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Orange Village

Community News

Winter 2015/2016



Orange Village Council Vacancy

Orange Village Council is accepting submissions for a Village Council seat vacancy due to the departure of Councilman Ken Alfred. Council is soliciting letters of interest and resumes from qualified residents interested in the appointment to this vacancy for the term lasting until the election in November of 2017.

To qualify for this position, the applicant must be a registered elector and a resident of Orange Village two continuous years before the appointment.

Ideal candidates should work well within a group environment, have a passion for continually improving the Village, have the ability to fairly evaluate and work on a variety of Village responsibilities, and make decisions that are in the best interest of our community and its' residents.

Submit resume and letter of interest to the Clerk of Council, Orange Village, 4600 Lander Road, Orange Village, Ohio 44022 or email to applications@orangevillage.com. Resumes and letters must be received by Friday, January 29, 2016 by 4:00 pm. Submissions received after that date and time will not be accepted. Interviews will be held February 9th at a time to be announced. If you have any questions, please contact Clerk of Council, Mary Catherine Knight at 440-287-5135.



2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ☆ For the first time, Orange Village has a full-time Building Commissioner (please see related article on page 2) which will increase service to our residents
- ☆ Passage of the Pinecrest Development Agreement and related legislation enabling the construction of this mixed-use project to commence and ensuring the highest quality outcome for the Village
- ☆ Renewal of the Orange Village Infrastructure levy for 10 years with over 85% voter approval
- ☆ Under direction of Lieutenant Nick DiCicco, our 911 Dispatch Center earned "Best in Nation" in technology for small agencies by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials Int'l. The Chagrin Valley Dispatch was also recognized as the 2nd best call center in the nation by 911DispatcherEdu.org
- ☆ Cleaning of 125 catch basins throughout the Village
- ☆ Removal of trees blighted by the Emerald Ash Bore disease and the replacement of approximately 125 trees
- ☆ Installation of a Dog Park in the community park
- ☆ Repaving of Waterford Court, Cambridge Court, Walnut Hills and Pike Drive parking lot
- ☆ Rejuvenation of Sterncrest and Lander Roads
- ☆ Installation of fire safety water main on Hidden Valley Road
- ☆ Sale of the old Village Hall property located at 4160 Lander Road
- ☆ Many successful community events, including the Salute, Halloween Party, Movie & Music at the Muni and Fire Department Open House
- ☆ Commencement of a more vigorous and rigorous property maintenance program
- ☆ Recipient of numerous awards and funding grants

Your Council Representatives

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**ADD YOUR NAME HERE
(SEE PAGE ONE FOR
DETAILS)**

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

Finance Meeting
1st Wed of each month
7:30 p.m.

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



Employee Spotlight

Ron Nied

Have an electrical, plumbing or heating question? How about your remodeling project? Orange Village's building department now has a full time Chief Building Official. Meet Ron Nied. Previously in Cleveland Heights and Beachwood, Mr. Nied has over 30 years experience as a building inspector. He possesses multiple certifications that are required by the State of Ohio.

A graduate of Shaw High School and Kent State University Ron is quite familiar with northeast Ohio and the unique character this area provides. He understands Orange Village's history and is aware of the pride and dedication its residents have in our special spot. Ron has been a resident in nearby Chesterland for 35 years. He married his high school sweetheart and enjoys time with his two grown children, wood working and beach volleyball.

Ron was especially attracted to the opportunity to be part of a unique building experience, Pinecrest. Ron has said that "Pinecrest is a one-of-a-kind experience and I look forward to working with the many top professionals and tradesmen involved in the construction. Pinecrest will put Orange Village on the map as one of the top class shopping and living areas between New York and Chicago."

Ron's vast experience in all types of commercial and residential construction will assure that everyone's project will be safe and code conforming. He enjoys working with people, advising them on their projects and adding insight into building related problems.

Ron is available in the building department daily and encourages everyone to contact him with any questions you may have regarding your home. He is a dedicated employee and works by his standard of:

Safe, Legal, Professional, Respectful

Councilman Ken Alfred is Moving On

Councilman Alfred is moving to New York City! Mr. Alfred will be joining his wife, Toby, who has taken a job with a financial service firm. Mr. Alfred was instrumental with the structuring of a proposed playground and the \$225 million mixed-use Pinecrest project. Mr. Alfred will be missed, but we wish him well on his future endeavors. We hope that he will come back to see the finalized Pinecrest project.

