

# Orange Village Community News

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Generations

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## From the Council President

As you can see from the listing of recently passed and pending legislation found inside this newsletter, your Village Council has been quite busy and will continue to be so over the next several months. Among the more important issues will be zoning issues which will determine the future make-up of Orange Village for many years to come. David Hartt, the Village Planner has been diligently working on updating the Master Plan for Orange Village and will be making a presentation to Council in the near future for consideration. The last revision was done in 1998. We will also be reviewing revised plans submitted for the proposed Lakes of Orange development on land formerly known as the Parker-Young property. This project includes plans for 156 cluster homes.

We will also be working closely with Mayor Mulcahy and her administration on the proposed 2007 budget. Dan Brown, Council Chairman of the Finance Committee, has

been involved in meetings with the Mayor and her staff. Village finances are in excellent shape and everyone involved, the Mayor, Village Treasurer Roger Delman, Village Tax Administrator Sharon Schorr and members of Council can take pride in the end results and fruits of our labors.

In conclusion, on behalf of your council members, I appreciate the high level of interest shown by Orange Village residents in response to requests made for them to serve on various committees and to become more involved. If you have not yet been contacted, rest assured you will be. I am truly proud of our residents and of our community as well. As always, myself and all other members of Council can always be contacted if you have any questions or wish us to address any concerns.

Mark Bram  
Council President



Mark Bram, Council President

### Bulletin Board

- Village Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Trash collection that week will be on Saturday, July 8th.
- All contractors, including landscapers, must register with the Building Department.

## The Drilling Rig is...Going...Going...Gone!

Drilling operations in the Village Park have been completed with clean-up operations and installation of the delivery pipe and tank battery proceeding on schedule. Once this part of the project is complete and the Dominion gas meter is installed, site restoration will begin.

An equipment malfunction set the initial completion time back a week or so while the replacement parts were obtained and the

equipment repaired. A minor breach of the containment dike by drilling fluid containing a neutral lubrication soap consumed a few days to do the proper due-diligence to verify no contamination was made to the soil at the site or downstream.

The actual estimate on the well's production will not be known for another few weeks after the flow lines and meter are in place.

## Save the Date!

The 15th Annual Salute to Orange  
Sunday, September 3, 2006 at 5:00p.m.  
Join us for fun, food and fireworks!

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## From the Editor

### NEW RULES FOR CUTTING TREES

**Ordinance 2006-4** was passed on March 8, 2006 to amend exemptions from regulations that cover the cutting of trees within the Village. This ordinance was enacted to protect the natural state of the Village and to prevent radical reduction of natural vegetation on residential property that could adversely affect the value of neighboring parcels. The ordinance allows for a maximum of six (6) trees that are six (6) caliper inches or more to be removed per calendar year.

There are seven exceptions to this ordinance in Section 1375.03 of Orange Village Codified Ordinances that allow more than (6) trees per year to be removed. The one I expect will apply most often is exception number seven that states "Dead, substantially injured or damaged trees as verified by the Administrator". If this situation applies to you, please call Village Hall to arrange an inspection if storm or disease damage require removing more than six trees in a given calendar year. The codified ordinances of Orange Village are available for your perusal on the home page of our website [www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com).

### A NEW PROGRAM ALLOWS A 3% SAVINGS IN HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS

**Ordinance 2006-7** allows Orange Village to participate in the Cuyahoga County Housing Enhancement Loan Program (HELP). This program is administered by the office of Jim Rokakis, Cuyahoga County Treasurer. The goal of the program is to provide property owners with an incentive to make improvements on their property to stabilize and enhance the real-estate tax base. Here is how the program works:

- ◆ Loans for home improvements are available at 3% points below the market interest rate.
- ◆ The program applies to single family, two-family and multi-family dwellings.
- ◆ There is no age requirement for the property.
- ◆ There is no owner occupancy requirement.
- ◆ There is no maximum income ceiling for a borrower to be eligible.
- ◆ The maximum market value of the property is \$250,000 for single and two family dwellings. There is no limit for build-

ings with three or more dwelling units.

