

## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ETHAN SPENCER

I hate to be the bearer of bad news this month, but winter is right around the corner! The good news is that your village staff are prepared for the winter season. We are well stocked with road salt and our plows are ready to go. Snow removal ranks very high in importance among our residents, so I thought I'd share with you how we manage the plowing and salting. First, our crews focus on main roads, then on side streets with steep grades, and then neighborhood streets. In total there are 78 lane miles to plow in our Village. Our top concern is to ensure that emergency vehicles can safely and quickly get to their destination, and then of course, we strive to protect the safety of all. Salt is applied to the roads once they have been cleared of snow. We do not apply salt to snow covered roads. It is not effective to do that, it costs a lot of money, and it's worse for the environment. During a heavy, continuous snowstorm, salt application is focused on curves, hills, and intersections. We have automatic meters on our trucks that adjust the application rate depending on truck speed. These meters have also helped increase efficiency. Each year our salt is purchased through the State of Ohio consortium contract which allows for better buying power. For the last couple of years, Cargill has been the supplier. Did you know that Cargill mines the salt from under Lake Erie right near the flats? How's that for buying local? Given that salt usage can be difficult to predict, our contract gives us some flexibility, but we must commit to a minimum. Fortunately, we have a salt barn where we can carry over excess to the following year.

By the end of the year, I expect to make available to all residents a copy of the Village Survey results by posting a report on our website. I organized many of the comments and suggestions into categories and shared them with both our Roads & Safety Committee and our Facilities Committee. Council and the Village staff will work on identified issues and potential solutions. In addition, I will continue using this monthly letter to address feedback that we have received from you. For this month I am going to share some information about our three commissions: The Parks Commission, The Green Commission, and the Diversity & Inclusion Commission. Some residents asked about Village time and resources that are spent on these commissions. First, let me say that all three of these commissions are resident led and made up of volunteers. Second, they are advisory in nature. Any actions taken need to be approved in advance by the Mayor and in some cases the Village Council, including any expenditures. In 2023, the total number of Village dollars spent by all three together is less than \$500 to date. Lastly, all three have had a positive impact on our community by organizing events, furthering community engagement, and advising me and my staff. A big thank you goes to our commissions for their dedication to our Village. I welcome any resident with more questions to please reach out to me at [espencer@morelandhills.com](mailto:espencer@morelandhills.com).

Until next month, have a Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!



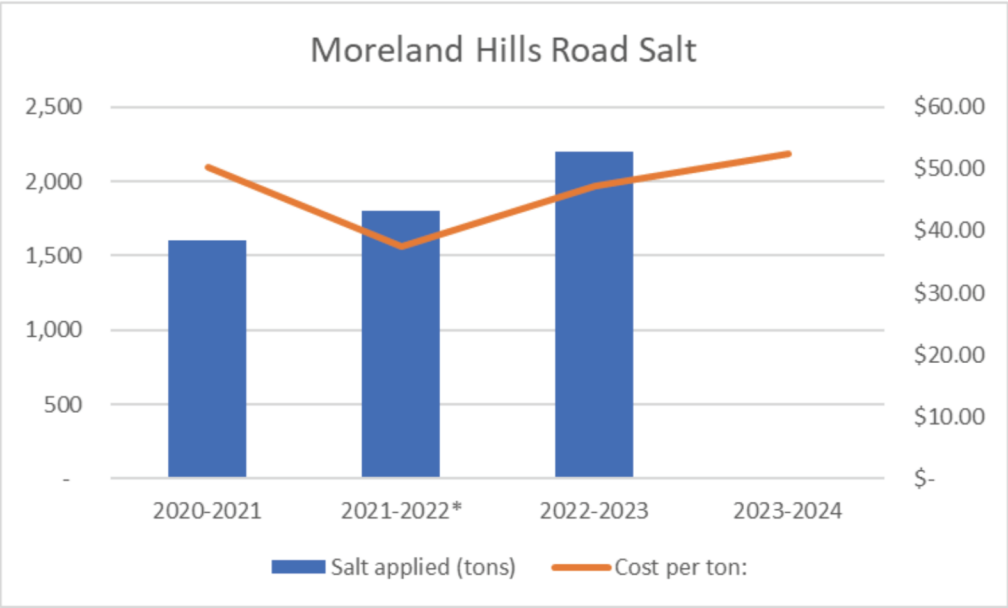
## MESSAGE FOR RESIDENTS IN THE ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

The Orange School Board is proposing a 1.5 mill Permanent Improvement Levy on the November 7 ballot to continue to fund infrastructure needs.

