

Moreland Hills

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills

At a Glance

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ETHAN SPENCER

Greetings Residents,

Over the last few weeks, the Village has received several questions about construction projects in the areas that are impacting traffic flow in Moreland Hills. There are at least three different locations where work is being done or will be done this year. The first is Maple Street in Chagrin Falls. This project involves replacement of water and sewer lines and is expected to last until May 31. During this time, Miles Road will be closed at the bridge leading into Chagrin Falls. The detour is Chagrin River Road to Chagrin Blvd. Some motorists have been using Bentleyville Road, and while we cannot prohibit this route except for heavy trucks, we have increased police presence to enforce traffic laws and monitor truck usage. The second project in Chagrin Falls will be the replacement of the Main Street bridge downtown, which is expected to start after the Maple Street work is complete and will last for two years. It will involve four 13-day closures of Main Street. The first two are estimated to be in June 2024 and then fall 2024, with the remaining closures happening in 2025. Chagrin Falls is doing an excellent job communicating with us on these projects, and they will be publishing detour plans for these closure periods. The third project is the reconfiguration of the Sulphur Springs Drive and Chagrin River Road intersection in the Metroparks off Miles Road. We do not have final timing for this work yet, other than it is expected

this year, but fortunately traffic will be maintained. No detour will affect Moreland Hills. But if you are traveling through a work zone, for the safety of all, please slow down. As we learn more, information will be posted on our website and on social media.

Completely shifting gears, what's the significance of June 16, 1806? That was the last time that a total solar eclipse happened in Ohio. Thomas Jefferson was the President of the United States. Napoleon Bonaparte was at the peak of his power. Our nation was but 30 years old. Ohio had become the 17th state just three years earlier, and its Capital was Chillicothe. Ohio's total population was under 200K. Why do I write all that? Because Cleveland is going to experience a total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024, and that includes Moreland Hills. By some estimates, the region could have a few hundred thousand visitors. We are planning a get-together at Forest Ridge to socialize and experience the eclipse as a community. I encourage you to come out, experience the eclipse, and meet other residents. If you miss it, you will have to wait until 2099 for the next one in Ohio. And if you have an expertise in astronomy and would be willing to share it with others that day, please contact me at Village Hall. I'd be very appreciative. Please refer to the call out box in this newsletter for more details. I can be reached at espencer@morelandhills.com or 440.248.1188.



MORELAND HILLS POLICE AND EMPLOYEES FOUNDATION

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the Foundation this past year. The Village police and employees genuinely appreciate your support and your personal notes of thanks for a job well done. If you have not had an opportunity to donate to the Foundation, it is not too late. Please contact Village Hall if you need a donation envelope. Thank you again for your support. Best wishes for a great 2024!

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TAX INFORMATION:

REMINDER

Municipal income tax returns are due Monday, April 15, even if no income tax is due. For filing requirements, contact RITA 1.800.860.7482 or visit their website at www.RITAOhio.com/faq. File early and file electronically to avoid the "last minute" stress.

Residents may order tax forms and publications directly from the IRS online or by phone:

- Visit IRS.gov/orderforms to order tax products to be delivered to your home by mail.
- Call the IRS toll-free at **1.800.829.3676** to order tax products to be delivered to your home by mail. This service is available **7:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Friday**, excluding Federal Holidays.



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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)

FROM THE MORELAND HILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY...

We are bringing history to the Hills!

Archeology Camp for kids (Entering Grades 2-5) – July 8-12. Limited spots available.

Our 25th Annual Cabin Open House is June 1, 11:00-1:00. Bring your family to enjoy music from the Tom Todd Band (The Amazing One Man Band), a weaving demo by Sue Ingrassia from the Chesterland Historical Society, and pioneer activities for the kids.

For the Garfield enthusiasts, we are bringing C.W. Goodyear to the cabin on June 1 from 10:00-11:00 to share his newly published biography, *President Garfield from Radical to Unifier*. Limited seating. Reservations open May 1.

Go to www.mhsohio.org to sign up and for more information on these programs as they become available.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

The 2024 Chipping Program starts next month; the week of April 15-19. The Chipping Program runs from April through October, on the third full week of every month.

COMING EVENTS

Solar Eclipse Community Event – April 8 @ Lang Pavilion – 2:00pm-4:30pm

Join us to watch the Solar Eclipse at the Lang Pavilion (3800 Chagrin River Road) on April 8 from 2:00pm-4:30pm. There will be food, music, crafts, and more. Solar Eclipse glasses will be available while supplies last.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED IN FEBRUARY:

- **ORDINANCE 2024-06** – authorized the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. for the provision of general, law enforcement, public official, automobile, property, employment practices and cyber liability insurance to the Village of Moreland Hills for 2024.
- **ORDINANCE 2024-07** – authorized all actions necessary to accept a Northeast Ohio Energy Council (NOPEC) 2024 Energized Community Grant.
- **ORDINANCE 2024-08** – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.