

IN & ABOUT *Moreland Hills*

FALL 2019

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.

On September 7, more than 100 Moreland Hills residents gathered at Forest Ridge Park to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Founding of our Village, as well as the fact that Moreland Hills was chosen by *Cleveland Magazine* as the No. 1 suburb for 2019! It was a gorgeous late summer day, the pizza was hot and delicious, and the conversations were interesting and fun. Ohio House District 6 Representative Phillip Robinson, Jr., sent an official commendation in recognition of our 90th Anniversary. He stated, "Throughout its existence, the Village of Moreland Hills has enjoyed the benefits of a generous and civic-minded population..." I completely agree with that sentiment. We will have the commendation framed and will hang it in Council Chambers.

NOPEC sponsored the event through a grant to the Village. Cuyahoga Soil and Water provided pin oak trees as a giveaway, and the Moreland Hills Historical Society provided desserts and cookie decorating. We still have a few trees left, so if you are interested in receiving one, please contact Sherri at 440.248.1188 or villagehall@morelandhills.com. The trees are about three feet tall, and come with planting and care instructions. As you know, *Cleveland Magazine* releases its Rating the Suburbs Edition each June and Moreland Hills was chosen No. 1 in 2019, so we own the title through next June. I believe that our Village deserves to be rated No. 1 every year, but I am willing to share.



On another note, I nominated Chagrin Falls Suburban Volunteer Fire Department Chief Zupan for NOPEC's Chiefs recognition program because of his professionalism and dedication to his field. He and his department serve six communities in the Chagrin Valley: Bentleyville, Hunting Valley, South Russell, Chagrin Falls Twp., Chagrin Falls and Moreland Hills. NOPEC agreed that he was an outstanding choice for the award and elected to recognize him at a Moreland Hills Council meeting. NOPEC representative Caitlin Albright and I tried to arrange for the presentation to be made at the August Council meeting, but

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Fall Cleanup Reminders

The Service Department would like to give you a few reminders as you begin fall cleanup 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.

Tree Trimming to Begin

Please be reminded that the Service Department will be trimming trees at intersections throughout the Village in the next few months in order to improve visibility for drivers.

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Thank You from the MHPD

The Moreland Hills Police Department would like to extend sincere thanks to the Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce and those individuals and companies who participated during the

week of September 9th for the Chambers' "Feed the Force" campaign. Sponsors donated meals to the safety forces, police and fire in the Chagrin Valley area in a salute to first responders.



Sponsors:

Dunlop Health Insurance (Francie Dunlop), ML Tavern, The Mintz Company (Donna & Zack Mintz), Affandi Architecture & Design, Residential Mortgage Services (Nichole Kruse) and Give Chagrin Valley.

Additionally, on September 6, safety force individuals attended the Orange High School football game where they were also recognized.

Again, thank you.

– Chief Kevin Wyant

Message from Mayor Renda continued

serendipity intervened and she was able to present the award on 9/11. As you know, 9/11 is the anniversary of one of the worst events in our nation's history, a day when so many first responders sacrificed so much in service to others. I was thrilled to be in a room full of firefighters on that solemn anniversary. I was even more honored when they, much to my surprise, presented me with a plaque in honor of my many years of public service. They also made me Honorary Fire Chief and gave me a badge, which I love! In the history of their organization, I am just the fourth Honorary Chief. I am still overwhelmed by this honor.

Please remember that if your electricity goes out, you should contact First Energy at 1.888.544.4877 or through their website, firstenergycorp.com. Please do NOT call 911 or the non-emergency dispatch number. They are busy with

real emergencies and do not know when your power will come back on nor will they report the outage for you. Speaking of dispatch, I ran my last Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council of Government meeting on Friday, September 13. When I became president of that organization, we served eight communities, had a budget of \$745,000, eight full-time employees, and one facility. We now serve 31 communities, have a budget of \$11,921,456, and 120 employees at three different facilities. Nick DiCicco spearheaded this growth. I was happy to play a part in it.

Thank you again for your very generous support of the Employee Clam Bake. Our employees and their spouses and children love this event.

– Mayor Susan Renda

Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in September:

Ordinance 2019-47 – authorizes the payment of an additional amount due to ODOT for the Route 97 Slope Repair Project in the amount of \$49,550. This is due to the bid that was accepted by ODOT being 1% over the Engineer's estimate.

