

Orange Village Community News

Fall 2011



CANDIDATES FORUM

Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30 pm

Orange Village Hall, 4600 Lander Road

Moderator: Emily Campbell, Center for Community Solutions

A candidates forum allows candidates for public office to express their views openly so audience members can understand their positions and make informed voting choices. All candidates were invited to attend:

- ❖ Council Candidates
- ❖ Mayoral Candidates

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Tuesday,
November 8th

Trick or Treat
Monday, October 31st
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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On the Ballot - Proposed Charter Amendment *Architectural Review Board*

On the November 8, 2011 ballot, you will see issue #86, a proposed charter amendment. The ballot language will read:

Shall subsection (A), Composition, of Article V, Section 9, Architectural Board of Review, of the Charter of Orange Village be amended so as to provide that one of the Architect Members of the Architectural Board of Review may be a licensed and registered Landscape Architect?

Under the existing charter, the Village's Architectural Board of Review is composed of the five members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and two registered architects. If the charter amendment is passed, there will be one registered architect and a choice of either a second registered architect or a landscape architect in addition to the five members of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

If you are not a registered voter you must register 30 days prior to the election by mail or in person at the Board of Elections. Registration forms are available at Orange Village Hall, public libraries or on the Board of Elections website. The Board of Elections will **not** be mailing forms to submit in order to vote by mail this year. If you wish to vote by mail you may call the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at 216-443-3200, stop by Village Hall or visit their website at <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us> to obtain a form. Absentee voting begins 35 days prior to the election. The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November, 8th.

INELIGIBLE ORANGE VILLAGE VOTER RECORDS TO BE CANCELLED

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) requires that each state conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters. Voters identified are sent a confirmation notice and have four years or two federal elections to respond to the notice. Voters who fail to have any voter activity (example: voting, signing a petition, etc.) or fails to respond to the confirmation mailing during that 4 year period are required to be removed from the eligible voter registration list. Cuyahoga County Board of Elections has scheduled the cancellation of voter registration records on September 28, 2011. The names of voters to be removed from eligibility can be viewed at www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us. You are encouraged to check the list and/or call the Board of Elections to verify questionable voter registration status: 216-443-3200.

Postal Problems

In the Village's ongoing efforts to save, wherever possible, on expenditures of taxpayer dollars, we have tried various forms of "bulk" mailing delivery over the years. The recent Salute to Orange flyers were printed and sent to the mailing service with sufficient time... or so we thought. The flyers were sent out "pre-sort standard" which provides for reduced mailing rates. The mailing service claims 2 - 7 days for delivery time of pre-sort standard mail. The service had all the material by August 25th.

Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that residents are still receiving these flyers, which is, obviously, pointless since it is now weeks after the event. We sincerely regret that any flyers arrived late and were, consequently, wasted.

We are currently investigating alternative methods of sending large "bulk" mailings that will prove to be more dependable and timely, without having to resort to first class postage rates, if avoidable.

However, we want to be able to communicate frequently, and economically, with you...and, on a timely basis! Please sign up to receive Orange Village e-news at www.orangevillage.com. That way you will never get information late. It would be a huge savings to the Village if we could rely solely on e-news sometime in the future.





Dear Neighbor,

It's hard to believe another summer has come and gone. As you can see from the pictures included in this newsletter, there were many fun activities happening throughout the Village this summer. It is always nice to see neighbors and friends having good times together. Despite the inclement weather at our annual Salute to Orange event, we had a great time. Bringing all the activities indoors brought people closer together and created opportunities for increased interaction. Fortunately, the fireworks were able to be enjoyed (and seen) throughout the Village on Labor Day.



