

# Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

*At a Glance*

## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ETHAN SPENCER

Hello Fellow Residents,

I'm pleased to share with you that at our Organizational Meeting last month, Bill Janke was re-elected as Village Council President. He did a super job in 2023, and I look forward to working with him and the rest of Council as we serve the Village in 2024. Steve Richman was re-elected Chair of the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Jennette Irish-Glass was appointed Chair of the Facilities Committee and Rick Vincent was appointed Chair of the Roads & Safety Committee. Also, at that meeting we approved new resident members for our Commissions. I have talked about our resident-led Commissions in a recent newsletter, so I will not go into details here, but suffice it to say I appreciate their volunteer work. We have a good combination of both experienced and new members. To the new folks, Elizabeth DiLauro (Diversity and Inclusion), Shayna Sharpe (Green), and Yvette Bozman-Wright (Green), thank you for stepping forward to make our Village better!

Those of you who read the *Chagrin Valley Times* may have seen an article last month featuring our rooftop solar project that is expected to be installed this spring. I was planning on saving this topic for a future newsletter, but now that the CVT has picked up on it, I'll share a little of my perspective with you. First, I believe that Sue Reid did an excellent job in her article detailing the project, its goals, and its timeline. In the first year, we expect to save on average about \$900/month on electricity costs and up to \$1500/month at the peak time of year. If we stay on schedule, we should be operational before the 2024 peak when the days are the longest. These savings will only increase as

energy costs rise and our cost of generation remains constant. The net investment of just under \$100K will be fully recouped in a little over eight years, and we will continue to reap savings for another 20+ years. Over that time, we will reduce carbon emissions equal to burning 1.6M pounds of coal. That's a big impact for a small village!

Another topic that came up in last year's Village Survey was the desire of some residents to have the Village initiate a curbside leaf collection service like three of our neighboring communities, all of which average significantly smaller lot sizes. This topic was evaluated several years ago by a previous mayor, and the decision was made not to move forward due to cost. However, things change over time, so I asked our Service Director to evaluate the feasibility again. The new estimates are even higher due to inflation. To start such a program, we would need a new funding source estimated at about \$270K. Rather than asking all our residents to bear this cost, my view is that we can facilitate a connection with reputable contractors for those residents who wish to make use of such a service. I have asked our Service Director to develop a list of multiple contractors willing to offer a discount to Moreland Hills residents and post it on our website in advance of the next leaf season. We plan to continue the current bagged leaf collection program for those who request it, as it requires no specialized equipment and results in the leaves being composted, which is good for the environment. You are always welcome to reach out to me, or to call Village Hall with questions about this, or anything else, at 440-248-1188.

Have a great rest of winter.



## 2024 VILLAGE EVENTS

### Greening the Hills

Our Greening the Hills events will be held on Saturday, May 18 and Saturday, September 21 from 9:00am to Noon. Residents can bring paper to be shredded securely, household hazardous wastes, tires, oil-based paint, scrap metal, computers/electronics, propane tanks, and medications.

### Head for the Hills! 5k Run

This Parks Commission sponsored event will be held on Saturday, October 5, at Lang Pavilion. Look for more details as the event date gets closer.

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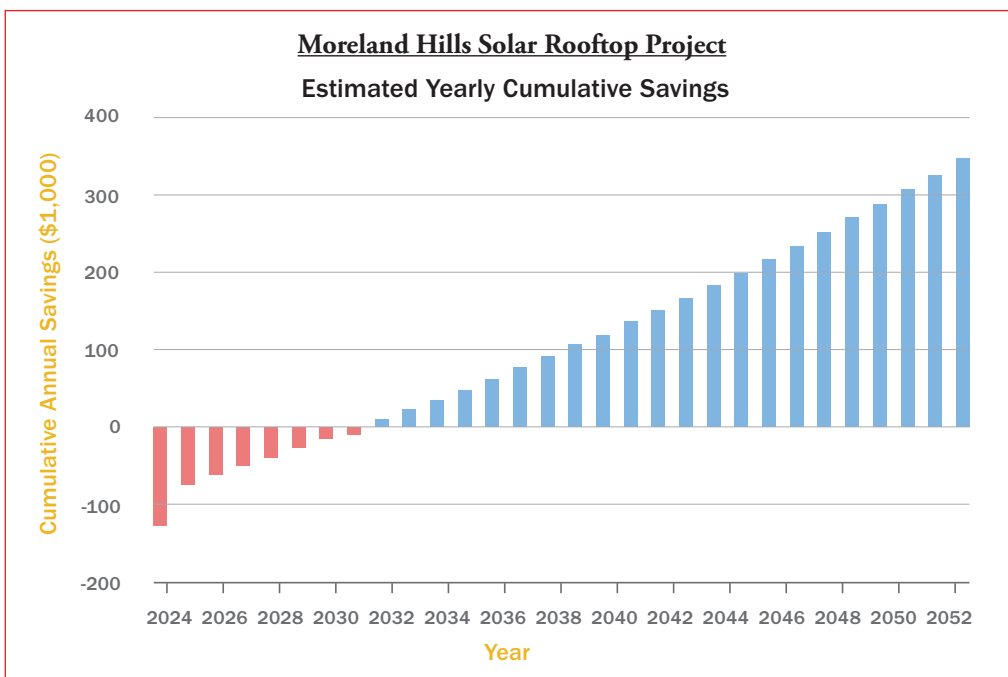
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### UPDATES FROM HIRAM HOUSE CAMP

