

Orange Village

Community News

Winter/Spring 2024

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ORANGE VILLAGE COMMUNITY-WIDE SURVEY

We are currently reviewing proposals from facilities to develop and administer a community-wide survey. The last community survey was completed in 2014. It was mailed to every residence in Orange Village and had a response rate of 37%.

In an effort to keep cost to a minimum, the 2024 survey will be electronic. We hope this will increase participation as well. If you would like to receive a printed survey, please contact Village Hall at 440-498-4400. We will be glad to assist.

Community Survey



A New Feature in Our Newsletter

We know we have amazing residents in Orange Village. With that in mind, we will be adding a resident spotlight in our newsletter. This will be a great way to learn more about your neighbors and friends. If you or someone you know would like to be featured, please contact Anna Girardi at 440-287-5131 or Councilwoman Staci Vincent at 216-470-0583.

PARTY IN THE PARK

Saturday, July 20 • 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate our park, recreational trails, neighbors and friends.

STAY TO WATCH THE DRONE SHOW!

We are excited to offer this fireworks alternative.



SAVE THE DATE!



Your Council Representatives

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Council/Work Session/Special Meeting

1st & 2nd Wed
of each month
7:00 p.m.

Finance Meeting

2nd Wed
of each month
6:15 p.m.

Planning and Zoning

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

Employee Spotlight

Kevin (Cody) Renzelli and Danette Gembarski

Officer Kevin (Cody) Renzelli

Cody graduated from the police academy in 2016. He began his career as a police officer in 2017. He worked as a part-time police officer in Highland Hills and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Police Department for a 2-year period.

Cody worked as a full-time police officer for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and the Cleveland Clinic Police Department prior to being hired at Orange Village on January 11, 2024.

In his spare time, Cody enjoys spending time with family and all things fitness. He was an amateur competitive boxer, competing in 15 sanctioned bouts. Cody has participated in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for 12 years, and earned his black belt in July of 2023. He believes Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is an essential skill for Law Enforcement Officers.

Cody lives in Avon with his wife Erin and their 2 children.

Danette Gembarski, Building Department Administrative Assistant

Danette recently joined the Orange Village Building Department as the Administrative Assistant. Prior to this position, she worked in the Engineering Department in the City of Solon.

Danette grew up in Euclid and now resides in Auburn Township with her husband, Eddie and two daughters, Gwen and Gillian. Gwen is a sophomore at The Ohio State University and Gillian is a freshman in the DAAP program at the University of Cincinnati (College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning).

In her free time, she enjoys cheering on both the Buckeyes and Bearcats, going to concerts with her daughters and traveling. Now that she is an empty nester she and Eddie hope to improve their golf swings.

Need a Ride?

Orange Senior Transportation Connection



If you are over 60 or disabled and registered with Orange Senior Center, you can contact STC Van Call Center (1-800-983-4782) to schedule a ride. Please schedule at least two days in advance. Service runs Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. You may take up to 12 one-way trips or 6 round trips each month. Drivers will be identified with bright red shirts and the van will be marked with the Orange logo and the STC logo.

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. They also offer low-interest financing. For more information visit their website at www.heritagehomeprogram.org or call 216-426-3116.



From the Office of Mayor

Judson Kline



Dear Neighbors,

The first sixty days of my term have just flown by. I have been very busy in acclimating to my new role in the Village. Most importantly, I have begun to build bonds and connections with our department leaders and personnel.

From day one, I have embarked on a journey to contribute and to build upon the success of my predecessor. I am using my campaign theme of ACCESS (accountability, community development, culture and arts, engagement, sustainability, and service) to advance programs and opportunities for the community.