A Familiar Face

We welcome back Mary Catherine Bosley Knight as the new Orange Village Council Clerk. Mary Catherine has a long history with Orange Village. She grew up on Emery Road, graduated from Orange High School and worked at Orange Village Hall prior to getting married and starting a family. Council confirmed her appointment at its November 4th meeting. We welcome Mary Catherine back to the Orange Village staff.





Dear Neighbor,

This year flew by and another holiday season is already upon us. It is my sincere hope that the New Year will bring much happiness and good health to you and yours.

We are ending another productive year in Orange Village. The highlights listed on page one are but a small sampling of the accomplishments achieved in 2015 by our dedicated employee staff. But, we have already begun focusing on 2016 and making plans for another great year! Some of our goals for 2016 are:

- ❖ Introducing an updated website (we didn't quite get this finished in 2015)
- ❖ Installation of a new playground surface and equipment
- ❖ Ensuring that Pinecrest meets all the requirements outlined in the Development Agreement and delivers to our community a world-class, quality project we will be proud of
- ❖ Bringing the recently submitted Chagrin Highlands South Master Plan through our vetting and approval process. This Jacobs Group Project envisions a hotel, two restaurants and, ultimately, 400,000 square feet of Class A office space on property immediately east and adjacent to I271 on the south side of Harvard, as part of the Chagrin Highlands Development
- ❖ Reconstruction of Harvard Road
- ❖ Engineering and design work for the proposed all-purpose trails throughout the Village. (To commence construction in 2017)
- ❖ Improvements to the Community Garden (don't miss out – sign up for a plot early!)
- ❖ Update of the Orange Village Master Plan. This document was last prepared in 2007 and there have been significant changes in our Village since then. We will also need to review and update our sign ordinances to reflect changes due to court rulings
- ❖ Another bi-annual audit with an unqualified opinion

We continue to look for ways to engage our residents in the activities of our community. We want you to feel engaged and interested. Please sign up for e-news at www.orangevillage.com. Our bi-weekly newsletter is the easiest way to stay informed. We want you to know what we are doing on your behalf and invite you to become involved.

On behalf of the Orange Village staff, I wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season. I hope to see each one of you during 2016 at one of our many activities and events.

It is my genuine pleasure and privilege to serve as your mayor.

Yours truly

Kathy U. Mulcahy
Mayor

Meet the Mayor

Wed. Jan. 13th - 7:00 pm

Wed. Feb. 17th - 3:00 pm

Wed. March 9th - 7:00 pm

Winter Driving and Snow Removal, Things to remember

The following is a good reminder of how to properly drive in the snow as seen on the AAA webpage.

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 breaking. 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.



With winter coming we can rest assured we will have plenty of snow to remove from our driveways and parking lots. Please remember and obey our ordinance 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 (7) 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.

Child Car Seat Installation

The Orange Village Police Department offers car seat safety checks and installation by a Certified Car Seat Safety Technician by appointment only. Over 75% of child car seats have some error with installation that can put your child at risk. We will assist parents with car seat installation, problem car seats and proper use of the car seat. To schedule an installation, safety check or for more information, please contact the Orange Village Police Department at 440-498-4401.



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Recycling Opportunities

Holiday Tree and **Lights** Recycling

Orange Village Service Department will accept old or non-working holiday lights December 18th, January 8th and 15th at the Recycle Center, 4680 Lander Road from 7 am to 3 pm. They will also be collecting your natural holiday trees separately from your trash/recycling. The trees will be chipped. Please prepare your tree for collection by following these simple guidelines:



- * Place tree with trunk facing the road.
- * Remove lights, ornaments, tinsel and other trimmings from branches.
- * Remove tree stands, metal or wood.
- * Do not bag your tree.

Place your tree at the curb for collection on Monday, January 4th, 11th, 25th or Tuesday, January 19th.

Computer/E-scrap and Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 4
7:00 am to 3:00 pm
Orange Village Recycle Center
4680 Lander Road



Paper Shredding

Friday, February 12th, 9:00 am - noon

**Pepper Pike City Hall
28000 Shaker Blvd.**

Pepper Pike will provide Orange Village residents with an opportunity to have their sensitive documents professionally shredded. In collaboration with Pepper Pike and Landerwood Plaza, Orange Village residents will have at least seven opportunities to have their documents shredded throughout the year.



Snow Parking Ban



Orange Village would like to remind residents that there is a Village wide parking ban during snowstorms that exceed 2 inches. Code Section 351.03 states that no person shall stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the provisions of this Traffic Code, or while obeying the directions of a police officer or traffic control device. This allows for the Village crews to plow the streets safely and to maintain access for all emergency vehicles.