- ◆ The minimum loan amount is \$3000.00 and the maximum loan amount is \$200,000.00 for a single and two-family dwelling.
- ◆ The maximum loan term is 5 years if less than \$12,500.00 and 10 years for loans above that amount.

There are some loan use restrictions. Construction or repair of swimming pools, hot tubs, satellite dishes and stables are not permitted. For a full list of program rules or for additional information call Bruce Nimrick, Director of Community Programs and Outreach for the Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office at 216.443.2149 or e-mail him at: [trbin@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:trbin@cuyahogacounty.us).

### BUILDING DEPARTMENT STARTS NEW INSPECTION PROGRAM

The Building Department is implementing a new program of inspections for all property within the Village. A village-wide inspection will be made once every four years (approximately one-quarter of the Village will be inspected each year). Housing and Zoning Inspector Tom Shields is doing the inspections which are presently scheduled to begin in the north-east quadrant of the Village.

The purpose of these inspections is to insure properties are being properly maintained according to code. The intent is to support the character of the Village's neighborhoods by identifying code violations and actively promoting their correction. This program should assist residents in addressing maintenance issues before deficiencies escalate.

The inspections will target such violations as:

- ◆ Peeling and chipping paint
- ◆ Falling or missing gutters
- ◆ Broken windows
- ◆ Cracked driveways
- ◆ Accumulations of junk and debris

All inspections will be made from the public right-of-way, without the need to enter individual property. Residents that have deficiencies will be notified by the Village Building Department.

Questions about this program should be directed to Tom Shields at 440 498-4400.

*Phil Soroky, Councilman  
Newsletter Editor*

## From the Mayor

### Thoughts on Being Mayor...

It doesn't happen **SO** often that I am complaining, but, it happens often enough that it surprises me.... people will ask me "why do you want **THAT** job" or "how can you deal with all those politics?" or "isn't it a hassle?" Yet, I always feel **SO** privileged and gratified to be able to respond "because I **LOVE** it!" Let's face it... it's reality.... **EVERY** job and or situation in life has it's own unique "hassles" .... but, how many people are as lucky as I to have the opportunity to spend my days involved with the many facets of our beautiful community, being interestingly challenged and having the satisfaction of enjoying the results of my efforts. Add to that, I get to do this with the most dedicated, competent, caring, trust-worthy, experienced employees.... who really do the work.... I just get the credit.... and, from time to time, the blame as well. I am responsible. I can take it. And, besides, I have yet to discern the difference between dealing with "politics" vs. dealing

with "people." I acknowledge and appreciate the trust Orange Village residents have placed in me and work hard every day to continue to be of service and deserving of your confidence.

We live in a wonderful community... with much to feel proud of... and much more to accomplish. I am continually gratified and excited by the many challenges and opportunities of managing Orange Village.

Come, get involved, join one of our committees, learn about your community, have your say, make an impact... see what you can do!! And, then you too, will understand why being Mayor of Orange Village is, indeed, an honor and a privilege.

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### 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.

**Wednesday,  
 July 19th—11:00am**

**Tuesday,  
 August 15th—1:00pm**

**Wednesday,  
 September 13th—7:00pm**

## The Sharon Delman Memorial Race

As many of you may know, Roger Delman is the Orange Village Treasurer. I have know him in this capacity during the course of my 18½ years as Councilwoman. We are very lucky to have him...a man of integrity, hard work and dedication.

Sadly, on March 9, 2006, Roger's equally gifted wife Sharon, a social worker at Akron General Hospital, succumbed to breast cancer after a six year battle with the disease. She and Roger had been married for more than 40 years. Sharon was 65. They have four adult sons, Brent, Glen, Reid and Todd and six grandchildren.

Some of you may also know that I am a breast cancer survivor. Sharon and I used to share our personal stories of the disease. I am very sad breast cancer won, despite Sharon's stoicism and courage.

We are also fortunate to have living in our

village Eileen Saffran, Executive Director of *The Gathering Place* which is located in Beachwood. This non-profit organization offers help and support to all individuals and families touched by cancer through programs and services at no charge.

