

Orange Village Community News

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From the Council President

Your Council continues to deal with many difficult issues which require extensive study to determine what is in the best interests of the Village. I appreciate the hard work done by Council members; your elected officials take their responsibilities seriously and seek input from residents. Several council committees meet regularly. I appreciate the participation and contributions of Village residents who have volunteered to serve as committee members. Long Range Planning, chaired by Councilman Phil Soroky has been diligently studying a revised Village Master Plan and will make a presentation, including recommendations to Council at the Nov. 1st meeting. I encourage residents to attend and learn what has been proposed for your village.

Susan Bonk, who has served as Clerk of Council the last 8 years, will be assuming the position of Finance Administrator. Council will miss her and wishes her well in her new role. We hope to announce her replacement in October.

I strongly encourage residents to attend monthly meetings and take advantage of opportunities to express your concerns. Ask questions during the audience participation portion of meetings or after meetings. Please understand extensive discussion cannot take place during meetings, however, please feel free to contact myself or any member of Council at any time.

Mark Bram
Council President



Mark Bram, Council President

New Service Dept. Facility Explored

Plans to expand the present Lander Rd. Service Department onto an adjacent lot was presented to Council in July. The existing facility is located on 2 acres and includes office space, storage, vehicle repair space and vehicle storage for a total of 9,734 sq/ft plus a salt dome. The proposed facility is 27,800 sq ft to possibly be located on 6.7 acres owned by the Village on Lander Rd. The construction would occur in three phases.

Phase 1: Budgeted Cost \$1,047,400.00 - would prepare the site, demolish existing structures, build access drives, a salt storage building and an unheated storage building.

Phase 2: Budgeted Cost \$2,243,700.00 - includes additional sitework, installation of a sanitary force main, demolition of an existing structure, construction of a 19,460sq/ft service garage with fixed equipment (lifts, vehicle wash), installation of a 4,000 gallon fueling station, open storage area and a covered bin storage building.

Phase 3: Budgeted Cost \$620,800.00 - calls for renovation of the old Village Hall to provide office space for the Building Department.

Total construction cost for the three phases

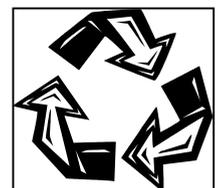
is \$3,911,900.00, which does not include professional fees (architectural, engineering, etc.) land acquisition cost, administrative expenses, furniture, environmental services, or utilities. With those costs added in, total cost of this project is estimated at **\$4,700,000.00**.

Presently, no commitment to construct a new Service Facility has been made. The presentation is the result of a committee working with City Architecture to assess service department needs. Funding for the assessment was approved by Council. Council will review the report along with construction financing, operational costs and options on alternate sites that could reduce the cost.

Now is the time for residents to voice their opinions and comments about Village investment this project. Please take time to learn about proposals so that your opinions can be weighed during the evaluation process. Call your Council Members and Administration to be heard. Be part of the process! This is a huge investment in the Village's infrastructure. The full report is available for your review at Village Hall (contact Kristin Dubyak).

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Orange Village Recycles!

Orange Village Council meets each month on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Village Hall.

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From the Editor-Council Meetings 101

For Your First Visit

Here are a few pointers on how the system works for the resident who wants to air concerns or address issues at a council meeting. **Making comments at a Council Meeting:** There are two times during a Council work session or meeting anyone can speak.

The first opportunity is during audience comments about any agenda item at the beginning of the meeting. Any comment must be specific to an item on the meeting agenda. This is not an interactive question and answer period, it is an opportunity for you to express yourself to all Council members. Your comments will most always go without any response from Council during or immediately following your statement. The Council President will control your speaking time and whether or not any comment is made. Protocol is that no comment is made to any statement from the floor by Council members or the Mayor.

The second opportunity is at the end of the meeting during audience comments on any subject. The same rules apply here, but Council comments are soon to follow, so there is an opportunity for a Councilperson to address your statement and/or concerns during their statements.

