

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

You may have heard that there are many problems with recycling in Cleveland and that they have been landfilling their recyclables for over a year. Apparently Cleveland's recyclables had very high contamination levels and eventually Kimble (the company that processes recycled materials for the county) stopped accepting their recyclables altogether. Eventually Kimble determined that Cleveland's recyclables are too laden with trash to be processed. According to the Cuyahoga Solid Waste District, the problems in Cleveland do not apply to the other communities in Cuyahoga County. While contamination is a problem everywhere, no other city has 65% contamination, which is the reason Kimble cited in rejecting their loads. Kimble is processing Moreland Hills' recyclables in accordance with existing contracts.

I swore in new Police Officer Paul Hobart on July 29. Officer Hobart comes to us from the Maple Heights Police Department. Officer Hobart, a Northeast Ohio native, lives in the area with his wife and two young children. He served for four years in the Marines and was with the Maple Heights Police Department for 10 years. We are very excited to have him join the Moreland Hills Police Department.

There has been a lot of activity at Moreland Commons recently. Axiom's contractors have been excavating in preparation for installing the necessary infrastructure including the entrance to the development, roads, storm water retention facilities and utilities. I walked the property with Bryan Stone of Axiom Development Group to discuss progress and plans and want to share some information with you. They got a later start than anticipated this summer due to the really wet spring but are progressing nicely. The Commons around which the development is centered is clearly defined and contains many mature trees. There are also old-growth trees in the ravines on the property and around the edges of the development.

They will plant additional trees and landscaping as a buffer between existing developments and Moreland Commons when the timing is appropriate. Tree removal is nearly complete with only a few minor areas left to be cleared. The mound on the west side of the property facing Chagrin Blvd. is currently higher than it will be in its final configuration.

Chief Wyant and I acknowledged the winners of the Moreland Hills Community Kids Fishing Event at the August 14 Council meeting. As you may remember this event is held annually and is jointly sponsored by ODNR and Paradise Ridge, with support from Aqua Doc and Buckeye Worm Farm. This year it was held June 15 at Potts Pier in Forest Ridge Village Park. The Biggest Catch Awards in the 5- to 8-year-old age group went to: Gold Medal winner, Collin Childs (22" catfish) Silver Medal winner, Paige Chess (14" bass) and Bronze Medal winner, Wyatt Janke, (13.5" bass). The Biggest Catch Awards in the 9- to 12-year-old age group went to: Gold Medal winners, Oliver Marriott and Cormac Haas (tie) who each caught a 13.75" bass; and Bronze Medal winner, Grayson Chess (12.5" bass).

Orange High School senior Anna Schoellkopf volunteered time this summer to help keep Veterans Gateway Park looking beautiful. She spent some very hot afternoons working with our Service Department Administrative Assistant Vickie Murfello pulling weeds and thinning our butterfly garden. Thank you Anna!

I hope to see you on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2-5 p.m. at Forest Ridge Village Park to celebrate the Village's 90th Anniversary and its designation as the Number One Suburb by Cleveland Magazine. Also, the Village buildings will be open 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25, so you can see the results of our renovations and the Police Department Firing Range.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

- Mayor Susan Renda

Environmental Corner

Don't Labor Over Your Lawn

- Aerate your lawn to introduce oxygen and to reduce the incidence of thatch. Both mechanical (core) and biological (liquid) methods are effective.
- Lawn seeding can be done until the end of the month. Be sure seed is in direct contact with the soil for best germination.
- If you are not seeding your lawn this fall, apply corn gluten meal to thwart off fall weed seeds.
- Continue to mow your lawn high — 3"-4"
- Monitor for grubs and animal activity; skunks dig to find grubs.
- Use fewer chemicals on your lawn; 6 million birds die each year as a direct result of exposure to lawn care chemicals.

Visit cuyahogawcd.org for more tips.