I thought a fitting tribute to Sharon and the Delman family would be to have a race in her memory with the proceeds to benefit this facility. Please join us, rain or shine, as we remember Sharon N. Delman and the wonderful work of *The Gathering Place*.

For more information or for registration forms please call or stop by Orange Village Hall. You can also register on line at:  
[www.hmapromotions.net](http://www.hmapromotions.net)

Frances Kluter  
 Councilwoman



### The Sharon Delman Memorial Race

**Sunday,  
 August 6, 2006  
 8:30 a.m.**

**Orange Village Park  
 5K Run, 1½ mile walk**

**Proceeds to benefit  
 The Gathering Place**

**Pre-registration  
 entry fee—\$15**

**Registration fee  
 day of race—\$18**

## Recently Passed and Pending Legislation

### RECENTLY PASSED LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance No. 2005-17**-*Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Bakerwell Inc, to drill for oil and gas on Orange Village Property. The final agreement was signed on March 20<sup>th</sup> at which time both a \$10,000.00 Lease Rental fee and a \$5,000.00 drilling bonus was paid to Orange Village.*

**Ordinance No. 2005-31**-*Granting a rear yard variance to Mr. and Mrs. John Haselow of 3869 Wild Cherry Oval. This legislation was required to allow the reconstruction of an enclosed porch that had been a part of the home seventeen years ago when the Haselow's purchased the property. There was no record on construction of the porch that was built in violation of the required 40ft rear set back requirement. Even though the entire porch did not violate the setback distance, the portion that did required a 4.75ft variance to duplicate the structure in its original size. The decayed porch will be re-built and meet the Village building code.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-6**-*Amending Chapter 1153 of the Code of Ordinances to modify the U3-A Continuing Care Retirement Community District.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-7**-*Authorizing a linked deposit loan program agreement; authorizing the Mayor to execute the linked loan program agreement, authorizing related matters, and declaring an emergency. See the 2006-7 article.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-8**-*Amending Section 145.05 of the code of ordinances of the Orange Village to authorize mutual aid by the Fire Department without a contract. There are instances where neighboring communities help each other when the resources of a community are not sufficient for a given event. This ordinance authorizes our participation in listing our resources that may be available to help in the event of an emergency.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-11**-*Enacting Chapter 126 of the Codified Ordinances of Orange Village to amend by replacement the Investment Policy governing the investment of the public moneys of the Village as established by Ordinance No. 1996-37, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency. This legislation allows the Finance Department to make use of sweep accounts to increase interest paid on Village Funds. By declaring an emergency, the ordinance was passed after its second reading to begin the new investment policy the next day rather than waiting another month.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-13**-*Granting a variance from Chapter 1161 of the Codified Ordinances to the Northeastern Ohio Surgery Center at 3755 Orange Place to permit a free standing sign to be located in the right-of-way not less than 35' from the centerline of Orange Place. This legislation was required to allow the Surgery Center to construct a sign that would be similar to those already on the street. The right-of-way which contains utility connections on that portion of Orange Place was exceptionally large because the street had previously been a cul-de-sac.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-14**-*Levying and collecting a special assessment for the costs of abating a nuisance by removing unlicensed vehicles and other personal property from the property at 4819 East Fairview Drive, Permanent Parcel No. 901-40-008. This ordinance allows the Village to recover the cost of cleaning up the abandoned property and clearing out multiple abandoned vehicles.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-15** - *Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Greg Miller Animal Control Service for the provision of Animal Warden Services within Orange Village and declaring an emergency. Greg Miller has been providing these services and operating without a contract for the past month. By declaring an emergency his current bill can be processed at the new rates. His compensation package is \$700.00 per month (which covers the first 25 calls) plus disposal costs for dead animals. The Village is charged \$25.00 per animal under 25 pounds and \$2 per pound with a maximum of \$150.00 for animals over 25 lbs. This service covers the removal of any live nuisance animal within the living space of a resident, or the removal of animal carcass on a residence or Village property. A call from a resident to the Village Hall Service or Police Departments dispatches the Animal Warden.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-16** - *Approving and confirming the appointment of John Marrelli, Jr. as alternate Chief Building Officer – Class I for the Building Department of Orange Village. This action was needed to comply with the Ohio Board if Building Standards for certification of the Building Department.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-20**-*Amending certain sections of the Codified Ordinances of Orange Village to alter development standards and procedures in the S-1 Special Residential District, incorporating certain procedural changes in Chapter 1143, development plan review, and repealing certain Ordinances. The revisions contained in this ordinance address lower development densities within S-1 districts when the parcel being submitted for development is less than 25 acres. The regulations allow 4 units per acre on parcels of 25 acres or more, 2 units per acre if the area is between 10 and 25 acres or 1.5 units per acre if less than 10 acres. The revisions were made to assist in the development of parcels orphaned from the initial S-1 district area to insure compatibility with the quality and character of surrounding S-1 development.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-22** -*Authorizing the Mayor to accept, for the Village, ownership of a frame dwelling located on approximately 0.0493 of an acre of land at 28600 Jackson Road in Orange Village and declaring an emergency. The structure is being razed by Village Fire and Safety forces as a training exercise. The land is being cleared for construction of a new home. The legislation was adopted after ensuring all potential environmental concerns were properly addressed before accepting the gift.*

