

IN & ABOUT *Moreland Hills*

Message from Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

I hope you find the fall 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.



Over the last several months I have written about the need to increase the Police & Fire Levy due to drastic decreases in funding to the Village by the State of Ohio. The

current Police and Fire Levy is a separate funding source for police, fire, EMS, and dispatch services. However, it generates only 35% of the \$2.2 million safety services budget. The remaining 65% of the budget historically has been covered through transfers from the general fund. This level of subsidy is unsustainable in light of continuous reduced funding from the state. For example, the state eliminated estate taxes, which reduced Village revenues by an average of about \$263,000 per year and reduced Local Government Fund revenues paid to the Village by 75% over a 13-year period. Resetting the safety services funding to more appropriate levels will ensure continued excellent safety services regardless of any further changes in state funding.

As you know, your Village government has done all we can to save costs and reduce spending in order to accommodate the loss in revenue from the state. We continually evaluate our operations to determine ways to be more efficient while continuing to provide superior services. We share personnel

and equipment with other communities with the goal of saving tax-payer dollars while maintaining high levels of service. Despite our cost reduction measures, Village expenses have exceeded revenues in three of the last four years, which has forced us to spend down reserves below a fiscally prudent level. Furthermore, we have deferred maintenance and delayed purchases in hopes that our financial situation would improve over time.

The Village hired LaBella Associates, an architectural firm, to define maintenance needs on Village-owned buildings and to calculate costs for those repairs. The Village must borrow money to complete these repairs so the administration is trying to identify a conservative but adequate budget. Preliminary estimates indicate the costs to renovate and repair the Police Department building alone is an estimated \$541,000. Some of the work that was identified is as follows:

Police Department Building Roof. The roof has leaked for many years. Several different repairs have been attempted which have not solved the problem. Rainwater occasionally reaches the firing range in the basement of the building, which means we can no longer delay fixing this. LaBella has recommended redesigning and replacing the roof to permanently correct the issues.

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Helyna Park is Finalist in National All American Miss Pageant



Congratulations to Moreland Hills Police Officer Laura Park's daughter, Helyna, for becoming a finalist for the National All American Miss Pageant in Anaheim, CA, this November. Helyna is 10 years old and a fifth grader at St. Charles Borromeo School in Parma. She represented her hometown at the Ohio State Pageant in June where she became a finalist for the National Pageant. Helyna was the winner of Photogenic, first runner up for Talent and second runner up for Actress Competition. She was a top 20 finalist out of 144 girls in the NAM Pre-Teen division. Helyna is so excited to be a finalist in the National All American Miss Pageant 2018. If you would like to help Helyna achieve her dream, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/national-all-american-miss-pageant> to become a sponsor.

Message from Mayor Renda continued

Doors and Windows. Weather-damaged windows and doors need to be replaced.

Miscellaneous Repairs. Much of the brickwork needs to be tuck-pointed. Gutters need to be replaced. Flooring in the Police Department is worn from constant use and should be replaced. Fascia on the buildings needs to be repaired and wrapped with aluminum.

There are also miscellaneous repairs required for Village Hall such as our failing flat roof. We are still trying to determine those costs.

In addition to deferred maintenance, we have delayed purchases in both the Police and Service Departments. The Police Department has delayed purchasing in-car video systems, which have become standard in law enforcement. Ideally, all four cars should be outfitted at once, which would cost \$22,000. We have staggered purchases in the past, which is not ideal, and ends up costing the Village more per vehicle. Police supervisors would like a ballistic shield for the officer in each car at a total cost of \$14,000. Although we replace police cars when they become a safety concern, the Village has delayed purchasing new patrol cars which in turn increases repair costs. The cost of replacing police vehicles ranges from \$26,000 to \$36,000. The Police Department has also delayed purchasing new hand-held radar guns and roadside radar/driver feedback units.

