff on your property, you help the overall water quality of Lake Erie.

Rain Gardens are one way to keep pollutants out of our waterways as they are designed to capture and filter storm water runoff from impervious surfaces around the home, such as rooftops and driveways, before it enters local waterways. They also alleviate problems associated with flooding and drainage as well as providing habitat and food for birds and butterflies.

The Village Hall Rain Garden needs to be re-planted after the construction that was done on our campus. **We will have a Rain Garden Planting Event on Saturday, June 8, 9-11 a.m. and would love our residents to volunteer to help.** Please email Sherri at villagehall@morelandhills.com if interested.

For more information on Rain Gardens and how to plant them, visit cuyahogawcd.org.



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Join us for the Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 27, 11:30 a.m. at Veterans Gateway Park

