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Orange Village Community News



Spring 2010

A New Home for the Service Department

On Wednesday, March 10, 2010, Orange Village Council voted to acquire 5.9178 acres of land located immediately south and adjacent to the Orange Village Hall municipal facility. The purchase price of \$750,000 includes a number of structures that will be used for the Service Department's offices and administrative functions. The property also provides the Village additional land to be added to the park's green space and provides additional recreational amenities for our residents. The opportunity to create an expanded municipal campus and house all of the Village's functions in one location came about as a result of the Catholic Diocese's decision to close the St. Margaret of Hungary Church.



The need for an updated Service Department facility has been the focus of multiple studies over the past sixteen years, ever since the new Village Hall (at 4600 Lander Road) was built in 1995. At that time, proposed space for the Service Department was eliminated from the new Village Hall plans because of budget constraints. The Service Department continued to operate from the old Village Hall (at 4160 Lander Road). The Department has done an amazing job utilizing the old space and continues to provide our residents with first quality services from a second rate, inefficient and sub-standard workspace.

For over a decade, we have been seeking the "right" location for this much needed and long overdue Service Department facility. We are VERY excited about this as it is the perfect solution to meet our community's needs, now and for the future.



Q. How will we pay for this acquisition?

A. Since 1984, the Village has placed every dollar received from its Inheritance Estate tax collections into a separate account specifically designated for "Capital Improvements." The Village has saved enough to pay off the mortgage for the Village Hall and the excess continues to be set aside. As of December 31, 2009 we have \$957,990 in savings above and beyond the amount needed to pay off existing capital improvement debt and specifically set aside for a new home for the Service Department. These funds will constitute a significant "down payment" for the facility, and will be applied to any debt incurred in the construction of the facility.

Q. Will it impact other operations of the Village or add any additional tax burden to the residents?

A. NO. This money comes from a specific revenue source (Inheritance Tax) which is not budgeted for day-to-day operations. This unpredictable source of money has never been used for Village operations and has been saved specifically for this purpose. In our general fund, which is used for day to day operations we have accumulated \$2.5 million dollars of unencumbered funds in reserve.

Q. What will happen to the land and facilities located at the present site of 4160 Lander Road?

A. Because we will now have sufficient space to eventually move all Service Department operations to the Municipal Campus at 4600 Lander Road, we will gradually restore

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**Orange Goes Green Certification Program Sets the
Bar for Sustainability in the Village and the Region**



In October 2008, Jud Kline, a member of Orange Village's Architectural Board of Review, proposed the creation of guidelines to promote sustainable building in the Village. The Mayor and Planning Commission responded by establishing an Ad Hoc committee to pursue the development of a green building strategy.

The charge for the committee was to investigate and determine community aspirations for sustainable building and development, to improve the quality of life, reduced carbon footprint, improve storm water quality, enhance bio-diversity and increase property values. The objectives set for the program were to develop achievable standards without making them burdensome, financially unreasonable or difficult.

The outcome for this effort has become the creation of the "Orange Goes Green Certification Program". The program includes a credit list for strategies in building and site development. The result of participating would lead to the award of a plaque and certificate of achievement for attaining compliance with the standards at three credit levels: "Certified", "Green" or "Orange". To facilitate the program, the committee produced a credit form; a manual to assist builders, developers and home owners in pursuing the certification; and protocol for the management of the program. While the program will be voluntary, the hope is by having such a resource available, the local community will embrace the opportunity it affords for builders, developers and property owners to improve energy efficiency, environmental impact and overall quality of life in the Village. The program has been provided to the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission to be shared with other communities in the region.

The committee will continue to function providing a resource for the certification process. The next steps for the committee are to beta test a model house project for certification and to investigate the development of guidelines for remodeling and renovation. For more information contact Jud Kline, c/o Herschman Architects, Inc. at 216-223-3224 or e-mail jkline@herschmanarchitects.com.

Orange Jubilee - Friday, May 21 and Saturday May 22

Your help is needed! This is the 32nd Orange Jubilee and is the only community-wide event that involves all residents from our five communities, along with our community and school organizations and businesses. To continue to keep Orange Jubilee a viable event, it is critical that our many community organizations participate by hosting their own information booths, activities or events at Jubilee. If you are affiliated with a community organizations or business, please encourage your group's involvement or suggest they call a member of the Orange Jubilee Steering Committee to discuss participation opportunities during Jubilee weekend.

Contact Jubilee Steering Committee Coordinators:

Laura Guentner, Orange Community Education & Recreation Director, at 216-831-8601 ex 5403 or
Karen Erlenbach, Orange Community Federation President, at 216-292-4575 for ways to get involved.



