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Orange Village Community News



Welcome David Bloom

**Orange Village would like to welcome our new Treasurer,
David Bloom**

Mr. Bloom was confirmed by council on November 10, 2010 and will be assuming the responsibility for our financial operations. He has been the Finance Director for the Village of Chagrin Falls for over 20 years and will continue serving both communities. Prior to his tenure at the Village of Chagrin Falls, Mr. Bloom was the Director of the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission. Dave replaces Matthew Stuczynski, who served as our interim treasurer since April 2010. We appreciate all of Matthew's guidance and input over the past year and welcome David Bloom to our team.

Orange Village's 2010 Accomplishments

- ☆ Extension of water main lines for increased fire safety throughout the Village. This project will also provide the opportunity for homes in those areas to connect to city water.
- ☆ Our fire department applied for, and received, FEMA grants for new equipment, including new radios and extrication tools
- ☆ The construction and initiation of Herb's Orange Village Community Garden. This activity should be a popular addition to our park's amenities. Don't be left out... sign up for a garden site now!
- ☆ A new 5 year refuse/recycling contract was negotiated with J & J Refuse which will save the community and also changed our curbside pickup day to Mondays.
- ☆ Service Department employees implemented the use of brine pre-treat system for winter ice control and snow removal. They also completed training on a new bucket truck & fork lift which will further enhance efficient operations.
- ☆ The Police Department received the AAA Platinum Community Traffic Safety Award and the 2010 Community Safety Award for 52 straight years of fatality-free pedestrian safety.
- ☆ Sergeant Nick DiCicco successfully completed F.B.I. training in Quantico, Virginia as well as becoming trained in computer forensics.
- ☆ The Police Department converted and outfitted a donated rescue vehicle into a specialty multi-purpose Emergency Response Vehicle.
- ☆ Widening and reconfiguration of Miles Road and installation of a traffic light at the Miles Market to help with traffic management in that corridor.
- ☆ Passed 9 Charter amendments on the November, 2010 ballot.
- ☆ Purchased 10 acres of land known as the former St. Margaret of Hungary Church adjacent to the current municipal complex. We have finally decided on the permanent site for a new updated and efficient Service Department facility, as finances allow.

Compost Seminar and Bin Sale Wednesday, March 16th @ 7:30 pm Registration Required

Join Dan Brown, Orange Village Council President, and the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for an informative how-to seminar at Orange Village Hall, 4600 Lander Road. You will also have the opportunity to purchase a backyard composting bin for your home. The bins are \$50.00 each and there are two compost bins available: the Wishing Well (composter) and the Ultimate Dirt Machine (digester).

A committee will also be formed to assist with the Village's procedures for composting and to prepare the seminar.

Contact Anna at 440-498-4400 to register for the committee and/or seminar.

Composting is a great way to keep organic material out of landfills. It is a good environmental practice and an inexpensive way of adding nutrients back into the soil. Applying compost to soil improves its texture, structure, aeration ability and water holding capacity. Trees, flowers or vegetables will grow healthier with less chemicals or fertilizers.

Compost is..

- A dark, crumbly soil amendment.
- A waste reduction strategy for yard and food waste.
- Nature's way of recycling.
- Natural mulch.
- Nutrient rich.
- A simple way to prevent methane gas production.

Ultimate Dirt Machine 80 Gallons (25"x 39")

- Accepts most yard waste
- Processes **all** food scraps
- Creates a small amount of solid material
- Very limited maintenance required
- Best for food waste



Wishing Well Bin (with lid) 135 Gallons (30" x 36")

- Accepts most yard waste
- Processes some clean food scraps
- Creates soil amendment to be used in garden and landscaping
- Maintenance required
- Best for yard waste



Sign up for Email

Sign up for Orange Village e-mail at www.orangevillage.com. Bi-monthly newsletters provide a great way to stay up to date with everything happening in our community. Reminders will be sent about the



many great activities we have scheduled for 2011 and reminder such as; holiday trash collection reminders, construction updates, Music at the Muni and other Village information. All email addresses are kept confidential.



