

November 2019

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

This is the next to last letter I will write to you as your mayor. I was elected to this office in November of 2007, took office January 1, 2008 and have served as mayor for the last 12 years. I have loved this job with all its challenges and rewards, but it is time for me to step aside. I will not leave this Village that I love but will continue to live here. I hope to remain involved in smaller, less demanding ways. I am beginning to clean out files and drawers, which gives me the opportunity to reminisce and indulge myself in a bit of nostalgia. Next month I will take a "look back" over the last 12 years.

I want to share with you that our Law Director, Aimee Lane, has submitted her resignation effective November 4, 2019. Aimee joined the Village as the Assistant Law Director on October 10, 2012. In that position she handled Planning and Zoning issues and wrote all the legislation. She proved to be a meticulous attorney with a brilliant legal mind. Therefore, I was eager to appoint her to Law Director on January 6, 2016 when then Law Director Margaret Cannon retired. Aimee is leaving the Village to take a position with the Ohio Turnpike Commission. I wish her good luck in her new position. She has served the Village well, and we will miss her.

The Village's contract for Law Director is with Walter Haverfield, not directly with Aimee. The firm will, of course, honor the contract and we will be covered for the rest of the year. Council members and I have worked with several attorneys at Walter Haverfield over the years, and we are comfortable with the plan to move forward, whichever attorney we end up working with. I am certain the transition will be seamless.

Service Director Ted DeWater and I attended a Recycling Round Table on September 27, 2019 hosted by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. The Solid Waste District is the entity in charge of overseeing recycling and waste disposal in Cuyahoga County. They talked about the effects of China's new "Sword" policy, which sets strict regulations on imports of solid wastes, including various plastic and paper waste. It also sets strict limits on the allowable contamination level of recyclables. Their current contamination

standard is 0.05%, which is nearly impossible to achieve. Contaminants include, among other things, plastics that are non-recyclable or difficult to recycle.

This "Sword" policy has had a trickle-down effect and is now affecting the way we recycle in Northeast Ohio. The motto for recycling used to be, "When in doubt, put it in." Now it is, "When in doubt, throw it out." They emphasized that the items you put in your recycle bin should be empty, clean and dry. DO NOT BAG items before putting them in your bin. Finally, recycle the following items only: 1) cans; 2) glass; (empty and rinse); 3) cartons; 4) plastic bottles and jugs with an opening or a neck that is more narrow than the body (empty, rinse and replace caps); and 5) paper and cardboard (flatten boxes). Recycling is not as easy as it used to be but it is not terribly difficult. Just focus on the core five recyclables and when in doubt throw it out.

The following PSA was included in the presentation: "**Your recycler would appreciate it if you would stop putting live ammo and dead animals in the recycling.**" It was meant to get a laugh, and it did, but there are some very strange things that end up in recycling. Please don't do that. The folks at the Solid Waste District have urged us to leave contaminated bins behind. That is an ongoing conversation that we are having.

Please see the *Green Tips* article in this newsletter for more tips on recycling plastic.

- Mayor Susan Renda

Moreland Hills Police and Employees Foundation

Once a year, the foundation sends a letter to all residents of Moreland Hills asking you to consider making a tax-deductible contribution for the benefit of the police and employees of our Village. This is an easy way to say thank you for the good service they provide. Watch for the letter in the coming weeks, and please consider being a part of this tradition that dates back to 1966.

No Shave Wishvember

The Moreland Hills Police Department will be participating in "No Shave Wishvember" November 1-30. This is a fun event between local Police Departments in Northeast Ohio. Officers will grow out their beards and mustaches all while raising funds for children from *A Special Wish Foundation* who are battling life-threatening illnesses. You can donate by visiting police4wishes.org

A Special Wish Foundation (ASW) is a Cleveland based wish granting foundation serving children from birth up to 20 years of age with life-threatening illnesses. Currently, the organization grants wishes for over 150 children and families receiving care at University Hospital (UH) Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital and The Ronald McDonald House, and Akron Children's Hospital.

