

# Orange Village

## Community News

*Winter/Spring 2021*

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## 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- ☆ Reviewed and updated all policies in the police department. Received the highest accreditation from the Ohio Collaborative Police Standards
- ☆ Orange Village residents disposed of 95.6 pounds of old solid medications.
- ☆ Received grants totaling over \$81,000. These helped fund training for fire department personnel as well as items ranging from N100 respirators, filters, our annual recycling calendar, BearSaver recycle/trash containers, maintenance material for road repairs, and HVAC equipment for the police department
- ☆ Renovated the police department and portions of the municipal center with new flooring, paint, bath vanity and aerial photo in the Wooddell room
- ☆ Completed the planting of 750 trees received from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant
- ☆ Numerous park improvements were made including the installation of electricity to the playground area in anticipation of the new restroom facility, replacement of backstops on the ball fields and repaved 90% of the park trails
- ☆ The building department completed 900 code inspections, issued 500 permits (19 for new homes) and registered 425 contractors
- ☆ Collected 2064.25 yards of leaves in 2019 which resulted in the delivery of 1026 yards of leaf compost
- ☆ Designed and maintained a COVID-19 resource website for residents and businesses
- ☆ Provided weekly electronic newsletters (Enews) or CodeRed phone notifications to residents providing Orange Village residents with COVID-19 updates
- ☆ Implemented an Orange CARES call program (a staff member will contact residents that are on the list once or twice a week during a time specified to check in on them) and volunteer program during the pandemic which we plan to continue
- ☆ Recognized members of the Senior Class of 2020 from both high school and college by displaying their name and picture on our electronic sign. A specific time was provided to each student if they wanted to take pictures next to the sign
- ☆ The finance department transitioned to a new software program while providing information for our biannual audit amid a pandemic
- ☆ Received over \$283,000 in funding for items related to the Coronavirus from CARES ACT funding and county relief funding
- ☆ An Orange For the Holidays Coupon book was created which provided savings for Orange Village residents while allowing residents to support our local businesses
- ☆ Constructed 7.65 miles of recreational trails.

## Your Council Representatives

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### Council/Work Session/Special Meeting

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

### Finance Meeting

1st Wed  
of each month  
6:30 p.m.\*

### Planning and Zoning

1st & 3rd Tues  
of each month  
6:30 p.m.

\*Currently all meetings  
are being held via  
Zoom.



## Employee Spotlight

### Cathy Kups

Cathy Kups has worked for Orange Village Finance Department for the past 13 years, most recently in the capacity of Assistant Treasurer. She is responsible for the accounts payable and receivable functions of the department. Cathy is also the Human Resource and Payroll Administrator for the Village employees. She makes sure that our employees are taken care of and is readily available to address any concerns or issues they may have. She takes pride in her work and truly enjoys working for Orange Village.

Cathy began her career as a part time teller for Huntington Bank and worked her way through the ranks to become one of their bank auditors. The skills she learned in that role have helped mold her into a very thorough and detailed employee.

Cathy was born and raised in White Lake, Michigan. Her family still resides there and she visits whenever she can. Cathy resides in Mayfield Heights and has 2 sons. Jake, 21, is currently attending Cleveland State University and studying post production/film editing. Eric is 19, a recent graduate of Mayfield Heights High School and is currently working full-time at the Rustic Grill and hoping to become a chef in the future.

## 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.



## 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.

## Storm vs. Sanitary Sewers

Spring is coming and so is the rain. Before the spring storms arrive, please take a moment and review the sewer information from our service department. The information, with pictures, can be found on our website ([www.orangevillage.com/service-department](http://www.orangevillage.com/service-department)). The goal is to assist residents and homeowners by informing them of the differences between storm and sanitary sewer systems as well as septic systems and how they work. You will also find information concerning where responsibility lies for different types of issues and who to contact when/if a problem occurs.



Photo courtesy of City of Barborton



Dear Neighbor,

What a year! For me, 2020 was a year of much anxiety and uncertainty. Navigating through was very tricky at times. As far as Orange Village is concerned, every single department was touched, to some degree, by the insidious spread of COVID-19 through our community. Yet, the delivery of essential services to our residents were never impacted or delayed in any way. We are very proud of that accomplishment in 2020. I want to extend my gratitude to all the employees for their extra concern and dedication to the residents of Orange Village.

Special gratitude to Administrative Assistant Anna Girardi and Fire Chief Bob Wilson who stayed abreast of all the voluminous, sometimes conflicting and constantly changing COVID-19 information on behalf of Orange Village. Anna maintained our COVID-19 Resource page and prepared timely and relevant bi-weekly electronic newsletters (e-news) during this ongoing crisis. Chief Wilson managed the guidance for our staff and orchestrated our internal preparation and supply management. Of course, the pandemic put additional duties and responsibilities on each of our staff members who gave us their all. We pray that our residents were spared the worst of this pandemic. I am confident, and hopeful, we will see improvement and some semblance of “normalcy” as early as the third quarter of 2021.