Dear Neighbor,

Orange Village had another busy and productive year. Our employees and professionals are dedicated to maintaining the high quality of services and life in our community every day, but, we are also proud to report on some of the specific accomplishments of 2010 which are listed on the front page of this newsletter.

As this year winds down into another holiday season, we have already begun planning to achieve some of the goals we have set for 2011:

- ❖ We will be conducting energy audits of our municipal buildings, with a grant received from Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, in an attempt to learn what efficiencies can be implemented. NOPEC is offering a \$50,000 "Powering Our Communities" grant which will be used to make energy conservation modifications.
- ❖ With our selected architectural firm, Bialosky & Partners, a master plan of the newly acquired land will begin. By the end of this year, we hope to have a "blueprint" for the eventual phased-in development of the 10 acres into enhanced park space and our future service department operations.
- ❖ Offer our Music at the Muni 2011 summer series at the new amphitheater, which was acquired with the passage of Issue #116.
- ❖ Implementing performance standards in our already-exceptional fire department.
- ❖ We are preparing to go to bid on a concrete replacement program throughout the Village early in 2011. During the construction season, we will also chip and seal Hidden Valley, Woodcrest and Fairview Drives.
- ❖ The most critical focus of 2011 will be on our operating revenues and expenses. For more than 26 years, Orange Village has been in economic growth. Tax revenues have increased from year to year. Based on 2010 results, we know that for the first time, we will be working with an assumption of zero growth and some reduction in line item categories (such as interest income and hotel lodging taxes) However, we have accumulated a surplus in our general fund of over \$2,000,000. We are well positioned to address future operating needs. We are continuously watching revenue and expenses. When and if necessary, we will make whatever systemic changes we must... while providing public discussion and transparency.

Talks with our State Senator Nina Turner, District #25

Please join me on Monday, January 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Village Hall for a series of "Talks with Turner." This will be an opportunity to meet and speak with Senator Turner one-on-one. Bring your questions and concerns about State of Ohio issues.

Community Connection

We are preparing for a series of programs to encourage community participation and awareness. The "Community Connection" program will be offered to connect our residents to their local government and acquaint you with day-to-day operations of our Village. We want you to be able to understand the different departments and how they function. What better way to get to know your Village than by meeting the heads of the various departments and see first hand how decisions are made and tasks are handled. We want you to discover that you can make a difference that matters.

However, I need your help to launch this program so that it provides YOU with the experience YOU desire. Please communicate with me via email at MulcahyK@orangevillage.com or my assistant, Anna Girardi. Please provide us with ideas that you would like to see included. Please suggest specific ideas on format, content, scheduling. We want to make this program something you would like to participate in.

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MEET THE MAYOR

Wed. Jan. 12th at 7:00 pm
Tues. Feb. 15th at 2:00 pm
Wed. March 9 at 7:00 pm

Mayor's Letter

From page 3

It is a pleasure to provide this 2010 financial report to you, the residents of Orange Village. It has remained a priority of this administration to communicate openly and consistently with Village residents. We are committed to the importance of engaging residents and the need for transparency of municipal finances. For that reason we have included a report on Village finances in this newsletter.

Although we are all working in very challenging times, it is important to note that this administration's commitment to effective stewardship has resulted in a solid financial condition for Orange Village. I want to thank Village Council and all the department heads in the Village for their commitment to fiscal responsibility and conservative budgeting. We encourage you to review the information and to contact my office with any questions.

As always, I am eager to hear your thoughts about Village matters. It is a pleasure to represent this wonderful community. I know I speak for all the employees, professionals, public officials and elected representatives of this Village when I say we are all committed to the best interests of the residents and are dedicated to our work on your behalf in all of our day-to-day efforts.

May you have a healthy and safe holiday season. From myself, my family and all the Orange Village personnel, we wish you and yours a 2011 that realizes all your goals and hopes.

