

Orange Village Community News

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Winter 2010

ORANGE VILLAGE INVITES YOU TO ENJOY OUR PREMIER EVENT:



Chamber Music... in Council Chambers!

Sunday, March 14th, 3:30 p.m.
At the Orange Village City Hall



Mozart's Magnificent Clarinet Quintet
and other sparkling chamber works

Starring: **Emil Hudyyev**, clarinet, from the Yale Conservatory of Music and Carnegie Hall
and an all star string quartet from the Cleveland Institute of Music

Join us for a welcoming reception at 3:00 pm preceding the musical program

Event is free of charge, all are welcome!

Call Anna for Reservations: 440-287-5131 (seating is limited)

Program Organized by **M.U.S.i.C**

Searching For.....

Residents of Orange Village to become members of Council committees. The committees cover a wide range of topics to fit many interests and areas of expertise and we welcome you to get involved.

Committees include:

- Finance
- Health and Safety
- Buildings, Grounds & Utilities
- Long-Range Planning
- Roads and Infrastructures
- Environmental Issues



If you are interested in helping your community, please go to [www. orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com) to download an application for committee membership or mail your committee request to Dan B. Brown, Council President, 4600 Lander Road, Orange Village, Ohio 44022.

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ORANGE VILLAGE WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT



In September 2009, Orange Village submitted an application for a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission Issue 1 Fund for the extension of water mains within Orange Village for fire protection. Our project was the third highest ranked project in the district. The grant monies will pay for 30% of the project and will be available in July 2010.

The main purpose of this project is to place water mains in key areas of Orange Village so that every home in the Village will be within 2000 feet of a hydrant. Water mains provide a more efficient and dependable way to fight fires as they provide a continuous supply of water. The tanker truck in the Fire Department is over thirty years old and the replacement cost is in excess of \$300,000.00. This truck currently serves as fire protection for the 106 parcels of property not currently 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 all the parcels of property in the Village will be within 2000 feet of a hydrant. This will allow the Fire Department to have a continuous supply of water to fight fires and eliminate the need of replacing the tanker truck.

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). Installation of these hydrants will allow the Fire Department to have access to a hydrant without closing down a major roadway.

Residents who will have access to the new water main will be permitted to tie into the main for their residential water supply. Costs to tie into the main or when access will be made available to the residents has not been determined at this time.

Please remember that this project is for the installation and access of fire hydrants to all homes in the Village for fire fighting purposes.



HONORING OUR MILITARY

We would like to display items such as photographs, memorabilia, etc. honoring those residents or family members who have served our county in the military. This includes both veterans and active members.

Please contact Anna Girardi at 440-287-5131.



Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! I hope 2010 will be a healthy and satisfying year for you and yours. In Orange Village, our dedicated staff of employees and elected representatives will be working hard to continue providing the services and quality of life we have all come to enjoy.

I'd like to recount some of the many accomplishments we have seen in 2009, which will lay the foundation for continued success in the upcoming new year. I have also included the 2010 goals for each department.



Administration/Municipal

Accomplishments

- ☆ Engaged in a study by Baldwin Wallace to analyze the cost benefits and other considerations of consolidating certain departments and/or services with Pepper Pike, Moreland Hills and Hunting Valley. We are looking forward to the final results of the study.
- ☆ With monies collected from the infrastructure levy we completed several road construction projects and routine maintenance was performed.
- ☆ Finance department added monthly treasurer's reports, tax administrator reports and detailed management operating budgets to the Village website.
- ☆ The Finance department and committee, under Councilman Mark Parks' leadership, hosted a "Financial Forum" for the public. A comprehensive financial brochure is enclosed with this newsletter.
- ☆ Orange Village acquired 1 1/2 acres of additional

park land by Hazlett Field.

- ☆ Installed Wi-Fi in the park.
- ☆ Began bi-monthly e-newsletters (sign up at www.orangevillage.com).

Goals

- We will continue efforts to inform residents via the Village website and increase opportunities to conduct Village business on-line.
- Continue early detection of property maintenance problems to maintain strong property values.
- Present an annual Financial Forum and distribute an annual Orange Village Financial Brochure.
- Update 5 year capital equipment needs and 3-5 year budget projections.
- Transition to new accounting software which meets all State of Ohio Auditor requirements effectively and efficiently.
- Complete acquisition of 9+ acres south of Village Hall
- Seek additional opportunities for cooperative initiatives with neighboring communities.

Service Department

Accomplishments

- 🚧 Redesigned and upgraded corner of Brainard and Miles Roads to improve the entry into our Village.
- 🚧 Equipped vehicles to perform brine applications to our roads this winter.
- 🚧 Restoration of light poles, pedestrian lights and traffic lights at Harvard and Orange Place.
- 🚧 Completion of the putting and target green area in the municipal park.