In any event, 2021 will be a productive year for our community. Our goals for this year include:

- ♦ The construction of a permanent restroom facility in our park near the playground.
- ♦ To review our facilities for future modifications. Our “new” village hall is 26 years old already!! Some of the needs and sizes of our departments may require updates to continue to provide the highest level of service, now and into the future.
- ♦ While it is hard to predict how/when the economy will recover and what that means to development in the Village, we are aware of some projects that are beginning to surface for our consideration. You will be kept up to date as any plans progress. We will continue towards achieving our goal of preserving at least 50 acres of the environmentally significant land near the intersection of Harvard and Brainard Roads.
- ♦ Finalizing this round of construction of recreational trails throughout the village for our \$5,000,000 roll out of trails, courtesy of Pinecrest. I know there are other streets wanting to be included in this amenity and we will be watching for funding opportunities to explore expanding the trails even further.
- ♦ We are evaluating other methods of communicating with you and ways to expand transparency into our government. It would be very helpful if residents would submit their ideas and questions to me so I can better respond to items that residents would like to know. Please let me know what you are curious about regarding Orange Village operations. Send me an email ([mulcahyk@orangevillage.com](mailto:mulcahyk@orangevillage.com)) or call at your convenience.

Like many of you, I watched with horror as the January 6<sup>th</sup> events at our nation’s Capitol Building unfolded before our eyes. This day will live in infamy in our nation’s history. The events are a reminder that democratic governance requires the electorate to respect the law, first, and debate the political issues of the day in a way that never devolves into violence. I am pleased to remind you that your mayor and council members are committed to the administration of our community on a non-partisan basis. We know we represent the level of government closest to the people and our duties are to fulfill the most basic functions of government... e.g. public safety, fiscal responsibility, snow plowing, maintenance of infrastructure and respect for civil rights for all. We are guided by the interests of our residents, not our own. I will close this letter with words from a Hebrew prayer which is recited in synagogue and is relevant at this time:

“Unite the inhabitants of our country, of all backgrounds and creeds, into a bond of true kinship, to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard our ideals and institutions of freedom” Amen.

Yours truly,

Kathy U. Mulcahy  
Mayor



# 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.

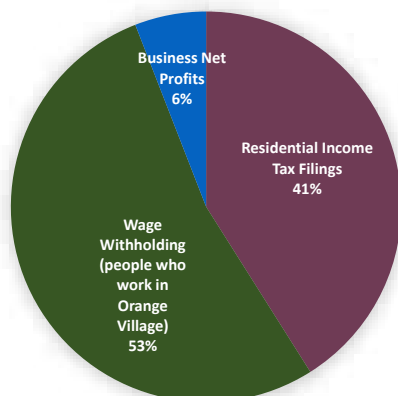
Sincerely,

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

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

## FUND CASH BALANCE

Fund	End Balance 12/31/19	Balances 10/31/20
General Fund	\$3,951,575	\$5,262,181
Street Maintenance/Repair Fund	\$231,785	\$268,118
State Highway Improvement Fund	\$67,755	\$62,372
Law Enforcement Trust Funds	\$34,418	\$35,633
Police Computer and Training Funds	\$12,868	\$12,793
Tax Increment Financing Funds	\$0	\$23,083
Coronavirus Relief Funds	\$0	\$161,546
Debt Service Fund	\$418,530	\$819,079
Capital Improvement Fund	\$2,019,623	\$1,056,985
Capital Equipment Fund	\$148,802	\$12,437
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$212,271	\$126,294
Infrastructure Levy Fund	\$604,677	\$665,910
Police Pension Fund	\$10,945	\$18,208
Trust and Agency Funds	\$491,795	\$534,254
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$8,205,044</b>	<b>\$9,058,893</b>

