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# Orange Village

## Community News

Winter 2019/2020



## 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- ☆ Placed our new state-of-the art fire pumper truck into service. Manufactured by Rosenbauer America out of South Dakota, our fire department worked two years to design, build and receive this vehicle to serve the residents of Orange Village
- ☆ Received grants and donations totaling over \$170,000 These helped fund items ranging from thermal imaging equipment, bullet proof vests for our safety forces, our annual recycling calendar, maintenance material for road repairs, LED interior light upgrades, upgrade to the current HVAC control system, and 750 newly planted trees
- ☆ Renovated the remaining portion of the service department annex (the old church building formerly known as St. Margaret's of Hungary) to house our certified building department. This allowed their former space at village hall to be converted to much needed space for our police department
- ☆ Initiated a drop off program for approved disposal of American flags. More information can be found in the recycling calendar (in October)
- ☆ Held a successful new event – Touch-a-Truck which many residents attended and enjoyed
- ☆ Hired three new fire fighters and two new police officers
- ☆ Replaced all Village street signs with new green High Intensity Prismatic signs. Held an on-line auction for residents to purchase the old street signs. We still have a few signs left for purchase for \$10 each, please contact Anna Girardi at 440-498-4400 if you would like to purchase a sign
- ☆ Held another successful community wide garage sale. The third annual community garage sale will be held on June 27 and 28, 2020
- ☆ Performed road work throughout the Village, inspected 1,076 catch basins. shredded 24,000 lbs. of paper and delivered 1,002 yards of leaf compost to our residents
- ☆ The banning of plastic bags at point of sale was enacted in Orange Village. Our ordinance was the first of its kind passed in the State of Ohio, the rest of the county and world will catch on soon (we hope)
- ☆ Continued construction of recreational trails (it is great to see residents already using them). The balance of the trail network will be completed in 2020
- ☆ 2019 was a productive year for the Orange Village Safety Forces as we staffed a satellite safety center at Pinecrest. It is an honor to serve this award winning development.

# Council Spotlight

## ***Frances Kluter***



Frances has been a resident of Orange Village for 45 years and has been a councilwoman since 1987. Frances is a freelance writer and instructor for the Rose Institute of Lifelong Learning. She is a teacher of creative memoir writing for Beachwood seniors and the Hazak group of B'nai Jeshurun. Frances is a member of the Cleveland Museum of Art and a strong supporter of the Cleveland Orchestra. She is the mother of two adult sons, who graduated from Orange High School, and grandmother to Sadie and Celia.

Frances began her council career at a time of turmoil in Orange Village and helped guide the community to calmer times. Ms. Kluter's desire has always been to leave Orange Village a wonderful community for the next generation. She has succeeded.

Frances never forgot the people she represented. Always concerned for the health, safety and welfare of the residents, Frances served as chair of the safety committee for 10 years. To that goal, Frances organized a town hall meeting with the American Cancer Society, Susan Komen organization and University hospitals. A cancer survivor, Frances wanted Orange Village residents to have access to the most current resources and information. A contribution of \$10,000 to The Gathering Place was made possible through a fundraising memorial run, organized by her.

Frances spearheaded initiatives like: plowing for senior citizens, mandatory bicycle helmets for children under 16 and requiring reflective gear for pedestrians from dusk to dawn. As a founding member of an activist group formed in the 1980's known as POOV, (Preservation of Orange Village) Frances has consistently advocated for the Village's goals of preservation and sustainability by supporting the plastic ban ordinance, recycling programs and paper shredding to name a few.

Ms. Kluter leaves behind more than three decades of hard work and dedication on behalf of our community. Along with the many fellow councilpersons with whom she has served throughout the years, Frances has seen and supported so many of the changes and improvements which make our community a great place to live. Quite an impressive legacy, indeed!

## **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 notification 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, community events, changes to trash schedules and other non-emergency items.



Sign up on-line at [www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com), 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.

# Council Spotlight

## Herb Braverman



Herb has been a Councilman in Orange Village since 1987 when he was appointed to fill an unexpired term of a departing councilman and has been re-elected ever since. Herb has a B.S. in economics from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. Herb has been practicing law in Northeast Ohio since 1972 and concentrates in the areas of estate planning, probate administration and probate litigation and now has an interest in elder law and senior benefits. Herb has been a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel since 1996 and was selected by his peers in the Cleveland Estate Planning Council as the "Planner of the Year" in 2006. Herb has been named as one of the best lawyers in Ohio many times.

