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Orange Village

Community News

Winter 2016/2017



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- ☆ Orange Village was awarded a \$150,000 grant towards the replacement of our playground surface and the purchase and installation of new play equipment. Look for a new playground in the Orange Village community park in 2017.
- ☆ Under the leadership of Sergeant Mike Roberts, the Child Abduction Response Team (C.A.R.T.) was re-established in the Chagrin Valley with excellent results.
- ☆ Safety officers were trained and equipped with Narcan to counter the heroin epidemic in our region. Several officers were called upon to use it in 2016 with success.
- ☆ Safety officers were trained in Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) and emergency radio communications in 2016. This will enable our Chagrin Valley police departments to add an UAV unit to its operations.
- ☆ Orange Village Employee Manual has been updated and revised.
- ☆ All of the Orange Village departments worked co-operatively together and regionally in preparation for the successful RNC that took place in Cleveland in July, 2016. This was no small effort on everyone's part and we are so pleased it went so well and without incident.
- ☆ Saw increased participation in all of our community events.
- ☆ Employed 2 new Service Department employees, 1 new Building Department administrator, 4 new firefighters and 1 new police officer.
- ☆ Rolled out a new and improved Orange Village website. Updated and streamlined for easier use and to make it simpler for residents to find the information they need. New features were added to make access to community resources more convenient.
- ☆ Installed a new LED message board outside Village Hall to communicate with our residents.
- ☆ Earned an excellent report and an unqualified opinion on the State of Ohio's audit of our 2014 & 2015 financial reports.
- ☆ Negotiated a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement with our Police Union.
- ☆ Complete re-organization of our Building Department with new software, forms and procedures under the leadership of a full-time building official.
- ☆ The Pinecrest development began construction in 2016 and we continue to ensure it meets the standards and commitments established by our development agreement.
- ☆ The Jacobs Group has submitted its Chagrin Highlands Master Plan for the 77 acres on the South side of Harvard, adjacent to 1271. The approval process is almost completed for a hotel and two restaurants, which should begin in 2017. Eventually, the plans also call for Class A office space.

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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.



Council Spotlight

Councilwoman Lisa Perry

Lisa S. Perry has served as a Council person for 19 years. In those 19 years, she has chaired many committees and served as Council President and President Pro Tem. Mrs. Perry currently serves as Chair of the Finance Committee.

Lisa also works full time at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, University Hospitals as a Certified Child Life Specialist. There she helps children and families cope and manage with hospitalization, illness, and invasive procedures through developmentally appropriate preparation and coping skills. She has worked as a Child Life Specialist at Rainbow for over 22 years. Lisa currently works in a Hematology/Oncology division where the majority of her patients are dealing with cancer.

Lisa has been married to her high school sweetheart, Jeff, for 32 years. Both are Orange High School graduates. They have two children; Ashley, 28 years old, lives and works in New York City and Alex, 22 years old, currently living at home and working in Chagrin Falls.

You can often find Lisa walking the paths of the Orange Village Park, or tending her garden in the Orange Village Community Garden (more likely Jeff is there!).

2016 Highlights

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- ☆ Began a residential container rental program for our residents.
- ☆ Started a metal recycling drop off program.
- ☆ Resurfacing of Harvard Road and Hiram Trail.
- ☆ Storm sewer and culvert work on Smithfield Road and Pike Drive. Completed 3077 feet of ditching.
- ☆ Performed street repairs to Brainard, OrangeTree, HoneyBelle, Jackson Road, Jackson Drive, Orangedale, Sterncrest, S. Hilltop, Pike, Miles, Valencia, Beacon Hill and Murcott.
- ☆ Cracksealing performed on W. Ash, Walnut Hills, Sterncrest, S. Hilltop, Pike, Brainard, Lander, Chagrin and Orangedale Roads.
- ☆ Inspected 997 catch basins throughout the Village.
- ☆ Completed significant improvements to the Community Park.
- ☆ Installation of the Zak Levine Memorial Garden has added a tranquil amenity to the park.
- ☆ Our Fire Department had their busiest call volume year ever in 2016, yet, continued to handle each emergency with the care and courtesy we have always been provided.
- ☆ Orange Village Fire Department was selected to host a countywide mass disaster drill simulating a massive chemical leak on I-271. Our officers made us proud and demonstrated, once again, that our Orange Village Fire Department is equipped to handle both small and large scale mass.



