

November 2016

## Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

In writing this newsletter, I relied heavily on the research of Ted DeWater, our Service Director. I appreciate his input.

Recycling in Moreland Hills has changed a lot over the years. In 1989, several residents worked together to create the Moreland Hills Recycling Center, which officially opened in September 1989. Volunteers worked Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon and collected newspapers, magazines, tin and aluminum cans, and glass. The Service Department took the items to Bedford Recycling on Mondays. In 1991, the Village awarded a contract to Recycle Midwest for curbside collection of blue bags (glass, cans and plastics) and bundled paper. There was about a 60 percent participation rate.

In 2008, the Village began to work on providing single stream recycling to improve resident participation, which remained between 65 and 70 percent. In 2009, Council voted to purchase recycling carts for all residents in preparation for the upcoming single stream recycling program at a cost of \$67,165. Furthermore, Council approved a contract with Waste Management for single stream collection of recyclables in the amount of \$71,331. At that same time, the

Service Director and I began to review options to bring the recycle collection program in-house to save tax-payer dollars.

The Village ordered an automated recycle collection truck in 2011 and began in-house collection in September of that year. This move was a major milestone as the Village became one of the first communities to change from a private contractor to public collection. Our internal studies continued to show that we were saving money while providing a better service. Through efficiencies, we were able to offer recycling pick up for both gas stations and the veterinary clinic by the end of the year.

The Village introduced *Greening the Hills* in October 2008, during which 2.5 tons of confidential paper shredding was completed and various hazardous wastes were collected. Given the success of this first event, the Village decided to hold it twice a year, every May and October. We then formed the Green Commission for resident-based input and advice on improving recycling and other green initiatives.

We also continued to expand our chipping program, which now spans from April through October. In 2016, the Village contracted with Simple Recycling to add a

program for residents to recycle damaged clothing and other textile materials at the curb. Furthermore, in June we began weekly recycle collection after a pilot study showed the need for it. At the same time, the Village reduced collection from three days per week to two days, thanks to the efficiency of the automated trucks. The average weekly recyclables collection tonnage is 5.5 tons and the Village maintains a 90 percent participation rate from residents. Furthermore, yearly recycling tonnage has increased from 350 tons in 2005 to 556 tons in 2015, whereas yearly solid waste disposal has decreased from 1650 to 1200 tons over the same period.

Finally, as you may remember, Stan Sirk who served as Service Foreman retired earlier this year. After an extensive interview process, we have hired Ron Sochinsky as the new Foreman. He is a great addition to our team.

- Mayor Susan Renda

## Shop With a Cop

The Moreland Hills Police Department will partner with other local police departments to participate in the annual "Shop with a Cop" holiday program. Officers will be taking underprivileged children shopping for holiday presents and food for the children and their families.

If you wish to make a donation, please visit the Police Department Facebook page and the Village website in November. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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## Blue Tip: Stormwater Management

The first step in storm water management is understanding where the water we use every day ends up. Water from our home's plumbing system goes directly into the sewer system and then to a treatment plant where it is cleaned and released into streams and rivers. Homeowner septic systems perform this task in the absence of a sewer system. Water that we use in our yards and driveways seeps into the ground and finds its way into storm sewers or streams.

Stormwater is rain or melting snow and ice that flows across land surfaces to the nearest storm sewer, ditch, stream or lake. As it travels along, stormwater collects dirt and pollutants such as litter, debris oils, pesticides fertilizers and pet waste. The initial pulse of stormwater from a rain storm contains the greatest volume of water and highest level of pollutants and goes directly to our watershed

without the benefit of a treatment plant.

This pulse is often referred to as the "first flush." Homeowners can avoid contributing pollutants to this first flush by eliminating pesticides, using organic fertilizers, not dumping phosphate contaminated water (such as car washing cleaners) over hillsides, and by removing pet waste from lawns and public hiking trails.