Mr. Braverman is a proud veteran and served our country as a Captain in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era.

During his tenure, Herb held numerous committee assignments for Council, including serving multiple terms as President and as a representative on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Herb remembers, and takes pride in, assisting with the move into the current Village Hall from its former location in a small house on Lander Road. His input with the planning of our infrastructure levy is vital to the on-going maintenance of our roads and infrastructure. He is especially fond of the community garden that he introduced nine years ago which has been a huge success.

Mr. Braverman supported the development of our community park and all of its enhancements throughout the years, including the sledding hill, ball fields, dog park and playground. Herb was an advocate for the purchase of the St. Margaret of Hungary Church property and consolidating our municipal facilities on one campus.

Herb is active in the broader community as well and has served on committees and/or Boards of the MetroHealth Foundation, Leukemia Society, The Diamond Club of University Hospitals (a past Chairman), The Agnon School, B'nai Jeshurun Congregation and The Wharton Club of Cleveland (past President).

Herb has lived in Orangetown since 1983, where he raised two children, Becca and Benjamin. In his spare time (what spare time?), Herb is an avid reader and is an active volunteer at the Veterans Administration.

Herb's service on council has certainly advanced the Village in a positive direction.

## Village Hall Holiday Schedule

Christmas - Closed  
Wed., December 25<sup>th</sup>

Trash/Recycling will  
not be affected



New Year's Day - Closed  
Wed., January 1<sup>st</sup>

Trash/Recycling will  
not be affected



Martin Luther King Day - Closed  
Mon., January 20<sup>th</sup>

Trash/Recycling will  
not be affected



Dear Neighbor,

Another very productive year in Orange Village has come to an end. The accomplishments listed on the front cover, and so many left unlisted, are due to the efforts and dedication of our village employees. They work hard on behalf of our community and are already planning ahead for 2020:

- ◆ We will be working toward permanently preserving approximately 56 acres. This effort is described in detail on pages 4 and 5. This is a very ambitious goal and we/I welcome any suggestions to help realize this plan.
- ◆ The Village will be planning, designing, and constructing a permanent restroom facility in the park by the playground.
- ◆ A new celebration is planned for June 14, 2020. We plan to incorporate the new recreational trails into a "Party in the Park" event. We hope everyone will ride their bicycles, walk, or jog to the park on the trails. This will be a fun event for everyone. Save the Date!
- ◆ We will assess our facilities to determine what areas need updating and/or renovating. Our "new" village hall is 26 years old already!

#### **Pinecrest named best new mixed-use development in North America**

CONGRATULATIONS to Pinecrest, developed by Fairmount Properties and the DiGeronimo Cos., who took the gold in the New Developments category at the International Council of Shopping Centers' CenterBuild conference. The ICSC Design and Development Award honors excellence in innovation and creativity in the North American retail real estate industry, focusing on renovations and expansions, new developments and store design. This is an honor all of us in the Village can be very proud of as well.

#### **64 years of combined service**

I have worked with retiring council persons Herb Braverman and Frances Kluter during their many years of dedicated service and wish them well in their retirement... they will be missed. They have passed the baton to our new council persons, Brent Silver, Staci Vincent and Pradip Kamat. I look forward to working with them in the future.

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

Sincerely,

Kathy U. Mulcahy, Mayor

#### **ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL ALARM REGISTRATION - DISCONTINUED**









Residents no longer have to register their alarm system with Orange Village. Please make sure your alarm company has the phone number to our dispatch center for any police or fire emergencies. If there is an alarm drop your alarm company will contact dispatch and provide them with all of your information. It is very important to notify your alarm company of any changes to your information or call list.

