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Orange Village

Community News

Winter 2023



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- ☆ Hired additional police officers to increase the size of our force. In addition, our police officers will now be outfitted with body cameras for the first time, along with updated vehicle cameras and new vehicles. We received over \$500,000 in grants to support these safety enhancements.
- ☆ Firefighters have been outfitted with updated turnout gear and we ordered a new state-of-the-art ambulance squad.
- ☆ Hired an assistant building commissioner to assist with the increase of annual inspections and building activity. This also allows our building department to assume more tasks and plan for the future.
- ☆ Completed our trail project throughout the village. While there are a few segments where trails could be added in the future, it *only* took 30 years to finally construct what we have.
- ☆ RH Mansion began construction and will be a prestigious addition to our community's commercial area.
- ☆ Reconstructed the roads in Orange Hill development.
- ☆ Installed a second pickleball court and completed the installation of the bathroom in the park.
- ☆ Executed a 5 year trash contract which allows us to continue the same collection process.
- ☆ Worked with Solon to advance their planning for a new Miles Road Watermain line. Construction should begin no later than early 2024.
- ☆ Held our first Party in the Park utilizing our park and playground area. Save the date for this year's Party in the Park on July 22 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

CODERED - EMERGENCY - TEST NOTIFICATION

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.



We want to ensure that all residents are signed up for important notifications from Orange Village. Please sign up for CodeRed on our website at www.orangevillage.com or by calling us at 440-498-4400. If you are already in the system your information will not be duplicated.

Orange Village will be making an EMERGENCY TEST call, email and text on Wednesday March 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

If you **do not** receive the phone call you are not registered for our emergency notifications. When you sign up for the phone calls you can also sign up for texts and emails. These are different from the e-news which is just an informational bi-weekly electronic newsletter. Please register immediately via our website at www.orangevillage.com or by calling 440-498-4400.

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Council/Work Session/Special Meeting

1st & 2nd Wed
of each month
7:45 p.m.

Finance Meeting

2nd Wed
of each month
7:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning

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



Employee Spotlight

Brandon Hughes

Brandon began working for the Building Department as the Assistant Building and Housing Inspector at the beginning of 2023. He will be responsible for performing permit and property maintenance inspections.

Brandon was born and raised in Mayfield Heights and graduated from Mayfield High School in 1996. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Geography from Kent State University. After a few years of working at Progressive Insurance, he furthered his education at Cleveland State University and obtained a Master's Degree in Urban Planning, Development and Design. Brandon spent the last 16 years in the city of Euclid where he worked in the Zoning, Engineering, Housing and Building departments.

Brandon currently resides in Mayfield Heights with his wife Marsha, daughter Lily and son Eli. They enjoy hiking and walking their dogs in the Cleveland MetroParks, attending their children's sporting events throughout the year, and taking annual summer and fall vacations. The family also loves a spontaneous weekend road trip!

Heritage Home Program



If your home is 50 years old or older, you can receive technical assistance and may qualify for a low-interest rehabilitation loan. The loan can be used for numerous interior and exterior projects that make your home more comfortable while preserving architectural character. For more information call 216-426-3116 or visit their website at www.heritagehomeprogram.org.

Child Safety Seat Installation

The Orange Village Police Department is proud to have certified child passenger safety seat technicians (CPS). This is a service offered to Orange Village residents. The trained officers will install your child's seat, provide car safety tips for children and teach you how to properly install the child safety seat. To make an appointment, please contact any of the officers listed below:



♥ Patrolman Dustin Derbin 440-287-5218

♥ Patrolman Zachary Zwolinski 440-287-5215

Sign up for E-News

Orange Village provides bi-monthly electronic newsletters which are a great way to stay up to date with everything happening in our community and beyond.



The e-news includes information concerning events, holiday trash collection, construction updates, and so much more. Don't miss out, sign up today at www.OrangeVillage.com.



Dear Neighbors:

It's hard to believe that a new year is already here. The front page of this newsletter lists the many accomplishments that we had during 2022.

