

## Album 9

# "UP IN WALTON HILLS"

2011 -

Nine Albums make up the "Up in Walton Hills" collection:

Album 1: 1936 - 1953

Album 2: 1953 - 1956

Album 3: 1956 - 1959

Album 4: 1960 - 1979

Album 5: 1980 - 1998

Album 6: 1998 - 2003

Album 7: 2004 - 2006

Album 8: 2006 - 2011

Album 9: 2011 - Present

"Up in Walton Hills" albums depict the lives of the people who lived in this community from 1936 until the present year.

How the "Up in Walton Hills" albums were saved and acquired by the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center:

Weekly columns titled "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" appeared in the *Bedford Times-Register* from 1949 until 1963. These articles were written by Bedford Township residents living in the 'Walton Hills' section of the township: **Florence Wagner, Ruth Marquardt, Helen Laing and Georgia Pace**, all of whom wrote under the byline 'Country Jane.'

Florence Wagner wrote the weekly columns from 1949 until 1955. Armin and Florence Wagner lived at 7450 McLellan Drive. From 1955 until 1958 Ruth Marquardt of Alexander Road wrote the columns. In 1959 Helen Laing wrote the articles. Jack and Helen Laing lived at 160 Walton Road. Lastly, Georgia Pace wrote the columns from 1960 to 1963. Georgia and Ben Pace's home is at 17836 South Meadowpark Drive.

**Ludwig Shaner Conelly**, owner of The Conelly Realty Co., collected the "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" articles, plus other articles, fliers and photos of this part of Bedford Township. General Conelly gave his collection to **Betty Walton** of Walton Road. Betty Walton continued to collect articles and then in 1980 turned everything over to **Joe Mazzone** of Camany Drive. In 1985 Virginia Mazzone gave the scrapbook material to **Jean and Bob Kainsinger** of Orchard Hill Drive.

In 1999 the Kainsingers assembled the collection of data into albums labeled "Up in Walton Hills." The albums include additional newspaper articles and photos collected by many other local residents. The albums are chuck-full of an assortment of material of local interest.

# The WALTON HILLS HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTER



is open  
**MONDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2008**  
 1 – 3 pm and 7 – 8:30 pm  
 Village Hall Community Room



## – Origins of Our Village Historical Center –

In the mid 1930s Brigadier General L. S. Conelly, a Realtor who had offices in Bedford, Maple Heights and Garfield Heights at that time, realized a business opportunity in our area of Bedford Township. Along Walton and Egbert Roads hundreds of acres of old farm fields sat idle. Conelly's idea was to subdivide the properties into large lots and help the land owners sell off their acreage not to farmers, but to city folks who wanted to build houses in a country atmosphere. Conelly started a file called "Walton Hills."

During the next 30 years Conelly amassed a comprehensive collection of reading material about the "Walton Hills" section of Bedford Township. He saved news articles and feature stories that appeared in *The Cleveland Press*, *The Cleveland News*, *The Plain Dealer* and *Bedford Times-Register*, his Conelly Realty fliers, letters and papers and Don Flora's 1956 aerial photos of sections of Walton Hills.

Conelly's file included the weekly "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" columns that appeared in the *Bedford Times-Register* from 1949-1963. These unique and lengthy articles documented the lives of villagers during those years. They were written by a succession of four local residents, all under the byline "Country Jane:" Florence Wagner from 1949-1955, Ruth Marquardt from 1955-1958, Helen Laing in 1959 and Georgia Pace from 1960-1963.

Shortly before he died in 1963, Conelly handed over his collection to his friend Betty Walton, the wife of our first Police Chief Sterling Walton. Betty not only put the papers in a scrapbook, she donated Jefferson Walton's Civil War Discharge Paper and other Walton family relics and continued to collect pertinent material. In 1980 she turned everything over to Joe Mazzone, and he too continued to add items of local interest. In 1985 Virginia Mazzone, Joe's widow, gave the scrapbooks to Jean and Bob Kainsinger for safe-keeping, and the collection kept growing. The few villagers who knew about this unique collection of historic local items felt the papers should be stored in a public place, readily accessible to everyone.

Our current Village Hall Community Room, completed in 1972, has narrow hand-crafted showcases and deep hand-crafted cabinets. For the first 16 years the showcases were not used and the cabinets held an odd assortment of trophies. In 1988 a Council committee asked Jean Kainsinger to decorate and fill-up the show cases and cabinets with items of local interest. Bob and Jean Kainsinger transferred the scrapbook material into acid-free pages, assembled them into 4 albums, and donated the collection to the Village. The historic items were finally on display in a public place.

With approval from the Village, the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center became a reality in 1999. Ever since, a small group of volunteers staff the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center. Residents continue to donate photos, letters, articles, old maps and other relics to the Historical Center, and today the Community Room show cases and cabinets are packed.



# Origins of the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center

1. Beginning in the 1930s, L. S. Conelly, a local Realtor-Developer, started a collection of articles, fliers and photos that related to the "Walton Hills" part of Bedford Township.
2. Years later L. S. Conelly gave the materials to Betty Walton of Walton Road.  
Betty Walton put the papers in a scrapbook, and continued collecting material.
3. In 1980 Betty Walton turned everything over to Joe Mazzone of Carmany Drive.
4. In 1985 Virginia Mazzone, Joe Mazzone's widow, gave the scrapbook to Jean and Bob Kainsinger of 18955 Orchard Hill Drive.
5. The "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" Articles:  
From 1949 through 1963 there was a weekly column in the *Bedford Times Register* called "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane."  
The articles were written by 4 Walton Hills women, all under the byline "Country Jane."  
They were Florence (Armin) Wagner of 7450 McLellan Drive, Ruth Marquardt of Alexander Road, Helen (Jack) Laing of 160 Walton Road and Georgia (Ben) Pace of 17836 South Meadowpark Drive.  
Their years of writing the articles: Florence Wagner 1949-1955 Ruth Marquardt 1955-1958  
Helen Laing 1959 Georgia Pace 1960-1963
6. The current Village Hall Community Room, which was completed in 1972, has shallow hand-crafted show cases and deep hand-crafted cabinets. For the first 16 years, the show cases were empty and the cabinets held a few trophies.
7. When Bob Kainsinger was in Council, the 12 years from 1988 through 1999, he asked Jean to decorate and fill-up the Community Room show cases and cabinets with items of local interest.
8. The Kainsingers transferred the scrapbook material into acid-free pages, assembled them into "Up in Walton Hills" albums, and put them in the Community Room cabinets.  
The albums include additional newspaper articles and photos that were contributed by several residents.
9. In 1999 the Kainsingers officially turned over the collection of material to the village.
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11. Volunteers Jean Kainsinger and Ruth Money of 7075 Walton Road volunteered to co-chair the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center and through their joint efforts during the past years, the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center has grown from 4 albums to over-flow.

# BEREAVEMENTS

Longtime resident **Alice Spoto** passed away in May at age 85. Alice and her late husband **Al Spoto** moved into their Walton Road home in 1959. Our condolences to their children, **Alan and Mary Ellen Spoto** of Garrettsville, **Arlan and Lois Spoto** of Naples Florida, and **Alison Spoto** and her sons; **Jacob Spoto** and **Vincent Spoto** of Walton Road and **John and Allison Spoto** of Brooklyn Heights. Alison moved into the family home to care for her mother when Alice needed 24/7 assistance. We extend our sympathy to all the 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren of Al and Alice Spoto.

Alice was a Registered Nurse and an active member of our community. For 30 years she volunteered her time and nursing skills when the Red Cross Blood Bank came to the village. She was a past President and active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club. For 10 years Alice was a staff member of the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center.

Longtime resident **Jeannette Sorrente** of North Meadowpark Drive passed away in May at age 91. Jeannette and her husband **Louis Sorrente**, who died 12 years ago, moved into the village in 1960. Our condolences to their children, **Gloria and Bob Timko** of Sagamore Hills and **Carol Pobega** of Parma. Our sympathy also to the Sorrente 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Jeannette was an active member of the Walton Hills Fifty-Plus Club. She enjoyed playing pinnacle and Bingo, and phoning her calling list of friends each day to make sure they were safe and well.

**Irene Fecko**, longtime, former Alexander Road resident, passed away at age 85 after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Her husband, **Tom Fecko**, preceded her in death. Tom and Irene Fecko lived in the village for 44 years, until poor health forced them to spend their last years in a nursing facility. Our sympathy to their children, **Susan and Mike Thompson** of Auburn Township and **Kathleen and Wally Krawulski** of Macedonia, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Irene was a bookkeeper by trade and a homemaker by heart.

Longtime resident **Eileen Warnke** of Hicks Road died in June at age 89. Because of declining health, her last five years were spent at an assisted living center in Aurora. Her husband, **Myron Warnke**, died 27 years ago. Eileen was an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club, and devoted her life to her sons and their families. She was active in the Bedford PTA, was a Scout Den Mother, and supported her husband and three sons with their Boy Scout activities with Walton Hills Troop #417. Myron Warnke was Cub Scout Master from 1957-1960, and he and Vern Thiele organized the Walton Hills Webelo Den for boys preparing to enter into the Boy Scouts. In Webelo, boys could achieve the rank of Tenderfoot. Warnke also served the Scouts at the district level.

We extend our condolences to the young couple who has moved into the Warnke home; Eileen and Myron's granddaughter and her husband, **Kara Warnke Mayle** and **Joshua Mayle**. Our condolences also to the three Warnke sons and their wives, **Kurt and Suzanne Warnke** of Charlotte North Carolina, **Karl and Barbara Warnke** of Aurora and **Kip and Alvera Warnke** of Medina, the other 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Heinz Werner** of Dellwood Drive passed away in June at age 84. Our sympathy to his wife **Traudi Werner** and their children; **Monica Naples** and **Dwight Woolard** of Raleigh North Carolina, **Roy Werner** of Los Angeles California, and **Scott and Sue Werner** of Portland Oregon. A tool and die maker, Werner worked for the Ford Walton Hills Stamping Plant for 30 years. The Werner family moved into the village in 1960. "Heinz and I chose Walton Hills as the place we wanted to raise our family, and we have enjoyed our years in the village," states Traudi.

## Thank You

"The family of **Alice Spoto** would like to thank the Walton Hills Women's Club for the wonderful luncheon they provided for our mother's funeral. Also, the donation the Women's Club made to Hospice of the Western Reserve in Alice's name was greatly appreciated. We also thank all the neighbors who came by with food for the family at our time of loss.

Sincerely, Alan and Mary Ellen Spoto, Arlan and Lois Spoto and Alison Spoto."

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# VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS PHOTO CONTEST!

Grab your camera and hit the great outdoors... or indoors... of Walton Hills! The Walton Hills Recreation and Community Life Department is seeking photographs to decorate the walls of the Community Room that represent the beautiful Village of Walton Hills.

Capture the sights of Walton Hills and enter your 5" x 7" photo during the months of July and August. Three winning photographs will be framed and displayed on the walls of the Community Room. The name of photographer will be identified at the bottom of each winning photo for all to see! All ages and levels of expertise are encouraged to enter. Gift cards will be awarded to the winning photographers!

Please submit no more than three photographs to the Village Hall by August 31<sup>st</sup>.



# Spotlight on NPK Construction Equipment

NPK Construction Equipment chose to consolidate its operations in Northeast Ohio and invest in our Walton Hills community. Late in 2009, they dedicated a 100,000 sq. ft. completely equipped, state-of-the-art metal fabricating, manufacturing and assembly plant at 7515 Northfield Road adjacent to their general offices at 7550 Independence Drive. The addition of NPK Manufacturing has transformed NPK Construction Equipment into a full-fledged designer, manufacturer, assembler, importer, exporter and distributor of hydraulic attachments.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, Mayor Hurst, Council and Economic Development consultant Jason Laver accepted an invitation to tour the NPK facility at 7515 Northfield Road. They were also given a PowerPoint overview of the facility which included some amazing images before and after it was renovated. All of the offices and shop area were completely redone to accommodate a proper work flow environment for their highly skilled workforce.

The renovations that took place at the Northfield Road facility include the following:

- All shop windows were replaced
- Office was completely redone
- Storage space was transformed into a lunchroom
- Entire facility was painted, inside and out
- Office windows were replaced
- Canopy was repaired
- Block walls were repaired
- Dock doors were repaired and blocked
- Replaced all shop lighting with high efficient lights

In addition, the following took place:

- 15 new cranes were installed; most structures were made by NPK
- Two machine centers were moved from NPK's Wickliffe facility
- A welding robot was moved from NPK's Wickliffe facility
- Paint booth was moved from one of NPK's Walton Hills facilities



*NPK is the world-wide leader in the construction excavator attachment industry.*

In 2007, NPK employed 56 people in Walton Hills. Today that number has risen to 80. That number could continue to rise as NPK is considering additional manufacturing opportunities. NPK has also been awarded new hydraulic assembly work from Japan and currently has tools being used at One World Trade Center in New York. The future looks bright for NPK!



*The "NPK" trademark has become a symbol for quality products worldwide, including the largest selection of hydraulic hammers, compactors, crushers, material processors, mechanical grapple parts and pedestal boom systems.*

# RANDOM ACT OF FITNESS!

If the Random Act of Fitness (RAF) Prize Patrol catches you engaged in an act of fitness, you may be the lucky person (or persons) to receive a bag of goodies and have your picture in the Owl! The Recreation and Community Life Department wants everyone to understand the importance of exercise in our daily lives. So if you are enjoying your daily jog around the Village, keep your eyes open for the RAF Prize Patrol – you may be the next winner!



Walter Bielecki of Dellwood Drive was walking at T.G. Young Park and was spotted by the RAF Prize Patrol. Walter faithfully does pushups and walks every morning! Congratulations on being our May winner!!!

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## Teamwork Brings Positive Results!

An item on Walton Hills' wish list is a new concession stand with lavatories at T. G. Young Park. With no funds available, the idea was considered a pipe dream. The proposition was presented at the Walton Hills Women's Club Board meeting and it didn't take long before the ideas were flowing! *Why not ask the businesses to participate? Let's see who's willing to make a contribution!* It was then that former President Jan Smith went to talk with Mayor Kevin Hurst about the idea. Mrs. Smith said that the Mayor not only liked it, but was instrumental in helping to make it happen. Calls and contacts were made and within a two week time period, six companies made commitments to the endeavor. Since this was quickly becoming a full community project, Mrs. Smith talked to Men's Club President Terry Lew. After conferring with his Board, they also wanted to help with this project!

We are still looking for a few more key companies to join us with the necessary materials to complete the supply list. If this speaks to you and you would like to be part of this exciting endeavor that will benefit the entire community, please call Mayor Hurst and let him know.

Originally the concession stand was considered out of our reach due to the lack of funding, but with the determination and team work from people with a vision and the strong desire to get it done, a new concession stand will become a reality for T. G. Young Park in 2011. Good things happen when people work together!

\* New Concession Stand and Lavatories at TGY Park \*



# Fun and Educational Times in Walton Hills



Above left: 36 residents traveled to Amish Country on May 13<sup>th</sup> and are pictured enjoying a delicious lunch at Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen. Above middle: Chris Hartman, Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control, conducts a rain garden workshop at the Village Hall on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Above right: At the conclusion of the workshop, Mr. Hartman shows off the Village's rain garden to the workshop attendees.



26 residents took a guided tour of Bedford Cemetery on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Resident Jean Kainsinger was on hand to provide some interesting history on some of the tombstones belonging to the founding families of Walton Hills. Pictured above left: residents tour the cemetery. Above center: Mrs. Kainsinger provides some fascinating information on some of the tombstones. Above right: a group shot of some of the residents who took the tour.



Mae West (AKA Julie Warren) made a guest appearance at the senior luncheon on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Warren sang and revealed some surprising facts about Mae West. She is pictured entertaining the crowd (left) and posing with some of the guys (right).



14 residents took a tour of Schwebel's Baking Company in Solon on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. For sanitary purposes, they were asked to put on red hairnets (right). At the conclusion of the tour, they were each given a loaf of Cinnabon bread, a hat and a chop chop board.



# New Police Chief Sworn In

Mayor Hurst and Council reached a mutual agreement with former Police Chief Gary Rhines for a separation of employment from the Village of Walton Hills. They wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

Lieutenant Kenn Thellmann was sworn in as the Village's interim Police Chief on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. He will serve as interim Police Chief until the interview process has been properly followed. Once that has occurred, a permanent Police Chief will be appointed.

Chief Thellmann knows our community well. He grew up in Walton Hills and joined the Service Department road crew as a high school student in 1975. He worked as a part-time police dispatcher in 1979, became a part-time police officer in 1984 and became a full-time police officer in 1985. He advanced to the rank of Lieutenant in 1999. His father, Edward Thellmann, served as the Mayor of Walton Hills from 1987 to 2000.



*Pictured top left, Chief Thellmann's wife Lisa proudly holds the Bible as Mayor Hurst swears-in her husband. Pictured top right, Lisa pins the Chief of Police badge on her husband.*



*Pictured left, Chief Thellmann poses with daughter Brittney, stepdaughter Mira, mother Cathy, wife Lisa, stepson Elija and sister Kim Greco.*

# T.G. Young Park Concession Stand

On Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, resident Todd Toaz of Toaz Construction broke ground at T.G. Young Park and the concession stand project was no longer a dream – it was finally happening! This has truly been a community project. Thanks to the following companies that donated material or labor or offered the Village a substantial discount:

- Toaz Construction donated \$1,500
- Arhaus Furniture donated \$2,000
- Ioppolo Concrete donated \$550 for the footers (6 yards of concrete)



There are many more donations coming in at this time and this will continue to happen as the project continues to grow toward completion. The following companies have also made offers of commitment to this project:

- Carr Brothers
- Mason Structural Steel
- NPK Construction Equipment, Inc.
- Smith & Oby Company, Inc.
- Warren Roofing & Insulating Company



Pictured top right: Todd Toaz in his backhoe breaking ground for the new concession stand. Pictured below, the Ioppolo Concrete truck arrives and Todd's crew (his sons Danny and Bryan) are fast at work setting up the footers.



# Spotlight on Tinkers Creek Tavern

Walton Hills' jewel of a restaurant – Tinkers Creek Tavern – has a new owner. Kathie Price took possession of the restaurant located at 14000 Tinkers Creek Road on April 25<sup>th</sup>, gave it a minor facelift, and reopened on May 1<sup>st</sup>. It is truly a family business. Her son Robert Price is the chef who also plans the menus and specials. Her sister Kim Steinbrenner is the General Manager, accountant and bookkeeper.

Kathie's philosophy is simple – provide good, reasonably priced food and good, friendly service with smiling faces. She believes in treating customers as she would expect to be treated. She is looking to build her clientele around "the locals." She also supports local farmers and other purveyors located in the surrounding communities.

The Tinkers Creek Tavern menu has something for everyone – and what is humanly possible is fresh. Popular menu items include pulled pork and ribs (which are smoked twice a week), chicken and sausage gumbo and fried goat cheese salad. The menu contains many other choices – including soups and salads, sandwiches and wraps, burgers, chicken, fish, pasta and steak. Specials appear on the menu on Friday and Saturday. Astorhurst Golf Course golfers are granted a discount of 15% off of their food with a greens fee receipt. If you take your Tinkers Creek Tavern receipt to Astorhurst, you can take advantage of their twilight rate at any time. Policemen and firemen are given a 25% discount. A senior discount is in the works.

Tinkers Creek Tavern is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (kitchen closes at 9:30 p.m.) and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. (kitchen closes at 10:00 p.m.). The restaurant is closed on Sunday. Kathie is hoping to maintain these hours through the winter. The restaurant is available for parties depending on the season and the day of the week.

What's in the works for Tinkers Creek Tavern? Kathie is planning on having clambakes in the fall. She would also like to gather pictures of the restaurant/bar back in the old days – the bar has been in operation since the mid 1920's – and decoupage the pictures on the bar or hang them on the walls. She would also like to utilize the patio to display the work of local artists in the warm weather and to showcase the work of ice carvers in the winter.

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*Tinkers Creek Tavern owner Kathie Price will guarantee you good, reasonably priced food and service with a smile. Also pictured is one of the best patio experiences in Greater Cleveland.*

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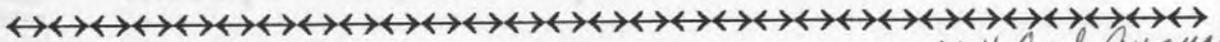
# Celebration of Our Independence!



The Fourth of July was a beautiful, summer day and just perfect for a parade! Mayor Kevin Hurst and some members of Council took part in the annual Bedford-Bedford Heights parade. Pictured to the left is Mayor Hurst decorating a trailer with the help of resident Judy Annett. Pictured below left, Bill Annett and Shaela, Shannon and Sean Kelly take a moment to pose for a picture before climbing aboard the trailer. Pictured below right, Mayor Hurst, Councilpersons Don Kolograf, Paul Rich and Gloria Terlosky as well as several residents greet parade observers with candy and lots of smiles! Councilman Bill Allen also participated in the parade (not pictured).



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## Walton Hills International Raceway

Did you see the new race track for radio controlled cars at T. G. Young Park? Racing takes place every Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The track is located at the former tennis court / skateboard park. The track has a fresh seal coat surface, used mostly for on road electric and nitro cars, but trucks and buggies are also welcome! Special thanks to Sirna Construction, who patched, crack filled and seal coated the blacktop at a sizable discount. The grand opening will officially take place on Community Day, when there will be a Grand Prix demonstration and race. For more information, contact resident Denny Harkai at 440.786.7774, 216.533.1339 or [dennyharkai@roadrunner.com](mailto:dennyharkai@roadrunner.com).



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## Concession Stand Starting to take Shape!

Dreams can come true. The Concession Stand has been a long time dream of many Village residents. With a lot of coordination and help from many of our businesses this dream is becoming a reality.

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## Women in History

History lovers gathered in the Community Room on July 8th for the first in a series of Women in History programs presented by the Recreation and Community Life Department. Dressed in authentic costume, former First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln was in attendance to share her life story along with her personal seamstress and confidant Elizabeth Keckley. The next Women in History program will take place on November 4th. Pioneer teacher, nurse and American Red Cross organizer Clara Barton as well as abolitionist and women's rights activist Sojourner Truth will be on hand.

Pictured top left, narrator Sherrie Tolliver provides interesting details regarding the lives of Mrs. Lincoln and Ms. Keckley. Top right, Mrs. Lincoln relays stories of her often tragic life. Below left, the ladies take part in a question and answer session with the attendees. Below right, Ms. Keckley converses with some of the history enthusiasts. Who said learning can't be fun?

# The Village of Walton Hills

Walton Hills is a community with a rich history, where people come together to live, work and play!