Dear Neighbor,

Another year has flown rapidly by. It is my sincere hope that this New Year will bring much happiness and good health to you and yours.

The 2016 Highlights listed on page one are but a small sampling of the many accomplishments achieved by our dedicated and committed employee staff. We are already looking forward and planning for next year and are hoping to achieve the following goals on behalf of the Orange Village Community in 2017:

- ❖ Installation of a new fabulous playground for the next generations of Orange Village children.
- ❖ Be prepared and staffed for the opening of Pinecrest. This development will have a few tenants openings in late 2017 (and the balance in early 2018) Orange Village will be manning a satellite safety station on the premises. Our goal is to ensure delivery of a world-class, high-quality project that we can all be proud of.
- ❖ Reconstruction of Jackson Road.
- ❖ The commencement of the construction of all-purpose trails throughout the Village. In 2017, we will begin with the installation of paths on the west side of Lander and the north side of Harvard.
More specific information will be mailed to all residents whose property will be affected by this project.
- ❖ Installation of a pickle ball court at the Community Park. (Looking for interested players to organize team play....)
- ❖ Sale of the Village owned property located at 4170 Lander Road.
- ❖ Prepare specifications for a new fire engine.
- ❖ Continue seeking all grant opportunities to leverage our tax dollars.
- ❖ Completion of an updated Orange Village Master Plan (started in 2016) .
- ❖ Passage of a revised sign ordinance to comply with all recent court rulings and mandates.

Our goals, each and every day, are to maintain the highest possible property values of your homes in Orange Village and to ensure that the quality of life in our community is the very finest possible. We are dedicated to the well-being of our residents and welcome your feedback and suggestions.

We continue to look for ways to engage our residents in the activities of our community. We want you to feel involved and interested. Please sign up for Village e-news at www.orangevillage.com. Our bi-weekly newsletter is the easiest way to stay informed. I encourage you to sign up for Code Red calls as well. Details on this service can be found on page 11.

On behalf of the Orange Village staff, I wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season. I look forward to seeing each one of you sometime during 2017 at one of our many activities and events.

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

Sincerely,

Kathy U. Mulcahy
Mayor

Meet the Mayor

Wed. Jan. 11th - 7:00 pm

Wed. Feb. 8th - 7:00 pm

Tues. March 21st - 6:30 pm

FINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE

Dear Orange Village Resident:

It is a pleasure to provide the following financial report. It has remained a priority of this administration to communicate, openly and consistently, with Village residents about our financial status. Because we are committed to transparency of our municipal finances, we have included a report on current Village fund balances in this newsletter.

I want to thank Village Council and all of our department heads for their commitment to fiscal responsibility and conservative budgeting. This has allowed us to remain in solid fiscal condition.

I encourage you to review the information and feel free to contact my office with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

