

### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Dear Residents,

As the warmer weather approaches we hope that you are all able to get out and enjoy our beautiful Village. As I write this letter, members of our Service Department are working very hard to clear downed trees and repair bridges in our beautiful Forest Ridge Preserve. This wonderful 140-acre preserve has become my personal destination for reflection and exercise and I will be sure to say hello if I bump into you up on the scenic trails.

Recently, members of our Parks Commission and Facilities Committee offered valuable input related to the design and site plan for our new pavilion at Forest Ridge. At the April Council meeting, Councilman David Emerman advanced a motion to send this project out for bid. The motion received unanimous consent from his fellow colleagues on Village Council. Site improvements will take place this summer and it is our goal to have the pavilion completed in early Fall of this year.

As the growth takes shape amongst our tree canopies and within our beautiful parks, we also begin to notice the sprouting of accessory structures in the yards located throughout our Village. Over the past several months, Village Council and our Village Planning Commission have worked hard to address the new level of interest regarding temporary above ground pools, swim spas and plunge pools. To address these issues, we have undertaken a review and possible revision of our existing code as it applies to pools. Our Village has prohibited the construction of permanent above ground pools since 1976. Unanimous input from members of our Planning Commission and from various members on Village Council has suggested that the continued prohibition of permanent above ground

pools should continue. However, there also seems to be an understanding that we need to address the above ground placement and size limitations associated with swim spas and the newly popular plunge pools that are actively being marketed to our residents. We are taking great care to ensure that we are balancing the need for potential revisions without being overly restrictive. We must strive to attain this balance so that we continue to maintain the beautiful character of our Village while also respecting the desire of our residents to construct pools that are in harmony with their property. To that end, we are also carving out an allowance for an acceptable and reasonable use for temporary wading pools that falls into the balance as previously described. We encourage all residents to monitor the status of this legislation prior to purchasing a swim structure that may be prohibited. While this legislation has made its way through two of the required three readings, we encourage residents to participate in the discussion at our next Council Meeting on May 12th at 7pm when a Public Hearing will be held to address this revision.

Lastly, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to members of our Village Service Department. With the recent unexpected breakdown of several vehicles, they continue to provide outstanding levels of service through additional effort and logistics. They immediately developed a "Plan B" for the continued collection of trash and recycling. Additionally, members of the Administration worked very hard to message these changes through Facebook, our Village Website and the use of our CodeRed notification system. I've said it before but it's always worth repeating, we have some of the most dedicated and talented employees in northeast Ohio. I'm incredibly proud to work alongside them and equally proud to serve as your Mayor.



### COMING EVENTS

**Greening the Hills – May 15** – Greening the Hills will be held on Saturday, May 15, from 9:00am to Noon at Village Hall.

See more information elsewhere in this newsletter about COVID procedures and items that can be brought to this event.

**Tax Filing Date Extended – May 17** – The tax-filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year was extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. This filing date is the same for Federal, State, and Local taxes.

**Chipping Week – May 17-May 21** – 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 May 16; 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.

**Memorial Day – May 31** – Village Offices will be closed Monday, May 31. Monday recycling/rubbish pick-ups will be done on Tuesday. There will be no special pick-ups or yard waste pick-ups that week. **There will also be no special pick-ups or yard waste pick-ups the week prior (May 24).**

**Community Kids Fishing Day – SAVE THE DATE – June 12** – The Seventh Annual Community Kids Fishing Day Event will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Potts Pier. There will be two different sessions that day; 9:00am-Noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm. Look for details on how to pre-register for this event in Chief Wyant's letter, elsewhere in the newsletter.

### REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

The Village would like to remind our residents to please be respectful of your neighbors by cleaning up after your pets.

We have been receiving concerns that some people are either not picking up after their pets at all, or they are leaving behind the filled waste bags throughout their neighborhoods.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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# Moreland Hills *At a Glance*

## GREENING THE HILLS

Our Greening the Hills event will be held on Saturday, May 15 from 9:00am to Noon at our Village Hall Campus. At this event, residents can bring the following items for proper disposal:

- Papers to be shredded, confidentially
- Hazardous Wastes
- Oil-based Paint (Alkyd) – No water-based (Latex) paint will be accepted as it can be dried out and put in your trash.
- Tires
- Scrap Metal
- Rx Medications – No liquids or syringes
- Electronics –the following WILL be accepted:
  - Flat Screen TVs
  - Laptops
  - Computer Towers
  - Keyboards
  - Mouse
  - Cell Phones
  - Speakers (small computer type)
  - Tablets
  - CD Players
  - VCRs
  - Stereo Equipment
- The Village will NOT accepted the following electronic items:
  - Record Players
  - Large wooden speakers
  - Microwaves
  - Kitchen Appliances
  - Old Tube T.V.s
  - Vacuum Cleaners

Please note, the Village can no longer accept any type of light bulbs. They can be taken to Lowe’s or Home Depot for recycling.