### PENDING LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance No. 2006-17**-*Granting an area variance for a larger garage to Berns Custom Homes Inc. at Sublot #6 of the Waterford Court Subdivision.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-18** - *Granting an area variance for an attached garage to Justin Berns at Sublot #7 of the Waterford Court Subdivision.*

**Ordinance No. 2006-19** - *Authorizing the modification or amendment of deed restrictions imposed on certain property by P&Y Development Co. Limited Partnership in favor of Orange Village. This ordinance will permit development of this property in accordance with a new revised plan which would increase the number of dwellings to be built from 142 to 156 units.*

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## Summer Safety Contest

With the arrival of summer it's time to start thinking about **SUMMERTIME SAFETY**. The Orange Village Fire Department is sponsoring a coloring contest to help promote healthy living and safe recreation. The contest is open to all children who are residents of Orange Village.

### CONTEST RULES

1. Drawings must be submitted on 8 1/2" X 11" paper. **No posters please!**
2. Your drawing must portray a safety-oriented theme. Examples include but are **not limited to**: bicycle safety (helmets), fire safety, calling 911 in case of emergencies and swimming safety.
3. Each picture should have a one-sentence motto at the bottom of the page. *Examples:* "Always wear your helmet" or "In case of emergency call 911."
4. The deadline for all submissions is Friday July 14th. Submissions may be dropped off at Village Hall during normal business hours. Please mark "Attention Lt. Fritz" on envelope and be sure to include your name, age, and phone number.
5. Winners will be judged by members of the fire department with special attention given to use of color and clever mottos.

All submissions will be on display at this year's **Salute to Orange**.

Three winners will be selected. The prizes are as follows:

- GRAND PRIZE:** Members of the fire department will visit the winner's home in a fire engine and deliver McDonald's lunch for 5 children. Winner and 4 friends will also ride on the fire truck with lights and sirens!!!
- SECOND PLACE:** Fire station tour for winner and 4 friends with water demonstration and grilled lunch (burgers & hotdogs).
- THIRD PLACE:** Fire station tour for winner and 4 friends, with water demonstration and snacks.

All dates for the three winners will be coordinated by the fire department with the winning child's parents. **GOOD LUCK!**

Think Orange Village doesn't have it's share of immigrants? Meet Maverick. A German Shepherd from the Netherlands, Maverick understands Dutch and is a trained member of the Orange Village police force.

Maverick and his partner, Sergeant Nick DiCicco have worked as a team for the past 4 years. You may already know that Maverick is certified as a utility dog in tracking, building and area searches, narcotic detection, officer protection, and criminal apprehension—but this dog is even more fascinating.

Despite his ability to tear apart a dashboard with his bear paws, this highly intelligent beast is gentle around children lives with the DiCicco family when not on duty. Maverick sometimes exercises and trains at the Village park where children and their parents are welcome to stop and say hello.

Other area police departments also call on Maverick and Sgt. DiCicco to aid in local searches. Maverick is considered an expert witness and is able to perform searches without a warrant. When asked if he considers Maverick a pet, Sgt. DiCicco replied, "He is my partner."

