

ORANGE VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS



Happy Holidays!

Bulletin Board

- Village Hall will be closed on Monday, December 26th for Christmas and Monday, January 2nd for New Years. Trash pickup will be:
- **FRIDAY, December 23rd, FRIDAY, December 30th FRIDAY, January 6th.**
- Orange Village Hall will be closed on Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Day. Trash pickup that week will be **FRIDAY, January 20th.**
- Branch chipping and leaf collection are done for the year. Branch collection will begin in the spring.
- Snowplowing contractors must register with the Building Department to receive their permits/decals for 2005-2006.

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MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILMEN

Congratulations to newly elected councilmen Phil Soroky and Carmen Centanni! Mr. Soroky was elected to the unexpired term (ending December 31, 2007) vacated by Clint Braine. Dr. Centanni was elected to serve a four year term beginning in 2006. Council members Herb Braverman, Lisa Perry and Dan Brown were returned to office.

A native Clevelander, Mr. Soroky grew up in Cleveland Heights and is a 1970 graduate of Heights High School. He attended the University of Cincinnati, then Case Western Reserve University where he majored in biology. After joining Electrical Workers Local 38 where he worked in the construction department and learned electrical estimating, design and project management, Mr. Soroky moved to Hirsch Electric where he served as Vice President of Engineering. Currently, Phil is with Ullman Electric. He and his wife, Donna, have three children, Adam Raskin and Robyn and Maxwell Soroky.

Mr. Soroky feels his professional experience strongly complements the skills and experience of current council members. He believes his

experience working on numerous committees and holding offices in various professional organizations as well as his professional experience will help direct the business of the Village.

Dr. Carmen Centanni, also a native Clevelander grew up in Cleveland Heights and graduated from St. Joseph High School. He attended John Carroll University prior to transferring to the National College of Chiropractic in Chicago. He maintains his practice in Shaker Heights.

Dr. Centanni and his late wife Jill Smolik moved to Orange Village in 1984. They became very involved in local politics and preservation of the rural character of the Village. Carmen served on the Planning & Zoning Commission from 1996 through 2001.

Both newly elected members of Council feel very strongly that communication between members of Council, Administration and residents is very important. Mr. Soroky was sworn in at the Special Council Meeting on December 7th. Dr. Centanni will be sworn in at the Council Meeting on January 4th. ■

NOPEC UPDATE

Several months ago NOPEC was informed that the electric supplier, Green Mountain Energy Company intended to terminate the contract at the end of this year.

NOPEC adopted an aggressive legal stance with Green Mountain, and recently filed a lawsuit challenging what they believe is an unjustified termination under the terms of the contract. At the same time NOPEC opened negotiations with other suppliers.

In November an agreement was signed with First Energy Solutions that will continue discounts for NOPEC customers through 2008. Under the Green Mountain contract, discounts were only guaranteed through 2006.

NOPEC still has not triggered the contract with Dominion Energy Retail because wholesale prices have been elevated for more than a year.

The price of natural gas has continued to climb for a variety of reasons, including supply and demand issues as well as institutional decisions

made by utilities. Production of new gas supplies has not kept pace with increasing demand. Stringent EPA regulations have made coal-fired electrical generation plants cost prohibitive. The industry has converted to natural gas-fired generation plants which has increased the overall demand for natural gas nationally. Record-breaking summer heat, devastated gas production in the gulf region caused by hurricanes and the high price of oil have also contributed to higher natural gas prices.

At this time NOPEC encourages you to remain with Dominion or shop on your own for a better deal from a private supplier. Examine offers carefully. Make sure there are no hidden or unspoken charges, ask what the cancellation penalty is and how long the deal is for. If the deal benefits you, you should consider it. NOPEC continues to monitor the market looking for a suitable, long-term program. As soon as a beneficial price/program becomes available, NOPEC will, assuredly, snap it up. ■

FROM THE MAYOR

Winter 2005

Meet the Mayor

*Wednesday,
January 11th
7:00pm*

*Tuesday,
February 14th
11:00am*

*Wednesday,
March 8th
7:00pm*

Join the email list!

