



WINTER ROAD SAFETY

Our entire region is preparing for the very real possibility that there will be severe shortages of rock salt for use on roads during this winter season. Orange Village has implemented a plan to manage this situation and ensure that our roads will continue to be properly maintained as this winter's snow continues.



Orange Village has instituted changes to its salting and snow plowing practices. These "**SENSIBLE SALTING PRACTICES**" were recently adopted by the Cuyahoga County Service Directors Association and the Cuyahoga County Mayors & City Managers Association for use throughout the region.

- ❄ **Limited salting during the late evening/early morning hours.** During periods of snowfall between the hours of approximately 11:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. the effectiveness of salting is minimal due to low traffic volumes. The goal of the Service Department during this timeframe will be to provide "passable roadways," defined as roadways that are "free from drifts, snow ridges and as much ice and snow pack as is practical; roadways which can be traveled safely at reasonable speeds." Intersections, hills, curves and bridges will be salted on main roads during these hours. Plowing and salting of main roads beginning at 4:00 a.m. will provide adequate time to prepare the roads for the rush hour.
- ❄ **Limited salting during heavy snow events.** During periods of 1" of snow or more per hour, main roads will be plowed as frequently as possible, but will only be salted at intersections and stop signs, hills, curves and bridges.
- ❄ **Limited salting on secondary roads.** Secondary roads will be plowed as often as possible, but will only be salted within 200 feet from each intersection and stop signs, hills, curves and bridges.
- ❄ **Investigation of alternative products.** We will continue to investigate the benefits of this policy and explore the use of alternative products such as brine, aggregates and other enhanced deicers.

Please Note: Orange Village reserves the right to use discretion and deviate from the guidelines to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. All of our Service, Police and Fire personnel work together closely and co-operatively, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, to ensure our safety.

There have been many discussions and some attempts over the years to reduce the quantity of salt usage on our roads in order to protect our environment. We are forced to implement many of those strategies now. While we are concerned about all the environmental impacts of salt usage and any possibility for containing costs, our primary goal has been, and always will be, the safety of our residents and the motoring public.

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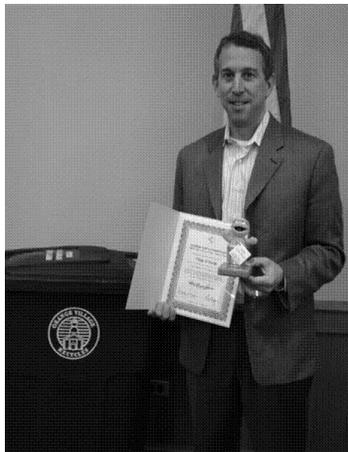
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TRASH OSCARS RECOGNIZE ORANGE VILLAGE'S EXCELLENCE IN RECYCLING

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District held its fifth annual Trash Oscar Awards ceremony on November 21, 2008. The Trash Oscar is an awards program designed to recognize individuals and communities for their commitment to recycling in a clever and fun way. This year Council President, Dan Brown, gave a thorough and informative presentation at the event regarding the implementation of our new recycling containers.

Orange Village received an Oscar for the "Best Adaptation of a Recycling Program". The Village was recognized for making it easier for residents to recycle by switching to a cart-based collection system. The leadership demonstrated by the Mayor and Village Council as well as the participation of our residents made our Village a recycling leader in Cuyahoga County.

The Oscar awards were based in part on information compiled by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for its 2007 Residential Recycling Report. The Residential Recycling Report is an annual reporting process of recycling for Cuyahoga County communities.



Council President, Dan Brown, standing next to our recycling container and holding Orange Village's Trash Oscar

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COMMUNITY GARDEN GREEN THUMBS



Are you a "Green Thumb" resident? The Long Range Planning Committee needs you. In the Spring, we will be initiating the Orange Community Garden Project, similar to gardens springing up around the country, but we cannot do it without you. A task force of "Green Thumb" residents is needed to help in the planning and management of this worthwhile project. Your expertise and support will let us get everything off the ground and into the garden. Please contribute your ideas, materials and time to help us formulate this

task force. Your efforts will be the impetus for providing fruits and vegetables to our residents or others in need. Contact Herb Braverman via e-mail at bravermanh@orangevillage.com or leave your name and address at the Orange Village Hall and you will be contacted. We love our green space and now we can make it productive too.