**PHONE NUMBER TO PROVIDE TO YOUR ALARM COMPANY  
ALL EMERGENCIES: 440-247-7321**



## THINKING OF REMODELING

The Heritage Home Program may be able to help! Orange Village has continued its partnership with the Heritage Home Program in order to offer this assistance to our residents. If your home is at least 50 years old you can take advantage of the following services from the Heritage Home Program FREE:

-  Site visits from a construction specialist to review your home improvement projects and to answer home repair and maintenance questions
-  Recommendations on maintenance, repair, rehab, additions, and modernizations
-  Information on local contractors
-  Review of contractor bids and estimates
-  Advice on energy efficiency methods
-  Guidance on materials, supplies, and resources
-  Color consults for exterior painting
-  Low interest loan - fixed-interest rates available as low as 1.4%



Ask their old house experts for help! Visit their website at [www.heritagehomeprogram.org](http://www.heritagehomeprogram.org) or call (216) 426-3116 to speak to a Heritage professional.



### ORANGE VILLAGE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAS A NEW ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER

4680 Lander Road  
Orange Village, OH 44022  
440-498-4405

## NEXT TIME YOU REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE OR RENEW YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

### Register a communication disability

Any person with a communication disability (impairment to receive, send, process or comprehend concepts or verbal, nonverbal or graphic symbols ranging from PTSD to autism) who regularly drives or rides as a passenger may voluntarily submit a verification form identifying their drivers license or license plate number as having a person in the vehicle with a communication disability. The information is available to state and local law enforcement officers through the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS). This will allow law enforcement officers notification of the disability prior to making a traffic stop.

Registration for the database is voluntary. A section of the form must also be completed by a licensed physician, psychiatrist or psychologist prior to its submission to the BMV.

### Next of Kin

You may add two emergency contacts to your Bureau of Motor Vehicles record for use by law enforcement. There is no fee to add contact information to your record. Minors under age 18 must have a parent or legal guardian as their primary contact. Those age 18 and older may list anyone as a primary contact. Contact information is stored in a secure database accessible only by the Ohio BMV and law enforcement.



You can provide your information in person at the registrars office, online at [www.bmv.ohio.gov](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov) or by mail.

## EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE GREENSPACE IN ORANGE VILLAGE

In 2014, the Village conducted a community survey to gain input from all residents about a variety of topics. Survey results are summarized in *The Village of Orange Community Survey Results Report* available on the Village's website. Through this survey, residents demonstrated support for hiking trails in addition to keeping, expanding and maintaining greenspaces in the Village.

### Working with multiple partners

The Village is working with multiple local partners to acquire and permanently protect approximately 56 acres of forest and high quality wetlands near the intersection of Harvard and Brainard Roads. The property would become a Village park and provide public access. Preservation of the land will also protect sensitive wetland areas that currently provide habitat for native plants, birds and other animal species.

In addition to permanently protecting the land from future development, this project will also include site improvements such as the treatment of invasive plant species and demolition of existing structures and associated site cleanup. Future phases of site improvements will include park amenities, development of new trails, and connection to existing trails within the Village.

This opportunity has support from Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners, Cleveland Metroparks, Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the Trust for Public Lands.

### Why should we protect this land?

The project site features habitat types uncommon for Cuyahoga County, such as upland forest with unique pit-and-mound topography, high quality wetlands and vernal pools, and boggy depressions with sphagnum mosses and plant species typical of northern climates. Predominant tree species in the overstory include red oak, tulip poplar, red maple, and black cherry. Other tree species include cucumber magnolia and shagbark hickory. The understory includes a variety of wetland plant species such as sedges, buttonbush, royal fern, ostrich fern, cinnamon fern, and swamp dewberry (Continued on page 7).



## PRESERVE GREENSPACE (Continued from Page 6)

The project site is located along the drainage divide between the Chagrin River and Tinker's Creek watersheds. The land drains to Wiley Creek, a coldwater tributary to the Chagrin River and Hawthorne Creek, a tributary to Tinker's Creek. The forested areas and wetlands at the project site are currently providing multiple benefits to the Chagrin River and Tinker's Creek watersheds and downstream communities. In addition to providing habitat for a variety of plant and animal species, this project will also protect the natural stormwater management benefits of the wetlands at the site. These wetland areas capture, soak in, and slowly release stormwater, which helps reduce stormwater impacts such as flooding, streambank erosion and water quality challenges.

### Fundraising efforts

The total estimated cost for permanent protection of the land and site improvements is \$4,652,078. To raise these funds, the Village nominated the project to the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program in October 2019. If awarded, this grant program would provide \$1,200,000, or about 26% of the total project cost. Local matching funds for the grant request are being provided through a bargain sale by the current landowners in addition to other sources secured by the Village. The Village is also submitting a State Capital Budget request in the amount of \$1,000,000. However, additional fundraising is needed to secure the necessary funds required to complete the project.

