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# Orange Village

Community News

Spring 2021



## HAPPENINGS IN ORANGE VILLAGE

**Month of April 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Computer Collection**

**April 16 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**Paper Shredding**

Pepper Pike City Hall, 28000  
Shaker Blvd.

5 grocery bag limit.

Please place items in your  
trunk



**April 19, June 14 & July 19**

**Branch Chipping**

**April 30 - Arbor Day**

**Plant-a-Tree 3:00 p.m.**

Join Orange Village Service  
Department and Orange Schools for a tree  
planting in honor of Arbor Day beginning at 3:00  
p.m. at Orange Village Park (White Drive).



**May 7, June 4 & July 2 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Flag Disposal, Computer & Household**

**Hazardous Waste Collection**

Orange Village Service Dept., 4680 Lander Road

**May 31 Memorial Day**

**Village Hall Closed**

**No Trash/Recycling Pick Up**

Pick up will be on Tuesday,  
June 1st

**June 18 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**Paper Shredding**

Orange Village Service Dept., 4680 Lander Road  
5 grocery bag limit - no businesses

**June 26 & 27 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Community-Wide Garage Sale**

Gather all your items for our  
community-wide garage sale.

Register by June 21st. You can  
participate one day or both days.

Visit our website at [www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com) to  
sign up or contact Anna Girardi at 440-287-5131.



**July 5 - Observance of Independence Day**



**Village Hall Closed**

**No Change** in Trash/Recycling Pick  
Up

## RECYCLE PLASTICS PROPERLY

DO NOT judge whether something is recyclable by looking at the resin number (number on bottom). This was the general guideline at one time, but things have changed. Instead, ask yourself, "Is this a bottle or a jug?" If it's not shaped like a bottle or a jug, it should **not** be placed in your recycle container.

A good trick to determine whether something is a bottle or a jug is to check if it has a neck. Objects that don't have a neck or an opening smaller than its body are **NOT** recyclable. This includes yogurt containers, produce containers (clamshells for berries and lettuce), plastic egg cartons and plastic bags.

It is important to place only recyclable items in the recycling bin.

**When in doubt...Throw it out (in the trash)!**

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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.

\*The time change is due to Zoom meetings. All meetings will be held via Zoom until July 1st.



## Employee Spotlight

### *Police Chief Christopher Kostura*

Chief Kostura has been a member of the Orange Village Police Department since 1979 and has risen through the ranks of Sergeant, Detective, Lieutenant and became the Chief of Police in 2001.

The Chief graduated from Bedford High School and is currently a board member of the Bedford City Schools Foundation. Chief Kostura graduated from Case Western Reserve University Police Academy. He attended the FBI National Academy (1991).

Chief Kostura has been the President of the Valley Enforcement Group (twice) and board member of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (2005-2008). He is also an EMT/Firefighter for Orange Village.

Currently, he is on the Board of the Cuyahoga County Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Cuyahoga County *Crimestoppers*. Chief Kostura continues to participate with the Valley Enforcement Group's Hostage Negotiation Team and the Unmanned Aerial Surveillance Team.

Chief Kostura attended the Democracy and Global Security Conference in Istanbul, Turkey (2005) and recently travelled to Israel (2019) for an information sharing summit on security and anti-Semitism through the Jewish Federation.

Chris has been married to Mary for 41 years and has two sets of twins. He is also the proud grandfather of two.

The Chief enjoys family, golfing and fishing and hopes to enjoy it even more in the future.

## ORANGE VILLAGE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RACIAL EQUITY

Orange Village Council has established the Orange Village Committee on Social Justice and Racial Equity to engage the community and pursue appropriate policies and actions.

The first meeting was held on Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. This was an introductory meeting that focused on interest and commitment. There will be several more open meetings. Please visit our website and Facebook posts for more information. Also, you can sign up for our bi-monthly electronic newsletter to stay informed about all the happenings in Orange Village and surrounding partners.

If you have any questions, please contact Councilpersons Judson Kline or Staci Vincent.

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Dear Neighbors,

It is hard to believe we have been living with this pandemic for over a year already. I recently became fully vaccinated and it is a wonderful and hopeful feeling! I highly recommend the vaccination. It feels great hugging the grandchildren again. But this pandemic is NOT over and there are concerns about the rising numbers of cases due to variants. I will continue to follow all the recommended guidelines for mask wearing, social-distancing, hand washing and socializing in small groups only (with other vaccinated people). We are beginning to see light at the end of this long dark tunnel, but please stay vigilant a little while longer and do your part to stop the spread of the virus.

