

# Orange Village

Community News

Spring 2025

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## 2024 HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAYOR KLINE

My first year in office has been an interesting one filled with opportunities and challenges. I entered the office in January 2024 and began by focusing on two campaign promises to produce a community-wide survey and to increase resident engagement. My background and experience as an architect have served the Village well in pursuing our opportunities and challenges. I outlined a few of the highlights of 2024:

- ☆ Reached out to the community to enlist interest in supporting and pursuing seven areas of engagement
- ☆ Established committees for Orange C.A.R.E.S., Sustainability and Resilience, Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, Arts and Culture, Veterans, and Centennial
- ☆ Conducted an online community-wide survey, results will be used to guide future decisions
- ☆ In lieu of fireworks, the "Party in the Park" featured a drone light show (also set for 2025)
- ☆ Omni Development's proposal overwhelmingly passed in May resulting in establishing the Orange Place South Development District
- ☆ Lakes of Orange Phase 8 was approved by council and is comprised of 23 duplex and tri-plex units
- ☆ RH Mansion was completed as a welcomed addition to our area
- ☆ With leadership of a resident, Orange Community Artisan & Farmers Market was created and is very successful
- ☆ Legislation to move the Beachwood boundary on Orange Place was completed
- ☆ Orange Village Landbank was established to acquire foreclosed land for Village benefit
- ☆ Due to retirements in the Police and Fire Departments, leadership has transferred to very capable hands in both departments
- ☆ Daily staffing in the Fire Department was consolidated to one station with increased staffing at night
- ☆ Replaced/upgraded vital equipment in the Fire Department including:
  - Heart monitors
  - Gas meter
  - Portable Radios
- ☆ Upgraded the Police Department's emergency power system
- ☆ Installed new security doors in Village Hall
- ☆ Installed four new water bottle fill stations with grant funds from Ohio EPA
- ☆ Reconstructed the Village Hall flagpole island with assistance of the Tri-C Landscape Program/Belgard Corporation donated materials



**SAVE THE DATE!**

## PARTY IN THE PARK

Saturday, July 26 • 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate with neighbors and friends.

Enjoy rocketship car rides, inflatables, entertainment and more!

**STAY TO WATCH THE DRONE SHOW!**





# SLICE of ORANGE

## Jodi Kanter



**Where in Orange Village do you live and how long have you lived there?**  
I have lived on Lander Road for 27 years.

**What is the unique slice you bring to Orange?**

I am a professional artist and director of a non-profit music organization. M.U.S.i.C. (Musical Upcoming Stars in the Classics) is a program I started 20 years ago which has been a non-profit for 18 years. It is committed to providing intimate performance opportunities for emerging world class musicians in Northeast Ohio and beyond. M.U.S.i.C. finds venues, arranges concerts, provides programs, publicity, and refreshments, and pays performers. By its activities, M.U.S.i.C. provides enjoyment for audiences, helps launch new musical careers, introduces novel performance venues, and expands the audience for chamber music. M.U.S.i.C. aims to enhance Northeast Ohio's reputation as an international capital of musical excellence.

My music organization had used the Orange Village Hall Council Chambers to present a number of classical music concerts over the years I have lived here. I wanted to bring access to a cultural event out to our community. People came from other communities, and I think these programs put a spotlight on Orange Village and what beautiful facilities we have here.

**What do you love most about living in Orange Village?**

I like to cook and do a lot of entertaining. Our location offers me easy access to wonderful food shopping in the neighborhood, with Heinen's, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, and I especially appreciate the Miles Market. I also love the park and all the trees. I like the diversity of the people living here.

**What is your favorite Orange hang-out spot?**

The park by Orange Village Hall, either at the playground with my grandchildren or walking on the trails.

**What is the best way for people to reach out to you?** I have two Facebook pages. One is personal and the other is for my non-profit organization called Musical Upcoming Stars in the Classics.

*Jodi Kanter also serves on the newly created Orange Village Arts & Culture Committee. We look forward to her input for future Orange Village events and programs and invite anyone interested to join the committee. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 7pm at Orange Village Hall.*

### Keep Pets on Leash - It's the Law

All dogs must be on a leash no longer than six feet when on public property. The penalty for violation of this provision includes a fine of up to \$250.00 and/or 30 days in prison. Let's be very conscious of the law as responsible dog owners and allow everyone in Orange Village to enjoy a safe and healthy environment.



