

Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

OCTOBER 2022

At a Glance

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Hello Residents,

I hate to be the one to tell you this, but those color changes in the trees? That means winter will be here before we know it. That's not all bad as there is so much our Village can offer during the snowy season. A cross-country ski visit in the Metroparks or perhaps snowshoeing in Forest Ridge Preserve (my favorite) are a few suggestions to pencil in. However, we aren't quite there yet. At Village Hall, we have begun the long and detailed process of ensuring we are able to serve our residents when it comes to snow and ice removal. Over the last several months we have been searching for a qualified mechanic to fill a much-needed vacancy. I am happy to report that we have hired mechanic Jason Boers. Jason is experienced in the maintenance and repair of everything from small gas-powered tools to our large recycling and garbage trucks. As for the aforementioned small gas-powered tools, note that we are transitioning to battery powered and will continue to do so. So, while it may be a bit early to mention the snow, it is not too early to prepare our fleet of plow trucks so that they are ready when the white stuff covers our hills.

If you haven't registered for our October 8th "Head For The Hills" event please consider doing so. Our Parks Commission works so very hard to ensure that this race and hike run smoothly, and that money is raised that comes right back to our park system! See another area in this newsletter for more information. And a special thanks to our Police, Service, Administration employees and volunteers who assist to make this event a success.

Improvements continue to take place at the President James A. Garfield Birth Site and next year we hope to budget for two new staircases in the woods, which will greatly improve access to this important and historical area.

We appreciate the patience when it comes to the new construction project on Chagrin Boulevard. As you probably know, the roadway is being taken down to the base and replaced entirely. Traffic will be maintained eastbound only for the duration of this project. The project started on September 12th and has a completion date of November 12th. We are hoping for less than 60 days. The good news is that, as of right now, we are coming in at \$500k below the estimated cost we budgeted for.

Thanks to everyone who assisted with our recent Greening the Hills event. It was another successful event and that only happens when members of Council, Administration, Commissions and volunteers step up to assist. Of special interest were members of the Green Commission who wore tee shirts reminding us that only "Pee, Poop and Paper" should be flushed so that we don't further damage our wastewater infrastructure. The message on all the tee shirts was meant to be tongue-in-cheek but please adhere to this advice and avoid costly damage to our lift stations. Our next Greening the Hills event will take place on May 20, 2023.

We now have a new cell phone charging station located on Village campus. During power outages any resident can drive up to our Service Department (sign details charging station area), enter the vestibule which is open 24/7, enter a code and utilize one of 10 bays in the machine that will charge a cell phone (iPhone or Android). Simply return, enter the code you created and the door pops back open with your newly charged phone. This area is on a generator. Thanks to NOPEC for this very generous donation!

Lastly, our "More in the Hills" events are coming to an end for this season. Please email Sherri at villagehall@morelandhills.com if you have suggestions for different dates and times (as opposed to Thursday evenings) or suggestions for new events next year.



BEWARE OF SCAMS

The Moreland Hills Police Department wants our residents to beware of current scams, as reported by Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs.

• Arrest and Jury Duty Scams

Scammers pose as police and claim you are about to be arrested. Often they claim it is because you missed jury duty or because of a mix-up that will affect your Social Security. One jury duty arrest scam targets teachers in Cuyahoga County.

• Romance Scams

Losses to romance scams hit \$547 million in 2021, a record high. These scams start as online flirtations but are designed to get people to send money or invest in bogus companies.

• Utility Shutoff Scams

Scammers posing as electric company employees are calling, texting, and even going door to door threatening Cuyahoga County residents with immediate utilities shutoffs if they do not pay.

For more information on how to avoid and report scams, visit <https://consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Avoid-Scams.aspx>

THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

The November 8, 2022 General Election is a countywide election that includes candidates for federal, state, county and judicial offices. There are two statewide and two countywide issues on the ballot as well as local municipal and school issues.

Voters who wish to Vote-by-Mail must complete and submit a ballot application. To request a Vote-by-Mail ballot application, visit: www.443vote.us or call 216-443-VOTE (8683). Vote-by-Mail ballot applications are also available at all public libraries.

Early In-Person Voting begins on October 12, 2022. Early In-Person voting hours are posted on the Board of Elections website: www.443vote.us.

On Election Day the polls are open from 6:30am to 7:30pm Voters are reminded to bring identification.

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

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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in September:

Ordinance 2022-32 – amends Section 1171.11, “Supplemental Regulations for Certain Uses” to delete Subsection 1177.11(g), “Solar Energy Systems,” amend Schedule 1177.07, and enact new Chapter 1367 “Solar Energy Systems” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Moreland Hills to remove the requirement for a conditional use certificate for solar panel installation. **Placed on Third Reading and Passed.**

Ordinance 2022-45 – authorizes the installation, maintenance, and replacement of a sanitary sewer force main in portions of South Lane and Chagrin Blvd.; authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement fixing the terms and conditions thereof. **Placed on Second Reading and Passed.**

Ordinance 2022-56 – authorizes the Mayor to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a potential grant for the funding for capital infrastructure improvement projects in the Village.

Ordinance 2022-57 – accepts the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer.

Ordinance 2022-58 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT...

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.

HEAD FOR THE HILLS! 5K RUN, FOREST RIDGE HIKE, AND FUN RUN/WALK October 8, 2022 - Forest Ridge Village Park

Time Is Running Out – Act Now!

If you haven’t planned to attend Head for the Hills!, you may want to act quickly. There is something for everyone. Events include a 5K run, 1.5-mile hike, silent auction, fun run or walk and kids activities. We hope you and your family will join us at Head for the Hills! or consider a donation to show support of our parks. The Moreland Hills Park Commission, a non-profit within the Village, sponsors this annual event. Head for the Hills! will be at Forest Ridge, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022. Check-in/Registration begins at 8:00am. To register for the 5K run or 1.5-mile hike, to donate, or for more information, scan the QR code, or go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/MorelandHills/HeadfortheHillsRun>.

Be sure to arrive before 8:45 as Chagrin River Road will close for the race.

The Parks Commission will be collecting gently worn/used tennis shoe donations at the event.



COMING EVENTS

Chipping Week is October 17-21
This will be the last chipping week of the year. The branches should be cut into 4-foot lengths and stacked, in small bundles, facing the same direction; they DO NOT need to be tied. Piles with crisscrossed branches and anything over 5 inches in diameter WILL NOT be chipped. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. Please have the bundles stacked by the side of the road by 7:00am on October 17; the Service Department will chip them over the entire week. Please note: per Village Ordinances, the first 15 minutes will be provided without a charge. Any additional time needed for chipping will be charged at a rate of \$30 for each 15 minutes over the allotted time.

Employee Clambake
Our Employee Clambake will be in October, so there is still time to donate. Donations can be made by check payable to the Village of Moreland Hills and mailed to or dropped off at Village Hall. We want to thank those residents who have already donated this year.

Moreland Hills Trick or Treating
Monday, October 31st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Veteran’s Day Service
Friday, November 11th @ 11:00am at Veteran’s Gateway Park (corner of SOM & Miles)

REMINDER:
Senior Snow Plow Program
Please call the Service Department or go to www.morelandhills.com to obtain an application for the 2022-2023 winter season. The completed form must be turned in prior to **October 14, 2022.**

ORANGE BRANCH LIBRARY
Thursday, October 13 • 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Enjoy two short films and activities to promote awareness and appreciation of children with disabilities. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Families will have the opportunity to use and learn about assistive devices & services for children with disabilities. Participating organizations will include Milestones Autism Resources, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Ohio.

Accessibility: ASL will be available and open captioning.