Orangewood Homeowner's Block Party

Consolidation Study

The consolidation study which is taking place between Orange Village, Moreland Hills, Pepper Pike and Woodmere has been progressing under the direction of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. As of this writing, the Planning Commission staff is busy interviewing the mayors and the various department heads in all the communities, They have begun to collect pertinent data and inventory community assets. Productive discussion was had concerning zoning and a regional land use plan. Financial information will be analyzed with the assistance of all the finance directors and, possibly, an outside consultant. The most important aspect of this study.... the residents.... will have a critical role to play as the study progresses. There will be many opportunities for citizen input once the Planning Commission has accumulated some basic data and further refined the scope and definition of the project. We will be hosting town hall meetings and other forums for resident participation in the near future. This is a very exciting and important initiative.



Corporate Club Luncheon

On October 6th, Mayor Akers, Mayor Renda, Mayor Smith and myself will be featured at the Landerhaven Corporate Club Luncheon Series to discuss this study. It should be a fascinating discussion and I hope to see lots of you there.

As we settle in for another fall and winter season here in Orange Village, please read the related articles in this newsletter. There is a lot of important and useful information which should help us get through the upcoming cold weather.

On Election day, November 8th, you will have many important items on which to cast your vote. Please take every opportunity to become educated on the candidates and issues so you can make an informed decision. Remember to vote - every vote matters!

Yours truly,

Kathy U. Mulcahy

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Mayor

MEET THE MAYOR

Wed. Oct. 12th at 7:00 pm
Tues. Nov. 15th at 6:30 pm
Wed. Dec 14th at 7:00 pm

Sign up for E-mail

Sign up for Orange Village e-mail at www.orangevillage.com. Bi-monthly newsletters provide a great way to stay up to date with everything happening in our community. Reminders will be sent about the many great



activities we have scheduled for 2011 and reminders such as; holiday trash collection, construction updates, Music at the Muni and other Village information. You'll be glad you did!

FINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE

Dear Orange Village Resident

It is a pleasure to provide the following financial report. It has remained a priority of this administration to communicate, openly and consistently, with Village residents about our financial status. Because we are committed to transparency of our municipal finances, we have included a report on current Village fund balances in this newsletter. Even though we are working in very challenging economic times, Orange Village's financial condition remains strong.

I 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 solid fiscal condition. I know I speak for all the employees, professionals, public officials and elected representatives of this Village when I say we are all dedicated to the best interests of the residents of this community in all of our day-to-day efforts.

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

Sincerely,



Kathy U Mulcahy
Mayor

FUND BALANCE

	End Balance 12/31/10	Balances 7/31/11
General Fund	\$2,006,396.	\$2,206,812.
Street Maintenance/Repair Fund	\$254,605.	\$249,168.
State Highway Improvement Fund	\$50,463.	\$50,414.
Law Enforcement Trust Funds	\$54,164.	\$83,718.
Police Computer and Training Funds	\$3,727.	\$5,976.
Debt Service Fund	\$957,975.	\$1,294,516.
Capital Improvement Fund	\$1,057,685.	\$350,848.
Capital Equipment Fund	\$2,248.	\$42,618.
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$4,444.	\$5,734.
Infrastructure Levy Fund	\$326,534.	\$608,461.
Police Pension Fund	\$56,116.	\$118,345.
Trust and Agency Funds	\$284,805.	\$251,667.

Distribution of Orange Village Property Tax

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 relies mostly on property taxes. However, property taxes are still a significant and vital component of Orange Village’s funding sources.

Property tax in Orange Village is based on the County-assigned value of all parcels of land within each taxing district. The assignment 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.