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## Community Day at T.G. Young Park

Sunday, August 14th – 1:00 p.m. until dark

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The day Villagers wait for all summer is fast approaching! Mark your calendars now and make plans with your family and friends to join us!

Enjoy entertainment:

- Frankie Starr Band
- Shock Wave (Motown, soul, classic rock, country)
- Lucinka Childrens Slovak Folklore Ensemble
- Summer on the Stage Theater Group

Enjoy rides & attractions:

- Thriller car~1924 wooden roller coaster car
- Boulderdash
- Cannonball Blasters
- Dancing Heads
- Rock Wall
- Shrek Combo

Enjoy great FOOD  
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## Potpourri

**Golf Gold Medalists** - Congratulations to **Anthony Witt** and his nephew, **Kyle Krcmar**, on winning a gold medal in the Special Olympics Unified Golf Tournament held August 7, 2011 at The Links Golf course in Olmsted. Anthony is the son of Gary and Barbara Witt of Walton Road. Kyle is the son of Kevin and Lisa Krcmar of Broadview Heights.



**Walton Hills - One Very Unique Village** - Have you noticed the 2 large black and white banners in town, one at the Walton Road/Alexander Road intersection and one at the Northfield Road/Alexander Road intersection? They say "Support Your Village Organizations" and name the **Women's Club, Men's Club, Fifty-Plus Club, Citizen's League, Walton Hills Owl, Walton Hills Lake** and **Nursery School**. Unfortunately, after 57 years of existence in the village, the Walton Hills Co-op Nursery School will not be operating this coming school year because there are not enough children available to make a class. How sad. (see article about the Co-op Nursery School in this month's Owl)

Most certainly, you have also noticed the green and white banners around town that advertise our celebrating 60 years as a village. Each banner names one of the 7 above-listed village organizations, plus a banner names the **Walton Hills Historical Resource Center** which could be considered still another service group.

How many other small communities can boast of having 7 clubs and organizations? ...active organizations with members who work to help make Walton Hills a caring, neighborly, and fun place to live. If any villager has not yet joined one or more of our groups, please do so. You will be welcomed. Please note: for the Fifty-Plus Club you have to admit to being 50 years old, and the Women's and Men's Clubs and Nursery School, ...well, you get the idea.

**Congratulations!** - **Lynn Yurko**, daughter of Ed and Pauline Yurko of Tulip Lane, earned two very prestigious honors recently.

At its annual meeting in Chicago in March, the American Burn Association named Lynn Yurko the winner of the year 2011 Curtis P. Artz Distinguished Service Award. This award is the highest honor that the American Burn Association gives to members who are not physicians.

In May, *Crain's Cleveland Business* named Lynn Yurko one of this year's Health Care Heroes at its 2011 Health Care Heroes Awards Reception at the InterContinental Hotel in Cleveland.

Lynn Yurko is Director of Clinical Operations for Surgery, Orthopedics and Burn at MetroHealth Medical Center. A registered nurse, she has spent 36 years in the burn unit. Lynn is an inspiration to both patients and colleagues. She has launched a web site, burntalk.com to provide people with information on burn prevention and treatment. She participates in winter and summer burn camps for children. She conducts research related to music therapy and pain management, wound care for burns and patient management.

**Congratulations!** - **Ruth Money** on becoming the 2011 "Citizen of the Year". Ruth makes a difference with all she does for so many people. We are so proud to have her as a neighbor. Go Ruth!



### **Thank you!**

Over this past year we have received a variety of donations, big and small, from residents, local businesses and even some of our local organizations. The Walton Hills Owl would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone for their generosity and thoughtfulness. Your support and encouragement keeps us going.

**More Bookcases Are Welcome Addition to Village Library** - Two additional bookcases, both in excellent condition, were recently donated to the Village library by Walton Road resident **Betty Mardigian**. Betty no longer needed the bookcases, and when she offered them to the village, Recreation Director Carol Stanoczek knew they could be put to good use. They alleviate the overcrowded book shelves, and now, they too, are filled with books. Thank you, Betty, for the bookcases.

The Walton Hills library is located in the Village Hall Community Room. Come, check out the library! It's the Honor System, no sign out, no sign in, and no fees. You will find a wide variety of books, both fiction and nonfiction. There are books by famous authors. Books for adults, teenagers and young children.

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# Community Day Memories



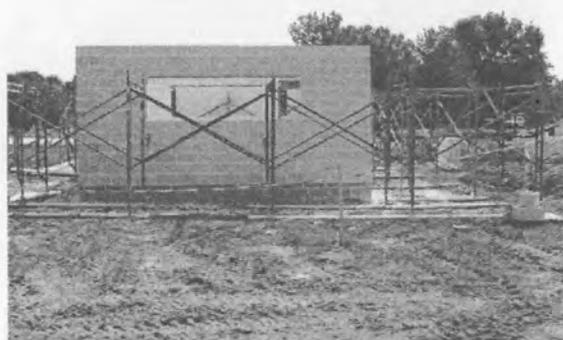
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## Spotlight on Friends & Family Christian Bookstore

Anita Foster and Grace Mason have been good friends for several years. They met each other while working at the Rainbow Family Book Center in Maple Heights, which closed in 2007. In 2008, Anita was praying in her church and the Lord spoke to her. She knew the direction her life was to take - she and Grace were going to open up their own bookstore. She called Grace, who was very receptive to the idea. Grace said that she woke up in the middle of the night, sat up in bed and the date of November 1, 2010 went across her mind - she knew that was the date that their bookstore was to open. The original location for the store was inside the Heart Afire Fellowship Church in Maple Heights. When they found out that their current location at **7625 Walton Road (next to the Walton Hills Deli)** was available, they (with a lot of help from their friends) worked hard to relocate and open up this year on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Because Anita and Grace are such good friends and part of each other's Christian family, they realized that the name "Friends and Family Christian Bookstore" was the ideal name for their store. They would like everyone to think of their store as an extension of the Rainbow Family Book Center.

Anita orders the Bibles and the books. Grace is the store decorator and the card and gift buyer. What is their mission statement? *Friends and Family is a start-up Christian bookstore located in a suburban area of Cleveland, Ohio. It is our goal to supply the neighborhood with a place of serenity, offering a friendly environment that encourages browsing and relaxation.* Grace stressed that their goal is first of all to glorify God. After that, their goal is to be able to serve this community and the surrounding communities with whatever they need. Their store has a lot to offer - they carry Bibles, books, cards (very reasonably priced!), children's collections, devotionals, gifts and home décor. They happily accept special orders. Anita and Grace offer their customers different promotions each month. They treat their customers to complimentary coffee, tea and cookies. They will also set up book and gift tables for special occasions at churches, both local and outside the surrounding communities. They will have a table set up at the Beth Moore simulcast on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Bedford Church of the Nazarene located at 365 Center Road in Bedford. Stop in or call their store for more details. They also participated in the Community Day of Prayer on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the SHJ Middle & High School to spread the word about their unique store.

Starting to think about the holidays? So is Grace - she LOVES Christmas! She can't wait for Christmas! She already has their store decorated in her mind. Her plans are to invite families to come into the store where she will read them the story of Christmas. She can guarantee that there will be plenty of good, wholesome books and gift items in stock that will make the perfect Christmas gift!

Anita and Grace realize that in today's modern world, many people purchase their books online. However, they also have learned that many people prefer the personal touch of going into a store and selecting the perfect read. They invite you to do just that! They are opened Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. They are closed on Sunday. Their phone / fax number is 440.232.0502. Their website is <http://sites.google.com/site/friendsfamilychristiansto/home>. You can email Anita and Grace at [friendsfamily1@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsfamily1@yahoo.com).



*Owners and friends Anita Foster and Grace Mason*



*Something for everyone!*

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## CONGRATULATIONS, RUTH MONEY, WALTON HILLS CITIZEN of the YEAR

On Community Day the Citizens' League named **Ruth Money** the Walton Hills Year 2011 Citizen on the Year. League President, Bob Romanowski presented Ruth with a crystal trophy at this year's award ceremony. Ruth Money was taken by surprise when her name was called to accept the award, but it was no surprise to those in attendance who know about her many volunteer efforts. She is a hard worker, dependable, and doesn't seek the lime light. Congratulations, Ruth!

Since 1999, Ruth Co-Chairs the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center.

Ruth has volunteered her services to the *Walton Hills Owl*, for the past 41 years. Currently she helps prepare the *Owls* for delivery. In pre-computer years she was an *Owl* typist. Many years she performed two or three duties; as *Owl* secretary, treasurer, business manager and/or assembler.

Ruth has been an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club for 39, going on 40, years. She served as Chair of the Publicity and Auditing Committees. She frequently works on the Service Committee, providing families repast meals after funerals.

Ruth is an active member of the 50+ Club and its Knit-Wit-2-Needles group. So far she has knitted 9 scarves for the USO and U.S. Special Olympics and 30 lap robes for a senior center in Punta Gorta, Walton Manor and Light of Hearts Villa in Bedford.

"I like to keep my mind busy doing productive things and I like to be active," says Ruth. I like being helpful, useful -of service to others- but I don't feel I'm 'volunteering.' I just do these things because I want to. I don't want to spend my days sitting, vegetating."

Ruth was a statistical typist at Central National Bank for 15 years and then was an administrative secretary for the Bedford City Schools for 14 years. She retired in 1991.

Ruth and her husband, **Glen Money**, moved into their Walton Road home in 1965. This is where they chose to raise their children, **Karin** and **Jeff**. Now, **Karin** and her husband **Tony Zeh** live in Northfield Center, as does **Jeff** and **Mary Money** and their 8 year old daughter **Brooke**. "Our family loves camping," states Ruth, "we've been camping since Karin turned four. Karin and Tony, Jeff, Mary and Brooke, and Glen and I still enjoy meeting at camp sites for weekend stays and vacations. Our family may be small, but we like being together."



Ruth and Glen Money

**Happy Anniversary to Celeste & Tom Podgurski of Alexander Rd celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on Sept. 14th.**

**Phil Bordonaro** is considered a youngster, well I guess that's a matter of speaking. This 65 year old Walton Hills resident is the youngest member of the Babes of 1916, a 65 year old and older, softball league. Started in 1983, this group of men have been playing the game that they love since they have been kids. Phil surprised everyone this month with the first ever right handed over the fence home run, rocketing of 290 feet. You could see the smile on his face a mile away. Congratulations Phil, and all the players of the Babes of 1916 who truly can say that they are all young at heart.

## No Walton Hills Coop - Preschool, at Least for the 2011-2012 School Year

by Nancy Biedenbach, Teacher

It is with heavy hearts that the Walton Hills Coop Preschool parents and teachers have decided to close our school this upcoming school year. We simply do not have enough eligible youngsters to fill a class.

In recent years our Walton Hills Coop Preschool has had a declining enrollment. This is partly due to the fact that most of our parents have to work and cannot place their preschoolers in a coop school that meets three times a week, and, there are fewer preschoolers living in our village. Without enough students, we cannot operate.

Carol Stanoszek and I, Nancy Biedenbach, are blessed to have met so many wonderful Preschool children and their parents. Our lives have been enriched beyond words. We have seen our students grow up and accomplish great things! We will keep these memories in our hearts forever.

The Walton Hills Coop Nursery School was officially founded in 1954 as one of the service projects of the Walton Hills Women's Club. A few of the Women's Club members organized the preschool to provide organized educational experiences during the school year for the village preschool children.

Classes met three days a week for two-hour sessions during the school year. The state licensed teacher was assisted by two parents at each class session. Sometimes fathers and grandmothers worked at the school when mothers were unable to take their turn.

From 1954 through 1971 the Nursery School and the Village staff shared the facilities at the Old Village Hall. The Nursery School used the basement and Council Chamber on the first floor. When the current Village Hall facilities were completed in 1972, the Nursery School moved into the Village Hall Community Building.

I, Nancy Biedenbach, began teaching in June 1992. I thought I was taking on a small part-time job. Little did I know this would be the beginning of my 18 year career! I didn't know a lot about the preschool curriculum, but I had sent my three daughters to preschool, so I started with what I knew. In February 1998, the preschool hired Carol Stanoszek to be my teacher's aide. Through the years, more and more subject matter was added to the State of Ohio preschool curriculum, but my students kept up with the teacher, learning more and more. Carol had been a preschool parent, President of the Walton Hills Coop Preschool, and finally my teacher aide. With Carol, we were able to supervise more activities and teach more Kindergarten readiness. Carol taught the children letter sounds and sign language.

Starting in September 2008, the Walton Hills Coop Nursery School moved to the Walton Hills Church of Christ, on Dunham Road. We were warmly welcomed by Brother John Schlueter, Jane Ballas and the congregation.

We began calling our school a Preschool and lengthened our sessions to two-and-a-half hours. We earned the State of Ohio One-Star rating with Step-Up-to-Quality. The award money allowed us to purchase new carpeting, a child-size toilet, furniture, books and many quality teaching supplies. Now there is only one thing we lack - enough students to operate our school.

### Walton Hills Coop Preschool Teachers Through the Years

1954-1955 Mrs. Walter Ford and Jean Hack  
1955-1956 Jean Hack  
1956-1960 Jean Hack and Myrtle Smith  
1960-1965 Jean Hack  
1965-1981 LaVeme Maras

1981-1992 Nancy Bordonaro  
1992-2011 Nancy Biedenbach  
1998-2011 Carol Stanoszek, Teacher Aide  
for Nancy Biedenbach



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World Changers volunteers scrape Mrs. Koby's home. (Left) Finishing touches are placed on this newly painted house. (Right)

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## Good Times Celebrated at Home Days August 14, 2011



The Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble children's dance group (called Lucinka) performed several dances from native Slovakia. Interested in joining the dance group, or having them dance at your event? Contact Director, Christine Matis-Hearn at 440-655-8244.



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# Walton Hills pastor to serve on village Council

by ERIC MAROTTA | EDITOR

Northfield Village — Residents of the village's southeast quadrant have a new Councilman, after Mayor Victor Milani selected the Rev. John Schleuter to fill the post left vacant by the resignation of former Councilman Lennie Noack.

Schleuter is scheduled to be sworn in to office on Sept. 28. He will serve



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the remainder of Noack's term, which ends Nov. 30, 2013. Noack informed Council last month he would resign, effective Aug. 11, due to ill health and his move to Sagamore Hills.

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## COUNCIL

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Milani's decision was announced Sept. 14, after Council failed to come up with a four-vote majority at its Sept. 7 meeting.

At that meeting, three Council members — John Bolek, Karyn Selle and Jesse Nehez — voted to appoint Renell Noack, Lennie Noack's wife, to fill the seat. Council President Beatrice Greenlee and Linda Bowen voted for Schleuter.

"They were both very good candidates," said Nehez, who added he felt both candidates were "very well qualified."

The third applicant for the position was resident Krista Mihalek, owner and operator of Athena's Restaurant Equipment and

Supply, according to her letter applying for the seat on Council.

Under the village charter, Council had 30 days to make the appointment to fill an empty Council seat, but a four-vote majority is required. In the event Council fails to make the appointment, the decision goes to the mayor.

"After a lot of thought and consideration, I thought he brings a lot to the table," Milani said of Schleuter. "In these time of opening up bikini bars and casinos, I thought we needed someone of good moral character — not that the other candidates wouldn't serve well — but Schleuter is someone whose reputation is impeccable and whose background is impeccable."

Schleuter, 64, serves as minister of the Walton Hills

Church of Christ. He said he is looking forward to serving in a time of transition, as Northfield Park prepares to open a casino in the next couple of years.

"There is a lot of interest in Northfield right now and we need to be ready for it," he told the *News Leader*.

Schleuter added he has implemented some programs tying his Walton Hills church to the community, including senior citizen groups, a preschool and basketball and volleyball leagues. He said he wants to work on building community involvement in Northfield Village.

"A lot of entertainment is coming our way," he said. "I want to embrace our community values, our history and what makes our neighborhoods strong."

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## Dedication of T.G. Young Park Concession Stand



The dedication of the Thomas G. Young Park concession stand in Walton Hills took place on Friday, September 23rd. The businesses and individuals that contributed through financial donations or through donations of materials or labor were invited to attend the ceremony. Mayor Hurst cut the ceremonial ribbon along with Mary Brenner and Jan Smith from the Walton Hills Women's Club, Ted Macfarlane from Smith & Oby Company, Inc. and Nick Zavarella from Zavarella Brothers Construction Company. Mayor Hurst also unveiled a plaque recognizing the many contributors to this worthy community project. The festivities concluded with a cookout prepared by representatives of the Walton Hills Women's Club and Men's Club.

## Service Department after The Storm!



The Recreation and Community Life Department honored those residents that volunteered their time and talents throughout the year at the Volunteer Dinner held at T. G. Young Park on September 8th. Thirty residents enjoyed a delicious dinner and were presented with certificates of appreciation and their very own Walton Hills flashlight! Pictured are Thomas Krainz (right), Bill Falcon (bottom left), Roe Washtock (bottom center) and Dave Washtock (bottom right) being recognized by Mayor Kevin Hurst for their volunteer efforts. To all our resident volunteers, thank you! You really do make a difference!



Community Day marked the grand opening of the Walton Hills International Raceway at T.G. Young Park! Radio controlled car enthusiasts enjoyed the last couple of months and will continue with their passion as long as the weather holds out. Racing takes place on Sundays at 1:00 p.m., but the raceway is open to residents and their guests any time – the entrance to the south side of the track is always open. Bring any kind of radio control car or truck. Racing radio control cars can be a great hobby for kids and would make a fun family outing! For more information, contact resident Denny Harkai by phone at 440.786.7774 or 216.533.1339 or email him at dennyharkai1@roadrunner.com



## HALLOWEEN PARTY & TRICK OR TREAT STREET

**Sunday, October 23rd**

5:00 p.m.-costume judging starts

6:15 p.m. show starts

7:30 p.m. – Trick or Treat Street

Located at the Walton Hills Church of Christ  
7166 Dunham Road

Costume contest, entertainment, snacks & beverages

Any residents, family or civic groups that would like to pass out treats or you have questions about this event please call **440-786-2964**.

We respectfully remind you that this is not a political event!  
Sponsored by the Recreation and Community Life Department.

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## VILLAGE HALLOWEEN PARTY CAPTION

Walton Hills' annual Halloween party was held at the Walton Hills Church of Christ on October 23rd. A great time was had by over 200 Walton Hills residents and their families, as well as Church of Christ parishioners. Magician Tim Hill fascinated those in attendance with his awesome tricks. The weather was fabulous for Trick or Treat Street and the children received lots of candy and goodies. The costumes were phenomenal this year, which made it hard on this year's judges! In the three and under age group, the winning costumes were a lamb, a Hershey hug and a bumblebee. In the four to six age group, the winners were Rapunzel, Spiderella and a girl taking a shower. In the seven and up age category, the winners were dressed as a dirty laundry basket, a cat and a mad scientist. Congratulations to all the winners!!!



## HAUNTINGLY FUN HAYRIDE CAPTION

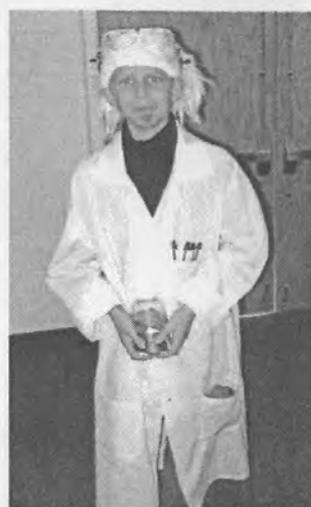
A fun time was had by over 200 people at the annual Walton Hills hayride at T. G. Young Park on October 8th. The weather was perfect as young and old gathered to enjoy a hayride or two, sit around the bonfire and munch on hotdogs and snacks.



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# HALLOWEEN FUN FOR ALL AGES!



Children enjoying the Village Halloween party at the Walton Hills Church of Christ on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. A great time was had by over 200 residents and their families, as well as Church of Christ parishioners.



Seniors getting into the Halloween spirit at the Senior Lunch held on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Who said Halloween is just for kids?



# Potpourri

## OUR RESIDENT ACTOR'S ROLE in "Lucky Penny"

Abe Lincoln, also known as Phil Williamson of Orchard Hill Dr., is back home after filming in Austin, Texas. 'Lucky Penny,' a fantasy film of the film noir genre, is about a little girl who plants a penny and grows a 'Lincoln.' "The movie will be 15 minutes long after it's edited," says Williamson, "but it took us 4 full days to film. Four 14-15-hour, hurry-and-wait work days."

The film was produced by a small independent film company connected with the College of Radio, TV and Film at the University of Texas. Williamson is hopeful the movie will be chosen for the year 2013 Cleveland Film Festival held at Tower City Theatres. "When I read the script I wasn't impressed with the plot, but perhaps good editing may make it a good movie."

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## BEREAVEMENTS

- **William "Bill" Wardle** passed away in September at age 74, from complications of an eight-year battle with dementia. Our condolences to his wife, **Josephine**, who lost her mother, then her husband within a month's time. Bill was a U.S. Army veteran, having served as an MP during the Berlin Crisis. For 37 years he worked at the Ford Walton Hills Stamping Plant, retiring as a Manufacturing Engineer. His avocation was acting as caretaker for several dogs and horses who were put into his care by individuals and animal shelters.

Bill and Josephine Wardle moved into their newly-built home on Egbert Road in 1965.

- **James "Jim" Salamon** passed away in September at age 93. Our sympathy to his wife, **Mary**, and children; **James Salamon, Jr.** of Mebane North Carolina, **Sandy and Jeff Twardzik** of Medina, **Shirley Stalzer** (widow of Rick Stalzer) of Broadview Hts., and **Judy Salamon** (widow of son, **Ray Salamon**) of Northfield Center. Daughter **Sharon Salamon** is also deceased.

Jim was a master carpenter by trade and volunteer by avocation. During the summer and autumn of 1952, when a general store at the corner of Walton and Alexander Roads was renovated into our second village hall, Jim Salamon volunteered more than 400 hours of his time and carpentry skills. He and about 28 other men-volunteers got the "new" town hall ready for use by late fall.

In 1954, when the Walton Hills Nursery School was founded, Jim Salamon, with help from a few other nursery school fathers, built sturdy indoor play equipment for the school. His large wooden boat, tables, child-sized benches, merry-go-round, wooden toys and hinged toy cabinet trigger many good memories for nursery school families.

Salamon also helped build St. Mary's Church and Convent.

How many of us looked forward to seeing the home-made Christmas display in his yard at the southeast corner of Alexander and Dunham Roads? How many of us have passed by, seeing Jim on his tractor, cutting his 8 acres of grass? How many of us recall seeing Jim and Mary sitting at their corner in the late fall, selling their crop of tomatoes and other vegetables? Jim and Mary grew a patch of pumpkins each year for the Nursery School children. On a chosen day the school children would go to their garden, pick pumpkins to take home, and then take a hayride around the Salamon acres. One summer when the weather didn't cooperate, too few pumpkins were available for the kids. The Salamons bought pumpkins, spread them around the garden, and the children didn't know the difference.