Permanent Improvement Levies generate funds which can only be used to pay for long-term assets with an estimated useful life greater than five years. HVAC, roofs, furniture, roads, sidewalks, security, technology, vehicles and other building updates are just some of the expenses which can be paid for with PI funds. Permanent improvement funds are not allowed to pay for salaries, wages, benefits, or supplies.

Due to the expiration of a 2.2 mill bond debt retirement levy, passage of this levy would result in a net tax decrease of \$24.50 per \$100,000 of valuation for district property owners as compared to what they are currently paying.

For more information, visit:  
<https://orangeschools.org/pifunds>



\*Tonnage for 2021-2022 is estimated

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At a Glance

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## GARFIELD DAY

Governor DeWine signed legislation into law officially designating November 19 as James A. Garfield Day in the state. In honor of the presidential birthday, we are raffling off a limited number of Charles Goodyear’s recent Garfield biography to Moreland Hills residents. Winners will be notified by November 17, and the books will be available for pickup at our Cabin Open House on November 19 from 12:00-2:00pm. If interested in being entered into the raffle, please email [mhhsOhio@gmail.com](mailto:mhhsOhio@gmail.com).

## HEAD FOR THE HILLS! 2023

The Moreland Hills Parks Commission would like to extend a warm thank you to all our wonderful sponsors, donors, friends, neighbors and Village employees who together made this year’s fundraising event our best ever.

Participants ran the 5k along the scenic Chagrin River Road, Hiked the Hills, supported the silent auction and enjoyed the surrounding festivities. All funds raised will bring future improvements to our parks and help preserve the beautiful hills we call home.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Parks Commission or to purchase a Head for the Hills! 2023 t-shirt, please contact Carolyn Hardin-Levine @ [c.hardinl@gmail.com](mailto:c.hardinl@gmail.com).

Be watching for our “soon to be released” drone footage of this memorable event.



The Village offers this notification system to our residents for emergency and important information. Check our website and Facebook page for the link to sign up.



Just a reminder to “Like” the *Village of Moreland Hills, Ohio* and *Moreland Hills Police Department* on Facebook to stay up to date on Village events and issues.

## CLOSINGS:

Village Offices will be closed on Thursday November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. For those of you with a Thursday rubbish/recycling pick up day, your rubbish & recycling **WILL be picked up on Friday (November 24)**.

**~PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL RUBBISH IS OUT AT THE CURB BY 7:00 A.M.~**

## REMINDERS:

### Chipping Program

The chipping program is finished for the year; therefore, please do not put any chipping items out. The program will start back up the third full week of April 2024.

### Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5. When we change our clocks back, it is also a great time to remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

## COMING EVENTS:

### November 7, 2023 General Election

**All Moreland Hills Residents Vote at Orange High School, 32000 Chagrin Blvd.**

The polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Voters are reminded to bring photo identification when voting on Election Day.

### How to Think More Inclusively – November 9

The Diversity & Inclusion Commission is hosting this event at the Orange Library with Raphael Davis-Williams, Directory of Equity & Inclusion ACLU of Ohio. Pre-registration is required by November 5 as seating is limited, but the event is free. Come at 6:30 p.m. to gather and enjoy desserts. The program begins at 7:00 p.m.



### Veterans Day Service – November 11

The Village will be holding their annual Veteran’s Day Service on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Veteran’s Gateway Park (corner of SOM and Miles Road). Our guest speaker will be former Moreland Hills Resident and Ret. Army Colonel Kevin Shwedo.

### Orange High School Veterans’ Military Honor Wall Unveiling

Sunday, November 12, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. in the Orange High School Auditorium

## ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in October:

**Ordinance 2023-48** – authorizes the Mayor to accept two perpetual drainage easements for the installation and maintenance of two storm water basins and appurtenances upon the properties known as PPN 912-26-022 and 912-26-023 Giles Road.

**Ordinance 2023-49** – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc. for the Chagrin Boulevard Resurfacing Project, in the net decrease amount of \$109,611.48 to reconcile and close out the contract.

**Ordinance 2023-50** – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.