

January 2017

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a festive holiday season. We at Village Hall had a calm and peaceful December and are excited to greet the New Year with all its challenges and rewards.

The Service Department has been busy plowing and patching the roads. I know during bad storms it is hard to tell that they have been out all night because the roads cover so quickly, but they do plow in every storm, even on weekends. Depending on the intensity of the storms, we have between two and five plows on the road.

We are getting prepared to work on the budget and will make every effort to work within our limited resources. The Ohio Municipal League issued a report in December of 2016 outlining the effects of continued state cuts to municipalities. One significant finding was that 93 percent of cities have had to

CodeRED Community Notifications Information

If you wish to receive emergency notifications from the Village via the CodeRED notification system, please sign up on the Village website under "Quick Links" on the home page. The Village cannot sign you up since a username and password are required.

You can also choose the method of notification (phone, email, text, OR download their Mobile Alert App), as well as which notifications you wish to receive – emergency, non-emergency or both. CodeRED is primarily used for emergency notifications, however, it is sometimes used for non-emergency situations that may significantly impact your daily routine (boil alerts, street closings, etc).

If you DO NOT wish to receive CodeRED notifications, you can remove yourself from their list by visiting: ecnetwork.com/notification-opt-out/.

delay significant road repair. Furthermore, many cities and villages have had to delay or cancel major capital improvement projects. Council and I are reluctant to raise taxes, but we do continue to evaluate capital projects and monitor needs versus current income. We do hope to avoid any tax increase in the near future.

I want to remind everyone that I have an open door day on the first Tuesday of each month during which time I meet with residents and answer questions. If that timing doesn't work for you, please call my assistant, Sherri, for an appointment. You can take your chances and just stop in but I do have a lot of meetings outside the office so catching me can be a bit of a challenge.

I hope you have a happy, healthy and peaceful 2017!

All the best,
- Mayor Susan Renda

Christmas Tree Disposal

Please put your Christmas trees out at the curb any day Jan. 1-31 and the Service Department will pick them up.

If you are looking for a "green" way to dispose of your tree, you can bring it to Kelly's Working Well Farm in Chagrin Falls and feed it to goats. The farm is located at 16519 South Franklin St. For more information, visit kellysworkingwellfarm.com.

James Garfield Movie

The PBS movie *Murder of a President* follows President James A. Garfield's rise to power, his shooting, and the aftermath. It is based on the book "Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President" by Candice Millard and is part of the PBS American Experience Series. It originally aired Feb. 2, 2016, but you can watch it online at: pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/garfield/, or check your local listings for more airings.

Shop With a Cop Thank You

Our 2016 Shop with a Cop day was a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of our residents, community members and friends, more than \$2,400 was raised. With the assistance of Ptl. Laura Park and Ptl. Amy Krall, we took three families with a total of eight kids shopping for the holidays.

Afterward, we met with Orange Village Police Department and Chagrin Falls Police Department members at the Chagrin Falls Middle School for a pizza lunch. It was a fun and exciting day enjoyed by all.

A huge shout out of thanks to all who contributed and assisted us on that day!

- Lt. Todd Dietzel and Det. Scott Williams

Holiday Closures at Village Hall

New Year's Day: Jan. 2 – Closed

Rubbish/Recycle pick-ups will not be affected. There will be no Special Pick-ups or Yard Waste Pick-ups that week. Monday Senior Rubbish Pick-ups will be done on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Jan. 16 – Closed

Rubbish/Recycle pick-ups will not be affected. There will be no Special Pick-ups or Yard Waste Pick-ups that week. Monday Senior Rubbish Pick-ups will be done on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in December:

Ordinance 2016-54 – authorizes the Mayor and the Clerk of Council to enter into an agreement with the Chagrin Falls Suburban Volunteer Fireman’s Association for the provision of fire protection and emergency medical services for a period of three years.

Ordinance 2016-55 – authorizes Change Order No. 1 with United Survey, Inc. for the 2015 Sewer Rehabilitation Program. This is for the decrease amount of \$36,993.82 due to the project being completed.

Ordinance 2016-56 – authorizes Change Order No. 1 for the 2016 Asphalt Program. This is for the decrease amount of \$13,779.48 because of the project being completed.

Ordinance 2016-57 – amends Chapter 971 “Erosion and Sediment Control,” of the Codified Ordinances in its entirety, repealing Chapter 971 to conform with new state and federal environmental regulations and that such amendments further the public health, safety, and general welfare.

Ordinance 2016-58 – adopts a moratorium on applications for and the granting of building permits, zoning approvals, certificates of business occupancy, and certificates of occupancy that would enable the cultivation, processing, distribution or sale of medical marijuana for a period not to exceed 6 months. This will allow the Village time to review applicable state and local laws and to plan for regulations relating to such uses.

Ordinance 2016-59 – fixing the compensation of various officers and employees of the Village of Moreland Hills.

Ordinance 2016-60 – an appropriations ordinance which is a monthly financial

Historical Society Update

The Moreland Hills Historical Society is pleased to announce the 2016-2017 Board of Trustees:

President, Maureen Geck
Returning Vice Pres., Marilyn Peckinpaugh
Interim Secretary, Jon Martin
Returning Treasurer, Gary Scherk
Returning Archivist-Sandy Cobb

This election was precipitated by the desire by prior President, Katie Martin, to retire after nearly 20 years of service to our Historical Society. In Katie’s time with our society, we saw the building of the James A. Garfield Memorial Cabin and Birth Site Path, a legacy few can lay claim to. Katie has been a meticulous preservationist and local historian. She will remain with us as an adviser under the heading, “Institutional Memory” and for that we continue to be eternally grateful to her.

We have taken another step into the 20th century with the launch of our Moreland Hills Historical Society website! (Not the 21st century, we’re an “historical” society.) Visit us at MHHSOhio.org and let us know what you think!

Blue Tip

Below is a list of simple steps you can take to protect our watershed.

- Use eco-friendly cleaning supplies to help avoid disrupting the pH balance of the water.
- Don’t use toxic fertilizers; use an organic alternative like garlic.
- Don’t litter and dump things in streams, lakes, or down storm drains.
- Report illegal dumping.
- Don’t use soap to wash yourself in lakes.
- Dispose of toxic household products properly.
- Keep your septic tank maintained.

Carbon Monoxide Reminder

Gas appliances such as water heaters, furnaces and boilers need plenty of air to operate safely. If not, they will produce excessive carbon monoxide (CO). CO is odorless, colorless and toxic, which means you can’t see, taste or smell it. It causes headaches, dizziness, nausea and fatigue. If left undetected, carbon monoxide can be deadly. Make sure to maintain your gas appliances and have them inspected annually.

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