Orange Village is a diverse and inclusive community with people of many cultures, backgrounds, faiths and nationalities. I had the pleasure of presenting a proclamation in recognition of Hindu Heritage Month in October. It was my honor to be able to present this proclamation and celebrate the heritage of Hindu Americans in Orange Village and across the nation.



I am proud to share a look ahead to some of the projects we will be working on in 2023:

- ◆ There are a number of developments on the drawing board in Orange Village that may advance during the year. These include: Phase 7 of Lakes of Orange, the Pinecrest residential community, the planned opening of RH Mansion, and the redevelopment of the gas station on the corner of Miles and Brainard Roads and the Bahama Breeze property. Other plans are also being discussed. There will be exciting things happening at Pinecrest as well.
- ◆ We will continue planning and accumulating ideas for a new pavilion in the park. We are considering a larger pavilion with a fireplace. We plan to apply for a grant to make this a reality.
- ◆ Our 2023 goal is to get our safety forces set up for the next generation. We find ourselves at a juncture right now in getting our safety forces the facility updates necessary to effectively continue protecting our residents and community for the next 25 years. Many aspects of our building from 1995 need updating to meet the needs of our 2023 safety forces. There will be more discussion and information provided during the year as we develop an actionable plan.

My ultimate goal for 2023 is to have a smooth and seamless transition to the person who will lead our community into the future. After 28 years, this will be my last year as your mayor. I have always derived much satisfaction from leading this community and making a tangible difference. And now, the time has come for me to step aside at the end of this year. The credit for our wonderful community belongs to the dedicated employees who show up every day to take care of us. And, that won't change.

Orange Village is a unique community with much to be proud of. I urge anyone who has ever considered getting involved in the governance of our Village to do so. Please call me to discuss opportunities and ways in which you may get involved. It's worth it!!!

Yours truly,

Kathy U. Mulcahy

Kathy U. Mulcahy, Mayor



POWER OR WATER ISSUES - WHO TO CONTACT

Loss of Power: If you experience a power outage or intermittent power loss, please contact The Illuminating Company, a FirstEnergy Company. You can report the issue by phone at 888-544-4877, via their website at www.firstenergycorp.com, from an app on your smartphone or text OUT to 544487. If there is a downed electrical wire, please stay away from the wires and call 911.

Water Issues: If you experience low water pressure, discolored water or no water contact the Cleveland Water Department at 216-664-3060. If you see water coming from an area in the road, please contact Cleveland Water Department **AND** Orange Village Police Department at 440-498-4401 or the non-emergency after hours phone number at 440-247-7321.



FINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE

Dear Orange Village Resident:

It is a pleasure to provide the following financial report on the Village's current fund 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.

The Auditor of State's Office completed our financial audits for the years 2018/2019 and 2020/2021. We received unqualified or "clean" audits for each year.

In 2022, we received an American Rescue Plan grant that allowed us to purchase 7 police vehicles and freed up general fund dollars to install updated equipment in our vehicles and, for the first time, body cameras for our officers.


Due to prudent spending and COVID relief funds, we were able to transfer \$2,000,000 from our general fund to our capital improvement fund for future safety capital improvements. These funds will be reserved towards much needed building improvements for our police and fire departments.

In 2022, Orange Village received great news in the form of a strong "Aa2" bond rating from Moody's Investors Service, which is like a credit score for our community. There are only two rating categories that exceed our rating and of the 9 current bond ratings for Villages in Ohio, Orange Village received the highest rating. Moody's Investors Service cited sound fiscal management and a strong financial position with a track record of achieving surplus operations, positive income tax trends, and healthy fund balance reserves combined with an affluent tax base to support the "Aa2" rating.