*Visit our website at
www.orangevillage.com
and sign up to receive
email notifications of
upcoming meetings and
important events.*

Dear Neighbor,

2005 was a great year in Orange Village. As we prepare to usher in another new year, the Administration takes time to reflect on the year just ending and all that was accomplished for the betterment of our beautiful community and all its residents. A quick review and summary of some of the highlights of the past twelve months follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Commenced 24 hour staffing, ensuring quick response times no matter what hour of day
- Received a grant in the amount of approximately \$130,000 for much needed fire department equipment and personnel training.
- Established our very own Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) for the residents of Orange Village which includes some of our Chagrin Valley community neighbors.
- Appointed University Hospital's Dr. Robert Coleman as our medical director and expanded the list of hospitals our residents can choose to be transported to.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- Implementation of our emergency/community bulletin board "Reverse 911" and "Guardian Calling" phone system
- Ten of our police officers completed fire training. This cross training allows for the quickest responses and highest level of training for all of our safety personnel.
- Lieutenant Patrick O'Callahan graduated the FBI National Academy. A real honor and benefit for our entire department.
- The department acquired Safety Officer robots for educational purposes... at no cost to the taxpayers. Also, every officer was equipped and trained with Tasers... again, at no cost to the Village.
- Completed successful negotiation of the police union contract through December 31, 2007.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT:

- The reconstruction of Emery Road finally began... more than 20 years after being consented to and designed. This project also includes the installation of a waterline for those residents.
- Completion of reconstruction, streetscaping and lighting on Orange Place North
- Renewal of the Infrastructure Levy by a margin of almost 4 to 1. This will ensure the reconstruction and maintenance of our community's infrastructure for the next ten years!
- Master plans for a new service department complex began during the year.

ADMINISTRATION:

- Inheritance taxes collected through 2005 have fully funded all outstanding Municipal Bond debt from the construction of Village Hall, to be paid off in 2014.
- The automation and streamlining of our payroll procedures began during the year.
- Another well-attended and enjoyable Salute to Orange with the Singing Angels and spectacular fireworks.
- A wonderful "Music at the Muni" concert series during the summer.
- Thirteen new dwellings and nine residential additions in our neighborhoods.
- Conservative and vigilant fiscal management of our tax dollars and a strong emphasis on budgeting procedures contributed to the maintenance of our strong financial condition for another year.
- Our beautiful Village Park grew by another acre and recreational opportunities were expanded with the creation of a toddler sledding hill for our littlest residents.

This is just a few of the many highlights accomplished during 2005 due to the efforts of all of our dedicated Village employees and the cooperation of your Village Council. Maintaining and improving the high quality of services in our community will always be our most important goal. Keeping Orange Village a wonderful place to live and raise our families is our focus each and every day. We look forward to many more accomplishments in 2006!

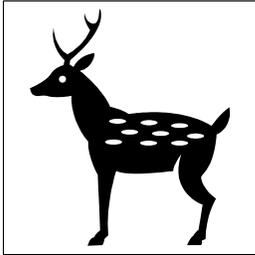
My family and I wish you and yours the very best for this holiday season... and, as always, thank you for the privilege of serving as your Mayor.

Very Truly Yours,

Kathy U. Mulcahy

FROM COUNCIL

Ordinance 2004-34, authorizing the abatement of nuisance animals from within Orange Village recently passed by a 5-2 vote. Council has declared deer to be a nuisance animal, therefore the hunting of deer is now permitted. Deer hunting requires a permit obtained from Police Chief Chris Kostura. All laws and regulations must be strictly adhered to. The Village has established the following Deer Hunting Program:



first apply to the Chief of Police or his designated representative for a hunting authorization permit. A permit shall be issued only after a determination that the applicant has secured all necessary state licenses and, if necessary, has obtained the written permission of the owner or owners of the land upon which deer will be hunted.

5. Property owners must comply with all applicable laws and regulations to hunt or take deer on their own property.
6. Any person who hunts shall comply with the following list of guidelines as listed with the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

ORANGE VILLAGE DEER HUNTING PROGRAM

It shall be lawful to hunt deer, primarily for the purpose of population management, within the corporation limits of Orange Village subject to all of the following terms and conditions:

1. Hunting shall be confined to an area of at least (5) five acres. Owners of property less than (5) five acres may join together provided properties are contiguous and all such owners agree in writing that hunting will take place upon their combined properties.
2. No person shall hunt or take deer by any means except by a crossbow and bolt or longbow and arrow.
3. If the person is not the lawful owner of the land upon which deer shall be hunted or taken, then written permission of the landowner must be secured and be carried with the person at all times while on the land to be hunted.
4. Any person who hunts or takes deer must

The application for a hunting authorization permit and Hunting Agreement are available online at www.orangevillage.com and also at the Police Department. Check our website or the Police Department to be updated on Council action declaring deer a nuisance.