Salamon helped form Walton Hills Scout Troop 417 and Cub Pack 417. He first started working with the village Cub Scouts in 1957. Two years later he became Assistant Boy Scout Master and Committee Member of the Greater Cleveland Council of Boy Scouts. In 1966 he left Troop 417 to lead Troop 233 at St. Mary's Church. Over the years Salamon actively led numerous scouting activities for the youth of this community. A 35-year registered Scouter, he received many district awards including the Silver Beaver Award, Merit Award, Scouters Key and Scouters Training Award. Two Salamon sons are Eagle Scouts, Jim Salamon, Jr. and Ray Salamon.

In 1944 Salamon and his first wife Geraldine, who is long deceased, moved into their Dunham Road home.

- **Mariam Mills**, longtime North Meadowpark Drive resident whose last years were spent out of the village because of poor health, died in September at age 93. Mariam and her late husband, **Malcolm "Mac" Mills** were both equestrians. In 1959 they built their home on acreage that could accommodate a barn and space for horses. Mariam served as President of the Walton Hills Rangers and was on the *Walton Hills Owl* staff for 11 years. She chaired the Bedford Red Cross Drive and was section co-chair of the 1st United Appeal Campaign of Greater Cleveland.

Our sympathy to children **Kathleen Mills** and **Lee Grawunde** of Chardon and **Mary Beth Smerglia** of Blusston South Carolina. Son **Mac Mills** is deceased.

- Our condolences to **Michael and Veronica Krainz** and their children on the passing of Michael's father, **Andrew Krainz**. The Michael Krainz family lives on Alexander Road.

# Nearly 40 now fill department rolls

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## ■ FOUR NEW FIREFIGHTERS SWORN IN BY NORTHFIELD VILLAGE

by JEFF SAUNDERS | REPORTER

Northfield Village — Nearly a year after the village took over fire and emergency medical service coverage in Walton Hills, the village fire department has just about doubled its roster.

Village Council approved the hiring of four additional part-time firefighters Nov. 21. Fire Chief Gary Vojtush said three of the new hires are paramedics, the highest emergency medical service level, while one is an emergency medical technician who will begin paramedic training in January.

When the village took over coverage of Walton Hills under a three-year contract at the beginning of the year, the fire department had 20 part-time firefighters on its roster. By February, the department had added another 19 to its rolls so that it could increase station staffing from two to

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five firefighters at all times.

Vojtush said the department is forced to periodically add new members as a part-time fire department tends to be a "revolving door," with members leaving for various reasons, including taking jobs elsewhere.

"This will bring us back to 39," said Vojtush of the Nov. 21 hires.

Vojtush said he there are also two more candidates he is hoping the village will hire.

The additional staffing is being paid for primarily with the \$467,000 Walton Hills is paying the village this year. Walton Hills is also contracted to pay Northfield \$437,000 in 2012 and 2013.

Northfield Village is also receiving additional funds from insurance billings for ambulance runs. Vojtush said that as of the end of October, the village received about \$125,000 in billings, but he did not have a breakdown for runs from each community.

As of Nov. 21, said Vojtush, the department had 643 EMS runs in 2011, including 372 in Northfield Village and 271 in Walton Hills. There were 119 fire calls, 46 in the village and 73 in Walton Hills.

Vojtush said the department has come a long way since April 2000, when he was one of the charter members of a reconstituted fire department.

It was about a year after the former village fire department disbanded and Macedonia was hired to provide fire and EMS coverage.

Since 2000, the department has incrementally increased to around-the-clock station staffing, has received nearly \$500,000 in equipment grants and in 2003, moved from a garage at the Village Hall to a \$600,000 fire station.

"I've seen a lot of changes, coming from a building that when it snowed in the winter, it snowed in the building, and when it rained in the summer, it rained in the building," said Vojtush.

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The Women's Club logo was designed by Madeline Timm in 1970.

2 years later, 1972, club members voted to accept her drawing as the official symbol of the Women's Club. - a regular motion and vote, not putting in in the bylaws or standing rules.

Maddie's logo is NOT the logo we use today!!!

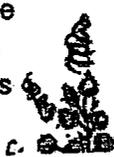
Maddie's logo has the woman's profile on a slant, facing downward and the laurel leaves are much larger than the lady's profile.

If you have a copy of the September 2007 revised bylaws, on the cover page is Maddie Timm's logo.

Sometime between 1972 and 1990 an officer of the club updated Maddie's logo and put it on Women's Club programs, Owl articles and such. She widened the face and made the face larger and more prominent than the laurel leaves.

9-2011 Thanks to our "Make our town beautiful" gardeners and financing from the Women's Club, in April and May we enjoyed seeing a sea of daffodils at each of the 7 planter boxes at entrances into our village. Last fall, Jean Murphy and her committee members Virginia Barber, Mary Brenner, Diane Canzoni, Rita Charsanko, Jan D'Amico, Pat Day, Paula Johancen, Ginny Mone, Ruth Money, Sandy Reynolds and Marcia Wagner formed a garden committee and bought and planted the daffodil bulbs.

This spring the women planted red, white and blue flowers at the Village Hall Veterans Memorial. The colorful patriotic display of flowers has graced the Memorial grounds these past months. After their Women's exercise classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, some committee members can be seen at the Veterans Memorial, weeding the area.



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The next time you visit the Village Hall, notice the **SUNDIAL** that is the focal point of interest, gracing the Village Hall Courtyard. The Walton Hills Women's Club presented the Sundial to the Village in 1976, to commemorate the joint 25th Anniversary of the Village of Walton Hills and the Women's Club. Isabel DeMarco and Joann Thiel presented the Sundial to Mayor Tom Young at the Women's Club 25th Anniversary Dinner-Dance which was held at 'St. Eugene's' Hall in Bedford. The Sundial was officially dedicated at the 1976 Village Memorial Day Ceremony held in the Courtyard. The bronze plaque, which is on a stone base, carries an inscription depicting a permanent remembrance of the anniversary.

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Only 5 months after The Village of Walton Hills was incorporated, village women founded their service organization - The Walton Hills Women's Club. It all started when Betty Pearce, Irene Rizer and Mary Shull sent postcards to all ladies in the village, inviting them to an organizational meeting at Lillian Kral's Golden Glens pavilion on August 29, 1951. Thirty-three (33) women attended that August meeting and signed the roster to become Charter Members. They chose a name for the club, planned monthly meeting dates, set dues at 25 cents a meeting, elected officers and made plans for upcoming meetings.

Members gave willingly of their time and talents for the benefit of their new village. Early in 1952 the Women's Club donated a filing cabinet and the use of its folding chairs to the Walton Hills Council, and paid for the Police Department's rifle and first aid kit. They painted the interior of the Village Hall, and bought lamps, drapes and venetian blinds for Council Chambers. They equipped the small basement kitchen with a stove, dishes and silverware. To raise money for these expenditures, the women volunteered their services at numerous club-sponsored money-making events, such as bake and craft sales, dances and card parties.

The first group of women set an example for future members of the Walton Hills Women's Club. Ever since 1951, the club has been organized to serve the village in a variety of ways. Members' contributions are and have been vital ingredients to the growth and success of our community.

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Did you know a Women's Club handmade quilt is on exhibit at the Bedford Historical Museum?

Upon Maddie Timm's and Pat Bosway's suggestion, the Women's Club entered the Bedford Historical Society's Bicentennial Quilt Contest of July 1976, winning Honorable Mention. Mary Mackey drew most of the designs for the squares and several sewers used creative stitchery techniques to decorate their white squares.

The quilt was then framed in light blue material. Pat Bosway set up a quilting frame in her home, and a group of ladies met weekly to quilt. Jean Deak then sewed the edging to complete the project.

Soon after one quilt was done, the committee began working on a duplicate quilt for a Ways and Means Project. When finished, the second quilt was raffled off in November 1977, and won by Jean Hack.

*Did you Know?*

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As you walk down the steps to the Walton Hills Community Room you see three large framed drawings. One of the three wall hangings is a composite of sketches of our three Village Halls - the first town hall a converted garage used from 1951-1952, the second a renovated store used as a village hall from 1952-1972, and our current Village Hall complex in use since 1972.

In May of 2001, upon the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both the Walton Hills Women's Club and the Village of Walton Hills, The Women's Club presented the drawing as a gift to the Village of Walton Hills. The plate under the art work reads:

"To the Village of Walton Hills in Commemoration of our shared 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1951-2001

From the Walton Hills Women's Club"

In early 2001 the Women's Club commissioned Frances Topping, an artist living in Sagamore Hills, to do the art work. Topping was known for the many quality sketches of homes she had drawn for individuals in the Cuyahoga-Summit County area. To make her drawing of the Walton Hills Village Halls she used old photographs provided by the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center and photographs she took of the Village Hall grounds.

The art work was then framed by Debbie Lorenc of Pat Catan's and museum mounted by Dan Stucky and his Walton Hills Service Department. The cost of the sketch was \$450 and the framing cost the club another \$216.

Marcia Wagner was President of the Women's Club at that time and the gift committee members were Jean Kainsinger, Patty Day and Joyce Cieszewski.

**The Multiple Listing Service shows 18 Homes have SOLD in 2011** FY1  
**in Walton Hills** 1-2012

As of this date... 8 homes are **ACTIVELY FOR SALE**  
2 Homes are **UNDER CONTRACT**.

The sale prices ranged from \$110,000 to \$280,000.

Currently the actives' price range is from \$119,900 to \$299,900

The 2 homes under contract are \$125,000 and \$179,000

**I've been a resident and an active real estate agent in Walton Hills for years.**

**If you have any questions... I'll help you find the answers...**

**It has been my pleasure to live and work in the Village.**

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## Getting to Know.....

# The Walton Hills Police Department

By: **Kenn L. Thellmann, Chief of Police**

The Village of Walton Hills, after separating from Bedford Township, hired its first Police Chief in 1951, thus the Walton Hills Police Department was established. The Chief of Police, when not on duty, had his family members (including children) answering emergency calls and calls for service from their home phone and would in turn contact the Chief on his car radio in his personal car with the information they received. Today, 60 years later, law enforcement has changed drastically compared to law enforcement in the 50's. We now have elaborate communications systems, computers in patrol cars, modern weapons, advanced technologies, specialized training for police officers and specialized units, just to name a few.

Today, the Walton Hills Police Department, which operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, is comprised of 12 sworn full-time Officers consisting of a Chief of Police, a Detective Sergeant, 3 Patrol Sergeants, and 7 full-time Patrol Officers. Walton Hills Police Department also has a Police K-9 (Aro) and 2 newly hired part-time Police Officers. The Walton Hills Police Communications Center handles all incoming 911 calls and answers all other police, ambulance and fire calls that come into the center which is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by trained professional dispatchers. The Communications Center staff consists of 3 full-time Dispatchers and 8 part-time Dispatchers. Walton Hills Police also staff and monitor a 12-day jail/detention facility at our station, which is manned by our officers. Some of the units within the department include a Juvenile Division, ATV Unit, Crime Prevention Unit, and a K-9 Unit. The Walton Hills Police Communications Center is also the main activation site for the Early Warning Tornado Sirens, and is responsible for setting off the sirens for seven communities in the area. Seven communities border Walton Hills, including two park systems which lie within Walton Hills' jurisdiction. Walton Hills encompasses approximately 7 square miles and a total of 25 miles of roadway run within the Village.



*Above: Dispatcher Jasmine Wallace in the Communications Center. Below: Walton Hills Police K-9 Aro.*

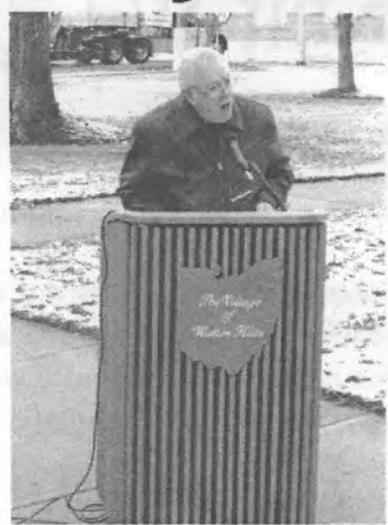
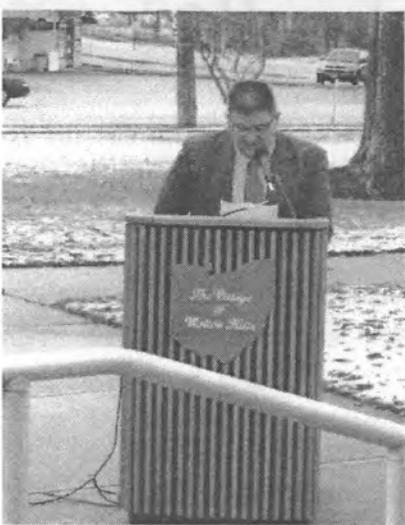


The Walton Hills Police Department is a member of S.E.A.L.E. (Southeast Area Law Enforcement), which provides access to a SWAT Unit, Bomb Squad, Communications Unit, Narcotics Task Force, Hostage Negotiation Unit and an upcoming Accident Investigative Unit. Other cities involved in SEALE include Bedford, Bedford Hts., Garfield Hts., Maple Hts., Oakwood Village and Solon. The Walton Hills Police Department is currently a member of the Cuyahoga County OVI Task Force and Safe Kids Coalition and receives grant money to conduct OVI (operating a vehicle impaired) checkpoints and saturation patrols to keep our roadways safe from impaired drivers. This grant is made possible by University Hospitals, Rainbow Injury Prevention Center.

MADD recently honored the Walton Hills Police Department for our commitment in the apprehension of impaired drivers. Additionally, Officer John Paulin received the "Top Cop" award for his drunk driving apprehensions in 2011.

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# Veterans Day Observance



Above left - Mayor Hurst welcomes those in attendance to the Village's Veterans Day observance. Above center - Veteran and Council President Denny Linville comments on General Douglas MacArthur and his thoughts on Veterans Day. Above right - Resident Veteran Julius Kerekes delivers the keynote address. Bottom left - Resident Ray Levanduski presents a memorial wreath to our departed veterans. Bottom right - residents gather for refreshments in the Community Room after the program.



# Spotlight on Knit-Wits 2 Needles



Every Tuesday, a group of women gather in a room at the Walton Hills Church of Christ to laugh, talk, create, and do little unknown works of service. This group known as "Knit-Wits 2 Needles" has accomplished quite a bit of charity in a little more than a year's time.

We started out making prayer shawls. If you received one remember that the prayers knitted into it are healing and comforting prayers. These shawls were delivered by Fran Owens, who is Chairperson of this group, to people who were ill, recovering from surgery, had suffered a death in their family, or who just needed a "little boost" in everyday life.

We have made several lap robes. These are the width of a wheelchair and a little shorter than a regular afghan. They went to Walton Manor for the residents that have little or no family members to give them one.

We have made scarves for servicemen/women. The yarn was donated by Pat Catan's and we obliged by making the camouflage scarves. We are NOW making scarves for the Special Olympics. These are RED and BLUE and are simply stunning! These will be sent to Columbus, Ohio and will be handed out to our state athletes, coaches and parents at the Special Olympics. This program started in 2008 and has provided scarves as a thank you gift for the participants. To date we have made well over FORTY (40) scarves.

We share patterns, needles, yarn and most of all, companionship! Ask any lady who attends and they will tell you how important this group is. If you need therapy, it is here and FREE! Come join us every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Walton Hills Church of Christ, 7166 Dunham Road.

*Information supplied by Maddie Timm, Knit-Wits 2 Needles member*

# The Walton Hills Owl For 55 YEARS, the Voice of the Village

## FIFTY-FIVE YEARS!

This issue ends 55 years of publication. The *Walton Hills Owl* exists because of the support and interest of the people who make up our village.

The *Walton Hills Owl* Association is a non-profit all-volunteer organization that publishes and circulates a monthly newsletter to all residents free of charge. The purpose of the publication is simply to inform residents about what is going on in their village. The Owl staff is once again making a commitment to keep the paper non-political, as has been the tradition the past 55 years.

The Owl staff is grateful for the continuous support that keeps us in operation. First, the Owl has had several dedicated, hard-working editors plus a reliable staff of volunteers. We figure more than 465 residents have worked on the publication through the years. Second, individuals and faithful representatives of village clubs and organizations and members of the Village Hall staff write and submit articles each month. Third, the Owl is widely read by Walton Hills residents. Fourth, the Owl has had the financial support of residents, village organizations, advertisers and Village Administrators.

## A TRIBUTE to HEATHER KNAPP-FIFIK for a JOB WELL DONE

For the past 2+ years, two young women - Heather Knapp-Fifik and Jenna Allen McIntyre have been Co-Editors of the Owl. They both have diligently given their time and energies to prepare quality issues of the Owl during their reign. Luckily, they both have understanding and caring husbands. They have children -- Jenna has a young son and Heather has a young daughter and son. They both have demanding jobs, and they both have responsibilities to their extended families.

This is Heather Knapp-Fifik's last issue as Editor of the Walton Hills Owl. Comparing Jenna's and Heather's Owl editorial duties, Heather's are more time-intensive and stressful. On the days preceding her printer's deadline, Heather formats the articles, ads and other written items she has gathered into a print-ready publication. Finding time to do this task, for a working mother with young children, is often a burden performed during the wee hours of the morning. We on the Owl staff are very proud of Heather's work, but we know she cannot continue this volunteer activity at the present time. We are confident, however, that in a dozen or so years from now, when her children are away at college, she will once again find the time to return to the Owl staff.

Luckily for us, Jenna Allen McIntyre will continue her duties as Co-Editor, and partnering with her is George Main, who will perform Heather's job.

## PAST and PRESENT EDITORS

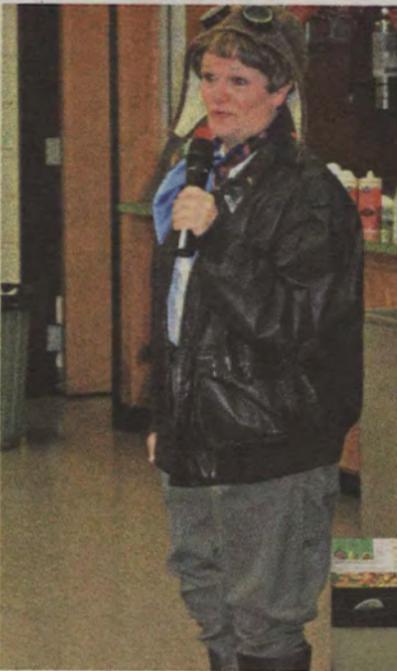
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- 1997 - 2002 William (Betty) Cottrill
- 1998 - 2003 William (Jean) Deak
- 2004 - 2008 Bob and Jean Kainsinger
- 2009 - 2011 Heather Knapp Fifik and Jenna Allen McIntyre
- 2012 - George (Marilyn) Main and Jenna Allen McIntyre

# The Village of Walton Hills

Walton Hills is a community with a rich history, where people come together to live, work and play!

## Seniors Enjoying Lunch and Learning about Aviation History

Walton Hills seniors got together on November 28th for their monthly senior luncheon in the Village Community Room. Besides enjoying a delicious lunch, they were entertained by guest speaker **Amelia Earhart** (played by **Julie Warren**) from Women in History. This organization believes it is their responsibility to tell women's stories and foster an appreciation that all things are possible. The theme of the luncheon was to be nice to one another, especially during the holidays. They were informed how to be aware of their surroundings and keep their purses and wallets safe during this busy shopping season.



Happy Holidays!



Merry Christmas Everybody!

Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus (Madelin Timms and Ray Tinter)



## BEREAVEMENTS

Ronile "Ronnie" Linville, of West Lake Drive, passed away in October. Our condolences to her husband, Denny Linville and their children, Larry Linville of West Lake Drive, Teddy and Melissa Linville of Bedford, Matthew and Maria Linville and their children Brooke and Matthew James, of Northfield Center and Sarah and Paul McKelvey and their children Rylee and Brayden, of Parma.

The Linville family moved into the Village in 1976. Their first home was on Dunham Lane. In 1985 they moved into a "much needed" larger home on Hickory Drive, and then in 1995 they moved into Ronnie's childhood home on West Lake Drive. Ronnie was a past President of the Glendale School PTA, an active member of the Bedford Booster's Club, a contributing Walton Hills Boy Scout parent, a Trustee for the Walton Hills Lake and a member of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce. She owned and managed a Fantastic Sam's Hair Salon located on Broadway Avenue in Bedford for 15 years and then transformed it into her own salon, Totally Hair. Ronnie also was treasurer for Linville Brothers Contractors for many years. She supported her husband, Denny, these past six years when he has been a member of the Walton Hills Council.

"My mom was a very social person," states Sarah. "She enjoyed being with people. She was the keystone to our family. Luckily for us, she enjoyed cooking, because we all liked to return home for family gatherings, typically dinner twice a week. We will truly miss her."

Ronnie grew up in Walton Hills. In 1952, her parents, Larry and Eleanor Pohl, and Ronnie moved into the West Lake Drive home which was built by Larry Pohl. Ronnie was an active member of the Walton Hills Rangers, a club for the horse-riding enthusiasts who lived in the Village. At Rangers events Ronnie rode her pony, Little Duke, or a half Morgan-half Quarter horse named Big Duke who had been a lead horse at Thistledown. Sometimes she rode Patch, who was owned by Peg Lindauer of Dellwood Drive or Tinka, who was owned by Fred and Pauline Nielsen of North Meadowpark Drive. Rangers memorabilia that Ronnie donated to the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center is on exhibit in the Community Room showcases and in the Rangers Album. On display are her Rangers patches and ribbons, handmade Walton Hills Rangers banner and several Gymkhana brochures that were handed out at club competitive events.

Don Bishop, Earl and Elaine Miller's son-in-law died in October at age 46 after a sudden heart attack. Our condolences to Don's wife, Michelle Miller Bishop and their children Dominique and Anthony. The Bishop family live in Clinton Ohio. Condolences also to Earl and Elaine Miller of Morningside Drive and Andrea Miller, Earl and Elaine Miller's other daughter, who lives in St. Petersburg Florida.

Former Egbert Road resident Salvatore "Sam" Termini died at age 83 in August at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky. Sam was a U.S. Army and Navy Seabees Veteran. His deceased wife's first name was Theresa.

Former Egbert Road resident Genevieve Sundra died in October at age 82. She was the wife of the late Ed Sundra, and mother of Mark and Amy Sundra, Sharon and David Nathaniel, Suzanne and Lewis Wilkins, Gregory and Nancy Sundra, Edward and Debbie Sundra, Maria and John Rode and Jenny and Larry Layne.