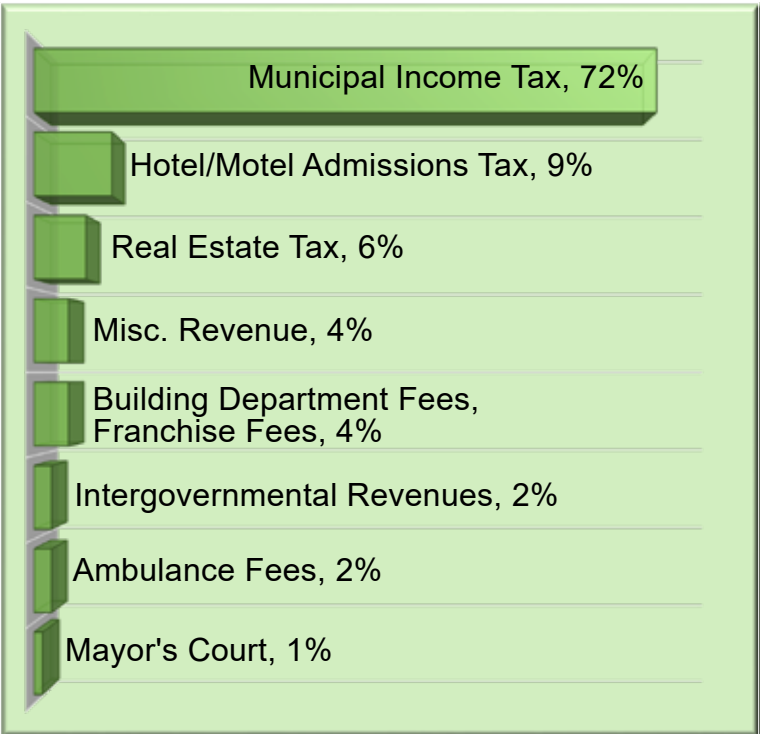


### Sources of Municipal Income Taxes Total Received in 2019 = \$6,149,257

**53% - Wage Withholding**  
**(from people who work in Orange Village)**  
**41% - Residential Income Tax Filings**  
**6% - Business Net Profits**

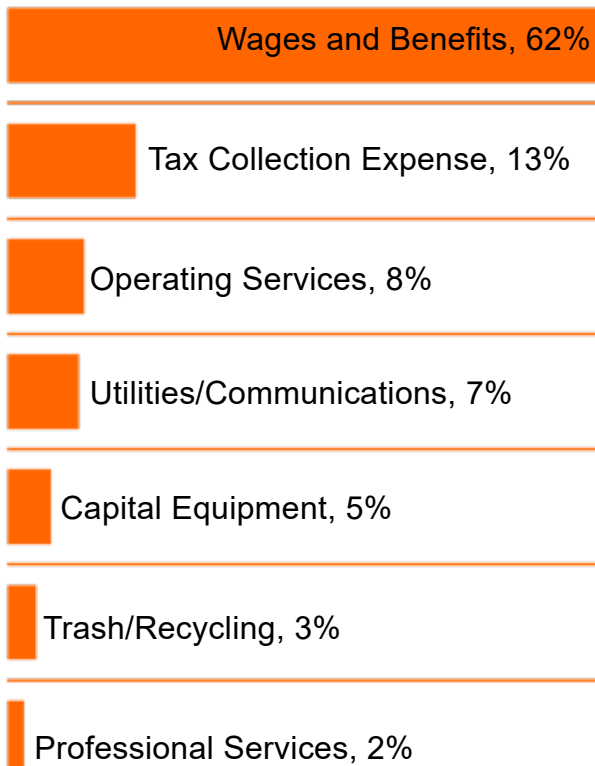
## 2019 TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES

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.

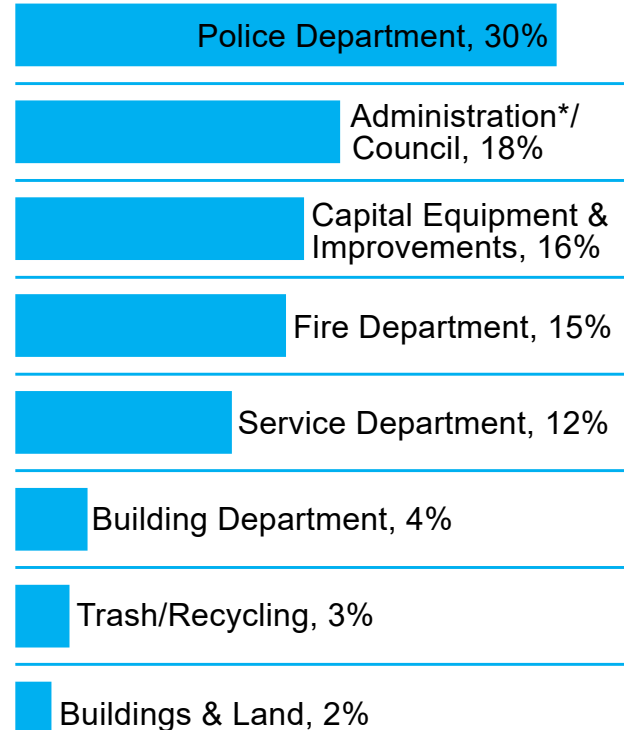


## 2019 TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

### GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY 2019



### GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT 2019



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

# FINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE

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

Solon, 2.17%

Beachwood, 2.17%

Woodmere, 2.19%

**Orange Village, 2.28%**

Pepper Pike, 2.33%

Moreland Hills, 2.39%

Hunting Valley, 2.59%

Gates Mills, 2.65%

Bentleyville, 2.79%

Chagrin Falls Village, 2.80%

University Heights, 3.82%

Shaker Heights, 3.95%

An Orange Village homeowner will pay 2.28% 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 2.28%  
Total Tax Due for 2020 ..... \$6,840