JOGGERS

1. Please face oncoming traffic when jogging or walking on Village roads.
2. Reflective clothing must be worn dusk to dawn, by law.

Councilwoman Frances Kluter is the Safety Committee Chairperson. She may be reached at 216 831-2592 or by e-mail at Sfritsky@aol.com ■

PENDING LEGISLATION

ORD. NO. 2005-17

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with J&J Energy, LLC, to drill for oil and gas on Orange Village property. 2nd reading, as amended.

ORD. NO. 2005-31

An ordinance granting a rear yard variance to Mr. & Mrs. John Haselow of 3869 Wild Cherry Oval. 2nd reading.

ORD. NO. 2005-32

An ordinance amending Chapter 1377 of the Code of Ordinances of Orange Village to modify Storm Water Management regulations. 2nd reading.

ORD. NO. 2005-33

An ordinance enacting Chapter 1378 of the Code of Ordinances of Orange Village to modify erosion regulations. 2nd reading.

ORD. NO. 2005-34

An ordinance amending Chapter 505 of the Codified Ordinances of the village to prohibit the outdoor feeding of animals. 2nd reading.

ORD. NO. 2005-35

An ordinance appointing the Law Director and the Law Department of Orange Village, providing compensation, and repealing certain ordinances. 2nd reading.

ORD. NO. 2005-36

An ordinance approving and confirming the appointment of Stephen Hovancsek & Associates, Inc. as Orange Village Engineer and repealing certain ordinances. 2nd reading.

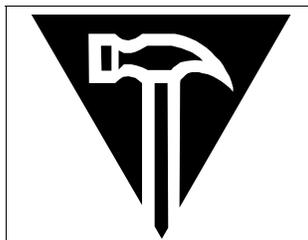
FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

WINTER READINESS

- ▶ Have your furnace cleaned and checked.
- ▶ Keep extra filters on hand and change the filter once a month.
- ▶ Have your humidifier cleaned and checked.
- ▶ Have your fireplace cleaned and checked by a chimney sweep. Make sure the damper is seeded correctly and opens/closes properly.
- ▶ Check and clean your gutters.

Fallen leaves can clog your gutters causing overflow when snow and ice melts or it rains. This problem can cause dampness or water in your basement.

- ▶ Make sure your storm windows are closed and weep holes at the bottom are open.
- ▶ Make sure vents in your attic are open under the eaves and end-vents in gables are free of debris.



- ▶ Make sure your mail box is in good condition. Do not push snow around the base. The snow will freeze, making the post excessively brittle and the post will easily break with very little pressure.

SNOW PLOWING PROCEDURES

- ▶ Snowplowing contractors must register with the Building Department to receive their decal/permits for 2005-2006.
- ▶ Snow should never be pushed across the roadway nor should snow be pushed up against utility poles or fire hydrants.

Building Commissioner, Louis Hovancsek may be reached at Village Hall Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00am until noon. Call 440 498-4400. ■

Council Committees

If you are interested in serving on one of the Council Committees, contact Sue Bonk, Council Clerk at 440 498-4400 or visit our website at www.orangevillage.com.

Council Committees are:

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

FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Tuesday, January 3rd, Tuesday, January 10th and Tuesday, January 17th— no other brush will be collected at this time.

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Trash collection is always on **FRIDAY** except when the following holidays fall on a **MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**, then trash will be collected on **SATURDAY**: This year trash will be collected on Friday, December 23rd, Friday, December 30th and Friday, January 6th .

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND OTHER ROUND-UP ITEMS

Do not drop off hazardous materials, tires, phone books, computers and related materials at the Service Department during non-collection times and dates. We do not have storage area to accommodate these items.

ROLL-OUT TRASH CONTAINERS

A limited number of roll-out garbage containers can still be purchased. Call Village Hall to place your order.