Dear Neighbor,

Another year has flown by too quickly!! But, upon reviewing the many accomplishments achieved in Orange Village during 2008, it becomes apparent that this has certainly been a productive year. A brief review of some of this year's highlights follows:

- Introduced a successful "Orange Goes Green" event.
- Delivered recycling containers to every residence and immediately realized significant increases in our community-wide recycling percentages.
- Introduced opportunities for residents to shred sensitive documents and personal records. We are offering two more shredding opportunities in May and October of 2009; stay tuned for further information
- Received a \$60,000 Fire Act Grant for an exhaust system in the Fire Department.
- The Fire Department initiated a home safety inspection program and the Police Department has prepared a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training program.
- Placed a fully equipped, state-of-the art ambulance rescue vehicle into service.
- Implemented a well-received Police Bike Patrol in many of our neighborhoods.
- Obtained OVI and AAA awards, see page 6 for further details.
- Completed successful negotiation of the police union contract through December 31, 2010.
- Enjoyed five "Music at the Muni" performances and this year's "Salute to Orange" had its highest attendance ever.
- With continued emphasis on conservative and vigilant fiscal management, Orange Village's financial condition **remains very strong**. In 2008 we achieved full and adequate staffing... for the first time ever we have full-time professional personnel in our Finance Department.
- Completed a Service Department Master Plan and the selection of a building site for this long-planned and much needed facility. Design proposals from architects will be submitted soon.
- Added a putting green to the recreational activities offered in our beautiful community park.
- Stepped up our efforts to identify and rectify problems with neglected properties, with co-ordination between the Service and Building Departments.
- Created bi-monthly e-news notices. These electronic communications provide timely and relevant information for Orange Village residents. (log on to www.orangevillage.com to subscribe)
- Reconstructed West Meadow, Wild Cherry Trail & Wild Cherry Oval. Resurfaced West Orange Hill and completed other miscellaneous infrastructure repairs throughout the Village.

This is just a partial list of the many accomplishments we have achieved during 2008. Due to the efforts of our dedicated Village employees, along with the full participation of Village Council, we have been able to maintain and to enhance the high quality of services in Orange Village. Keeping our community a wonderful place to live is our goal each and every year and is our focus each and every day. We look forward to many more exciting accomplishments in 2009!

I wish you and yours the very best for this holiday season and hope 2009 will be a healthy and safe year for all. As always, I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Mayor.

Very truly yours,



Kathy U. Mulcahy



Mayor Kathy U. Mulcahy

Meet with the Mayor

Wednesday,
January 7th
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday,
February 10th
1:00 p.m.

Wednesday,
March 11th
7:00 p.m.



30 Years of Service...



January 1, 2009 will mark **30 years** of service for Fire Chief and Service Director, Bruce White. Chief White began his career in Orange Village as a teen working part-time in the Service Department. Chief White's hard work, throughout the years, earned him his current status as head of both the Service and Fire Departments. Chief White's dedication to this community and its residents is unsurpassed. The next time you see Chief/Director White don't forget to congratulate him on his 30 years of service to our community.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ORANGE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AWARDS

Orange Village Police Department received the Platinum Award from AAA for its programs and activities to reduce highway and pedestrian fatalities, according to officials at AAA East Central. The Platinum Traffic Safety Leadership Awards were given to "Commendable Leaders" for their safety efforts geared towards making communities safer.

Orange Village was among thousands nationwide that participated in the

Community Safety Program and among 49 regional entrants recognized by AAA. "We are proud of the communities and their participation in the Community Safety Program," said Dennis Burke, AAA East Central's Safety Advisor. "They went above and beyond the call of duty by organizing projects which would make their neighborhood a safer place for motorists as well as local residents.

Patrolman Sam Borgia was presented with an award and was recognized for being the Top Cop OVI (Operating a Vehicle under the Influence of alcohol) on the Orange Village Police Department.

During the past three years the Cuyahoga County OVI Task Force finished in 1st place nationally in multi-jurisdictional enforcement and was recognized by the International Association

of Chiefs of Police. This year the Task Force finished 2nd nationally and the Orange Village Police Department was presented a plaque in recognition. This shows how well the multi-jurisdictional Task Force works together in Cuyahoga County to reduce vehicle accidents, drunk drivers and seat belt enforcement. The Orange Village Police Department has been an active participant in the success of the Task Force.

JUST FOR HER...

