

Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

SEPTEMBER 2022

At a Glance

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIEL FRITZ

Hello Residents,

Welcome to September in our wonderful community which will soon be bursting with the autumnal brilliance we have all grown to love. Along with the amazing colors and other signs of change, we will once again be confronted with the sounds of leaf blowers. If you are like me, and perhaps the 50 residents who have reached out, we can improve in this area. This summer we hosted a gas versus battery event that illustrated the benefits of the battery-powered lawn equipment available at most big box stores. The units are much stronger than a few years ago and MUCH QUIETER. That's the goal. If you are using a gas-powered leaf blower, we ask that you respect the neighborhood and attempt to avoid early morning and early evening hours whenever practical. If you use a landscaper, you can further assist by inquiring about any plans they may have to make the switch to battery power.

If you monitor our Village Facebook page, you will note that we have been messaging the recent damage being done to our Village's sewer system. Specifically, every time we flush a "flushable wipe" as it's labeled (Clorox wipes etc.), feminine hygiene products, contact lens cases and foil, we contribute to significant damage taking place at our pump stations. During the past three years we have spent \$74,877.00 directly related to blocked pipes, jammed pumps and clogged filters related to the above described items. One resident inquired if that amount was really a significant portion of our budget. I responded that every single dollar is a significant portion of our budget. I also pointed out that \$75K can purchase all three combined items including a fully outfitted police cruiser, ride-on lawnmower for our Service Department and one month's legal fees for the Village's legal team. While it is true that a homeowner utilizing a septic system does not pay for this damage directly (those who use sewers are assessed on a yearly basis for maintenance and repair), we are still a community that needs to watch our dollars. In this example, the \$75K cost does NOT include call backs (overtime) in the middle of the night for our Service Department members nor does it account for the delays on projects in other neighborhoods that are put off as a team tackles pump removal and repair,

opening clogged pipes and other cleaning and coordination of repairs to our sewer system. Therefore, this issue, I can assure you, affects us all. You will be seeing a lot of messaging about what to flush and NOT FLUSH (hint....only a few things should be flushed down the toilet and we will leave it there). Kris Tesar and our Village's Green Commission will be assisting by messaging at our September 17th Greening the Hills event. Additionally, they are also considering other options to assist the Village with our messaging as it relates to the damage being caused to our system. To recap: Do NOT flush "flushable wipes" (as they are labeled). Yes, they go down the toilet but using that label I can say that my son's plastic dinosaur was "flushable" and I have a plumber's receipt that proved otherwise. Please do NOT flush feminine hygiene products, plastic contact lens cases, tear off foil on toothpaste, contacts and other products.

Let's move on to more positive news. Lang Pavilion is thriving and being used for many family and Village sponsored events. It's been great to see many of you taking part in yoga classes, musical events, ODNr lectures, demonstrations and a visit from our outstanding Fire Department. If you have some suggestions for "More in the Hills" events next year please email Village Hall. Speaking of events at Lang Pavilion, our Parks Commission's annual *Head for the Hills 5K Run/Hike Event* will be held October 8; please see elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

In the near future, we will have a 10 bay cell phone charging station located in a 24-hour accessible area of Village Hall. During a power outage you will be able to drive up, enter a code of your choice, secure your phone in a charging bay and pick it up 20 minutes later. This will be a great addition for the many power outages we experience locally.

Lastly, this year I, along with Village Council, budgeted for new AV upgrades in our Council Chambers. Starting this month, we will be live streaming Council Meetings so that you can watch them from your laptop or cell phone. This is an improvement that has been long overdue and coincides with our commitment to full transparency with your local government.



SAVE YOUR SPOT AT HEAD FOR THE HILLS! 2022

Don't miss Head for the Hills 2022. This annual event will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at the Lang Pavilion at Forest Ridge. Enjoy a 5K run, 1.5-mile hike, fun run/walk, kids' activities and more. Last year, over 170 people joined family and friends for this fun community event in support of our local parks.

Head for the Hills is sponsored annually by the Moreland Hills Parks Commission, a non-profit within the Village of Moreland Hills. The funds raised go to improve our local green spaces for the public, like a recently approved project to make further enhancements at the new Lang Pavilion area.