ORANGE VILLAGE RECYCLES

Separate your newspapers, magazines, plastic and glass containers, and aluminum beverage cans for recycling and place curbside for collection with your trash. The Orange Village Fire Department collects aluminum cans for the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children Foundation (ACBC), a non-profit aluminum beverage can recycling program founded by the North-

ern Ohio Firefighters and Northeast Ohio Fire Chiefs Association. Just deposit your aluminum beverage cans in the recycling container located outside by the Fire Department.

LEAF HUMUS AND WOOD CHIPS

It is not too early to place your order for late spring 2006 delivery. Apply on line at www.orangevillage.com or call Village Hall.

SNOW REMOVAL

- ▶ Make sure the contractor you hire to snow plow is registered with the Building Department and has a permit displayed on his vehicle.
- ▶ Snow should not be pushed across the roadway .
- ▶ Snow should not be pushed up against utility poles or fire hydrants.

MAILBOXES

Now is a good time to make sure your mailbox is in good condition. Do not push snow around the base. The snow will freeze, making the post excessively brittle and the post will easily break with very little pressure.

ORANGE VILLAGE COMMUNITY PARK

- ☉ Our park is a beautiful place to walk and enjoy the wildlife and wonders of winter. The 1 1/2 miles of paved trails are perfect for cross country skiers when covered with snow.
- ☉ The ice skating rink located on White Drive is now open.
- ☉ The kiddy sledding open located on parkland on Emery Road is now open. ■



**2005
Recycling Totals**
Orange Village recycling in cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District:

- Phone books: 2,100 pounds*
- Computers: 2,169 pounds*
- Hazardous Waste: 1 ½ tons*
- Used Oil: 250 gallons*
- Tires: 167*
- Car Batteries: 20*

Branch Chipping Totals

Year	Tonnage
1992	328.125
1993	468.750
1994	435.938
1995	492.187
1996	1,195.313
1997	478.125
1998	215.625
1999	220.313
2000	239.062
2001	285.938
2002	276.562
2003	285.938
2004	295.313
2005	1,378.125

FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION

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

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

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

Don't 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 for drainage problems on or near your property. For technical assistance such as identifying the causes and ways of preventing or stopping flood damage to your property please call the Engineer at (216) 731-6255.

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

- ▶ Do not dump or throw anything into ditches, streams and detention basins. Dumping in streams and ditches is a violation of local regulations;

it should be reported to the Orange Service Department or Village Engineer immediately. Even yard waste can plug an existing watercourse resulting in flooding.

- ▶ If you live next to a ditch or stream, please help keep the banks clear of debris and heavy vegetation.
 - ▶ All development in the floodplain, not just building construction, requires a permit. Before you buy or build in the floodplain, contact the Building Department for details. Contact the Building Department or Village Engineer if you suspect illegal development in the floodplain.
- There are several ways to minimize flood damage to your home. 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 backup. Overhead plumbing is also a method for eliminating sewer backup for more severe cases of flooding. More information about these methods and other flood proofing and retrofitting measures are available at the Orange branch of the Cuyahoga County Library.

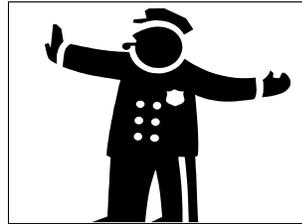
FLOOD SAFETY AND EVACUATION TIPS

- ▶ Plan escape routes to higher ground.
 - ▶ During heavy rainfall, monitor the level of water in drainage ways. Stay tuned to local radio and television for possible flood warnings.
 - ▶ Evacuate the flood hazard areas in times of impending flood or when advised to do so by the Police or Fire Department.
 - ▶ Do not attempt to cross a flooding stream on foot or by car.
 - ▶ If 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, 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. ■



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Orange Village Police Department hopes that you and yours had an enjoyable Fall. With winter rapidly approaching we would like to offer some helpful reminders to our residents.



With the holiday season upon us, many of our residents will be going out of town. If you plan on being gone for the holidays it is a good idea to leave some lights on timers. Additionally, be sure that your alarm is registered with the Orange Police Department. Phone 440-498-4401 to inquire if your alarm account information is current. If you will be gone for an extended period, it may be a good idea to leave contact information with a neighbor or the police department in case of an emergency.

