

December 2016

## Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,  
Issue 70, the limited rezoning issue in Moreland Hills, was approved by voters by a wide margin (1182 to 810) on Nov. 8. First and foremost, I want to thank all the wonderful residents of Moreland Hills who grappled with this complicated and difficult issue and voted their consciences after becoming informed about the matter. I need to thank the resident members of the Master Plan Committee for sharing their intellect and perseverance with us at the beginning of this process: Jenny Burke, David Cooper, Robin Cooper, David Haines, Sibyl McBride, Sarah Richards and Sam Steinhouse. I'd also like to thank resident Planning Commission members, Peter Bolek, Robin Cooper and John Pogatschnik who volunteered their time and keen insights. Finally, Council members Ted Buczek, Dan Fritz, Steve Richman, Gary Sherck, Paul Stanard, and Monica Sturgis who discussed and deliberated the issue.

I'd especially like to thank Monica and Dan for their efforts to help educate and inform our residents. Whether you voted for or against Issue 70, I respect your right to express your opinion with your vote. I also appreciate the confidence in our leadership from those who voted yes on 70. We will hold the reins as tightly as possible and continue to try to earn your trust.

This was a long and bruising election season. The Village received several complaints about political yard signs being stolen or destroyed over the last month. Campaign signs are an extension of free speech. Please respect that and don't steal others' signs in the future. We also received complaints about signs being placed on people's property without permission. As you know, this is also inappropriate. We received many questions about pro-Issue 70 literature. The Village sent out three pieces, a fact-based question and answer piece, a postcard to invite residents to an informational meeting, and a letter in early November addressing falsehoods. The rest of the literature was sent by a legally registered Political Action Committee (PAC). In contrast, as you probably know, a negative campaign piece was sent out about issue 70 in late October. It turns out it was sent out by someone who had not actually registered his PAC as was indicated in the litera-

ture. A citizen who was upset by the message contacted the Board of Elections and the Secretary of State. Everyone is allowed to express his/her opinion, but there are rules governing how that expression gets disseminated. These rules are written by the state and available through the Cuyahoga Co. Board of Elections.

The Village has not received any plans for the acreage covered by Issue 70 and probably will not in the immediate future. Once plans are received a long a complicated review process will ensue. I will keep you informed and aware of the steps as they unfold.

It seems to be the time of year for Yellow Pages delivery. Several residents have complained about the inconvenience and privacy issues related to having these books show up in their driveways and yards. I asked our Law Director, Aimee Lane, if there is any way the Village can regulate delivery of these books. Unfortunately, the answer is "no." Many cities have tried to pass laws regulating phone book companies; however, courts have ruled against the cities on free speech grounds and awarded publishers large damages. According to Aimee, "The Courts have ruled that the commercial speech is inextricably intertwined with other protected speech." If you no longer wish to receive these books you can use the national Yellow Pages opt-out website, [yellowpagesoptout.com](http://yellowpagesoptout.com). There are nine different Yellow Pages phone books delivered in the 44022 zip code. Using this site, you may opt out of some or all of them.

Dale Canter, former Interim Police Chief and Assistant Safety Director spoke at our annual Veterans Day celebration at Veterans Park. It was a moving event, joined by about 50 people.

Finally, the State of Ohio is responsible for resurfacing State Route 91 (SOM Center Road). The Village was told by ODOT that 91 would be resurfaced in 2016 but was later informed that the resurfacing would be delayed until 2017. Both the Village Engineer and I appealed the decision but they did not change their minds. The resurfacing should occur next year. We will continue to remind them of their promise.

I hope your holidays are warm and wonderful!

- Mayor Susan Renda

## Shop With a Cop

The Moreland Hills Police Department will once again participate in the annual *Shop with a Cop* holiday program. Officers will take underprivileged children shopping on Dec. 10 for holiday presents and food for the children and their families. After shopping, the officers will enjoy a pizza party with the children.

If you would like to donate your time or make a financial contribution, please contact Lt. Todd Dietzel or Det. Scott Williams at 440.248.7585. Donations need to be received by **December 3**.