Former Orchard Hill Drive resident Rosemarie Russo died in late October at age 81. Our condolences to her husband Attilio "Til" Russo and their son and his wife Scott and Anne Russo and grandson Dylan Russo. Our sympathy also to Rosemarie and Til's niece, Ericka Adler, of Orchard Hill Drive. The Russos moved to the Columbus area in 2008 to be near their son and his family.

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## SANTA MUST BE VERY TIRED

If you see Santa, Mrs. Santa or their Elves taking a nap in January, we can tell you why. Although Santa and his workers had a lot to do at the North Pole last month, they found time to visit their fellow villagers in Walton Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus were warmly greeted and welcomed by a host of children and adults who attended the Village Tree Lighting on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Claus read "The Night Before Christmas" to the children. Santa met with each child and family, handing out gifts and a keepsake Polaroid photo to each family.

The next Sunday, a blue-sky day when the weather was brisk and the roads were free of snow, Santa and his helpers made stops at 45 Walton Hills houses, delivering packages to families who participated in the Santa Delivery Service. They delivered gifts from noon to 7 pm. Riding around the village in a fire truck, Santa jumped out of the truck at the houses to deliver presents to good little girls and boys, and some grownups, too. Santa's crew managed this massive delivery, insuring the right gift went to the proper child at the correct address.

We express our thanks to a lot of people. The families who participated in the village Christmas events. Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the Tree Lighting, **Ray Tinter** and **Madeline Timm**. Delivery Service Santa, **Don Kolograf**. The Northfield Village Fire and EMS Department for the use of their Fire Truck and EMS Truck and their volunteers. Walton Hills Village employees and residents who volunteered their time.

To **Mayor Kevin Hurst** who was Santa's official greeter. **Police Chief Ken Thellmann** who was Leader of the Pack. **Patrolman Mark Hoy** who helped drive. Santa's **Top Elves Carol Stanoczek** and **Karleen Dean** and assistants, **Alyson Sarocy** and **Rebecca Stanoczek** who took photos of all the smiling faces. More volunteer elves who helped make the events successful were **Veronica Krainz**, **Steve Petranek**, **Councilman Paul Rich**, **Theresa Hurst**, **Kyle Schroeder**, **Jeremy Cummins** and **Judy Schroeder** who phoned everyone a few minutes before Santa's expected arrival, telling them to be ready – Santa was on his way.

## BEREAVEMENT

**Janet D'Amico** of Shaner Drive passed away suddenly at age 80, in mid November. Our condolences to her husband, **Nick D'Amico** and her three sons and their families; **Joe and Lisa D'Amico** and their daughters **Monica and Alexandra** of South Meadowpark Drive, **Michael and Pattie D'Amico** of Doyiestown Ohio and **Nicholas and Susan D'Amico** of Chagrin Falls.

Jan and Nick were married for 58 years. They have 8 grandchildren, six of whom are girls, and 3 great-grandchildren. "The grandkids were her life," states Lisa D'Amico. She loved to be with them and encouraged them to excel in their schoolwork and become an avid participant in their chosen sport. Jan was an avid reader, and a proponent of continuing education as a way of life. She was "the world's best cake baker", according to Lisa, "best known for her Ho-Ho cake."

The D'Amicos moved into the village in 1976. When her children were old enough to be on their own, at age 37 Jan started her studies at Cleveland State University, earning her degree in Special Education. For sixteen years she worked for the Cuyahoga Board of Retardation, as a teacher and supervisor. Jan was a member of the Walton Hills Women's Club, Fifty-Plus Club, Carol's Bookworms and enjoyed attending the monthly Senior Lunches at the Village Hall.

# Santa Delivery

This year's Santa Delivery took place on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success! Santa and his helpers visited the homes of 45 families in the Village. The smiles on the faces of the children – and the adults – were heartwarming and easily put Santa and his helpers in the Christmas spirit. They were all thankful for the sunshine and the goodies that they received and the happiness that was all around. The Grinch was nowhere to be found! Some kids wrote letters to Santa and they all received answers before Christmas. If you did not participate in this Village tradition, make sure you do this year!



# Christmas Tree Lighting

Over 100 residents and their family members were in attendance at the Christmas Tree Lighting program on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Claus was on hand to read the children a stirring rendition of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Santa Claus listened intently to the Christmas wishes of the delighted children. Father Jerry Jablonski from the SHJ Middle and High School, along with some of his students, provided the festive entertainment. A wonderful time was had by all!



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# A Party for Princesses

Twenty-eight little princesses from the Village gathered in the Community Room on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> for our first Princess Party. Their favorite princesses were there to meet them – Aurora (Sleeping Beauty), Belle (Beauty and the Beast), Ariel (Little Mermaid), Snow White and Cinderella! They had a wonderful afternoon talking and taking pictures with the princesses, making crafts, frosting crown cookies, dancing, getting their nails done, competing in a coloring contest and winning some wonderful princess prizes! All the little princesses received some goodies when they left including candy, rings, hair extensions and lucky seashells! It was a royally good time!



## Dozens of dispatch operations make service costly, study says

### Cuyahoga County looks to consolidate operations, cut costs

LAURA JOHNSTON  
Plain Dealer Reporter

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The tiny suburb of Walton Hills spends \$319,000 a year to have its own emergency dispatchers answering phones — or \$510 for each 9-1-1 call.

The comparable cost to Cleveland: \$12 per call.

Maintaining dozens of disparate dispatch operations in Cuyahoga County is a costly undertaking, especially for the smallest suburbs, according to a study commissioned by the county with the aim of regionalizing the service.

The calculations are based on cities' budgets for their dispatch cen-

ters, divided by the number of 9-1-1 calls received in 2010. They do not consider other non-emergency calls to police. Nor do they account for the cost of police, firefighters or paramedics racing to scenes.

The study by Attevo Inc., to be released today, is the first such snapshot of the county's dispatch operations, including 47 police dispatch centers and dozens of additional fire dispatch units spread across 57 municipalities.

"The sheer numbers in a common-sense level make you question, is it necessary," said Ed Jerse, the county's director of regional collaboration.

The county has about \$10 million collected from cellphone fees, to be used for much-needed upgrades to the 9-1-1 system. The average hardware age is 9.8 years.

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## DISPATCH

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### County looks to consolidate operations

Norberto Colón, the county's deputy chief of staff for justice, wants to spend the money on new equipment, starting with agencies interested in consolidating.

The county doesn't have a magic number. But the report — the product of a \$68,000 six-month study based on surveys sent to each municipality — considers grouping cities in four regions, with Cleveland operating a fifth center.

A typical U.S. county has five dispatch centers or fewer, according to the report.

In Cuyahoga, a few cities already share dispatching for fire and paramedics. In other areas, communities are studying the possibility of consolidating.

Cincinnati's Hamilton County has handled regional dispatch since 1948 and now serves 36 police and 35 fire departments, charging them \$18.30 for each dispatch.

Beachwood, one of eight cities that ignored the county's survey request, averages \$66 per call. But Police Chief Mark Sechrist does not want to combine operations with Shaker Heights, Euclid and South Euclid, as recommended.

Sechrist said he favors joint task forces and regionalized approaches to crime solving. But the "dispatch office is literally a phone call between life and death. It's just too big of a bite to start with."

Beachwood dispatchers watch video feeds, streamed live from squad cars, Sechrist said. They have maps of schools. They know who's on vacation and who is ill. And they answer all kinds of non-emergency calls.

"We believe there's nothing we can't help somebody with," he said. "We may not be able to come out and repair their car, but we can tell them who to call . . . That's all part of it."

Merging dispatch could mean losing amenities, Walton Hills Police Chief Kenn Thellman

fears.

Walton Hills had 192 cellphone 9-1-1 calls last year and 414 calls from land lines. (All cellphone calls are first routed to the county's Emergency Communications System downtown.)

But answering those calls makes up less than 40 percent of duties for the three full-time dispatchers, Thellman said. Like dispatchers in other small suburbs, they also file accident reports, plan emergency-management responses and take ticket payments.

"We're against it," he said. "With the influx of calls other cities will be getting, we'll just be swallowed up by them."

Mike Bailey, Hamilton County's director of communications, has heard all those arguments before.

Most communities still maintain a clerk to handle operational tasks for the police department, he said. And with time, regional dispatchers become familiar with the detailed geography of the places they cover, even with some of the frequent callers.

Plus, he said, officers from neighboring communities can quickly respond if an officer gets into trouble.

Kevin O'Brien, executive director at the Center for Public Management at Cleveland State University, said some communities are too small to make dispatch centers cost-effective.

But, he said, the county will have to do "a lot of handholding" to sell suburbs on consolidating.

Rocky River Chief Kelly Stillman, whose department is so short-handed it's using officers to dispatch, said combining dispatch would require a steep learning curve. But he's in favor. "Regionalization would take a big monkey off my back."

Cleveland, too, supports consolidation.

"Everyone involved in safety communications understands that there are opportunities to consolidate and make the best use of our resources," Safety Director Martin Flask said in an email.

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## WALTON HILLS SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES

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Mayor Hurst being sworn by Judge Deborah J. Nicastro and Mayor Hurst's family!



Judge Nicastro, Denny Linville, Gloria Terlosky, Mayor Hurst, Mary Brenner & Don Kolograf



A large crowd of residents packed the community room to see the new Mayor and Council!



Twenty-eight little princesses from the Village gathered in the Community Room on Thursday, December 29th for our first Princess Party.

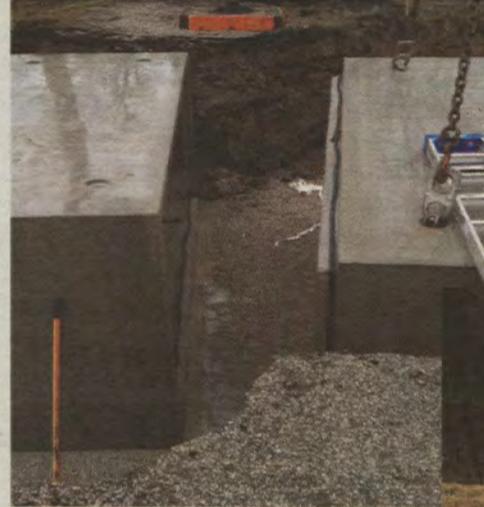
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Culvert Project Complete! Good work by our Service Department!

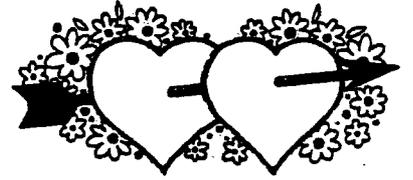


Mayor Hurst discusses Subaru's potential interest in the Ford Plant.



This year's **Santa Delivery** took place in the Village of Walton Hills on Sunday, December 11th. It was a huge success! Santa and his helpers visited the homes of 45 families in the Village. Pictured on the fire truck is Santa with Councilman Paul Rich on their way to delivering presents to an anxious family!

# POTPOURRI



## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

**Nicolas Carucci**  
7124 Allen Drive

**Rose Spremulli**  
17900 Egbert Road

**Melissa Burkholder**  
18408 Jefferson Drive

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> - A SPECIAL DAY for US

A special Valentine's Day Treat awaits Walton Hills residents and guests on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. That is the day of the Community Pancake Breakfast at the Village Hall Community Room. Doors will be open from 9:00 am until 1:30 pm. This fun event, sponsored by the Women's Club, is a time when everyone in the village has the opportunity to meet and chat with neighbors while enjoying a hearty breakfast.

See the full-page flier on another page in this issue of the Walton Hills Owl.

## WE HAVE AN ACTRESS IN RESIDENCE

**Michelle Unger**, daughter of **Paul and Marcia Unger** of Egbert Road, is an aspiring young actress. Michelle's most recent performance was in the role of Nancy, in "Oliver" at the Near West Theatre in Cleveland. Before "Oliver" she played the role of Columbia in "The Rocky Horror Show" at the Chagrin Valley Little Theater. Some other local theaters where Michelle has performed within the past three years include Weathervane Playhouse, the Cassidy Theater and the Cleveland Playhouse. When not parading across the stage in all kinds of garb, Michelle is in her senior year at Kent State University, working on a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theater.

## THANK YOU

"To Our Dear Friends and Walton Hills Neighbors,

Karin, Jeff and I want to thank everyone for the kind words, cards and gifts of love. Walton Hills is truly a wonderful village where its people make compassionate efforts to relieve the sorrow of fellow residents when they are troubled or lose a family member. Caring people make a difference in one's time of grief. I love all of you.

**Ruth Money, Karin Zeh and Jeff Money"**

## BEREAVEMENT

**Glen Money** of Walton Road passed away December 22<sup>nd</sup>, after a long bout with cancer. Our condolences to **Ruth Money**, his wife of 57 years, and their children and granddaughter, **Karin and Tony Zeh** of Northfield Center and **Jeff and Mary Money** and 8 year old daughter **Brooke** who also live in Northfield Center.

The Moneys moved into the Village in 1965, choosing Walton Hills as the place they wished to raise their children, Karin and Jeff. The Money family enjoyed camping and being outdoors. In fact, Glen and Ruth were at a winter campsite in Punta Gorda, Florida when Glen got very ill and passed away at a nearby hospice facility.

Glen retired from Ohio Bell / AT&T in 1991, after 35 years of service. When his children were younger he coached their Walton Hills baseball and softball teams. He was involved with the Men's Club, Fifty Plus Club and participated in many village senior activities. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed walking and camping with friends and family. He loved his home, his yard and being a good neighbor. Families living in the vicinity of Walton Road, Shaner and Kydan Drives became good friends, calling themselves "The Four Corners."

# Road Work and Culverts Work Completed and Scheduled

1-2012  
LIBERTY NEWS

by Kevin Hurst, Mayor Village of Walton Hills



Kevin Hurst,  
Mayor and  
Safety Director

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Don Kolograf is sworn in as Councilman for a third term by Judge Nicastro as his wife Marion proudly holds the bible.



Mary Brenner is sworn in as Councilwoman for her first term by Judge Nicastro as her son Brian holds the Bible.



Mayor Kevin Hurst, Councilpersons Paul Rich and Gloria Terlosky, Judge Deborah Nicastro, and Councilpersons Mary Brenner, Denny Linville and Don Kolograf pose for a group picture.



Sagamore Hills Trustees Rose Mary Snell (right) and John Zaccardelli (left) enjoy some refreshments after the ceremony along with Mrs. Zaccardelli (center).



Oakwood Mayor Gary Gottschalk enjoys a lively discussion with Councilman Denny Linville.

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## SENIORS HAVE FUN WITH CHRISTMAS SONG

Twelve seniors who attended the senior luncheon on December 19th took an active role in illustrating the 12 Days of Christmas. The room was filled with joyful singing and lots of laughter!



## Egbert Road Project Underway!

The Cleveland Water Department started the Egbert Road Project. Water and then paving will be an infrastructure project that will last for years!



# A Tribute to the Levanduski Family!

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Ray Levanduski of Walton Hills approached me to include his family in Liberty News and Views, which I gladly was willing to do. Not because I owed Ray anything, but rather we all owed, not only Ray, but all those who served in the military. Most of us who were born in the 30's or 40's had relatives who fought in World War-1 and/or World War-2. Ray's family is just a very admirable representation of this era.

The Levanduski family grew up in a rural town in north central Pennsylvania. The picture with this article show Ray's father, James in the center of the picture. James was an Army Corporal in the A Company of the 511th Engineer Service Battalion in Europe during WW-1. As you can see four of his sons also served in the military, but at different times in different wars.

Stanley, picture in the bottom far right, was a Sargent in WW-2 and served in Europe. The son, James, bottom left, was a Sergeant in the 70th Heavy Tank Battalion and served in the Korean War. Raymond, upper right served with the 82nd Airborne from 1957 to 1960 and was stationed in Germany. The youngest son, Richard, upper left, served in Research at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland during the Vietnam War.

Ray currently resides in Walton Hills and is a member of the "Medal of Honor" recipient John Towle Airborne Jumperman 82nd Group. This is an association of former military men who were all paratroopers. The association meets regularly and invites anyone who was a "jumper" to join their organization. I had breakfast with Ray and Tom Privett last month and we discussed their organization and their activities. This group of men supports high school ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) programs in several local schools. Anyone who has been a paratrooper and would like to join this association can contact Tom at [jumperman82nd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jumperman82nd@sbcglobal.net).

We all want to thank the Levanduski family for their service and we want to remember all of those who have served honorably in the military. We are a free nation because of the willingness to sacrifice their time and efforts. God bless them and all who serve. Let's keep in our prayers all those who are currently in "harm's way" in Afghanistan and around the world. God bless them and God bless the USA.



Raymond Levanduski ready to jump!

# POTPOURRI

## TWINS!! WHAT a BLESSING

Congratulations! Joseph (Joe) and Joanna Klukan of Stuble Lane announce with joy the birth of their twin boys, Benalah Joseph Klukan and Lucas Randolph Klukan. Born on January 28<sup>th</sup>, both boys were 20" long; Benaiah's birth weight was 5 pounds 2 ounces, and Lucas weighed in at 5 pounds 5 ounces.

Proud grandparents are Dolly Klukan of Stuble Lane and Randy and Debbie Mann of Willoughby. Looking down upon his family is Grampa Ron Klukan. Great-Grandmothers are Catherine Spadaro of Twinsburg and Nicki Kaloger of Cleveland.

Local family members who can't wait to spend time with the twins are Aunt and Uncle Kathy and Brian Spitznagel, cousins Daniel and Alyssa Spitznagel of Spanghurst Drive, and cousins Ricky, David and Alex Tannert of Stuble Lane.

## SPRING FLING – Craft Fair and Plant Sale

Mark your calendar.

On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, The Women's Club will once again sponsor their "Spring Fling." This year the event will be held in the Village Hall Community Room. There will be lots of craft items made by hand-picked craftswomen and craftsmen, flats of flowers ready for you to plant in your yard and hanging floral baskets to hang from your eaves. Come for lunch! Four delicious home-made soups will be simmering on the stove. More information will be available in the April issue of the *Owl*. Questions? Contact Karen Smolkowicz 439.7724 (Craft Fair) or Jan Smith 786.0877 (Plant Sale)

## THANK YOU, RESIDENTS

"Thank you, to the many villagers who ventured out on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>, during our first major snow event of the season, and attended the Community Pancake Breakfast. We hope you all had a good time, and went home with full tummies. Thanks for making the pancake breakfast a success.

Thank you to the men who ran the kitchen: Jim Begin, Mayor Kevin Hurst, Councilman Denny Linville, Jack Pekar and Councilman Brian Spitznagel.

Thank you to the following daughters and women who worked the kitchen and tables: Amy Biros, Councilwoman Mary Brenner, Pat Day, Sandy Godbey, Theresa Hurst, Jean Kainsinger, Cheryl Lew, Sharon Orland, Debbie Pekar, Jan Smith, Karen Smolkowicz, Alyssa Spitznagel, Carol Stanoczek, Marge Tomondy, Rita Surace, Ashley Waryk and Jane Ann Wurts.

Thank you to the following people for their donations: Rosemary Battaglia, Patty Biros, Mary Ann Cook, Pat Day, Lisa D'Amlco, Mary Lou Folton, Sandy Godbey, Doris Hanslik, Denny Harkai, Dennis Kolar of K & K Meats, Jean Murphy, Debbie Pekar, Mary Sabol, Rita Surace, Marge Tomondy, Marcia Wagner and Pauline Yurko.

Sincerely, Denise Begin and Lori Waryk, Pancake Breakfast Chairpersons"

## BEREAVEMENT

Ernest (Ernie) Folton of South Meadowpark passed away in January at age 82. Our condolences to Mary Lou Folton his wife of 58 years, daughters Teri Sondej of Garfield Heights and Patti Ivans of Bedford, and three grandchildren. Since his accident seven years ago when he fell from the roof of his house, Ernie had suffered the results of a traumatic brain injury and was wheel-chair bound. Ernie and Mary Lou moved into the village in 1985.

Ernie served in the Air Force from 1947-1951, stationed in West Berlin Germany, near the site of the Berlin Blockade. Then for the next 37 years, he was a welder-repairman for the Ford Motor Company Walton Hills Stamping Plant. Ernie enjoyed working on old cars. His favorite was a '67 GTO red convertible that he rode around the village and a '65 Mustang. His hobby was making cuff bracelets by twisting together strands of copper, brass and stainless steel. Until his accident, he sold them for several years at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend Boston Mills Juried Art Fairs and at other craft fairs.

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Michael Joseph Muffler, a freshman at Stevenson High School, Livonia, Michigan and member of Boy Scout Troop 271, celebrated his Eagle Court of Honor at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia on Jan. 14, 2012.

Michael's Eagle Project was called Plant the Books. He organized a neighborhood and church can drive and asked for donations to purchase two book carts and books for St Aidan's Catechism program.

He organized a group of scouts, friends and family to landscape around the church grounds and planned and planted a new bed. He raised close to \$1,200 and received donations of mulch and perennials. His project took 351 hours to complete.

Michael, the son of Ronald and Laurie Muffler of Livonia, Michigan, and the grandson of Joan Wills of Dunham Road, has been a scout since first grade. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, which is the Boy Scout Honor Society. Michael's leadership positions include Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Den Chief for Pack 1731 where he earned the Den Chief award. He has earned 46 merit badges and was Honor Scout of the Year.

Since his first summer camp with Troop 271, Michael has paid for all his camping excursions and Boy Scout fees through popcorn sales and working at Michigan International Speedway during troop fund raisers.

He has enjoyed many camping experiences with the troop including Mammoth Cave, an 86- mile canoe ride on the Au Sable River, the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo and he is looking forward to going to Sea Base in Florida in December 2012.



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# Good Bye and Good Luck!

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Above, Al is joined by fellow Service Department workers at his retirement luncheon. Right, Al cuts his retirement cake.



# Meet the New Assistant Street Commissioner!



Congratulations to our newly appointed Assistant Street Commissioner Brian Schroeder. Brian has worked for the Service Department for the past 26 years and has lived in the Village all of his life. Brian, his wife Mary and their son Nathan reside on Egbert Road. He has enjoyed servicing his fellow residents and looks forward to continuing his duties as Assistant Street Commissioner. Best of luck to you Brian!

## Update on Egbert Road Water Main Replacement

On Monday, January 30, crews began work on the Egbert Road Water Main Replacement project. It is anticipated that work will continue through the month of May in order to complete the project. The new water main installation has started near the Dunham Road intersection, and will continue along the entire length of Egbert Road all the way to the Bedford/Walton Hills border. We ask that motorists please drive carefully near any construction zones. We thank you in advance for your cooperation as the Village continues to work to maintain our roadways and utilities. Pictured below left: sections of new waterline pipe placed on Egbert Road waiting to be installed. Pictured below right: new waterline pipe being lowered into the trench for installation.