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 us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,


Kathy U. Mulcahy, Mayor

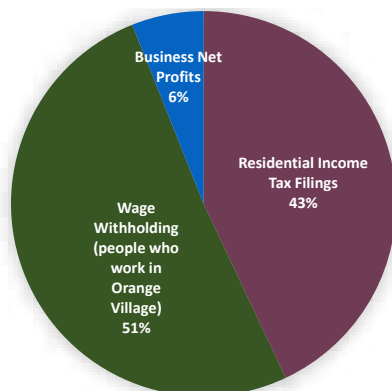

Dana J. Kavander, Treasurer

FUND CASH BALANCE

Fund	Balance 12/31/21	Balance 12/31/22
General Fund	\$6,386,549	6,608,298
Street Maintenance/Repair Fund	\$448,381	517,492
State Highway Improvement Fund	\$63,334	41,677
Law Enforcement Trust Funds	\$21,275	21,275
Police Computer and Training Funds	\$12,112	17,567
Police Pension Fund	45,424	88,679
Tax Increment Financing Funds	\$117,397	260,536
American Rescue Plan Fund	\$139,362	301,361
Debt Service Fund	\$480,247	564,051
Capital Improvement Fund	\$383,883	2,227,835
Capital Equipment Fund	\$398,291	695,729
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$144,512	134,053
Infrastructure Levy Fund	\$808,177	868,630
Trust and Agency Funds*	\$579,416	0
TOTALS	\$10,028,360	\$12,347,183

*Trust and Agency Funds are combined with the General Fund for 2022 per change in governmental accounting standards.

FINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE



Sources of Municipal Income Taxes Total Received in 2022 = \$7,038,369

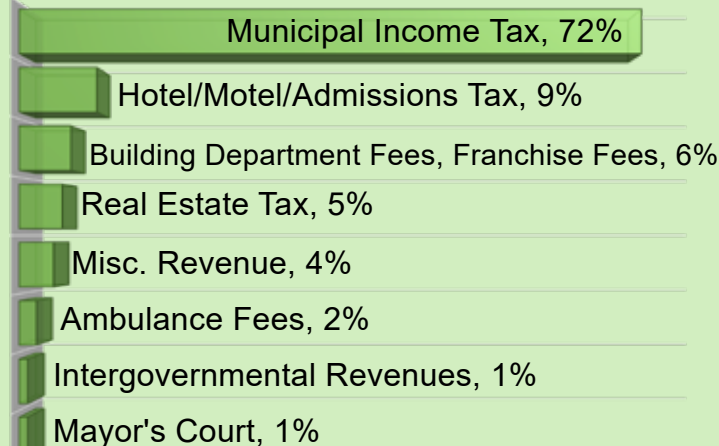
51% - Wage Withholding
(from people who work in Orange Village)

43% - Residential Income Tax Filings

6% - Business Net Profits

2022 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 not changed since 1983.