It is important for residents to voice their opinions during work sessions and meetings and to contact Councilmen directly because it is the only way Council knows the concerns and opinions of our residents. A telephone call to one or all Council members to discuss an issue you are concerned about is an effective means by which to have real discussion on an issue. Another option is to ask to meet with Council and/or Administration to discuss a topic of importance to you.

There is no better a way to get the attention of elected officials than individuals

united on a subject to appear en masse.

Pointers on Making a Comment:

◆ Prepare a statement in advance, and bring (12-16) copies to distribute to Council, Council Clerk, Mayor, Law Director, reporters and any residents interested in supporting your concern. Your name, address and telephone number should be included to allow those with questions to contact you.

◆ State your name and address. Speak clearly and slowly and do not be afraid to approach the round table in front of Council to make sure everyone can hear you.

◆ Keep your comments relative to your issue and include facts. If you are requesting a variance, the specific hardship and uniqueness of the request needs to be substantiated.

◆ Emotional concerns are best addressed outside of the Council Chambers in active dialog with Council/Administration members or added to the statement distributed after your comments.

◆ Do not be offended by the presentation process or make comments about the lack of dialog. This will only allow some Council Members to lose focus on your real issue.

◆ You have every right to attend none or all Council meetings and still be represented to the full extent by your elected officials. Call any or all Council members at home or send an email to Council Clerk for distribution to Council members. Use the webpage as a tool to send mail or access telephone numbers which are also included in the column to the left of this page.

◆ Follow-up with Council members to see what is being done to address your concerns.

*Phil Soroky, Councilman
Newsletter Editor*



**“Trick or Treat”
Tuesday, October 31st
6:00—8:00pm**

From the Mayor

Dear Neighbor,

We certainly had an active summer in Orange Village. It's always fun to see you at *Music at the Muni*, *Salute to Orange* or at your block/community gatherings. I always enjoy interacting with the residents and hearing what you think and want for our wonderful Village. The most important thing I do is to stay in touch with the people I represent and I welcome every opportunity to do so.

Another way elected officials can get to know your thoughts is by your participation in the Orange Village Community Survey which will be coming to you sometime in the not too distant future...All opinions matter. We are just beginning to gather proposals from professional marketing companies and compile lists of suggested topics to query residents on. Please contact me by phone or email if you have any thoughts to share with me at this point in the process.

I am writing this on the five year Anniversary of 9-11.... reminding me of the honor and pride in civic duty, particularly in our

safety forces. The men and women who work hard, train hard and honor their own service as much as we value them. Though we all hope no one EVER has to be called upon to respond to a disaster which puts anyone in harm's way we ALL can rest assured that we have our local brave dedicated personnel who would do that for us. The job of the safety forces is to be prepared to deal with whatever they are called upon to do...to protect the life and property of our citizens where ever their assistance is needed..... should the need ever arise. They truly are heroic.

Enjoy the beauty of the autumn season!

Yours truly,
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Kathy U. Mulcahy, Mayor

Meet the Mayor

The Mayor invites residents to attend monthly "Meet With The Mayor" sessions. This is an opportunity to discuss issues with the Mayor in an informal manner.

October 11th
7:00pm

November 8th
7:00pm

December 6th
1:00pm

Sharon Delman Memorial Race

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Just a note of sincere appreciation and my own personal thanks for everyone who donated, volunteered and participated in the Sharon Delman Memorial 5KRun/1½Mile Walk on August 6th.

The weather was picture perfect and the runners/walkers were enthusiastic about the actual course through the park and the Village.

It was a wonderful success! A check for \$5,256 in loving memory of Sharon Delman,

who died from breast cancer on March 9, 2006, has been given to the Gathering Place to help support their amazing work for all who are touched by cancer.

It was a humbling experience for me to be involved with the super Delman Family and the Gathering Place in this first time ever event.

Thank you again everyone for everything!

Frances Kluter, Councilwoman
Race Co-chair



From The Tax Administrator
All taxpayers who received
a 2005 Federal Income Tax
extension must file their
R.I.T.A. tax returns by
October 16th 2006
to avoid late penalties.