## New Animal Warden in the Village

We have a new Animal Warden in town. Her name is Sandy Mannino and she is also an animal lover! She is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

So if Fido or Miss Kitty decides to take a little vacation unbeknownst to you around the Village, you can call the Village Information Line (440.735.5001 x 5) and you will hear the voice of Jane Nowicki describing the vacationers who are residing in one of our kennels. Owners claiming pets will be responsible for all charges incurred.



Also, if Rocky Raccoon decides to pay your house a visit and is within the living space of your dwelling, Sandy will be happy to trap your unwelcome visitor at no charge to you. The best part of all, Sandy loves animals and is very humane to all creatures. She also comes to us at a savings to our coffers!

*Information supplied by Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Chairperson of Information Committee*

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## VIADUCT PARK WINTER WALK

On February 15th some Walton Hills residents went on a hike to the Viaduct Park, a section of Bedford Reservation which is located at the junction of Willis and Taylor Streets. It is a 6.6 acre park that was dedicated in 2002. There is a paved path that leads from the parking area down to the Great Falls of Tinkers Creek. At one time the Great Falls was the source of power for the industries in the town of Bedford. The waterfall is beautiful and there are plenty of information markers explaining this picturesque area. This park is well worth checking out!



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## Alzheimer's Association Workshop March 14th

Important Information we should all know about Alzheimer's Disease. A representative from the Alzheimer's Association will present a workshop providing attendees with an understanding of the difference between age-related memory loss and Alzheimer's and what to do if they or someone they know has the signs of the disease, the ten warning signs. This will be of special interest to the many in the Village. A must attend fun evening for all, bring a neighbor, a friend or relative. All residents and guests are cordially invited and welcome, healthy refreshments will be served.

Presented as a community service by the Walton Hills Citizens' League on Wednesday, March 14th, 2012 at 7PM in the Community Room.

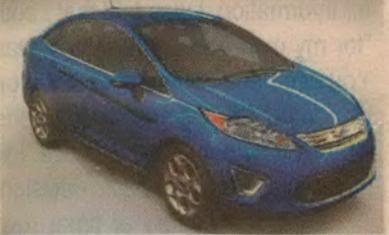
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# THE WALTON HILLS FORD STAMPING PLANT

by Mary Brenner, Walton Hills Councilwoman

3-2012  
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In 1953 the Walton Hills Village leaders became aware that the Ford Motor Company had intentions of opening a stamping plant in the Cleveland area. It didn't take them long to start looking for suitable sites within the Village that would be acceptable for Ford's requirements. They worked hard to make sure the needed infrastructure was in place and their diligent campaign paid off when Ford choose the present site in Walton Hills for the plant.

Our leaders knew that if Ford moved in, other business would certainly follow. By 1954 the plant was up and running; that's almost 60 years ago. In its heyday it ran 3 shifts 7 days a week, but as with all things in life, change is inevitable and our economy is much different than in 1954; which brings us to our currently declining stamping plant. Thankfully, at this critical time in our Village history, we once again have strong leadership in place to navigate through these tough economic times. As I write this article, two of our Council members, Gloria Terlosky and Paul Rich are meeting with Ford as invited guests to Ford's press release. At the same time, our Mayor Kevin Hurst is meeting with the Governor on the same issue. We can only hope to receive good news on all fronts as our Village Council and Administration continues to work for positive economic development and smart growth for our community.



Mary Brenner  
Councilwoman  
Walton Hills

## Bedford Historical Society Events

April 1, 2012 Sunday 2:00 – 5:00pm

Spring Open House:

A Life of Creativity.

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Roger lives  
on Rushmore Road  
in Walton Hills

We inaugurate an exhibit of the works of artist **Roger Fuhrmeyer**. For over 50 years, Roger has created works in pastel, oil, watercolor, pencil and sculpture. The Town Hall Museum has been the beneficiary of several of his works including beautiful murals. The exhibit encompasses portions of his early works, sketches from his travels abroad, and sketches from his years at Chautauqua and commissioned works from private collections. Meet the artist this afternoon and enjoy a champagne reception and special hors d'oeuvres.

At 2:30, Mr. Fuhrmeyer will present four newly created works that depict the seasons at the Great Falls of Tinkers Creek.

**Town Hall Museum, 30 South Park St (Squire Place).**

### Did you Know?

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Northfield Road is one of the very early Cuyahoga County Roads. For instance, in 1803 the section from Union Street to Sagamore Road became a dedicated County Road.

For 127 years there was a gap in Northfield Road where it crossed Tinkers Creek in Bedford. Back then, engineers considered Tinkers Creek Gorge too deep and too wide for building a Northfield Road Bridge across Tinkers Creek. The north end of the gap was by Giant Eagle at Solon Road and the south end of the gap was at Union Street by the Light of Hearts Villa/St. Mary's Church. Finally in the 1930s the County built a bridge that spans Tinkers Creek and connects the two parts of Northfield Road.

During those many years without the Northfield Road Bridge, Northfield Road travelers had to make a half-circular detour and cross Tinkers Creek on Red Bridge. Cuyahoga County built Red Bridge in an area where the elevation over Tinkers Creek was much less steep and the gap was much less wide. The site of Red Bridge is in Viaduct Park. Heading north, Northfield Road travelers turned west onto Union Street, at the intersection of Olde Egbert Road and Union Street they took Red Bridge to Taylor Street, turned north on Taylor Street until they came to Solon Road, and traveled east on Solon Road to Northfield Road.

# The WALTON HILLS MEN'S CLUB

Looking for a night out, a good dinner, sharing stories and jokes with your neighbors?

The Walton Hills Men's Club is seeking to expand its membership.

Men in Walton Hills, ages 21 and over, are urged to consider joining our Community Club.

We meet just once a month and we have fun!

Best of all, our fund-raising activities benefit the kids of Walton Hills.

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The Men's Club was formed primarily to take over sponsorship of the Little League teams, but at the same time offer an organization to the men of the village for social activities and civic causes.

The Men's Club was formally founded in September 1956, but from the mid 1940s on, civic-minded groups of local men undertook numerous projects on behalf of our growing community.

In the late 1940s village men worked to promote township zoning laws, then for the 1951 Incorporation of the Village of Walton Hills. In 1951 they created office quarters out of a shed/garage at the corner of Walton and Alexander Roads, making it our first "temporary" Village Hall. In 1952 they renovated a brick store that also sat at the corner of Walton and Alexander Roads, making it our first permanent Village Hall.

Village men worked on money-making events sponsored by the Women's Club and Lake Club, the proceeds of which were used for village needs. The Men's Club provides a forum and means of communication for men who are interested in volunteering their service on behalf of others.

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## Walton Hills house fire kills 13 cats

by JEFF SAUNDERS | REPORTER

Walton Hills — A Feb. 21 fire caused an estimated \$120,000 in damage to a Morningside Drive home, said Northfield Village Fire Chief Gary Vojtush.

"The house is probably a total loss," he said.

Vojtush said an elderly woman renting the house was able to escape unharmed, but 13 cats died. Five other cats survived and one missing, said Vojtush.

"There was a cat that was having trouble breathing and we gave her some oxygen and she was alive when we left," he said.

Vojtush said the fire started in the basement. The cause is under investigation, but he said arson is not suspected.

Vojtush said the village's

fire department, which covers Walton Hills under a contract, responded about 8:30 a.m. after the woman was awakened by a smoke alarm, discovered smoke filling the home and called 911.

The Northfield Center-Sagamore Hills Fire District and the Macedonia, Bedford, Oakwood and Maple Heights fire departments provided mutual aid, said Vojtush, and the fire took at least an hour to extinguish.

E-mail: jsaunders@recordpub.com  
Phone: 330-688-0088 ext. 3169

## How the Walton Hills Women's Club Began

Only 5 months after the Village of Walton Hills was incorporated, village women founded their service organization – The Walton Hills Women's Club. It all started when Betty Pearce, Irene Rizer and Mary Shull sent postcards to all ladies in the village, inviting them to an organizational meeting at Lillian Kral's Golden Glens pavilion on August 29, 1951.

Thirty-three (33) women attended that August meeting and signed the roster to become Charter Members. That evening they chose a name for the club, planned monthly meeting dates, set dues at 25 cents a meeting, elected officers and made plans for upcoming meetings.

### Walton Hills Women's Club Charter Members

#### The 33 Women's Club Charter Members Who Founded the Club in August of 1951:

- |                        |                     |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Margaret Allen      | 13. Jean Hack       | 25. Elsie Rada      |
| 2. Elizabeth Babkowski | 14. Ruth Hackbart   | 26. Alice Ramos     |
| 3. Clarice Bement      | 15. Alice Hofer     | 27. Irene Rizer     |
| 4. Anita Bidlake       | 16. Grace Kerekes   | 28. Mary Shull      |
| 5. Gaye Billington     | 17. Joan Kluber     | 29. Ann Simoni      |
| 6. Kathleen Brown      | 18. Anna Kolis      | 30. Florence Wagner |
| 7. Edna Carmany        | 19. Lillian Kral    | 31. Betty Walton    |
| 8. Elaine Clements     | 20. Wanda Maresh    | 32. Blanche Waters  |
| 9. Naida Flora         | 21. Grace Mathieson | 33. Cora Weimer     |
| 10. Frances Frey       | 22. Marie Morrison  |                     |
| 11. Wilma Galewood     | 23. Betty Pearce    |                     |
| 12. Leona Graves       | 24. Catherina Rada  |                     |

Four (4) of the Charter Members are alive and kicking as of March 2012.

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|--------------------|---|
| 1. Elaine Clements | In a nursing home, still has her house on McLellan Drive. |
| 2. Ruth Hackbart   | residence: 7657 McLellan Drive 232-0484                   |
| 3. Grace Kerekes   | residence: 7235 Spanghurst Drive 232-0184                 |
| 4. Grace Mathieson | residence: 18646 Carmany Drive 232-2630                   |

#### Other Long Time Members:

##### 50 + Years as of March 2012

1. Gerry Bordonaro
2. Grace Kerekes
3. Georgia Pace

##### 40 + Years as of March 2012

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Pat Bosway      | 6. Olga Maycen     |
| 2. Justine Cifani  | 7. Pauline Neilsen |
| 3. Jean Kainsinger | 8. Chris Sabo      |
| 4. Carolyn Knowles | 9. Madeline Timm   |
| 5. Jean Loretta    | 10. Jean Turner    |

##### 40 Years as of March 2012

6. Mary Bell Moved in recent years to live with one of her children; sold her house
7. Lee Slaby Moved into a nursing home in recent years; sold her house
8. Ro Washtock

## ZONING BOARD MEMBERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

On Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, George "Duke" Owens and Billie Workman were sworn in by Mayor Kevin Hurst to another six year term on the Walton Hills Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The BZA is comprised of five dedicated residents who meet as needed on the first Wednesday of the month. Congratulations Mr. Owens and Ms. Workman and thank you for your service!



## VIADUCT PARK WINTER WALK

On February 15<sup>th</sup> some Walton Hills residents went on a hike to the Viaduct Park, a section of Bedford Reservation which is located at the junction of Willis and Taylor Streets. It is a 6.6 acre park that was dedicated in 2002. There is a paved path that leads from the parking area down to the Great Falls of Tinkers Creek. At one time the Great Falls was the source of power for the industries in the town of Bedford. The waterfall is beautiful and there are plenty of information markers explaining this picturesque area. This park is well worth checking out!



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# The Village of Walton Hills

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### STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS

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### IRISH NIGHT

57 residents attended the Irish Night fundraiser in Walton Hills on March 21st. This was the first event that benefited the Benevolent Fund, which supports residents in need. Attendees enjoyed a delicious, traditional Irish dinner and were entertained with wonderful, toe tapping Irish songs performed by Irish folk singer Gusti. A great time was had by all!



### STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

Students from Bedford High School shadowed Village officials on Student Government Day, which was held in the Village of Walton Hills on March 20th. Students were taken on a tour of the Ford Walton Hills Stamping Plant, the Service Garage and the Police Department. They were treated to a dinner in the Community Room and took part in the monthly Council meeting in the evening.



**EGBERT ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**  
The Egbert Road Water Main Replacement project is progressing on schedule and should continue through the end of May.

**THE WALTON HILLS MEN'S CLUB**  
PRESENTS  
20th ANNUAL  
**REVERSE RAFFLE**  
GRAND PRIZE \$1500.00

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28th**  
St Egenes Party Center  
264 Warrensville Center Road / Bedford

DOOR OPEN 6pm / DINNER 7pm  
**ONLY 150 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!**

• \$75 per COUPLE  
INCLUDES DINNER FOR TWO/ OPEN BAR / ONE MAIN BOARD TICKET

• \$50 per SINGLE  
INCLUDES DINNER FOR ONE/ OPEN BAR / ONE MAIN BOARD TICKET

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FOR TICKETS CALL:

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ROB RUSSELL 232-0250  
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ART WARD 232-1007

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### TRIP TO GREATER CLEVELAND AQUARIUM

20 Walton Hills residents had a great time touring the new Greater Cleveland Aquarium on March 13th. They were thrilled to see the abundance of aquatic life in this gem of a facility!

Walton Hills Owl

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## LOCAL ARTIST IS RECOGNIZED

**Roger Fuhrmeyer**, of Dunham Road, has created several works of art for the Bedford Historical Society's Town Hall Museum. His latest project is a set of 4 large murals of the Great Falls of Viaduct Park which hang in the new entrance hall of the building. Each mural depicts how the Great Falls appear during one of the four seasons.

On **Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 pm**, Fuhrmeyer will formally present his murals to the Historical Society. On exhibit will be examples of his early works, sketches from his travels abroad, sketches from his years at Chautauqua and commissioned works from private collections.

Share the afternoon (2:00 – 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 1st) with Roger Fuhrmeyer at the Bedford Historical Society. Refreshments will be served.

## BEREAVEMENTS

**Stephen (Steve) Romanik** of Alexander Road, passed away at age 93 in February at Hillcrest Hospital, following a lengthy illness. Our condolences to his wife of 63 years, **Mary Romanik**, daughters **Ann Marie Greear (Gary)** of Walton Hills, **Patricia Valentic (James)** of Medina, **Susan Daniel (Jonathan)** of Brownsburg, Indiana, and sons **Stephen J. Romanik (Michele)** of Walton Hills, **John Romanik (Barbara)** of Northfield Center, and **Michael Romanik (Chuck)** of East Cleveland. Our sympathy also to Steve and Mary's seven grandchildren **Andrea Ruckart (Patrick)**, **Matthew Greear (Roxie)**, **Jennifer Valentic**, **John Valentic**, **Stephen A. Romanik**, **Brady Daniel** and **Michael Daniel**.

Born in Indiana Harbor, Indiana on November 28, 1918, Steve's family moved to Ohio and he was raised on a farm in Walton Hills in what is now part of Bedford Reservation. The farm house faced Egbert Road and the farm stretched from today's Bridal Veil Falls parking lot off Egbert Road to the Deeridge Drive cul-de-sac.

Steve met Mary Mitrack at a dance in Bedford and they were married April 29, 1949 at St Mary's Church in Bedford. In 1951 the Romaniks purchased 4 acres of land that faced Alexander Road. The couple lived with Mary's family until the completion of their home. Steve and Mary raised their six children in Walton Hills, and Mary continues to live there with her son Steve and daughter-in-law Michele.

During World War II Romanik was a Staff Sergeant in the Army, serving in a variety of locations, including Managua, Nicaragua in Central America, as a member of the finance department, disbursing for the engineers and men constructing the Pan American Highway covering El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.

Steve retired from Marble Chair in Bedford after 34 years in the engineering department. Steve and Mary were both employed at Transtar Industries in Walton Hills, retiring from there in 1991.

**Norma Reed** of Jefferson Drive passed away in mid February at age 83. **Edwin and Norma Reed** moved in with their daughter, **Debra Savoca**, in April of last year. Norma had Alzheimer's Disease and Edwin is bedridden. For many years Norma had volunteered at the Deaconess Hospital Craft Center. Our condolences to the family.

**Walter Zielinski** of Hickory Drive passed away in mid February at age 96. For the past eleven years he lived with his daughter and her husband, **Sharon and John Orland**. When the Orlands moved to Walton Hills two years ago, Walter moved here with them. Walter had been a turret lathe operator at Pesco Products. Our condolences to Sharon and John and their family.

**John Semple** of South Meadowpark Drive passed away in mid February at age 74. John's wife, **Sarah**, had already been deceased. Our sympathy to their children, **Donna Semple-Stover** and **Vaughn Stover** of Bedford, and **Cindy and Lance Collier** of Geneva Ohio. John Semple served in the U.S. Army Reserves Special Forces Unit. He was a salesman. He was a member of the motorcycle group called the Competition Riders Association and the Akron Skydivers Club. The Semple family moved into the village in 1974.



John Bills captured this picture of a hawk behind his house on Laurel Drive. He was one of the winners of the Walton Hills Photo Contest.

# State of the Village Address

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Pictured left, Mayor Hurst informs residents about what took place in the Village last year. Pictured right, Councilwomen Mary Brenner and Gloria Terlosky enjoy some cake after the presentation.



## **SENIORS HAVE FUN LEARNING SOME OF THEIR OPTIONS**

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, Light of Hearts Villa Executive Director Arlene Jaroscak and social worker Robert Evans spoke at the senior lunch to inform seniors of what their facility located at 283 Union Street in Bedford has to offer (such as independent and assisted living and memory care). They also enjoyed a delicious lunch that day!



On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Karen Ann Schaefer from the Village at Marymount met with senior residents to inform them of the services provided at their facility located at 5200 Marymount Village Drive in Garfield Heights (assisted living/skilled and intermediate nursing/rehabilitation/memory care). Chef Andrea Ward was on hand to teach them a trick or two about cooking. They learned to make broth, turn that into chicken soup and turn that into chicken pot pie!



# WALTON HILLS ENDING FIRE, EMS CONTRACT WITH VILLAGE

## ■ OAKWOOD OFFERING SAME SERVICE BUT WILL USE WALTON HILLS DISPATCHING, JAIL

by JEFF SAUNDERS | REPORTER

Northfield Village — Starting July 1, the village will no longer provide fire and emergency medical services to Walton Hills.

Vic Nogalo, Walton Hills' finance director and clerk of council, said that Walton Hills decided to sign with Oakwood instead.

Walton Hills Council approved a five-year contract April 17 under which Oakwood will provide fire and EMS to Walton Hills. Nogalo said that Walton Hills will also provide dispatch and jail services to

Oakwood under five-year contracts approved by Council.

Northfield Mayor Jesse Nehez said the loss of Walton Hills will mean that the village will not be able to afford to maintain shift staffing of five firefighters it has had since the two villages entered into the three-year contract at the beginning of 2011.

"We're going to have to cut staffing," he said. "We're looking at possibly two or three on a shift."

He said, however, that the department had managed with two on a shift before

the contract.

"We'll make it work again," he said.

Fire Chief Gary Vojtush said he agreed.

"Our response times shouldn't go down," said Vojtush. "There really shouldn't be much difference."

He added that even before the department started covering Walton Hills, it typically provided mutual aid to other departments 50 or more times annually, but would receive it only a few times.

"We handled almost everything ourselves," he said.

Walton Hills Council President Denny Linville declined to comment, re-

ferring questions to Mayor Kevin Hurst. Hurst, along with members of Council's safety and insurance committee, did not return calls seeking comment.

Oakwood Mayor Gary Gottschalk said the contract was expected to come before Oakwood Council April 24, after press time. He declined to comment until then.

Northfield Village Law Director Brad Bryan said April 19 the two villages should have a written agreement to terminate the three-year contract by month's end.

Bryan said Oakwood's offer to accept Walton Hills

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jailing and dispatch services added up to a better deal for Walton Hills.

"It makes sense for them to go to Oakwood," Bryan said.

"The agreement is as of June 30, we're going to stop doing fire and EMS for them," said Bryan. "These discussions have been in the works that they were going to go away, and we weren't going to stand in their way."

Nehez said he does not fault Walton Hills for its decision and compared it to the village's decision in March to enter into a 10-year dispatch contract with Macedonia, despite an offer from Walton Hills.

"I can't blame them for shopping around," he said.

### WALTON HILLS GETS BREAK FROM DISPATCH, JAIL SERVICE

According to the new fire and EMS contract, Walton Hills will pay Oakwood \$490,000, with increases after that largely dependent on whether Walton Hills provides a dedicated bay and quarters for an am-

balance and EMS personnel, as well as on consumer price index increases.

Separate dispatch and jail contracts require Oakwood to pay Walton Hills \$130,000 per year for dispatch service and \$55 per prisoner per day.

Northfield and Walton Hills entered into the fire and EMS contract at the beginning of 2011 after Oakwood had previously provided the services. Walton Hills was to have paid \$450,000 to the village, plus ambulance billings, for this year. The village, in turn, agreed to increase shift staffing from two to five firefighters, including two firefighters staffing an ambulance in Walton Hills.

To accommodate the increase, the fire department doubled its roster to about 40 firefighters.

A rift between the two communities, however, became public when Linville told Northfield Village Council March 28 that Walton Hills officials were upset that the ambulance was often parked at Walton Hills Church of Christ on Dunham Road, rather than the more centrally located Village Hall. Linville also said that commercial fire inspections were not be-

ing done on a yearly basis, as required by village ordinances.

The contract, however, does not stipulate where the ambulance has to be parked, only that "the rescue squad and fire personnel would be stationed within the Village of Walton Hills ..."

Nor does the contract state that inspections need to be done on a yearly basis.

"A certified fire safety inspector will be in the village of Walton Hills to provide inspections on an as needed basis," states the contract. "The Village of Northfield will charge the same fees for new business inspections as they charge for the same inspections within the Village of Northfield."

The contract with Oakwood, by contrast, specifies that Oakwood must have a fire inspector in Walton Hills part time and that Walton Hills will decide where the ambulance will be stationed.

At an April 11 special Council meeting, Fire Chief Gary Vojtush defended the department, saying it did everything that was required under the contract.

Fire Capt. Jason Buss said the Walton Hills Village

Hall did not provide adequate space for the ambulance and as a result, portable heaters needed to be operated in it to keep drugs from freezing. In addition, he said that a community room was not always available because it was used for events and that Village Hall employees complained.

"They acted professionally," said Buss, referring to

the firefighters. "It's not our fault nothing was done for our guys."

Vojtush said that EMS response times in Walton Hills averaged less than two minutes.

"I'm very proud of these guys for that kind of response," he said.