Moreland Hills green spaces are one of our community's greatest treasures and are enjoyed by thousands each year. The Parks Commission's ability to make future improvements and help preserve these spaces relies on donations from the public, area businesses, and funds raised by the annual Head for the Hills event.

Learn more about Head for the Hills 2022 and help us hit our \$20,000 fundraising goal. You can register for the 5K run or 1.5-mile hike, or donate by scanning the QR code with your smart phone camera or go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/MorelandHills/HeadfortheHillsRun>.



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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were passed in August:

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 Second Reading and a Public Hearing will be held on September 7.**

ORDINANCE 2022-42– an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

ORDINANCE 2022-43 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with JD Striping & Services, Inc. or the 2022 Pavement Marking Program in the amount of \$30,165.55.

ORDINANCE 2022-44 – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc. for the 2021 Asphalt Program for a decrease amount of \$55,340.43, which will reconcile and close out the contract.

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 First Reading**

ORDINANCE 2022-46 – authorizes the Mayor to purchase one (1) 2023 Chevrolet Traverse vehicle for the Police Department for an amount not to exceed \$33,498.50.

ORDINANCE 2022-47 – authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the Village an amendment to Article III, Section 1 of the Charter of the Village of Moreland Hills to be voted upon at the next regular election on November 8, 2022. **Did Not Pass**

ORDINANCE 2022-48 – authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the Village an amendment to Article III, Section 2 of the Charter of the Village of Moreland Hills to be voted upon at the next regular election on November 8, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2022-49 – authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the Village an amendment to Article III, Section 4 of the Charter of the Village of Moreland Hills to be voted upon at the next regular election on November 8, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2022-50 – authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the Village an amendment to Article III, Section 5 of the Charter of the Village of Moreland Hills to be voted upon at the next regular election on November 8, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2022-51(as amended) – authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the Village an amendment to Article III, of the Charter of the Village of Moreland Hills to enact a new Section 8, to be voted upon at the next regular election on November 8, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2022-52 – authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the Village an amendment to Article IV, Section 5 of the Charter of the Village of Moreland Hills to be voted upon at the next regular election on November 8, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2022-53 – authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the Village an amendment to Article IV, Section 6 of the Charter of the Village of Moreland Hills to be voted upon at the next regular election on November 8, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2022-54 – authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the Village an amendment to Article V, Section 4 of the Charter of the Village of Moreland Hills to be voted upon at the next regular election on November 8, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2022-55 – authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the Village an amendment to Article XI of the Charter of the Village of Moreland Hills to be voted upon at the next regular election on November 8, 2022.

COMING EVENTS

“MORE IN THE HILLS” EVENTS*

Yoga at the Pavilion Featuring Marni Task Yoga – September Sessions – 3rd & 17th

Yoga Sessions will be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, June through September at 9:00am, RAIN or SHINE. The suggested drop-in fee is \$10.00: Cash or check payable to *Marni Task Yoga*, or *Venmo @ Marni-Bucchieri*.

September 8 @ 6:00pm

Native vs. Invasive Plants hosted by the Moreland Hills Parks Commission

September 15 @ 6:00pm

Recycling Review and Preparing for Greening the Hills hosted by the Moreland Hills Green Commission

September 22 @ 7:00pm

Meet the Council Night

***Events continue to be scheduled so please check Facebook and our website for an up-to-date list of events.**

Greening the Hills – September 17

Our second Greening the Hills event of the year will be on Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 to Noon at our Village Campus. Residents can bring the following items to be disposed of properly: household hazardous waste, paper for shredding, tires, scrap metal, electronics, oil-based paint, and Rx medications.

CLOSURES

Labor Day – September 5

Village Offices will be closed on **Monday, September 5** for Labor Day. There will be no Special Pick-Ups or Yard Waste Pick-Ups done that week. Regular Monday Rubbish/Recycling pick-ups will be done on Tuesday, September 6.

REMINDERS

Chipping Week – September 19-23

The Service Department will chip branches and sticks on your street. 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 September 19; 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.

Block Party Information

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

Employee Clambake

The Village is still accepting donations for the Employee Clambake, which will be held in September. Donations can be made by check payable to the Village of Moreland Hills and mailed or dropped off at Village Hall, 4350 SOM Center Road.