The Orange Elementary PTA is sponsoring a book fair
on Friday, October 13th and Saturday, October 14th
at Barnes & Noble—Eaton Collection. Please tell the
sales associate that you want your purchase to be in-
cluded in the Orange Elementary PTA book fair total. A
percentage of total purchases will go to Orange Element-
ary PTA to benefit the children in our community

From the Engineer *by Brian Mader, P.E., Stephen Hovancsek & Associates*

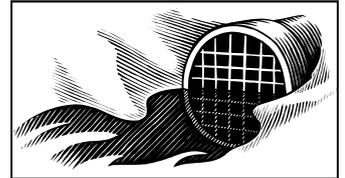
It is important to keep natural drainage ways and roadside swales of Orange Village open and flowing. As autumn approaches and the leaves begin to fall, many residents rake leaves to the roadside collection. Residents should place leaves out of the drainage courses so that swales remain open and clear for drainage. If landscapers are doing leaf removal, have them either remove the leaves from the property, pile them along the roadway for collection or place them in a designated area on your property outside of the drainage course.

Leaves and other debris that collect or are deposited in the swales or tossed into drainage ditches in the woods are washed away during rainstorms and carried downstream. The debris collects in pipes, on top of inlet basins, on larger debris in the swales, such as fallen tree branches, or settles to the bottom of neighboring ponds. When the pipes, basins, swales or pond outlets become blocked, the storm water backs up during heavy storms and overflows onto property and roadways.

Most drainage courses within the Village are located on private property. Orange Village does not have the manpower, the funding, or the required easements necessary to clear and maintain the drainage courses on private property throughout the Village.

Residents are encouraged to walk along any drainage course on their property, evaluate its condition and rectify any problems. This means removing fallen trees and debris, providing positive drainage to prevent standing water, keeping storm pipes and catch basins open and flowing. Homeowners with ponds on their property should consider having them dredged of the accumulated silt that has built up over the years. Storm pipes and basins on private property that are in need of repair should be fixed. If they are full of debris, they should be cleaned out.

By performing necessary repairs and maintenance, residents are not only protecting their own property from flooding but are also helping to prevent flooding on downstream neighbors.



Never put leaves, branches, grass clipping or other debris into the drainage courses or roadside swales.

Women Political Leaders Visit from India

In August, Orange Village hosted a delegation of women political leaders visiting from India. The visitors were participants in the U. S. Department of State sponsored *International Visitors Program*. This program is a U. S. government public diplomacy initiative which was created to humanize the United States and provide a more balanced image of Americans overseas by creating opportunities for visitors to meet with American citizens in their workplace, homes and communities. The group met with their professional counterparts on issues such as U.S. federalism, foreign policy, women's leadership, democracy-building, transparency and good governance and conflict resolution.

The group consisted of six newly elected female officials from the Jammu and Kashmir region of India. Local elections in this area were held in January and February 2005 for the first time in 27 years. Terrorist groups called for a boycott of the polls and threatened candidates and voters if they participated in the elections. In spite of the

threats, nearly 70 percent of the electorate went to the polls to vote. Violence led to the death of some of the newly-elected officials. However, those surviving vowed to fulfill their obligations to the community and commitment to democratic practices, despite political, socio-economic and religious boundaries. Many of the newly elected officials are women, a shift from the past for a Muslim-majority state where women are traditionally less likely to vote, let alone run for office.



Delegation of women political leaders meet with Mayor Mulcahy on a recent visit Orange Village.

What's on the Horizon of the Household Sewage Program?

by Tim Gourley, R.S., Cuyahoga County Board of Health

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Ohio EPA and US EPA will be implementing new program rules and regulations that will impact local health departments, community officials and individual homeowners who are serviced by household sewage treatment systems HSTS (septic systems).

New Statewide HSTS Rules

ODH is updating statewide Household Sewage Treatment Rules to provide a uniform set of standards, while still allowing for flexibility at the local level. They establish consistency in sewage system siting, design, installation and operation, and promote the importance of soil-based system designs.

These rules will place more emphasis on soil and site evaluation for individual properties as well as on considerations related to soil conditions, drainage and the impact these systems have on groundwater, which still serves as the primary source of drinking water for parts of Cuyahoga County and Ohio. Revising Ohio's sewage rules is important as the number of HSTS in use throughout Ohio continues to grow.

