

IN & ABOUT *Moreland Hills*

Message from Mayor Susan Renda **Dear Resident,**

I hope you find the spring edition of In and About Moreland Hills interesting and enlightening. There is a great deal of useful information throughout the newsletter, so please take a few minutes to read and enjoy it.



Last month I mentioned the anticipated recommendations of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which the Master Plan Committee has been working on for nearly a year. The

committee, chaired by Councilman Dan Fritz, met on April 19 to finalize the plan and its recommendations to the Planning Commission and to Village Council. All members of the Committee were thoughtful about the process and the ensuing recommendations. The public outreach component of the study indicated that Moreland Hills residents are largely happy with their community and its semi-rural character. Thus, the committee did not recommend sweeping changes, rather, it focused on several small areas where a zoning change could be beneficial to the Village.

The first area of study consists of several lots on the north side of Chagrin Boulevard near SOM Center Road. This area is uniquely situated at the edge of the Village and it borders Pepper Pike on three sides. The area is located near the school campus, the Orange branch of the Cuyahoga County Library and the retail business district at the SOM Center Road and Chagrin Boulevard intersection. The lots in this area have narrow frontage on Chagrin Boulevard but are several hundred feet

deep. This configuration limits access to Chagrin Boulevard and precludes the lots from being split to maintain a two-acre minimum if redeveloped. Furthermore, having multiple driveways access Chagrin Boulevard in this high-traffic area could create a safety issue.

This area also is located in close proximity to Heathermore Condominiums and Moreland Mews, a residential development of single-family homes on smaller lots. The density of the condominiums is nine units per acre and the density in Moreland Mews is three units per acre. Thus, this area is close to higher density neighborhoods, the retail business district and several public use entities. Surrounded as it is by Pepper Pike and public use development, it is a unique, isolated district within the Village.

Because of these unique characteristics, this area is not well suited for traditional two-acre residential development. In fact, this area was called out in the 2003 Comprehensive Land Use Plan for possible commercial expansion. Although that committee did not recommend a zoning change at that time, this property has been and will continue to be subject to development pressures.

This area does, however, have the possibility of redevelopment using a Planned Unit Development (PUD). This is different from the Village's existing zoning code, but it is a planning tool that is very

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Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Mayor Renda has signed the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, through the National Wildlife Federation. The pledge is a commitment to restore butterfly habitat in Moreland Hills and to encourage our residents to do the same. The Monarch Butterfly population has declined by 90 percent in the last 20 years.

By planting native milkweeds and other nectar-producing plants in your yards/gardens, it will provide habitat for the butterfly population. The Village will be planting our very own Butterfly Garden at Veteran's Gateway Park this year.

To help you get started in your efforts, you can take the Butterfly Heroes Pledge, which runs through June 1, to create a butterfly/pollinator habitat this spring. Take the pledge online at www.nwf.org/ButterflyHeroes, and once you do, you will receive a FREE kit in the mail with native milkweed or nectar plant seeds and a regional native plant list.

We can all do our part to help save this iconic species.

For more information, visit <http://www.nwf.org/Pollinators/Monarch.aspx>



Ride Sober

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Historical Society Events

We will be seen in all the familiar places – will you join us?

May 14 – 12-2 p.m. Path to Garfield Cabin site cleanup at Moreland Hills Village Hall.

May 21 – the Orange Jubilee in Pepper Pike

May 30 – The Garfield Cabin will commemorate “Decoration Day,” which was first celebrated on May 30, 1868. The cabin will be open 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

June 4 – Garfield Cabin Open House. President and Mrs. Garfield will be there to share stories and talk with visitors. Summer hours begin every Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (June through September).

Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in April:

Ordinance 2016-18 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Barbicas Paving, LLC for the 2016 Asphalt Pavement Program, for an amount \$378,616.80.

Ordinance 2016-19 – submits the question to the electors whether the Moreland Hills Planning and Zoning Code should be amended to enact new chapter 1159, “Chagrin Northwest Residential and Planned Development Conservation District,” as well as amending the Zoning Map to reflect the new zoning classification district of certain parcels from U-1 Dwelling House District to U-5 Chagrin Northwest Residential and Planned Development District. **Placed on First Reading**

Heritage Home Program

There will be an information session on June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chagrin Falls Library. Information about the Heritage Home Program will be presented, followed by a Q & A session.

If your home is 50 years or older, please consider attending to receive information about impartial rehab advice, free technical assistance, and low-interest financing to cover home rehab costs. This session is free and open to the public.