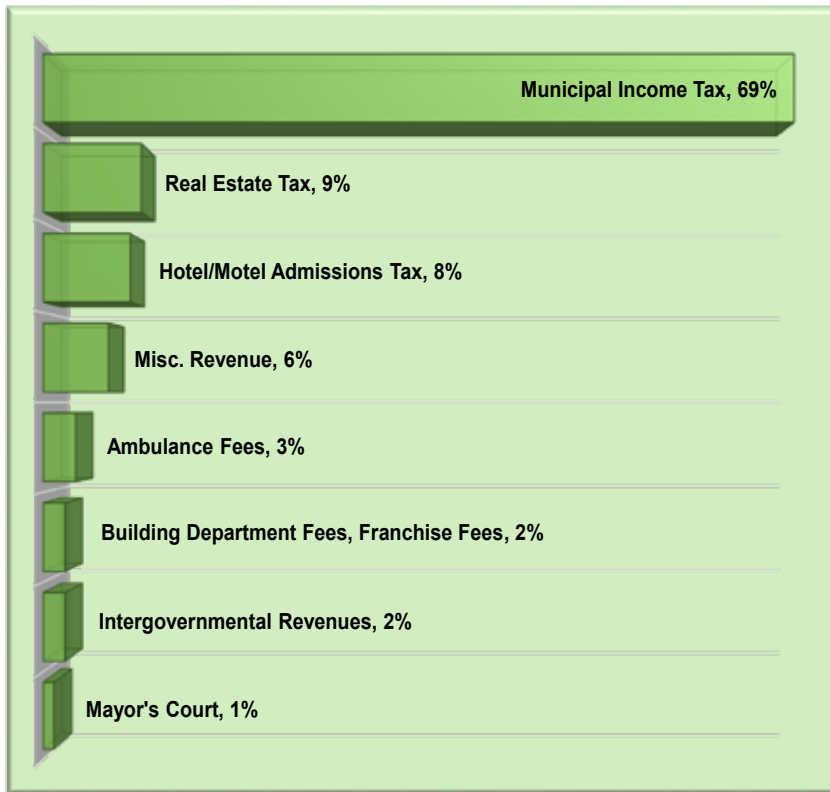


Kathy U. Mulcahy
Mayor

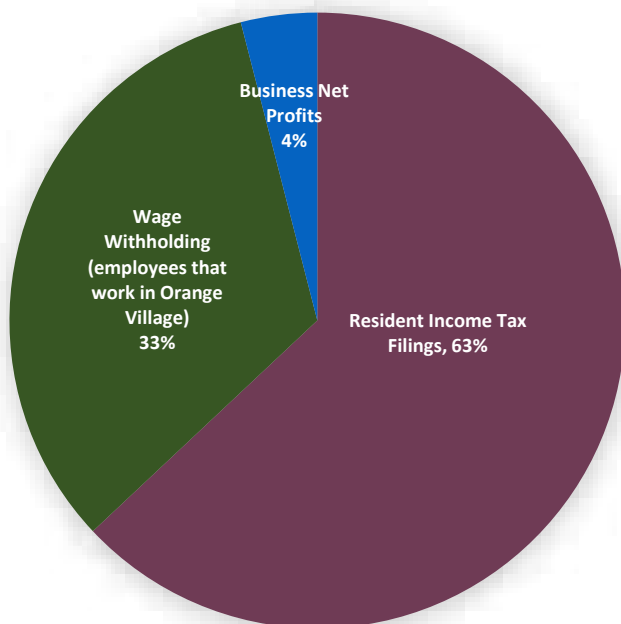
FUND BALANCE

	End Balance 12/31/15	Balances 10/31/16
General Fund	\$1,777,707	\$2,433,418
Street Maintenance/Repair Fund	\$15,273	\$76,230
State Highway Improvement Fund	\$65,342	\$70,910
Law Enforcement Trust Funds	\$51,338	\$40,048
Police Computer and Training Funds	\$5,604	\$9,231
Debt Service Fund	\$119,103	\$568,390
Capital Improvement Fund	\$212,204	\$196,404
Capital Equipment Fund	\$3,848	\$190,373
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$15,280	\$17,428
Infrastructure Levy Fund	\$539,060	\$719,439
Police Pension Fund	\$16,312	\$63,384
Trust and Agency Funds	\$341,604	\$307,246
TOTALS	\$3,162,675	\$4,692,501

2015 TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES



Income tax collections are the Village's primary source of revenue for all essential services. Every department within the Village relies on income tax collections for a major portion of their funding. Orange Village collects a 2.0% income tax on earned income within the Village, which is applied to gross salaries, wages, personal services, compensation and net income of for-profit organizations that conduct business in Orange Village. Orange Village residents are generally required to pay income taxes on income they earn outside the Village, but are given a 60% credit for income taxes paid to the municipality(s) in which they work up to a limit of 1.5%.



**Sources of Municipal
Income Taxes
Received in 2015 = \$3,766,482**

**63% - Residential Income Tax
Filings**

**33% - Wage Withholding (from
people who work in Orange
Village)**

4% - Business Net Profits

Distribution of Orange Village Property Tax

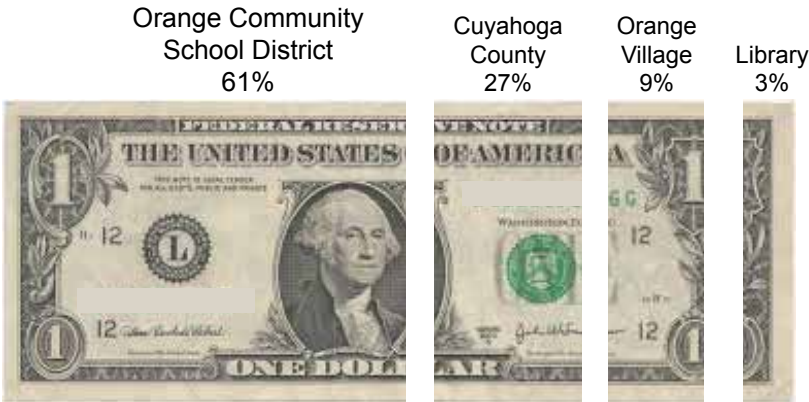
A fundamental difference between Orange Village and the Orange School District is the main funding source used by each entity for operating purposes. Orange Village relies primarily on income tax revenues. Orange Schools relies mostly on property taxes. However, property taxes are still a vital component of Orange Village’s funding sources.