So how does this officer relax after a hard day's work? This pup enjoys his bath and watching *Sponge Bob* on television. Goede hond!

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**Ordinance No. 2006-21**-Granting a rear yard setback variance to Stanley Friedlander and Cheryl Karner, for their property at 38 Orchard Circle.

**Ordinance No. 2006-23**-Authorizing Orange Village to become a member of, adopting the code of regulations of, and directing the Mayor to enter into the Membership Agreement, the Master Services and Consulting Agreement, and the Master Products Agreement with, the Northeast Ohio Sourcing Office (NEOSO).

**Ordinance No. 2006-24**-Approving and adopting the Orange Village Master Plan, dated April 24, 2006.

**Ordinance No. 2006-25**-Amending certain sections of Chapter 1303 of the Orange Village Codified Ordinances to adopt the Residential Code of Ohio for one-, two-, and three-family dwellings, authorizing a request to the Ohio Board of Building Standards to certify Orange Village for enforcement of the Residential Code of Ohio to exercise enforcement authorizing and accept and approve plans and specifications and make inspections, and repealing certain ordinances.

**Ordinance No. 2006-26**-Amending Chapter 125 of the Codified Ordinances of Orange Village to create the position of Finance Administrator and to permit the Finance Administrator to sign checks, and establishing the pay range of the Finance Administrator.

**Ordinance No. 2006-27**-Levying special assessments for the improvement of Orange Place in Orange Village from Chagrin Boulevard southerly approximately 1750 feet by repaving, widening and installing sidewalks, curbs, landscaping and streetscaping, together with all necessary appurtenances, in accordance with resolution NO. 2003-3, adopted April 9, 2003 and declaring an emergency.

**Ordinance No. 2006-28**-Levying special assessments for the improvement of the easterly side of Orange Place from a point approximately 1750 feet south of Chagrin Boulevard southerly approximately 700 feet by installing sidewalks, landscaping and streetscaping, in accordance with resolution NO. 2003-4, adopted April 9, 2003 and declaring an emergency.

**Ordinance No. 2006-29**-Amending subsection (a) of section 1148.02 of the Codified Ordinances of Orange Village, to modify regulation related to attached garages and to repeal conflicting ordinances.



### BRANCH CHIPPING SCHEDULE

Week of:

**August 1st  
September 11th**

**Wood chips are available for delivery while the supply lasts!**

**To place your order visit our website at [www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com) or contact Village Hall**

### ROAD WORK UPDATE

Resurfacing of Jackson Road between Lander and Brainard Roads and of Orange Meadow Lane is scheduled to begin in June. Each project will take approximately 3-4 weeks to complete, however, there may be some overlap. Traffic in both directions will be maintained for the duration, but please anticipate some delays. Residents on both streets will receive additional notices prior to and during construction.

Reconstruction of Emery Road continues. Between Brainard Road and the Warrensville Heights line traffic is local access moving eastbound only. Between Lander and Brainard Roads traffic is local access moving westbound only.

We apologize for any inconvenience!

## From the Service Department

### THE RIGHT WAY TO MULCH

According to The Ohio State University Department of Horticulture, 2 - 4 inches of mulch around the base of a tree or a group of trees may not only improve appearance but can also improve the general health of the trees by moderating soil temperatures, increasing available soil water, reducing weed competition, and protecting the base of the tree from mower and other equipment damage. Organic mulches, such as tree bark, are preferred as they influence the environment more than inorganic mulches. However, deep mulch applications around trees can create undesirable soil conditions. **Applying new material over old in successive years is the same as applying a too deep layer all at once!**

**Over-Mulching is the number one cause of death of trees and shrubs.**

- ◆ Mulch piled too high, directly against the stems or trunks, smothers the root flare zone, causing root suffocation and root rot.
- ◆ Mulch piled too high against the trunk decreases gas exchange, killing the inner bark and then the roots can no longer receive food from the leaves.
- ◆ Deep layers of mulch against the trunk provide a perfect habitat for insects and pests that can cause extensive damage by chewing bark and roots.
- ◆ Fungal and bacterial diseases grow and reproduce in thick, moist mulch next to the trunk, infecting the tree.
- ◆ Thick layers of mulch begin to decay and produce heat (similar to composting), causing damage or death to the tree.
- ◆ Thick layers of certain mulches can create impervious surfaces that do not allow

water to reach to roots, especially during drought.