2nd Annual Community Kids Fishing Day

The Moreland Hills Police Department and Village employees are looking forward to the 2nd Annual Moreland Hills Community Kids Fishing Day on Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. This is a catch and release event at “Potts Pier,” located at Forest Ridge on Chagrin River Road, directly across the street from the Polo Field.

The Community Kids Fishing Day is a great opportunity for interaction between the Moreland Hills Police, Village employees, parents and kids in a positive community environment. What a great way to get the kids out of the house and away from the video games and other indoor activities to enjoy the outdoors!

Food and beverages will be provided for all, as well as the use of fishing poles for those who do not have their own equipment. If you don't know how to fish, we'll show you and get you started! There's nothing better than seeing a child's expression of joy when they catch that first fish.

We look forward to a lot of participation from our community members and their children.

If you have any questions, please contact Chief Kevin Wyant at 440.248.7585.



Resident in the Spotlight

Karen Hess

Although many of us dream of a career path that allows us to do the kind of work we love while at the same time making a positive impact on people's lives, most of us fall short of having both. Moreland Hills resident Karen Hess, however, has found the perfect fusion of profession and purpose.

The public relations and marketing veteran has had a prolific career, beginning in Atlanta where she worked for the world's largest PR firm, then on to Columbus where she specialized in health care marketing and communications at Riverside Hospital.

Hess and her husband, Roger, a periodontist, moved to the Cleveland area nearly 30 years ago for professional and family reasons. Here, Hess put her communications skills to work to help her brother, a local sports agent.

"I feel very fortunate that for many years I've been able to work with my brother, Neil Cornrich, with NC Sports' marketing communications effort." (Both Hess' brother and her father, Sidney Cornrich, are also Moreland Hills residents.)

Hess continued to be drawn to health and social services fields, however, where she could use her professional expertise in tandem with her passion for helping others and improving the lives of those in need. A few of the notable organizations Hess has worked with include the Center for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Mt. Sinai Community Partners and the Jewish Family Services Association Advisory Committee.

With three children (now adults) who went to Orange Schools, Hess was also active with the Orange Schools Parent Teacher Association for 15 years, including as president, as well as with the Orange Schools Foundation.

Most recently, Hess has dedicated her energy to a local organization very near and dear to her heart: InMotion – a nonprofit center devoted to the health and well-being of those affected by Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders.

The idea for the center was born out of the realization that no regular, ongoing services were available to those with Parkinson's in Greater Cleveland. Located on Galaxy Parkway in Warrensville Heights, InMotion was founded by Allan Goldberg, Lee Handel, Dr. Karen Jaffe, Dr. David Riley and Ben Rossi. The center provides programming designed to advance the mind, body and spirit to push the management of movement disorders in a promising new direction. Open for about a year now, InMotion has seen more than 600 clients, many of whom come five days a week (close to 10,000 visits).

A member of InMotion's Board of Directors, Hess said, "It's a place where people with Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders can go for services that help improve their daily lives. There's no other place like it anywhere around here."

InMotion offers a comfortable, supportive environment where clients can participate in a variety of exercise classes, including yoga, cycling, Tai Chi, boxing and dance. One of the most popular classes, "Better Every Day," helps clients focus on movement, function, mobility, balance, endurance and strength. Through this challenging and fun class, participants learn how to move about with ease and confidence in a crowd; get out of bed or rise from a chair independently; improve handwriting; dress independently; and regain a sense of moving with normality.

"People come here and they are treated like part of a family," Hess said. "What we've really created here is a community. I've seen clients getting out of their wheelchairs and people putting their canes down — it really makes a difference. One of our clients even told me InMotion has saved her life."



In addition to providing classes for clients and their care partners, the center also features doctor forums, speaker series presentations, a resource center filled with leading research, and rooms for healing arts therapy and support group meetings.

"Everything is under one roof — and it's all free!" Hess said.

InMotion is financially supported through grants, including the Mount Sinai Health Care Foundation, The O'Neill Foundation, Parkinson's Pals, The Cleveland Foundation, as well as through private donations from generous individuals.

"We are very excited that we recently received international recognition by Dr. Karen Jaffe being one of three people who just received the annual World Parkinson Program's Dr. Rana International Parkinson's Community Service Award," Hess said.

As InMotion continues to grow and help more people affected by Parkinson's disease, Hess said they hope to become a model for other programs.

(For more information on InMotion or to volunteer, please call 216.342.4417, or visit www.beinmotion.org)

Mark Your Calendars for these Coming Events!

SIMPLE RECYCLING

This service will begin the week of May 2 on your regular recycling/rubbish pickup day. You should have received a brochure and bags in the mail from Simple Recycling.