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 First Reading**

Ordinance 2019-49 – authorizes payment of retainage to Sander Contracting, Inc. for the Police Station Roof and Village Hall Entrance Project, in the amount of \$93,604.10. Due to project completion, it is necessary to pay Sander 10% retainage of the total contract amount. This is not an extra cost but was part of the original contract.

Resolution 2019-50 – accepts the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizes the necessary tax levies and certifies them to the county fiscal officer. This is essentially a financial housekeeping item.

Ordinance 2019-51 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Resolution 2019-52 – supports Western Reserve Land Conservancy's efforts to secure the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Funding to purchase and permanently protect the Chagrin Meadows Preserve property in Moreland Hills. This property is located on Chagrin River Road just north of South Woodland Road. Preservation of this 26-acre property protects a significant historic and scenic natural area and open space in the Village.

From the Moreland Hills Historical Society

At a block party recently, someone asked, "Do you mean Moreland Hills has a Historical Society?"
YES! WE REALLY DO EXIST!

Look what you have been missing...

- We played bingo for Presidents' Day and enjoyed a spectacular performance by seasoned performer Debbie Weinkamer and new performer Aiden Kondik as the young James Garfield and his mother, Eliza.
- We learned about the history of the Hunter Jumper Classic from local author Betty Weible.
- We had a dialogue with the widow Lucretia Garfield about life after her husband's assassination (funds from this event benefited the cabin endowment fund).
- The James A. Garfield Cabin was visited by nine private tours and was open on 14 Saturdays.
- In September, the James A. Garfield Cabin had about 100 guests, including a local book club, the Moreland Hills 2nd grade students, the Moses Cleveland DAR, and two tours by the Roads Scholars of Boston.
- MHHS provided content for Woodmere's 75th anniversary calendar, Pepper Pike's Ice Cream Social, Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce calendar. The Garfield Cabin also was highlighted in a documentary produced by Thomas Vince for the Hiram News channel.

- We collaborated with the Village on its 90th birthday celebration.
- We earned about \$1,000 from fundraisers and cabin donations to benefit the James A. Garfield Cabin Endowment Fund.
- We developed a Century Home program and plan to present our first plaque to the 1850s schoolhouse that was restored and is now the Council Chambers.
- We enjoy meeting at "This Old House in Moreland Hills," providing residents a venue to discuss local history...MARK YOUR CALENDARS – OUR NEXT MEETING is October 3.
- We have an archivist behind the scenes working several days a week indexing our records so that we may open our archives to residents and public research. You can add to these archives and preserve your/our local history (we prefer digitized information).

Come check us out, we would love for you to join us!
Visit mhshio.org.

We thank our members for their support, our Board of Trustees for hanging in there yet another year, and the Mayor and her staff for our continued success.

Resident in the Spotlight

Renowned AP Staff Photographer Has Always Considered Moreland Hills “Home”

Resident Amy Sancetta had the opportunity to travel the world during her 30-year career as an Associated Press (AP) staff photographer, but she never lost her connection to Moreland Hills and the home she grew up in. Even while living in Philadelphia for 10 years, Amy said her “goal was always to return to this area.”

The proud Orange Schools grad said, “I wanted to live down the street from my family – my mother, my sister and brother-in-law and their twins. For me this was home in the fullest sense of the word.

“I love how green this community is, from our towering trees to our excellent services that show us as leaders in environmentally friendly living. I love my family home where I now live. It makes me feel connected to my full life.”

Being a history enthusiast, Amy said she also appreciates living near the childhood home of President Garfield. “I can just picture him running and playing as a boy in our ravine.”

Amy first became involved in photography when she worked on the yearbook staff at Orange High School. She was particularly interested in photographing sports, which eventually led to a part-time job with the *Chagrin Valley Times* covering local high school games when she was still a student.

“My mother was very supportive and put a little darkroom in our basement. I’d develop the photos there and take them to the *Chagrin Valley Times* on Mondays. Then I’d wait for the paper to come out and see how many they used. I got \$20 for each one they printed!”