### How Can You Help?

- If you have a relationship with any Ohio state legislators, you can help by lobbying them for inclusion of this project in the State Capital Budget.
- You can support these efforts by spreading the word about this important project and your desires for publicly accessible greenspace within the Village.
- You can spread the word about the need for additional resources to complete this project. Please contact Mayor Mulcahy, if you have any fundraising suggestions.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN UP

The Orange Community Garden has been a haven for gardeners for the past nine years. The garden currently has 53 raised beds and a social area with picnic tables and benches. The garden flourished again this year due to fellow gardeners assisting one another and offering informative monthly garden meetings. While gardening is certainly a commitment, the reward is worth the effort. Plot rental is \$25 per year plus a deposit of \$75 that will be returned to you after your garden is cleaned. Please sign up according to the dates listed below:

<u>Existing Orange Village resident gardener</u>	<u>January 2 – January 22, 2020</u>
<u>New gardener who is an Orange Village resident</u>	<u>January 23 – February 12, 2020</u>
<u>Existing non-resident gardener</u>	<u>February 13 - February 26, 2020</u>
<u>Request for second plot - Orange Village resident</u>	<u>February 27 – March 18, 2020</u>
<u>Non-Orange Village resident</u>	<u>Beginning March 19, 2020</u>

Registration forms can be found on our website at [www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com). Please contact Anna Girardi at 440-287-5131 for further information.



# FINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE

Dear Orange Village Resident:

It is a pleasure to provide the following financial report on the Village's current fund cash balances and year end analysis. We are committed to transparency of our municipal finances and it has remained a priority of this administration to communicate openly and regularly with Village residents about our financial status.

Moody's Investors Services, a national credit rating agency, annually reviews the Village's financial information. This year's report states that the "Village has a robust financial position", the "economy and tax base of the Village are very healthy overall" and the Village "has a low debt burden that is a credit strength".

We 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 sound fiscal condition.

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

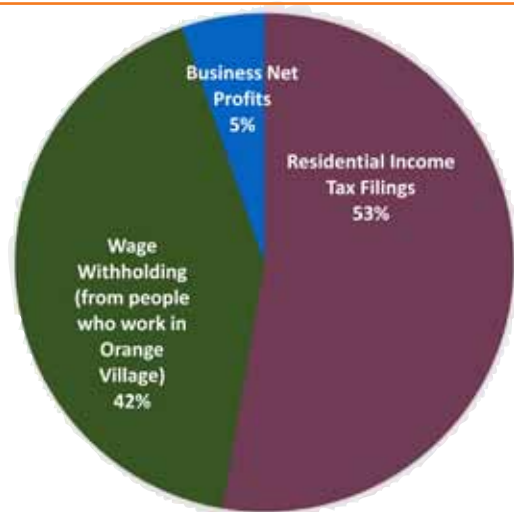
Sincerely,

*Kathy U. Mulcahy*  
Kathy U. Mulcahy, Mayor

*Dana J. Kavander*  
Dana J. Kavander, Treasurer

## FUND CASH BALANCE

	End Balance 12/31/18	Balances 10/31/19
General Fund	\$2,189,306	\$4,615,911
Street Maintenance/Repair Fund	\$205,456	\$233,189
State Highway Improvement Fund	\$79,731	\$71,543
Law Enforcement Trust Funds	\$36,167	\$34,562
Police Computer and Training Funds	\$14,642	\$12,736
Debt Service Fund	\$264,553	\$720,832
Capital Improvement Fund	\$5,253,693	\$2,417,195
Capital Equipment Fund	\$271,418	\$36,598
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$84,743	\$86,193
Infrastructure Levy Fund	\$666,644	\$879,586
Police Pension Fund	\$26,177	\$4,251
Trust and Agency Funds	\$548,102	\$529,606
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$9,640,632</b>	<b>\$9,642,202</b>