#### Our Reading Cabin Needs a Restock.

It's time to clean out your children's bookshelves. We are looking for donations of new or used children's books to help restock our Reading Cabin. Books should be appropriate for ages 5-14. Books can be dropped off at camp Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. We will be working on our restock just in time for school camp in the spring and for the start of summer camp. Any questions, please contact Courtney Nicolai, Executive Director at (216) 831-5045 or cnicolai@hramhousecamp.org

#### Best Summer Job Ever

Hiram House Camp has started hiring for Summer Camp jobs. Our Camp Program Director Konner Lashley has been busy interviewing and road-tripping to colleges and universities. Employment opportunities can be found on our webpage at [www.hiramhousecamp.org](http://www.hiramhousecamp.org)

Please share with anyone who may be interested. Summer Camp looks great on a resume! Any interested candidates may also contact Konner at (216) 831-5045 or [klashley@hramhousecamp.org](mailto:klashley@hramhousecamp.org).

### HARVEST FOR HUNGER

The Village of Moreland Hills has once again partnered with Chagrin Falls, Bentleyville, Hunting Valley, and South Russell for the Cleveland Food Bank's annual Harvest for Hunger campaign. This food and fund drive runs through the month of March and provides for 21 Northeastern Ohio Counties. Nonperishable food and monetary donations, once collected, will be delivered to the Cleveland Food Bank by the Chagrin Valley Fire Department, coordinators of this event.

You can drop off donations at Village Hall in the appropriately marked collection bins in the lobby throughout the month of March.

Last year, our combined efforts collected a total of over 2,800 pounds of food and household items, and \$500.00 in donations. This community-wide effort will make a difference in people's lives and the need has never been more critical. The following are the most needed items:

- Cereal (hot or cold)
- Peanut butter
- Canned tuna/chicken
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned or boxed entrees
- Whole grain rice and pasta
- Beans (canned or dried)
- 100% juice
- Pasta sauce (low sodium)

### THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED IN JANUARY:

- **ORDINANCE 2024-01**  
Authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd. and Jeffrey J. Filarski or Village Engineer services for 2024.
- **ORDINANCE 2024-02**  
Authorizes Change Order No. 1 with S.E.T. Construction for the Greentree WWTP Equalization Tank Project for an increase amount of \$3,476.36 for a necessary change to the air piping system.
- **ORDINANCE 2024-03**  
Authorizes Change Order No. with Athos Contracting for the Chagrin Boulevard Retaining Wall Painting Project for an increase amount of \$97,381.98 to reconcile and close out the contract.
- **ORDINANCE 2024-04**  
Amends Section 159.03 of the Codified Ordinances regarding the makeup of the members of the Green Commission, adding an additional resident member and reducing it from two to one member of Council.
- **ORDINANCE 2024-05**  
Confirms the rehiring and appointment by the Mayor of Prashant R. Shah to the position of Treasurer.

### CLOSINGS:

#### Presidents' Day:

Village Offices will be closed on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 19. There will be no Special Pick-Ups or Yard Waste Pick-ups that week. Senior rubbish/recycle pick-ups and other streets scheduled for Monday rubbish/recycle pick-up will be done on Tuesday.