Many systems, especially those installed to replace older failing systems, are on small lots that can not support on-site systems utilizing soil absorption, like leaching fields, mound systems, etc. As a result, these systems, defined as "off-lot discharging" systems, provide treatment and then discharge effluent off the property. The quality of the water leaving the property will be required to meet quality standards that exceed those in use today.

Phase II Storm Water Program

Although the quality of the nation's waters has improved over the years, many bodies of water are still impaired by pollution from urban storm water runoff. To address this issue, the USEPA has implemented its Phase II Storm Water Program. This program requires communities in urban areas and developers (at construction sites) to implement storm water management control measures. Runoff from construction sites is a concern because of the devastating effects erosion and sedimentation have on local streams. Discharges that are not composed entirely of storm water, including household sewage systems, are deemed "illicit dis-

charges". These discharges must either be eliminated or obtain coverage under an EPA discharge permit. Communities are required to identify and eliminate illicit discharges to storm sewers, roadside ditches, etc. General information about the USEPA and its programs is available at www.epa.gov. Additional information on the Phase II Storm Water Program is available at <http://cfpub2.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/swfinal.cfm>

General NPDES Permit Program

To help communities meet storm water program requirements and individual homeowners overcome this "illicit" designation, the Ohio EPA is implementing a General NPDES Permit for HSTSs. Instead of each individual home obtaining a permit, a General NPDES Permit allows for many homeowners to be covered under one statewide permit. Although local health departments have jurisdiction to approve installation of HSTS's, the federal Clean Water Act requires any discharge of pollutants to the waters of the state be regulated under the NPDES Permit program. This permit will require sewage systems to be properly designed, installed, maintained and routinely inspected to ensure the discharge meets updated effluent quality standards. These system designs will vary from those installed today and require additional components to treat wastewater prior to discharge. Likewise, the Permit and updated program rules will only allow off-lot discharge to exist in the future when use off a non-discharging HSTS design or installation of a sanitary sewer is not feasible.

What Does This Mean For Us?

To meet new statewide HSTS design standards and federal storm water program requirements, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health will only consider and approve the use of on-lot, non-discharging HSTSs for new construction on previously undeveloped parcels of land. These system designs may include leaching fields, mound systems, drip distribution systems, etc. Soil conditions on the property will determine the on-site HSTS design to be used.



PROTECT YOUR STORM DRAIN!

Never put waste or trash into storm drains! Storm drains and ditches flow directly into streams and creeks and eventually into your water supply.

New Faces and Places at Village Hall

NEW FACES

Two long time employees, Police Secretary and Clerk of Courts Pat Olexa and Building Department Administrator Gloria Faletic retired on April 31st after many years of dedicated service to Orange Village.

Valerie Sickles, previously a secretary at Orange Village Engineer Stephen Hovancsek & Associates, was hired as Mayor Kathy Mulcahy's Administrative Assistant. Her cheerful voice is the one you usually hear when you call Village Hall.

Bill Buettner has replaced Pat Olexa as Clerk of Courts. Prior to joining us, Bill was a dispatcher with the Chagrin Falls Police Department. Bill recently completed training to become an EMT and is also a member of the Orange Village Fire Department.

Dustin Derbin joined the Orange Village Police Department in July. Dustin, who was a police officer in Woodmere, was hired to replace Scott Barr, who left the department for a position in the construction business.

We welcome Valerie, Bill and Dustin to the Orange Village family. Next time you visit Village Hall be sure to introduce yourself to them. Our very best wishes and good luck to Gloria, Pat and Scott...we wish them well!

NEW PLACES

Susan Bonk has been Council Clerk for eight years. At the same time she was also our Payroll Clerk, Finance Clerk and Planning & Zoning Commission Secretary. Susan has resigned as Council Clerk and Secretary for P & Z to become our Finance Administrator. Both Council and P & Z appreciate her years of dedicated service and shall miss her effectiveness and efficiency!

