

ORANGE VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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NEW RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD

After a nearly two (2) year period of study, which included residents, Village Council members, the Service Department, the Mayor's Office, Waste Disposal Contractors, and the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, Orange Village is moving forward with a plan to provide recycling containers for each resident. Under a plan approved unanimously by Village Council, the Village will be purchasing 64 gallon, plastic, wheeled containers, specially designed for recycling our waste. Based on an analysis conducted by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, the cost for purchasing the recycling containers should be recovered through lower disposal costs in no more than seven (7) years and possibly in less than five (5) years.

Orange Village contracts for waste disposal through a regional consortium of neighboring communities, resulting in lower disposal costs than could be achieved by bidding this work on our own. As an innovative facet of our contracting process, we pay for waste disposal services in two (2) components. One (1) component is a per-household fee for pickup and the second component is a per-ton fee for waste deposited in the landfill. If waste is recycled instead of sent to the landfill, there is no cost to Orange Village for the disposal component of our contract. This means that for each ton of waste we can divert from the landfill, our Village saves money. In 2006, we disposed of over 1,600 tons of solid waste at a

rate of about \$31/ton, for a cost of about \$50,000 (amounts for 2007 are not yet available). Because we hope to dramatically increase the amount of recycling by our residents with this plan, we hope to reduce our disposal costs significantly.

One of the major complaints most people have about recycling is that it is not convenient. Even though Orange Village offers one of the most complete curbside recycling programs in the area, we still see a relatively small amount of our household waste stream being recycled (maybe about 5-10%). Under this program, all recyclable materials (generally, glass, plastic and metal containers, newspaper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs and cardboard) can be co-mingled in this single container. We believe this will add a level of convenience not achievable through the previous process of separation and will encourage more residents to recycle and to have those that already recycle, do even more. Further, having this material in closed-lid containers will cut down on blowing trash, animal disturbance and the general appearance of our Village on trash pickup days.



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FROM THE ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Although the recent election resulted in only minimal changes in Council membership, 2008 will be a new year of governance for our Village. Our first order of business for the new year was to elect Dan Brown as our Council President and Lisa Perry as Council President Pro Tem.

A new Council leadership team means newly formed Council committees that will support your Council in 2008. All members of Council would like to see everyone become an *active* member of a Village committee. Please consider this important level of civic participation and seek an application from Valerie Sickles in the Mayor's office or download a committee application from our website at www.orangevillage.com.

With the new year, the Orange Village Council will be announcing an opening for the position of Clerk of Council. All residents will receive notification of the opening outlining the responsibilities of this very important position as well as the procedure for applying. This is a Council-appointed position. The screening of applications and resumes will be followed by interviews with Council on the evening of February 27th. (See page seven for further details.) A selection will be promptly made and announced. We are looking forward to adding a new member to our governance

team. Do you have the time, talent and interest to seek this important position in Orange Village?

The recent election revealed that many of our residents have important questions about Village governance and would like (and deserve) more information about what is occurring in the Village from time to time. Council has always encouraged residents to be aware of and take an active part in Village governance. As we have suggested in the past, come to Council work sessions and regular meetings, obtain copies of pending legislation, visit the Orange Village website, and express your opinions to Council Members. Listening to the opinions of our residents helps make the legislative process all that it can and should be in Orange Village. Also, add to your awareness of Village activities by communicating with the administration. Our Mayor's door is almost always open to residents and her input will always be a valuable addition to our decision-making process. See page three for Meet the Mayor dates.

In short, we intend to be there for you in 2008 and we hope that you will join us in a meaningful and active way as we govern Orange Village together.

To view pending legislation, please visit our website at www.orangevillage.com.



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Orange Village
 Council
 Meets the
 1st and 3rd
 Wednesday
 of every month at
 8:00 pm
 at the Village Hall.

NEW RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD, CONT.

To provide more information on this topic, Orange Village will be providing a *Refuse Collection and Recycling Guide* to each resident in the coming months and will look to conduct public meetings as we roll out the containers later this year. The containers will be delivered to each resident, but will remain the property of Orange Village. After moving, the containers must remain

with the residence. Each container will have a unique number for tracking purposes and the Village will maintain them if they are damaged.

