



Community News

FALL ACTIVITIES IN ORANGE VILLAGE:



**Friday, October 2nd
7:00am - 6:00pm**
Household Hazardous Waste
Collection at Orange Village
Service Department, 4160 Lander
Road

Saturday, October 17th 9:00am-12:00pm

Free Document Shredding at Village Hall

Saturday, October 17th 10:00am - 3:00pm

CPR/AED Training

Wednesday, October 21st 7:00pm

Jim Rokakis, Cuyahoga County Treasurer
Foreclosure Issues, Have We Hit Bottom?

Wednesday, October 28th 7:00pm

The Finances of Orange Village

Wednesday, October 28th 8:15pm

Meet the Candidates Night

Saturday, November 14th 10:00am - 3:00pm

CPR/AED Training

Free Document Shredding

Document shredding for Orange Village residents will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the rear of the Village Hall. Stapled paper is allowed.



This service is provided free of charge to Orange Village residents.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY FORECLOSURE ISSUES

Cuyahoga County Treasurer,
Jim Rokakis

Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00pm
(at Orange Village Hall)

**Have We Hit Bottom?
Implications for
Cuyahoga County...
population, property values
and the future.**

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FREE CPR - AED TRAINING



**October 17, 2009 or
November 14, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Orange Village Fire Department and University Hospitals are offering free CPR/AED training. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a combination of rescue breathing and chest compressions delivered to victims thought to be in cardiac arrest. The automated external defibrillator (AED) is a computerized medical device. An AED can check a person's heart rhythm. Lunch will be provided to participants. If you are interested in attending this free training session, please contact Sgt. Damian Davis at 440-287-5236 or via e-mail at davidd@orangevillage.com,

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TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK

If you have been in the Orange Community park you may have noticed the new information in the kiosks. They are filled with facts about birds, trees, shrubs, aquatic invertebrates, plants and amphibians that enhance the parks nature trail. The signage, posters and brief easy-to-read facts enhance a most pleasant stroll through the trails.

The data was garnered by the seventh grade students of Gilmour

Academy under the direction of their teacher, Jennifer Ault. They spent a day identifying the flora and fauna throughout the park and presented an informative report and slide presentation to the Mayor and Council.

As the beautiful colors of the fall season begin to emerge, enjoy your nature walk through the Orange Community Park. Pause to read the information in the kiosks, you'll be surprised at all that our Park has to offer.

Update on the Sterncrest Road Drainage Project

Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc.

In 2008, Orange Village, with assistance from Moreland Hills and a grant from the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc., completed a drainage improvement and road resurfacing project along Sterncrest Road. This area of the Village was the source of regular and repeated flooding, a result of inefficient roadway drainage and incomplete discharge swales.

Through an innovative design, developed by the Village's Engineer, Stephen Hovancsek & Associates, an application was submitted to CRWP and awarded in 2007 to cover 60% of the costs of the project. The project was completed in the fall of 2007.

In August, approximately 40 people from Northeast Ohio and Columbus visited Sterncrest Road to see the project and hear about its success.

The group included stormwater experts who highlighted the drainage portion of the Sterncrest Road improvements for the group. They pointed out the grassed swale and the series II rain gardens that were installed in the road right-of-way that drain to a storm sewer system. A rain garden is an attractive, landscaped area planted with perennial plants that "do not mind getting their feet wet". The rain gardens and swale act as a filter system that allows water runoff from the street to drain slowly through the soil cleaning the water before it enters the storm sewer. The project's completion, has reduced flooding issues along the stream and is trapping, filtering and cleaning rainwater runoff before it gets to our streams and Lake Erie. With the rain garden areas in full bloom the street is a great example of a new and effective way to clean water and to minimize flooding.

2010 CENSUS

What is the Census?

- The census is a count of everyone living in the United States.
- The census is mandated by the U. S. Constitution.
- The census is done every 10 years. The next one is 2010.
- Your participation is required by law.
- The questions take less than 10 minutes to complete.
- If you do not return your questionnaire, a census worker will call on you personally.
- Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census.
- Census data is used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide and to distribute \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

From the Mayor



Dear Neighbors,

Another summer, filled with many enjoyable community activities, has flown by quickly. Your Village employees and public officials continuously strive to find activities to enrich, engage, educate and entertain you. If you have any comments or suggestions concerning those efforts, please do not hesitate to let me know.

This fall is shaping up to be another busy time in Orange Village. I know many people would like to learn more about Orange Village and become involved with their community. We are offering some of the following opportunities which may be of interest to you and I look forward to seeing you.