The Service Department regularly keeps pickup trucks past their scheduled replacement date and completes repairs to keep them road-worthy. However, two pickup trucks should be replaced at a cost

of \$31,246 each for a total of \$62,492. One medium duty dump truck is well past its 2013 scheduled replacement date. The cost of replacing that truck would be \$92,000. The replacement schedule for all heavy duty snow and ice trucks has been pushed from a 10-year to a 12-year review. Replacement is now based on the continued maintenance cost of each truck. Currently the Service Department has two trucks that are past their replacement date. The cost of each is \$184,572 for a total of \$369,144.

I stated earlier in this article that the Police and Fire Levy is a separate funding source for police, fire, EMS, and dispatch services only, which is true. But I also pointed out that because the levy covers only 35% of the safety services budget, we subsidize it with monies from the General Fund. This, in turn, affects our other operations. We have deferred maintenance across our campus and delayed purchases in each department. As you probably know, there will be a proposal on the ballot in November to increase the levy millage from three mills to six mills. This increase would cost homeowners an additional \$105 for each \$100,000 of assessed value per year.

Thank you for patience in reading through all these numbers and taking time to understand why the Village has put this levy increase on the ballot. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone.

All the best,
Mayor Susan Renda

Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in September:

Ordinance 2018-37 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Sanitary Sewer Development Agreement for the provision of sanitary sewer service to the Chagrin Bluffs Subdivision.

Ordinance 2018-38 – amends Ordinance 1992-68 Establishing fees for the snow plowing of private streets by the Service Department. This will increase fees that have been in effect since 2001 from \$1.00 per linear foot to \$2.00 per linear foot, due to increases in the Village's labor and equipment cost.

Ordinance 2018-39 – amends the 2016 Comprehensive Land Use Plan to designate a portion of Chagrin River Road a "scenic corridor."

Ordinance 2018-40 – creates the House on the Hill Construction and Maintenance Fund within the financial records of the Village of Moreland Hills, for the purposes of receiving and expending funds to pay for the costs of constructing, improving, furnishing, equipping, operating and maintaining the House on the Hill. The Village has applied for a NatureWorks grant to cover these costs.

Ordinance 2018-41 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Matt Winters Excavating, for the 2018 Culvert and Drainage Program in the amount of \$55,623.75.

Resolution 2018-42 – accepts the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county fiscal officer.

Ordinance 2018-43 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Moreland Hills Parks Commission Looking for New Members

Qualifications: An interest in parks, green space and working with others to make a positive impact in our Village.

Time Commitment: Each member is expected to attend quarterly Parks Commission Meetings. Meetings last about an hour. Members will be expected to participate in some fundraising efforts for the parks. The Parks Commission recommends plans for improvement to council and performs other duties relating to parks and recreation.

Salary: Unpaid volunteer position.

To Apply: Please submit a letter of interest to villagehall@morelandhills.com or drop it off to Sherri at Village Hall by 4:30 p.m. on October 19. Please include your email address.

Residents in the Spotlight

Meet Mark and Carrie Doerr

Moreland Hills residents Mark and Carrie Doerr have been living in the Village for 12 years. Having moved here from Newbury, Mark said they were pleasantly surprised to find out their neighborhood in Moreland Hills is actually much quieter than their seven acres in "the country."

"There was always noise from dirt bikes, ATV's, chainsaws or dump trucks," Mark said. "Here our property backs up to a golf course. It's very peaceful back there."

Like many residents, the Doerrs feel like they have the best of both worlds living here. "Moreland Hills has a quiet, country feel," Carrie said, "yet we can be in Downtown Cleveland in 25 minutes."

With two of their three children now in college, the Doerrs started considering their future living plans. "We are actually talking to an architect now about updates and renovations on our home," Mark said. "We love our street and our neighbors, so we decided to stay here." Even though they've been there for more than a decade, they are still considered the "newbies" on the street compared with many of their neighbors who have lived there much longer. "I think that speaks volumes to Moreland Hills and to the job Susan Renda has done as Mayor," Mark said.

In addition to enjoying their property in all the traditional ways, Mark said he uses their extra outdoor space for something a little more unusual: beekeeping. What started as a senior project with his daughter, Alice, maintaining a functioning beehive has now become one of his hobbies. Mark's interest in bees actually goes back to his high school days more than 30 years ago when he also built a beehive for his senior project. "Bees are now more endangered than ever because of stress, pesticides and other things," Mark said. Thus, he's doing his part to help the bee population, and, as a bonus, is able to harvest honey.

