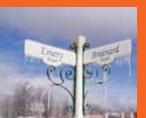


Orange Village Community News Winter 2017/2018









2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- ☆ Completion and opening of a new playground in the Orange Village Community Park. This project was the culmination of effort by many residents, council members and staff. Our Service Department did the installation. We also utilized a \$150,000 grant from Ohio Department of Natural Resources Natureworks to help reduce the cost. The playground has been heavily used and well received since its opening. The rebuilt playground also includes a new water fountain, waste stations, pathways, outhouse building and retaining wall.
- ☆ Reconstruction of Jackson Road between Brainard Road and the Moreland Hills border.
- ☆ Street repairs to Brainard, Orange Meadow, OrangeTree, Honeybelle, Pike, Jackson Drive, Smithfield, Miles, Beacon Hill, Capitol Hill, Murcott, East Orange Hill, Nob Hill and West Ash roads. Additionally, crack sealing was applied to Lander, Miles, Brainard and Emery Roads.
- ☆ Inspections and repairs, as needed, to 997 catch basins throughout the Village.
- ☆ The Fire Department spent many hours researching a new fire engine which will be purchased and put into service in 2018. The cost is in excess of \$460,000, this new fire truck will serve our community for the next 20 25 years.
- ☆ A complete update and rewrite of the Village Employee Handbook.

- ☆ In 2017, we initiated a residential container rental program for our residents. 17 containers were used by our residents during its first year.
- ☆ Completed a joint purchase with Moreland Hills of a mini excavator for use by both communities.
- ☆ Replacement of the Police Department fleet of vehicles.
- Addition of a new full-time police officer and replacement of retiring employee in the Service Department. Continued training and skill enhancement of employees in every department.
- ☆ We had a VERY busy year in the Building Department. In addition to a new building commissioner, Bob McLaughlin, permits, contractor registration and inspection numbers were way up for 2017. As of Nov, 2017 we have issued 548 permits vs. 328 in all of 2016, 263 Contractor Registrations vs. 163 in 2016 and made 800 inspections vs. 469 in 2016.
- All of our departments have been extremely busy with the continued construction at Pinecrest. We have been working diligently to make sure it will be ready to open in May, 2018. This effort has required many hours of plan review, inspections, meetings and attention to all the activity and construction taking place.

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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 6:30 p.m.

Council Spotlight Councilman Scott Bilsky

Scott and his wife Amy have lived in Orange Village since 2004. They are the proud parents of 2 sons who attend the Orange Schools.

After graduating from Hawken School, Scott graduated from Miami University with a degree in Accountancy.

He is Executive Vice President and partner at SimTax where he has worked for 20 years. SimTax is an accounting firm which specializes in procuring Work Opportunity Tax Credits (WOTC) for employers. Scott frequently spends time in Washington D.C. lobbying for the continuation and expansion of the WOTC program.

Volunteering and giving back to the community are important to both Scott and Amy. Scott is a member of the Orange Village Finance Committee. He serves on the Executive Committee at Fairmount Temple where he is the Chair of the Budget Committee. Scott was on the YLD Board of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland for 9 years and was Class Agent at Hawken School for many years.

Amy is very active at the Orange Schools where she currently serves as President of the Elementary and Middle School PTA.

Scott is a huge sports fan and has passed this on to his boys. He has been coaching his kids' baseball, soccer and flag football teams for many years. Scott plays softball during the summer, and he spends his free time in the winter practicing baseball as he gets ready for his annual trip to Cleveland Indians Fantasy Camp.

Scott and his family spend quite a bit of time at Progressive Field and they are hoping 2018 is finally the year the Indians will end their championship drought and win it all!