Property tax in Orange Village is based on the County-assessed value of all parcels of land within each taxing district. The assessment of value is administered by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer. The County Fiscal Officer determines an assessed value, which is 35% of the appraised market value for each parcel.

The value is updated every three years based on the average price that surrounding or similar properties sold for within the previous three-year period. Every six years, the County Auditor revisits all properties to re-appraise the value of each piece of land based on any building additions or major improvements. The last re-appraisal of property values occurred in 2015.

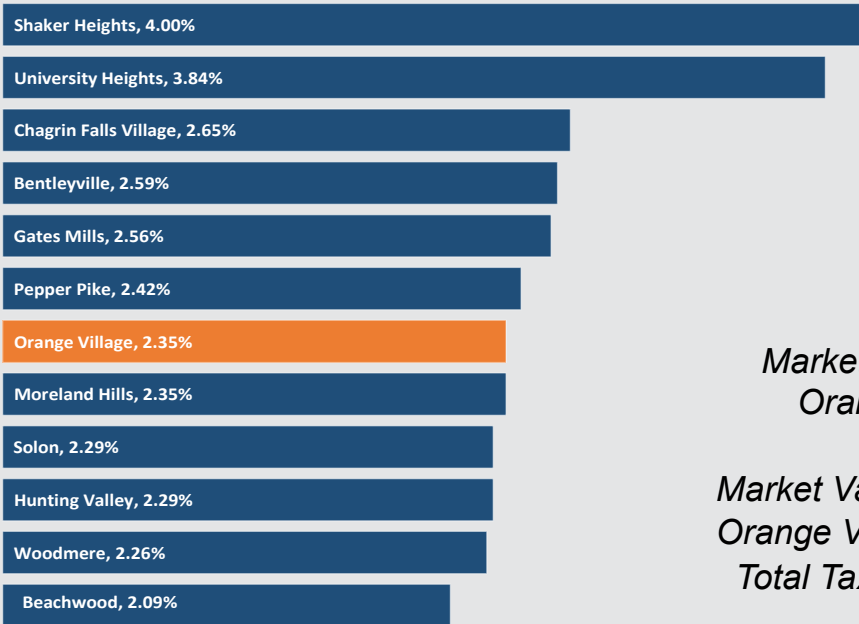
**DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR
REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLARS
PAID IN 2015**

*Real estate tax collected by
Orange Village and placed into
the general fund in 2015
\$507,814.*



COMPARISON OF RESIDENTIAL TAX RATES

Calculated as a % of market value



An Orange Village homeowner will pay 2.35% of the market or appraised value of their home for property taxes. The property tax is calculated by multiplying the market value of the property by the tax rate.

Market Value of Property

Orange Village Tax Rate

Total Tax Due for 2015

= \$300,000

= 2.35%

\$300,000

x 2.35%

\$7,050.

GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY 2015

Wages and Benefits, 65%

Operating Services, 19%

Utilities/Communications, 5%

Trash/Recycling, 4%

Tax Collection Expense, 3%

Capital Equipment, 2%

Professional Services, 2%

GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT 2015

Police Department, 33%

**Administration*
Council, 27%**

Fire Department, 15%

Service Department, 13%

Building Department, 4%

Trash/Recycling, 4%

Capital Equipment, 2%

Buildings & Land , 2%

*Administration includes: Treasurer's Office, Mayor's Office, Engineer, I. T., Law Department, Audit and Tax Collection Expenses and Property Insurance

MEET THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department is staffed with 2 full time employees headed by Treasurer, David Bloom.

The staff receives and records all monies paid to the Village, pays all Village bills, prepares paychecks and payroll reports. The department records and reports on all Village finances.

As Tax Administrator, Mitch Adell serves as a liaison between our resident and the Regional Income Tax Agency, as needed, to resolve any tax-related issues.

Cathy Kups handles all human resource, accounts receivable and accounts payable issues.



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NEW ADDITION TO THE PARK!