We look forward to your help in making Orange Village a "greener" community and in providing leadership for our region in the important area of recycling and low-impact living.

FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents,

Greetings for the New Year!

I believe it's comforting to know that when we have an accident or car wreck, emergency medical workers will quickly show up and provide services to us...in state of the art equipment. We can rest easy knowing that in the unfortunate case of a fire, a group of trained firefighters will appear in moments and use top notch equipment to extinguish the flames, saving us, our families and our belongings. If necessary, our police officers will rush to our defense and protect us against attack or loss. We are in the unique situation of having practically every one of our police officers and service department employees both EMT and firefighter-trained. Because of this, our residents' safety is even further protected.

In the summer our branches are chipped up. In the fall our leaves are picked up. In the winter our streets are promptly plowed. And in the spring, we get our yard waste back in the form of mulch for our gardens. Our garbage and recyclables are picked up every single week. For recreation, we can come to our beautiful municipal park and walk through the nature trails, play volleyball, football, soccer, baseball and basketball. In winter we have a sled-ding hill and skating pond. And in summer we will have a putting green and Music at the Muni to entertain us. When our roads are in disrepair, we fix them promptly.

Orange Village consistently ranks in the top of all lists measuring positives, yet our real estate tax rate is in the bottom half of communities. A full 95% + of our youngsters go on to college after graduating our excellent school district. We have beautiful, principally owner-occupied homes and, recently, over 90% of our neighbors rated the quality of life in Orange Village as good or excellent.

Orange Village has a very healthy general fund and absolutely no debt which is either unfunded or without a dedicated revenue source.

I could go on and on.....but this community is as wonderful as it is due to the people who live, work and care about Orange Village.

In 2008 we will be focusing on some of the following issues:

- To advance the discussion of an updated and efficient service department facility and make decisions as to location, design, budget and construction schedules.
- The Lakes of Orange development should begin in 2008 as the preliminary plans were recently approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission
- There will be ample opportunity in 2008 to learn about and discuss what will be proposed by the developers for the large property west of Brainard, south of Harvard and north of Jackson Drive.
- Some new amenities will be introduced in our community park during the year, including a putting green and some new trails.
- We would like to interest a group of civic-minded residents to form an "Orange Village Civics League." We have lots of ideas which we would like to share with those who are interested in being part of this exciting new initiative. Please email or phone the Mayor's office with your questions or to indicate your interest. This would be a great way to get involved with your community and help mold our future.

My personal goals for 2008 are pretty much the same as every year.... To continue the prudent fiscal management of our taxpayers' hard-earned dollars, while continuing to deliver the quality of services to which we have become accustomed. I pledge to be accessible and responsive to all the residents of Orange Village and to advocate on behalf of our community at all levels of government. Orange Village is a wonderful place to call home and maintaining that high quality is always my primary focus. I look forward to working for you - and with you - during the coming year. I'd also like to acknowledge the hard-working and dedicated Village employees and I will ensure they have the necessary resources to best serve you!!

Yours truly,

Kathy U Mulcahy, Mayor
kathyum@aol.com



Mayor Kathy U. Mulcahy

Meet with the Mayor

Wednesday,

Feb. 13th

7:00 pm

Tuesday,

Mar. 18th

6:30 pm

Tuesday,

Apr. 15th

1:00 pm

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A Few Facts Concerning Smoke Detectors

We are all very much aware of the indisputable fact that smoke detectors save lives. Recently, a major house fire in our village illustrated this fact as all occupants are alive and well. Unfortunately, recent headlines regarding fire related fatalities provide a stark reminder that not everyone is on the same page. The Orange Village Fire Department wants every resident to have all the facts concerning these life saving devices. Please read on and ensure that your loved ones are properly protected.

Why Is It So Important To Have Working Smoke Detectors?

- A house fire is reported in the United States every 980 seconds. This is an average of 1.19 million fires reported each year.
- Someone dies in a house fire every two and one-half hours.
- 50% of home fire deaths occur in the 6% of home with no smoke detectors.
- Homes that incorporate the use of a smoke detector have 50% fewer fatalities when compared to homes without smoke detectors.