Meet the Mayor – NEW FORMAT

In addition to having the opportunity to meet with me in a casual and informal format, the following dates will feature various public officials and/or employees to highlight specific areas of Village governance and other topics:

Tuesday, October 20th - 6:00pm – Police Chief Christopher Kostura will be available to answer questions about the Orange Village police department

Wednesday, November 11th - 6:00pm – Fire Chief Bruce White will provide tours of the Orange Village Fire department and answer your fire safety questions

Wednesday, December 2nd - 2:00pm – Service Department employees will answer your questions about recycling, branch chipping, snow removal and other service department public works programs.

Jim Rokakis – Cuyahoga County Treasurer

On Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00pm we will have the chance to learn about the foreclosure issue in Cuyahoga County and hear information on the on-going and novel initiatives from the public official who has been in the center of all these problems and has been way ahead of everyone else in recognizing, diagnosing and attempting to minimize the consequences of this threat to our region's economic security.

Financial Forum – The Finances of Orange Village

Have you ever wondered how your municipal tax dollars are spent and what you are receiving in return? Have you been curious about the condition of Orange Village's finances? This is your opportunity to learn about our budgeting, financing and economic condition. There will be a presentation on Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00pm where all these questions will be addressed. Additionally, you can find details of our Management Operating Budget, Village Treasurer Statements and Tax Administrator Reports at www.Orangevillage.com under the link for Finance

Candidates Night

Immediately following the Financial Forum, there will be an opportunity to meet the Orange Village Council Candidates. This is a chance to hear the candidates and ask questions so you can make an informed decision when voting on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

CPR/AED Training

Become familiar with these invaluable skills which will be taught by fire department personnel in conjunction with University Hospitals. See further details and sign up information on the front page of the newsletter.

So Much More

Throughout this newsletter you will learn how you can be involved in Orange Village activities. Of course, we always welcome you to attend monthly Council meetings, Planning & Zoning/Architectural Review Board and Finance Committee meetings. Sign up for semi-monthly Orange Village e-newsletters and Reverse 911 informational phone calls, visit the village website frequently.... and so much more!

A special thank you to the adult student artists of the Orange Senior Center's Drawing and Painting class, a program of Orange Community Education and Recreation. Their pictures are prominently displayed in the Village Hall gallery and I encourage you to stop by to admire and appreciate their works of art.

I look forward to seeing you at any or all of these events. As always, it is a privilege to serve as your Mayor.

Yours truly,

Kathy U. Mulcahy
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Remember to Vote
Tuesday, November 3rd

Household Hazardous Waste

A Service Department employee will be accepting Household Hazardous Waste materials at 4160 Lander Road on Friday, October 2 from 7:00 am - 6:00 pm. Household Hazardous Waste includes any



product that is toxic, flammable, corrosive, reactive, or explosive. For further information, please see the Orange Village recycling brochure which was mailed to your home or visit our 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 to apply to Orange Village and pay an annual license fee in the amount of \$25.00 and \$5.00 for each additional vehicle.



LEAF COLLECTION

- Collection begins Oct. 19th through Nov. 25th
- 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.

RESIDENTIAL SNOWPLOWING

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 440-498-4400.

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ALL ACTIVITIES ARE LOCATED AT ORANGE VILLAGE HALL 4600 LANDER ROAD, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED SD - Service Department, 4160 Lander Rd. OSC - Orange Senior Center, 32000 Chagrin Blvd.</p>				1	2 Household Hazardous Waste Collection SD - 7:00a - 6:00p	3
4	5	6 Planning & Zoning ABR 7:30 pm	7 Finance 7:00 pm Council Work Session 8:00 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Council Meeting 8:00 pm	15	16 NEOEA Day No School	17 Paper Shredding 9:00 am to 12:00 pm CPR/AED Training 10am - 3pm
18	19 Leaf Collection Begins	20 Meet the Mayor and Police Chief 6:00 pm Planning & Zoning ABR 7:30 pm	21 Cuy Cnty Treasurer, Jim Rokakis 7:00 pm Foreclosure Issues	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 The Finances of Orange Village 7:00 pm Meet the Candidates 8:15 pm	29	30	31 Happy Halloween Trick or Treat 6:00 - 8:00 pm

MEET THE MAYOR AND GUESTS

Tuesday, October 20th, Police Chief - 6:00 pm
 Wednesday, November 11th, Fire Chief - 6:00 pm
 Wednesday, December 2nd, Service Dept. - 2:00 pm