Orange Village was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks grant. We will replace the existing 25 year old play area and surface, located in the park at 4600 Lander Road, with a new and improved play structure that is handicap accessible and a poured-in-place rubberized surface. We also plan to construct a new section for the swings that includes two PlayShare swings which allows adults and children to swing together.



This project would not be possible without the assistance of the many residents who contributed to this project from several different committees and provided their input. The Service Department hopes to begin site work in early spring. We are waiting for final approval of funding from the Ohio Controlling Board before the project can begin.

DON'T BE A VICTIM - PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST CRIMES

There have been several reports of carjackings and break-ins in the adjacent areas. The Orange Village Police Department would like to offer some suggestions to help keep you safe:

Protect your home

- ♥ If you have an alarm system, USE IT (even at night).
- ♥ Lock your doors and windows when home or away. (Don't forget rear sliding doors, take a strong dowel, steel bar or two-by-four and slide it into the back groove.)
- ♥ Remove keys from the ignition of your vehicles (cars in the garage too).
- ♥ Use perimeter lighting (motion lights).
- ♥ Prepare for vacation. Stop mail and newspapers, contact the police department for a vacation watch. Alert neighbors you trust about your trip and ask that they keep an eye on your property during that time. Do not post your vacation plans on social media.
- ♥ Be observant!

Protect Yourself from a Carjacking

- ♥ In traffic, look around for possible avenues of escape. Keep some distance between you and the vehicle in front so you can maneuver easily if necessary--about one-half of your vehicle's length. (You should always be able to see the rear tires of the vehicle in front of you.)
- ♥ When stopped, use your rear and side view mirrors to stay aware of your surroundings. Also keep your doors locked and windows up. This increases your safety and makes it more difficult for an attacker to surprise you.

- ♥ Keep a pen and paper in your car to be able to write down the vehicle color, make, model and license plate.

Accidents are one ruse used by attackers to control a victim. Below are common attack plans:

The Bump—The attacker bumps the victim's vehicle from behind. The victim gets out to assess the damage and exchange information. The victim's vehicle is taken.

Good Samaritan—The attacker(s) stage what appears to be an accident. They may simulate an injury. The victim stops to assist, and the vehicle is taken.

The Ruse—The vehicle behind the victim flashes its lights or the driver waves to get the victim's attention. The attacker tries to indicate that there is a problem with the victim's car. The victim pulls over and the vehicle is taken.

The Trap—Carjackers use surveillance to follow the victim home. When the victim pulls into his or her driveway, the attacker pulls up behind and blocks the victim's car.

Pull over only when you reach a safe public place. Think before stopping to assist in an accident. It may be safer to call and report the location, number of cars involved, and any injuries you observed.

With a little effort, observation, and team work, we can reduce the instances of successful burglaries and carjackings and increase our chances of apprehension at the same time.

NO CALL IS A "BOTHER" TO YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT! CALL 911

Recycling Opportunities

Holiday Tree and **Lights** Recycling

Orange Village Service Department will accept old or non-working holiday lights January 6th and 13th 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. 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 9th, 23rd or Tuesday, January 3rd or 17th.

Computer/E-scrap and Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3
7:00 am to 3:00 pm
Orange Village Recycle Center
4680 Lander Road



Paper Shredding

Friday, February 10th, 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, Orange Village residents will have several additional opportunities to have their documents shredded throughout the year. There is a 5 bag/box limit. This is for **residential** shredding only.



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
Mon., December 26th



New Year's Day - Closed
Mon. January 2nd



Martin Luther King Day - Closed
Mon., January 16th

No Change in Trash/Recycling Schedule.

Fire Department Winter Safety Tips

The Orange Village Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to remind our residents of a few Winter Safety Tips. "Help Us To Help You" has been our motto for several years now. Please take this opportunity to discuss the tips below with all members in your home.

- 1) As storms roll in and heavy snow and ice become a reality, it is a great time to remind children (and adults) that ALL DOWNED WIRES should be considered deadly. Never approach a downed line even if you suspect it is a phone line or cable TV line. Remember that if a tree has fallen there is a decent chance it may also be entangled with live wires. Basic rule.....stay away and don't touch.
- 2) Our Village has many small ponds, medium ponds and small lakes. Just take a peek with Google Earth and see how many are within walking distance to your property. Remind children to NEVER walk on ANY ice unless a parent has determined such action is safe. We suggest that you do not allow children on the ice at any time. Note where ponds are fed and understand that this area has water movement and, even with thick ice elsewhere on the pond, ice may be very thin at these locations.
- 3) Overloaded extension cords may have recently contributed to a house fire in our area. NEVER run extension cords underneath carpeting. Never overload the cords. Throw away (never tape) old extension cords. The use of candles can also be attributed to many house fires each year. Never leave a candle in an unoccupied room.
- 4) Lastly, be a good neighbor. If we are experiencing a bad storm or lengthy stretch of sub zero weather please check in with elderly neighbors and those who are physically challenged.