Although Amy decided to study history at The Ohio State University, she continued to follow her passion for photography, networking with a female AP sports photographer (which was a male-dominated field) who helped her get some of her photos on the wire while she was still in college. After earning her degree in 1981, she worked the next two years as a photographer with the *Columbus Dispatch* before joining the AP staff.

Throughout her career, Amy traveled the globe covering 11 Olympic Games, numerous Super Bowls, World Series, Masters, Kentucky Derbies, U.S. Open Tennis tournaments, NBA and NHL Finals and the FIFA World



Amy Sancetta won the Pulitzer Prize in feature photography in 1992 and was named the Associated Press top sports photographer worldwide in 1993.

Cup. She also has covered many national political conventions and inaugurations, the Oscars and Emmys, as well as the 9/11 attacks in New York City.

Of all the events she photographed and extraordinary moments she was able to witness firsthand, Amy said her favorite thing was covering the opening ceremonies at the Olympics. “My position was down on the field, and I loved seeing the joy on the faces of the young people from all those nations coming together. For many of them, they had worked their whole lives for that moment, that one opportunity.”

Amy said she also loved covering the Red Carpet and the Governor’s Ball for many years. “It was exhilarating and exhausting – and an absolute ball! The movie stars would parade past, just an arm’s length away, one after the next. Right in front of you is Julia Roberts, and then Matt Damon, and then Meryl Streep, and then Oprah – and on and on.”

In addition to her remarkable photography career, Amy has enjoyed teaching stints at Penn State, West Virginia University and the Rich Clarkson Workshops. She has also found other fulfillment over the years volunteering for various organizations, including Rescue Village, the Cleveland APL, PetFix Northeast Ohio, the City of Cleveland Kennel and Cross Out Cancer. She is married to her partner of 32 years, nationally syndicated cartoonist Jenny Campbell. The couple lives with their Rescue Village adoptees: dogs Tanner and Grayson, and cat Rizz.



Mark Your Calendars for these Coming Events!

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 2, 7 p.m.

GREENING THE HILLS

Saturday, October 5, 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.

BZA & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 7, 6 p.m.

Monday, November 4, 6 p.m.
(deadline to submit: October 14)

SENIOR SNOW PLOW PROGRAM

Please call the Service Department or go to morelandhills.com to obtain an application for the 2019-2020 winter season. The completed form must be turned in prior to **October 11, 2019**.

CHIPPING WEEK – LAST CHIPPING WEEK OF THE YEAR

October 21-25

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. Logs over 5 inches in diameter cannot be chipped. The Service Department will enforce those rules and will **NOT** chip items that do not adhere to them. Please have the branches stacked by the side of the road by 7 a.m. on October 20. The Service Department Employees will chip them over the following week.

MORELAND HILLS TRICK-OR-TREATING

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



VETERANS DAY SERVICE

Monday, November 11, 11 a.m.

Veterans Gateway Park (corner of SOM & Miles). The Historical Society is accumulating the names of veterans from Moreland Hills. Go to mhhsOhio.org/thank-you-moreland-hills-veterans for their full list and please contact them at mhhsOhio@gmail.com if you or someone you know needs to be added to the list.

ORANGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION & RECREATION

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 25, 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 participate.

SENIOR HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 25, 12-2 p.m.
Orange Senior Center

Join the OSC staff for a special treat – a fall themed fun luncheon just for you. Costumes are encouraged. Sponsored by Family Tree Home Care Services. Registration deadline: Oct 18

Resident/Member: \$10
Nonresident: \$15

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 orangerec.com

Reminders FOR THE NOVEMBER 5 GENERAL ELECTION

The Board of Elections advises people to be prepared to vote by taking a few simple steps: Check your registration status, and then select your 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 Monday, October 7. Voter registration is now available online at www.443vote.com. Registration cards are available at all public libraries.

Voters may also submit vote by mail ballot applications if they wish to vote from home. To request an application visit: www.443vote.com, or call 216-443-VOTE (8683). Vote by Mail ballot applications are also available at all public libraries. Your application must be returned by 12 p.m. on the Saturday before Election Day (November 2), and your ballot must be returned by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day or postmarked by the post office by the day before Election Day.

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

Moreland Hills Welcomes New Building Inspector

The Moreland Hills Building Department would like to introduce its new Residential Building Inspector, Tom Fistek.