The activities and actions I have undertaken so far include:

- Hired a police officer, Building Department Administrator, and several firefighters/paramedics
- Initiated and developed a Community Engagement Inquiry. The inquiry will be utilized to identify areas where residents feel we should invest time and resources. We have received over 115 responses.
- Requested proposals from an external facilitator to develop a community-wide survey to establish an agenda and priorities from the Engagement Inquiry.
- Met with the City of Beachwood to re-establish the boundary along Orange Place; a discussion that has been ongoing for over 20 years.
- Met with the developers to create an agreement for the Living Well Collection development, located on Harvard Road east of Cooper's Hawk. This project will be contingent on rezoning approval (identified as Issue 14 on the March 19th ballot).
- Purchased solar eclipse glasses for Orange Village residents in anticipation of the Solar Eclipse on April 8. Residents may receive up to 3 pairs (per household) to observe this phenomenon safely. Please stop by Village Hall and pick up yours.
- Began planning for the 2024 Party in the Park, which will include an environmentally friendly drone light show in lieu of fireworks.
- Initiated meetings with the Orange Art Center on a "call for artists" to produce artworks celebrating century homes in Orange Village as we approach our Centennial in 2027.
- Began discussions with the Service Department for the creation of a Veteran's memorial garden to be located outside of Village Hall.
- Met with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to define the creation of a future park area should Issue 14 pass, and to discuss the potential of our parks evolving into an "Orange Emerald Necklace".
- Developed a concept and applied for a grant to expand and renovate the current amphitheater to host community events.

There is much more to come with an eye to the future. I encourage residents to participate and work with me and the administration so we can make Orange Village better, together.

Yours Truly,

Judson A. Kline, FAIA, NCARB, LEED AP
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 balances and year end analysis. We are committed to transparency of our municipal finances. This will continue to be a priority of the current administration to communicate openly and regularly with Village residents about our financial status.

The Auditor of State's Office will begin our financial audit for the years 2022/2023 over the next few months. We anticipate receiving an unqualified or "clean" audit as we have in the past.

In 2023, we received grant funds for the village-wide camera project, which saw cameras installed in 30+ locations throughout the Village. We also purchased a new fire squad and dump truck. American Rescue Plan Act funds received in 2021 and 2022 were used to offset safety service wages, which helped add to the general fund year end balance. The Kathy Urdang Mulcahy Pavilion construction has been completed and is a great addition to our park area. The pavilion dedication will be held this summer.

The new RH Mansion in Orange Village is planned to open this spring and will be a welcomed addition to the community. The Orange Place South Planned Development District consisting of senior housing, commercial and parkland will be on the March ballot.

I want to thank Village Council and all of our department leaders for their commitment to fiscal responsibility and conservative budgeting. This has allowed us to remain in sound fiscal condition.

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

Sincerely,



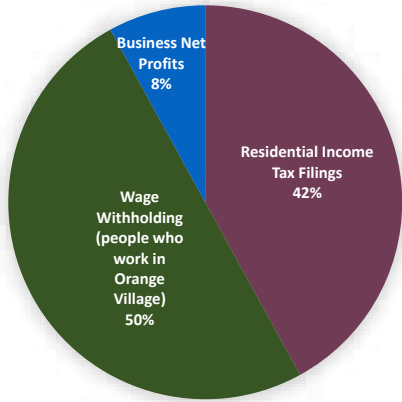
Judson A. Kline, FAIA, NCARB, LEEP AP
Mayor



FUND CASH BALANCE

Fund	Balance 12/31/22	Balance 12/31/23
General Fund	6,614,298	8,874,358
Street Maintenance/Repair Fund	517,492	533,667
State Highway Improvement Fund	41,677	46,485
Law Enforcement Trust Funds	21,275	21,275
Police Computer and Training Funds	17,567	14,564
Police Pension Fund	88,679	118,022
Tax Increment Financing Funds	260,536	227,908
American Rescue Plan Fund	301,361	0.00
Debt Service Fund	564,051	603,940
Capital Improvement Fund	2,227,835	2,352,148
Capital Equipment Fund	695,729	884,177
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	134,053	64,797
Infrastructure Levy Fund	862,630	950,831
TOTALS	\$12,347,183	\$14,692,172