### Proper Mulching Technique

- ◆ Mulch should be no higher than the heel of your hand, generally 2-4 inches. If using finely textured or double shredded mulch, use 1-2 inches because these materials allow less oxygen to the root zone.
- ◆ Do not put mulch against the trunk – **keep all mulch 3-4 inches away** from the trunk of the tree or shrub, allowing the root flare zone to show just above ground level.
- ◆ If a “fresh” look is desired each season, take some of the old mulch away before adding a new layer to reach the 2-4” depth. Just lightly raking the existing mulch can achieve a finished look.

### ROUND UP PROGRAMS

These items will be collected in the designated area behind the Orange Village Service Center during the dates and times listed only.

#### **Phone Book Round-Up Through August 18**

**Monday-Friday 7:00am-3:00pm**

#### **Old Computer Round-Up September 4-29th**

**Monday only 7:00am-3:00pm**

#### **Paint, Pesticide & Hazardous Waste Round-Up**

**October 27th & 28th**

**Friday & Saturday only 7:00am-3:00pm**

**A Service Department employee will be accepting these materials.**

## From the Building Department

Many village residents have swales along the roadway that connect to main drainage channels. These swales are capable of draining average rainfall. However, if the 12” culverts that run under driveways are blocked with debris, the result is backup along the roadway. Please be aware that heavy rainfalls, such as the ones we experienced recently, will fill the swales and culverts temporarily as many of the pipes along the road cannot handle such a

large amount of stormwater in such a short time. We ask that residents keep their swales, ditches, and culverts free of debris.

**Visit the Building Department page on our website at [www.orangevillage.com](http://www.orangevillage.com) for all building codes and regulations, as well as forms and applications for permits and contractor registrations.**

## From the Police Department

As families hit the roads for summer vacations, we would like to remind parents that all children under 4 years old or under forty pounds must ride in an approved child safety seat. OVPD has three officers certified to install or check the installation of your child safety seat. Officers will be hosting a free child safety check this summer at the Orange School Campus Safety Town. To schedule a free appointment, call the Orange Village Police Department at 440-498-4401.

In an effort to improve public safety, OVPD participates in the Safe Kids Safe Communities Coalition. On Labor Day weekend, officers will participate in a second seat belt enforcement campaign (the first campaign was Memorial Day weekend). During peak travel periods, officers will be assigned to traffic enforcement detail designed to elevate public awareness about the importance of seat belt use. Remember to, "Click it, or Ticket!" The police ask for your help in preventing

under age drinking. Graduation parties and barbecues are a great time to have fun, however, it is illegal to serve alcohol to underage guests. Remember, "Parents who host, lose the most." Parents planning to be out of town should notify the police department to help prevent teen parties while you are away. If you would like help speaking to your child about the hazards of underage drinking, feel free to contact any of our Juvenile Diversion Officers.

Summer thunderstorms can mean power outages. If your power goes out, please contact The Illuminating Company directly. The police are unable to advise you when the lights may come back on. If a traffic signal is not working, treat the non-functional signal as a stop sign. This is imperative to prevent traffic crashes and to keep our community safe. Also, as a reminder, no overnight parking is allowed on village streets without prior permission from the police department.



**DO NOT** contact the police department about power outages. Dispatch staff is very busy during storms and is unable to provide any information regarding a power outage. Report a power outage to:

The Illuminating Company  
1-888-LIGHTSS (544-4877).