Sincerely,



Kathy U. Mulcahy
Mayor

FUND BALANCE

	Ending Balance 12/31/08	End Balance 12/31/09
General Fund	\$2,480,690	\$2,694,710
Street Maintenance/Repair Fund	\$356,139	\$433,695
State Highway Improvement Fund	\$41,694	\$44,705
Law Enforcement Trust Funds	\$96,453	\$83,556
Police Computer and Training Funds	\$6,536	\$3,898
Debt Service Fund	\$1,035,230	\$1,080,065
Capital Improvement Fund	\$990,703	\$735,510
Capital Equipment Fund	\$96,193	\$44,642
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$26,953	\$8,787
Infrastructure Levy Fund	\$226,662	\$494,418
Police Pension Fund	\$37,338	\$54,042
Trust and Agency Funds	\$414,651	\$363,773

Recipients of Orange Village Property Tax

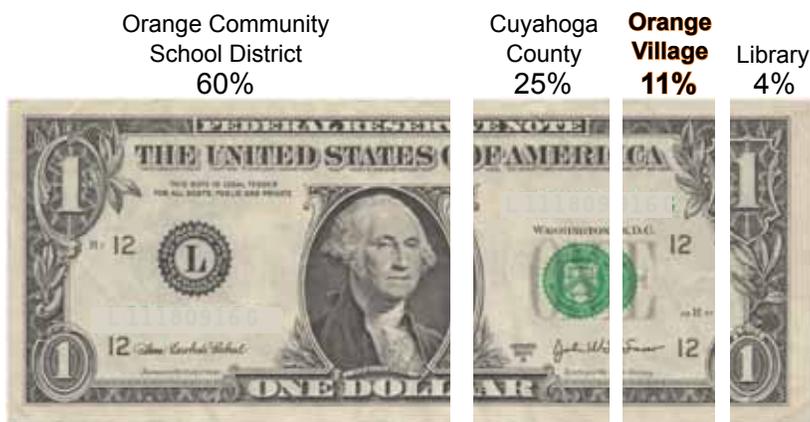
A fundamental difference between Orange Village and the Orange School District is the main funding source used by each entity for operating purposes. Orange Village relies primarily on income tax revenues. Orange Schools relies mostly on property taxes. However, property taxes are still a significant and vital component of Orange Village’s funding sources.

Property tax in Orange Village is based on the County-assigned value of all parcels of land within each taxing district. The assignment of value is administered by the Cuyahoga County Auditor’s Office. The County Auditor determines an assessed value, which is 35% of the appraised market value for each parcel.

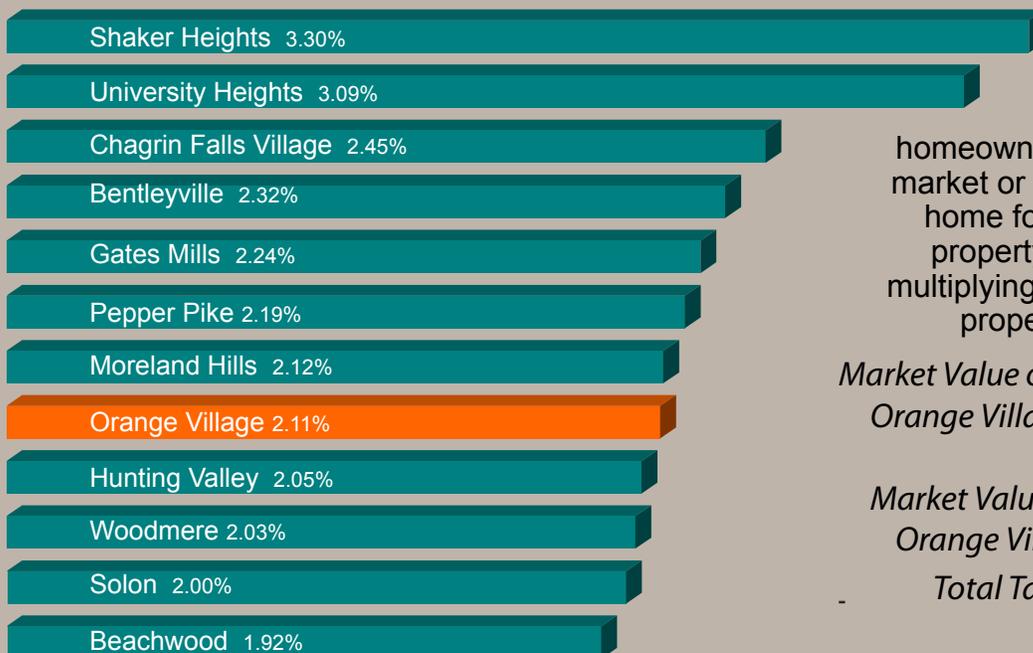
The value is updated every three years based on the average price that surrounding or similar properties sold for within the previous three-year period. Every six years, the County Auditor revisits all properties to re-appraise the value of each piece of land based on any building additions or major improvements. The last re-appraisal of property values occurred in 2009.

DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLARS TAX YEAR 2009 PAID IN 2010

Real estate tax collected by Orange Village and placed into the general fund in 2009 \$596,258.



COMPARISON OF RESIDENTIAL TAX RATES Calculated as a % of market value

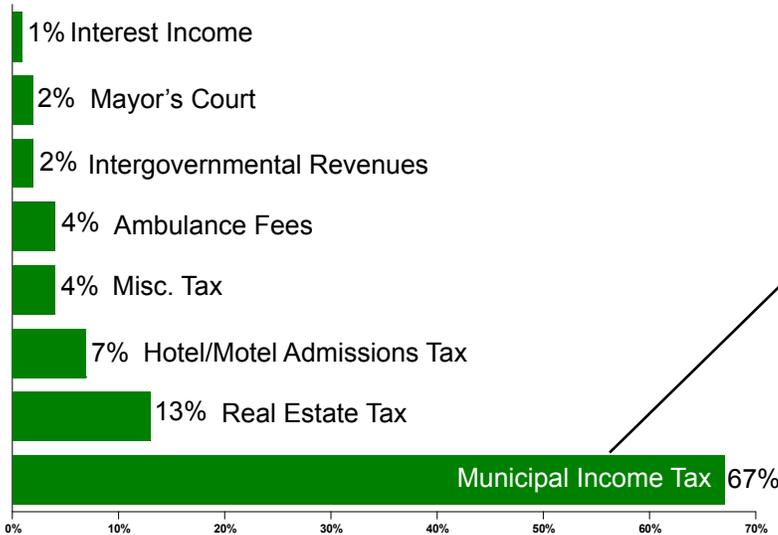


An Orange Village homeowner will pay 2.11% of the market or appraised value of their home for property taxes. The property tax is calculated by multiplying the market value of the property by the tax rate.

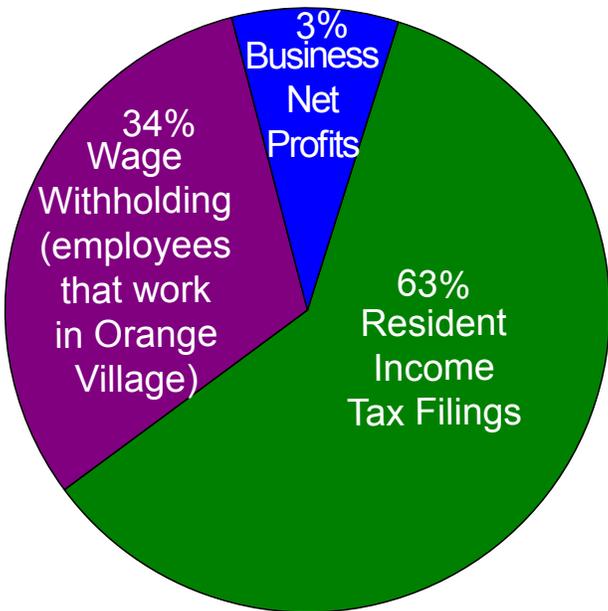
Market Value of Property = \$300,000
Orange Village Tax Rate = 2.11%