Where Should I Install a Smoke Detector?

- Working smoke detectors should be installed on **EVERY** level of your home, or you will give small fires a chance to grow before activation occurs. Remember, a fire doubles in size every 30 seconds.
- Other essential locations include the hallway adjacent to sleeping area and inside bedrooms.

What Kind of Smoke Detectors Should I Buy and When Do I Replace Them?

- There are basically two technologies utilized in smoke detectors (ionization and photo-electric). While each detects the presence of smoke differently, both perform well.

However, since each technology responds faster than the other in certain types of fires, residents should have one of each or should purchase a “Dual Sensing” model (approximately \$30).

- Smoke detectors should be replaced per the manufacturer’s recommendations. Most experts agree that the life expectancy of any smoke detector should not exceed 10 years.

What Are Common Problems Associated With Smoke Detectors?

- By far the biggest problem with smoke detectors is the simple fact that the homeowner fails to replace dead batteries. Remember, **“CHANGE YOUR CLOCK...CHANGE YOUR BATTERY.”**
- Don’t forget to test your detectors monthly. (A simple entry on your pda or pocket calendar can remind you.)
- Studies show that children do not awaken as quickly as adults when a smoke alarm activates. Therefore, conduct a test of your detector when children are asleep to gauge if alternate locations are needed.
- Most families fail to incorporate a “Home Escape Plan” with the use of their smoke detectors. Occupants should be aware of how to check doors for heat and exit the home appropriately. Additionally, occupants should have a “Meeting Place” outside where accountability can take place.

If you have a questions related to the information above, please contact Lieutenant Daniel Fritz at 440.498.4402.



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

FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

➔ LEAF AND BRANCH COLLECTION:

Since leaf and branch collection is done for the season, please do not place them curbside, as we will not be able to pick them up. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to dispose of any leaves or branches until collection begins next year. Pick-up will begin again in **May 2008**.

➔ PREPARING FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

The **Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (OCSWA)** recommends Ohio families to take the following steps to prepare for the cold winter months:

Invest in a **NOAA weather radio** or a **public alert radio**. Public alert radios are designed to signal various alert ranging from weather emergencies, child abductions, acts of terrorism or other emergencies.

Make a disaster preparedness plan. Every home should have a written plan for any possible emergency and should know what to do, where to meet, and where to go in case of power outages, ice storms, floods, fires, or tornadoes. Everyone should know the difference between a storm watch and a storm warning.

Prepare disaster kits for your home and vehicle. Winter emergency kits should include:

- Warm clothing
- Gloves
- Flashlights
- Blankets
- Coats
- Battery-operated Radio
- Hats
- First Aid Kit

You should also include enough non-perishable food and water to sustain your family for at least three days.

Vehicles should always have at least a half a tank of fuel.

Trash Collection
Holiday Schedule for 2008

- Memorial Day: Saturday, May 31, 2008
- Fourth of July: Saturday, July 5, 2008
- Labor Day: Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008
- Thanksgiving: Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008
- Christmas: Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008



Main entrance to the beautiful paved trails in the Orange Community Park

Fluorescent Bulbs

Did you know that fluorescent bulbs, even compact bulbs (shown below) contain a small amount of mercury that can be harmful to the environment if thrown in the trash? For proper disposal of all fluorescent bulbs, visit www.cuyahogasd.org.



MEMORIAL TO THE LATE FIRE CHIEF, FRED FRITZ

After 35 years with the Orange Village Fire Department, 24 years as Fire Chief, the presence of the late Chief Fred Fritz still permeates the building. Following a long battle, Chief Fritz succumbed to cancer in August of 2005, at the age of 65. His love for his fire fighters and his memory, in the hearts of all who loved him, will never die.

At 2007's Salute to Orange, the Orange Village Fire Department unveiled and dedicated a memorial to Chief Fritz before 150 of his family, friends, co-workers and admirers.

The memorial, a black granite, beautifully etched stone standing just outside of the side entrance to the Fire Department, was funded by donations raised by the Orange Village Fire Fighters. It rests on a patio of etched pavers purchased and personalized by Fritz's family, friends and fire department members.