### Your Council Representatives

**Council President  
Brent Silver**

705 Beacon Hill Dr.  
216-409-0808  
email: silverb@orangevillage.com

**Ryan Bilsky**

3991 White Oak Trail  
440-781-3885  
email: bilskyr@orangevillage.com

**Jeffrey Foster**

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216-780-1218  
email: fosterj@orangevillage.com

**Philip S. Madden**

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440-668-9435  
email: maddenp@orangevillage.com

**Lisa Perry**

4805 Lander Rd  
440-391-0149  
email: perryli@orangevillage.com

**Kimberlee Ullner**

125 Orange Tree Dr  
843-819-4557  
email: ullnerk@orangevillage.com

**Staci A. Vincent  
Council President  
Pro-Tem**

725 Beacon Hill Dr  
216-470-0583  
email: vincent@s@orangevillage.com

### TREE PRESERVATION

With spring right around the corner, many residents may be starting to think about yard maintenance, spring plantings, and perhaps even tree removal. Orange Village recently enacted a new tree preservation code (Ord. 2024-22) and there are some important aspects to know. A tree plan is required to be submitted for approval when more than six trees that have a diameter 6" (circumference 18") or greater are to be removed. Tree plans are also required for any development,

redevelopment or new construction on individual lots. There are some exemptions to the code. The requirements of the new tree code would not apply to the removal of dead or damaged trees or trees that pose an imminent hazard to human life or property. Golf courses are also exempt. If you have any questions regarding the new tree preservation code or request further information, please contact the Building Department at 440-498-4405.



From the Office of Mayor

Judson Kline



Dear Neighbors,

There are several initiatives I am looking to pursue where community organizations could be important partners to achieve the desired outcome. These include:

- ❖ Develop Veterans' memorial plaza
- ❖ Restoration, expansion, and enhancement of the existing amphitheater structure and space to make it a more vibrant and usable facility for community activities such as concerts, performances, and festivals
- ❖ Continue working to develop and pursue other projects including:
  - Redevelopment of Bahama Breeze Site
  - Redevelopment Red Lobster Site
  - Miles-Brainard Center Redevelopment
  - Village Hall Remodel and Fire Department Facility
  - Chagrin Highlands South Life Sciences and Technology Park
- ❖ Centennial Celebration
- ❖ Continue working with partner communities to develop the "First Call" program
- ❖ Create conservation land with Western Reserve Land Conservancy to link Orange Parks with the Metro Parks System

Many of these projects and programs have a place for our residents to participate. I hope you will take the opportunity to consider where you can bring value and expertise and choose to participate.

As our community moves forward, our success is tied to the accomplishments of our exceptional departments and their leaders. The full report of each department's accomplishments and goals is available on the Orange Village website.

Spring is here and with that comes April showers. Orange Village Service Department website offers information for homeowners concerning storm, sanitary and septic sewer systems. This information includes who is responsible for different types of issues and whom to contact if a problem occurs.

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. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments at 440-287-5130.

Yours Truly,

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

### RESIDENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 👉 Arts & Culture: 1st Thursday of the month
- 👉 Orange C.A.R.E.S. / Sustainability and Resilience: 2nd Tuesday of each month
- 👉 Parks and Recreation: 3rd Tuesday of the month

All meetings listed above begin at 7:00 p.m. at Orange Village Hall. Visit our website for dates/time of Centennial, Economic Development and Veterans committee meetings. **All are welcome to attend the meetings**

**VOTING DAY**  
**MAY 6, 2025**  
**ISSUE 21**

Orange Community Education  
and Recreation  
**5-YEAR LEVY RENEWAL**

This is a .95 mil, 5-year renewal  
levy which would extend funding  
through 2030

More information can be found on their  
website [www.voteyesfororangerec.com](http://www.voteyesfororangerec.com)

# 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 continues to be 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 audit for the years 2022/2023, and we again received an unqualified or "clean" audit.

In 2024, we purchased three police vehicles and an aerial lift for the service department and replaced our Lifepak monitors in our fire vehicles.

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 or our Treasurer Dana Kavander, with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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



## FUND CASH BALANCE

Fund	Balance 12/31/23	Balance 12/31/24
General Fund	8,874,358	9,719,537
Street Maintenance/Repair Fund	533,667	634,434
State Highway Improvement Fund	46,485	41,138
Law Enforcement Trust Funds	21,275	21,275
Police Computer and Training Funds	14,564	36,761
Police Pension Fund	118,022	97,638
Tax Increment Financing Funds	227,908	212,793
Debt Service Fund	603,940	626,051
Capital Improvement Fund	2,352,148	2,538,057
Capital Equipment Fund	884,177	1,371,740
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	64,797	287,917
Infrastructure Levy Fund	950,831	1,161,343
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$14,692,172</b>	<b>16,748,684</b>

# FINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE

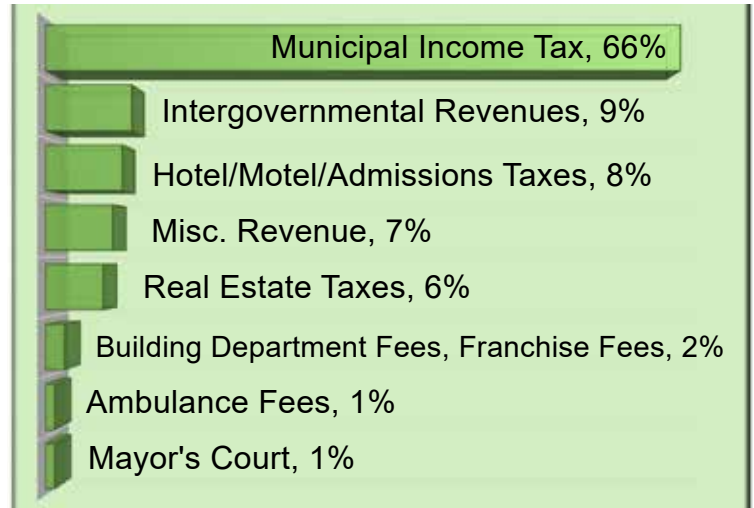


## Sources of Municipal Income Taxes Total Received in 2024 = \$7,832,580

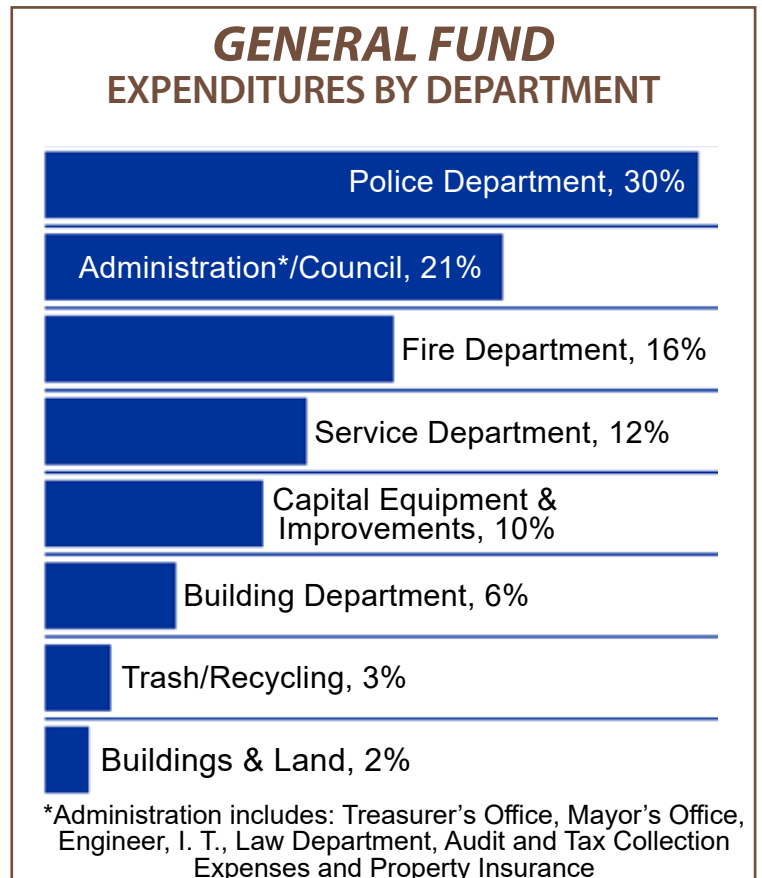
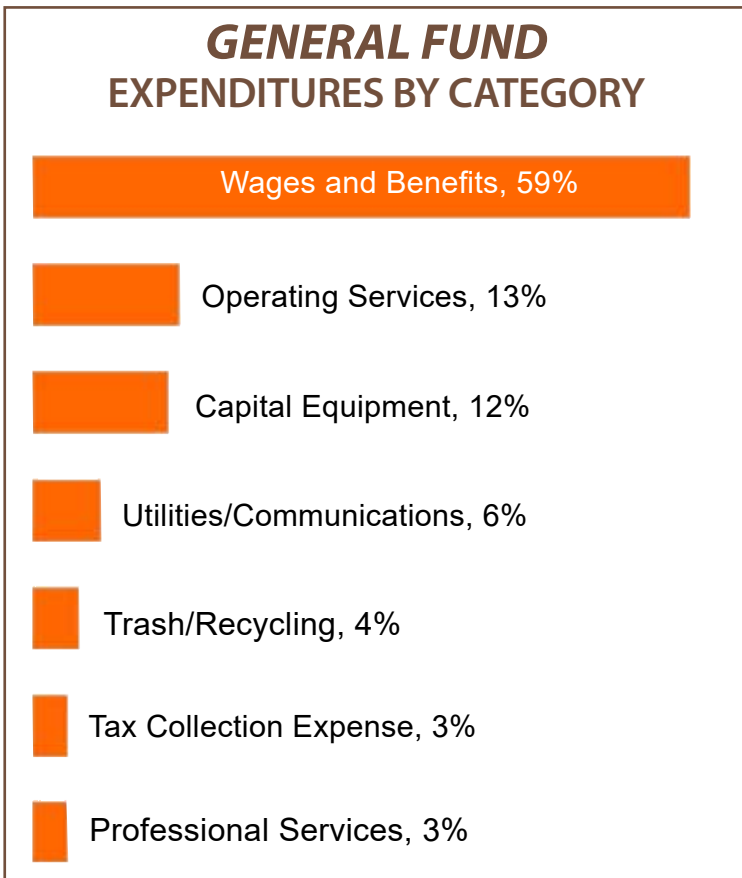
- 56% - Wage Withholding (from people who work in Orange Village)
- 38% - Residential Income Tax Filings
- 6% - Business Net Profits