**Christmas tree collection will
 be Monday, January 4, 11
 and 25, 2010**



November 2009

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1	2	Election Day 3 Planning & Zoning ABR 7:30 pm	4 Finance 7:00 pm Council Work Session 8:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Meet the Mayor and Fire Chief 6:00 pm Council Meeting 8:00 pm	12	13	14 CPR/AED TRAINING 10am - 3pm
15	16	17 Planning & Zoning ABR 7:30 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Leaf Collection Ends	26 Thanksgiving Holiday	27 Thanksgiving Recess - No school No Recycling/Trash Pick-up	28 Recycling/Trash Pick-up
29	30					

December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Planning & Zoning ABR 7:30 pm	2 Meet the Mayor & Service Dept 2:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Council Work Session 8:00 pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Council Meeting 8:00 pm	10	11	12 1st Day of Chanukah
13	14	15 Planning & Zoning ABR 7:30 pm	16	17	18	19 Last Day of Chanukah
20	21 Winter Recess - No school / Orange Schools	22	23	24 No Recycling/Trash Pick-up Christmas	25	26 Recycling/Trash Pick-up 1st Day of Kwanzaa Happy Kwanzaa
27	28 Winter Recess - No school / Orange Schools	29	30	31 Happy New Year		

THE FINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

7:00pm-Village Hall



The Finance Committee invites all residents to come to the Village Hall on Wednesday, October 28 at 7 p.m. to participate in "THE FINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE."

The purpose of the meeting is to encourage residents to stay informed about the Village's finances. In order to provide background information so that our residents can fully benefit from the meeting, we have put together some Frequently Asked Questions about our finances.

1.) What financial information is available to our residents on a regular basis?

Our website www.OrangeVillage.com contains the following financial information:

- Budgets for 2008, 2009 and 2010; Year End December 31, 2008, Financial Statements (Unaudited), Monthly and Year-To-Date Financial Statements for each month from January 2009 to present
- Monthly Tax Administrators reports for each month from January 2009 to present

The public may also attend the Monthly Finance Committee or Council Meetings.

2.) What is our current financial status and why hasn't Orange Village implemented major cost cutting programs similar to some other municipalities?

A review of our current financial statements (July 31, 2009) indicates that we are financially strong. Even though we have seen a decline in some of our sources of revenue, current revenues exceed current expenses. The reason we have not implemented cost cutting programs can be stated in three words: budgeting, budgeting, budgeting!!! We continue to monitor our financial health and will take action if and when necessary. Our budgeting process takes a conservative approach and only projects regular sources of revenue to support our operations. We do not base our budget on projected "windfall" revenues, such as inheritance taxes, which we have traditionally used for capital projects that do not significantly increase the costs of operations.

3.) Is Orange Village subject to audit by the State of Ohio?

Yes, by law every village is required to be audited every two (2) years; we have chosen to be audited annually.

4.) What have been the results of our audits by the State?

For over 25 years, my entire tenure as Treasurer, Orange Village has always received a "clean opinion." That means that in the opinion of the Auditor of State (AOS) the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances and the Village's cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. In that time Orange Village has never received a "finding for recovery." This means that money has never been spent unlawfully.

The year 2006 was a transition year from an audit standpoint. For many years we were following the guidelines issued to us by AOS, which required us to establish a Debt Service Fund and to transfer debt payments to that fund from the respective capital projects fund. A change in the interpretation of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) by AOS resulted in the issuance of noncompliance citations for the first time. We have since revised our accounting procedures to comply with the revised AOS requirement.

A 2006 noncompliance citation was issued for our failure to credit Estate Taxes to the General Fund. In 1984 our Council had passed a Resolution requiring that Estate Taxes be recorded in a capital projects fund; it was not until 2006 that we were cited for noncompliance. We have since complied with this change.

Also in 2006, the fact that Orange Village does not "encumber" expenses was first cited as a "material weakness." The Village has never used an encumbrance accounting system due to staffing limitations and other considerations. In all prior audits the lack of an encumbrance system was deemed "immaterial." When the AOS changed its position and deemed the lack of encumbrances to be a "material" weakness, the Village changed to encumbrance accounting which will resolve the matter.

I hope the information provided is helpful to you. I invite you to review the above information, go to our website for more information and attend "The Finances of Orange Village" on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Delman, CPA
Orange Village Treasurer 1983 to present

ORANGE VILLAGE FLOOD PLAINS

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flood damage. However, because of Orange Village's participation in the National Flood Insurance program (NFIP), residents can purchase a separate flood insurance policy to cover their home and contents. Renters, too, can cover the contents of their home. You do not have to live in a floodplain to qualify. Flood insurance covers all surface floods and can be purchased from a licensed insurance agent.