Chief Fritz's son, Lieutenant Dan Fritz, who served under his father, still serves the Village of Orange as a fire fighter and a paramedic.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Orange Village Police Department would like to pass along some reminders as winter settles in for the new year.

As the snow starts to fly, **NO PARKING** is permitted on any Village street when snowfall exceeds two (2) inches. We are unable to grant parking permission under these conditions as well.

When choosing a snowplowing contractor, make sure they are registered with the Building Department - and remind your contractor that it is illegal to push snow across a roadway or onto someone else's property.

Take a moment to prepare yourself and your vehicle for winter travels. It is recommended that you keep a cell-phone, blanket, and

shovel in your trunk in case of an emergency on the road. Use good judgment when traveling during the winter - if road or weather conditions are dangerous, it is wise to delay any non-essential travel.

Speaking of traveling, should you be going out of town, you may leave a "Vacation Notice" with the Police Department by calling 440-498-4401. In addition, you may wish to register your alarm system early so that the most accurate emergency contact information is on file.

The Orange Village Police Department wishes all of our residents a Happy New Year, and if we can be of any assistance, please contact us at 440-498-4401.



Orange Village Police Department K9 Unit Officer Nick DiCicco with Maverick.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ROUND-UPS

The *Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up* is a free collection event available to all Cuyahoga County households. The Round-Up provides for the environmentally-safe disposal of hazardous, poisonous or toxic household products that cannot be disposed of in the regular trash.

The next Round-Up for **Household Hazardous Waste** will be held **May 2, 2008** from **7:00 am to 6:00 pm**.

The County also holds a **Computer Round-Up** twice a year. The next Round-Up for Computers will be held **April 3, 2008** through **April 30th** from **7:00 am to 3:00 pm**.

All items may be dropped off at the Orange Village Service Department Garage at 4160 Lander Road during the times listed above.



PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OPENING

We are currently seeking applications for an opening on the Orange Village Planning and Zoning Commission, to fill an UNEXPIRED TERM WHICH RUNS THROUGH December 31, 2008. At that time, you would be considered for appointment to a subsequent three-year term.

The requirements for the position are as follows:

1. You must be a qualified elector of Orange Village with a minimum of two years of residency and hold no other office in Orange Village, except firefighter.
2. Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month, usually lasting one to two hours.
3. Knowledge of Orange Village and its zoning

requirements would be helpful, but is not necessary to apply.

4. The position pays \$225 per month and requires your commitment to regularly attend meetings.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please send your resume, complete with your full name, address, email address, phone number and years of residency to the Clerk of Council by mail (4600 Lander Road) or email (sicklesv@orangevillage.com) no later than March 5, 2008. All candidates should be available for an interview on the evening of March 12th. Each candidate will be notified with a specific interview time.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can keep up to date by subscribing to the Service Department's email list to receive holiday trash collection reminders and notices of upcoming branch chipping, leaf collection and special round-up dates. All addresses are kept confidential and notices will not be sent more than once per week. To subscribe, go to www.orangevillage.com and click on **Service** in the upper navigation bar

PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS

It is the policy of Orange Village to adhere to Ohio's Public Record Act, Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. If you would like access to any public records of Orange, please consider the following:

- Records are organized and maintained so that they can be made available for inspections and copying. A copy of the current records retention schedule is kept at the Village Hall and has been distributed to the Village employee who is the records custodian of the Village. Also, a poster that describes this Public Records Policy has been posted in the Village Hall.
- Each request for public records is evaluated for a response using the following guidelines:
 - No specific language or form of request is required, but the request must be specific enough for the Village to reasonably identify the records requested.
 - The request must be made in writing.
 - Upon request, all public records responsive to the request will be promptly prepared and made available for inspections at all reasonable times during regular business

hours of the Village Hall at the Village's cost. The concept of "promptly" takes into consideration the volume of records requested, the proximity of the locations where the records are stored and the necessity for any legal review of the records requested.