Both athletes in high school and college, the Doerrs have found another somewhat unique hobby to keep them in shape: boxing. "Five years ago a friend turned us on to it, and we haven't looked back," Carrie said. The couple works out twice a week with trainers at Kings Gym in Bedford Heights, including former IBA World Heavyweight Champion Vonda Ward. "We love it," Mark said. "It's very intense and pushes you physically and mentally – it's a great stress release for us."

Although most of the time they work out with bags or their trainer holding mitts, sometimes they spar with another person. Mark admits that even though they wear protective gear, it can be nerve-racking. "You definitely don't sleep well the night before."



Carrie added, "It takes you out of your comfort zone."

The Doerrs not only box together, they also work together at Dynamic Design & Systems – a graphic design and printing company in Chagrin Falls. A family business for 23 years, Mark took over the company two and a half years ago.

Known as "Your Eco-Friendly Printer," Dynamic Design is housed in a building remodeled to National Energy Efficient Design standards, including recycling 100 percent of the construction materials, using non-toxic paints, and installing solar panels. Mark said the solar panels supply approximately 30-35 percent of the building's power.

"We were ahead of the curve on that. We're still the only business in the Chagrin Valley area using solar panels."

Mark Your Calendars for these Coming Events!

BZA & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 1, 6 p.m.

Monday, November 5, 6 p.m.

GREENING THE HILLS – SAFETY LEVY DISCUSSION WITH MAYOR RENDA AND CHIEF WYANT

Saturday, October 6, 9 a.m.-Noon

Recycling, hazardous waste collection, confidential paper shredding, computer and electronics round-up, etc. at Village Hall. Please bring a nonperishable food item for the Service Department's food drive or clothing/household items for Goodwill. **Join Mayor Renda and Chief Wyant to discuss safety issues and the proposed levy in the Village Hall Council Chambers.**

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 10, 7 p.m.

SENIOR SNOW PLOW PROGRAM

Please call the Service Department or go to www.morelandhills.com to obtain an application for the 2018-2019 winter season. The completed form must be turned in prior to **October 15, 2018.**

CHIPPING WEEK – LAST CHIPPING WEEK OF THE YEAR

October 15-19

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 by 7 a.m. on October 15. The Service Department Employees will chip them over the following week. They cannot chip logs over 5 inches in diameter.

MORELAND HILLS TRICK OR TREATING

Wednesday, October 31, 6-8 p.m.

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 6

All Moreland Hills Residents Vote at Orange High School

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE

Sunday, November 11, 11 a.m.

at Veteran's Memorial Park (corner of SOM & Miles)

Orange Community Education & Recreation

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 26, 6-8 p.m.

Children ages 0-12 can enjoy trick-or-treat fun in a safe, kid friendly environment. Wear your costume and trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk in the Pepper Pike Learning Center parking lot (on the Orange Schools campus, 32000 Chagrin Blvd., Pepper Pike). The event is free for all children to trick or treat.

SENIOR HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 26, 12-2 p.m.

Join us for a fall themed luncheon sponsored by *Family Tree Home Care Services*. \$10 resident/member and \$15 non-resident.

Please call the Orange Senior Center for more information on these and other programs or to register at 216.831.8601 ext. 5700, or visit www.orangetec.com.

Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District 69th Annual Meeting & Euclid Creek Watershed Summit

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Euclid Lakefront Community Center, 1 Bliss Lane - Euclid, Ohio 44123

Free Tours at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Reception, 5 p.m.

Annual Meeting, 6 p.m.

Come vote for your favorite Board Supervisors (Voting ends at 6:15 p.m.) and meet our Conservation Heroes!

Come early to take a tour and stay for the camaraderie. Also, learn about the projects

that have helped improve water quality and our Great Lake Erie waterfront.

RSVP to Ellen Brown 216.524.6580 ext. 1000 or ebrown@cuyahogawcd.org

South Woodland Road (SR 87) Slope Repair

As you may know, there has been another landslide in the Village that threatens to undermine the road and will require stabilization. We are currently in the design phase for the stabilization of the slope along South Woodland Road, between SOM Center Road and Chagrin River Road.

