

March 2017

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

I want to take this opportunity to review snowplowing procedures. If a snowstorm hits during the hours when the Service Department employees are here, they get the trucks out, do a safety check and start plowing. If, however, a snowstorm hits overnight or on the weekends the on-duty Police Sergeant calls the Service Director who calls in the on-call plow crew. It takes about an hour from the Sergeant's call until the trucks are on the road. The drivers have to come into the Service Garage, get the trucks out, warm them up and do a safety inspection. Once the trucks are on the road, the streets are always plowed in a specific order with safety in mind.

First, main roads are plowed and treated. Once they're passable and safe, streets with hills that go down into a main road are plowed and salted to prevent cars from sliding downhill into traffic. Finally, side streets are plowed, and curves and hills are salted.

An unfortunate side effect of plowing is that sometimes mailboxes are knocked down. This is very rarely a result of the plow actually hitting the mailbox. Rather, it's the force of the snow that knocks it over. The heavier the snow, the more likely it is that mailboxes will come down. If your mailbox is knocked down, please call the Service Department at 440.248.1188 or email service@morelandhills.com. Leave your name, address and phone number.

Service Department employees will repair your mailbox as soon as possible. Please do not expect a call back from the Service Director, as he is overwhelmed with other responsibilities during and shortly after a storm. If you feel that we are taking too long to respond, feel free to call one of the secretaries or me with your complaint. Remember, having your mailbox knocked down is not personal or intentional.

So let's move from winter into spring. You may remember that the Village, with

leadership from the Parks and Green Commission, installed a butterfly garden last year. We installed the garden because we are concerned about the survival of the eastern population of monarch butterflies, i.e., those that summer east of the Rocky Mountains. According to National Geographic.com, this group of butterflies exists in increasingly reduced numbers. Their survival may be threatened by a series of natural disasters in Mexico where they spend the winter, as well as by a reduction in milkweed in their summer home, here in the eastern part of the United States.

The butterfly garden is located in the northernmost part of Veterans Park at Miles and SOM Center Roads. We invite you to check it out as soon as the weather turns and flowers begin to bloom. In a bilingual nod to the Mexican and American homes of the monarch, the Parks and Green Commission decided to name this monarch habitat "Mariposa Garden." We will have a sign made for it later this spring. We are also asking *Monarch Watch* to name our garden a Monarch Waystation. For more information about this program and about how you can help, visit monarchwatch.org.

- Mayor Susan Renda

BZA/Planning Commission Meeting Schedule Change

The new BZA and Planning Commission Meeting schedule will take effect this month. The March meeting will be held on Monday, March 6 at 6 p.m.

The meetings will now be held on the **first Monday** of every month at 6 p.m.

Chipping Program Starts in April

The 2017 Chipping Program will begin the week of April 17-21. The program runs April-October on the third full week of every month.

Blue Tip:

Lake Erie - Don't Waste It

Pet waste is teeming with E. Coli and other bacteria, including fecal coliform bacteria, which causes serious kidney disorders, intestinal illness, cramps and diarrhea in humans.

There are more than 90,000 dogs in Cuyahoga County creating around 45 tons of waste per day (NEORSD). There are 23 million fecal coliform bacteria in a single gram of pet waste – more than 10 million more per gram than human waste.

When pets leave those little surprises, rain or melting snow washes all that pet waste and bacteria into our storm drains. Then it flows into Lake Erie and pollutes our waterways.

Please dispose of pet waste properly! PICK IT UP. BAG IT. TIE IT. TRASH IT.

For information, contact the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District at 216.524.6580.

Safety Corner

Congratulations to Officers Laura Park, Josh White and Tom Pate for their recent awards from the Cuyahoga County OVI Task Force.

Officers Park and White tied for the most seatbelt violations issued award, and Officer Pate received the "Top Cop" Award for the most OVI arrests for 2016. Officer Park also received an award for Exemplary Leadership.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

The following Ordinances & Resolutions were passed in February:

Ordinance 2017-05 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a first amended and restated agreement with the Village of Woodmere for the use of the Moreland Hills firing range.

Ordinance 2017-06 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to successfully implement water quality education programs for residents. The Village is responsible for carrying out mandated responsibilities inherent in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Municipal Storm Water Permit obligations.

Ordinance 2017-07 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to successfully implement water quality programming. The Village is responsible for carrying out mandated responsibilities inherent in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Municipal Storm Water Permit obligations.