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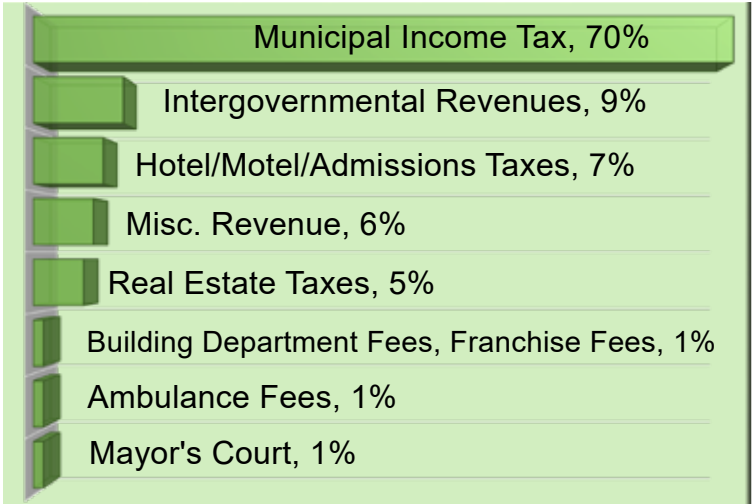


Sources of Municipal Income Taxes Total Received in 2023 = \$7,832,580

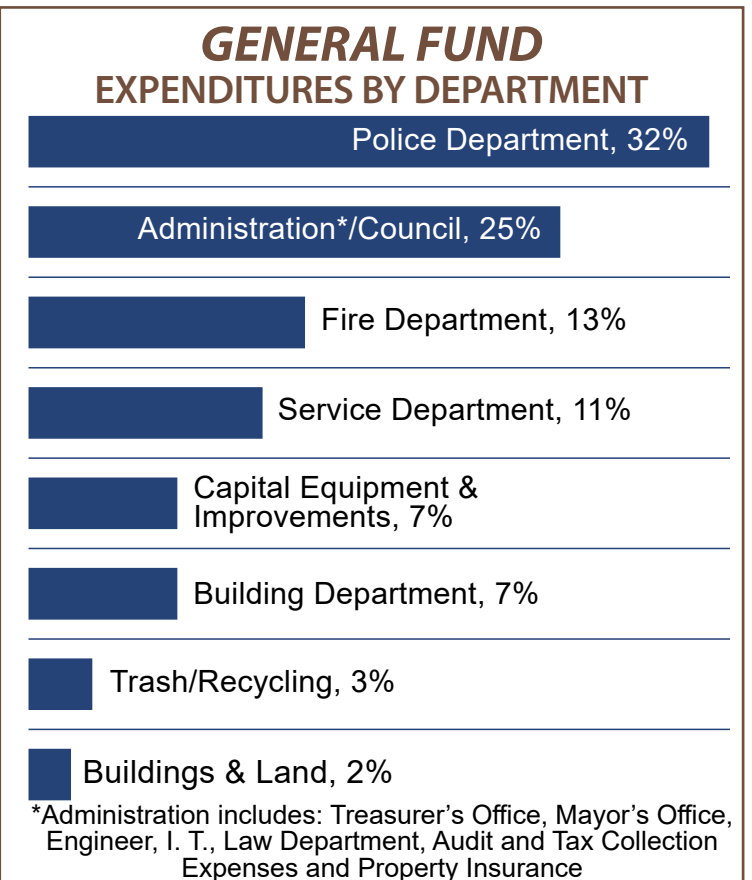
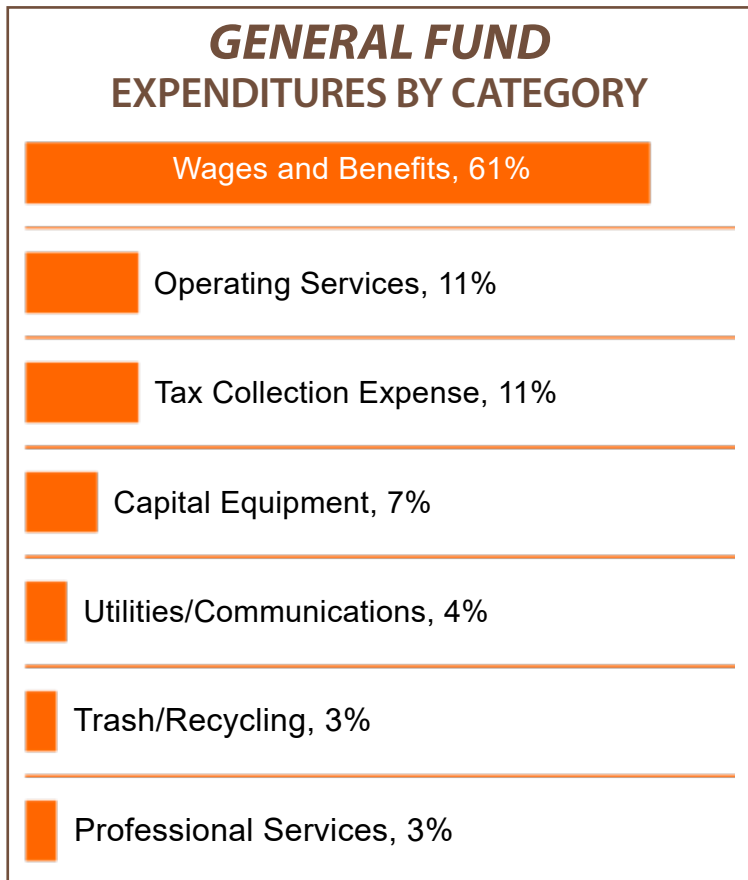
- 50% - Wage Withholding**
(from people who work in Orange Village)
- 42% - Residential Income Tax Filings**
- 8% - Business Net Profits**