Market Value of Property \$300,000
Orange Village Tax Rate x 2.11%
Total Tax Due for 2010 \$6,330

2009 TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE FUND



Income tax collections are the Village's primary source of revenue for all essential services. Every department within the Village relies on income tax collections for some portion of their funding. Orange Village collects a 2.0% income tax on earned income within the Village, which is applied to gross salaries, wages, personal services, compensation and net income of for-profit organizations that conduct business in Orange Village. Orange Village residents are generally required to pay income taxes on income they earn outside the Village, but are given a 60% credit for income taxes paid to the municipality(s) in which they work up to a limit of 1.5%.

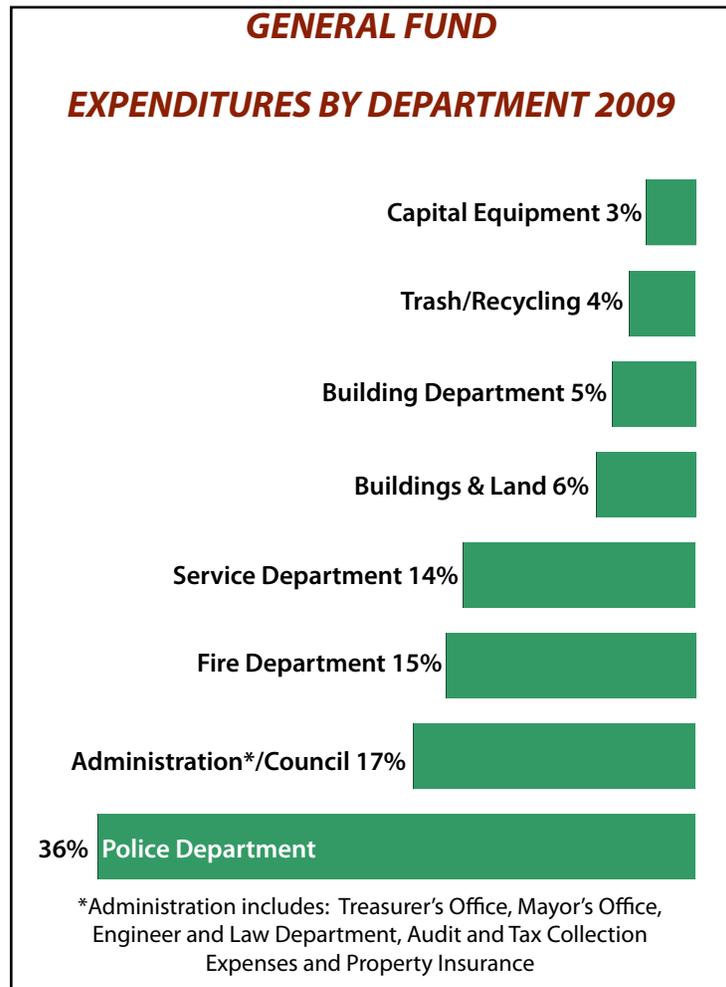
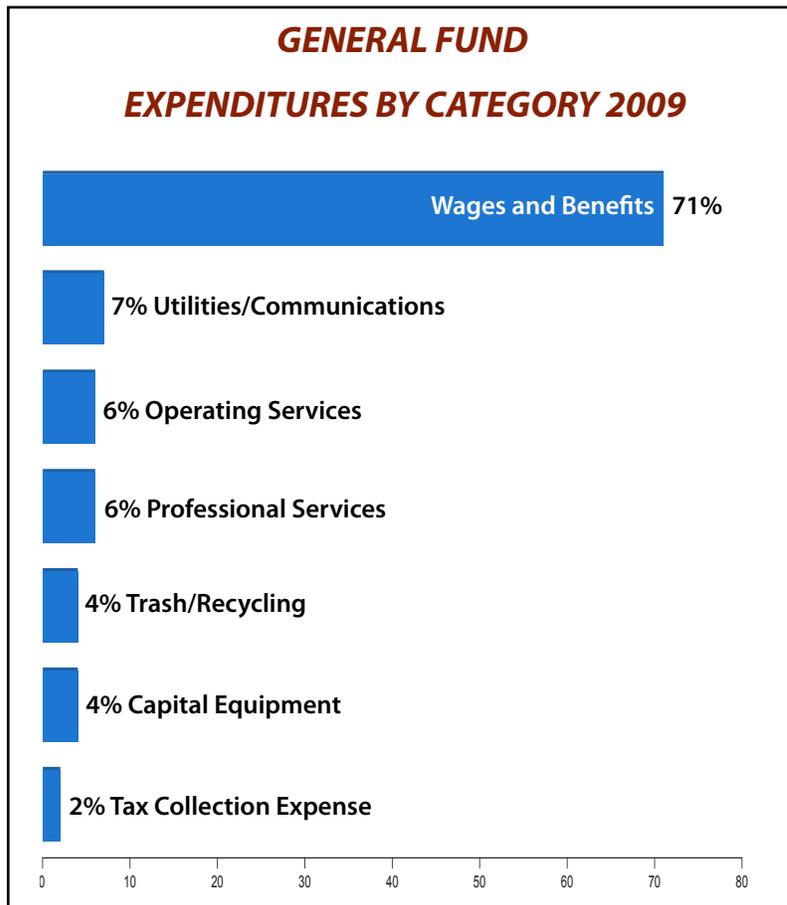