## 2024 TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES

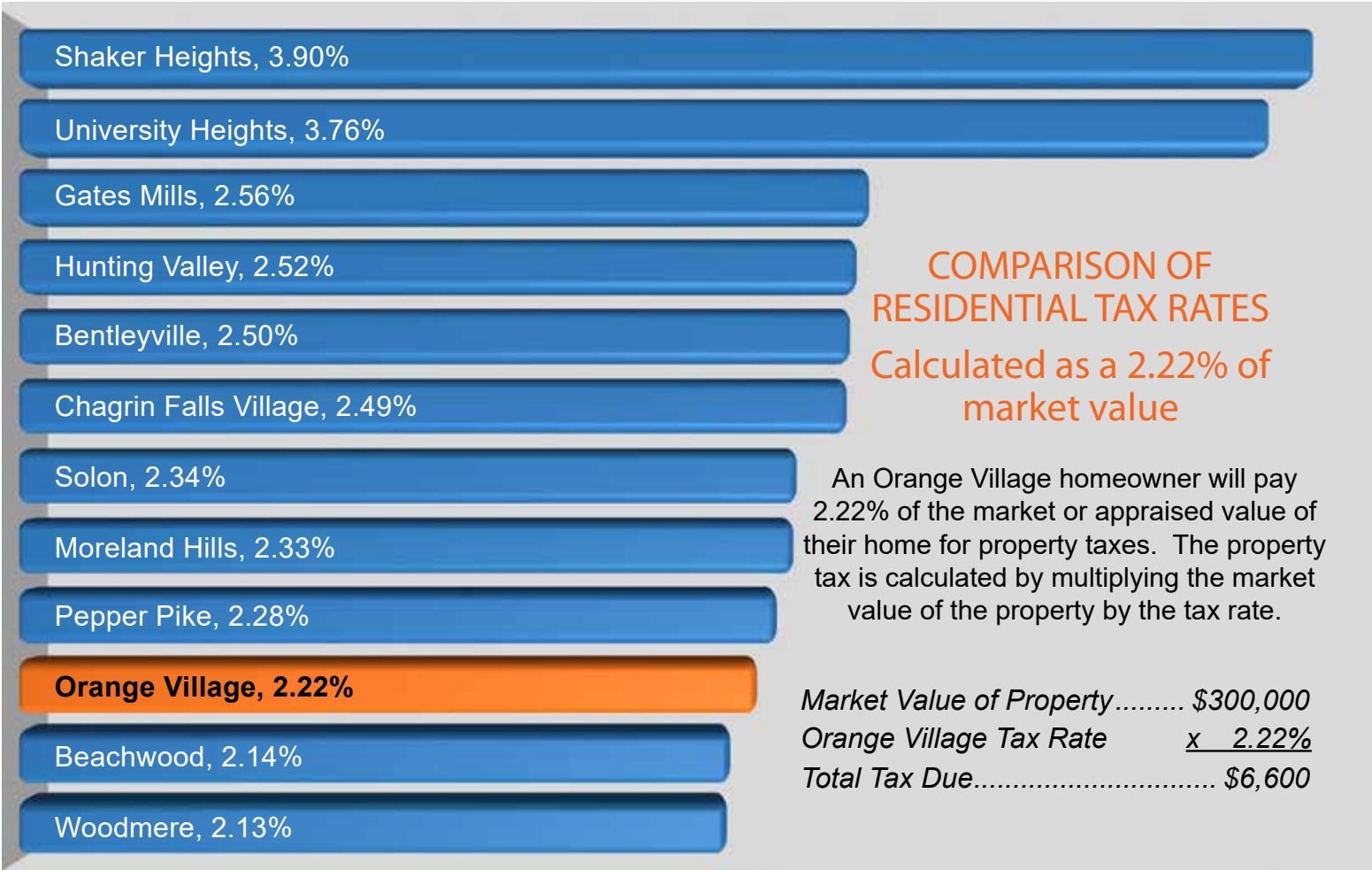
Income tax collections are the Village's primary source of revenue for all essential services. Every department within the Village relies on income tax collections for a major portion of their funding. Orange Village collects a 2.0% income tax on earned income within the Village which is applied to gross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