Dear Neighbors,

This is my favorite time of year. The weather is warming up, the days are getting longer and the flowers will be sprouting soon. Just like your home, we do a lot of “spring-cleaning” in the Village to keep our community beautiful.

Sunday, March 14th's “Chamber Music in the Council Chambers” was a huge success. The room was filled with our friends and neighbors listening to top quality classical music. This was our inaugural winter-version of “Music at the Muni.” I would like to thank Orange Village resident, Jodi Kanter, for bringing us outstanding talent from M.U.S.i.C. (**M**usical **U**pcoming **S**tars in the **C**lassics)



EXCITING NEWS!! Orange Village Council passed Ordinance 2010-3 – an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the purchase of St. Margaret of Hungary Parish property located at 4680 Lander Road. As they say in real estate.... “location, location, location” and there couldn't be a better location than this 5.9178 acre property, immediately adjacent to our municipal complex. The cost of constructing a new Service Department facility will go down by **more** than the cost of acquiring the land because of the existing infrastructure and buildings already located on it. We have been saving money for this planned need for over 15 years from Municipal Inheritance Taxes. This money is not budgeted nor depended upon for our on-going operations. This is a wonderful addition to our community. Please read the related article on the front page of this newsletter. It is time that our Service employees have adequate space to provide us the first class services we have come to expect and appreciate.

It is with much gratitude and fondness, that we say goodbye to our long-time treasurer, Roger Delman. Roger has been a good friend and financial advisor who is respected by all his co-workers. Mr. Delman, CPA, MBA, became the Orange Village Treasurer in 1983. He has worked with four mayors.... Mayors White, Singer, Dubyak and myself. It is because of Roger's firm financial leadership that Orange Village is in excellent fiscal condition and has been able to weather economic ups and down. He leaves us in good shape with a well-trained staff to take over the duties. Roger will be retiring on April 30, 2010 and we wish him and his new bride, Gretchen, much health and happiness in their planned travels. We know Roger will also enjoy his extra fishing days. Roger will be missed and I thank him for all his hard work on behalf of Orange Village.

As the weather continues to get warmer, I hope to see many of you at the park making use of our first rate recreational amenities. It is a privilege representing Orange Village as your mayor and an honor to work with the most dedicated group of municipal employees to be found anywhere!

Yours truly,

Kathy U. Mulcahy

Kathy U Mulcahy
Mayor

Meet the Mayor

- Wed. April 21st - 6:00pm - TOPIC:** New Service Department Facility
- Tues. May 18th - 6:00pm - TOPIC:** “Regionalism, Consolidation, Merger.... Where are we headed?”
- Tues. June 15th - 2:00pm - TOPIC:** Open Discussion on any Orange Village subject

Community Garden Project

A task force of “Green Thumb” residents is needed to help in the planning and management of this worthwhile project. Your expertise and support will help us get this new project off the ground. Please contribute your ideas, materials and time to help us formulate this task force. E-mail bravermanh@orangevillage.com or leave your name and address at Orange Village Hall and you will be contacted.

those 7 acres to residential building lots and possibly sell them when market economic conditions are more favorable. If we did not acquire the Church property, we could not eliminate our continued need for the 4160 Lander Road location.

Q. Does the purchase of this land increase the estimated total cost of a new Service Department facility?

A. To the contrary. Because this land already has site improvements and contains over 7,000 square feet of usable office space, the estimated cost of construction will be reduced by the cost of the land. Instead of needing to build new office space, we will be able to retrofit what already exists and end up with a building of the same size at a greatly reduced price from what was originally contemplated. The entire cost of a new service department remains the same.... only now we have the extra bonus of additional park land included in the price. This gives us the ability to locate everything on one campus and increase the size of our park.

Q. What about all the current studies and discussions about service consolidations, municipal mergers and/or "regionalism" taking place.... Will this affect our need to acquire this land?

A. No matter what happens with those initiatives, there will still be a need to house service vehicles and operations.... whether they serve Orange Village as we know it today, or a greater regional area. No matter how the future unfolds, we will still need to house the same number of trucks & equipment in order to continue to provide services we expect from the Village. The quantity of road miles, etc., will remain.

Q. How will the new use of this property affect its neighboring residential areas?

A. Because there is sufficient land, the operations will be placed in the middle interior of the property and remain not visible to the neighbors. It will be far less intrusive than where it is currently located at 4160 Lander Road. We are continuing to negotiate for the last 4 acre piece on the corner of Pike Drive & Lander Road so we can continue to use the large parking lot for special events and create landscaping mounds to enhance the aesthetics of that corner.

Do you have any questions that have not been answered? Please do not hesitate to phone Mayor Mulcahy for additional information. In addition, plan to attend the "Meet the Mayor" session on April 21, 2010 at 6:00 pm to learn about this exciting Orange Village plan.