**Please make sure your address is marked on both sides of your mailbox and your driveway is kept clear of low or overhanging branches to accommodate the height and width of our emergency vehicles...just in case!**

## Wildlife Control Advice by Greg Miller, Greg Miller Animal Control Service

The population of wildlife is increasing all over the Greater Cleveland area. One of the reasons is that there is less disease in these animals, which is nature's way of thinning out the population. Also, residents are inadvertently feeding the fauna as well as providing them with nesting areas. Villages policy is to address only nuisance animals which directly affect your living quarters. Orange Village does not trap animals randomly for the following reasons:

Random trapping is costly and accomplishes very little in eliminating the problem.

State law requires skunks, raccoons, and opossums caught in live traps either to be quarantined for sixty-five (65) days before release back into the wild or to be euthanized.

Pets are often inadvertently caught in these live traps. Animals belonging to a resident will be returned to the resident at owners expense.

**There are many things residents can and must do to encourage these animals to move out of the community. We all need to work together to eliminate food sources and nesting areas.**

The following advice on eliminating food sources and nesting areas can help discourage wildlife from nesting/feeding on your property. If your neighbors also do their part, the animals will be encouraged to leave the community.

Place garbage in cans with lids. If you must use plastic

trash bags, keep them inside until the morning of trash pickup, not the night before, when skunks and raccoons come out to eat.

Rid your lawn of grubs. Use products with the active ingredients of merit or diazinon to kill grubs. Skunks and raccoons dine on grubs and will destroy lawns to get them. Ask at a garden center for details.

Maintain bird feeders and keep bird seed off the ground. It attracts skunks, opossums, raccoons, squirrels and rats.

Remove any decaying wood and raise wood piles at least 6 inches off the ground. Bugs in decaying wood are tasty treats for wildlife.

Maintain your compost pile. Compost and brush piles not properly maintained attract wildlife, by providing food and shelter.

Seal decks, porches, sheds, slab additions, garages and air-conditioning compressor platforms, etc., which are target areas for burrows and nests, as they provide warm, cozy shelters throughout the year. Do this by stapling or nailing welded-wire fencing to the bottom of the building or platform. Bring the fencing down to the ground, bend and bring it out across the ground at least 18 inches. Hide the fencing by covering with grass, mulch, or landscaping material (during new construction, simply take the wire down into the ground).

Cap chimneys and seal all vents (including the dryer vent) with welded-wire fencing to prevent raccoons, squirrels, etc. from using them as "hollow trees" to call home.

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## Fight the Bite!

The weeks of rain and rising temperatures have triggered a lot of "backyard" breeding of mosquitoes.

Some mosquito species rarely bite humans and spread West Nile Virus mainly to birds. However, other species bite both humans, birds, spreading the virus to people as well.

After the virus cases in Cuyahoga County last summer, we all know about the threat of West Nile Virus, therefore we should take a few simple steps to lessen the chance for infection.

### **AVOIDING THE BITE!**

Here are some simple steps you can take to lessen your chance of getting West Nile Virus:

- ◆ Avoid going outside at dawn and dusk—these are peak times for mosquitoes to bite.
- ◆ Use an insect repellent containing DEET in a concentration of no more than 30% for adults, 10% for children.

- ◆ Wear light colored clothing with long sleeves and long pants.
- ◆ Make sure windows and screens are in good repair.
- ◆ Check your property for buckets, cans, old tires, or clogged gutters that can collect water and provide mosquitoes with a place to breed.
- ◆ Change bird bath water at least once a week.

Mosquito Dunk, a product that contains a larvicide *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (BTI)*, is available at Chagrin Pet & Garden and Kredon Hardware. This granular treatment, which is not harmful to humans or animals, can be used in areas around the home with standing water, especially ponds, to effectively eliminate breeding mosquitoes.

*If you notice a mosquito problem, call the Cuyahoga County Board of Health at 216-201-2001.*

## *Music at the Muni*

### **Back by popular demand!**

Bring your blankets/lawn chairs, pack a picnic basket and join us for an evening of music al fresco in our beautiful park.

**Admission is free! The show will go on, rain or shine. In case of bad weather we will simply move indoors!**

### Concert Schedule

Thursday, July 13 at 7:30pm-To be announced

Thursday, July 27 at 7:30pm-To be announced

Thursday, August 10 at 7:30pm-The Four Lads

**Orange Village Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Trash collection that week will be Saturday, July 8th.**