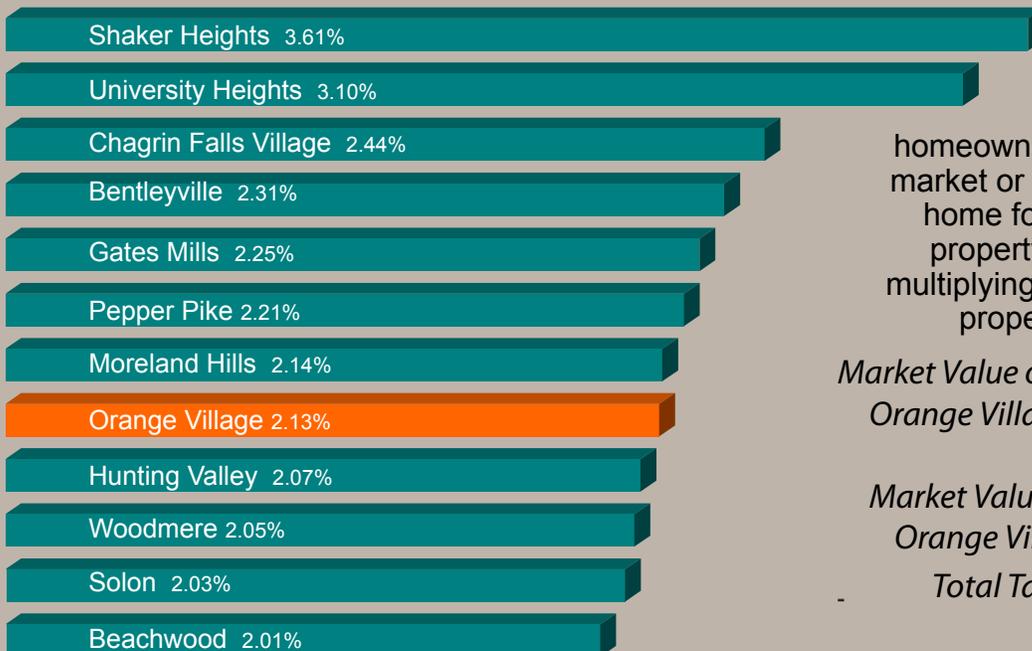
The value is updated every three years based on the average price that surrounding or similar properties sold for within the previous three-year period. Every six years, the County Auditor revisits all properties to re-appraise the value of each piece of land based on any building additions or major improvements. The last re-appraisal update of property values occurred in 2009.

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLARS TAX YEAR 2010 PAID IN 2011

Real estate tax collected by Orange Village and placed into the general fund in 2010 \$554,980.



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

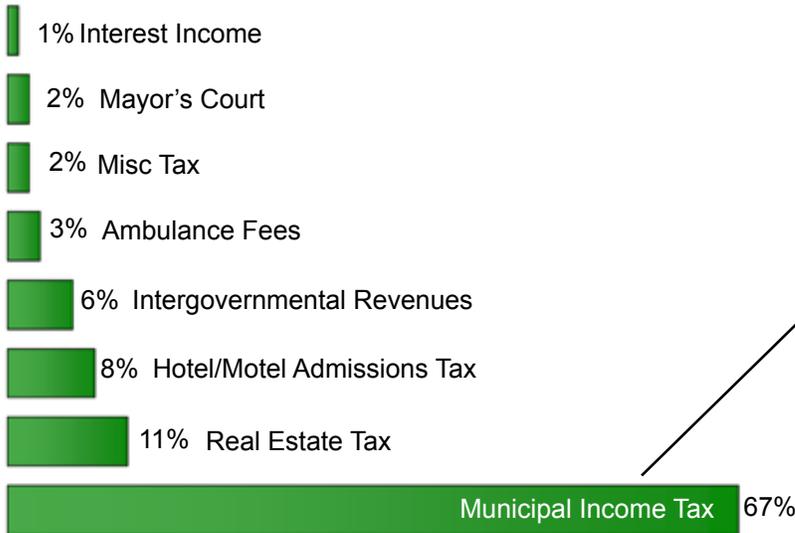


An Orange Village homeowner will pay 2.13% of the market or appraised value of their home for property taxes. The property tax is calculated by multiplying the market value of the property by the tax rate.