Total Municipal Income Taxes received in 2009=\$3,177,765

- 63% - Resident Income Tax Filings**
- 34% - Wage Withholding (from people who work here)**
- 3% - Business Net Profits**



A reminder from the Tax Administrator that although your fourth quarter RITA Estimate for calendar year 2010 is not due until January 31, 2011, it must be **paid prior to the end of calendar year 2010** if you would like to include it as an itemized deduction on your 2010 Federal Tax Return. Under current IRS regulations, you will still be entitled to use it as an itemized deduction when filing your 2011 Federal Tax Return if you choose to pay the estimate in January, 2011.



To the Residents of Orange Village:

It has been a pleasure serving as a Councilman and Finance Chair for the last three years and I look forward to serving you in the future. As you may know, I am committed to transparency in government in all aspects and especially when it comes to financial matters. It is my sincere belief that for a public entity to be financially accountable, transparency is required.

Presented in this newsletter are highlights of the Village's financial sources and uses, fund balances, and comparative tax data. The inclusion of this data in the newsletter is a small measure to continue our constant efforts of financial responsibility. By not sending a separate mailing for the financial report, we save money. My hope is that this will underscore to the residents of Orange Village that the books are open and you can come to the source for accurate and complete financial information. Also, keep in mind a finance committee meeting, which is open to the public, is held the first Wednesday of every month at seven o'clock in the evening where you can be made aware of the status of the Village's finances.

Finally I would like to thank the finance committee and the finance staff for all of their hard work. There have been many positive changes in the financial operations and more to come. If you have any concerns regarding the financial stability of the Village, please do not hesitate to contact me. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Councilman Mark A. Parks, Jr., CPA, MBA
Finance Chair



Cancer Awareness Meeting Recap

By: Councilwoman Frances Kluter

I coordinated an informational meeting about Cancer on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at Orange Village Hall. Here are a few the highlights from this wonderful event.

Verna Riffe Biemel of the American Cancer Society emphasized that they are making great strides in their advocacy programs. Beginning early next year, there will be large warnings on the packaging about the health hazards of smoking. Angela Bailey, from the Taussig Cancer Institute detailed their "angel" program which matches a person with similar cancer health issues to offer realistic support. Carrie Clark, from Susan Komen outlined the inroads Susan Komen has made providing women with no insurance free mammograms. The local annual Race for the Cure event provides 25% of its funding to their national foundation. Dr. Janice Lyons Director of Radiation/Oncology University Hospitals emphasized that there is a 75% survival rate with women today diagnosed with breast cancer. Newer drugs and better technology are saving lives. Orange Village resident, Dr. Soltaninan, Plastic and Microsurgeon from University Hospital, offered a presentation on breast reconstruction during or after surgery. Ellen Hayman representing The Gathering Place told us about their free services to the community: Reiki, Tai-Chi, support groups, massotherapy and writing poetry with John Fox the poetry healing therapist. They are also implementing a new fitness and diet program which will be housed opposite their current facility on Commerce Park. The Gathering Place is the brainchild of Eileen Saffran who lives in Orange.