2017 Accomplishments (continued from front page)

- ☆ Our community events were well attended, including the Salute to Orange, Music @ the Muni, Movies @ the Amphitheater and the Fire Department Open House/Halloween Fun Fest.
- ☆ Our Village Engineer and Service Director have worked diligently to plan, design and work with residents to prepare for the installation of Recreational Trails throughout much of the Village. This has been an ongoing effort to make sure we kept affected residents involved and will have the best trail system possible throughout our community.
- ☆ We experienced increase usage of the Village Facebook pages.
- ☆ Completed a Development Agreement for the Chagrin Highlands South project on Harvard Road.
- ☆ New landscaping installation in the front of Village Hall.
- ☆ Removal of dead trees and replacement in the park and throughout the Village.

These are just a few of the many highlights in 2017, in addition to the routine and ongoing services provided by all of our departments.



Dear Neighbor,

Another year has flown rapidly by. As you can see from prior pages, our dedicated employees have accomplished a great deal on behalf of our community in 2017. Yet, much remains to be done and we look forward to achieving many of the following goals in 2018.

- ❖ The successful opening of Pinecrest in spring, 2018. This will require a lot of new responsibilities for our staff and we will be ready for it. We are doing everything we can to ensure a smooth transition for this fantastic addition to our Village.
- ❖ Opening and staffing of a satellite safety station being built for us in Pinecrest. The Village will have two stations to better serve our community.
- Hiring of another full-time police officer and additional fire fighters.
- The construction of Chagrin Highlands South will begin in 2018. Currently planned for this development is: an extension of Orange Place south of Harvard; a Drury hotel and two restaurants, including Cooper's Hawk Winery.
- The completion and opening of a Pickle Ball Court in the park.
- Creation of a 5 year capital improvement plan for the update and maintenance of our aging Village Hall. This will include a review of the facility's usage to accommodate growing needs of our various departments.
- ❖ The introduction, rollout and education of the residents for the new "Your 911" application.
- Construction of recreational trails on the main roads throughout the Village.
- Our bi-annual audit of Village finances will be performed in 2018. We expect another clean, unqualified opinion in the auditor's report.
- ❖ Of course, we will perform all routine and necessary maintenance on the Village's infrastructure. In spring, 2018, we will review all roads to see which project(s) will be priority for next year.
- ❖ Acquisition of a brand new \$460,000 fire truck to serve us for 20 25 more years.

I would like to remind everyone, again, to sign up for Village enews at www.orangevillage.com so we may communicate with you on a bi-monthly basis and keep you up to date on Village activities throughout the year.

On behalf of the employees of Orange Village, we wish you a safe and joyous holiday season. It is my sincere hope that the New Year will bring much happiness and good health to you and yours.

Yours truly,

Kathy U. Mulcahy

Mayor

Meet the Mayor

Wed. Jan. 10th - 7:00 pm Tues. Feb. 6th - 6:00 pm Wed. March 14th - 7:00 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

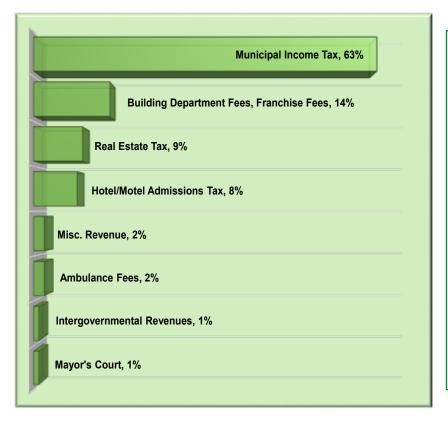
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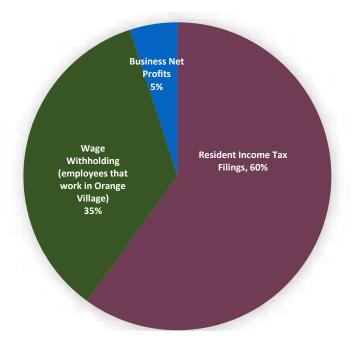
FUND BALANCE