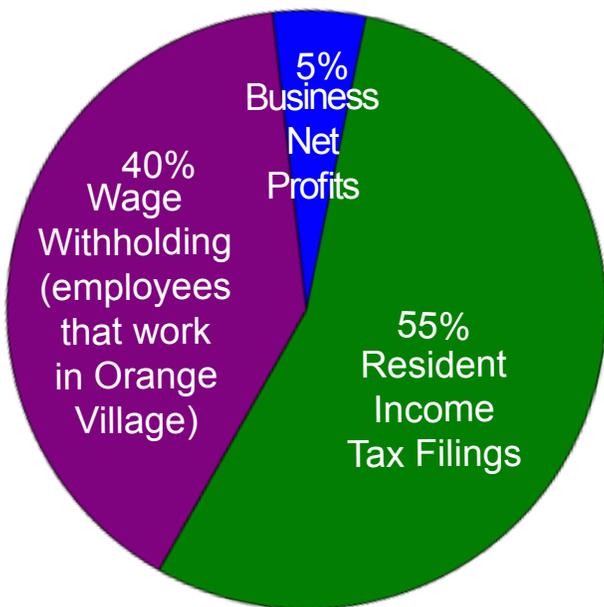
*Market Value of Property = \$300,000
Orange Village Tax Rate = 2.13%*

*Market Value of Property \$300,000
Orange Village Tax Rate x 2.13%
Total Tax Due for 2011 \$6,390.*

2010 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, wages, personal services, compensation and net income of for-profit organizations that conduct business in Orange Village. Orange Village residents are generally required to pay income taxes on income they earn outside the Village, but are given a 60% credit for income taxes paid to the municipality(s) in which they work up to a limit of 1.5%.



Total Municipal Income Taxes received in 2010=\$3,224,372

55% - Resident Income Tax Filings

40% - Wage Withholding (from people who work here)

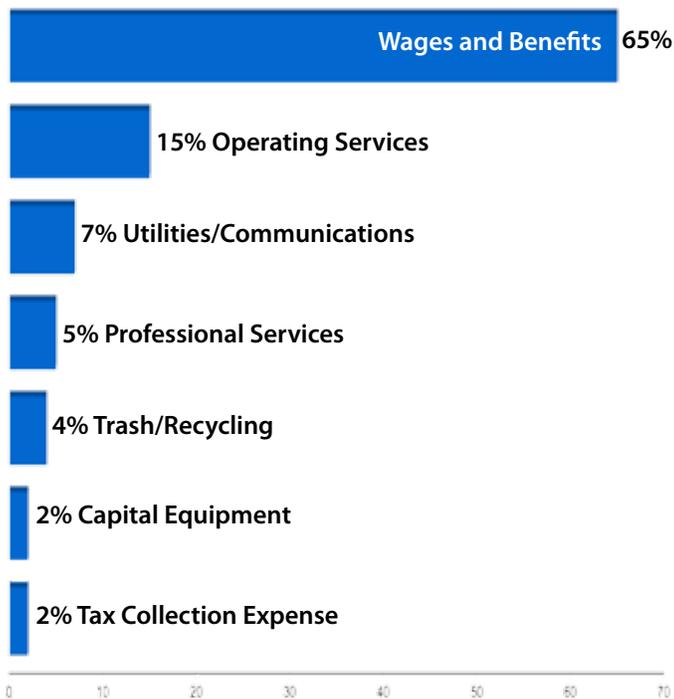
5% - Business Net Profits



A reminder from the Tax Administrator that although your fourth quarter RITA Estimate for calendar year 2011 is not due until January 31, 2012, it must be **paid prior to the end of calendar year 2011** if you would like to include it as an itemized deduction on your 2011 Federal Tax Return. Under current IRS regulations, you will still be entitled to use it as an itemized deduction when filing your 2012 Federal Tax Return if you choose to pay the estimate in January, 2012.