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# Update on Economic Development

## *A Message from the Economic Development Committee Chairman*

May, 2012

Dear Residents,



The Walton Hills Village Economic Development Committee is actively promoting economic activity for the purpose of maintaining a healthy community, for our residents to continue to enjoy our Village's services, and to maintain high property values. The Economic Development Committee is supporting the latest activities the Village Administration is planning. The committee consists of Council President Denny Linville, Councilperson Mary Brenner, and me as Chairman. We are working closely with the Mayor and Law Director to recruit new business, retain our existing business, with the ultimate goal of more jobs and higher tax revenues for Walton Hills.

Major businesses in Walton Hills are expanding today. Here are just a few highlights which have occurred during the past 90 days.

- Northfield Race Track which contains 42 acres within Walton Hills is close to a contract to construct a Hard Rock Café Restaurant at this location. Having substantial acreage at the site should allow Walton Hills to participate in the planning, execution of permits and ultimately acquire tax revenue.
- Arhaus Furniture located on Northfield Rd. will be expanding office and warehousing, and is considering a 200,000 square foot addition. We are expecting at least 30 new positions being added as a result of the project.
- Mantua Manufacturing, located on Northfield Rd., a manufacturer of commercial and retail steel bed frames and roll away beds, is starting up plans to construct an addition to their building in the near future and add new positions as a result of their increase in business.
- Fuel Mart, located on Northfield Rd., is discussing their intentions of tearing down their existing building and constructing a retail fuel and convenience store.
- Finally, the hot topic of 2012 has been what are Ford Motor Company's plans with their Stamping Plant after mid-2014? The Administration has entertained several legitimate solutions and to date, there has been one offer to purchase the facility for the purpose of manufacturing. Walton Hills is excited about the potential of this site for a number of reasons.

Walton Hills is building a future full of new ideas and innovative ways to build our local economy for the next several years. In the following months we will discover more ways to realize our objectives.

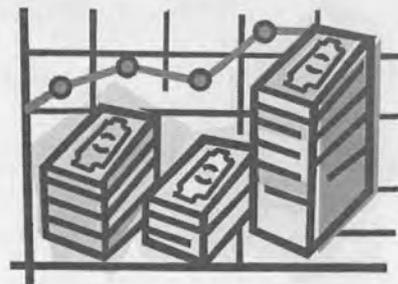
Please contact our Economic Development Committee if you have any questions or ideas at:

440-232-7800, or email at [RichP@waltonhillsohio.gov](mailto:RichP@waltonhillsohio.gov)

Sincerely,

Paul Rich, Councilman

Village of Walton Hills, Ohio





## SUCCESS!



Success is the word I would use to describe our first Walton Hills Benevolent Fund Raiser. The Irish Dinner brought out the Irish folks in the village as well as the Irish want-a-bees like me. The Community Room was decorated in full Irish fashion with plenty of shamrocks and leprechauns to go around. Our caterer, K & K Meats, provided us with a delicious traditional Irish fare dinner including corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rye bread and strudel for dessert. (event 3-2012)

We listened and sang along with Gusti as she walked us through the Emerald Isle with her songs and jokes. Numerous door prizes were won and a lucky guest won \$77 in the 50/50 raffle. The highlight of the evening was a surprise visit by our very own village leprechaun, who was dressed to the nines in his green attire.

In attendance were 57 residents, including their guests, who enjoyed the evening. They along with several residents, who donated monies to the Benevolent Fund, helped us raise approximately \$1,000, to be used for needy families in our village. If you know of anyone in the village who may need help, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Stanoszek at 440.786.2964. ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. And something to think about when a neighbor or friend in the village passes away - maybe in lieu of flowers, a donation to the Benevolent Fund in their name would be a thoughtful gesture of sympathy to their family.

I would like to thank Mayor Hurst and Council for their support in my first fund raising endeavor and to Carol Stanoszek and her staff for helping me make this fund raiser a great SUCCESS. I am looking forward to our next fund raiser, sometime in the fall. Hope to see you there!

~ Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Information Committee Chairperson



# Spotlight on Mantua Manufacturing Company located in Walton Hills

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Edward Weintraub

Mantua Manufacturing Co. located in Walton Hills manufactures and distributes bedding support systems. They take pride in being a third generation family owned and operated business, which is very unusual in today's world. **Edward Weintraub** is the owner and chairman. David Jaffe, his son-in-law, is the president of the company. He worked in marketing for six years with Microsoft in Seattle, Washington. When Edward needed help with marketing, David was more than willing to help out and happily moved his wife and two children to the Cleveland area.

**Mantua Manufacturing has been in business since 1952.** They moved to 7055 Krick Road in Walton Hills in 1960, expanding this location several times. Metal bed bases and trundle beds are currently manufactured here. The company's headquarters is on nine acres at 7900 Northfield Road, where metal bed frames are manufactured. There is plenty of room for expansion, which may be in future plans. They also have locations in Texas, Florida and Massachusetts.

Their mission is to provide quality designed and tested bedding products. The majority of their bed frames are made from recycled railroad steel, which is environmentally friendly and much stronger than other bed frames. Their patented Sealy Posturepedic bed frame is the strongest bed frame in existence. In addition, their Wehsco by Mantua commercial baby crib is the only U.S. made commercial baby crib that has never been recalled and comes with a lifetime warranty.

Edward is proud to say that one of the reasons his business is growing is that Mantua Manufacturing is now an exclusive distributor of an adjustable electric bed – a wave of the future in the sleep industry. He notes that there is evidence that putting the head of a bed up helps with acid reflux and sleep apnea, and is also useful when watching television, reading or working on a laptop. This product, considered one of the very best in the industry, has been purchased by some of their major national accounts including Sears.

Mantua Manufacturing has been awarded military contracts which have sent their bunk beds and/or bed bases to Iraq and Afghanistan. In our corner of the world, their products can be found in quite a few locations including Levin Furniture, Original Mattress, Basista Furniture, Sleep Source, Mattress Matters and Fish Furniture.

Mantua Manufacturing is committed to staying in Walton Hills. When positions are available, Edward looks favorably on applicants from Walton Hills. He likes people that live in the community to be working for his company. Mantua Manufacturing embraces small town, traditional values of family and community and has also built a loyal customer base throughout the world.



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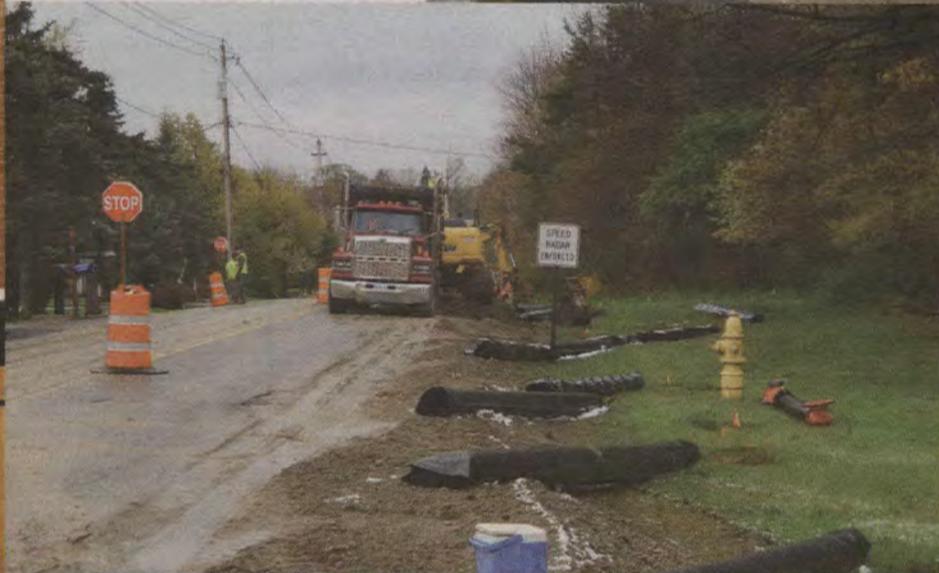
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### UPDATE ON EGBERT ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

As many Villagers have no doubt noticed, the work is constantly progressing on the water main replacement project for Egbert Road. In the near future, all houses along Egbert Road will be connected to the new water main for their residential use. Your cooperation is appreciated for any brief inconvenience this work may cause. The Village is very excited as we near completion of this project.

### MEET WALTON HILLS' NEW POLICE OFFICER

On Thursday, April 12, 2012, Mayor Kevin Hurst swore in Matthew J. Ignatowski as Walton Hills' newest Part-time Deputy Marshall (Police Officer). Matt was previously hired as a part-time dispatcher for Walton Hills. Matt is 26 years old and currently resides in Independence, Ohio. He graduated from the Kent State Police Academy in May of 2011. Matt looks forward to his new career as a Walton Hills Police Officer and getting to know and serve our many residents. Congratulations Matt, and welcome aboard!



### GETTING READY TO PLAY BALL!

Work has begun on the three baseball diamonds at T.G. Young Park in Walton Hills to get them in shape for the upcoming baseball/softball/T-ball season. Lawnc0 was hired to regrade the diamonds, put in new dirt and clay and reorient the baselines and pitcher's mound on all three fields. To help with the cost of the renovation, the Village received a \$5,000 grant from the Cleveland Indians.



### CONGRESSMAN STEVEN LATOURETTE VISITS WALTON HILLS

Congressman Steven LaTourette, who will represent Walton Hills when they move to the 14th Congressional District in January, met with Mayor Hurst, along with Council President Pro Tem Denny Linville, on April 12th. They met to discuss issues of importance to the Village and how future Congressman could be of assistance, particularly with the Ford Stamping Plant and infrastructure concerns. Mayor Hurst will be in Washington D.C. this month to have further conversations with Ford concerning potential investors for their property.



No more problems like this on Egbert Road!

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## Spotlight on Carr Brothers, Inc.

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

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Carr Bros. Inc., located at 7177 Northfield Road in Walton Hills, is celebrating its 120th anniversary this year. The business was started by George W. Carr in 1892 at Willis and South Park Streets in downtown Bedford. Originally a coal and feed store that serviced the local area by horse and buggy, they began to handle builders' supplies during the 1920's. In 1949, they purchased their first ready mix truck and began selling ready-mixed concrete. In 1953, Carr Bros. outgrew its Bedford location and moved its entire operation and offices to their current, more spacious location in Walton Hills, which encompasses 8½ acres. Carr Bros. office building is surrounded by a towering mixing elevator, a large truck maintenance garage and mountains of gravel, stone and sand.



Carr Bros. is a family owned business and proud to say that they are providing "five generations of service." Floyd Carr Jr. is the President and his son Mike is head of sales. Duane Carr Sr. is the Vice President and his son Duane Jr. is a dispatcher/salesman and his other son Ryan is a dispatcher/yardman.

Carr Bros. supplies concrete for a wide variety of jobs, from large commercial work to small residential pours. They worked with the area's best contractors on many noteworthy projects including the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals located in Twinsburg, Crown Center, Legacy Village, the Wolf Wilderness and Australian Adventure at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, City View and Steelyard Commons. They have also done freeway work and the bridge over Tinkers Creek north of Forbes Road. As for projects in Walton Hills, Carr Bros.

poured the standing area outside of the T.G. Young Park concession stand and donated the concrete for the Veterans' Monument.



What is one of Carr Bros. most memorable jobs? According to Duane Sr., when the Ford Stamping Plant was under construction in 1953, the contract to supply the concrete was to be awarded to another company. Duane's grandfather wrote Henry Ford a letter and told him that he and his family had been buying Ford trucks since they started their business and he would like to supply Ford with their concrete. Henry Ford's reply to the letter was positive; Carr Bros. was awarded the contract!

Carr Bros. prides themselves on quality and timely service. Their concrete mixer fleet consists of 30 trucks and 30 professional union drivers. Their drivers have an average of 10 to 15 years of experience in the concrete industry. Their products include concrete, limestone, gravel, sand, recycled concrete, concrete blocks and cement. They also offer a full line of colored concrete products. Any of the above materials can be picked up or delivered. Call 440.232.3700 for prices and scheduling information.

Since 1892, five generations of the Carr family have provided a superior product and exceptional customer service and there is no end in sight! Pictured below left, the Carr family members pose in front of their family-owned business. Below right, Carr Bros. concrete truck proudly advertises their 120th Anniversary / 5 Generations of Service.



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### WORK ON T. G. YOUNG PARK CONCESSION STAND NEARING COMPLETION

Resident Mike Hopkins puts the finishing touches on the freshly poured concrete for the T.G. Young Park concession stand. Although not totally finished, the concession stand was very much appreciated on May 14th when hungry park visitors lined up to purchase food!



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### HISTORIC WALK TO TINKER'S CREEK CEMETERY

45 residents brushed up on their history on May 16th as they hiked to Tinker's Creek Cemetery, located at the Terra Vista Natural Study Area on Tinker's Creek Road, east of Canal Road, in the Village of Valley View. and toiletries to assist our Resident Jean Kainsinger led the tour and resident Mary Kay Dessoffy provided an education on the lives of people buried in the cemetery.



### PLAYHOUSE SQUARE TOUR

Walton Hills residents were treated to a tour of Playhouse Square on May 5th. They were in awe of the beautiful architecture of the Allen, Palace and State Theaters. Afterwards, they enjoyed lunch at Otto Moser's Restaurant. A great time was had by all!

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Welcome to our New Resident:     **Conrad Haynes** - 7775 Walton Road

## Daffodils Waved a "Walton - Hills - Welcome" to us

Earlier this Spring, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, a sea of Daffodils in Bloom greeted us as we entered the Village. What a pleasant sight. In Autumn of 2010, the Flower Committee - members of the Women's Club - planted 500 daffodil bulbs in the "Welcome to Walton Hills" boxes located along the entrances to the village. This committee also plants flowers at the Veterans' Memorial, on the Village Hall grounds. Committee members are, or have been, **Jean Murphy** - Chair, **Virginia Barber**, **Patty Biros**, **Mary Brenner**, **Diane Canzoni**, **Rita Charsanko**, **Jan D'Amico**, **Pat Day**, **Paula Johancen** and her husband **Wayne**, **Ginny Mone**, **Ruth Money**, **Sandy Reynolds** and **Marcia Wagner**. We thank you.

## Thank You

"Last year our family received, from the Women's Club, one of their Stipends for families with high schoolers. We are very appreciative. I know that all who receive Scholarships and Stipends from the Women's Club, and Scholarships from the Men's Club, feel blessed and thankful to residents who provide money for them.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. I look at the Women's Club Stipends as one way club members can help Walton Hills families raise their high school aged children. It means that our members believe in what parents are trying to do for their children; that club members understand what it takes to raise a child. It doesn't matter if the youngsters are in Public or Private School, there are many costs in sending children to school. Now students have to "pay to play" for sports and other extra-curricular activities, and have to buy their own Band Uniforms. The money that Stipends provide allows parents to do one more thing for their children. The Stipends say, "We support you, we want you to continue our legacy, and we want you to keep moving forward to fulfill the needs of our Village."

People living in Walton Hills have always been generous with donations – to the Walton Hills Lake, to the Men's Club who helps pay for baseball uniforms and gives several Scholarships to graduating Walton Hills high school seniors each year, and to the Women's Club who, besides providing Stipends and Scholarships, helps fill the needs of villagers going through rough spells and provides lunch repasts after funerals of residents.

Even the businesses in our Village give many donations to the Service Organizations in Walton Hills. The Deli and the Marathon Station have NEVER said no when asked.

Our family thanks the Women's Club for being so generous and caring to Village children. Scholarships and Stipends do not cover all the costs of educating our children, but it is nice to know that we have the support of our Community."

## **Lisa D'Amico**

Lucie Petranek and family send their most heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the sympathy cards and contributions with the recent passing of her mother Janina. The money will be used for a memorial service in Janina's honor. Lucie's sister Harriet Eck, preceded her mom in passing six weeks earlier. The family thanks you so very much for all your support and appreciates your continued prayers during this very difficult time.

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# It's All Coming Together at Our Park!



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# HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, MRS. PIKE!



Mary Jane Pike of Egbert Road celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in style at the party held in her honor at the Bedford Falls Café in downtown Bedford on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Kevin Hurst was on hand to present her with a proclamation in recognition of her milestone birthday. Mrs. Pike and her late husband Charles built their home in Walton Hills in 1953. They were blessed with five children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Mrs. Pike enjoys family and friends, reading, clowning, surfing the internet, emailing, writing and bird watching and really enjoys life!!! All the best to you, Mrs. Pike!



CONGRATULATIONS to Chanel Firebird Wrestler Dan Barrett. Dan was the 195 lb. Division 3 state runner up in the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament held on March 1, 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus.

Dan is a Senior 4-year varsity wrestler and plans to continue his wrestling in college. He resides on N. Meadowpark Drive with his parents Pat & Lisa and his siblings Allie, Patrick and Bill. Congratulations Dan on reaching the state finals!



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# BEREAVEMENTS

**Rosemarie Bokshon** of Logan Drive passed away in late April at age 79. Our sympathy to her husband, **Robert Bokshon** and their 3 daughters, sons-in law and grandchildren. To **Pam and James Nemeč** of Fern Lane. To **Denise and Joe Boda** of Logan Drive, the Boda children **Erika** and **Charles Mitschke** of Bedford and **Taryn** and **Gary Pellegrino** of Aurora. To **Karla Cicogna** of Fern Lane, and her daughter and son-in-law, **Alexandria** and **Paul Finch** of South Dakota. To great grandchildren **Mason Mitschke**, **Anthony** and **Airabella Pellegrino** and **Peter Cicogna**.

Rosemarie and Robert Bokshon moved into the village in 1959, and this is where they raised their daughters. Some years after they graduated from Bedford High School and were married, all three daughters chose to make Walton Hills their home as houses became available on Fern Lane and Logan Drive.

Rosemarie and Robert worked together at Robert's wholesale produce business. After they retired, the Bokshons enjoyed taking Village Senior Trips and attending monthly senior lunches at the Village Hall. When St. Mary's Church closed, the Bokshons became members of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

**Sam Fazio**, who lived on Dellwood Drive since 1965, passed away in late April. He was 88 years old. He and his late wife Antoinette moved into the village in 1965. Our condolences to their son **Robert Fazio**, daughter **Barbara Fazio**, and grandchildren **Robert** and **Christopher Manocchio**. Villagers may recall being greeted by Fazio when they shopped at Sam's Club.

**Alfred Pankratz** of Orchard Hill Drive passed away in May, at age 84. Our condolences to his wife of 60 years, **Doris Pankratz**. Our sympathy also to their family: to daughter **Susan Pankratz** of Cleveland, to son and daughter-in-law **Eric** and **Jeanne Pankratz** of Palm Bay Florida, to son and daughter-in-law **Robert** and **Jodi Pankratz** of Sagamore Hills, and grandchildren **Jeffrey** and **Lyndsay Pankratz**, **Aaron Pankratz**, **Emily Pankratz** and **Eric Pankratz**.

Al and Doris moved into the village in 1977. Al was a member of the Walton Hills Men's Club, and he and Doris became active members of the Walton Hills 50+ Club.

From 1951-1955, during the Korean Conflict, Al served in the U.S. Navy. Al was the owner and manager of Bedford Bakery on Broadway Avenue from 1958-1971. His father had previously owned the bakery. Most days Al worked at the bakery from midnight until noon. Many of his customers lived in Walton Hills. After he sold the bakery to the Reardon family, Al became a local realtor, owning FSR Realty Company, from 1971 until 1982. He was then appointed Cuyahoga County Director of Weights and Measures. Al was among the first class to take and pass the State of Ohio test to become a Certified Residential Appraiser. Afterwards, he was named Cuyahoga County Supervisor of Residential Appraisers, serving in that position for about 13 years until he retired in 1993.

Al Pankratz served as Councilman for the City of Bedford from 1966-1976. He was a member of VFW Post 1082 and a member of the Summit Masonic Lodge in Twinsburg for 55 years.

It should be mentioned that **Doris Pankratz**, like her husband, was interested in public service. She was Councilwoman for the Village of Walton Hills for 14 years, from 1984 until 1998. She served under Mayor **Bill Bosway** and Mayor **Ed Thellmann**.

## BEREAVEMENTS, continued

**Margaret Ricco** of Shaner Drive passed away peacefully in her home at age 95 in late April, 28 years after her husband **Steve Ricco** died. Our condolences to **Michael** and **Mary Ricco** who moved into the Shaner Drive home in 2004 to help take care of Mike's mom. Our sympathy also to Marge and Steve's grandchildren, **Rosemary** and **John Okal**, **Frank Olivo**, **Debbie** and **Patrick Mucci**, **Michelle** and **Joe Santorella**, **John Olivo**, **Stephen Ricco**, **Heidi** and **Christopher Andonian**, **Wendy** and **Paul Valencic** and **Tiffany Ricco**.

Marge Ricco enjoyed her years with the ladies of the Walton Hills Women's Club, the Walton Hills 50+ Club, and the Oakwood Senior Center. She also enjoyed going on Walton Hills Village Bus Trips. She liked to crochet, read, go shopping and having her "hair done" every Friday.

**Margaret Surman** of Shaner Drive died in May at age 93. Her husband, **Edward Surman**, passed away in 2008. Our sympathy to their children, **Gale** and **Joe Fouraker** of Bradenton Florida, **Pam** and **Doug Lightner** of Copley and **Greg Surman** who lives on Shaner Drive and saw to his mom's needs. Sympathy also to the seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Surman family moved into the village in 1971, and son Greg got to graduate from Bedford High School. Marge and Ed Surman enjoyed traveling and polka dancing. When they heard of a polka band playing somewhere nearby, they were there; at Karlan Hall, the Bedford Gazebo and Slovak and Czech festivals in the Cleveland area.

"My mom always had a great sense of humor. She could make people laugh," relates Greg.

Former resident **Catherine Mares**, who lived on Rotary Drive from 1962 until the year 2000, passed away in late April. In recent years Catherine lived in North Carolina, near her son, **Raymond Mares**. Her husband, **Norman Mares** died several years ago. Our condolences to Raymond.

Former resident **Robert Strachan**, died in late April at age 90. He and his late wife, **Louise Strachan**, lived on Orchard Hill Drive from 1955 until 2005, when they moved into an assisted living center in Hudson. Our condolences to **William** and **Margaret Strachan** of Rocky River, **Thomas** and **Holly Strachan** of Bath and **Bruce** and **Debbie Strachan** of Hudson.

Residents may recall that Strachan was the owner of Strachan Insurance Agency on Broadway Avenue in Bedford, and his being President of the Bedford School Board for a number of years.

Our condolences to **Lou** and **Regina Morganti** of Dunham Road, on the passing of Lou's mother **Carmella Morganti**. An active member of St. Mary's Church, Carmella died at age 94 in her beloved Village of Oakwood. She will be missed, not only by her family, but by her Walton Hills friends who attended functions at the Oakwood Golden Age Center. Carmella led many senior trips to casinos in Atlantic City and Detroit, securing transportation on her own, and not taking any profit for herself. Playing bingo was one of Carmella's passions. She used her bingo license to run the games. Carmella put in extensive volunteer hours at the Oakwood Center, and year after year, was recognized by Cuyahoga County for her service to others.

