

Orange Village Community News

Winter 2011/2012



2011 HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Initiated participation in a Cuyahoga County Planning Commission landmark study analyzing the feasibility of service consolidation and/or merger of Orange Village with Moreland Hills, Pepper Pike and Woodmere.
- ★ Received grants for an energy audit, energy conservation projects and the recycling calendar.
- ★ Bruce White was sworn in as Orange Village's first full time Fire Chief and Robert Zupan was promoted to Service Director.
- ★ Transitioned to a new financial accounting software with the capacity of streamlining audit procedures and assisting with departmental reporting forms.
- ★ Increased shredding opportunities by collaborating collection with Pepper Pike.
- ★ 2011 year end unencumbered cash reserves in excess of \$2,000,000, after funding future employee retirement liabilities.
- ★ Ownership of 10 acres located at Pike and Lander Roads transferred to Orange Village. Planning began for the new service facility and amphitheater for the benefit of Orange Village residents.
- ★ Infrastructure projects completed in 2011; concrete repair program to Lander Road and chip and seal asphalt program to Woodcrest, Fairview and Hidden Valley.
- ★ Conducted a tax amnesty program.
- ★ First community in Ohio to cite "Failure to Wear Seat Belts" as a primary offense.
- ★ Formed a Council of Governments for police and fire dispatch services.
- ★ Orange Village Police Department received numerous awards including; Platinum Community Traffic Safety Award and 53 Years on-going Fatality Free Pedestrian Award from AAA and the Safe Kids Safe Communities Coalition Traffic Safety/Adult Occupant Protection Award

Swearing-In Ceremony

Please join us on Wednesday, **January 4th at 7:00 pm** as Councilman-elect Brandon Duber, Councilpersons Mark Parks and Frances Kluter and Mayor Kathy Mulcahy are administered their oaths of office. Refreshments will be served.

Village Hall Holiday Schedule



Christmas - Closed
Monday, December 26th

New Year's Day - Closed
Monday, January 2nd

Martin Luther King Day - Closed
Monday, January 9th

Trash/Recycling will be picked up on the above dates - no change in schedule

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Council Meetings

1st & 2nd Wed of each month
8:00 p.m.

Finance Meeting

1st Wed of each month
7:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning

1st & 3rd Tues of each month
7:30 p.m.



Community Garden Reserve your area today

The Community Garden is beginning its' third year. Many gardeners have established their gardens and have grown delicious vegetables during the past two years. Now is your chance to join in on the fun! For a fee of \$50 per year you can reserve a plot (which includes a \$25 deposit to be returned after proper year end clean up of your area). Space is limited. Sign up at Orange Village Hall, 4600 Lander Road or call 440-498-4400 for more information.



Tips Before Leaving On Vacation

Frequently residents go on vacations and leave their homes unattended. An "obvious" empty home is an easy target for a burglar. Here are some simple ways to avoid becoming a target:

-  Complete a "vacation watch" by registering your home with the Orange Police Department.
-  Never leave an extra key to the house in the mailbox, under doormats, over door frames or anywhere else that is easily found.
-  Stop your mail and newspaper or have a neighbor pick them up.
-  Make arrangements for lawn mowing or snow removal.
-  Make sure all windows and doors are locked, including a bar or stick on sliding glass doors.
-  Inform a trusted neighbor you are leaving and ask them to keep an eye on your home.
-  Use timers on your indoor and outdoor lights to give the impression someone is at home. It's best if the timers turn the indoor lights and a radio on and off in a random manner.
-  Enjoy your vacation!

Congressional Desk

10:30 am -11:30 am

Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar 13



Congresswoman
Marcia Fudge

Congressional liaison to U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge, Anita Gray, will be available to residents at Village Hall, 4600 Lander Road on a monthly basis. Residents can ask questions about agencies and programs including Social Security, foreclosure assistance, Washington, D.C. tours, passport issues and flag requests. Appointments are not necessary.



Welcome Councilman Brandon Duber

As a life-long resident of Orange Village, Mr. Duber will be bringing new ideas and a unique perspective to council. After college and a few years spent in Colorado Councilman-elect Duber returned to make his home in the community where he grew up (and his family still lives). Mr. Duber hopes his involvement will inspire more and younger residents to become involved with our community.



Dear Neighbor,

On the front cover of this newsletter, please see a listing of some of the accomplishments realized in 2011 on behalf of our community.

Looking ahead, Police Chief Christopher Kostura, Fire Chief Bruce White, Service Director Robert Zupan and all the Orange Village employees, public officials and professionals share my commitment to continue providing our residents with the best and most efficient municipal services achievable, while maintaining the fiscal stability and transparency to which we have become accustomed.