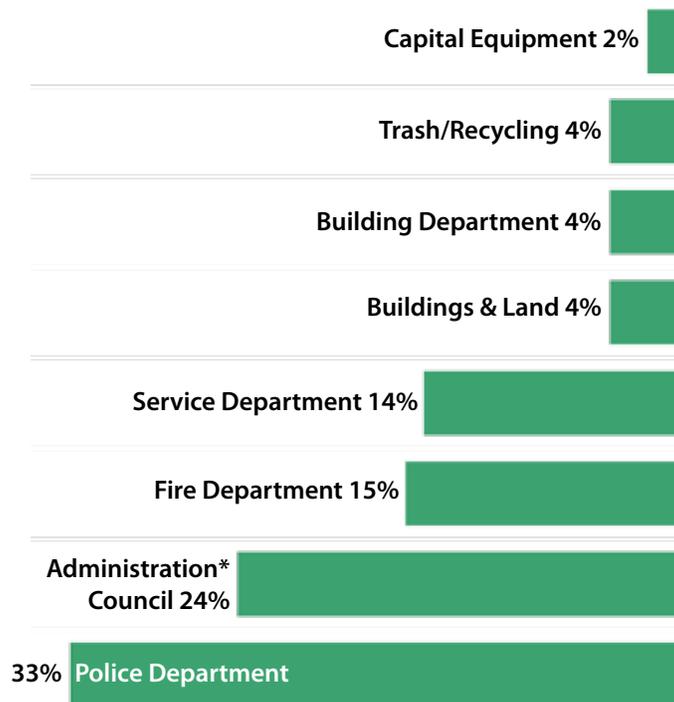
GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY 2010



GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT 2010



*Administration includes: Treasurer's Office, Mayor's Office, Engineer and Law Department, Audit and Tax Collection Expenses and Property Insurance

To the Residents of Orange Village:



It has been a pleasure serving as Council President and Finance Chair for the last four years and I look forward to serving you in the future. As you may know, I am committed to transparency in government in all aspects and especially when it comes to financial matters. It is my sincere belief that for a public entity to be financially accountable, transparency is required. I am pleased to report that even through very turbulent economic times, Orange Village has

maintained a strong financial position with no signs of significant threat to our financial security in the near future.

Presented in this newsletter are highlights of the Village's financial sources and uses, fund balances, and comparative tax data. The inclusion of this data in the newsletter is a small measure to continue our constant efforts of financial responsibility. By not sending a separate mailing for the financial report, we save money. My hope is that this will underscore to the residents of Orange Village that the books are open and you can come to the source for accurate and complete financial information. Also, keep in mind a finance committee meeting, which is open to the public, is held the first Wednesday of every month at seven o'clock in the evening where you can be made aware of the status of the Village's finances.

Finally I would like to thank the finance committee and the finance staff for all of their hard work. There have been many positive changes in the financial operations and more to come. If you have any concerns regarding the financial stability of the Village, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Councilman Mark A. Parks, Jr., CPA, MBA
Council President/Finance Chair

SHOP WITH A COP

The Orange Village Police Department will partner with other local police departments to participate in the annual "Shop with a Cop" holiday program. Officers will be taking underprivileged and/or children of military families shopping for holiday food and presents. After shopping, the officers will enjoy a pizza party with the children. Thanks to the generosity of our residents and village employees, we have been able to participate in this program for the past 10 years.

If you would like to purchase raffle tickets (\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00) they will be available at the Orange Police Department, 4600 Lander Road, Mon-Fri 8:30 am-3:30 pm beginning November 1st. You can also make a monetary donation (checks payable to FOP 67) by visiting our Police Department or you may mail a check by December 1st to:



Orange Police Department - Shop with a Cop
4600 Lander Rd.
Orange Village, OH 44022



Thank you in advance for your generosity, we appreciate it and we know the kids and parents are very grateful. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Officer Joyce Sherwood at 440-498-4401.



Please help the Police and Fire Departments locate you by making sure your ADDRESS is CLEARLY POSTED on both sides of your mail box and on the front of your home. This saves precious time in an emergency!