Ordinance 2017-08 – approves and adopts the current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances.

Ordinance 2017-09 – authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. which includes general liability, police professional, public official, automobile, and property insurance at a total cost of \$63,026 per year.

Ordinance 2017-10 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Ordinance 2017-11 – amends Section 1151.13(p)(2) "Fences and Walls in Rear Yards," and Section 1345.05, "Fences and Walls in Rear Yards," of the Codified Ordinances to require fences to be at least 50% open in rear yards, as is already required for fences in front yards. **Placed on First Reading and Referred to Planning Commission**

Ordinance 2017-12 – amends Section 1183.09 "Signs in Residential Districts," and Section 1325.08, "Subdivision Development Signs," of the Codified Ordinances to remove the prohibition on illuminated signs. **Placed on First Reading and Referred to Planning Commission**

Ordinance 2017-13 – amends Chapter 1151, "U-1 Dwelling House District Regulations" of the Codified

Ordinances to prohibit front facing, attached garages and providing an exception for attached garages located on Wiltshire Road, Ellendale Road, and Berkeley Avenue. **Placed on First Reading and Referred to Planning Commission**

Ordinance 2017-14 – amends Section 1173.07(f)(1), "Uses Prohibited in Riparian Setbacks," of the Codified Ordinances to permit construction of small structures in the Riparian setback. **Placed on First Reading and Referred to Planning Commission**

Ordinance 2017-15 – amends Section 1151.07(f), "Schedule 1151.07 Minimum Setback Requirements," of the Codified Ordinances to amend "Footnote (c)" to maintain its original intent but to clarify its application in the case of irregularly shaped lot or dwelling designed with today's architectural features. **Placed on First Reading and Referred to Planning Commission**

Ordinance 2017-16 – amends certain sections of the Codified Ordinances to establish a 10% maximum gradient for the construction of driveways, so as not to create ingress and egress risks for Village safety vehicles and personnel. **Placed on First Reading and Referred to Planning Commission**

Ordinance 2017-17 – amends certain sections of the Codified Ordinances to establish setbacks and other regulations for air conditioning, air handling equipment, and pool equipment to minimize negative impacts on abutting property owners. **Placed on First Reading and Referred to Planning Commission**

Ordinance 2017-18 – amends Section 1149.01 "Establishment of Districts," of the Codified Ordinances to amend the table contained within the section to reflect the addition of the new planned development district (U-5 Chagrin Northwest & Planned Development Conservation District). **Placed on First Reading and Referred to Planning Commission**

Ordinance 2017-19 – amends Section 1173.05, "Regulations for the Cutting of Trees," and Section 1353.06 "Conditions of Permit; Bond," of the Codified Ordinances to require that any person cutting trees be required to remove the stump. **Placed on First Reading and Referred to Planning Commission**

Become Part of the Legacy

Purchase a brick in your name for our HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PATH to the James A. Garfield replica Cabin at mhhsohio.org.

Harvest for Hunger

Moreland Hills has partnered with Chagrin Falls, Bentleyville, Hunting Valley and South Russell for the Cleveland Food Bank's annual Harvest for Hunger campaign. Nonperishable food and monetary donations will be delivered to the Cleveland Food Bank by the Chagrin Falls Fire Department, coordinators of this event.

You can drop off donations at Village Hall in the marked collection bins throughout March. Thank you!

Join Friends of the Orange Library

Last year, the Friends of the Orange Branch Library supported 98 programs with more than 3,200 participants, including college and test prep programs, youth STEM programs, author visits and used book sales.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of the Orange Library, membership envelopes are available at the Orange Library, or call 216.831.4282. Your dues will ensure continued success of the library.

Tax Reminders

Municipal income tax returns are due Monday, April 18, even if no income tax is due. For filing requirements, call RITA at 800.860.7482 or visit RITAOhio.com/faq.

The IRS has reduced the amount of printed tax forms for libraries. In addition, the State of Ohio has eliminated all print tax forms. Therefore, limited printed tax materials are available at the library. Library staff can assist you in locating tax materials, but they cannot provide you with tax advice.

Residents may order tax forms and publications directly from the IRS at IRS.gov/orderforms or by calling 800.829.3676. For additional resources, go to cuyahogalibrary.org/Research/Tax-Information.aspx.

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