	End Balance 12/31/16	Balances 10/31/17
General Fund	\$2,336,792	\$2,500,887
Street Maintenance/Repair Fund	\$101,249	\$124,108
State Highway Improvement Fund	\$72,998	\$74,656
Law Enforcement Trust Funds	\$40,000	\$42,803
Police Computer and Training Funds	\$9,381	\$14,795
Debt Service Fund	\$147,915	\$593,674
Capital Improvement Fund	\$200,369	\$47,454
Capital Equipment Fund	\$189,672	\$234,242
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$17,428	\$20,180
Infrastructure Levy Fund	\$426,132	\$411,969
Police Pension Fund	\$22,912	\$62,355
Trust and Agency Funds	\$236,016	\$343,538
TOTALS	\$3,800,864	\$4,470,661

2016 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 2016 = \$3,963,698

60% - Residential Income Tax Filings

35% - Wage Withholding (from people who work in Orange Village)

5% - 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 2016

Real estate tax collected by Orange Village and placed into the general fund in 2016 \$570,105.

Orange Community School District 61%



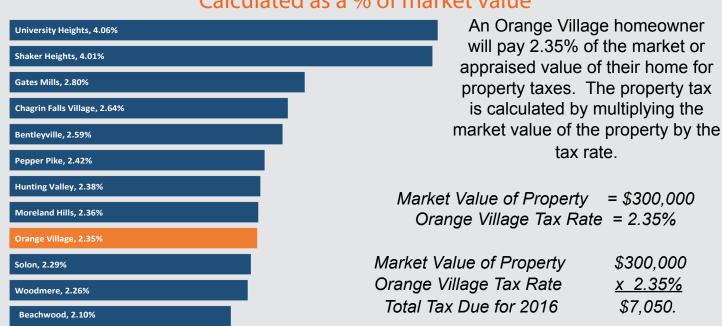
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Orange
Village Library
9% 3%

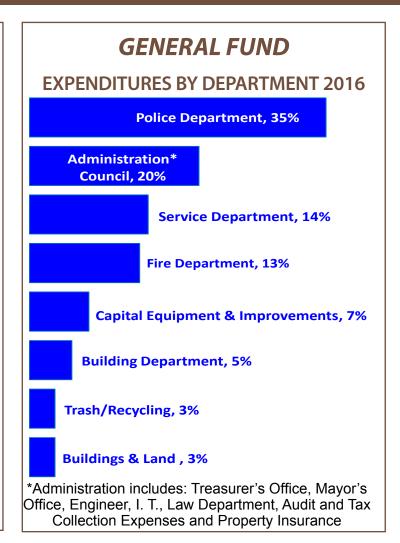


COMPARISON OF RESIDENTIAL TAX RATES Calculated as a % of market value



EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY 2016 Wages and Benefits, 65% Operating Services, 17% Capital Equipment, 6% Utilities/Communications, 4% Trash/Recycling, 3% Tax Collection Expense, 3% Professional Services, 2%



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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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.

Winter Driving Tips

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.

http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/driving-advice/winter-driving-tips/#.Wh3JztKnGos

Recycling Opportunities

Holiday Tree and Lights Recycling

Orange Village Service Department will accept old or non-working holiday lights December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 and January 5 and 12 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 8, 22 or Tuesday, January 2 or 16.

Computer/E-scrap and Household Hazardous Waste Collections

7:00 am to 3:00 pm
Orange Village Recycle Center
4680 Lander Road

Paper Shredding Friday, February 23rd, 9:00 am - noon Pepper Pike City Hall 28000 Shaker Blvd.

There is a 5 bag/ box limit. This is for residential shredding only.



PLACEMENT OF SNOW AND DEBRIS

With winter coming we can rest assured we will have plenty of snow to remove from our driveways and parking lots. Please remember to obey our ordinance concerning placement of snow and debris. Also 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.