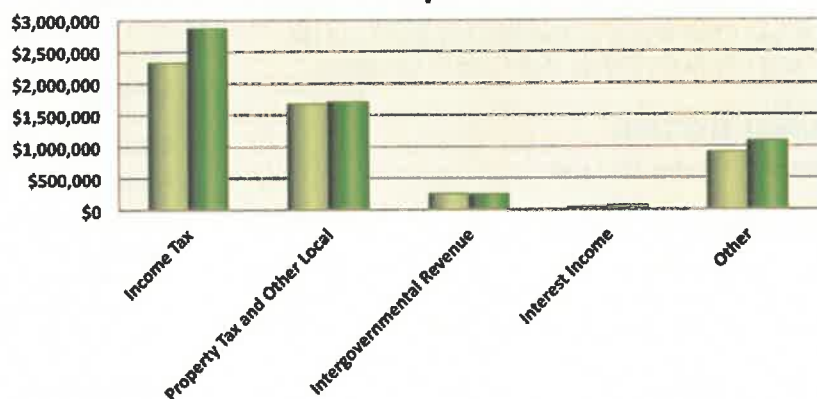
In conjunction with other engineering consultants, our Village Engineer has been working with ODOT to determine an earth retaining system that is acceptable to both the Village and ODOT. The village is expecting to have this project out to bid this fall.

The funding for this project is coming from a mix of sources: \$300,000 from ODOT, \$441,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission in the form of a grant, \$200,000 from Ohio Public Works Commission in the form of a zero interest loan, and the remaining \$300,000 (approx.) will come from the Village's Street Maintenance and Capital Improvement Fund.

Village Finance Report

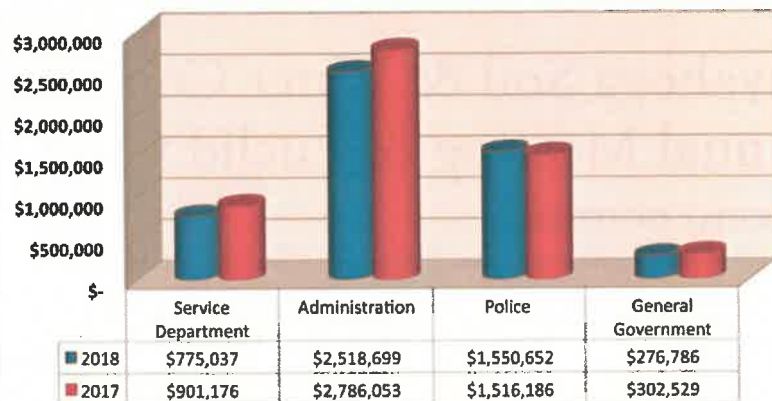
2018 revenues are in line with projections as are budgeted expenses. However, the Village has deferred much needed maintenance and capital expenses due to lack of funding and corrective action needs to be taken to protect our capital assets and infrastructure. Professionals have been retained to provide estimates to rectify the condition of certain Village-owned property. Based on initial estimates the Village will need to issue General Obligation debt instruments to fund most of these improvements. Additionally, a request to increase the Police & Fire Levy by 3 mills to reduce the significant gap between the cost of operations of the safety department and the property tax generated by the Levy will be placed on the November ballot for consideration by the residents.

8 Month Revenue Comparison 2017 to 2018



	Income Tax	Property Tax and Other Local Tax	Intergovernmental Revenue	Interest Income	Other
2017	\$2,332,013	\$1,678,830	\$252,472	\$31,511	\$909,530
2018	\$2,871,561	\$1,709,055	\$246,520	\$63,024	\$1,081,366

8 Month Expense Comparison 2017 to 2018



Facts on 2018 Sexennial Reappraisal

Following the sexennial reappraisal and concerns from property owners that their property values have risen, Cuyahoga County has extended the informal appeal process.

Residents who are concerned that their property values may have been over-estimated can appeal to the Cuyahoga County fiscal office by going online or by calling 216.443.4663 (HOME).