- Upon receipt of the Village's estimated actual cost of copies, postage, delivery, or supplies, the Village shall make and transmit the requested copies. No requester may make copies of public records kept by the Village without the prior written consent of the Village.
- If a public record contains information that is exempt from public inspection, the Village will make available all information that is not exempt. If a request is denied, the Village will provide the requestor with an explanation, including legal authority, as to why the request was denied. If the initial request was made in writing, the explanation will also be provided in writing.



COUNCIL SEEKING CLERK

Orange Village Council currently has an opening for the position of Clerk of Council. Any resident or non-resident who wishes to be considered for this appointment may send a resume, complete with full name, address, email and telephone number to:

Clerk of Council
 Village of Orange
 4600 Lander Road
 Orange Village, Ohio 44022

Resumes must be received no later than **February 13th, 2008** and applicant must be available to interview with Council on the evening of February 27th.

This is a part-time position, generally requiring about 8-16 hours per week, with Council meetings occurring the first two (2) Wednesday's of each month at 8:00 P.M. The estimated yearly budget for the Clerk is about \$10,000.00 but has not been specifically established. Each candidate should provide their compensation requirements with their resume.

You will receive a letter that will include a job description defining the responsibilities of the position.

For any questions, please feel free to contact Council President Dan Brown during business hours at (440) 248-6005.

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LOWERING YOUR HEATING COSTS



The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) is a group of 125 member communities, including Orange Village, that have banded together to make bulk purchases of electricity and natural gas. NOPEC has locked into the final five (5) months of its agreement with Dominion Retail to supply natural gas to NOPEC customers in the Dominion East Ohio Gas utility service area.

The rate from November 1, 2007 through March 30, 2008 is \$9.99 per mcf. (Thousand cubic feet.) This compares with the utility fixed rate of \$10.49 per mcf. NOPEC has entered into a new contract with Dominion Retail from April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 and will lock in prices for this Spring when the wholesale market is at its most favorable. Dominion Retail, Inc., is an unregulated affiliate of Dominion East Ohio gas. It serves 1.2 Million customers in nine states.

Who is eligible?

Only East Ohio Gas customers living in a NOPEC community who are not in arrears on a payment plan with the utility are eligible.

Customers who are signed with another supplier are NOT eligible for the NOPEC program and will not receive the opt-out mailing.

Can I join if I am with another supplier?

Yes, you would have to cancel your current contract with your current supplier, which would automatically transfer you back to Dominion East Ohio Gas Company. You would then be eligible when NOPEC conducts its next opt-out mailing for new residents, usually done quarterly. You will want to make sure that your current supplier will not charge you a cancellation fee.

Are there additional charges?

Yes, the \$9.99 per mcf is the price for the actual gas you use. This is the only part of your bill that is deregulated under Ohio Law. Customers must also pay transportation charges and taxes, which adds several dollars per mcf to the total cost. These charges are regulated and beyond NOPEC's control. All gas customers must pay such charges.

For additional information, please feel free to call the NOPEC customer service line weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**The call center number is
1.888.848.7914.**

You can also visit their website at
www.nopecinfo.org



**“NOPEC, the
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ORANGE VILLAGE IN THE TOP 10

In the November 12, 2007 edition of *Crain's Cleveland Business*, Orange Village was ranked the tenth most affluent community in Northeast Ohio. The rating was based on median annual household income. The median 2006 income in Orange

Village was \$102,134—compared to our neighbors to the east, Moreland Hills, at \$123,349, and our neighbors to the south, Solon, at \$92,851.



Site of Orange Village's Music at the Muni

ORANGE GOES GREEN ON STERNCREST

Orange Village, with assistance from Moreland Hills and a grant from the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. (CRWP), recently completed a drainage improvement and road resurfacing project along Sterncrest Drive. The drainage portion of the project is part of CRWP's work to demonstrate innovative tools to improve storm water management. These tools reduce the quantity of runoff and increase the quality of water entering the Village's storm sewers, streams, creeks, rivers, and lakes. CRWP is a non-profit technical organization formed by the communities in the watershed to develop cost effective solutions to minimize flooding, erosion, and water quality problems. CRWP has 36 members, including Orange Village and Moreland Hills, representing 95% of the watershed. CRWP's funding for the Sterncrest Drive project was made possible by a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency's National Community Decentralize Wastewater Demonstration Project.