As the weather turns colder, one should prepare for any roadside emergencies. It is a good idea to keep a blanket, cell phone, and shovel in the car should you need them. Keep in mind the weather conditions when making travel arrange-

ments, and please plan accordingly. Just a friendly reminder: When snowfall exceeds 2 inches, NO PARKING is permitted on any village street. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Do not forget: The Orange Village Police Department has three certified child safety seat technicians. If you need assistance installing a safety seat, please call the Police Department at 440-498-4401 to schedule an appointment.

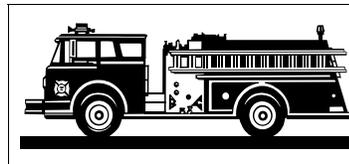
The Orange Village Police would like to encourage all residents to keep garage doors closed during the overnight hours. Speaking of overnight hours, NO PARKING is allowed on any village street overnight without permission from the Police Department. Finally, we would once again like to thank our residents and businesses for helping make Orange Village a safe community. ■

NO PARKING is allowed on any village street when snowfall exceeds 2 inches.

NO PARKING is allowed on any village street overnight without permission from OVPD.

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is that time of the year again when we need to start heating our homes. This year with the rise in heating cost, some homeowners have switched to some alternative forms of heating. This calls for added safety when using these devices. Some safety tips that must be taken into consideration when using space heaters are:



► Make sure the flue is open before lighting a fire, and never close the flue while a fire is still smoldering.
► Strike your match first, then turn on the gas when lighting a gas fireplace.

► Be sure rugs, carpet or exposed wood flooring are at least 3 feet away from the opening of your fireplace.

- Place wood stoves on approved stove boards to protect floors from heat and hot coals.
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood and dispose of the cooled ashes in a closed metal container outside of your home.
- NEVER use gasoline or lighter fluid to start a fire.
- NEVER leave a fire burning unattended in your fireplace.
- ALWAYS use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from igniting nearby objects.
- ALWAYS use common sense when operating any form of heating device.

To avoid falling victim to carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, potentially deadly gas produced by fuel burning equipment, such as furnaces, fireplaces wood stoves and kerosene heaters. install at least one carbon monoxide alarm near sleeping areas. Call the Fire Department if the alarm sounds. Also, make sure you have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home and inside each sleeping area to alert you in the event of a fire. ■

Fire Department Promotions

Robert Wilson was promoted from Lieutenant to Assistant Chief.

Fire Fighter Dan Fritz was promoted to Lieutenant.

SPACEHEATERS

Space heaters need space. They must be placed at least three feet from anything that can burn.

- Make sure the unit is an U.L. approved device.
- Buy a spaceheater that has a control feature that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over.
- NEVER place a space heater on carpet.
- NEVER place any combustible materials near the unit.
- NEVER use an extension cord with an electric portable heater.
- NEVER plug more than one heater into an outlet.
- NEVER use electric heaters near water, like in your bathroom or near a water heater.
- ALWAYS keep children and pets a safe distance away from units. The same rules apply for fireplace inserts as well as for traditional fireplaces and wood burning stoves.

FIREPLACES AND WOODBURNING STOVES

- Have your chimney cleaned and checked for cracks.



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ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES WITH ALARM SYSTEMS

As provided in section 937.01 of the Orange Village code, any resident/business that has an alarm system **MUST** register that system with the Village annually. Registration takes place from December 1st to January 15th. The purpose is to provide up-to-date information on who to contact if your alarm sounds. Registration may be completed at the Village Hall or by mail. Applications forms are also available on line at www.orangevillage.com. If you provide us with your e-mail address we can send your application to you electronically. The fee is \$5.00 if paid by January 30th. Thereafter, the fee increases to \$15.00. Your cooperation in returning **both** the **application** and **payment** in a timely fashion assists our staff in the proper handling of emergency alarm calls.

A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT EACH YEAR.

Village Hall hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm (Monday thru Friday). Please call 440-498-4401 if you have any questions.



ALARM REGISTRATION

TYPE OF PREMISE PROTECTED Home Condo Business
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____
NAME OF ALARM CO. _____ PHONE _____

PERSONS TO CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY

1. NAME _____
HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____
2. NAME _____
HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____
Amount Paid _____ Cash/Check _____ Date of Registration _____