### Salute to Orange

The decision has been made to err on the side of caution and we have elected to suspend the 2021 Salute to Orange Village event once again. If everything goes better than predicted, we will try to plan a community event later in the year when/if it's safe. But, unfortunately, there will not be any fireworks again this year.





### Community Park/Permanent Restroom Facility

The weather has been warming up for your family to come and enjoy our community park. In addition to the popular trails and playground, our park offers many other amenities to enjoy...such as sand volleyball, a chipping and putting green, pickleball court, two baseball fields and a soccer/football field. We also have a dog park for our furry companions. Within the next few months, we will be installing a brand-new permanent restroom facility, which is a big improvement from what's been there. This is responsive to the large percentage of residents requesting an upgraded restroom in our 2014 Community Survey. I am always interested in your ideas and thoughts about our park and recreational amenities, so, please share them with me.

Please remember, masks are required to be worn by everyone 10 and older at the playground and sledding hill, per Orange Village ordinance.

### Help Keep Orange Village Beautiful

Please help us to KEEP ORANGE VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL. The service department strives to maintain the beauty of our community. They work hard, but we need to enlist your help. Let's work together to keep our community beautiful by following these important tips:

-  Pick up debris in your yard and near your catch basin. Once the snow melted, the litter was quite apparent throughout the village, especially on garbage days (Monday) if it is windy.
-  Please store your trash/recycling cans so they are not visible to neighbors or from the street.
-  Clean up after your animals.
-  Dispose of cigarette butts properly. The butts do not decompose and they carry harmful toxins into the environment. They may also create a potential fire hazard.

Come celebrate EARTH Day with us on April 30<sup>th</sup>. You can find more details on the front page of this newsletter.

While "Meet the Mayor" continues to be suspended due to Covid, I am still accessible to any resident via telephone or email. We will meet in person again in the not-too-distant future.

Our dedicated team of employees have been committed to the well-being of our residents and community. We owe them a great deal of gratitude for pulling through for us during the past year. They are a hard-working group of people who are here to help in any way they can.

Please stay healthy, stay safe and enjoy the warmer weather.

Yours truly,

Kathy U. Mulcahy, Mayor



## PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST HOME BURGLARY

Burglary is largely a crime of opportunity that can be prevented by taking a few simple steps to “harden” the target, which is 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!
- ♥ BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND CALL 911 EVERY TIME YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY!

**NO CALL IS A  
“BOTHER” TO  
YOUR POLICE  
DEPARTMENT!**

### LOCK UP \* LOOK OUT \* REPORT

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

## BICYCLE SAFETY

The weather is breaking and with that and the pandemic we will see a great deal of children and adults emerge from a long winter. Please be mindful of the following:

- RIDERS SHOULD WEAR HELMETS - It's the law for riders 16 and under
- MAKE SURE TO WEAR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING WHEN WALKING OR BIKING AT NIGHT
- TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT INTERACTING WITH PEOPLE THEY DON'T KNOW

### \*ROADWAY BICYCLISTS\*

The laws of the road apply to bicyclists just as they do for all other motorists.  
If you don't follow the rules of the road you may be cited in traffic court for the infraction.

These rules are in effect for the safety of YOU, the cyclist, and everyone else on the roadway.



## “Petiquette”

To all dog owners, please know that there is legislation regarding removal of feces and running at large.

**505.01 Dogs or other animals running at large.** No owner can allow a dog to run at large. All dogs must be on a leash when they are being walked.

**DOG WASTE**  
TRANSMITS DISEASE  
AND CONTAMINATES  
OUR DRINKING WATER



**505.085 Removal of dog feces.** No person being the owner or in charge or control of any dog, shall permit such dog to commit a nuisance on school grounds, Village grounds or other public property, or upon any private property other than the property of such owner or person

without the permission of the owner of such property. The owner or person in charge or control of such dog shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog and dispose of the same in a sanitary manner.

Dog droppings can impact our groundwater, streams, and lake. When it rains, bacteria from dog waste can soak into groundwater, or be carried by rainwater to storm sewers which carry the flow to nearby streams. In both cases, the water is not treated at a wastewater treatment plant.