GREENING THE HILLS

Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m.-Noon

Recycling, hazardous waste collection, confidential paper shredding, computer and electronics round-up, etc. at Village Hall. Please bring a nonperishable food item for the Service Department's food drive or clothing/household items for Goodwill.

GARLIC MUSTARD PULL

Saturday, May 7, 1-3 p.m. (after *Greening the Hills*)

Our annual Garlic Mustard Eradication Event will be held Saturday, May 7, 1-3 p.m. at Forest Ridge Preserve on Chagrin River Road. If you're interested in participating, please meet at the Forest Ridge Village Park by the pond at 1 p.m. and don't forget to bring gardening gloves and protective gear for the sun.

SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, May 11, 6 p.m.

There will be a Special Public Hearing of the Planning Commission to discuss the proposed new U-5 Zoning District, Chagrin Northwest Residential & Planning Development Conservation District.

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 11, 8 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING/BZA MEETING

Monday, May 23, 6 p.m.

CHIPPING WEEK

May 16-20

The Service Department will chip branches and sticks on your street. The branches should be cut into 4-foot lengths, and all sticks and branches must be bundled. Please have the branches stacked by the side of the road the week prior. The Service Department employees will chip them over the following week. They cannot chip logs over 5 inches in diameter.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 30

Village offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no special pickups done that day.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Monday, May 30, 11:30 a.m.

There will be a Memorial Day Service at Veterans' Park, which will feature the Moreland Hills Color Guard and remarks from Cuyahoga County Councilman and Moreland Hills resident, Jack Schron. It is tradition to lower the flag to half-staff early in the morning and raise it about noon. We will begin gathering at the park at 11:30 a.m. We will have some brief remarks and conclude with the flag raising at noon.

COMMUNITY KIDS FISHING DAY

June 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Moreland Hills will host its 2nd Annual Community Kids Fishing Day at Potts Pier (3800 Chagrin River Rd.).



Special Pickup Reminders

The Village Service Department provides three free Special Pickups per year for items that are too large for the automated rubbish pickup. Each pickup consists of one truck load only. Multiple trips for the same requested pickup (done on the same day) will be counted as individual pickups and will be counted against the three free pickups.

Any resident requiring more than three special pickups in a calendar year will be billed \$25 per pickup truck load. Also, the Village does not provide collection of construction material for remodeling projects that are completed at your home. Homeowners and contractors are responsible for obtaining a dumpster from a solid waste company to dispose of construction material. The following are a few companies that provide dumpster service:

- Pete and Pete Container Service
216.441.4422
- Universal Disposal
440.286.3153
- Kimble
1.800.201.0005
- Republic Waste
440.786.9390

Message from Mayor Renda continued

specific in nature and designed in a way that maximizes the Village's control over a defined area. This planning option would permit smaller lot configurations and smaller building types. The recommended density is four units per acre and could include bungalow housing and some town houses. Again, this is a recommended change for a specific area that will have no effect on the zoning throughout the rest of the village.

The other recommended zoning change is in the area of the Village (referred to as the WEB area), which references the properties on Wiltshire Road, Ellendale Road, and Berkeley Lane. This area currently does not conform to the two-acre minimum lot size for new residential development in the Village. This area is a highly valued neighborhood asset to the community and is an early settlement in the Village. However, in some cases, building massing from recent construction in the WEB area seems out of character with the rest of the neighborhood. Redevelopment in this area can be made more flexible and reduce existing nonconformities by adopting text amendments to the zoning code to set forth different zoning requirements for this area. For example, the recommendations include allowing the consolidation of lots, even if they don't meet the two-acre minimum, increasing set-back requirements and controlling building size. The Planning Commission and Council will begin working on these recommendations within the next few months.

We are all trying to be thoughtful about this process, trying to protect the character of the Village and avoid unnecessary and costly litigation. If you have questions I would love for you to make an appointment to see me or come to my next open door on Tuesday, May 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Enjoy the spring!
Mayor Susan Renda

Goodwill Donations Collected at the Service Facility

The Service Department will be accepting donations on behalf of Goodwill starting on May 7 at our *Greening the Hills* event and will continue to collect items throughout the month of May. You can drop off donations on Mondays and Fridays at the Service Facility.



Please consider donating any old and/or unused clothing or household items. Goodwill accepts men's, women's and children's clothing; small appliances (in working condition); linens; furniture; games; toys; garden and lawn tools; power and hand tools; jewelry; sporting goods; bicycles; and wagons.