The 2010 census taught us that Orange Village has 3323 residents, of which 22.1% are under the age of 16 and 22.2% are over the age of 62. These statistics certainly reinforce our motto of being a "Community for all Generations."

The 92.6% owner-occupied residential units in Orange Village's 2010 census was a slight decrease from the 94.7% of owner-occupied residential units in the 2000 census. While our vacancy rates are not at the alarming rates of communities not far from us, we do detect a discernible trend downward in the condition of too many properties throughout the Village. I know many of you have noticed the same. One of our priority goals is to do everything we can to maintain and increase property values. Deteriorating homes in our beautiful neighborhoods are a community concern. In 2012 we will be examining this issue to determine if there are weaknesses in our code/legal authority or identify other municipal tools we can implement to counteract and reverse this trend.

A continuing high priority safety goal is the extension of waterlines throughout the Village to ensure our fire fighters an ever-ready and available water flow to more neighborhoods. We will be working closely with the Cleveland Water Department in 2012 as they install a City of Cleveland water line extension along Brainard Road and heading east on Harvard to loop with Orangewood. This will be done at no cost to the taxpayers of Orange Village. In addition to enhanced water flow in case of fire, this will also allow a significant number of residents to tie in voluntarily, subject to the payment of a tap-in fee. Further information will be provided to those affected residents as soon as it becomes available to us.

In 2012 we will be working closely with our owner's representative, Ronald Kluchin and architects, Bialosky & Partners, to develop a plan for the 10+ acres of property acquired earlier this year at the former church location. The creation of a design plan, renovation of the amphitheater, landscape enhancements around the perimeter, programming and retro-fitting of the interior in the existing building, construction of necessary storage structures, additional trail linkages and the creation of a resident friendly recycling center will certainly occupy the Service Department's efforts this year and for a number of years to come. We hope to get many residents involved in the process. First and foremost, we must identify a way to accomplish these goals in a fiscally prudent and manageable way. We will not construct the Service Center building until a funding source for the project is identified.

We will devote a lot of time and effort in 2012 participating in the County's landmark study of the cost savings/benefits of merging Orange Village with Pepper Pike, Moreland Hills and Woodmere. A full spectrum of possibilities will be considered and analyzed by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, under the direction of Planning Commissioner, Paul Alsenas, with the full involvement of Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald and his Director of Regional Collaboration Ed Jerse. Possible outcomes range from doing absolutely nothing different than what we are doing right now, to identifying opportunities for consolidations of services, to a full-blown vote by the residents to consider merging. No options have been selected or eliminated at this stage. Once the Planning Commission has completed the necessary interviews, gathered objective data, processed it into meaningful information, they will be sharing it with all of us in public forums and other avenues of communication. Your thoughts, questions, and/or suggestions will be very critical to a meaningful outcome.

As a result of the outcome of Orange Village Charter Amendment #85 which passed on November 8, 2011, I will be appointing a registered landscape architect to serve on our bi-monthly Planning & Zoning/Architectural Board of Review meetings on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays. Anyone interested in learning more about this position, and what the position requires, should feel free to contact me.

I hope 2012 will bring good health and much joy to your family. My family and I wish you and yours the very best for this holiday season...

Yours truly,

Kathy U. Mulcahy
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Mayor

Meet the Mayor
Wed. Jan. 11 - 7:00 pm
Tues. Feb. 21 - 6:30 pm

Winter Driving and Snow Removal

Tips for driving in the snow:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning - nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold braking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

For Your Safety -- Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

With winter coming we can rest assured we will have plenty of snow to remove from our driveways and parking lots. Please remember our Ordinance 725.02, when clearing your driveway and make sure any snow removal contractors you hire are registered with Village Hall.

725.02 PLACING SNOW OR DEBRIS NEAR FIRE HYDRANTS AND/OR ROADWAYS.

- (a) No person shall transport, snow plow or otherwise place snow, ice or other debris within seven feet of a fire hydrant to conceal or limit access to such hydrant.
- (b) No person shall transport, snow plow or otherwise place snow, ice or other debris upon the paved portion of any roadway.