2023 TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES

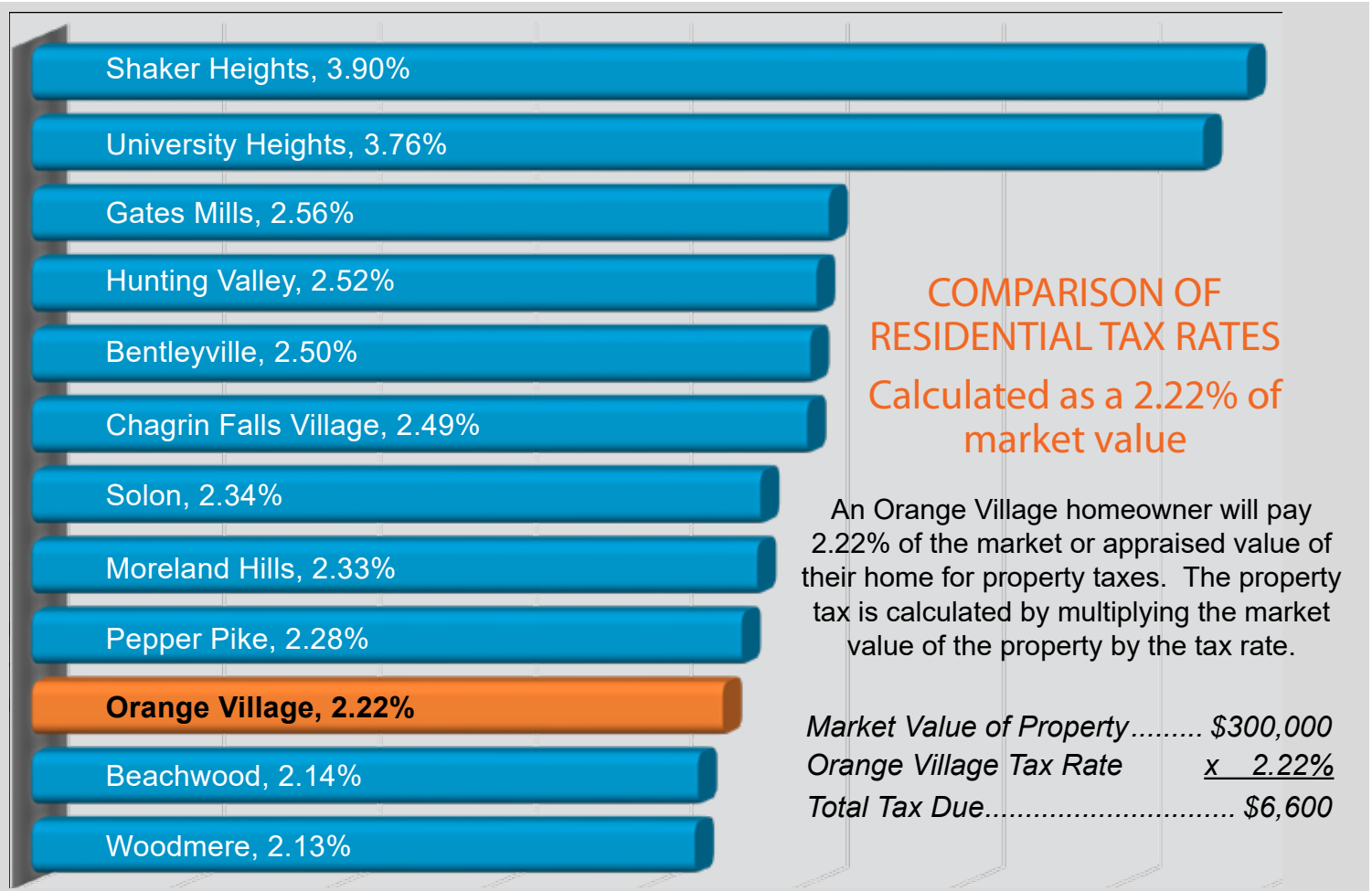
Income tax collections are the Village’s primary source of revenue for all essential services. Every department within the Village relies on income tax collections for a major portion of their funding. Orange Village collects a 2.0% income tax on earned income within the Village which is applied to gross 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.



2023 TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



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 impacted the 2023 values.

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLARS PAID IN 2023

Real estate tax collected by Orange Village and placed into the General Fund in 2023
\$627,861



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:

- 1. You're told you or someone you love is in trouble.** Scammers know 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.

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.

Child Safety Seat Installation

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. Contact any of the officers listed below:

- ♥ Patrolman Dustin Derbin 440-287-5218
- ♥ Patrolman Zachary Zwolinski 440-287-5215



Home Improvements?

Are you considering a project in or around your home? Maybe a new deck for entertaining, a shed for storing extra items, a change of landscape and grading of your yard? Orange Village Building Department would like to remind you that permits may be required for your project.



If you are in doubt, please contact the Building Department at 440-498-4405 for more information. Permits for construction and inspections

of work ensure homes and businesses are safe, preserved and maintained in good repair. This process helps our community remain a safe and attractive place to live.

Please note that contractors must register with the Building Department before beginning work.

Also, the property maintenance program will begin soon. Inspectors will be looking for violations including; high grass, peeling paint, fallen gutters, junk and debris and broken windows.

A Community for all Generations...



4600 Lander Road
Orange Village, OH 44022

PRSRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CLEVELAND, OH
PERMIT NO. 498

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY..... 911

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

Village Hall
4600 Lander Road
Phone: 440-498-4400
Fax: 440-498-4404

Building Department
4680 Lander Road
Phone: 440-498-4405

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

Website:
www.orangevillage.com

Council Meetings

1st & 2nd
Wed. of each month
7:00 p.m.

Finance Meeting

2nd Wed. of each month
6:15 p.m.

Planning and Zoning

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

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 and you DO NOT have a well, contact 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.



Order Your Leaf Humus TODAY

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Place your order on our website at www.orangevillage.com or 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 **Friday, April 26th**

9 a.m. until noon*
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.