## Sources of Municipal Income Taxes

**Total Received in 2018 = \$4,346,738**

**53% - Residential Income Tax Filings**

**42% - Wage Withholding  
(from people who work in Orange Village)**

**5% - Business Net Profits**



# FINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE

## 2018 TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES

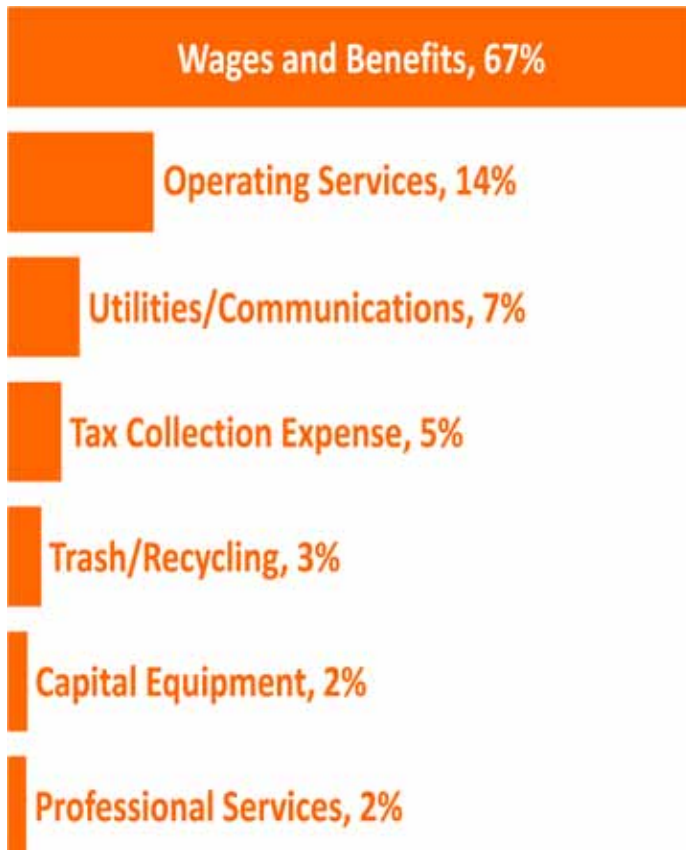
Income tax collections are the Village's primary source of revenue for all essential services. Every department within the Village relies on income tax collections for a major portion of their funding. Orange Village collects a 2.0% income tax on earned income within the Village which is applied to gross salaries, personal services, compensation and net income of for-profit organizations that conduct business in Orange Village. Orange Village residents are required to pay income taxes on income they earn outside the Village, but are given a 60% credit (up to a limit of 1.5%) for income taxes paid to the municipality(s) in which they work. These rates have remained the same since 1983.