Greater Cleveland Dental Society

Brush Away Hunger



The Greater Cleveland Dental Society is helping to eliminate hunger by collecting canned and nonperishable foods or monetary donations at their dental offices between October 15th and December 9th. 100% of all donations will go to the Cleveland Foodbank who will create four meals from every dollar collected. The goal of the Greater Cleveland Dental Society is two million meals.

Help them reach their goal by bringing food to your dentist or Orange Village Hall, 4600 Lander Road between October 15th and December 9th.



"A smile is not easy when you are hungry...your donation can help someone smile."

RESIDENTIAL FIRE SAFETY TIPS

As the warm weather fades away it would be nice if we experienced a “fading away” of residential fires as well. Unfortunately the statistics tell a much different story. Every winter in the United States we see an increase in fire related deaths and damage to our homes. Winter residential building fires result in an estimated average of 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and \$1,708,000,000 in property loss each year. Although at its highest in December, residential building fire incidence is collectively highest in the 3 winter months of January, February, and March. Below you will find some helpful tips that we hope you will consider. The Orange Village Fire Department is always ready to serve the residents we protect. Remember to “Help us to Help You” by following good fire safety practices throughout the year.

WOOD BURNING STOVES AND FIREPLACES

- * Have your chimney inspected annually. It is crucial that you have your chimney inspected if it has not been used in some time.
- * Never use flammable liquids to assist in starting your fire.
- * Ensure that your fire screen or glass doors are sealing the room from errant sparks.
- * Avoid using excessive paper to start your fires. Using large amounts of paper, especially wrapping paper, can lead to creosote fires in the chimney.
- * Never close the damper at night while ashes are still present. Even cooler smoldering ashes can give off deadly levels of Carbon Monoxide.
- * Never discard ashes (even if you think they are cold) inside of home or in area adjacent to outside of home.

FURNACE

- * Have your furnace inspected on a regular basis.
- * All repairs should be made by an experienced technician.
- * Check walls and ceiling for discoloration near furnace. If present consider adding additional pipe insulation which can be purchased at any home improvement store.
- * Flue pipes should be sealed with metal tape at all joints. Inspect annually for cracks and rusted out holes. This pipe can prove deadly if not maintained as large amounts of Carbon Monoxide can be released.

MISCELLANEOUS

- * If you use space heaters remember to avoid areas like the bathroom and kitchen where water may pose an electrical hazard.
- * When using extension cords for space heaters, a general rule of thumb is that the diameter of extension cord should be larger than cord on unit.
- * Make sure your address is clearly visible on mailbox. Additional labeling on front of home is also encouraged. While we have GPS and detailed mapping systems, the old standby is welcomed during inclement weather such as a snowstorm.
- * If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, please take a moment to shovel around it when the snow gets deep. Consider gathering some local children to assist in this endeavor and provide the information to the fire department so we can honor them for volunteering!

If you have any questions pertaining to home fire safety, please contact Lieutenant Daniel Fritz at 440.498.4402. We are proud to serve the great residents of Orange Village and hope you will take a moment to “Help us to Help You”.

“One of the worst tragedies a firefighter can witness is one that could have been prevented by a nine-volt battery.”

Fall Back - Daylight Savings Time Ends

A friendly reminder to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday evening, November 5th. Daylight savings time officially ends at 2:00 am, Sunday November 6th. This is also a great time to change your batteries in your smoke detectors.



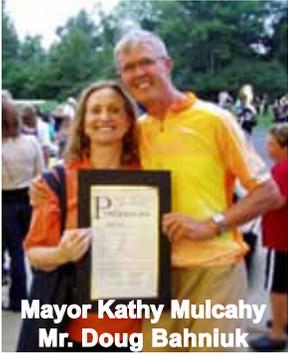
Need a Ride?

Orange Senior Transportation Connection

If a ride is needed and you are age 60+ or disabled, please call STC Van Call Center at 1-800-983-4782 to schedule a ride. The call center hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please call 48 hours in advance of your travel date. Service runs Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. The fee is \$3/one way or \$6/round trip. Drivers will be identified with bright red shirts and the van will be marked with the Orange logo and with the STC logo.