Preserve Memories - Tell The Orange Story

The Orange Schools are preserving memories and encourage all alumni to participate in telling "The Orange Story". Include answers to the following questions in your response:



Name:

-Graduation Year:

- ❖ The impact of the Orange experience on you or your life?
- ❖ The teacher, course, club, activity, sport, program, staff member, coach who made a difference for you and your future? How?
- ❖ Tell the story about how your Orange experience relates to you now.
- ❖ Please upload a current picture and/or a picture of yourself from your Orange School days

Send your stories to Lori or Brian who are part of a project to collect stories from Orange alumni

Lori Pinchot, Special Education Coordinator
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WEEKEND LANCE ARMSTRONGS TAKE NOTICE!

The laws of the road apply to bicyclists and motorists alike. If you don't follow the rules of the road you may be cited for the infraction and may have to appear in traffic court.



These rules are in affect for the safety of YOU, the cyclist, and everyone else on the roadway. Below is a list of infractions observed by your local police officers:

- 1. STOP SIGNS** – Simply slowing down and coasting through an intersection is dangerous and illegal. You must come to a complete stop.
- 2. PASSING ON RIGHT** – When approaching slow or stopped traffic, you need to take your place in line and not pass the other vehicles on the roadway.
- 3. EQUIPMENT**- All bicycles on the roadway must be equipped with front, rear, and side reflectors, front and rear illumination (for night time operation). You must have a horn or bell and working brakes at all times DAY or NIGHT!
- 4. FAILURE TO INDICATE**- All riders must know and use hand signals when changing course of direction or stopping.
- 5. WRONG SIDE OF ROADWAY**- Remember, YOU ALWAYS *ride with* the flow of traffic and *walk against* the flow of traffic!

By adhering to these rules you will make the streets a safer place for yourselves and motorists alike!

HOME SAFETY TIPS

Now is the time to increase your focus on home safety.

SMOKE DETECTORS: Change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you move your clocks forward.

CLUTTER: Many home fires are caused by excessive clutter. When clutter is placed near the hot water tank, the heat can light the materials on fire. Areas to focus on in your home include the basement, garage, kitchen and the areas around your home's exits.

POWER LINES: Never go near a downed power line. Assume all lines are electrical. The difference between cable television lines

and phone lines can often be misleading. Wires do not have to be smoking or sparking to cause electrocution.

MAILBOX: Make sure your mailbox has large clearly visible numbers. Fire fighters and Police must be able to locate your home quickly.

HOME ESCAPE PLAN: Practice your family's Home Escape Plan. For more information or for assistance in planning your own Home Escape Plan, please contact Lt. Dan Fritz at 440-715-3751.

HEART HEALTH: Our Paramedics and EMT's deal with cardiac emergencies regularly. Call 911 immediately when symptoms of

myocardial infarction (Heart Attack) develop. Some common signs and symptoms of heart attack are:

- Chest Pain or tightness
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diaphoresis (profuse sweating)
- Shortness of breath
- Pain radiating to left arm, jaw, back or neck

Different people experience different symptoms. Some individuals may experience fewer symptoms than others. When in doubt call 911.

Members of the Orange Village Fire Department are proud to protect the residents of this community. Remember, however, that you can **"help us to help you"** by following the above mentioned safety tips.

Recycling Opportunities

Computer Collection - April 1 through April 30

During the month of April computer equipment will be accepted Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Service Department



Household Hazardous Waste Collection April 30

Orange Village will accept unwanted oil-based paint, pesticides and other household hazardous wastes at the Service Department from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.



Branch Chipping

The Orange Village Service Department, will be collecting branches and brush on April 26th and June 14th. This service is to aid the residents in the management of tree prunings and limbs that have fallen from their trees.

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

Paper Shredding

Residents will have the opportunity to have their sensitive documents professionally shredded on April 24th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Orange Village Hall. If you are unable to attend this shredding date, we will have secured containers for storage of items at Village Hall beginning Thursday, April 22nd. Please contact Village Hall with any questions at 440-498-4400. There will also be another shredding event in October.

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 or call Village Hall at 440-498-4400.

Property Maintenance Checklist

Spring is the perfect time to not only clean out the interior of your home but also to check the exterior of your home and property as well.

Gutters

- Gutters and downspouts should be unclogged and securely fastened, drain away from the house and be repaired and painted if necessary.

Porches

- Repair or replace broken steps and railings. Be sure the foundation of the porch and the stairs are sound.

Garages and Accessory Buildings

- All accessory structures should be structurally sound and in good repair. Paint or another protective coating should cover all surfaces.

Drainage Swales

- The swales must be maintained and kept clear of materials that could prevent proper drainage flow.