Village Hall Holiday Schedule

Christmas - Closed
Fri., December 25th



New Year's Day - Closed
Fri., January 1st



Martin Luther King Day - Closed
Mon., January 18th

No change in trash/recycling schedule.

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The members of the Orange Village Fire Department hope that you and your loved ones are enjoying the Holiday Season. Our gift to you this year is a few reminders that will help keep you and your family safe.



As of November 1st, 2015 there have been 102 fire related deaths in our state. In Ohio, electrical fires account for the majority of fires throughout the Holiday Season. Please remember that overloaded receptacles, use of worn electrical extension cords, use of worn holiday lights and continued use of outdated appliances can place your family at great risk.

Please remember that one should NEVER burn wrapping paper in the fireplace even though it seems to make sense when we are unwrapping gifts around the fire. Wrapping paper burns VERY hot and quickly and may lead to chimney fires as the built up creosote ignites.

SMOKE DETECTORS

We remind you often and hope that everyone has these in place. Unfortunately we still respond to homes that have outdated units (over 10 years old), units lacking batteries or, shockingly, no detectors at all. Protect your family by making sure you have a detector on every level of the home and in each bedroom. The Orange Village Fire Department recommends the use of photoelectric technology in your smoke detectors. Read the packaging or ask for assistance when selecting replacement units.

CARBON MONOXIDE

This odorless and colorless gas can cause your family to become sick or worse. Every home should have a Carbon Monoxide detector near the entry door from the garage, near the utility area and most importantly, in the common hallway of the bedrooms.

If you have any questions regarding smoke and carbon monoxide detector placement please call Assistant Chief Daniel Fritz at 440-715-3751.

Be safe and remember to "Help Us To Help You"!

BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS

With the holiday season most everyone is preoccupied in their thoughts. The house is cleaned and decorated. We are excited, hurried and looking forward to visits from family and friends. To make the holidays as safe as possible the building department would ask that you take a brief moment and check the following list:

- Are there smoke detectors installed and operating
- Are there carbon monoxide detectors installed and operating
- Are you using too many extension cords
- Are the cords old, brittle or worn
- Are the stairs free of obstacles
- Are flashlights ready
- Do you have an emergency escape plan and a common place to meet



These are just a few of the things that can be a life saver for you and yours.

When the snow comes, as it surely will, be mindful of those that may need a clear access to your door. Make sure your address is visible from the street. Check on elderly friends often. If you have a wood burning fireplace make sure you have the proper clearance to combustibles. Call us, we will be glad to let you know what those are or how to achieve them.

The building department now has a full time Chief Building Official, Ron Nied. If you have any questions regarding your home's maintenance or thoughts on a remodeling project feel free to contact him via email at niedr@orangevillage.com or by phone at 440-287-5133. He will be more than happy to give you advice or assistance.

Emergency and/or General Notifications

Orange Village contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED emergency notification service. We encourage you to sign up for emergency (highly recommended) and/or general notifications calls/texts/emails. Emergency information would include boiling alerts for water, gas leaks and any other incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential. General notifications will include reminders of paper shredding, Music at the Muni events, changes to trash schedules and other non-emergency items.



If you do not have access to a computer and would like to receive any of these notifications or if you are currently receiving notifications and wish to be removed from the non-emergency notifications, please contact Anna Girardi at 440-287-5131.

Please take the time to help us reach you in case of an emergency and to keep you informed.

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:

- ❖ If you live next to a ditch or stream, please help keep the banks clear of debris and heavy vegetation.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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. Regrading 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 DOING THE FOLLOWING:

- ♦ 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.

ALARM REGISTRATION - **FREE**

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.

For office use only

Date of Registration _____

Mail Completed

Form to:

Orange Village - PD
4600 Lander Road
Orange Village, OH
44022

By January 31, 2016

*Wishing you and your
family a happy
holiday season!*



OFFICIAL NOTICE - ACTION REQUIRED **REGISTER YOUR ALARM -- FREE**

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 typed or neatly printed form or online registration must be submitted every year.

Registration takes place from now until January 31, 2016. You may complete the form above 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 it to Alarm Registration, Orange Police Department, 4600 Lander Road, Orange Village, Ohio 44022. You may also register your alarm online at www.OrangeVillage.com.



We are no longer charging an annual fee for registration, but you should still register your alarm. 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.