In 2009, the Orange Village Police Department will be offering a Rape, Aggression, Defense (R.A.D.) program. This is a comprehensive women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on the basics of hands-on defense training. R.A.D. is not a martial arts program. The program is free of charge to residents and other women who work within the Village. If interested or for more

information contact

Ptl. Eric Sommers at

(440) 498-4401

or visit the website

www.rad-systems.com.



KEEP FOR YOUR REFERENCE

December 2008

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE LOCATED AT ORANGE VILLAGE HALL
4600 LANDER ROAD, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SD Service Department, 4160 Lander Road

OSC Orange Senior Center, 32000 Chagrin Blvd

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16 Planning & Zoning/ ABR 7:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22  Winter Break Begins Chanukah Begins	23	24	25  Christmas Village Hall Closed	26  Kwanzaa No Recycling/ Trash Pick-up	27 Recycling/Trash Pick-up
WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL FOR ORANGE STUDENTS						
28	29 Last Day of Chanukah	30	31			
WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL FOR ORANGE STUDENTS						

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  New Year's Day Last Day of Kwanzaa Village Hall Closed	2 No Recycling/ Trash Pick-up	3 Recycling/Trash Pick-up
4	5 Orange School Resumes Christmas Tree Pick-up	6 Ice Cream Social 1:00 - OSC call 216-831-8601 Planning & Zoning/ ABR 7:30 p.m.	7 Meet The Mayor 6:00 p.m. Finance 7:00 p.m. Council Work Session 8:00 - VH	8	9	10
11	12 Christmas Tree Pick-up	13	14 Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.	15	16 Waiver Day No School for Orange Students	17
18	19  MLK Jr. Day No School Village Hall Closed	20 Planning & Zoning/ABR 7:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26 Christmas Tree Pick-up	27	28	29	30	31

February 2009

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OSC Orange Senior Center, 32000 Chagrin Blvd

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8	9	10 Meet The Mayor 1:00 p.m.	11 Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.	12	13	14 
15	16 President's Day  No School	17 Planning & Zoning ABR 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Ice Cream Social 1:00 - OSC call 216-831-8601 Planning & Zoning/ ABR - 7:30 p.m.	4 Finance 7:00 p.m. Council Work Session 8:00 p.m.	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Meet The Mayor 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.	12	13	14
15	16	17 Planning & Zoning 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23 Spring Break Begins	24	25	26	27	28
SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL FOR ORANGE STUDENTS						
29	30 Orange School Resumes	31				

HOLIDAY SAFETY

With the onset of the holiday season, it is important to focus on fire safety and prevention. The celebration of the season brings with it increased usage of electric lights, decorations, candles, and the ever popular Christmas tree, all of which can be potential fire hazards. Additionally, cooking fires increase during the holidays as families and friends gather to celebrate. By following general fire safety precautions, potential holiday fires, deaths, and injuries remain preventable.

CHRISTMAS TREES

What's a traditional Christmas morning scene without a beautifully decorated tree? If your household includes a natural tree in its festivities, take to heart the sales person's suggestion – "Keep the tree watered".

Christmas trees account for hundreds of fires annually. Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. A dry and neglected tree can be.



Selecting a Tree for the Holidays

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out and is a fire hazard.

Caring for Your Tree

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Disposing of Your Tree

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.

**The Orange
Village Fire
Department
would be happy
to come to your
home and
offer fire
safety tips.
If you are
interested,
please contact
Lieutenant Dan
Fritz
at
440-498-4402**

Christmas trees will be collected curbside on Monday, January 5th, 12th and 26th.

The upcoming Holiday season offers a great opportunity to improve our recycling efforts. Three (3) types of materials that are often overlooked during this time are boxes, bags and packing materials inside gifts and other retail purchases. Most of these packaging materials are recyclable. In particular, all cardboard is recyclable from shipping boxes and other boxes that often contain gifts (e.g.; clothing, toys, appliances, etc). Please be sure to break down and flatten all cardboard boxes or it will not be recycled. Although Styrofoam is NOT recyclable (e.g.: peanuts and packaging materials), many packaging materials that look like Styrofoam are actually plastics. Just check the material for a recycling label. If there is a label, it can be recycled. With these tips in mind, we should increase our recycling during this season, thus lowering our community's disposal costs and improving the planet.