She had been a member of the Village of Oakwood Board of Zoning Appeals for 22 years. Upon her death, Oakwood Mayor Gary Gottschalk presented Carmella's family a Resolution of Condolences.

**Lou Morganti** reflects about his mother, "We were more than a mother and a son, we were a team."

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## Congratulations, Diane!

Have you heard about NASA's joint effort with Japan's Space Center program? NASA's "Space Communications and Navigation Testbed" called "SCaN" is part of the payload on Japan's space shuttle that will be launched into space, from Japan, on July 20<sup>th</sup> of this year. When the space shuttle arrives at the International Space Station, SCaN will be installed on the exterior truss of the International Space Station. Then NASA Glenn will monitor and control SCaN during its 5 years of operation on the ISS.

**Diane Cifani Malarik**, aerospace engineer daughter of **Justine and the late Remo Cifani** of Jefferson Drive, is the Deputy Project Manager of this \$105 million piece of space hardware that NASA Glenn Research Center staff have designed and built during the past 5 years. SCaN is a futuristic radio. Built to withstand the brutal conditions of space, SCaN is in a silvery, air conditioner-size, antenna-studded box that is packed in a protective metal shell. SCaN is meant to test a technology called software-defined radio that can help NASA change the way its spacecraft and satellites and their controllers communicate with each other. Instead of having to physically change hardware to make a fix or an upgrade, a NASA engineer can just upload new programming to a software-defined radio. Malarik states the process is like installing a new app on a smart phone, immediately giving it new capabilities. It is already in use in some military radios.

Besides its own testing, NASA will make SCaN available to companies, universities and government agencies such as the military.

And to think that our own **Diane Cifani Malarik** is Deputy Project Manager of this amazing project, and it happened at our local NASA Glenn Center!

**Diane**, who grew up in Walton Hills and graduated from Bedford High School, has a BS Degree in Engineering from Case Western Reserve University and an MS Degree from Cleveland State University. Diane has already made 3 trips to Japan. Her recent trip was to check out the payload equipment when it arrived at the launch site. The package arrived in good condition and the systems worked flawlessly. SCaN is now in the hands of the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency.

## Check Out Our VILLAGERS' LIBRARY!

Residents of Walton Hills have created a LIBRARY for all of us to use.

The library is located in the Village Hall Community Room.

It's the Honor System - No Sign Out or Sign In - No Fees

You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction - Famous Authors -

Espionage - Bios - Mysteries - Adventure - Christian Books - Books for Teenagers - and more

After undergoing major surgery at the Cleveland Clinic on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and spending 9 days in the hospital, I was discharged and am slowly recuperating at home. I want to thank all of my wonderful Walton Hills friends for their prayers, phone calls, visits, gifts, and the literally dozens and dozens of get well cards that I received. It was truly overwhelming! From the bottom of my heart, I cherish your caring concern, and am so very fortunate to know you all and consider you "my friends."

Thanks again, *Bill Allen*

Walton Hills is a community with a rich history where people come together to live, work and play!



## ADDING A TOUCH OF BEAUTY TO THE VILLAGE!

Women's Club members (Virginia Barber, Pat Day, Ginny Mone and Sandy Reynolds) planted flowers around the Veterans' Monument prior to Memorial Day. Thank you ladies for your dedication!



A large crowd was in attendance for Walton Hills' annual Memorial Day observance. Among the many highlights was TMG National Recording Artist Mindy Callahan singing our National Anthem. Also, a very powerful keynote address was delivered by former resident Specialist (SPC) Timothy Sargent, U.S. Army.



## Walton Hills Recreation Summer Events

Event: **WILLIAM G. MATHER TOUR**  
Date: Thursday, July 12th Time: Leave Village Hall at 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Downtown Cleveland  
Cost: \$7.00 for tour plus \$1.00 for transportation  
Note: Tour a restored 618 foot historic flagship.  
Only 20 seats available. Walton Hills residents only.

Event: **SUMMER ON THE STAGE PERFORMANCE**  
Date/time: Friday, July 27th at 7:00 p.m.  
Date/time: Sunday, July 29th at 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Bedford High School - 481 Northfield Road  
Cost: Free! Please bring a canned good, cereal, or paper product for our food pantry.  
Note: Enjoy our own Village's Summer on the Stage production of "The Wizard of Oz!"

Event: **ALL SPORTS PICNIC**  
Date: Saturday, July 28th Time: Noon to 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Walton Hills Lake  
Cost: Free! Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.  
Note: Lunch will be served from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Awards immediately following.  
Enjoy swimming, volleyball and picnicking! Don't forget your camera!



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Event: **CAROL'S BOOKWORMS**  
Date: Monday, July 30th Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Community Room  
Cost: A donation to our food pantry  
Note: Book to be announced.

## Weight Watchers Open House

Every Thursday Morning in July - 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.  
in the Walton Hills Community Room

### Come see what a meeting is all about!

Help us keep our meetings in Walton Hills. To date our group has lost 443 lbs. since we opened the meeting last year. The cost is \$39.95 a month. To register, log in to the website listed below. Any questions, feel free to contact Dawnsmithww@aol.com.

<https://wellness.weightwatchers.com/employees/employeelogin.aspx>

Company ID: 58624; Company passcode: G7khLsWD  
wellnesshelp@weightwatchers.com; phone: 866.204.2885

## Walton Hills Community Day August 12th

T. G. Young Park- Sunday, August 12th - 1:00 p.m. to dusk with fireworks!

Attractions: Bungee trampoline; Vertical Rush, an obstacle climbing wall and slide for kids and adults; Dalmatian obstacle fun filled unit for the little ones; "Dancing Heads" recording booth - make your own CD to take home and entertain your friends and family! The dunk tank will be back - who can you dunk?

- Great entertainment - Shock Wave will be back!
- Who will be the Citizen of the year? Could it be you??
- Watch or play softball against the Babes of 1916!
- Watch the grand prix cars!
- Enjoy a little skit from our own Summer on the Stage program!
- Eat some great food - made by the Women's Club and Men's Club!
- Win some great prizes! Talk with neighbors and friends! Support Village clubs!

## EGBERT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

At this time, all water main related work along Egbert Road has been completed. The process of restoring all disturbed asphalt pavement and landscaping areas has begun. This restoration should be completed within the next few weeks. Also be aware that at this time the Village has begun the competitive bidding process for the upcoming complete asphalt rehabilitation project. This complete asphalt rehabilitation will be an edge to edge paving project for the entire length of Egbert Road, within the Village limits. It is anticipated that the complete asphalt rehabilitation will take place later this summer.

# Dearborn Michigan Experience will be Useful

*Liberty News July 2012*



Kevin Hurst  
Walton Hills Mayor

On June 15th I was invited to the world headquarters of the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. More than 60 government and coalition leaders attended a ride and drive program at the Dearborn test track. At that meeting I was able to meet with Ford executives and was introduced to two senators and a congressman. We also had lunch with two other Ohio Mayors from Avon Lake and Sharonville. There was much discussion and a showcase of the company's product and technology transformation as part of the continuing outreach efforts to differentiate Ford with policymakers. We were given a tour of the River Rogue facility and watched the making of the F-150 pickup truck. The facility was enormous in size and was upgraded in 2004. To walk all the

way around the outside parameter is approximately 8 miles!

To say that June 15th was a very positive day would be an understatement. It was both very informative and productive. The day was full of networking with the decision makers. They are the ones who will start the redevelopment and supervise the process of the Ford Stamping Plant redevelopment project that has been agreed upon with The Ford Motor Company and the Village of Walton Hills.

Redeveloping the Walton Hills stamping plant property to give maximum economic impact is our stated goal. As I was told by the senators and several congressmen that they have never seen such an aggressive style of solving problems before they take place. They are forecasting the future and aggressively approaching potential problem areas. This is just an example of good management. Too bad we cannot have this level of expertise on a state level or federal level. They have applauded our community and are watching very closely our Village's decisions that are directed at helping in the rebounding process rather than reacting to adverse conditions, which if left unattended, may have developed later.



In the picture to the right I was joined by the Mayor Lovitt from Sharonville Ohio and two different ford motor company Government Liaisons'.



## STEVE LaTOURETTE

MEMBER OF CONGRESS

14TH DISTRICT, OHIO

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FORD agrees to environmental study and creation of task force to help redevelop Walton Hills Stamping Plant

U.S. Rep. Steven C. LaTourette (R-OH) announced that Ford Motor Company has agreed to complete environmental study and create a task force in order to help Walton Hills redevelop the Ford Stamping Plant.

LaTourette had set up a meeting between Walton Hills Village Mayor Kevin Hurst and Ford in Washington D.C. on May 17, to discuss the redevelopment of the 108 acre site.

Ford agreed at the meeting to conduct a Phase 2 Environmental Study of the site. The study should be completed in six months and will help identify any potential clean up concerns for future redevelopment. Ford also agreed to form a task force/working group in order to engage the village and the broader community with how the property can best be redeveloped.

Ford had announced last year that the stamping plant would close in 2014. Walton Hills made parts for the Ford Crown Victoria sedan and the Ranger compact pickup. Crown Vic production stopped earlier this year. The Ranger is ended in December. That only left the Econoline, a van Ford plans to replace in 2013.

The 1.9-million-square-foot building, which employs about 438 people, was built in 1954 and is Walton Hills' largest employer. Ford pays about \$650,000 a year in payroll taxes, which is about 20 percent of the village's total income tax revenue.



Mayor Hurst, Congressman LaTourette and Mayor Randy Westfall of Valley View

# Spotlight on Walton Hills' Mason Structural Steel

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Keith Polster, President of Mason Structural Steel, is thrilled that his company is in Walton Hills. He loves the location, which provides access to both the Cleveland and Akron markets. He loves the services that the community provides and he appreciates the neighborhood and the safe environment surrounding his business.

Mason Structural Steel, located at 7500 Northfield Road, fabricates and erects structural and miscellaneous steel and distributes a variety of building products locally and at the national level. They have a very simple and straight forward mission statement – to deliver product on time, accurately, and competitively while always treating the customer fairly and with respect.

Leonard Polster, Keith's father, founded Mason Structural Steel in Warrensville Heights in 1958. They moved to Krick Road in Walton Hills in 1968 and relocated to Northfield Road in 1980. The original facility was 5,000 square feet and the current facility has expanded to 150,000 square feet.

In the beginning, the company sold structural steel and building products to mason contractors. However, over the next 20 years builders began to purchase the steel. As a result, the company diversified their product line. They began selling Majestic prefabricated fireplaces and Cultured Stone in the early 70's, Windsor windows and Velux skylights in the late 70's and Peachtree entry doors in the early 90's. Other products they sell include high quality fireplace inserts, gas logs, doors and accessories; gas stoves; mantels; mantel shelves; stone and marble; pavers; windows; doors; skylights and BBQ grills. The majority of their grills are built-in, high quality, and made to last. They carry an extensive collection of gas, wood, electric and outdoor fireplaces.

Over the years, Mason Structural Steel has experienced consistent substantial growth and now caters to the builder, general contractor, mason, developer, building supply company, dealer/retailer, landscaper and manufacturer. But Keith wants to get the word out – the public is also welcome. They will be greeted by a very experienced, hard-working, dedicated and helpful sales staff with great ideas. Their state of the art showroom, which is over 3,000 square feet, showcases their vast and diverse product line. The showroom is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Be assured that their high quality products will be in stock because they have an extensive warehouse. In addition, their four



outdoor living displays highlight some of the wonderful things you can do in your yard, featuring pavers, outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, BBQ grills, space heaters and pergolas. To back up their wide range of products, they have their own complete in-house service department.

Mason Structural Steel has supplied and erected steel for many of the buildings in Walton Hills, including the Village Hall and the T.G. Young Park concession stand. They are currently busy with several projects, including the Kent State University Twinsburg campus, OverDrive, Inc. headquarters in Valley View, The Cheesecake Factory in New Jersey, Texas and Virginia, Pinstripes Bowling/Bocce Bistro in Chicago, Classic Ford in Mentor and most importantly – the steps to the new waterslide at the Walton Hills Lake!

Since 1958, Mason Structural Steel has been well known in the industry for their quality products and their reputation continues to grow. You can contact them at 440.439.1040. Pictured below, a display in their state of the art showroom (left), President Keith Polster (center) and one of the fine outdoor living displays (right).

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# Walton Hills and Oakwood Regionalize

## Oakwood re-establishes Fire/EMS Services to Walton Hills Walton Hills provides Dispatching & Prisoner Housing to Oakwood

In a joint press conference, Mayor Kevin Hurst of Walton Hills and Mayor Gary Gottschalk of Oakwood announced the long anticipated regionalization of their two communities for the next 5 1/2 years commencing July 1, 2012.

Oakwood Village will provide Fire/EMS and ancillary services to Walton Hills for an annual fee of \$490,000. At the same time, Walton Hills will provide emergency call taking and dispatching services and prisoner housing to Oakwood for an annual fee of \$163,000.

Costs and benefits all point unmistakably for a shared services approach by local governments. Mayors Hurst and Gottschalk, as well as Mayor Cegelka of Glenwillow whose village also receives Fire/EMS Services from Oakwood have been working together for the past two years to share services.

"In response to Columbus slashing local-government aid by 34%, First Energy utility substation property taxes nearly cut in half, as well as, dwindling withholding income taxes from Ford Stamping Plant," says Mayor Hurst, "Walton Hills has responded by sharing services with Oakwood Village in a regional approach to keep our costs down ." "It's my experience that residents worry less about the name on the fire truck or an ambulance than whether it gets to them quickly," adds Hurst.

Oakwood Chief of Police Mark Garratt assures village residents that police service requests whether through 9-1-1 or the nonemergency line of 440-232-1035 will remain exceptional with added enhancements by utilizing the Walton Hills central dispatch facility :



From left to right Walton Hills Police Chief Thellmann, Oakwood Fire Chief Shade, Mayor Hurst, Mayor Gottschalk, Oakwood Council President Warren and Oakwood Police Chief Garrett

Immediate 9-1-1 call location technology whether by using landline or cell phones,

Two certified Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMD) on duty during peak activity times,

Walton Hills state-of-the-art dispatch center equipped with the latest technology, radio systems and computer software,

Substantial cost-savings in sharing personnel and mandated technological upgrades by the federal government.

Mayor Hurst sums up implementing regionalization by stating, "It's high time for communities to form partnerships that will help them become more efficient providers of services and better stewards of tax dollars."

Mayor Gottschalk concludes by reiterating that, "regional collaboration is a pragmatic pathway to the better life that every community in every citizen desires and deserves."

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# Walton Hills Police Department Senior Citizen's Academy

Chief Ken Thellmann, Walton Hills Police Department

On May 8th, 2012, the first class of the Walton Hills Police Department Senior Citizens Police Academy began, hosted and sponsored by the Walton Hills Police Department. Twelve (12) seniors registered and were accepted to the Academy. It was decided that keeping the total number of cadets to 12 would help maintain a more hands-on and individualized learning opportunity for the participants. The Academy is a 9 week, 2 hour program where the cadets are given an overview of police operations, specific units and hands-on training. All of the classes or sessions are instructed by our own Walton Hills Police Officers and members of the Oakwood Village Fire Department. Cadets are able to handle equipment used by law enforcement and also actually use this equipment themselves during their respective session.



Some of the topics that were and are scheduled to be taught include: Communications/911 Center tour and demonstrations, fraud and identity theft presentation, crime scene procedures and processing, K-9 demonstrations, SWAT and Bomb Unit demonstrations, shooting scenario – range practice, first aid, CPR, health safety and a CERT presentation. In each session, at the break, light refreshments are served and the sessions are then followed by intense question and answer discussions. Each participant may also elect to do a ride-a-long with a Police Officer for 4 hours if they choose. Nothing but great feedback has been received about the Walton Hills Police Department Senior Citizen's Academy; each week tops the prior week.



At the completion of the curriculum, on week number 10, there will be a graduation ceremony for the cadets where certificates and awards will be presented. Shortly after the first Academy concludes, a second Academy will be offered in the fall for those who missed out on the first one. Applications for Walton Hills residents will be available at the Walton Hills Village Hall. Anyone having any questions about the Walton Hills Police

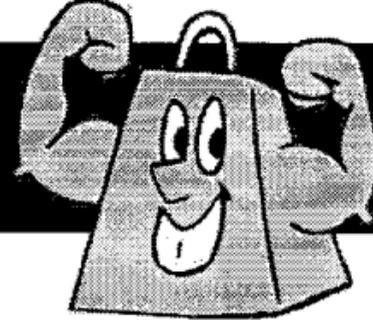
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# Walton Hills Men's Club

Helping Shape the Youth of Today for a Better Tomorrow

June 2012



## Reverse Raffle Razzle Dazzle

The 20th Annual Reverse Raffle was an absolute success. The sold out event was attended by well over 200 people at St Euenes Party Center in Bedford. Our thanks to all that attended, and to the individuals and corporations that donated over thirty baskets used in the Chinese Auction and Basket of Cheer.

## Scholarship Winners Announced

The Men's Club is happy to announce the names of the winners of the 2012 Scholarship Program:

- Nicole Bogdanovic
- Nicole Kontur
- Sarah Price
- Matthew Sarosy

Congratulations to all of the winners!

## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

June 5, 2012, Committee of the Whole Meeting: There was a discussion of reimbursement to the Village for the cost of grass cutting when the current property owner does not comply with Village ordinances to maintain grass height at or below 8 inches. If the Village invoice is not paid, it will be added to the owner's property tax bill. Council discussed options to raise revenues. It is possible to raise inside millage of 3.58 mills without approval of the voters. However, Council felt it is preferable in some ways to raise the income tax from 2% to 2.5%, e.g. businesses prefer this and it would not affect seniors. It was decided to hold a special Council meeting next week to vote on other time-sensitive legislation and to put the income tax issue on the ballot in November. Council also discussed taxing lottery and gambling winnings as income. It was agreed that it is a good idea, but the details need further study. The Mayor proposed utilizing a new company for building services. Municipal Building Inspection Services, LLC (MBIS) can provide coordinated building inspections with a staff of inspectors at a cost similar to having a part-time inspector.

June 13, 2012, Special Council Meeting: Council passed legislation to put an increase in the income tax to 2.5% on the ballot in November.

June 13, 2012, COW Meeting: Councilman Spitznagel had an extensive report for the Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Don Sheehy, the Village Engineer, made a visual assessment of the condition of all the roads in the Village. Mr. Spitznagel calculated that annual maintenance and resurfacing of Village roads could add an average of \$500,000 per year to the budget for the next five years. Council must study the issue and research possible financing options. Councilperson Mary Brenner reported that the concession stand at Young Park is open whenever there is a baseball game from 6:00 p.m. until the game is over, Monday through Friday. The Mayor told Council that there is a need to have a contract with another community to house any prisoner overflow that may occur with our prisoners. The Village has a proposal from Bedford Heights, but will seek other offers.

June 19, 2012, Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: Ordinances and Resolutions were passed including an Ordinance to tax all lottery and gambling winnings in excess of \$10,000 on or after July 1, 2012, and a Resolution to contract with Municipal Building Inspection Solutions, LLC to provide building inspections in the Village. The Mayor will be hosting a meeting of officials of surrounding communities, other elected officials, and others involved in the automotive industry, at the Village Community Room in July. The Community Room is being refurbished for the event.

# POTPOURRI

## WELCOME, NEW RESIDENTS!

**Adam Fried**

7250 Dunham Road

**Stephen Lake**

7100 Deeridge Drive

**Steven Miksich**

7272 North Meadowpark Drive

**Thomas Szaraz**

17732 Rauland Drive

**Pavol and Mary Jo Gajdosik**

14191 Alexander Road

## Did You Lose a Wallet?

On Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, during the Village Garage Sale, a girl left a wallet at one of the houses. If this might be your child's wallet, phone **Ray Tinter**. 440. 232.2595

## THANK YOU

"The family of **Bill Kasztelan** would like to thank the Northfield EMS and the Walton Hills Police Department, especially **Sgt. Stan Jaworski**. We appreciate the care and comfort they gave to us during this difficult time of our husband, father and grandfather's passing. Their services were exceptional and greatly appreciated. Sincerely, **Josephine Kasztelan, Jean and Joe Sarconi** and the entire Kasztelan family."



**Congratulations to Beth Ann Apanasewicz of North Meadowpark Dr. for graduating as a Doctor of Pharmacy from Northeast Ohio Medical University on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. She also has a B.S. from Cleveland State University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude.**

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# Spotlight on Mason Structural Steel

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*

Keith Polster, President of Mason Structural Steel, is thrilled that his company is in Walton Hills. He loves the location, which provides access to both the Cleveland and Akron markets. He loves the services that the community provides and he appreciates the neighborhood and the safe environment surrounding his business.

Mason Structural Steel, located at 7500 Northfield Road, fabricates and erects structural and miscellaneous steel and distributes a variety of building products locally and at the national level. They have a very simple and straight forward mission statement – to deliver product on time, accurately, and competitively while always treating the customer fairly and with respect.

Leonard Polster, Keith's father, founded Mason Structural Steel in Warrensville Heights in 1958. They moved to Krick Road in Walton Hills in 1968 and relocated to Northfield Road in 1980. The original facility was 5,000 square feet and the current facility has expanded to 150,000 square feet.

In the beginning, the company sold structural steel and building products to mason contractors. However, over the next 20 years builders began to purchase the steel. As a result, the company diversified their product line. They began selling Majestic prefabricated fireplaces and Cultured Stone in the early 70's, Windsor windows and Velux skylights in the late 70's and Peachtree entry doors in the early 90's. Other products they sell include high quality fireplace inserts, gas logs, doors and accessories; gas stoves; mantels; mantel shelves; stone and marble; pavers; windows; doors; skylights and BBQ grills. The majority of their grills are built-in, high quality, and made to last. They carry an extensive collection of gas, wood, electric and outdoor fireplaces.

Over the years, Mason Structural Steel has experienced consistent substantial growth and now caters to the builder, general contractor, mason, developer, building supply company, dealer/retailer, landscaper and manufacturer. But Keith wants to get the word out – the public is also welcome. They will be greeted by a very experienced, hard-working, dedicated and helpful sales staff with great ideas. Their state of the art showroom, which is over 3,000 square feet, showcases their vast and diverse product line. The showroom is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Be assured that their high quality products will be in stock because they have an extensive warehouse. In addition, their four outdoor living displays highlight some of the wonderful things you can do in your yard, featuring pavers, outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, BBQ grills, space heaters and pergolas. To back up their wide range of products, they have their own complete in-house service department.

