

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

Council members chose their leadership at the January Organizational Meeting. They elected Dan Fritz as Council President and Paul Stanard as Planning Commission Chair. Ted Buczek was also elected to serve on Planning Commission. Council President Fritz appointed Monica Sturgis Chair of the Facilities Committee and Steve Richman Chair of the Roads and Safety Committee. Gary Sherck will serve on Facilities, and Dan Fritz will serve on Roads and Safety.

Council also set its meeting schedule, which varies slightly from last year. Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. Council Committee of the Whole will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, and Council meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. Roads and Safety, and Facilities committees will meet on January 31, February 28, April 4, May 2, June 6, August 1, October 3 and October 31 at 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m., respectively. We occasionally cancel a committee meeting for lack of business, so please check with Village Hall before coming to one of those meetings.

The three Village administrative assistants and I participated in ALICE ([Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate](#)) Training at Ursuline College on January 11. ALICE Training classes provide instruction and a plan for how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. Pepper Pike School Resource Officer Todd Bennett and Moreland Hills Lieutenant Todd Dietzel present this program in schools throughout the region. They invited us to participate so we would be prepared in case there is ever an incident at Village Hall. The session was fascinating and a little scary but used some humor to lessen the intensity. We learned a great deal and are better prepared for a potentially dangerous situation.

Council members, the Service Director, the Village Engineer and I will discuss the state of

the roads in the Village at the February Committee of the Whole meeting on February 1 at 7 p.m. This winter, with the succession of freeze-thaw cycles, has been extremely hard on the roads. We will have a serious discussion of what needs to be done and how to go about getting it done. I will report the results of that meeting to you in future newsletters. The Village currently has crews out every week patching holes in the roads. If there is a particularly bothersome or dangerous pothole in your neighborhood, please call the Service Department at 440.248.1188.

The Village Building Department will begin posting a list of registered contractors on the Village Website. This list is not an endorsement of any contractor but will provide information on whether your contractor is actually registered to work in the Village. We feel this is valuable information for you to have. The list will be updated regularly.

I am offering a heartfelt thank you to those of you who donated to the Moreland Hills Police and Employees Foundation. As you know, members of the Foundation collect this money throughout the year and give it to our employees during the holidays. It is unethical for our employees to accept a direct tip from residents, but this organization and this procedure allows you to show your gratitude and generosity in a legal and ethical manner. I thank you!

The weather has been crazy lately with incredible winds and resulting power outages. **Please do NOT dial 9-1-1 to report a power outage.**

You can report a power outage in the following ways:

- Call 888.544.4877
- Report it on the First Energy website, firstenergycorp.com
- Use the First Energy smartphone app

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Deer Management Program Continues Until Mid-March

Brian Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Metroparks, has informed the Village that the Metroparks will continue its deer management program this winter. They plan a deer herd reduction for the South Chagrin Reservation. The main body of the park will be closed to the public from noon to midnight on several days during the period of mid-January through mid-March.

They will use every safety precaution, but please be aware of any posted signs. In addition to posted closure signs, all residents who own property adjacent to Cleveland Metroparks property will be sent a letter informing them of the culling program. The resulting venison will be donated to a local food bank.

Closings and Reminders

Village Offices will be closed on **Monday, February 20**, in observance of Presidents Day. There will be no special pick-ups or yard waste pick-ups that week; Senior rubbish/recycle pick-up and other streets scheduled for Monday rubbish/recycle pick-up will be done on Tuesday.

Streets scheduled for Thursday pick-ups will not be affected.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in January:

Ordinance 2017-01 – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with VanCuren Services, Inc. for the 2016 Hazardous Tree Removal Program. This is for the increase amount of \$1,940 for the removal of five additional trees and contract reconciliation due to the project being completed.

Ordinance 2017-02 – amends Chapter 973, “Comprehensive Stormwater Management Program,” of the Codified Ordinances in its entirety, repealing existing Chapter 973 to conform with new state and federal environmental regulations and that such amendments further the public health, safety and general welfare.

Ordinance 2017-03 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Ordinance 2017-04 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a first amended and restated agreement with the Village of Bentleyville for the use of the Moreland Hills firing range.

Orange Schools Hosts Community Chat

Orange Schools will host a Community Chat for Moreland Hills residents at the Village Community Building on **Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.**

Two school board members will be on hand to discuss topics that interest Moreland Hills residents about the School District.

Safety Corner: Shelter In Place

Certain circumstances may occur where staying in place is the best way to avoid uncertainty outside. Staying put and creating a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside, a process known as “sealing the room” can be a matter of survival.

When to Shelter In Place:

- If the outside air is contaminated
- If conditions make travel hazardous (i.e. extreme cold, high winds, blowing debris)
- If local emergency officials instruct you to “shelter in place”

When Sheltering In Place, you should:

- Bring your family and pets inside.
- Lock doors, close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers.
- Turn off fans, air conditioning and forced air heating systems.
- Take your emergency supply kit.
- Go into an interior room with few windows if possible.
- Seal all windows, doors and air vents with 2-4 mil. thick plastic sheeting and duct tape. Consider measuring and cutting the sheeting in advance.
- Duct tape plastic at corners first and then tape down all edges.
- Use what you have on hand to seal gaps.

For more information, call the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management at 216.443.5700, or visit ema@cuyahogacounty.us.

Blue Tip

Protect Our Watershed By Using Permeable Solutions

One highly successful method to reduce runoff, sedimentation, erosion and pollutants to our watershed is the use of “permeable solutions,” such as porous asphalt and concrete surfaces, concrete pavers, or polymer-based grass pavers, grids and geocells.

Permeable solutions help protect our watersheds in the following ways:

Managing runoff - Permeable paving surfaces have been demonstrated to be effective in managing runoff from paved surfaces.

Controlling pollutants - Permeable paving surfaces keep pollutants in place in the soil while preventing stream erosion.

Promoting tree growth - Permeable pavements can give trees the rooting space they need to grow to full size.

Change in Rubbish/Recycling Schedule

The following three streets will have Rubbish/Recycling pick-up on **MONDAYS: Mitchell Lane, Old SOM Lane and South Lane**. The Service Department had to make this schedule change for safety reasons.

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