The informal appeal deadline was September 14, however, you may still file a **formal appeal** with the County Board of Revision **between January 1 and March 31, 2019.**

Residents who have experienced value increases should also be aware that, in 1976, the State passed House Bill 920 which is designed to protect residents against an increase in their taxes just because their property value goes up.

Key Facts:

Will my taxes go up if my property value did?

- Your taxes will not increase proportionately with the value increase; they may not increase at all.
- Property owners are protected against significant tax increases by House Bill 920.
- The county will also be releasing an online calculator that allows residents to get an **estimate** of their taxes by inputting the new valuation. It is important to note that the calculator only provides an estimate.

If I'm still concerned, how can I appeal my valuation?

The Board of Revision provides a formal complaint process from **January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019.**

What to expect at your Board of Revision Hearing

- Homeowners do NOT need to get a professional appraisal for their homes as part of the appeal process.
- Suggested documentation for an appeal **can** include any of the following:
 - Complete Appraisal Report (prepared within the last 12 months)
 - Total cost of new structure (certified by builder)
 - Photographs of structural damage, and estimates for repairs
 - Purchase agreement with closing statement
 - Certified estimates from a contractor for repairs cited as the reason for a change in value
 - Sale prices of comparable homes in the neighborhood

Voter Information for the November 6 General Election

Voters have many important decisions to make in the November 6 General Election. There are federal, state, county and judicial candidates on the ballot. There will also be state and local issues to be decided by voters.

The Board advises people to be prepared to vote by taking a few simple steps: check their registration status and then select their voting method.

Voters should check their voting information to make sure they are registered at their current address. The deadline to register and/or update voter registrations is on or before Tuesday, October 9, at 9 p.m. Voter registration is now available online at www.443vote.com. Registration cards are available at all public libraries.

Early voting is available from October 10 through November 5 at the Board of Elections located at 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Early voting hours are posted on the Board's website.

Voters may also submit vote by mail ballot applications if they wish to vote from home. To request an application visit: www.443vote.com.

com, or call 216-443-VOTE (8683). Vote by mail ballot applications are also available at all public libraries.

If voters plan to cast a ballot on Election Day, they need to bring identification and they may confirm their polling location online. The polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Board is seeking thousands of poll workers to assist voters on Election Day. Poll workers are paid up to \$200 and may apply online or by calling the Election Officials Department at 216.443.3277.

Moreland Hills residents will be voting on local Issue 49, which is a proposal to increase the Safety Levy by 3 mills.

The Voting Location for All Moreland Hills Residents is Orange High School ~ 32000 Chagrin Blvd.



Blame It on the Bats



Several people have asked about the building schedule for Moreland Commons. As you probably noticed, the trees on the property were taken down in March, as required by law. Those trees potentially provided a roosting place for Indiana bats. The Indiana bat is currently listed as an endangered species. Their population has been declining over the years, partially due to reductions in available habitat. Indiana bats hibernate during the winter and roost in colonies in forest habitats over the spring and summer. According to Crain's Cleveland Business

(May 25, 2015), numerous regulations have been enacted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act to protect the Indiana bat. One such restriction can affect construction schedules: a ban on clearing potential roosting trees from April 1 through September 30 of each year. This tree-clearing restriction explains why you may have noticed trees suddenly felled and left lying on the ground during the last couple weeks of March.

In an effort to ensure that their construction schedule would not be delayed by the regulations outlined above, the Moreland Commons Developers requested and received intermediate storm water management approval. This permit allowed them to cut the trees down, but not remove them from the property. The equipment necessary to process and remove the trees will disturb a substantial amount of earth and, thus, will require final storm water management approval. According to the developers, the work was completed in this sequence to prevent delay and expedite the Moreland Commons construction schedule.