STAIRWAY SAFETY

With the cold and snowy season upon us there are a few precautions one can take to make it through safely. Stairways should become a point of focus. The number one cause of injury in a home occurs on stairways. Improper lighting, loose handrails, clutter left on steps and of course slipping on snow and ice covered exterior stairs are the primary reasons.

To help alleviate these sources of disaster, perform maintenance and be observant of potential problems:

- ✧ Assure proper lighting and replace burned out light bulbs
- ✧ Tighten loose handrails
- ✧ Keep items off steps at all times

The building code for stairways has changed in the last few years and an older home's stairway may not be installed with the added safety required by today's standards. Especially for little children, spindle spacing and guardrail height can be a safety hazard.

from the Building Department

The new standards are a maximum 4 inch opening between spindles and a minimum 36 inch height for the top guardrail above the finished floor. Many older homes currently have 6 inch opening between spindles and 34 inch height for the guardrail above the finished floor.



When the snow comes, as it surely will, be mindful of those that may need a clear access to your door and make sure your address is visible from the street.

These are just a few of the things that can be a life saver.

If you have any questions regarding your home's maintenance or thoughts on a remodeling project feel free to contact Chief Building Official, Ron Nied via email at niedr@orangevillage.com or call 440-287-5133.

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 (happened recently), 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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN UP

The Orange Community Garden has been a haven for gardeners for the past 7 years. The garden currently has 51 raised beds and a social area with picnic tables and benches thanks to the Orange Village Service Department. The garden flourished this year due to fellow gardeners assisting one another and offering informative monthly garden meetings. The Garden is currently part of the OSU Extension program which provides gardening education and answers to your gardening questions. We also have a resident gardener that is a certified horticulturist who is always willing to lend a hand. While gardening is certainly a commitment, the reward is worth the effort. Plot rental is \$25 per year with a deposit of \$75 that will be returned to you after your garden is cleaned. Sign up dates have changed, please see the chart below:



<u>Existing Orange Village resident gardener</u>	<u>January 1 – January 13, 2017</u>
<u>New gardener who is an Orange Village resident</u>	<u>January 14 – February 3, 2017</u>
<u>Request for second plot - Orange Village resident</u>	<u>February 4 – February 17, 2017</u>
<u>Non-Orange Village residents</u>	<u>February 18 – March 3, 2017</u>

Registration forms can found on our website at www.orangevillage.com. Please contact Anna Girardi at 440-287-5131 for further information.

FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE BRANCH LIBRARY

The Friends of the Orange Branch Library is one of the reasons we have enjoyed many of the wonderful services and programs the library offers. Their mission is to support and provide the highest quality library service to the Orange School District Communities.

The Friends sponsor so many wonderful events including: College and Test Prep programs

- ☆ Youth STEM programs
- ☆ Author visits
- ☆ Used book sales with all proceeds supporting the Orange Library

The Friends welcome you to attend one of their monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 am at the Orange library to learn more.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of the Orange Library, your nominal membership dues go a long way to ensure continued success of the library. Membership envelopes are available at the Orange Library, 31975 Chagrin Boulevard, Pepper Pike or call 216-831-4282.

A Community for all Generations...



4600 Lander Road
Orange Village, OH 44022

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CLEVELAND, OH
PERMIT NO. 498

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY 911

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY (440) 498-4401

FIRE NON-EMERGENCY (440) 498-4402

Police Response
(440) 247-7321
After Hours

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Wed. Jan. 11 - 7:00 pm
Wed. Feb. 8 - 7:00 pm
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Village Hall
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Finance Meetings
1st Wed of each month
7:30 pm

Service Department
4680 Lander Road
Phone: (440) 498-4403

Council Meetings
1st & 2nd
Wed of each month
8:00 pm

Website:
www.orangevillage.com

Planning and Zoning
1st & 3rd
Tues of each month
7:30 pm

*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, 2017. You may complete the form on-line at www.orangevillage.com or stop by the Orange Village Police Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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.