Goals

- Extension of paved trails in the Village park.
- Completion of design and construction plans for the new service department.
- Implement brine de-icing application process.
- Update and repair municipal Village Hall, as needed.
- Improve Miles and Harper Roads intersection.
- Perform asphalt and concrete repairs and resurfacing on priority streets.
- Negotiate new trash/recycling contract with partner communities.

Fire Department

Accomplishments

- 🚒 Promotion of two officers to Lieutenant.
- 🚒 Implemented "EMS Charts" which is an automated, paperless reporting system that enables us to send information to hospitals prior to ambulance arrival.
- 🚒 Received a federal grant to implement an officer wellness program which included comprehensive physicals and the purchase of exercise equipment for our safety officers.
- 🚒 Offered two well attended CPR/AED training classes.
- 🚒 Assisted with the distribution of the H1N1 vaccinations at Orange High School.

Goals

- Extend water lines so that there is a hydrant within 2000' of every Village home.
- Seeking grants and funding for equipment and increased staffing.
- Offer additional CPR/AED training classes.

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Police Department

- ♥ Installed state of the art computer equipment in all vehicles.
- ♥ Utilized grant monies to purchase new bullet proof vests.
- ♥ Added police accident reports to the website.
- ♥ Patrolman Sommers offered his acquired expertise in a self defense course for women (Rape Aggression Defense).
- ♥ Continued participation in the Valley Enforcement Group (VEG) SWAT team, Hostage Negotiation Team, Investigation units, Hazmat, HIDTA, Cuyahoga Chief Associations and other professional organizations. These initiatives provide services to our community which we could not provide ourselves.
- ♥ K-9 team assisted local departments in 14 felony drug arrests and 5 misdemeanor arrests with over 2500 lbs. of marijuana, 11 crack rocks and 1 1/2 kilos of cocaine seized.
- ♥ Implemented video conferencing capability with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office. This program allows Grand Jury testimony to take place from our police headquarters thus reducing the

time and manpower formerly necessary to assist in criminal prosecution by no longer having to travel downtown. This capability has been offered to our neighboring communities for their use as well.

- ♥ Once again, the department and/or its members received the AAA pedestrian safety award and the MADD participation award.
- ♥ The inaugural bike patrol was very well received and will be continued as often as possible.
- ♥ Several officers accomplished extensive and sophisticated training in specific areas of law enforcement.
 - Sgt. Diccio completed training in computer forensics
 - Sgt. Marvin successfully completed the intensive Police Executive Leadership College
 - Detective Debeljak was one of only 133 officers in the state of Ohio to receive the distinction of Master Evidence Technician.

Goals

- Offer additional opportunities for our female residents to participate in R.A.D classes.
- Renegotiate the police union contract expiring in 2010.

I am very proud of these and the many other unmentioned accomplishments, both routine and otherwise, which are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our excellent employees. I could not be more proud of the staff and look forward to many more meaningful accomplishments in 2010. It is an honor to work with each and every one of these fine individuals on behalf of the Orange Village community.

Yours truly,

Kathy U. Mulcahy
Mayor

Meet the Mayor Dates

Wednesday, February 10th - 6:30 pm - Village Engineer Brian Mader will be available to discuss the plans to extend the water lines for fire safety.

Tuesday, March 9th - 2:00 pm

Wednesday, April 7th - 6:00 pm

Salt Brine Information

This year the Service Department will introduce the use of salt brine to assist with snow and ice control. Salt brine is a pre-wetting agent that clings to the road which helps the salt work faster while reducing the amount of salt used. Applying salt brine in advance of a storm helps to prevent a bond between the

snow, ice and pavement. We currently have one truck set up with a pre-wet system and a new truck which will be equipped with liquid capabilities. A 6100 gallon tank was purchased for storage of the mixture. Brine has been proven to be very effective to help control snow and ice build-up along with salt.



Please help the Police and Fire Departments locate your home

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!

Review and Status of the Orange Village Service Department Facility

In 1994 we opened our beautiful new municipal facility at 4600 Lander Road. It houses our police, fire and administration departments. The Service Department facility, originally designed to be included at the Village Hall, was eliminated because of budgetary constraints, and service employees were asked to continue operations at the former Village hall location. They have done an outstanding job of maintaining operations from buildings which were not designed for their operations, have insufficient space, are ill equipped, out of date, lack adequate safety measures and not up to required codes. The cost of maintaining this property increases as time passes.

For over 12 years, this administration has been exploring various alternatives to construct a safe, efficient up-to-date facility for the Service Department. The range of services which Orange residents receive is extensive and requires a lot of equipment. The administration has focused on two major issues, relative to a new service facility

1. Site selection. Criteria included convenience to other municipal operations and not infringing on a residential area.
2. Finances. Latest estimates place the construction budget at approximately \$3,000,000.