Kristin Dubyak, who coordinates special events/projects for the Village has accepted the position of Council Clerk to replace the vacancy left by Susan. Kristin brings with her a wealth of experience that will allow her to work both roles efficiently and expand information "between the lines." Council is fortunate to have Kristin working with them and being the "director of first impressions" by servicing the community via dissemination of Village and Council information through the newsletter and website.

Mary Fisco, who has been working for the Village in Administration, Building and Finance since 2004, replaced Gloria Faletic as Building Dept. Administrator and Susan Bonk as P & Z Secretary. Mary's knowledge of departmental procedures and practices has made the transition very smooth.



Valerie Sickles-top
Officer Dustin Derbin-bottom

Influenza

Provided by University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center

High risk people such as people age 65 or older; residents of long-term care facilities; people with long-term health problems such as heart disease or diabetes; people with muscle or nerve disorders; people with weakened immune systems; children on long term aspirin therapy, pregnant woman and all children 6-59 months of age should be vaccinated for influenza annually.

Flu, a contagious disease caused by the influenza virus is spread through coughing and sneezing. Symptoms are fever, cough, sore throat, headache, chills, muscle aches and fatigue.

October/November is the best time to get the vaccine. Flu season usually peaks in February, but can peak anytime from November through May. You cannot get the "flu" from the vaccine. The vaccine contains an inactivated (killed) virus that your body uses to

produce antibodies. It takes about 2 weeks to provide protection which lasts up to one year. Since flu viruses are always changing, vaccines are updated every year and annual vaccination is recommended.

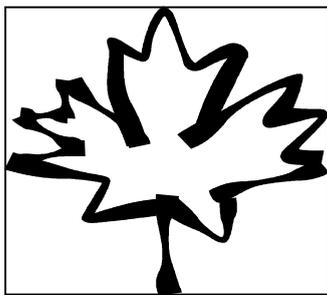
Side effects are usually mild and include soreness, redness or swelling where the shot was given, fever and aches. They usually begin soon after the shot and last 1-2 days. If you have a severe reaction to the vaccine please seek medical attention.

You should not get the vaccine if you have a severe allergy to eggs or any vaccine component, a severe reaction from a previous flu vaccine or if you ever had Guillain-Barre Syndrome (a severe paralytic illness). If you are moderately or severely ill, you should wait until you recover to receive the vaccine. People with mild illness can usually get the vaccine.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is offering influenza vaccinations for seniors and those with a chronic illness as part of the Community Health Fair at the **Orange Senior Center on Friday, November 3rd from 9:00am—1:00pm**. Only those who have pre-registered will be eligible to receive the shot.

Pre-registration is Friday, October 6th from 8:30am—4:00pm at the **Orange Senior Center**. The cost of the vaccine is covered by Medicare Part B or Qual Choice only. You must bring your insurance card with you to Pre-registration. If you have other healthcare coverage, visit your physician for the vaccine as these plans will not cover the vaccination at this health fair. Or, if you are not covered by Medicare Part B or Qual Choice, a self-pay fee of \$25.00 can be paid at Pre-registration.

From the Service Department



2006 LEAF PICK-UP
October 23rd
through
November 24th

Report all potholes
in Village Roads to the
Service Department.
Call 216 292-7202



SNOWPLOWING **REGULATIONS**

- ◆ All snowplow contractors must be registered with the Building Department and have a permit displayed on their vehicles. Snow should not be pushed across the roadway
- ◆ Snow should not be pushed up against utilities or fire hydrants.
- ◆ Snow should not be pushed around the base of your mailbox. The snow will freeze, making the post excessively brittle and the post will easily break with very little pressure.

LEAF COLLECTION

Each fall the Orange Village Service Department collects leaves and turns them into a rich compost that can be added to gardens and soil. This compost is then delivered in the spring to residents who request loads. This service is to aid residents in the disposal and recycling of fallen leaves. Please review the procedures for placing leaves for pickup:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **Branch collection is complete for 2006.**

PAINT, PESTICIDE & HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP

Old paint (oil-based only), pesticides, anti-freeze, gasoline, gas/oil mixtures, solvents, auto batteries, fertilizers, pool chemicals and household cleaning products will be accepted at the Orange Village Service Center during

the dates and times listed only. A Service Department employee will be accepting these materials. Latex paint is a non-hazardous waste material and may be disposed of in your regular trash once it has dried. To dry or harden latex paint add sand, sawdust, plaster of Paris, vermiculite cat litter or Waste Paint Hardener™ (available at Home Depot or Lowe's). **Latex paint cans should be placed curbside without lids.**