Learn more about what you can do to manage stormwater and decrease pollution from the Chagrin River Watershed Partners at [www.crwpp.org](http://www.crwpp.org). Their website provides information about using rain barrels, disconnecting downspouts and managing backyard streams. They will do free onsite consultations to help homeowners with flooding and storm water management, stream bank or hillside erosion, wetland verification, and pond maintenance. They can be reached at 440.975.3870.

## Ordinances and Resolutions Passed in October

**Ordinance 2016-40** – amends the zoning map to rezone the property known as 34550 Chagrin Blvd. (PPN 912-10-011) from U-2 Retail Business District to U-1 Dwelling House District, so that a single-family dwelling can be built on this property. This property is abutted to the east, north and south by parcels zoned U-1 Dwelling House District.

**Ordinance 2016-43** – authorizes Change Orders numbers 1 & 2 with Longo Sewer Construction for the 2016 Drainage and Culvert Program. Change Order No. 1 is for the increase amount of \$1,500. due to a loss of time to the contractor because of additional work needed and Change Order No. 2 is for the decrease amount of \$6,375.75 due to the project being completed.

**Resolution 2016-47** – accepts the dedication of the public streets within the Chagrin Bluffs Subdivision for public use.

**Ordinance 2016-48** – authorizes the Mayor to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a potential grant for the 2017 capital infrastructure improvement project, WEB Area Septic Conversion Project.

**Ordinance 2016-49** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with VanCuren Services Inc. for the 2016 Hazardous Tree Removal Program in the amount of \$29,780.

## Leaf Collection

In October, the Service Director sent out a letter informing residents that it is too costly for the Village to start a curb-side leaf collection program at this time. He did, however, find a few companies that will provide these services to our residents at a discounted rate: TRC Landscaping, 440.564.1290; and H&M Landscaping, 440.564.1157

Residents may contact and hire the companies directly and are responsible for paying the contractor for their services.

**Ordinance 2016-50** – rejects all bids received for the 2016 Roof Repairs Program.

**Ordinance 2016-51** – authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Medical Mutual for the provision of Health Care Insurance to Village employees, at the total estimated monthly cost of \$39,057.

**Ordinance 2016-52** - an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

**Resolution 2016-53**- requests the County Fiscal Officer to make advances from the proceeds of real and personal property tax levies and special assessments during the Fiscal year 2017. Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34 provides that any money in the County treasury for the account of the Village and lawfully applicable to the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017.

## Power Outage Tips

To prepare for a power outage, make sure you have an emergency kit, a family communications plan, and a corded phone that works without electricity.

To report an outage, call Cleveland Public Power at 216.664.3156, First Energy at 888.544.4877, or go to [firstenergycorp.com](http://firstenergycorp.com). If your power is out, keep refrigerator/freezer doors closed. Always run generators outside and connect equipment directly to the outlets on the generator, not to your home's electrical system.

In addition, disconnect appliances and electronics, as power may return in momentary surges that can cause damage. Use only flashlights or emergency lighting – not candles because of extreme risk of fire.

After a power outage, be sure to throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures of 40+ degrees for two hours or more. When in doubt, throw it out!

For more information, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Closings & Reminders

### Closings

Village Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.

### Holiday Rubbish/Recycle Pick-Up Schedule

For residents with a Thursday rubbish & recycling pick-up day, your rubbish & recycling **will be picked up on Friday, November 25.**

*Please make sure all rubbish is out by 7 a.m.*

### Chipping Program

The chipping program is finished for the year, so please do not put anything out that needs to be chipped. The program will start back up the third week of April 2017.

### Election Day Information

This year's election will be held on Tuesday, November 8. Voting will take place at **Orange High School for all Village residents.**

### Veteran's Day Service

Friday, November 11 at 11a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park (corner of SOM & Miles). The service will be held rain or shine.

### President James A. Garfield Heritage Hike

The James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor is coordinating the "President James A. Garfield Heritage Hike," **Saturday, November 19.** This hike celebrates Garfield's 185th birthday and commemorates the 135th anniversary of his tragic assassination. The hike will begin at his birthplace in Moreland Hills and will end at the Garfield Monument in Lake View Cemetery. For information or to sign up, go to the Village website.

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