

Moreland Hills at a Glance

News and Updates for the Residents of Moreland Hills



September 2016

Message From Mayor Susan Renda

Dear Resident,

As you know, Moreland Hills entered into an agreement with Pepper Pike nearly one year ago to share a Building Department. At that time, we hired Rick Loconti as the Building Commissioner for both communities. Mr. Loconti decided to retire as of Aug. 12. We have hired an excellent Building Commissioner to replace him, Paul Kowalczyk. Mr. Kowalczyk comes to us after serving for 14 years at South Euclid as their Building Commissioner. He has vast experience in building plan review and inspections. He has a degree in architecture and was a practicing architect for years before entering his new profession. I am very excited to have him join our village staff. I know he will bring a vast array of useful skills and a proven level of commitment with him.

As you may know, Moreland Hills belongs to a regional dispatch center, Chagrin Valley Dispatch (CVD). Solon recently joined CVD bringing the total membership to 14 communities: Bentleyville, Bratenahl, Chagrin Falls Township, Chagrin Falls Village, Euclid, Gates Mills, Highland Hills, Hunting Valley,

Moreland Hills, North Randall, Orange Village, Solon, South Russell and Woodmere. Last year CVD won two national awards for providing excellent services. This service, coupled with our excellent Police Department, helps keep us safe and secure in our small Village. Furthermore, providing this service regionally saves the Village tens of thousands of dollars annually.

Unfortunately, I provided some misinformation in my last newsletter. NEORS and Cleveland Water now bill separately. Everyone in the Village should receive a bill from NEORS for a storm water management fee, even if you have a septic system. This fee was the subject of a long and drawn-out law suit, which eventually ended up at the Ohio Supreme Court. NEORS is allowed to charge the fee. In exchange for that, they provide municipalities help in managing the effects of major storms and in flood prevention efforts. They are currently involved in several areas of our Village. Members of the staff and I have no control over this fee and no ability to reverse it.

I hope you are enjoying our very hot summer!

- Mayor Susan Renda

Service Department Reminders

Chipping

The last two chipping weeks for the year will be September 19-23 and October 17-21.

Please make sure your materials are placed curbside the Sunday prior to the scheduled pick-up date and are bundled and tied with branches cut no longer than 4 feet in length. No logs or tree stumps, please. The Service Dept. will work its way through the Village throughout the week, weather permitting.

Scrap Tire Drop-Off

Scrap Tire Drop-off will be September 21-30 (Monday-Friday), 7 a.m.-3 p.m. behind the service garage.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Hazardous Waste Drop-off will be September 21-30* (Monday-Friday), 7 a.m.-3 p.m. behind the service garage. *Please note, these dates were listed incorrectly on the 2016 Recycling Calendar.

Senior Snow Plow Program

Please call the Service Department to obtain an application for the 2016-2017 winter season. Deadline for returning the completed form will be October 14, 2016.

Block Party Information

If you and your neighbors are planning a Block Party, please notify the Police and Service Departments in advance so they can determine if road blocks and/or barricades are needed. If you need extra rubbish cans for the party, please let the Service Department know.

Council Public Hearing

There will be a Council Public Hearing Wednesday, September 14 at 7 p.m. for proposed changes to the Zoning Code for Ordinances 2016-25, 2016-26, 2016-27, 2016-29, 2016-30, and 2016-31. For a description, please see the *Ordinances & Resolutions* section of the newsletter.

2016 Election Update

The 2016 Presidential Election is on November 8. The deadline to register to vote is October 11. Early voting at the Board of Elections begins on October 12. Please visit www.443VOTE.com for more election and voting information. Reminder that the voting location for ALL Moreland Hills residents is **Orange High School**.

Community Meeting

Moreland Hills is having a Community Meeting Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. to discuss the rezoning issue on the ballot in November. ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. The meeting will be held at the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, 3850 Chagrin River Road.

Village Offices Closed Labor Day

Village Offices will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day. There will be no special pick-ups or yard waste pick-ups done that day. Senior pick-ups will be done on Tuesday that week; regular rubbish/recycling pick-up days will not be affected.

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Ordinances and Resolutions Passed in August

Ordinance 2016-25 – amends Section 1151.13 (p)(2) “Fences and Walls in Rear Yards, and Section 1345.02 “Fences and Walls in Rear Yards” of the Codified Ordinances. Recent applications to the BZA suggest that the purpose of these walls is to provide bench seating, therefore the maximum height of these walls will be increased from 18 inches to 36 inches. **Placed on Second Reading.**

Ordinance 2016-26 – amends Section 115319 (b) “Open Space Requirements of Chapter 1153 “Open Space Conservation District,” of the Codified Ordinances to clarify that the conservation easement required for a residential open space conservation development is to be held by a third party (such as a land trust or other third-party entity capable of accepting such an easement). **Placed on Second Reading.**

Ordinance 2016-27 – amends Section 1157.07 “Height Requirements” of the Codified Ordina-

nances to increase the maximum principal building height from 25 feet or 2 stories to 35 feet or 2.5 stories in the Business District, which will make the requirement in line with all Residential Districts. **Placed on Second Reading.**

Ordinance 2016-29 – amends Section 1179.13(h) “Access Drives,” of Chapter 1179, “Off-Street Parking Regulations” of the Codified Ordinances to remove the requirement that the centerline of an access driveway be at least 40 feet from the right-of-way line of the nearest intersecting street and to add the requirement that new access drives be located where there is adequate sight distance to intersections. **Placed on Second Reading.**

Ordinance 2016-30 – amends Section 1129.07, “Conditional Use Certificates,” Section 1133.09, “Public Hearing and Notice by Planning Commission,” and Section 1173.01, “Changing Land Contour Regulations,” of the Codified Ordinances, to

make the time requirements for mailing notices be in line with one another to prevent any administrative efficiencies. **Placed on Second Reading.**

Ordinance 2016-31 – amends Section 1125.03, “Building Inspector,” and Section 1311.01, “Building Inspector; Appointment, Compensation and Bond,” of the Codified Ordinances to clarify that the terms “Building Official,” “Building Inspector,” and “Building Commissioner” are all interchangeable. **Placed on Second Reading.**

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 that are zoned U-1 Dwelling House District. **Placed on First Reading.**

Ordinance 2016-41 – an appropriations ordinance, which is a monthly financial housekeeping item.

Greening the Hills

Saturday, October 1, 2016 • 9 a.m. -12 p.m. • Village Hall

Please join the Green-Parks Commission, Elected Officials and other residents for:

- Light refreshments, Conversation and Clutter Removal
- Confidential Paper Shredding
- Proper Paint Disposal. Latex (Water-based) paint is not a hazardous waste and WILL NOT be accepted at Greening the Hills. Latex/water-based paint should be thrown out with your regular trash, as long as it has been dried up first.
- Hazardous Waste Drop-Off - oil-based paints (Alkyd)*, varnish, harsh cleaning supplies, herbicides and pesticides, etc.
- Rx Drug Drop Box – unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs can be placed in the secure drop box that is located in the Police Department lobby.
- Recycle, Recycle, Recycle – Bring old cell phones, computers and other electronics, and car and lawn mower batteries for safe disposal. Drop off heavy scrap metal, aluminum and tires for recycling as well.
- The Service Department is sponsoring a Food-Drive at this event to benefit the Cleveland Food Bank, so please bring non-perishable food items to donate when you come in. The Service Department will also be accepting donations for Goodwill. Bring any unwanted clothing and/or household items to donate.