An exhaustive site study was made in 2001. It was determined that the best solution was to buy the property that is south of the current service department. With unanimous support from council, the Village spent \$300,000 to acquire approximately 4.7 acres to give us a total of 7 acres at that location. After acquiring the land, we gained some additional space and extra buildings that allowed us to continue to plan for the future permanent site of the Service Department.

Our finances have continued to get stronger. We have sufficient funds in hand to fully retire the debt we incurred when we constructed the new Village Hall. We have dedicated revenue sources to service debt on all loans incurred for other projects taken on by the Village over the years (e.g. Orange Place extension, Miles Road sewer line, the Lander and Emery waterline projects and other infrastructure projects). We have been able to set aside unencumbered surplus funds in an amount in excess of \$2,500,000, which was received from inheritance taxes and other extraordinary sources. We budget our ongoing operating expenses on routine revenue sources only and do not spend inheritance taxes on Village operations.

So, approximately three years ago we once again began moving the project forward by beginning the process of master

planning. The current site was found to have such a hard rock foundation that the cost for site work was exorbitant. The cost of construction of a new service facility at the old Village Hall site was at least \$500,000 more than other locations that we have considered. We concluded that the best option was to build a smaller facility on our 54 acre municipal grounds and keep some of the yard and salt operations at the present facility. An extensive review and interview process took place for a Village representative and an architect to design the building. Bialosky & Associates were selected as the design team, and Ron Kluchin will serve as the Village's advisor on the project.

Further planning was paused in mid 2009 due to the Catholic Diocese decision to close the St. Margaret of Hungary Church adjacent to our Village hall. This 9+ acre parcel connects to our park and includes the corner parcel which the Village Hall has used for parking for large events. We stopped advancing the service department plan until we could determine the future of the church property. A study indicates that acquiring the church property would reduce our estimated construction costs by an amount equivalent to the appraised cost of the land that would be acquired.

While I can not publicly discuss any particulars concerning land acquisition negotiations, we are hoping to work cooperatively with the diocese on the disposition of the land. Given the location of this property, I am in favor of acquiring this land, even if we weren't planning on constructing a new service facility. However, the dollar for dollar reduction in cost to construct a service facility at this site indicates this is the best direction for us to take.

The benefits to the Village acquiring the church property, and using a portion of it for a new Service Facility, include:

- All municipal personnel and services will be at one location;
- Additional acres of greenspace and/or recreational opportunities will be added to our park;
- The Village will be able to continue to provide special event parking; and
- We can eliminate all of our operations at 4160 Lander Road and sell the property at a time when the market value of the property makes such a sale prudent. The total cost of the facility will remain approximately the same as other considered sites, but we will have gained so much more at this location in addition to a modern, efficient and safe service facility.



The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. Best of all, census takers work right in their own communities.

Apply today by contacting your local Census office at 440-584-4090.

Winter Safety Tips from the Fire Department

As we wind our way through another Cleveland winter the Fire Department would like to take a moment to remind our residents of the perils associated with Carbon Monoxide (C.O.). According to the Journal of The American Medical Association (JAMA) 1,500 people die each year in America and 10,000 seek medical attention as a direct result of C.O. poisoning. This number may even be low as C.O. symptoms closely resemble other ailments which may lead to a missed diagnosis.

Keeping your family safe, however, can be easy and relatively inexpensive. By purchasing a UL verified C.O. detector and placing one on each level of your home you immediately reduce the chances that your family ever suffers the ill effects of this silent killer. Placement of the detector on the level of your home containing the bedrooms should be in the common hallway just outside the bedroom doors. The hazards of C.O. poisoning are real and are discovered every year in our Village. Since C.O. bonds to your bloods hemoglobin with a much stronger affinity than oxygen, C.O. can rob your body of its oxygen carrying properties, sometimes leading to death.

The Fire Department should be alerted every time your C.O. detector activates. Please take a moment to educate yourself on the different chirp patterns relating to "activation" versus "low battery" this will help reduce

the incidence of false alarms. However, if you are ever unsure do not hesitate to call 911. Also be aware of the following signs of Carbon Monoxide problems in your home:

- If more than one member of the home is experiencing flu like symptoms that improve when away from the home.
- Excessive build up of water on the inside windows (poorly performing appliances commonly produce water vapor as C.O. leaks into the home).
- Activation of your C.O. detector.
- Poorly performing natural gas powered devices (common source of carbon monoxide)

At the Orange Village Fire Department we are trained to help identify the sources, evaluate the amounts of C.O. present in your home and to also remove the C.O. by ventilating the entire home. Please help us to help you. Ensure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors watching over those that you love. Remember, we are here to proudly serve you and your family. If you ever have any concerns related to carbon monoxide or any other threats call 911 immediately.