WEATHERING WINTER

Falling winter temperatures start everyone thinking about winter maintenance for your home. Here are some tips to help you prepare:

1. FURNACE

- Call a professional to inspect your furnace and clean ducts
- Change your furnace filter as required
- Consider switching to a programmable thermostat
- Remove all flammable material from the area surrounding your furnace

2. FIREPLACE

- Cap or screen the top of the chimney to keep out rodents and birds
- Clean your chimney or call a chimney sweep to remove soot and creosote
- Store firewood in a dry place away from the exterior of your home
- Inspect the fireplace damper for easy opening and closing

3. EXTERIOR DOORS AND WINDOWS

- Inspect for cracks and exposed entry points and seal them
- Use weather stripping around doors and caulk windows
- Take down summer screens and install storm windows



4. ROOF, GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

- Added insulation in your attic may prevent warm air rising to cause ice dams
- Check flashing to prevent water from leaking
- Replace worn roof shingles or tiles
- Clean out gutters and hose down downspouts to clear debris

5. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

- Drain gas from lawn mowers
- Service and tune up snow blowers
- Store away summer gardening equipment
- Buy a supply of ice melt or sand

6. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

- Buy candles and matches for use during a power outage
- Tape phone numbers of fire, police and utility companies near your phone
- Protect your computer and sensitive electronics with a battery back up
- Store extra bottled water and non-perishable food, blankets and a first aid kit in an easy-to-access area
- Prepare an evacuation plan in the event of an emergency

The Orange Village Building Department hopes that all these suggestions will help you endure the winter and look forward to the coming of Spring.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



A reminder from the Tax Administrator, Mitch Adell, CPA, that although your fourth quarter RITA Estimate for calendar year 2008 is not due until January 31, 2009, it must be paid prior to the end of calendar year 2008 if you would like to include it as an itemized deduction on your 2008 Federal Tax Return. You can, of course use it as an

itemized deduction when filing your 2009 Federal Tax Return if you choose to pay the estimate in January, 2009.



Please help the
Police and Fire
Departments
locate you by
making sure your
ADDRESS is
CLEARLY POSTED
on both sides of
your mail box and
on the front of
your home. This
saves precious
time in an
emergency!



WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS:

- ❄ Drive for conditions. Don't get overconfident with four-wheel drive. It will not help you stop any faster.
- ❄ Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps or bridges. These all have potential to develop black ice that makes driving hazardous.
- ❄ Avoid abrupt actions while steering, braking or accelerating to lessen the chances of losing control of the vehicle.
- ❄ Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra time to react.
- ❄ Trucks take longer to stop. Don't cut in front of them.
- ❄ Avoid using cruise control. Don't let your car make a bad decision for you.
- ❄ Stopping on snow and ice without skidding requires extra time and distance.
- ❄ If you have anti-lock brakes, press the pedal down firmly and hold it. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, gently pump the pedal. Either way, give yourself plenty of time to stop.

SNOW REMOVAL REGULATIONS

Orange Village has passed regulations for snow removal from driveways and sidewalks. These ordinances are to keep debris and snow off the roadways and to ensure safe passage for motorists and pedestrians.

725.02 PLACING SNOW OR DEBRIS NEAR FIRE HYDRANTS

No person shall transport, snow plow or otherwise place snow, ice or other debris within seven feet of a fire hydrant to conceal or limit access to such hydrant.

521.06 DUTY TO KEEP SIDEWALKS IN REPAIR AND CLEAN

No owner or occupant of abutting lands shall fail to keep the sidewalks, curbs or gutters in repair and free from snow, ice or any nuisance.



- Do not push snow across street. You may be placing the snow in someone else's yard. What falls on to a drive or sidewalk stays with that yard. When you push snow across a street you assume liability should a problem arise from your actions.
- Do not push snow to end of drive by street and block visibility of on coming traffic or a sidewalk. Do not push snow against mailboxes. This may cause an accident and possible damage to the mailbox either directly or indirectly. Also when the street plows come by they may push snow back into the end of the driveway.
- Locate a place where you can push the snow at the other end of the drive or part way down the drive.

If you have any questions about this matter contact Orange Village. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMON RECYCLING MISTAKES

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Using recycling containers for trash
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Putting recycling in old buckets, bins or trash cans that can be mistaken for waste
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Not rinsing or cleaning out containers prior to placing them in the container
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Including items that are not recyclable - window glass, plastic buckets, pails, milk crates, etc.
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Including phone books or Styrofoam (peanuts or whole pieces) which cannot be recycled at this time

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