Light It Up for Our First Responders

The Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting *We Salute Our First Responders Week*, Sept. 9-15. Please show your support by displaying a red or blue bulb in your outside lights or a lamp in your window in appreciation of all our local first responders do for us!

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Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in August:

Ordinance 2019-43 – confirms the Mayor’s appointment of Paul Hobart as a full-time Patrol Officer.

Ordinance 2019-44 – amends Chapter 1363, “Rental Dwelling Registration,” of the Codified Ordinances, ending the moratorium on short-term residential rentals in the Village.

Ordinance 2019-45 – amends Section 131.02, “Clerk-Secretary,” of the Codified Ordinances to clarify the duties of the Clerk-Secretary.

Ordinance 2019-46 - an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Ditch Maintenance Reminder

Homeowners should clean leaves and debris from the ditches along the roadway as part of routine landscape maintenance so it does not wash into their drive culvert pipes. Homeowners are also responsible for maintaining the grass in the ditch line in front of their property in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code. The Village is responsible for ditch reconstruction only, not landscape maintenance.

Safety Corner: Distracted Driving

Because of the inherent risks of distracted driving, Council passed an ordinance in 2014 that prohibits the use of electronic wireless communication devices while driving, (Codified Ordinance Section 331.43). Anyone who violates this offense will be guilty of a first-degree misdemeanor. (This ordinance includes talking, texting, GPS, social media, etc.)

Moreland Hills has had several incidents involving the hitting and knocking down of mailboxes, so please pay attention and set your phone to “driving mode,” especially now that school is back in session.

Greening the Hills

Saturday, Oct. 5

9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Village Hall

Please join the Green Commission, Elected Officials, and other residents for:

- Light refreshments, Conversation and Clutter Removal
- Confidential Paper Shredding
- Proper Paint Disposal. Latex (Water-based) paint is not a hazardous waste and WILL NOT be accepted at Greening the Hills. Latex/water-based paint should be thrown out with your regular trash, as long as it has been dried first.
- Hazardous Waste Drop-Off - **oil-based** paints (Alkyd)*, varnish, harsh cleaning supplies, herbicides and pesticides, etc.
- Rx Drug Drop Box – **unused**, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs can be placed in the secure drop box that is located in the Police Department lobby.
- Recycle, Recycle, Recycle – Bring old cell phones, computers and other electronics, and car and lawn mower batteries for safe disposal. Drop off heavy scrap metal, aluminum and tires for recycling as well.
- The Service Department is sponsoring a Food Drive at this event to benefit the Cleveland Food Bank, so please bring a non-perishable food item or unwanted household items to donate to the Cleveland Food Bank and Goodwill.

Village Offices will be closed Sept. 2 in observance of Labor Day. Senior pick-ups will be done Tuesday that week; regular rubbish/recycling pick-up days will not be affected. Yard waste and special pick-ups will not be done that week.

Village Reminders

Last Two Chipping Weeks: Sept. 16-20 and Oct. 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 bundles stacked by the side of the road the Sunday night prior

Scrap Tire Drop-Off: Sept. 23-Oct. 4 (Monday-Friday), 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Behind the Service Garage.

Block Party Information

If you and your neighbors are planning a Block Party, please notify the Police and Service Departments so they can determine if roadblocks or barricades are needed. If you need extra rubbish cans for the party, contact the Service Department.

Senior Snow Plow Program

Please call the Service Department to obtain an application for the 2019-2020 winter season. Deadline for returning the completed form will be Oct. 11, 2019.

Moreland Hills 90th Birthday Celebration: Sept. 7, 2-5 p.m.

Village Park at Forest Ridge (3800 Chagrin River Road – across from the Polo Fields). Please join in celebrating the 90th Birthday of the founding of our Village as well as being named the #1 Community in the *Cleveland Magazine Rating the Suburbs* issue. Food, fun, and games will be provided – we hope to see you there!

Village Campus Open House—Sept. 25, 6-9 p.m. Come see the building improvements made to the Village Hall and the Police Department! The Village buildings will be open, so please stop by!