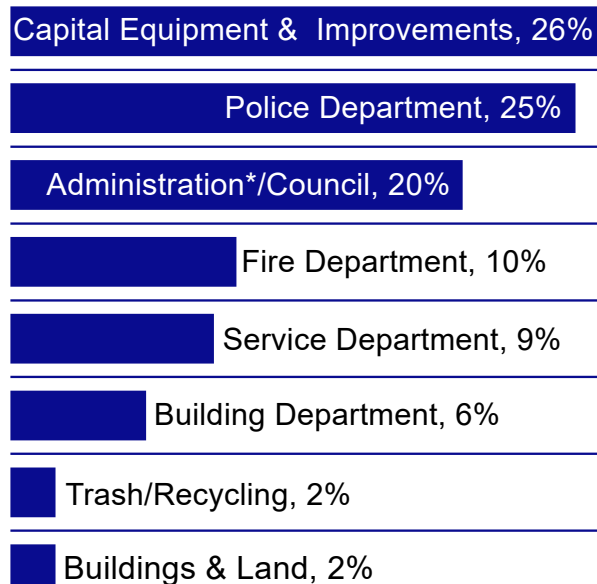


2022 TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

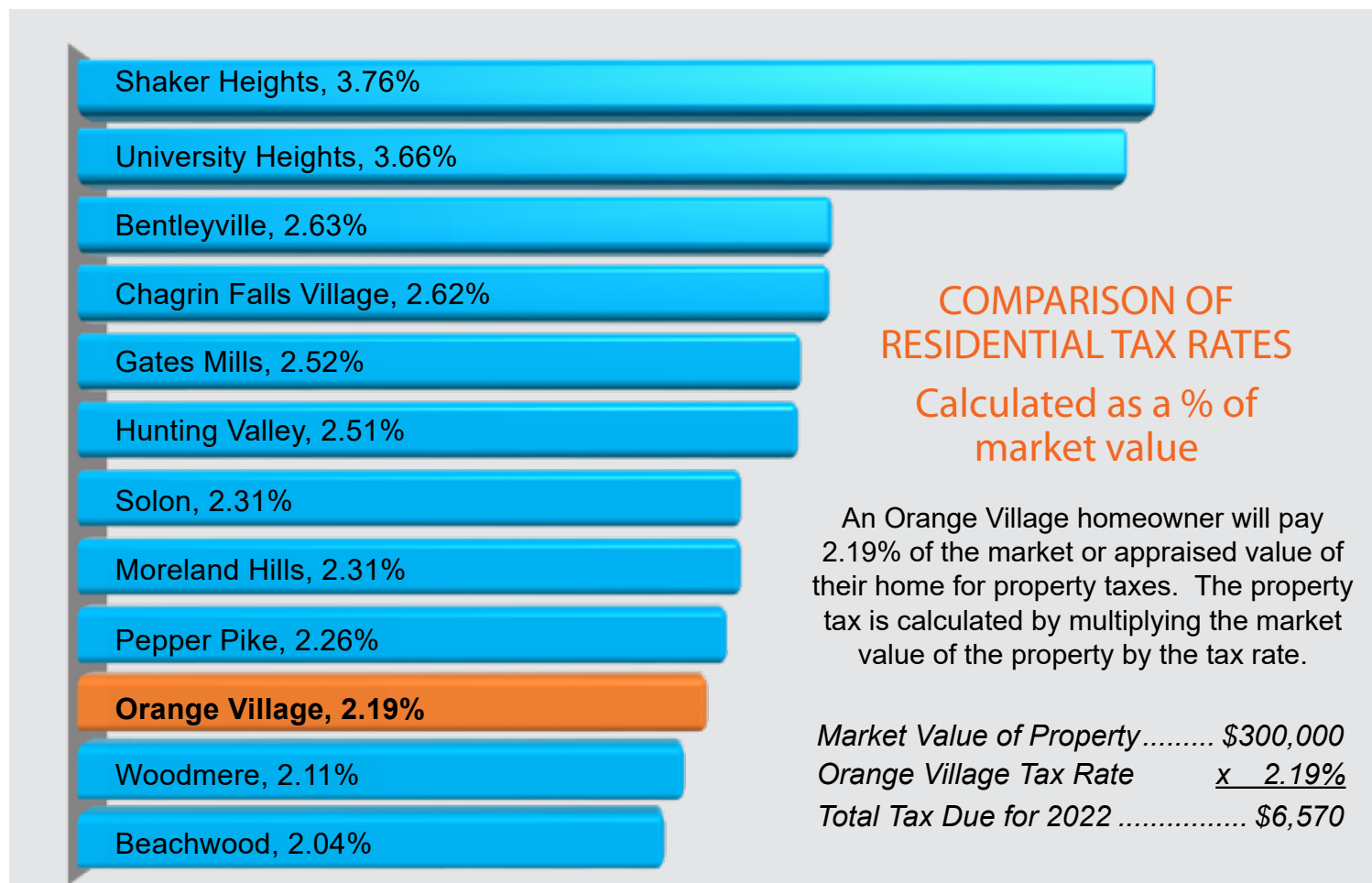


GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT



*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



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 tax revenues. 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 Office. 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 reappraise the value of each piece of land based on any building additions or major improvements. The last reappraisal of property values occurred in 2021, which will impact the 2022 values.

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLARS PAID IN 2022

Real estate tax collected by Orange Village and placed into the General Fund in 2022
\$567,910



Orange Village Mourns the Loss of a “Family” Member

In January, Orange Village lost the longest serving member on the Orange Village Fire Department. Firefighter / Advanced EMT John Prochazka was hired in November of 1981. Since that time John rose to the challenge and kept up with the ever-changing world of fire and EMS.