Round-Up Dates:
October 27th & 28th
Friday & Saturday only
7:00am-3:00pm

SNOW PLOWING FOR SENIORS

The Service Department provides residential snow plowing for residents who qualify. Residents who qualify must complete an application and file it with the mayor's office. To find out if you qualify for this service and for an application visit our website at www.orangevillage.com. Details and applications are also available at Village Hall. Residents who qualify must reapply every year.

From the Police Department

The Orange Village Police Department hopes you had an enjoyable summer. With fall approaching, we would like to offer these helpful reminders to our residents.

One of the most spectacular features of our village is its semi rural character and charm. However, we need your help. We ask all residents to please keep garage doors shut and locked, especially overnight. Please lock vehicles parked outside overnight and remove any valuable items from your car

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, October 29, 2006. During the early morning and late evening hours, we would like to remind joggers that reflective clothing must be worn. Additionally, all walkers/joggers must travel on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

Cyclists riding during dusk or dawn hours must have a white headlight, and a red tail light on their bikes. Bikers are reminded that traffic laws must be obeyed at all times, including stop signs and traffic signals. Helmet use is

encouraged for bicyclers of all ages.

Trick or Treat will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

Parents are encouraged to participate in trick-or-treating with their children. It is a good idea to carry a flashlight and wear reflective clothing while escorting your children from house to house. The Police Department will have extra Officers patrolling the neighborhoods throughout the evening.

NO PARKING is allowed on any village street overnight without permission from the police department.

The Orange Village Police Department has three certified child safety seat technicians. If you need assistance installing a safety seat, please call the police department at 440-498-4401 to schedule an appointment.

We would like to thank our residents and businesses for helping make Orange Village a safe community.



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Mail Box Placement



The construction and placement of mailboxes is critical to ensure delivery of your mail and avoid damage from cars and snowplows. Use only U.S. Post Office approved mailboxes. If you want to install a custom mailbox contact the local Postmaster for approval.

- ◆ Mailboxes should be set so the mail carrier can safely and easily deliver mail. We recommend 1' from the edge of the road on streets with curbs and 2' on streets without curbs.
- ◆ Posts should be no closer than 2' to the road edge. Some of our plows extend that far from the edge of the road. Semi-arch or extended arm-type posts are recommended.
- ◆ Posts should be no larger than 4" x 4" wood, or 2" diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe, buried no deeper than 24" and should safely break away if hit by a vehicle. Larger supports can cause excessive damage if struck.
- ◆ Mailboxes should be no lower than 4' from the road.
- ◆ Mailboxes must be securely attached to its post to prevent separation if struck. Use a 1½" thick fir or pressure treated lumber mounting to attach the mailbox to the post or arm. Use only weather resistant screws or bolts to attach the mailbox and mounting to

the post or arm.

- ◆ Mailboxes must have the street number displayed. *This also helps the safety forces in an emergency.*

Plastic mailboxes become brittle in the cold weather of Northeast Ohio and can easily break by snow coming off the plow. "Step 2" mailboxes require the mounting post to be in the back. Using your present post can cause the mailbox to be too close to the street. A new post should be used on all installations.

Ask your plower not to push snow toward the mailbox side of your drive. When street plows come by it can shift the pile and cause damage to your mailbox. Make sure your door closes securely. As the plows pass your mailbox they create a suction which can pull the door open and suck out your mail. Also when the door is open it can be damaged easily.

Wood mailbox enclosures can weaken and rot over time. Use pressure treated pine or Douglas fir which resist rotting and splitting and maintain regularly. The larger the enclosure the more stress it receives from snow and slush coming off plows. Perform seasonal inspections of the post and all hardware and repair when necessary.



Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving. Trash collection that week will be on Saturday, November 25th.

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, December 25th for Christmas. Trash collection that week will be on Saturday, December 30th.