General Election November 5

The Voting Location for All Moreland Hills Residents is Orange High School, 3200 Chagrin Blvd. Voters should bring identification with them to the polls, which will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in October:

Ordinance 2019-48 – enacts new Chapter 905, “Use of Public Right-of-Way by Service Providers,” of the Codified Ordinances. This will provide guidelines, due process protections, and regulations applicable to the use of the Village’s public rights-of-way for telecommunications and other utility services. **Placed on Second Reading**

Ordinance 2019-53 – amends Sections 549.01, 549.12, 549.06 and 549.08 of Chapter 549, “Weapons and Explosives,” of the Codified Ordinances to conform to State Law.

Resolution 2019-54 – requests the County Fiscal Officer make advances from the proceeds of real and personal property tax levies and special assessments during the fiscal year 2020.

Ordinance 2019-55 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Ordinance 2019-56 – authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with A.B.V. Contractors, Inc. for the 2019 Culvert and Drainage Program in the amount of \$122,249.50.

Shop With a Cop

The Moreland Hills Police Department will partner with other local police departments for the annual “Shop with a Cop” holiday program. Officers will be taking underprivileged children shopping for holiday presents and food for the children and their families. If you wish to make a donation, **please make checks payable to George Murray FOP Lodge and mail to: MHPD – Shop With a Cop, 4350 SOM Center Road, Moreland Hills, Ohio 44022.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Village Reminders

Village Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving. Thursday rubbish/recycling **WILL** be picked up on Friday, November 29. Please make sure all rubbish is out at the curb by 7 a.m.

Chipping Program

The chipping program is finished for the year, so please do not put any chipping items out. The program will start back up the third full week of April 2020.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3. When we change our clocks back, it is also a great time to remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Veterans Day Service

Monday, November 11, 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Gateway Park (corner of SOM & Miles). We will hold this annual service rain or shine.

Green Tip: Clearing Up Plastic Recycling Confusion

Resident Connie Sancetta had the idea to have a display of plastic items at *Greening the Hills* to show items that can and cannot be recycled. In case you missed it, here is more information to help clear up any confusion.

Empty **plastic bottles or jugs** can be placed in your curbside recycling. This includes items like water and soda bottles; shampoo bottles; milk, water and juice jugs; laundry detergent and bleach jugs. Bottles and jugs should be emptied and rinsed, and the cap replaced. **If it is not shaped like a bottle or jug with an opening or a neck that is more narrow than the body, place it in the regular trash.**

Most local recycling processors are only able to accept bottles and jugs for recycling at this time due to China’s recent import ban on mixed plastics. This ban has limited the types of plastics that can be recycled nationwide.

Another question asked is, **“Why do plastics have numbers inside recycling symbols if**

Historical Society News

Please Join us and show support of the Moreland Hills Historical Society. Your small membership fee of \$15 or \$25 helps us pay for our website, newsletter, email, rent and expenses related to the archives.

Visit MHHSOHIO.org for more information, or mail your check to the Moreland Hills Historical Society, 4350 SOM Center Road and put a note, “for membership.” Thank you!

In addition, a great way to celebrate President Garfield’s 188th birthday (who was born in Moreland Hills) is with local dignitaries, Garfield family members, Lake View Cemetery trustees, and a high-ranking member of the U.S. military at the Garfield Memorial **on Saturday, November 16 at 11:00 am. This free event is at Lakeview Cemetery, 12316 Euclid Ave.**

they’re not recyclable?” The numbers on plastic containers are resin codes used by the plastics industry to identify the type of chemicals used to make the container. The codes do not always mean that the item is recyclable, so **we no longer look at the numbers on plastics to determine if it goes in curbside recycling.**

Finally, some people have asked, **“What happens if I place the wrong plastics in my curbside recycling? Can I just throw in any plastic that I want and let someone else figure it out?”** No! If there is too much of the wrong materials (contamination) in the curbside recycling mix, there is a chance that the recycling plant will choose to put everything, even the good recycling, in the regular trash.

For more information, visit:
cuyahogarecycles.org