Let's be very conscious of the law as responsible dog owners in order to enjoy our pets and provide a safe and healthy environment for everyone in Orange Village.

## SUMMER SAFETY CHECK

The members of the Orange Village Fire Department would like to reiterate some of our past safety tips so that each home within the Village can perform a "Summer Safety Check". Your safety is literally what defines our job. As we have stated in the past you can "Help Us To Help You" so that we are true partners when it comes to your safety and the safety of those that you love.

1. **SMOKE DETECTORS** - It is imperative that you have working smoke detectors on each level of the home, in the hallway adjacent to all bedrooms (one in common hallway upstairs and one outside of master bedroom on first floor as an example) and in large open areas away from the bedrooms. FUN FACT: All home sales require a point-of-sale inspection and that process includes the Fire Department. We will check the home to make sure it conforms to these requirements. For full details see the Village website.
2. **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR** - Every home should have a working carbon monoxide detector in the basement, at entry area from the garage and in any sleeping area. A good idea is to purchase a combination smoke and c.o. unit for bedroom areas. This combination unit will save money and satisfy both requirements listed above.
3. **ESCAPE PLAN** - Have an "Escape Plan" complete with a family meeting place. During a fire, family members should know 2 ways out. If only one way and it is blocked by smoke and heat (feel door) then family members should stay by a window and wave a pillow or bright object. Once on the scene our first action is to walk 360 degrees around your home and check all windows for those unable to escape. You then become our immediate priority if we see you in the window.
4. **DOWNED WIRES KILL** - Heavy wind brings down trees which are often comingled with electrical wires. All wires should be considered live even if you are positive the wire is dead. Go over this concern with your children every year.
5. **RECREATIONAL TRAIL SAFETY** - Our recreational trails are an incredible addition to this wonderful Village. A reminder to teach your children to be careful and make them aware of potential interactions with cars backing out or pulling into driveways. The Village has taken measures to ensure "blind spots" are reduced. As trees and bushes grow please report any issues you encounter that reduces the ability to safely pass by one's driveway.



We hope you enjoy the summer. If you should have any questions related to home safety please call the Fire Department and ask for Assistant Chief Fritz at 440-498-4402.

## Building Department News

Spring & summer are always welcomed in Northeast Ohio after a long winter. During those times many think about the projects that they want to accomplish as the weather improves. Among those are possibly a new deck for entertaining, a shed for storing extra items, a change of landscape and grading of the yard or more.

The building department would like to remind everyone that permits may be required for your project. If in doubt, please contact the building department at 440-498-4405 for more information. Permits for construction and inspections of work ensure that homes and businesses are safe, preserved and maintained in good repair. This process helps our community remain a safe and attractive place to live.



Also, the property maintenance program will begin. The inspectors will be looking for violations that include: painting, fallen gutters, junk and debris as well as broken windows. Please remember that the first branch pick-up will be April 19. Branches cannot be placed on the curb until one week prior to the pick-up date. These dates are listed in the newsletter, recycling calendar and on the website.

## POWER OUTAGES

*The Illuminating Company, a First Energy Company, has a few tips when you experience a power outage. First and foremost, it is very important that you report any outages so they are aware of the problem including short intermittent outages.*

You can report the issue several ways including:

- ✓ Contact The Illuminating Company by phone at 888-544-4877
- ✓ Use the outage reporting function on their website at [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com) or from your smartphone by downloading their app.
- ✓ Text OUT to 544487 to report an outage via text.



You can receive estimated restoration times by visiting their website, calling 888-544-4877, or texting STAT to 544487.

## Ownership Guidelines for Your Home's Electrical System

Information provided by The Illuminating Company

Who Owns What?

When your home's exterior electrical system is damaged, it's important to understand which components are the Illuminating Company's responsibility and which are yours.

**If you receive overhead electric service, they are responsible for the following components:**

1. **Service Drop** – The wires running from the utility pole to your home.
2. **Electric Meter** – Measures your electricity use in kilowatt-hours.

**You own and are responsible for repairing the following:**

3. **Weatherhead and Insulator** – This is the point where our electric lines connect to your home.
4. **Service Entrance Cable** – The wire that extends from your weatherhead to the meter and from the meter to your fuse box or circuit breaker box.
5. **Meter Base** – Your meter is mounted in this box.
6. **Fuse Box or Circuit Breaker Box** – This is the main service panel that houses your fuses or circuit breakers.
7. **Household Wiring** – The interior wiring that distributes electricity through your home.