There are two flood plains in the Village of Orange – a tributaries of Tinker's Creek and Willey Creek. The Village has been spared from floods in recent history; however, this should not make us complacent. Under specific circumstances, the floodplain could flood. If you need assistance in determining if you are in a Special Flood Hazard Area, call the Village Engineer (216.731.6255), Service Department or Building Department to help you.

The Village's efforts depend on your cooperation and assistance. Here's how you can help:

- Do not dump or throw anything into ditches, streams or detention basins.

Dumping in streams and ditches is a violation of local regulations. It should be reported to the Service Department or to the Village Engineer immediately. Even yard waste can plug an existing watercourse resulting in flooding.

- If you live next to a ditch or a stream, please help keep the banks clear of debris and heavy vegetation.
- All developments in the floodplain, not just building construction, require a permit. Before you buy or build in the floodplain, contact the Building Department for details. Contact the Village Engineer or the Building Department if you suspect illegal development in the floodplain.

Here are some flood safety and evacuation tips in case of flooding:

- Plan escape routes to higher ground.
- During heavy rainfall, monitor the level of water in drainageways. Stay tuned to radio or television for possible flood warnings.

- Evacuate the flood hazard areas when advised to do so by the Fire or Police Department.
- Do not attempt to cross a flooding stream by foot or by car.
- If your car stalls in high water, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground.
- Keep children away from flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.

Here are some tips to protect your property if floods threaten your home.

- Open basement windows to let water in to equalize pressure.
- Move important or expensive items to a higher floor.
- Put small appliances in plastic bags and store in high places.
- Remember to lock your house if you must evacuate.
- Turn off water, gas and electric at shut-off points.



TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

Texting while driving is quickly becoming the newest challenge facing police departments across the nation. The Orange Village Police Department is no exception. Although we do not have a specific texting ban, we do have an Ordinance called Failure to Control (331.34 FAILURE TO CONTROL; WEAVING; FULL TIME AND ATTENTION.) This ordinance allows officers the ability to cite motorists performing any activities that distract them from operating their motor vehicle safely.

According to the Transport Research Laboratory, sending text messages while driving dramatically increases the likelihood of collision. Reaction times were reduced by 35%. In addition, motor vehicle operators who sent or received text messages drifted in and out of their lane of travel 91% more frequently than other drivers.

It is imperative that we educate our children, family, co-workers and friends to the dangers of texting while driving or they may find out at the cost of someone's life.

OFFICIAL NOTICE - ACTION REQUIRED

REGISTER YOUR ALARM SYSTEM

As provided in Section 937.01 of the Orange Village Code, all residences and businesses having an alarm system must register their system with the Village annually. The purpose is to provide up-to-date information on whom to contact if your alarm sounds.

Registration takes place from now until January 1, 2010. You may return the completed form on the back of this newsletter to Village Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or mail your registration to "Alarm Registration", Orange Village Hall, 4600 Lander Road, Orange Village, Ohio 44022.



The registration fee is \$5.00 if paid by January 1st, thereafter the fee increases to \$15.00. Your operation in returning both the application and the payment in a timely fashion assists our staff in the proper handling of emergency alarm calls. If you have any questions, please call 440-498-4401.

IMPORTANT:

Your alarm company needs the following number to report alarm drops to our dispatch center.

POLICE/FIRE 440-247-7321

This is the only number to be used to report alarm drops.

A Community for all Generations...



4600 Lander Road
Orange Village, OH 44022

U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO. 180
CHAGRIN FALLS,
OHIO 44022

VILLAGE DIRECTORY
EMERGENCY 911
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY (440) 498-4401
FIRE NON-EMERGENCY (440) 498-4402

Police Response (440) 247-7321
After Hours

Village Hall
Phone: (440) 498-4400
Fax: (440) 498-4404

Service Department
4160 Lander Road
Phone: (440) 498-4403
Website:
www.orangevillage.com

Meet the Mayor and Guest
Tues Oct 20th - 6:00 p.m.
Wed Nov 11th - 6:00 p.m.
Wed Dec 2nd - 2:00 p.m.
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.

ALARM REGISTRATION

Please Print Legibly or Type

TYPE OF PREMISE PROTECTED: ___ Home ___ Condo ___ Business

Name: _____

Address: _____ Orange Village, OH 44_____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

ALARM COMPANY: _____ PHONE: _____

Emergency Contact #1: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

This form MUST be filled out completely EACH year and returned with the appropriate fee.

For office use only

Date of Registration _____

Amount Paid _____ Cash/Check