Village Finance Report

The 2016 annual budget of the Village is approximately \$8.5 million dollars, including all planned capital expenditures. These comprise infrastructure improvements of \$0.8 million, including the annual road maintenance program, sanitary sewer rehab, culverts and drainage program, and slope stabilization. Other capital equipment acquisition is budgeted at \$0.2 million. Although income tax revenues are up, it is too early to project the remainder of the year. Personnel costs typically make up 55 percent of all operating costs and are anticipated to be higher primarily in personnel and healthcare costs. Other expenditures continue to show mild fluctuations because of economic variables.

The Village continues to practice conservative budgeting and prudent financial planning, which has helped maintain the excellent quality of services provided to our residents. However, the elimination and/or reduction of various state revenues including estate taxes and local government funds have resulted in lower fund balances, which will continue to be monitored. The Village currently enjoys the highest bond rating of Aa1 of any Village in Ohio from Moody's Rating Services because of its extremely low per capita debt.

Green Tip It's All About the Tonnage

Every year the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District rates the recycling efforts of its member communities. Moreland Hills is one of the county's better recycling communities.

This is possible because our Village provides us with many opportunities for our participation in the county's program: scheduled recycling, *Greening the Hills*, Simple Recycling (new textile service), disposable drop-off options at the service garage, prescription drop-off at the Police Department.

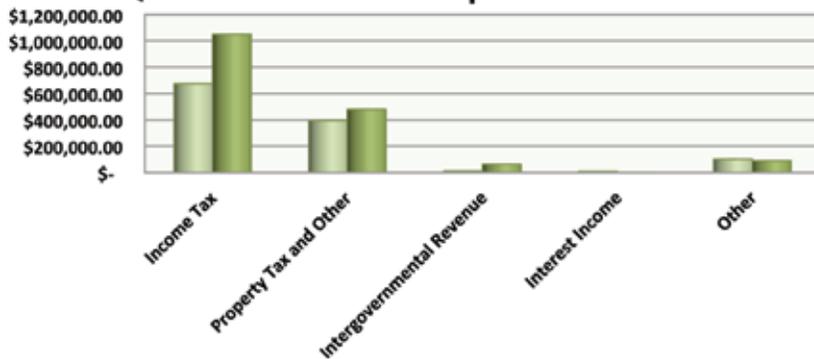
Reusing as much of our material goods as possible keeps them out of landfills, helping us take better care of our environment.

To rate even higher on the county's register, we need to increase our tonnage. Here is a list of additional ways we can add to the Village's tonnage:

- Bagged yard waste (leaves, grass clippings) left at your curb for pick-up. The Village has free bags available until they run out.
- Old appliances and heavy scrap. The Village provides us with three free pickups a year.
- Compost piles. Let the Village know the depth and circumference or other measurements of your compost pile.
- Wood compost piles. Stack up fallen branches and measure the depth. The wood will decompose over time and shelter small animals in the winter. Let the Village know the measurements of that pile.
- Trees that are cut down and hauled from your property. The person cutting your trees should be able to tell you your tonnage.

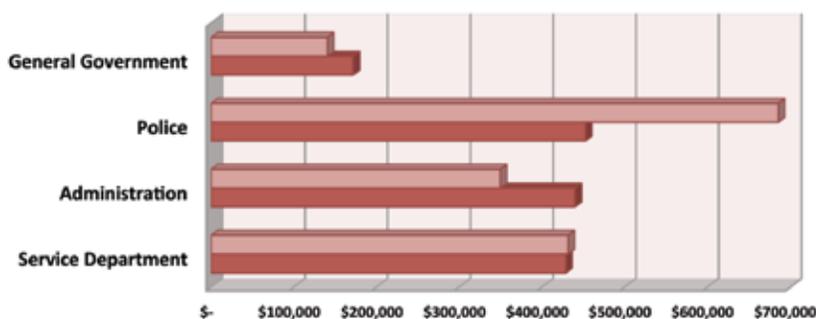
Let the Village take advantage of your outdoor clean-up by adding your contribution to its tonnage report to the county.

Quarter 1 Revenue Comparison 2015 to 2016



	Income Tax	Property Tax and Other Local Tax	Intergovernmental Revenue	Interest Income	Other
2015	\$673,704.24	\$396,687.39	\$10,783.27	\$7,440.77	\$102,762.73
2016	\$1,051,087.35	\$480,079.36	\$63,798.29	\$(12,561.06)	\$91,216.26

Quarter 1 Expense Comparison 2015 to 2016



	Service Department	Administration	Police	General Government
2015	\$431,471	\$349,508	\$685,652	\$140,545
2016	\$428,591	\$439,845	\$452,499	\$171,708



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