## 2024 TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



# FINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE



## COMPARISON OF RESIDENTIAL TAX RATES Calculated as a 2.22% of market value

An Orange Village homeowner will pay 2.22% 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 2.22%
Total Tax Due.....	\$6,600

## 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 taxes 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 parcels to reappraise the value of each piece of land based on any building additions or major improvements.

**DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLARS PAID IN 2024**  
*Real estate tax collected by Orange Village and placed into the General Fund in 2024*  
**\$668,136**



## PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST BURGLARY

Burglary is largely a crime of opportunity that can be prevented by taking a few simple steps to protect your home and/or vehicle:

- ♥ If you have an alarm system, USE IT (even at night)
- ♥ Remove keys from your vehicles (cars in the garage too)
- ♥ Use perimeter lighting (motion lights)
- ♥ Lock your doors and windows when home or away. (Don't forget rear sliding doors. Use a strong dowel, steel bar or two-by-four and place it into the back groove)
- ♥ Prepare for vacation. Stop mail and newspapers and visit our website to provide a vacation watch request. 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!

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

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



## 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
- ♥ Sergeant Zachary Zwolinski 440-287-5215



## MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Springtime is not only a time for the leaves and flowers to return, but motorcycles as well! According to motorcycle.ohio.gov, Ohio is the third largest state in the U.S. for total ridership with 600,000 endorsed riders. As May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, here are some tips for both riders and non-riders to stay as safe as possible on our roadways:

### RIDERS

- 🏍 Be visible. Wear bright-colored clothing and protective gear, especially if you're driving at night.
- 🏍 Always gear up for every ride. Ohio does not require helmets, but it's a good idea!
- 🏍 When in doubt, drive offensively. Assume most drivers don't see you. Be prepared to brake or change lanes if needed.
- 🏍 Inspect your bike before every ride. Make sure everything is in working order before hitting the road.

### NON-RIDERS

- 🏍 Take your time and watch for motorcycles. Be sure to check your blind spots before changing lanes, and listen for motorcycles near you.
- 🏍 Keep a safe distance. Give them ample room to move on the road and don't follow too close.
- 🏍 Motorcyclists appear closer than they seem. Use extra caution at night or in bad weather conditions.
- 🏍 Don't assume a motorcyclist is changing lanes if you see them moving. Motorcyclists may shift in their lane to avoid potholes or other hazards.

## 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](http://www.orangevillage.com) or call 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 25th**  
**9 a.m. until noon\***  
Pepper Pike City Hall  
28000 Shaker Blvd.

There is a five (5) paper grocery bag limit. This is for **residential** shredding only. \*or until the truck is full.

A Community for all Generations...



4600 Lander Road  
Orange Village, OH 44022

PRSRRT 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](http://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.

## ELECTRIC BIKES

In response to growing interest and evolving trends in the usage of electric bicycles we would like to begin by explaining the different classes of e-bikes. Class 1 is pedal-assist only, with no throttle and a maximum speed of 20 mph. Class 2 is pedal and throttle-assist with a maximum speed of 20 mph. Class 3 has the same riding as Class 1 but the maximum speed is 28 mph.



Orange Village welcome Class 1 and 2 e-bikes **ONLY** onto our recreational trails and sidewalks. We want to emphasize the importance of safety for all users. Riding an e-bike **slowly and cautiously** near runners, walkers, and parents pushing strollers is essential to ensure the safety of everyone.

We encourage e-bike and bicycle riders to practice good riding etiquette. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Orange Village Police Department at (440) 498-4401.

Together, let's ensure that our trails and sidewalks continue to be a safe and enjoyable space for everyone to use.

### POWER/WATER ISSUES - CONTACTS

**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](http://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.