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 25th Trash/Recycling will be picked up **Tues., December 26**th



New Year's Day - Closed Mon. January 1st Trash/Recycling will be picked up Tues., January 2nd



Martin Luther King Day - Closed

Mon., January 15th

Trash/Recycling will not be

affected

COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN UP

The Orange Community Garden has been a haven for gardeners for the past 8 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. 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. Please sign up according to the dates listed below:

Existing Orange Village resident gardener	<u> January 1 – January 12, 2018</u>
New gardener who is an Orange Village resident	January 15 – February 2, 2018
Request for second plot - Orange Village resident	February 5 – February 16, 2018
Non-Orange Village residents	February 18 – March 5, 2018

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

"HELP US TO HELP YOU" CPR SAVES LIVES....

The Orange Village Fire Department, in partnership with University Hospitals, will be hosting our last CPR class for 2017 on Sunday, December 17th beginning at 9:00 am. This is a "FAMILY AND FRIENDS" course and is for anyone interested in attaining this life saving skill. This course is NOT a certification course and is recommended for family members ages 12 and up. The course will be approximately 3-4 hours.



Seating is limited, please contact Lieutenant Eric Strauss via email at strausse@orangevillage.com or 440.287.5074

Tips for using less road salt at home while keeping pathways safe

- ** Shovel and follow application directions. The more snow and ice you remove manually during a snowstorm instead of waiting until the end, the less salt or chemical de-icer you will have to use and the more effective it will be when you do use it.

 Less is more. Save your back and reduce chemical application by evaluating where you need snow removed. Do you need access to every door or the entire patio? Consider paths versus full snow removal of an area.
- # 15°F is too cold for salt to melt snow. Most salts stop working at or below 15°F. An alternate is to use small amounts of sand for traction instead, but remember that sand does not melt ice and too much sand can become sediment pollution if it washes into streams or storm drains.
- * Sweep up extra. If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away into your local streams through a storm drain or ditch system.
- Pet Safety. Even if the de-icer says it's safe for pets look at the ingredients! Calcium and magnesium chloride can burn their paws. Use potassium acetate (hard to find, so ask to create demand) or just use sand. And when you take your animals on a walk, cover their feet and/or wash them off after a walk.

Recreational Trail Update

Orange Village is moving forward with plans for recreational trails. Preliminary plans are available at Village Hall and online at www.Orangevillage.com for affected residents to see where the trails are being proposed. The locations were also marked in paint so residents could see the placement of the trails on their property. The locations were selected based on individual meetings that were held with residents over the last year. Presenting the preliminary plans allowed for additional feedback and for residents to ask any final questions before the plans move to final design.

There is still plenty of work to be completed. The Village engineer has begun work on the final detailed drawings. This includes necessary drainage improvement, culvert extensions, driveways and easement preparation. Easement documents will be prepared and mailed to each resident for signature. Once the easements are returned, plans can be advertised for construction.

Completion of the plans and advertising for bids is targeted for late winter. This would allow for construction to begin in 2018. The Village staff appreciates the cooperation we have received from the residents. We will continue to move the project forward and keep residents updated with the progress through the website and future newsletters. It is an exciting time as we look forward to the construction of a project that has been in the making for many years.



Your 911 App

Orange Village will be launching a new safety app for smart phone users called 'Your 911'.



This new service will offer improvements when reporting an emergency situation via cell phones and a new ability to contact local government with non-emergency situations or concerns. Look for future information concerning this new technology. This new service has other features that may eventually replace our current Code Red alerting system, but, that is still not yet determined. You will receive a separate mailer about YOUR 911 in the near future.

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, 2018. You may complete the form on-line at www.orangevillage.com, mail the form below or stop by the Orange Village Police Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There is no 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 number to report alarm drops to our dispatch center.

POLICE and FIRE 440-247-7321

Wishing You and Your Family a Happy Holiday Season!



Mail Completed

Form to:

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ALARM REGISTRATION

Please Print Legibly

TYPE OF PREMISE PRO	TECTED: Home Co		Orange Village, OH
			44022
Address:	Orange Villag	e, OH 44	By January 31, 2018
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 to Orange Village Police Department

For office use only Date of Registration_____