For more information, please feel free to contact Lt. Daniel Fritz at (440) 498-4402.

From the Building Department

- * Clean your gutters to prevent moisture from getting into the basement and ice back-up on the roof.
- * Maintain your humidifier system.
- * Change your furnace filter.
- * Have your furnace serviced. This will also help to minimize heat loss during the winter.

JUST FOR HER....



R.A.D.
Rape Aggression Defense System

In 2010, the Orange Village Police Department will be offering a Rape, Aggression, Defense (R.A.D.) program. This is a comprehensive women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on the basics of hands-on defense training. R.A.D. is not a martial arts program. The program is free of charge to residents and other women who work within the Village. If interested or for more information contact

Patrolman Eric Sommers
(440) 498-4401

Email: sommerse@orangevillage.com
or visit the website www.rad-systems.com.

Flood Protection Information



In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This program provides flood insurance at a reasonable cost in exchange for the careful management of flood prone areas by local communities. The Village of Orange participates in the NFIP; you can

protect your home and contents through the NFIP.

Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Orange Village participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. Flood insurance covers the building and its contents. Renters can insure their possessions. Everyone in the Village is eligible to purchase flood insurance. You do not have to live in the floodplain to qualify. Flood insurance covers all surface floods and can be purchase from a licensed insurance agent. The Federal Government backs this insurance.

There are two floodplains in the Village of Orange; a tributary to Tinker's Creek and Willey Creek. A detailed floodplain map is available at the Orange Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library. Fortunately, the Village has been spared from floods in recent history. This fact however should not make us complacent. Hydrologic studies indicate that under specific circumstances, the floodplain can and will someday flood. If you live in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged.

Do not accept statements from present owners, neighbors or sellers that a property in question has never been flooded. Investigate for yourself. The local library contains floodplain maps, instructions for interpreting these maps and flood protection publications. The Village Engineer, Service Department and Building Department can help you determine if your property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area and provide assistance for drainage problems on or near your property. For technical assistance such as identifying the causes and ways of preventing or stopping flood damage to your property, please call the Village Engineer at 216-731-6255.

Several of the Village's efforts depend on your cooperation and assistance. Here is how you can help:

- ❖ Do not dump or throw anything into ditches, streams and detention basins. Dumping in streams and ditches is a

violation of local regulations; it should be reported to the Orange Service Department or Village Engineer immediately. Even yard waste can block an existing watercourse resulting in flooding.

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

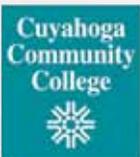
There are several ways to minimize flood damage to your home. Regarding your property so that water is directed away from structures is an example of one of these methods. The Building Department or Village Engineer can help you with this. Also, installing a plug or standpipe can help eliminate minor sewer backup. Overhead plumbing is also a method for eliminating sewer backup for more severe cases of flooding. More information about these methods and other flood proofing and retrofitting measures are available at the Orange branch of the Cuyahoga County Library.

FLOOD SAFETY AND EVACUATION TIPS

- ❖ Plan escape routes to higher ground.
- ❖ During heavy rainfall, monitor the level of water in drainage ways. Stay tuned to local radio and television for possible flood warnings.
- ❖ Evacuate the flood hazard areas in times of impending flood or when advised to do so by the Police or Fire Department.
- ❖ Do not attempt to cross a flooding stream on foot or by car.
- ❖ If you car stalls in high water, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground.
- ❖ Keep children away from flood water, ditches, culverts and storm drains.

IF A FLOOD THREATENS YOUR HOME, PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY BY:

- ❖ 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 a high place.
- ❖ Remember to lock your house if you must evacuate.
- ❖ Turn off water, gas and electric at shut off points.



Looking for new ways to keep your mind and body engaged and challenged? For 35 years, Cuyahoga Community College's Senior Adult Education programs have provided educational and personal enrichment courses for individuals 55 and over. Encore Campus, at the Eastern Campus in Highland Hills features a day long series of courses in a variety of program areas including, but not limited to, history, theater, government, finance, computers, fitness, bridge, music and literature. Additionally, the College offers several community based courses in partnership with University Circle through its Neighborhood Scholars program.

Spring registration for Encore Campus and the Neighborhood Scholars program is currently in progress. For more information on these programs, please call 216.987.2274 or visit us on the web at www.tri-c.edu/enrichment/seniors.

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Meet the Mayor

Wed. Feb. 10th - 6:30 pm
Tues. March 9th - 2:00 pm
Wed. April 7th - 6:00 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.



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Congresswoman
Marcia Fudge and
Mayor Kathy Mulcahy



Cuyahoga
County Treasurer
Jim Rokakis



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**2009 Events
Music at the Muni
Salute to Orange**



Scott and Sam Spiegle, father
and son, won our chipping
contest for their age groups.