CYCLING FOR A CAUSE



Mayor Kathy Mulcahy
Mr. Doug Bahniuk

During our Salute to Orange event, Mayor Kathy Mulcahy presented Orange Village resident Doug Bahniuk with a proclamation in recognition of Mr. Bahniuk's 900 mile bicycle trek across Alaska to raise awareness for Parkinson's Disease. Mr. Bahniuk was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2003 and he has not let his diagnosis slow him down. He wants to do what he can to help defeat this disease. Mr. Bahniuk wrote an article concerning Parkinson's disease which was published in the March, 2010 issue of Medical Design News. Mayor Mulcahy congratulated Mr. Bahniuk on completing his journey and wished him well in his endeavor to defeat Parkinson's disease. We are very proud of Mr. Bahniuk and his many accomplishments.

SUMMER FUN IN ORANGE VILLAGE



Music at the Muni
Lola's Gypsy Soul



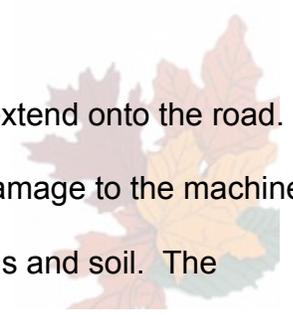
We were pleased that
Congresswoman Fudge was able to
surprise us at our annual event!



Recycling Opportunities

LEAF COLLECTION

- ❖ Collection begins October 17 through November 23rd
- ❖ Leaves should be placed close to the edge of the road. They should not extend onto the road. Leaves should be in a long row no farther off the road than 8 feet.
- ❖ Do not mix branches or foreign objects with the leaves. This can cause damage to the machine that picks up the leaves.
- ❖ The leaves will be turned into a rich compost that can be added to gardens and soil. The compost is then delivered during May to residents that request loads.
- ❖ Do not place leaves in ditches. They can block culvert and drive pipes resulting in flooding.



Free Document Shredding

Document shredding for Orange Village and Pepper Pike residents will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 22nd from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the rear of Village Hall, 4600 Lander Road. This is part of a collaboration effort between Orange Village and Pepper Pike. Paper shredding is a secure way to dispose of documents without fear of sensitive information being released into the wrong hands, while creating less of an impact to the environment. If you are unable to attend the shredding on Saturday, we will have secured containers for drop off of your material on Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 21st between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.



Village Hall Closed

in observance of

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24th

No changes to trash/recycling pick up.

Detailed information concerning recycling opportunities is published

in our annual recycling calendar and can also be found on the website at www.orangevillage.com



PRIVATE SNOW PLOWING SERVICE



Please advise your contractor that they must obtain a written permit from the Village and a decal which should be prominently displayed on the registered vehicle(s). Instruct your snow plow service provider to apply with the Orange Village Building Department and pay an annual license fee in the amount of \$25.00 and \$5.00 for each additional vehicle. For your safety, please remind your contractor to keep snow and debris out of the roadway and do not block the fire hydrants.

Snowplow Service from the Village

The Service Department provides residential snowplowing to residents who qualify. You must be an Orange Village resident age 65 or older or be physically or medically handicapped, as defined in Ohio law, with a combined household income of less than \$22,150 and have no able-bodied person living in your home. (ORC 935.01) If you meet the requirements or have any questions please contact Anna Girardi at Orange Village Hall at 440-287-5131.





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Police Response
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After Hours

Village Hall
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Service Department
4160 Lander Road
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Website:
www.orangevillage.com

Meet the Mayor

October 12th at 7:00 pm
November 15th at 6:30 pm
December 14 at 7:00 pm

Council Meetings

1st & 2nd Wed of each month
8:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning

1st & 3rd Tues of each month
7:30 p.m.



Community Garden 2011