The drainage portion of the Sterncrest Drive improvements included installing a grassy swale and a series of 9 small rain gardens approximately 10' x 20' in the road right-of-way and over a newly installed perforated storm sewer system. Rain gardens are an attractive, landscaped area planted with perennial plants that do not mind getting their feet wet. For this project, the rain gardens and swale act as a filter system that allows water runoff from the street to slowly drain through the soil prior to entering the perforated pipe below, while providing a landscape feature. As the water works slowly through the soil, pollutants such as oil and metals are removed from the water. The plants in the garden also use the water, reducing the amount of runoff to the storm sewer. The rain gardens are designed to fill with water to a maximum depth of about 6". If the water exceeds the 6" depth, the excess will drain to a catch basin located in each garden. The catch basins are designed to prevent flooding during heavy rain storms. Any pooled water in the rain garden will filter through the sand mixture and slowly drain over 24 to 48 hours. The nine rain gardens were placed along Sterncrest Drive in front of 7 homes. The plants and landscaping of the rain gardens were designed to keep maintenance requirements to a minimum. The plants were selected based on their capacity to tolerate salt and to get their feet wet, and will flower throughout the growing season. Based on these design guidelines, the residents along Sterncrest Drive chose the rain garden design for their front yards from three different lay-

outs. Interested residents were also able to modify the designs to accommodate their existing landscaping and deer concerns. The rain gardens were installed and planted this fall and will be ready to bloom next spring. Because the Sterncrest Drive improvements are part of a national demonstration project, the Village is working with CRWP, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, and U.S. Geological Survey to monitor the effectiveness of the swale and rain gardens to improve storm water quality and control runoff quantity.

It does not take a national demonstration project, however, to use rain gardens to address storm water concerns on your property. Rain gardens can be simply designed and installed by homeowners as an option to manage a low spot in their yard where water puddles after rain, or to prevent or fix erosion gulling where rainwater drains away from a downspout.

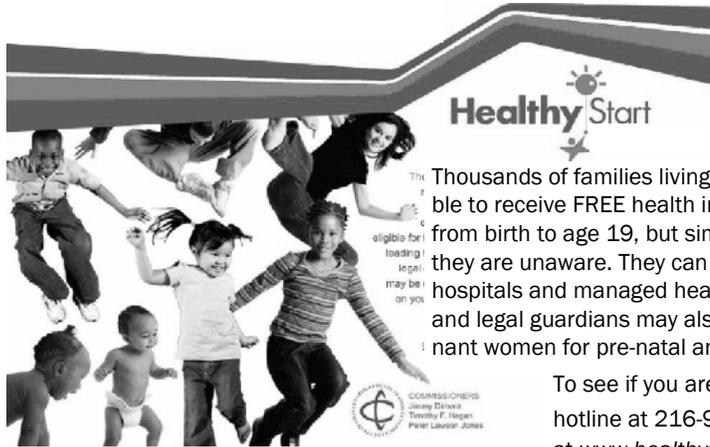
A rain garden does require some time to plan the location and size, choose the plants, and install but can be a simple and attractive way to manage small drainage issues. CRWP has available a *Rain Garden Manual for Homeowners*, and will be working with the Village to schedule an evening information session this spring for interested homeowners to learn more about rain gardens, their aesthetic and storm water benefits, and how to easily install these landscaped features.

If you have any questions regarding the project or rain gardens please contact Brian Mader, the Orange Village Engineer at (216) 731-6255, or Rachel Webb from CRWP at (440) 975-3870.



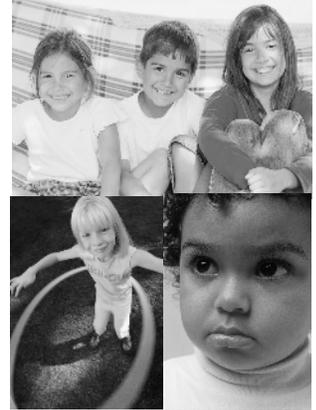
An example of a rain garden.