The Moreland Commons Developers have been busy doing behind the scenes work that is not apparent as we drive by. Asbestos abatement and demolition of the 10 dilapidated structures located on the property was completed in July. More than 2,000 tons of material was removed from the property during demolition. They have entered into agreements with a local home builder to build all the homes and a local realtor who will market the property. They are finalizing floor plans and elevations for both the homes and townhomes. They have been working with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Cleveland Water, Dominion East Ohio Gas and First Energy Corp for final approvals necessary to start construction. They plan to break ground on the site and utility portions of the project soon and to continue to work throughout the autumn and winter. I'm anxious to see what looks so beautiful on paper become a reality.

- Mayor Susan Renda

Fishing Awards Presented to Kids

At the September Council Meeting, Mayor Renda and Chief Wyant presented awards to the children who caught the largest fish in their age categories at the Community Kids Fishing Day on June 16.

In the 5-8 age group, Aiden Janke received the Gold Medal for catching a 20-inch catfish; Piper Chess received the Silver Medal for her 14-inch bass; and Miles Fishman received the Bronze Medal for his 12-inch bass.

In the 9-12 age group, Jake Engel received the Gold Medal for catching a 12¾-inch bass; Elliot Neifach received the Silver Medal for his 10¼ inch bass; and Branden Wang received the Bronze Medal for his 10-inch bass. All winners also received their very own fishing pole. Congratulations to all our young fishermen.

The Village started this event four years ago, and it has grown each year. We encourage you to bring your children to participate next year.



Message from the

Moreland Hills Historical Society

The Moreland Hills Historical Society thanks our 43 members and volunteers, and of course our donors, for an awesome year!

- We had 125 visitors to Garfield's cabin during 18 Saturdays, plus 8 private tours.
- MHHS has presented at 8 local events and made crafts with 200 children.
- Our fundraiser netted \$1,500 for the James A. Garfield Cabin Endowment.

- We identified 60 Moreland Hills veterans and hope to honor them with a Veterans Park sign.
- Our Heritage Home and Century Plaque program has begun!
- We walked to end Alzheimer's and to preserve Brain Health.
- Our mission is preserving the memories of Moreland Hills. We have spent countless hours archiving those memories, *and* we have a Presidential Birth Site. How many communities can say that?

New members and volunteers are vital to our continued wellbeing. Please join us. Membership forms are available at mhhsohio.org. Also, visit our website and read the Mayor's newsletter to learn about our activities. We appreciate the support from Mayor Renda and Moreland Hills Village Council.

Our Next Event:

Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. - Celebrate Garfield's 187th birthday with us at Hiram House Camp.

Help Reduce Recycling Contamination

Recent media reports have highlighted the problems facing our recycling program at the present time. These problems are a result of shrinking markets caused by China's decision to restrict imports of recyclables. The situation is exacerbated by people not recycling correctly or contaminating recyclables with garbage. We need your cooperation to reduce recycling contamination and help keep recycling viable.

Recycling contamination occurs when people put unacceptable items into their recycle bin. Some examples include food waste, yard waste, syringes, batteries, plastic bags, plastic cups, plates, and utensils, take-out containers, Styrofoam, scrap metal and shredded paper. These items don't belong in your curbside recycling because they are either hazardous to employees, not recyclable, or were not designed to be sorted at the recycling plant. It costs more money to remove and then landfill these items. This cost is passed on to our community through price increases. **Please recycle properly. Here are the rules:**

RECYCLE THESE 5 ITEMS ONLY IN YOUR BIN



1. **FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS** – empty and rinse.
2. **MILK, JUICE AND BROTH CARTONS** - empty, rinse and replace cap.
3. **GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS** – empty, rinse and replace cap.
4. **PAPER AND BOXES** – include all paper, mail, magazines, newspaper cereal boxes and flattened cardboard. Do not include shredded paper or pizza boxes if they are excessively greasy. Cardboard must be broken down and cut into 30" x 30" squares.
5. **PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS** – empty, rinse and replace cap. Disregard the numbers on plastic. Recycle bottles and jugs only (anything with a neck or cap is acceptable). Other plastics are not recyclable at this time.

remember

- Place items loose, not bagged, in your recycle cart or bin.
- Recyclables should be free from food residue and empty.
- Boxes should be broken down.
- Visit cuyahogarecycles.org for other recycling and waste reduction options.