Recycling Opportunities

Please Recycle Your Tree



Orange Village will collect your holiday trees separately from your trash/recycling. The trees will be recycled into wood chips. Please place your tree at the curb with the trunk facing the road on the dates listed below:

Tuesday, January 3rd

Monday, January 9th

Monday, January 23rd

Keep Recycling During the Holidays

The upcoming holiday season offers a great opportunity to improve our recycling efforts. Three (3) types of materials that are often overlooked during this time are boxes, bags and packing materials inside gifts and other retail purchases. Most of these packaging materials are recyclable. In particular, all cardboard is recyclable including shipping boxes and other boxes that often contain gifts (e.g.; clothing, toys, appliances, etc). Please be sure to break down and flatten all cardboard boxes. Packing peanuts can be recycled at your local UPS Store, please call first. Large packaging styrofoam from televisions and computers cannot be placed in your recycle container. You may deliver your large packaging styrofoam to Buckeye Industries in Eastlake, please contact Kent Coleman, Project Manager at 440-942-1605 for more information. With these tips in mind, we should increase our recycling during this season, thus lowering our community's disposal costs and improving the planet.



SENSIBLE SALTING PRACTICES

Orange Village will continue its sensible salting practices to ensure a cleaner environment. A brief reminder of the practices that have been followed in the past.

- * Limited salting during the late evening/early morning hours. During periods of snowfall between the hours of approximately 11:00 pm - 4:00 am the effectiveness of salting is minimal due to low traffic volumes. The Service Department will provide "passable roadways".
- * Limited salting during heavy snow events. During periods of 1" of snow or more per hour, salting will occur at intersections and stop signs, hills and curves.
- * Limited salting on secondary roads. Secondary roads will be plowed as often as possible, but will only be salted within 200 feet from each intersection and stop signs, hills and curves.
- * Use of brine. Orange Village will also use brine as a pre-treatment for the roads prior to a snow storm. The brine helps prevent snow and ice from bonding.

Orange Village will deviate from the guidelines to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. Please drive safely and slow down when visibility is low or roads are snowy or icy, accelerate and brake slowly and be cautious of bridges which can be icy even when the pavement appears to be clean and dry.

Every ton of paper that is recycled saves 17 trees.

Save a tree!

Sign up for Orange Village's informative bi-monthly e-news at www.orangevillage.com.



The energy we save when we recycle one glass bottle is enough to light a light bulb for four hours.



LOOKING OUT FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Many things can be said about an Ohio winter. In fact, your Fire Department has a lot to say as well. We would like to take a moment to offer some general fire safety tips that will help ensure the safety of your family and friends.

- ❖ If you live near an elderly or physically challenged resident, consider a plan that will have neighbors checking in on a daily basis especially during times of severe winter storms.
- ❖ Make sure you have working smoke detectors with fresh batteries on every level of the home. The fire department recommends dual sensor smoke detectors as they have been proven more effective.
- ❖ Install a carbon monoxide detector in your home, if you haven't already done so. In the winter months we see an increase in fossil fuel usage and carbon monoxide results from poorly vented heating systems and hot water tanks.
- ❖ Do NOT overload extension cords or wall outlets, this is often the case during the winter with holiday lighting.

Spring will be here before you know it. In the meantime...."Help us to Help You". Review these safety tips and have a Home Escape Plan. For information on any of these tips, or to request assistance with your Home Escape Plan, please contact Lieutenant Daniel Fritz at 440.498.4402.

Flood Protection Information

In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This program provides flood insurance at a reasonable cost in exchange for the careful management of flood prone areas by local communities. The Village of Orange participates in the NFIP; you can protect your home and contents through the NFIP.

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Orange Village participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. Flood insurance covers the building and its contents. Renters can insure their possessions. Everyone in the Village is eligible to purchase flood insurance. You do not have to live in the floodplain to qualify. Flood insurance covers all surface floods and can be purchased from a licensed insurance agent. The Federal Government backs this insurance.

There are two floodplains in the Village of Orange; a tributary to Tinker's Creek and Willey Creek. A detailed floodplain map is available at the Orange Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library. Fortunately, the Village has been spared from floods in recent history. This fact however should not make us complacent. Hydrologic studies indicate that under specific circumstances, the floodplain can and will someday flood. If you live in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged.

Do not accept statements from present owners, neighbors or sellers that a property in question has never been flooded. Investigate for yourself. The local library contains floodplain maps, instructions for interpreting these maps and flood protection publications. The Village Engineer, Service Department and Building Department can help you determine if your property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area and provide assistance for drainage problems on or near your property. For technical assistance such as identifying the causes and ways of preventing or stopping flood damage to your property, please call the Village Engineer at 216-731-6255.

Several of the Village's efforts depend on your cooperation and assistance. Here is how you can help:

- ❖ Do not dump or throw anything into ditches, streams and detention basins. Dumping in streams and ditches is a violation of local regulations; it should be reported to the

Orange Service Department or Village Engineer immediately. Even yard waste can block an existing watercourse resulting in flooding.