HEALTHY START



Thousands of families living in Cuyahoga County are eligible to receive FREE health insurance for their children, from birth to age 19, but simply don't apply for it because they are unaware. They can pick from the area's leading hospitals and managed health care plans. Grandparents and legal guardians may also be eligible, as well as pregnant women for pre-natal and post-natal care.

To see if you are eligible, call the Healthy Start hotline at 216-987-7346 or visit their website at www.healthystart.cuyahogacounty.us



SENIOR SNOWPLOWING

The Service Department provides residential snowplowing to those who qualify. If you meet the requirements, you can go to the website, www.orangevillage.com, to print out an application; or you can pick one up at the Village Hall during regular business hours.

The requirements for free snowplowing are as follows:

- Residents of Orange Village who are 65 years of age or older and have a combined household annual income of less than \$22,150 or
- Residents of Orange Village who are physically or medically handicapped as defined

in Ohio law and have a combined household annual income of less than \$22,150.

The above qualifications apply only if there is no able-bodied person living in the home.

Snow removal will be provided when the accumulation reaches three inches. Snow will be removed only once within any 24 hour period, and only a single driveway width will be cleared.

For more details, please refer to the Orange Village website or call the Village Hall at (440) 498-4400.

“The Service Department provides residential snowplowing to those who qualify.”

RON GODES MEMORIAL

If you have been to the Village Hall in recent months, you may have noticed a beautiful sculpture of a child near the main entrance.

This past September, Councilman Herb Braverman hosted a ceremony dedicating the sculpture to the memory of a devoted and committed Orange Resident, Ronald Alan Godes.

Mr. Godes served on the Orange Village Planning and Zoning Commission from 1984 until his death in 2006. The sculpture was donated to the Village by the family of Mr. Godes to commemorate his service and his love for the community of Orange and his passion for works of art.

If you haven't seen it, be sure and stop by when you can.



The Ron Godes Memorial

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

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, enabling you to protect your home and contents through the NFIP.

Homeowners insurance policies do not cover flood damage. However, because of Orange Village's participation in the NFIP, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy to cover your home and its contents. Renters can also buy a policy to cover their contents. Everyone in Orange is eligible, 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. This insurance is backed by the Federal Government.

There are two flood plains 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 your property will someday 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 with your floodplain questions. The Village Engineer can help you determine if your property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area and provide assistance with 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 Engineer at (216) 731-6255.

Several of 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 Orange Village 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 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. Please contact the Village Engineer or the Building Department if you suspect illegal development in the floodplain.

There are several ways to minimize flood damage to your home. Regrading 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 back-up. Overhead plumbing is also a method for eliminating sewer back-up 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 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.

If a flood threatens your home, you can protect your property by:

- Opening basement windows to let water in to equalize pressure
- Moving important or expensive items to a higher floor
- Putting small appliances in plastic bags and storing in a high place
- Remembering to lock your house if you must evacuate
- Turning off water, gas and electric at shut-off points.

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DARE TO CARE

March 5th and 6th of 2008, the Orange Village Fire Department, in conjunction with University Hospitals, will again provide free cardiovascular screening to qualifying Orange residents. To qualify you must be:

- Over the age of 60 or
- Over the age of 50 with vascular risk factors, including:
 - Strong family history
 - High blood pressure
 - High cholesterol
 - Diabetes/Obesity
 - Smoking

The screening is intended to identify:

- Carotid Artery Disease (the primary source of preventable strokes)
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (the 10th leading cause of death in men)
- Renal Artery Stenosis (high blood pressure can injure vessels)

- Extremity Artery Disease (insufficient blood flow in the legs)

The screening procedures include:

- Ultrasound of the carotid arteries and abdominal aorta
- Evaluation of peripheral (leg) circulation
- Blood pressure and cholesterol check
- Cardiovascular risk assessment and counseling

The screening takes approximately 45 minutes. When complete, a nurse will discuss your results, advise you of any risks and answer your questions. The results will then be reviewed by a vascular physician and sent on to your primary care physician.

To register for this screening, call Susan Bonk at the Village Hall at (440) 498-4400, extension 5135.



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Sign up now. It could save your life!