John's death was unexpected and the loss was felt by each of the 45 members of the Department. John was also the owner of JP Plumbing, which serves the greater Cleveland area. John's customers included nearly every member of the Department who called on him when experiencing some sort of plumbing related emergency. It never mattered if it was 1:00 a.m. or a holiday, John always jumped into his truck to assist his brother and sister firefighters. Responding in times of crisis became John's calling whether it was for a plumbing emergency or when a resident called 911 when he was on duty at the Orange Village Fire Department.

His legacy is one of a solid work ethic coupled with compassion and friendships that exceeded the norm. He never met a person who didn't immediately like him. Please join the members of your Fire Department and Orange Village staff, in taking a moment to reflect upon John's dedication to Orange Village and the residents we proudly serve. Firefighter John Prochazka will be greatly missed and the void left behind is going to be felt for a long time.

Tips to Avoid Scams

The best way to avoid a scam is to recognize some of the techniques scammers commonly use. You know it's a scam if:

How to protect yourself:

1. Ignore unexpected calls and texts

- Don't call or text back unknown numbers.
- Don't answer calls from numbers you don't know. Block spam texts.
- Never click on texted links you aren't expecting.
- Ignore any call or text that threatens you with arrest, lawsuit or fines.

2. Stay calm and refuse to be rushed

- Hang up if someone demands immediate payment, threatens you with arrest or tells you to keep secrets.

3. Never provide private information

- Be wary of “friends” seeking money or offering investments through social media sites.
- Never share Social Security numbers, account numbers and passwords with people who contact you unexpectedly.

4. Verify information independently before you act

- Never use numbers that unknown callers provide you to verify information.
- If you're worried about an account, Do not use texted links - call the customer service number on your bill.
- If you're worried a relative is in trouble, contact other family members to get the truth.

1. You're told you or someone you love

is in trouble. Scammers know that if they impersonate police or government officials, we may trust them. Some scammers may impersonate a relative, for example, a grandchild, and ask for bail money after a car accident.

2. You're asked to pay in a way that's hard to

trace. All unexpected requests for payments should be viewed as scams, but these payment methods are scammer favorites: Bitcoin, gift cards, money wires and mailed cash. Legitimate government agencies and utilities do not accept these forms of payments. Scammers are also beginning to lure people to pay on mobile payment apps.

3. You're told to lie or keep secrets.

It's always a scam if someone tells you to lie to your bank or a store clerk about why you're withdrawing money, buying gift cards or sending a money wire, or keep information secret from your family and friends.

4. You're told you have a problem or have won

a prize. Here are some examples: You're told there's a large “charge pending” against your account; you're told you've won a lottery; you get an unexpected text or call telling you there's a refund or reward pending on your account; an impostor calls to say your utilities will be shut off unless you make an immediate payment.

You can always call the police department if you get a worrying call or text.

A Community for all Generations...



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Orange Village, OH 44022

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VILLAGE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY..... 911

FIRE NON-EMERGENCY 440-498-4402
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 440-498-4401
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS
440-247-7321

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Service Department
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Website:
www.orangevillage.com

Council Meetings

1st & 2nd
Wed. of each month
7:45 p.m.

Finance Meeting
2nd Wed. of each month
7:00 p.m.

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

Placement of Your Refuse and Recycling Containers



Please place your containers 2 feet from the street with the lid opening facing the street and 3 feet from other objects. We ask that you place your recycling on one side of your driveway and trash can on the other. We have noticed that some residents are not placing their cans out prior to 7:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. It is imperative that you place your cans out on time. The pickup route for Kimble has been known to change from week to week.



If you have a new home, please contact Village Hall at 440-498-4400 to establish service and schedule delivery of your containers.

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

Order Your Leaf Humus Beginning March 1st

- ❖ 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, additional loads, if available, will be delivered after everyone receives their first load.
- ❖ You can place your order on our website at www.orangevillage.com or you can contact Orange Village at 440-498-4400.