- ❖ If you live next to a ditch or stream, please help keep the banks clear of debris and heavy vegetation.
- ❖ All development in the floodplain, not just building construction, requires a permit. Before you buy or build in the floodplain, contact the Building Department for details. Contact the Building Department or Village Engineer if you suspect illegal development in the floodplain.

There are several ways to minimize flood damage to your home. Regarding your property so that water is directed away from structures is an example of one of these methods. The Building Department or Village Engineer can help you with this. Also, installing a plug or standpipe can help eliminate minor sewer backup. Overhead plumbing is also a method for eliminating sewer backup for more severe cases of flooding. More information about these methods and other flood proofing and retrofitting measures are available at the Orange branch of the Cuyahoga County Library.

FLOOD SAFETY AND EVACUATION TIPS

- ❖ Plan escape routes to higher ground.
- ❖ During heavy rainfall, monitor the level of water in drainage ways. Stay tuned to local radio and television for possible flood warnings.
- ❖ Evacuate the flood hazard areas in times of impending flood or when advised to do so by the Police or Fire Department.
- ❖ Do not attempt to cross a flooding stream on foot or by car.
- ❖ If your car stalls in high water, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground.
- ❖ Keep children away from flood water, ditches, culverts and storm drains.

IF A FLOOD THREATENS YOUR HOME, PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY BY:

- ❖ Open basement windows to let water in to equalize pressure.
- ❖ Move important or expensive items to a higher floor.
- ❖ Put small appliances in plastic bags and store in a high place.
- ❖ Remember to lock your house if you must evacuate.
- ❖ Turn off water, gas and electric at shut off points.

Register Emergency Contacts With the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Thinking ahead could save first responders valuable time. The 'Next of Kin Bill,' HB 392, signed into law in 2008, ensures each driver in the state of Ohio the ability to register 2 emergency contacts (with up to 3 telephone numbers each) through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles to be contacted in the event of an emergency. This is a very simple procedure

that takes less than 3 minutes to complete online. Log onto the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles' web site at www.ohioBMV.com and click on the bar that says 'View/edit your next of kin/emergency contact information' or you can sign up at any Ohio BMV office. This will ensure that your family is contacted in case of an emergency.

Helmet Smart Bicycle Winner

This summer AAA Traffic Safety and Education Department in conjunction with the Orange Village Police Department offered a AAA Helmet Smart Program. The program is designed to increase the awareness of helmet safety. While Orange Village officers were patrolling the Village to ensure the safety of our residents they were also looking for children wearing their helmets while riding their bike. Children were presented with a Safety Citation. The citation included bicycle safety tips, coupons, and an entry for a chance to win a new bicycle.

Patrolwoman Joyce Sherwood informed six year old Kaitlin that she was the winner of a brand new bicycle from Performance Bike Shop. We would like to thank David's Pizza Connection, who provided a coupon for a free pizza to children wearing a helmet. Orange Village will continue their partnership with AAA Traffic Safety and Education Department next year.



Congratulations, Kaitlin!

OFFICIAL NOTICE - ACTION REQUIRED REGISTER YOUR ALARM

As provided in Section 937.01 of the Orange Village Code, all residences and businesses having an alarm system must register their system with the Village annually. The purpose is to provide up-to-date information on whom to contact if your alarm sounds. A neatly typed or printed form must be submitted every year.

Registration takes place from now until January 31, 2012. You may complete the form on the back of this newsletter and return it to Orange Village Police Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. or mail to : "Alarm Registration" Orange Police Department, 4600 Lander Road, Orange Village, Ohio 44022.

The registration fee is \$5.00 if paid by January 31st. Thereafter the fee increases to \$15.00. Your cooperation in returning both the application and the payment in a timely fashion assists our staff in the proper handling of emergency alarm calls. If you have any questions, please call 440.498.4401.

REMINDER:

Your alarm company needs the following two numbers to report alarm drops to our dispatch center.

POLICE	440.247.7321
FIRE	440.247.7373

These are the only two numbers to be used to report alarm drops.



Orange Village Mayor, Council and Staff



*Wish you and
your family a
happy, healthy
holiday season*

ALARM REGISTRATION

Please Print Legibly or Type

TYPE OF PREMISE PROTECTED: ___ Home ___ Condo ___ Business

Name: _____

Address: _____ Orange Village, OH 44 _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

ALARM COMPANY: _____ PHONE: _____

Emergency Contact #1: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

This form MUST be filled out completely EACH year and returned with the appropriate fee.

For office use only

Date of Registration _____

Amount Paid _____ Cash/Check