## 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 2019

*Real estate tax collected by  
Orange Village and placed into  
the General Fund in 2019*  
**\$553,751**

Orange Community  
School District  
60%

Cuyahoga  
County  
27%

Orange  
Village  
10%

Library  
3%



## RECREATIONAL FIRES - INFORMATION FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The members of the Orange Village Fire Department hope that winter has been a safe and healthy season for our residents. As we transition to spring, we would like to take a moment to remind residents of our ordinances related to recreational fires and our prohibition related to open burning.

While most residents comply with our regulations, we have also experienced some who fail to comply. Failure to adhere to our regulations raises issues related to safety, nuisance and neighbor disputes. So before you decide to construct your fire pit, burn a pile of branches or host a bonfire we would like to offer up our general guidelines for recreational fires within the Village.

### **WHAT IS ALLOWED?**

Under our current regulations a resident may have a recreational fire on their property. A "recreational fire" is defined as a fire that is contained in a 3' diameter by 2' high firepit or other commercially rated fire units such as a chimenea or outdoor fireplace. These fires must not be left unattended and must use wood that is properly seasoned. Burning unseasoned or "green" firewood causes significant smoke and can be a nuisance to neighbors. Any recreational fire using unseasoned wood may be shut down by our Police Department or representatives from the Fire Department. Recreational fires may NOT use garbage, building materials or other artificial materials.

### **WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED?**

The Village does not permit any open burning. Open burning is any fire not classified as a recreational fire. An example would be the collection of yard waste on bare ground. You may have heard that if a resident piles up some branches they can open burn as long as food is present (hot dogs etc..) this IS NOT TRUE. Any burning outside of the parameters listed above for recreational fires is not permitted and may be shut down.

If you should have any questions related to definitions or permitted use of recreational fires, please contact Captain Larry Genova at 440-498-4402.

## DON'T BE A VICTIM

The Orange Village Police Department would like to remind residents to make every effort to park motor vehicles inside during the night, if you are able. If you must park a vehicle in the driveway, it is important to lock the doors and remove the key or key fob from the vehicle. Store any items that you are unable bring into your home at night inside the trunk, so they are out of sight. The Northeast Ohio region is seeing increased motor vehicle thefts and theft of items from motor vehicles, particularly during the night. It's always a good practice to follow these tips to reduce the likelihood of your vehicle becoming a target.



The Orange Village Police Department provides vehicle lockout assistance, by request. Remember, no time is a bad time to call the Orange Village Police Department! Be a good neighbor and report anything suspicious.

## SCAM ALERTS

There are always people that try to take advantage of others. Scams and scammers come in all shapes and sizes and unfortunately they're rarely obvious. Learn about recent scams and how to recognize the warning signs. Remember, never give your bank information or your social security information to anyone that calls you. If you are not sure of a company, ask for their phone number and contact the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs at 216-443-7035. Read the FTC's most recent alerts including a scam aimed at training programs, rental assistance, COVID-19 vaccinations and tracing, job offers and much more on their website at [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov). Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs offers information on how to deal with robocalls.

A Community for all Generations...



4600 Lander Road  
Orange Village, OH 44022

PRSRT 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  
BUILDING DEPARTMENT (440) 498-4405

Police Response  
(440) 247-7321  
\*After Hours\*

Village Hall  
Phone: (440) 498-4400  
Fax: (440) 498-4404

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

Website:  
[www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com)

### Council Meetings

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

Finance Meeting  
1st Wed. of each month  
6:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning  
1st & 3rd  
Tues. of each month  
6:30 p.m.

\*All meetings will be held  
via Zoom through 7/1/21.\*

## Order Your Leaf Humus Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>

- ❖ Leaf Humus is delivered to your home for free at the end of May. Requests are honored in the order they are received, while supplies last.
- ❖ We will deliver 1 load to each resident. If you request more than 1 load, you will receive the additional loads when everyone has received their first load.
- ❖ When you place your order, we will ask you to describe where to place the delivery as if you were standing at the street looking down your drive toward your home.
- ❖ You can place your order on our website at [www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com) or you can contact Orange Village at 440-498-4400.



## Computer/E-scrap, Flags 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 - 9am until noon\*

**Friday, February 19th**

Orange Service Dept.  
4680 Lander Road

**Friday, April 16th**

Pepper Pike City Hall  
28000 Shaker Blvd.

There is a 5 paper grocery bag limit.  
This is for **residential** shredding only.

\*or until the truck is full.