**The following COVID procedures 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 the passenger seat or back seat. Please note, that our employees will be taking proper precautionary measures by wearing masks and gloves.

## ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in April:

**Ordinance 2021-11** – amends various Subsections of Section 1171.03 of the Planning and Zoning Code, “Swimming Pools,” and various sections of Chapter 1323 of the Building Code, “Swimming Pools,” to clarify approval procedures and regulations applicable to swimming pools, hot tubs, and swim spas. **Placed on Second Reading and adopted the new draft changes from the Planning Commission 4/14/21.**

**Ordinance 2021-12 (as amended)** – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with United Survey for the 2020 Sewer Rehabilitation Program for the increase amount of \$3,650.00 to install an additional backflow preventer valve in the sewer lateral at 15 Stonehill Drive.

**Ordinance 2021-13** – authorizes the Village’s participation in the ODOT Salt Contracts awarded in 2021 for the 2021-2022 winter season.

**Ordinance 2021-14** – authorizes the Mayor to purchase a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicle for the Police Department pursuant to the State Procurement Program, in an amount not to exceed \$37,929.00, to replace their current 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe.

**Ordinance 2021-15** – authorizes the Mayor to purchase a 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo vehicle for the Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$29,999, replacing the Chief’s 2014 Ford Taurus.

**Ordinance 2021-16** – authorizes the Mayor to purchase a 2021 Ram 2500 Crew Cab Pick-Up Truck with a snow plow for the Service Department, in an amount not to exceed \$38,216.28, replacing a 2008 Ford F350 Extended Cab Pick-Up Truck.

**Ordinance 2021-17** – approves and adopts the current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances.

**Ordinance 2021-18** – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

## HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL

Residents should be reminded that tree pruning and hazardous tree removal are the responsibility of the private homeowner. This includes trees that are located on a residential property such as along a property line in the rear yard. Additionally, this requirement extends to hazardous trees that are located within the Village’s right-of-way. The right-of-way is typically defined by a measurement of 30 feet from the centerline of the road to a point that extends into a resident’s front or side yard.

When the Village receives a call regarding a hazardous tree, the Building Department will inspect the tree(s) in question and notify the homeowner of any action that is required. The cost of removal is the responsibility of the homeowner.

The Village reserves the right to remove any tree or overhanging limb that may pose an immediate threat to motorists. As part of the Village’s Hazardous Tree Removal program, these problem trees are removed, as are any diseased trees located on Village owned properties as well.

Please contact the Building Department **before** removing any trees on your property.

## WE ARE TEAM FINLEY!

As you may have heard by now, CVFD Fire Marshal Jim Finley has been diagnosed with Leukemia.

Jim is currently at the University Hospitals Seidman Cancer center in good spirits undergoing his treatment and focusing all of his energy into making a full recovery.

There is a saying in Jim’s beloved Chagrin Falls — it takes a Village. Our Village. Today, we are all that village. To come together and support Jim.

The Chagrin Valley Fire Department is overseeing a fundraising initiative: <http://gofundme.com/f/we-are-team-finley>. Please consider donating to help towards his fight.

On behalf of the Finley family, thank you for your support, love, prayers.

## THE COMMUNITY GARDEN IS BACK

If you are interested in a plot in the Community Garden this year, please email Sherri at [villagehall@morelandhills.com](mailto:villagehall@morelandhills.com) for more information and to request the Policy and Consent Forms.

Plots are limited and will be awarded based on the submission date of the Consent Form to the above referred to email address. Spots are filling up quickly, so act fast!

## FROM THE CHIEF...

Like last year, the Seventh Annual Community Kids Fishing event will be broken into two groups of up to 35 participants; Group One from 9am – 12pm and Group Two from 1pm to 4pm. The fishing poles will be sanitized between uses.

The area around the pond will be marked to allow families to fish with plenty of space for social distancing. We will be unable to serve food and no awards will be distributed.

Please contact my office direct by email to [kwyant@morelandhills.com](mailto:kwyant@morelandhills.com) in order to register for the event or to ask any questions.

See you at the fishing pond located at Potts Pier within the Forest Ridge Preserve on June 12, 2021.

– Chief Kevin Wyant