## 2018 TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

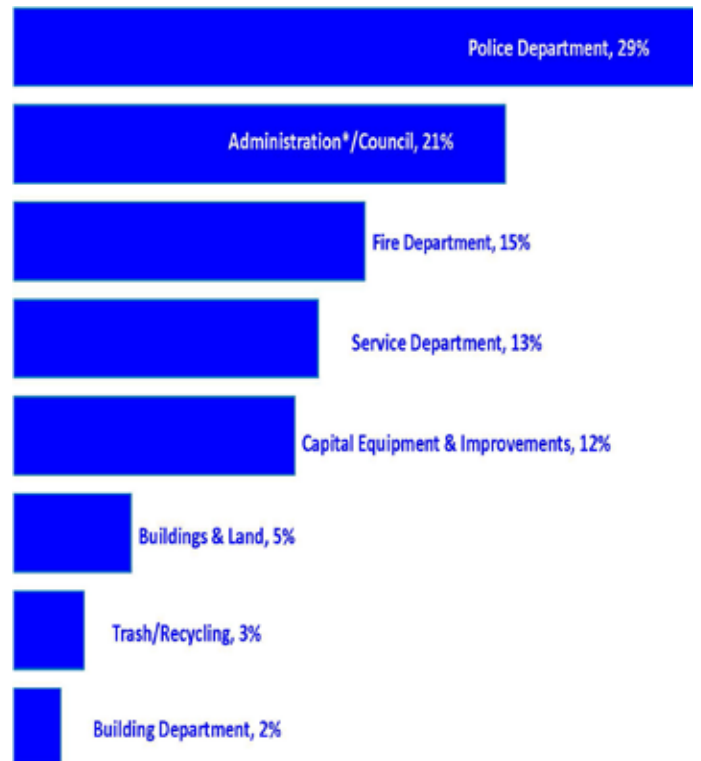
### GENERAL FUND

#### EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY 2018



### GENERAL FUND

#### EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT 2018



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

## Distribution of Your Real Estate Taxes

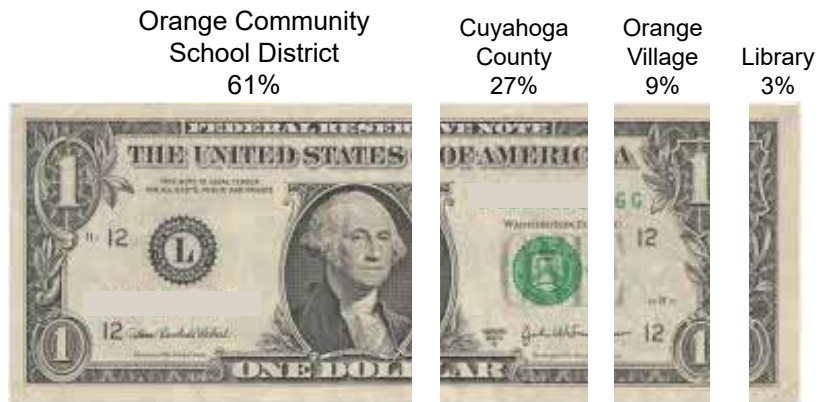
A fundamental difference between Orange Village and the Orange School District is the main funding source used by each entity for operating purposes. Orange Village relies primarily on income tax revenues. Orange Schools rely mostly on property taxes. However, property taxes are still a vital component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

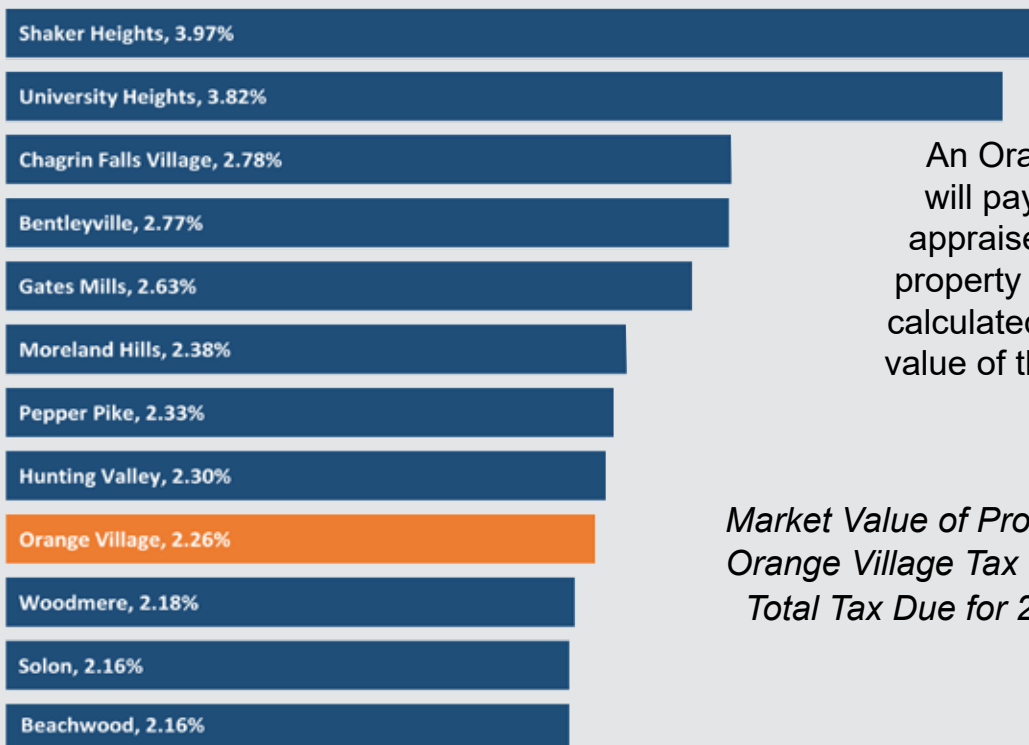
The value is updated every three years based on the average price that surrounding or similar properties sold for within the previous three-year period. Every six years, the County Auditor revisits all properties to re-appraise the value of each piece of land based on any building additions or major improvements. The last re-appraisal of property values occurred in 2018.

### DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLARS PAID IN 2018

*Real estate tax collected by  
Orange Village and placed into  
the General Fund in 2018  
\$519,525.25.*



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



An Orange Village homeowner will pay 2.26% 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	\$300,000
Orange Village Tax Rate	x 2.26%
Total Tax Due for 2018	\$6,780

# Recycling Opportunities

## Holiday Tree and *Lights* Recycling

Orange Village Service Department will accept old or non-working holiday lights December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019 and January 3 and 10, 2020 at the Recycle Center, 4680 Lander Road from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

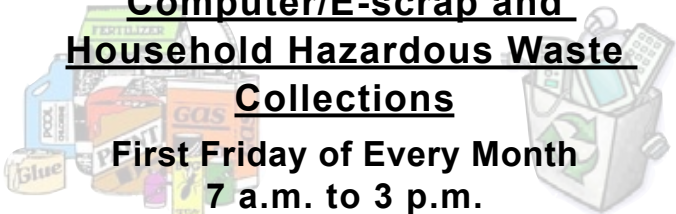


Place your tree at the curb for collection on the following Mondays; January 6, 13, 27 or Tuesday, January 21. Guidelines for placement of your tree can be found in our 2020 Recycling calendar.

### Computer/E-scrap and Household Hazardous Waste Collections

**First Friday of Every Month  
7 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Orange Village Recycle Center  
4680 Lander Road**



### Paper Shredding

**Friday, February 21, 9 a.m. - noon\***

**Orange Service Department  
4680 Lander Road**

There is a 5 bag/box limit.

This is for **residential** shredding only.

\*or until the truck is full.



## PLACEMENT OF SNOW AND DEBRIS

Please remember to obey our ordinance concerning placement of snow and debris. Also make sure snow removal contractors you hire are registered with Village Hall. **For the safety of all, do not place snow on the recreational trails.**

### 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.



## ORDER YOUR LEAF HUMUS BEGINNING MARCH 2, 2020

The leaves that were collected in the fall are composted by the service department. Composting is nature's way of recycling, and is the controlled decomposition of the leaves.

The leaf humus is delivered to your home free of charge, at the end of May. Requests are honored in the order they are received, while supplies last. One load is approximately 6 yards but you may also order 1/2 load. If you request more than 1 load, you will receive the additional loads once everyone has received their first load.



To place your order, please complete the form on-line at [www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com) or contact Village Hall at 440-498-4400. Please keep in mind that our vehicles cannot go off driveways and we cannot dump under trees or power lines.



# Happy Holidays!

*Mayor Kathy Mulcahy,  
Council and Staff would like  
to wish you and your family  
a wonderful Holiday Season  
and a Happy and  
Healthy New Year.*



## Census 2020

### ***The Census is Coming!***

Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau is responsible for conducting the nationwide census. The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.

Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. The results also determine how many seats in Congress each state gets.

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. This will be the first year you will have three options for responding:

- Online.
- By phone.
- By mail.

United States<sup>®</sup>  
**Census 2020**  
2020census.gov

### ***Earn Extra Income!***

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people to assist with the 2020 Census count. Join them and help shape the future of your community.

While the next census will be taken in 2020, the Census Bureau is already recruiting to fill important temporary positions. Census Takers' work schedules are flexible. Some temporary positions require work during the day, while others require evening and weekend work.

If you're interested in a job, please visit the Census Bureau job site (2020census.gov/jobs) where you will be able to view job descriptions and frequently asked questions.

### **Meet the Mayor**

**Wed. Jan. 8 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Wed. Feb. 12 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Wed. March 11 - 7:00 p.m.**

### **Council Meeting**

1st & 2nd Wed of each month  
7:30 p.m.

### **Finance Meeting**

1st Wed of each month  
7:00 pm

### **Planning and Zoning**

1st & 3rd Tues of each month  
6:30 p.m.  
at the Building Department  
4680 Lander Road

#### **Scott Bilsky**

3947 West Meadow Lane  
440-473-0999  
bilskys@orangevillage.com

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3929 East Ash Lane  
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3959 Orangewood Drive  
216-831-3959  
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### **Your Council Representatives**

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