Your 911 Village Safety Notification System

Moreland Hills uses the "Your 9-1-1" system for a variety of safety related services. You can get this mobile safety app free at the iPhone App Store or at Google Play. It comes with numerous convenient features. The Police Department encourages everyone in Moreland Hills to download **Your 911** on your smartphones and register your contact information through the app. To download it, look for this logo:



If you need help downloading or registering **Your 911** app, please contact Sherri at Village Hall (440.248.1188) and she will walk you through it. If you do not have a smart phone or prefer to register through your computer, go to www.morelandhills.com and click on the **Your 911** logo under "Quick Links" on the main page of the website. You can register for safety alerts from the Moreland Hills Police Department through **Your 911**. We have used this kind of notification in the past to alert residents about burglaries and break-ins. We also use this system to notify residents of problem situations in the Village. For example, on Saturday, September 1, there was a major water main break in Solon that affected water pressure in the Western part of Moreland Hills. We were able to notify residents whose contact information we had about the situation.

With these beneficial and easy-to-use features, we encourage everyone in Moreland Hills to download **Your 911** on their smartphones, and register with the following information: Your name, phone number, medical history (*optional*) and up to three emergency contacts. You never know when an incident will happen. All this information can be helpful to the emergency responders.



Environmental Corner

Pest Control (Without Poisoning Yourself)

When you spot or suspect a pest is around, before you grab the nearest can of bug-killer, try the following methods:

- Starve the bugs by keeping things clean. Insects need to eat. Keep storage containers sealed and clean up messes quickly and thoroughly.
- Caulking and sealing around baseboards, moldings, cupboards, pipes, ducts, sinks, toilets and electrical outlets, as well as weather-stripping doors and windows may help reduce routes of entry for pests.
- If you decide to use a pesticide, select one designed for that specific pest. It will work better and do less harm to beneficial insects.
- Use bait stations or traps. These can help control pests without chemical sprays. Not using enough traps is a common mistake.
- Instead of spraying more of the same chemical, try switching to something with a different active ingredient and/or mode of action.
- Try sticky flypaper, double-sided tape or even petroleum jelly to catch bugs.
- Boiling hot, soapy water has been used to control some ant nests in the ground.
- Silica "gel" or diatomaceous earth (insect control kind) are less toxic chemicals and are effective in roach control by "drying them out."
- Boric acid is a less toxic pesticide that has been effective in roach control.
- Eliminate spider homes repeatedly (with a vacuum or broom) to destroy their habitat and prevent them from being able to nest and lay eggs.

Fall Clean-up Reminders

The Service Department would like to give you a few reminders as you begin fall clean-up of your property:

- Do not blow your leaves into the ditches along the roadway, as they will block up drainage culverts.
- Property maintenance begins at the curb line and it is the resident's responsibility to clear the leaves out of the ditch.
- Respect your neighbor's property boundaries by not blowing or disposing of your leaves on their property.
- Do not blow leaves or lawn debris into the roadway.
- Do not stack or blow leaves onto the Village cul-de-sacs, as the Village does not provide residential leaf vacuum collection service.
- The Village collects ONLY bagged yard waste on Mondays. Please call the Service Department the week prior to be put on the list.
- Keep in mind that while performing your fall clean-up, it may also be a good time to remove or trim any diseased or dead trees on your property.



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47th Annual Pumpkin Festival at Hiram House Camp

Sunday, October 14 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Visit the 47th Annual Pumpkin Festival at Hiram House Camp this fall at 33775 Hiram Trail in Moreland Hills. Enjoy beautiful autumn foliage, food, rides, animals, entertainment, games, crafts, and fun for the whole family on 172 wooded acres in Northeast Ohio's scenic Chagrin Valley!

ADMISSION IS \$5 – CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE.

All Day Activity Wristband: \$25

(does not include food, balloons, pumpkins and mums)

Parking is available at Orange School on Chagrin Blvd (East of I-271). Take the free buses to the camp. No pets or picnic baskets, please. All proceeds to benefit the Hiram House Campership Fund, providing a life-enriching summer experience for children of all backgrounds.

For more information about events, call: 216.831.5045 or visit hiramhousecamp.org.