Tom comes to us from Safebuilt (formerly MBIS) where he worked as a Building and Housing Inspector. Prior to that, Tom worked for the City of South Euclid Building Department, also as a Building and Housing Inspector.

Tom and his wife, Diane, have lived in South Euclid for 42 years, where they raised their three children.

He will be part time with Moreland Hills and will perform an array of inspections, including housing maintenance, point of sale, complaints, framing and HVAC.

We are happy to welcome Tom to the Village of Moreland Hills staff!

South Woodland Road Closure

The long-awaited repair of the slope failure on South Woodland Road, just up the hill and west of Chagrin River Road, will begin this fall. The road will be completely closed for several months. We do not have a schedule yet for the work, but it will be posted on the Village website once it is available. ODOT is administering the project and is responsible for monitoring the construction.

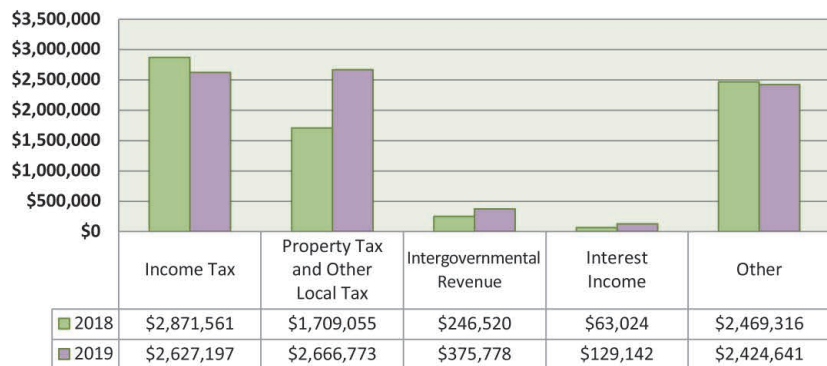
There will be advance warning signs set up to announce the closure to the traveling public and those that live near the construction area will be notified individually.

We look forward to getting this area repaired and re-opened.

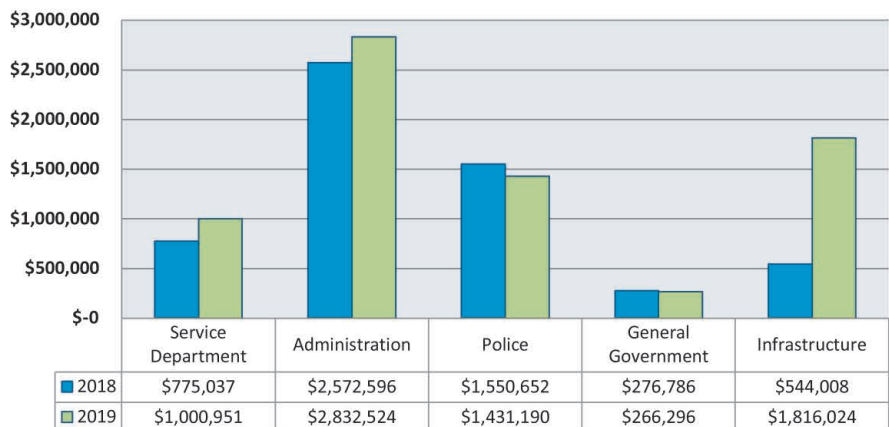
Village Finance Report

Revenues from Income Tax continue a downward trend through August 2019 due to lower tax liabilities from individual taxpayers. Property taxes, however, have increased due to the approval by residents of the additional 3 mill levy for the Police and Fire Services in November of 2018. Operating expenses have largely stayed within budget for all departments, including Safety and Service Departments, except for certain unforeseen emergencies. The spike in infrastructure expenses reflect the much needed repairs and renovations to the Police Department, Village Hall and the Service Garage financed through the issuance of 15-year bonds in the amount of \$1.2 million. During 2019, other infrastructure improvements and capital expenditures are budgeted at \$2.8 million and include vehicles and equipment for the Police and Service departments. Administration Expenses includes costs such as: healthcare insurance for all employees, retirement contributions for employees (except Police), and land and building fees. It also includes all salaries and expenses for the Building Department, Council, Finance Department, Engineer, Mayor's Office and Law Department.