The key to winning this war against cancer is early detection. Be proactive, have regular check-ups; perform monthly self breast exams; question your doctor, know your options, if you feel you need a second opinion, get it. It is your life you are fighting for in the battle against breast cancer. Let's win the war against cancer.

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING



Texting while driving is quickly becoming the newest challenge facing police departments across the nation. The Orange Village Police Department is no exception. Although we do not have a specific texting ban, we do have an Ordinance called Failure to Control (**331.34 FAILURE TO CONTROL; WEAVING; FULL TIME AND ATTENTION**). This ordinance allows officers the ability to cite motorists performing any activities that distract them from operating their motor vehicle safely.

According to The Transport Research Laboratory, sending text messages while driving dramatically increases the likelihood of collision. Reaction times were reduced by 35%. In addition, motor vehicle operators who sent or received text messages drifted in and out of their lane of travel 91% more frequently than other drivers.

It is imperative that we educate our children, family, co-workers and friends to the dangers of texting while driving or they may find out at the cost of someone's life.



Water Main Project is Complete

The water main projects on the various streets of Orange Village are complete and operational. All restoration work has been completed at this time. Any problems or questions on the project should be brought to the attention of the Village Engineer, Mr. Brian Mader P.E. (216) 731-6255.

All the restoration areas will be rechecked again in the early spring for needed touch up work, tire ruts and reseeding.

Some residents will be able to tie into the main. Residents located on; West Woodcrest & Woodcrest (Miles to West Fairview), Pike (Lander to address #29450), and Jackson Road (Lander to Orangedale) will be receiving notices in early 2011 with information concerning the cost to Tap-in to the public water system if they decide to connect. The notice will also detail what steps will need to be taken to make the connection.



Community Garden Reserve your plot today

Councilman Herb Braverman's vision has become a reality. A Community Garden Committee was formed with several interested residents. With the expertise of the Committee and the hard work of the Orange Village Service Department we were able to enjoy the new garden, located on Emery Road east of the sledding hill, this year. For a fee of \$50 per year you can reserve a 10'x 20' plot (which includes a \$25 deposit to be returned after proper year end clean up of your area). Space is limited. Sign up at Orange Village Hall, 4600 Lander Road or call 440-498-4400 for more information.

Talks with Turner

Meet and talk with
State Senator Nina Turner

January 31st
Orange Village Hall
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

This is an opportunity to talk to
Senator Turner one-on-one.
Bring your questions and concerns!



LANDER CIRCLE KIWANIS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Lander Circle Kiwanis Club (LCK) is engaged in a membership drive, welcoming all potential members of both sexes (present members range in age from 26 to 90+ years).

The LCK is a very active organization composed of extraordinary members - totally fulfilling the "Kiwanis Global Mission" - changing the world, one child and one community at a time.



The LCK donates all proceeds raised annually to local non-profit organizations including: Orange Schools, Beech Brook Childrens' Home, Fieldstone Riding Stable for Disabled Kids and many more.

The Lander Circle Kiwanis' meet every Monday at 6:30 pm at the Garfield Memorial Church, 3650 Lander Road.

Please contact Dr. Phil Wallace (216-752-0376), Mike Fetzer (440-248-5440) or Joe Mayo (440-349-3360) if you are interested in joining or you have any questions.

SENSIBLE SALTING PRACTICES WINTER ROAD SAFETY

Orange Village will continue its sensible salting practices to ensure a cleaner environment. A brief reminder of the practices that have been followed in the past.