Roof

- The covering and flashing should be sound and right. Shingles should be secured.



Yard & Fences

- Yards should be free from weeds, overgrown grass, debris and illegal storage. Trash should not be put out more than 24 hours prior to pick up. Fences in disrepair should be repaired, sanded and painted.

Junk Cars or Inoperable Vehicles

- Properties should be free of visible junk and inoperable or unlicensed vehicles.

Recreational Vehicles

- Boats, campers trailers and wave runners must be stored in the rear of the property.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Building Department 440.498.4400.

Funding Received for Orange Village Water Main Extension Project

Funding for the extension of water mains for fire protection will be available in July 2010. The main purpose is to place water mains in key areas so that every home in the Village will be within 2000 feet of a hydrant. Our tanker truck currently serves as fire protection for the 106 parcels of property not close enough to a hydrant.



Water mains are being extended along the following roads; Jackson Road (Lander Road to Orangedale), West Woodcrest & Woodcrest (Miles

to Fairview Drive) and on Pike Drive (Lander Road to address 29499 Pike). When a planned main on Brainard Road is installed, for the future Lakes of Orange Subdivision, a water main will be extended to Hidden Valley.

When these projects are complete, almost all the parcels of property in the Village will be within 2000 feet of a hydrant. This will allow the Fire Department to eliminate the need to replace the tanker truck at a cost of over \$300,000. A second, minor part of the project is to install additional hydrants on existing water main stubs at the following

intersection locations; East Woodcrest (North of Miles), Smithfield (West of Lander), Harvard (West of Lander) and Pinecrest Dr. (East of Orange Place).

Residents who will have access to the new water main will be permitted to tie into the main for their residential water supply. Information regarding the cost to tie into the main and when access is available to the residents will be provided to the residents soon after the completion.

Remember, the primary purpose of this project is for the installation and access of fire hydrants to all homes in the Village for fire fighting and the safety of our residents.

Census 2010...It's In Our Hands



Please take 10 minutes to fill out your 2010 Census form and mail it back. The short, 10-question form will help determine how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to tribal, state and local governments. Census data helps shape the future of our community by determining which schools receive funding for improvements, where new hospitals and roads will be built and how we are represented at all levels of government. Remember, take 10 minutes to complete and mail back your form and make a lasting impact on our community. Learn more by visiting <http://2010.census.gov>.

Haz-Mat Response Team



Orange Village is part of the The Chagrin/Southeast Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team (Haz-Mat). The Team was formed in 1990 to assist local fire departments responding to incidents involving industrial chemicals. Every member has completed hundreds of hours of training in chemical identification, instrumentation, packaging, chemical and physical properties of materials, chemical protective clothing, spill control and fire control.

The Team also responds to confined space rescues and has had special domestic preparedness training for response to terrorist incidents including bombings, chemical weapon attacks, biological weapons and radiological attacks. Since 2001, Haz-Mat has adapted well to this challenge and is prepared to defend our communities against the unthinkable.



Mutual aid agreements with surrounding communities have allowed the Haz-Mat team to maintain close relationships with other Haz-Mat teams of Northeast Ohio. The regional approach, as well as technical rescue, is cost-effective, maintains a high skill level and ensures that our communities are ready to respond to any emergency.

A Community for all Generations...



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Meet the Mayor

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Tues. June 15th - 2:00 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.

Collaboration Study Complete

Orange Village, along with the communities of Pepper Pike, Moreland Hills & Hunting Valley participated in a study researched and written by Baldwin Wallace professors and students. The purpose of this study is to examine the feasibility of greater collaboration between the municipalities in order to reduce total expenses, while maintaining or improving our services. We have just received the final report and it is very interesting. There were many thoughtful observations and recommendations. The full report is now available at www.orangevillage.com. I hope everyone will read the document as we begin talking about its contents together. We will need your feedback and participation in future studies and discussions. In these times of economic uncertainty, we are being proactive in examining every alternative for efficient and effective municipal governance. Please join the dialogue for the future of our communities.

Farewell From Roger Delman

Dear Residents of Orange Village,



I will be retiring from Orange Village effective April 30, 2010. When I began working at Orange Village in 1983, I never anticipated that I would still be here 27 years later. I had the good fortune to have worked with four dedicated Mayors during my tenure.

I will continue my CPA/Financial Services practice except that I will not be working on Fridays in order to have many long weekends and more vacations. My wife, Gretchen, and I plan to travel extensively.

It is difficult to say goodbye, as I will miss the many wonderful people, past and present, that I have had the pleasure to work with while at Orange Village.

I wish all the residents and staff of Orange Village the very best.

Sincerely,

Roger S. Delman,
Treasurer