Revenue Comparison 2018 to 2019



Expense Comparison 2018 to 2019



Green Tip Title ??

Pumpkins are bright, beautiful and an essential part of Halloween and fall décor. After the celebrations are over, they need to be disposed of, but they should not go to the landfill.

Pumpkins are 90% water and add tons of water to the landfills, which contributes to the problem of groundwater contamination. As pumpkins break down, they create methane (CH₄) a greenhouse gas that is more powerful than carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Below are a few ways to “dispose” of pumpkins while respecting the environment:

- **Compost the pumpkins**

Pumpkins are filled with nutrients. The water that is harmful to the landfill is beneficial to your compost pile. Clean out the seeds so you do not have unwanted pumpkins growing in the pile. Chop up the rind to speed up decomposition and bury it under dried leaves or sawdust to keep hungry critters away.

- **Feed your furry visitors**

You may not want the critters raiding your compost pile, but that does not mean you cannot feed them. You can leave the jack-o-lantern out, as is, for your furry friends to snack on, or cut it up into pieces and scatter them about.

- **Feed your feathered friends**

Slice the pumpkin in half horizontally, fill it with birdseed and hang it from a tree branch or railing. You can also cut out a large, oval opening at the front of the pumpkin and clean out the inside. The birds will have a soft, cozy place to land in and have a snack.

- **Eat the seeds**

Pumpkin seeds are bursting with vitamins and nutrients. Roast the seeds by first using a paper towel to blot away any pulp, then spread the seeds out on a paper bag to dry overnight. Next day, spread the seeds out on a cookie sheet, season as you like, and roast for no longer than 20 minutes.

- **Make a pumpkin flavored treat**

If you have not carved your pumpkin, make a homemade puree to use for pies, shakes, lattes, ice cream – anything you want!

For more information, visit emagazine.com/recycle-pumpkins/



Moreland Hills History Project

Maureen Geck, president of the Moreland Hills Historical Society, and I met several times to plan the 90th Anniversary event and to discuss creating a history booklet to hand out on this occasion. Unfortunately, we found that what we did not know about Moreland Hills' history was significant, and what we thought we knew was often flawed. We decided that we needed more time and help to do proper research and writing.

Thus, we are launching the *Moreland Hills History Project*, now slated to be ready for the 100th anniversary in 10 years. If you are interested in being involved with this project, please contact me at susan.renda@gmail.com. We are looking for people who are interested in research or are good writers and/or editors. This project will be a two-pronged effort: verifying and writing Moreland Hills' history, and recording individual or family histories of those who have a deep connection to the Village. If you are interested in being involved in this project, the Village will provide a USB flash drive for your use. We will have an organizational meeting in early November, so please get your contact information to me as soon as possible.

In our brief foray into Ordinances, Resolutions and Council Minutes, we found that the one constant through the years has been the love for and protection of nature in the Village. Given this, we suggest the title of our project to be, “Moreland Hills: Where the Suburbs Meet the River.” Maureen has a watercolor painting by one-time Village resident Alfred Howell, (1889-1978). This painting inspired many of our conversations and is helping shape our vision. Mr. Howell's interpretation of the Chagrin River as being vibrant and alive captures our vision of preserving our local history and the environment around us for generations to come.

– Mayor Susan Renda





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48th Annual Hiram House Pumpkin Festival



Sunday, October 13 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for the Hiram House Pumpkin Festival (33775 Hiram Trail), featuring: Petting Farm, Pony Rides, Archery, Crafts, Candle Dipping, Climbing Wall, Face Painting, S'mores, Hay Maze, Euclid Beach Rocket Car, Pumpkin Painting, Food/Refreshments, Entertainment, Pumpkins and Mums for Sale ... and so much more!

Tickets can still be purchased at the main gate the day of the festival. Adults: \$5 (Children under 12 are FREE). Individual tickets can also be purchased for each activity at the many ticket booths around camp.

(Some activities require an additional charge. Attractions subject to change.) All Day Activity Wristbands: \$25 (excludes food and balloons)

All event proceeds will benefit the Hiram House Campership Fund, which provides a life-enriching summer experience to youth from all backgrounds.

Event is Rain or Shine!!

For more information, call 216.831.5045 or visit hiramhousecamp.org.