- * **Limited salting during the late evening/early morning hours.** During periods of snowfall between the hours of approximately 11:00 pm - 4:00 am the effectiveness of salting is minimal due to low traffic volumes. The Service Department will provide "passable roadways".
- * **Limited salting during heavy snow events.** During periods of 1" of snow or more per hour, salting will occur at intersections and stop signs, hills and curves.
- * **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 and curves.
- * **Use of brine.** Orange Village will also use brine as a pre-treatment for the roads prior to a snow storm. The brine helps prevent snow and ice from bonding.



Orange Village will deviate from the guidelines to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. Please drive safely and slow down when visibility is low or roads are snowy or icy, accelerate and brake slowly and be cautious of bridges which can be icy even when the pavement appears to be clean and dry.

OFFICIAL NOTICE - ACTION REQUIRED

REGISTER YOUR ALARM

As provided in Section 937.01 of the Orange Village Code, all residences and businesses having an alarm system must register their system with the Village annually. The purpose is to provide up-to-date information on whom to contact if your alarm sounds. A neatly typed or printed form must be submitted every year.



Registration takes place from now until January 31, 2011. You may complete the form on the back of this newsletter and return it to Orange Village Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or mail to: "Alarm Registration" Orange Police Department, 4600 Lander Road, Orange Village, Ohio 44022.

The registration fee is \$5.00 if paid by January 31st. Thereafter the fee increases to \$15.00. Your cooperation in returning both the application and the payment in a timely fashion assists our staff in the proper handling of emergency alarm calls. If you have any questions, please call 440.498.4401.

REMINDER:

Your alarm company needs the following two numbers to report alarm drops to our dispatch center.

POLICE 440.247.7321

FIRE 440.247.7373

These are the only two numbers to be used to report alarm drops.



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!



A Few Facts Concerning Smoke Detectors

The Orange Village Fire Department wants every resident to have all the facts concerning these life saving devices.

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 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.
- ❖ 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.

The Orange Village Fire Department highly recommends smoke detectors with "Dual Sensing" technology as they provide the best level of protection for you and your family.

Recycling Opportunities

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees will be collected curbside on:



- Monday, January 3, 2011
- Monday, January 10, 2011
- Monday, January 24, 2011

Trash/Recycle Holiday Schedule

New Year's - Friday, December 31th (Observed)

No change in Trash/Recycling Pick-up

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - January 17th

Village Hall Closed

No change in Trash/Recycling Pick-up

Presidents Day, February 21st

No change in Trash/Recycling Pick-up

Keep Recycling During the Holidays

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 including 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*. Although Styrofoam is *NOT* recyclable (e.g.: peanuts and packing materials), there may be other ways to recycle the packaging materials by contacting the UPS store in your area. With these tips in mind, we should increase our recycling during this season, thus lowering our community's disposal costs and improving the planet.



Detailed information concerning recycling opportunities is published in our recycling calendar and can also be found on the website at www.orangevillage.com

Order Your Leaf Humus Beginning March 1st

How it works:

- ❖ Leaf Humus is delivered to your home for free at the end of May. Requests are honored in the order they are received, while supplies last.
- ❖ We will deliver 1 load to each resident. If you request more than 1 load, you will receive the additional loads when everyone has received their first load.
- ❖ When you place your order, we will ask you to describe where to place the delivery as if you were standing at the street looking down your drive toward your home.
- ❖ You can place your order on our website at www.orangevillage.com or you can contact Orange Village at 440-498-4400.

Happy Holidays



*Wishing you
and your
family a
happy holiday
season*



*Orange Village Mayor,
Council and Staff*

ALARM REGISTRATION

Please Print Legibly or Type

TYPE OF PREMISE PROTECTED: ___ Home ___ Condo ___ Business

Name: _____

Address: _____ Orange Village, OH 44 _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

ALARM COMPANY: _____ PHONE: _____

Emergency Contact #1: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

This form MUST be filled out completely EACH year and returned with the appropriate fee.

For office use only

Date of Registration _____

Amount Paid _____ Cash/Check