Please mail checks payable to George Murray FOP Lodge to:

**MHPD-Shop with a Cop  
4350 SOM Center Road  
Moreland Hills, Ohio 44022**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

- Lt. Todd Dietzel and Det. Scott Williams

## Holiday Closures at Village Hall

**Christmas Eve:** Dec. 23 - Closed

**Christmas Day:** Dec. 26 - Closed

**New Year's Eve:** Dec. 30 - Close at Noon

**New Year's Day:** Jan. 2 - Closed

*(Christmas & New Year's Rubbish/Recycling Pick-up: NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE. No Yard Waste or Special Pick-ups will be done on Monday, Dec. 26 or Monday, Jan. 2.)*

## Meeting Schedule

There will be no BZA or Planning Commission Meetings in December.

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### Council

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### Clerk of Council

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## Ordinances and Resolutions

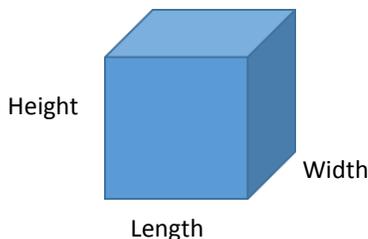
There was not a Council meeting in November, therefore no Ordinances & Resolutions were passed.

## Composting Calculations

Compost figures can be entered into the Village of Moreland Hills recycling report that is provided to the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District every year.

If you have a compost pile, please provide the following measurements of your compost pile to the Service Department: Length of pile, Width of pile, and Height of pile, as well as the type of material being composted (leaves, brush, dirt, etc.)

This information will be converted into pounds of material being composted.



## Moreland Hills Police and Employees Foundation

Once a year, the Foundation sends a letter to all residents of Moreland Hills asking you to consider making a tax-deductible contribution for the benefit of the police and employees of our Village. This is an easy way to say thank you for the good service they provide. Watch for the letter in the coming weeks and please consider being a part of this tradition that dates back to 1966.

## Snow and Ice Removal Policy

The Village of Moreland Hills Service Department provides snow removal for all dedicated streets within the Village boundaries, which totals approximately 78 lane miles. During a continuous snowfall, the plow routes are divided into two zones. Routes are plowed and salted with the Village main roads and secondary roads with steep grades taking top priority. Once priority streets are safe for travel, all other secondary and side streets will be plowed and salted.

During heavy continuous snows storms, the Service Department allows the crews to determine the best plan of action based on current road conditions. Whenever possible, the Service Department will have up to 5 snow and ice removal trucks on the roadway, keeping the pavement clear of snow and free of ice.

The Village of Moreland Hills will continue to use liquid deicers for the 2016-2017 season.

## Safety Corner: Winter Storms

**Before** a winter storm or extreme cold:

- Listen to local news broadcasts for critical weather information.
- Winterize your home by insulating walls and attics; clearing rain gutters; repairing roof leaks and cutting away tree branches that could fall on your house.
- Make sure heating equipment and chimneys are cleaned and inspected.
- Insulate pipes, and allow faucets to drip.
- Keep vents clear.
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand.

**During** a blizzard:

- To avoid hypothermia, stay hydrated, nourished, and keep your blood flowing.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow.

## Blue Tip: Winter Pollution

Frozen soil conditions in the winter can prevent water from soaking into the ground and, thus, filtering out pollutants. Here are a few ways to prevent pollution this winter:

- Consider using Potassium Acetate (KA) as an alternative to salt for melting ice. Found at your local hardware store, KA is just as effective as salt, but it is less harmful to plants and trees. Because of its cost, it is more feasible to be used on walkways or driveways, but not on roads.
- Take your car to a car wash instead of hosing it off in your garage or driveway.
- If you have a Rain Garden, do not let heavy snow fall pile on top of your plants. Even though they are dormant, once the snow melts, it could saturate your garden long enough to harm the plants.
- Consider replacing your walkway or driveway with river stone, pervious pavers, or porous materials. This will allow water to soak into the ground instead of becoming run-off. Impervious surfaces not only reduce polluted stormwater, but they also take longer to ice over since they “breathe” more than asphalt or concrete.
- If you have a rain barrel, open the spigot to prevent the barrel from potentially filling with ice and cracking.

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