As a customer, it's also your responsibility to maintain open access to the meter and keep obstructions away from power lines that extend from the utility pole to your home. If trees on your property grow near power lines, don't prune or remove them yourself. Consult with a tree contractor who is qualified to work around electric equipment.

We all play an important part in making electricity safe and reliable. These are general ownership guidelines, for more detailed information, visit [www.firstenergycorp.com/builders-contractors](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/builders-contractors), or call 1-800-589-3101.

## HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM



If your home is 50 years old or older, the Heritage Home Program is available to you. The Heritage Home Program Specialists are available to answer home maintenance and improvement questions and provide impartial input.

Qualified homeowners also have the option of obtaining a low-interest, fixed-rate Heritage Home Program loan for maintenance and improvement projects. For more information visit their website at [www.heritagehomeprogram.org](http://www.heritagehomeprogram.org) or call (216) 426-3116.



# Recycling Opportunities

## Branch Chipping 2021

The Orange Village Service Department, will be collecting branches and brush on April 19, June 14, and July 19.

- ⚠ DO NOT mix leaves, grass clipping or yard material
- ⚠ Limbs should be placed with cut ends facing the road, no more than 2 feet high and 3 feet wide

This service is not intended to chip complete trees or for use by a commercial tree service provider.

## FREE Wood Chips

Orange Village delivers wood chips free of charge to residents. An approximate load size is 10 yards. Requests are honored in the order they are received, while supplies last. Place your order online at [www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com) or call Village Hall at 440-498-4400.

## Computer Collection

Daily in the month of April and the first Friday of every month  
Monday through Friday in April from  
7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Flag Collection

First Friday of every month  
7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Orange Village accepts unwanted oil-based paint, pesticides and other household hazardous waste and flags.

**\*NO LATEX PAINT\***

All collections can be dropped off at the Service Department Recycle Center, 4680 Lander Road.

## Metal Recycling Opportunity

A drop-off dumpster is available for ferrous and non-ferrous recyclables. It is located at the Service Department, 4680 Lander Road by the salt shed and is marked with a sign under the overhang. It is for "Metals only" - no other trash or products.



Not only does the program allow for us to reduce landfill costs, it also earns money for scrap.

## CONTAINER RENTAL SERVICE OFFERED

Are you planning Spring projects? For a fee, Orange Village will drop off a 6, 8, 10 or 12 yard container during the months of April through November (weather permitting) to help dispose of brush, yard waste, construction debris or household debris. You cannot mix items in the container but you can choose from several different types of materials to dispose. Costs vary depending on the items that will be disposed. Please visit our website at [www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com) for detailed information or contact us at 440-498-4403. Please remember this service is for residents only.

## Safe digging starts with you!

Planning to dig? Here's what you need to know...Calling before you dig is important not only for safety reasons but also because IT'S THE LAW! By law, homeowners should contact OHIO811, 8-1-1 or 1-800-362-2764, at least 48 hours but no more than 10 working days (excluding weekends and legal holidays) or submit your request online at <http://www.oups.org/edig>. We recently experienced a power outage in areas throughout the Village that was caused by a contractor hitting an electrical line. They did NOT call before they dug.

**ORC Sec. 3781.28.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (C), (D), (E), and (F) of this section, at least forty-eight hours but not more than ten working days before commencing excavation, the excavator shall notify a protection service of the location of the excavation site and the date on which excavation is planned to commence.



A Community for all Generations...



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Orange Village, OH 44022

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U.S. POSTAGE  
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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.- only while on

Zoom

#### Planning and Zoning

1st & 3rd

Tues. of each month

6:30 p.m.

\*All meetings will be  
held via Zoom through

7/1/21.\*

## COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE JUNE 26 AND JUNE 27 - 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Orange Village residents are invited to participate in our Community-Wide Garage Sale. Residents will offer garage sales at their homes. Please register by June 19 with your address and sale items by completing the form on our website, [www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com) or by calling Village Hall at 440-498-4400. There is no fee.



Orange Village will publicize the event and provide a participation list on our website which will include your address and items listed for sale only. Your home can also be identified by placing balloons on your mailbox.

The first 25 residents that sign up for the sale, will be provided with a garage sale sign for their yard. All signs must be returned to Orange Village after the sale.

Feel free to contact Village Hall with any questions at 440-498-4400.