Mason Structural Steel has supplied and erected steel for many of the buildings in Walton Hills, including the Village Hall and the T.G. Young Park concession stand. They are currently busy with several projects, including the Kent State University Twinsburg campus, OverDrive, Inc. headquarters in Valley View, The Cheesecake Factory in New Jersey, Texas and Virginia, Pinstripes Bowling/Bocce Bistro in Chicago, Classic Ford in Mentor and most importantly – the steps to the new waterslide at the Walton Hills Lake!

Since 1958, Mason Structural Steel has been well known in the industry for their quality products and their reputation continues to grow. You can contact them at 440.439.1040. Pictured below, a display in their state of the art showroom (left), President Keith Polster (center) and one of the fine outdoor living displays (right).



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## SUMMER on the STAGE in Walton Hills

Villagers have a special treat awaiting them on Community Day, Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup> at TGY Park. Our future thespians will present several scenes from the lively children's musical "The Wizard of Oz".

The theater group also gave two performances of "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> at Bedford High School. The audience enjoyed the shows. Comments heard were, "This show was entertaining!" "Those kids can sing!" and from a couple parents, "Wow, the long hours of practice really paid off."

The 2012 Walton Hills Youth Theater Group began their practice sessions in mid-June at the Walton Hills Church of Christ and then, during their final weeks of rehearsal, they practiced on the stage in the auditorium at Bedford High School.

**Silvia Kovacs**, Director of "The Wizard of Oz" production, states, "These kids are very talented and all their hard work this summer really paid off. They put on a wonderful performance and are looking forward to next summer. Without the dedication, time and love for musical theater this show would not have been possible. I couldn't be more proud of this great group of kids!" **Silvia** is a Media Productions major at the University of Akron. She lives on North Meadowpark Drive.



### Members of the 2012 Theater Troupe are:

Director -	<b>Silvia Kovacs</b>	Assistant Director and Stage Manager -	<b>Hannah Krainz</b>	
Assistant Stage Manager -	<b>Alex Tannert</b>	Musical and Technical Director -	<b>Zach Cummins</b>	
Cast Members -	<b>Johanna Armstrong</b>	<b>Michelle Begg</b>	<b>Tippy Begg</b>	<b>Rebecca Cermak</b>
<b>Jackie Deininger</b>	<b>Gabriella Grams</b>	<b>Alex Hurst</b>	<b>Natalie Joritz</b>	<b>Bradley Kaminicki</b>
<b>Shannon Kelly</b>	<b>Noelle Kontur</b>	<b>Katherine Krainz</b>	<b>Valeria Price</b>	<b>Rosalie Sajovie</b>
<b>Allyssa Sarconi</b>	<b>Danielle Shirk</b>	Extras in the Cast -	<b>Gidget Begg</b>	<b>Emma O'Connor</b>
<b>Alana Douglas</b>	<b>Michelina Sajovie</b>	<b>Emily Zoeckler</b>	<b>Jayne Zoeckler</b>	

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## Check Out Our VILLAGERS' LIBRARY!

Have you seen our Village Library recently? We have a new location in the Community Building – upstairs, next to Carol Stanoszek's office. Hopefully you will like our new classy appearance. We even have a decorative rug and a chair that was hand-painted by local artist **Ro Washtock**. The chair was donated by **Ruth Money** who had bought it at a craft sale.

**Residents of Walton Hills have created a LIBRARY for all of us to use.**

The new location of the library is upstairs, in the Village Hall Community Building.

**It's the Honor System - No Sign Out or Sign In - No Fees**

You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction - Famous Authors - Espionage Bios - Mysteries - Adventure - Christian Books - Books for Teenagers - and more

## Something to Do on a Summer Evening

Take a short ride to our Village Hall grounds and stroll down our Veterans Memorial pathway. We think you will find the trip worth your while. You may want to read the messages stamped into the commemorative bricks, see up close the five sides of the Memorial to our Veterans, and take in the beauty of the colorful flowers planted by members of the Women's Club.

## Congratulations, Graduate!

**RACHEL ANNE SABO** of Egbert Road graduated on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with a Juris Doctorate Degree from the Law School of Capital University in Columbus Ohio. Congratulations, Rachel.

Rachel took the Ohio State Bar Exam at the end of July, and waits until October of this year to find out if she passed the test. Meanwhile, she is accumulating job offers from a number of law firms throughout the country and continues to work as law clerk for a Columbus Ohio law firm.



## CLASSIFIED ADS Return to the Owl!

Remember when the OWL showcased graduating seniors, highlights from a great vacation and tidbits from local schools. You could find something you needed in the classified ads.

The OWL staff invites you to be a contributing part of the OWL by submitting a few lines on events that you would like to share with your neighbors; certainly there is no fee for this type of submission. Classified ads of four lines or less will reach 900 households for only \$4.00.

Submissions can be emailed to [wh\\_owl@yahoo.com](mailto:wh_owl@yahoo.com) or dropped off at the village hall by the 15th of each month. Ads will appear in one issue.

Help us make this a true community publication.

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On July 22nd, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, in Bedford, held its reopening Mass. The Church was filled to capacity with former parishioners, friends and neighbors, all of whom were joyful in the reopening of the Church that was shuttered in November, 2009. Through an appeal to Rome, a Decree was issued for the reopening of the Church as well as 10 other closed parishes. We are proud to welcome Rev. Dan Begin as the new Pastor. Rev. Begin was ordained in 1975 and spent his first five years at Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Macedonia, so he is not unfamiliar with our area. He too suffered the loss of a parish when St. Cecelia, in Cleveland, was closed in April, 2010. He was then assigned to Communion of Saints Parish, the former St. Ann's, as an Associate. He is a very vibrant and energetic personality and brings much enthusiasm to his new assignment. At this writing a complete schedule of Masses and events is not available, however we will be publishing that information in the next issue. Be sure to visit us on Facebook and on line at [www.stmarybedford.com](http://www.stmarybedford.com), for current information. The parish of St. Mary's is happy to welcome Rev. Begin and all who are interested in becoming a part of our family

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### T.G. YOUNG PARK FIELD IMPROVEMENTS



For those fortunate enough to come down to T.G. Young Park this summer, you were sure to notice the improvements in our baseball diamonds. Our worst field was diamond #3 which had not been played on for a number of years by our organized teams due to its poor condition.

But thanks to a generous grant of \$5,000 from the Cleveland Indians Diamond Improvement Grant Program, this field was brought up to perfect condition and was used by our organized softball and baseball teams.

To get the field up and running, stones were removed from the infield. Then 90 tons of infield mix and four tons of clay were added and laser-graded. The bases were then correctly aligned. The outfield was sprayed for weeds and damaged lawn areas were repaired.

We scheduled our Pigtail and Mini-Tail teams on diamond #3 because it's our smallest field. These teams can now be coached and play safely on this field as the game is intended. Opening this field for organized games has freed up scheduling times on our other two fields. Our other teams now have more time to practice and play on these fields. We were also able to expand the use of the fields and schedule two travel teams with play time. A third travel team is slated to be scheduled to play in 2013.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** – The Village Administration and Council wish to extend their appreciation to resident **Fred Neilsen** for his help in the baseball grant application process. Fred has a long history of volunteer work with our Recreation Program and again gave his time and expertise to help make this venture a success. Thank you Fred!

Brian Spitznagel, Councilman

# BEREAVEMENTS

**Andrew Sabol** of Egbert Road passed away in July, after a short illness. He was 83 years old. Our condolences to **Mary Sabol**, his wife of 60 years. Our sympathy also to their children **Andrea** and **Bob Kalfas** of Strongsville, **Bruce Sabol** of Bainbridge, **Cheryl** and **Ted Fuertges** of West Chester which is in the Cincinnati area, and **David** and **Judy Sabol** of Brecksville. Also to their ten grandchildren and one great grandson.

For 37 years **Sabol** was a die setter for the Walton Hills Ford Stamping Plant. He retired in 1991. **Andy** and **Mary Sabol** moved into the village in 1976. **Mary** relates, "Andy found tremendous enjoyment in being part of his children's and grandchildren's lives. Whether they were playing football or another sport, or performing in the school orchestra, he was there for them."

**Mary Sabol** is a member of the Women's Club Board. When their son **David Sabol**, who is Head of the Architect and Engineering Department of the Veterans Administration at Wade Park, needed supplies for the new Center for Homeless Veterans, Mary told Women's Club members about this need. Club members took up a donation at a recent meeting, and gave a generous gift of money and supplies to the Wade Park Homeless Veterans Center.

**Cecele Fedor** of Alexander Road died June 30<sup>th</sup>, at age 95. Her husband, **Paul Fedor**, passed away in 1984. Our condolences to their children **Severin "Sam"** and **Peggy Fedor** of Northfield and **Susan** and **Joe Levay** of Macedonia. Also to their 5 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

The **Fedors** moved into the village in 1963. **Paul Fedor** was a machinist at Lear Seigler (LSI) in Maple Heights and also had a photo studio on Dickens Road in Cleveland. His specialty was wedding photos. **Cecele Fedor** assisted her husband by tinting his black and white photos. She used oil paints, making the photos appear to be in color.

For a number of years **Cecele** worked in the Sears jewelry department at Southgate and then at Randall Mall. She retired from Sears when she turned 70. More recently, she was a volunteer at Light of Hearts Villa, working about 800 hours a year. Each of those years the Villa recognized **Cecele** for her volunteer efforts at their yearly awards program.

**Roy Steinmeyer** of Orchard Hill Drive passed away July 5<sup>th</sup>. He had cancer. We express our sympathy to his daughter **Kate Steinmeyer** of Columbus Ohio and son **Mark Steinmeyer** who lives in the Orchard Hill Drive home. Also to his dog, **Ginger**, who is having a hard time without her master.

The **Steinmeyers** moved into the village in 1989. He was a skilled carpenter whose hobbies were home remodeling and working on his classic cars. **Roy** was a stock car racer in his younger days. He served in the Navy from 1954-1958.



# Walton Hills Hosts Manufactures

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## Alliance Round Table

**Mayor Kevin Hurst** is taking the initiative to make sure the closing of the Walton Hills Ford Stamping Plant has a minimum impact on providing quality services to our residents.

Many communities have been impacted by the change in the auto industry and the loss of a community automotive manufacturing facility. With the aid of the federal government, a program has been created and organized called the Manufacturers Alliance of Communities (MAC). This program helps to cushion the impact of the loss of a major manufacturing facility. This program was discovered by **Mayor Kevin Hurst** while surfing the internet.

A decision was made to assemble people from the MAC, a number of other community leaders with automotive facilities and those who have lost a major automotive facility as well as federal and state program facilitators. These included **Hon. Arno Hill**, Mayor of Lordstown, **Hon. Mike Gammella**, Brook Park City Council President, **Hon. Jay Williams**, Executive Director, Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers, **David Lloyd**, Director, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization- US EPA, **Grace Kilbane**, Administrator Office of Workforce Investment, Employment and Training Administration, **Lee Shirley**, Economic Development Representative - Ohio US Economic Development Administration, **Douglas**

**Shelby**, Cleveland Field Office Director, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, **Matt Bogoshian**, US EPA Senior Policy Counsel representing the Economy - Energy - Environment (E3) Interagency Initiative and **Craig Kasper**, CEO, Hull & Associates.

In attendance were other numerous elected local officials including all the members of the Walton Hills Council.



Mayor Hurst speaking before elected officials, government agency heads and Ford Motor representatives at July 26th Manufacturers Alliance of Communities

Walton Hills is a community with a rich history where people come together to live, work and play!

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Mayor Gottschalk, Governor Kasich and Mayor Hurst at the July 16th Maines ground breaking ceremony.



World Changers doing their good works again this year!



The Pop-Tarts, an all-girl group, entertained an enthusiastic crowd with the music of the 60's at the Party in the Park held at T.G. Young Park on June 24th. Great time was had by all!



Mayor Hurst speaking before elected officials, government agency heads and Ford Motor representatives at July 26th Manufacturers Alliance of Communities Round Table in Walton Hills.



Mayor introduces Matt Ward Moderator from MAC



Dave Harrison & The Honorable Arno Hill, Mayor of Lordstown



Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA

# POTPOURRI

## Congratulations, Gary!

**Gary Woodard**, son of **Marilyn Woodard** of Hicks Road, received the 2012 Distinguished Service Award from the Jewish Family Services Association. Gary has been a Program Assistant at PLAN (Plan Life Assistance Network) since 2007, when he joined the group.



The program director states, "Gary goes out of his way to encourage other PLAN members to participate in activities at the center and outside the center. He drives members to and from activities almost daily, including weekends, and leads a few groups himself. He has an upbeat, positive attitude. He is a great source of support and a role model to other PLAN members."

**Gary's** brother and sister-in-law, **David and Amy Woodard** live on Chestnut Drive with their children, **Owen and Anna**.

## American Red Cross Blood Donors

On **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 1 – 6 pm, the Bloodmobile will be at the Village Hall.

You are eligible to donate blood every 56 days.

Phone 1.800.GIVE LIFE



The American Red Cross says, "We'll help, Will You?"

## Thank You

"The **Annett Family** is so grateful for all of you who helped **Judy** and us in her last two years. We wish to thank all Villagers, her Classmates, friends and family for visiting her in whatever hospital she was in, for the phone calls, Get Well cards and all the Prayers that were sent upward for **Judy**.

We also thank **Michael Romito** for his caring, advice and personal help in what was a difficult time for us. We thank **Pastor John Schlueter** for his kindness and guidance and allowing us to use his Walton Hills Church of Christ for **Judy's Memorial**.

**Judy's Memorial** could not have happened without the Walton Hills Women's Club doing all that hard work to prepare us a wonderful meal. Thank you, Jean Turner and all the ladies.

I am so happy that **Judy** insisted we move back to Walton Hills to raise our family. The people in our Village are wonderful. There is no place quite like it.

Thank you, **The Annett Family; Bill, Wendy and Dan**"

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The Owl staff appreciates all the support given to our booth on Community Day. Also a BIG thank you to the advertisers who donated such great basket items. The words of encouragement prove that The Owl is "The Voice of The Villagers"

# Ohio Brownfield Inventory

Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment. Brownfields may include abandoned factories, warehouses, power plants, dry cleaners, hotels and gas stations.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) maintains a voluntary, statewide inventory of brownfield properties. Properties included in the Ohio Brownfield Inventory may be in various states of assessment and cleanup.

## Why clean up brownfield properties?

Cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields can improve blighted neighborhoods, make use of communities' existing infrastructure, and create jobs, making the redevelopment of these vacant or abandoned properties a key part of many communities' plan for revitalization.

## Is cleanup assistance available?

Ohio EPA offers assistance for local governments, community groups, developers and environmental professionals to learn more about the cleanup and reuse of brownfields.

## How do I find out about brownfield sites in ohio?

Information for the Ohio Brownfield Inventory, which is provided voluntarily by communities and property owners, includes details such as location, past use,



utilities available and proximity to major roads, airports and public transportation. For detailed information on Ohio's Brownfields, interested parties can visit the online inventory at

<http://www.derr.epa.ohio.gov/BrownfieldInventory/Database.aspx>

In addition to the online inventory, SABR also produces the Ohio Brownfield Inventory Guide. This guide provides a general overview of brownfield properties included in the inventory. A copy of the guide can be requested from Martin.Smith at 674-644-4829 or [Martin.Smith@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:Martin.Smith@epa.state.oh.us).

## Why should I include my property in the inventory?

Inclusion in Ohio's Brownfield Inventory is now required for Clean Ohio Fund Applications.

## How can I add my property to the inventory?

Local governments may submit information for inclusion in the online inventory and the guide by completing the brownfield inventory application. Individual property owners should work with their local government officials to coordinate completion and submittal of the inventory application.

The brownfield inventory application is available online at <http://www.derr.epa.ohio.gov/Process.aspx>

If you'd prefer a hard copy, contact Martin Smith by e-mail at [Martin.Smith@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:Martin.Smith@epa.state.oh.us) or phone at (614) 644-4829.



# Revitalization Resources Rosters for U.S. Auto Communities Walton Hills, OH

Magnitude of Brownfield Challenges	Current Status/Resources Acquired to Date	Capacity Challenges/ Resources Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Village of Walton Hills is in Cuyahoga County and has ~2,300 residents.</li> <li>- The largest employer in Walton Hills is Ford, which operates the Walton Hills Stamping Plant.</li> <li>- The Stamping Plant currently employs ~440 people and once had up to 5,000 employees.</li> <li>- Ford has announced that the Stamping Plant will close by the Spring of 2014.</li> <li>- Ford pays about \$650,000 in payroll taxes, which accounts for ~20% of the Village's total income tax revenue.</li> <li>- The plant occupies a 1.9 million square foot building on 108 acres of land, and is situated in Walton Hills, along the Village's border with the City of Macedonia, the Village of Oakwood, and Northfield Village.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ford has committed to performing a Phase II Environment Study for the Stamping Plant site, and expects this work to be done in late 2012.</li> <li>- Ford has agreed to form a task force/working group to engage the community in the redevelopment process (working group has not yet been established).</li> <li>- The Village has begun to forge relationships with key state and federal agencies in the hopes of obtaining resources and assistance in navigating the process for redeveloping the Ford site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Small community has very limited staff &amp; very limited resources, and needs outside support to identify grant opportunities &amp; write applications.</li> <li>- Needs resources such as EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance or EPA Area-Wide Brownfields Planning funding to develop a community-wide vision for redevelopment and begin conducting economic analyses to determine possible future uses of the site.</li> <li>- The site has rail infrastructure in place, but does have significant wastewater and road infrastructure needs.</li> <li>- The sewage line in front of the Ford plant has not been upgraded since its installation in the 1950s, and significant future economic development in the surrounding area will severely limit the Village wastewater system's capacity to handle new development at the Ford site.</li> <li>- Local roads are strained to handle traffic to the area around the Ford site and will need to be widened and enhanced to attract new development to the site.</li> <li>- When the Ford Plant closes, the community will require job training assistance, like that available through DOL's National Emergency Grants, to retrain Ford workers for new careers.</li> </ul>

# THE WALTON HILLS LAKE HURRICANES

by Monica D'Amico

This Summer was a busy time for the Walton Hills Lake Swim Team. During June, July and August the boys and girls practiced at the lake from 4:00 - 5:30 pm, swimming laps and working on perfecting their racing skills.

Head Coach **Monica D'Amico** is very proud of her swimmers, as are Assistant Coaches **Gabby Bacha** and **Alexandra D'Amico**, parents and grandparents, and the Walton Hills Lake members.

The swim team, in its seventh year, is growing. "But they are always looking for new team members," states one of the parents, Lisa D'Amico. "I tell youngsters that it is a good way to explore if they are interested in competitive swimming in their high school or college years."

## Swimmers on the Walton Hills Hurricanes Team are:

Julia Kalman	Ava Ward	Matt Gerlich
Mckenna Kalman	Jason Pugh	Shannon Lew
Sammie Kalman	Jeremey Pugh	Nicole Lew
Austin Hodjar	Cameron Pugh	Michelle Lew
Pagie Hodjar	Kevin Pugh	Alexandra D'Amico
		Matt Saunders



## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

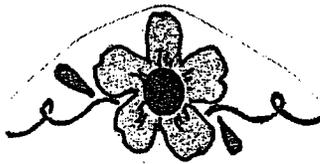
In this column I will report some of the items and issues that have been discussed in the most recent Council and Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings.

July, 2012: No meetings. Council was on summer break.

August 7, 2012, Special Council Meeting: Three resolutions were passed. One involved emergency planning, another was for a contract to pave Egbert Rd. and the third was to enter into a contract with the City of Bedford Hts. to provide prisoner housing services to Walton Hills. This prisoner housing would be needed only in rare instances and emergencies, such as loss of power at the Village jail or a prisoner with a contagious disease. Contracts of this nature are common in all neighboring communities. It is helpful to have the contract in place when needed.

August 7, 2012, COW Meeting following the Special Council Meeting: An anti-poaching protocol has been proposed for the Communities in Cuyahoga County. The protocol would be a guide for dealing fairly with other communities when a business is relocating locally. It could be helpful in preventing "incentive shopping", such as communities competing to provide tax abatements. It was decided to study the issue until the next COW in September when Mr. Ed Jerse, the Director of Regional Collaboration, can present more information. The Disaster Mitigation Plan of 2000 needs to be reviewed and revised every 5 years. There must be a Special Council meeting next week to meet the deadline of August 20, 2012, to vote on this issue. The Village hosted the Manufacturers Alliance of Communities (MAC) Round Table on July 26 in the Community Room. Mayor Hurst, who proposed and helped organize the meeting, and all of Council were in attendance with other officials and individuals for a total of 81 participants. Councilman Paul Rich proposed compiling a list of resources and contacts that were discussed at the meeting. Council and the Mayor agreed to do that and will work to get grants for Walton Hills. There is assistance available to help communities that have lost manufacturing facilities like the Ford plant. In addition, the Mayor told Council about an effective way he uses to promote local commerce. He and other surrounding communities share data obtained from Fire Inspections to inform businesses about the services and products available in our area. The Mayor is also in discussion with the OWL editor and staff regarding a new contract.

August 14, 2012, Special Council Meeting: Council passed a resolution approving the adoption of the Countywide All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. This allows Walton Hills to be eligible for federal assistance in the event of a disaster.



## BEREAVEMENTS

**Doris Day**, of Regency Drive, passed away in mid August at age 75. Our deepest sympathy to her husband, **Jack Day**, their children **Mark and Rhonda Day** of Boston Mills, **Lauren and Dominic DeSantis** of Sagamore Hills, **Tom and Jacqueline Day** of Twinsburg and **Karen and Alan Benda** of Northfield Center, their 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

For the past 30 years **Doris and Jack** enjoyed living in their Walton Hills home. **Jack** reflects, "Doris made sure the children were always involved in positive, productive activities. My work days were long, so the job of caring for our children was mostly up to Doris. She was a great mother." Doris had a sincere desire to help people, and at times when the family budget was tight, she liked working at Bedford Floral, Sears and Brentwood Hospital.

For 35 years **Jack Day** owned and operated **Graphic World** located in Bedford Ohio. Frequently, when past *Ow* editors **Tom Sabo, Bill Cottrill** and **Bill Deak** had trouble running the *Ow* printing machines, **Jack** came to their aid. He taught them tricks of the printing trade, got the old printing presses working again, and at times provided them with needed parts.

**Ed Thiel**, the son of **Ed, Sr. (deceased)** and **JoAnn Thiel**, died unexpectedly in mid August at age 46. The Thiel family lived on South Meadowpark Road until three years ago, when **Ed** moved to Brecksville and his mom moved to Parma Heights. Our condolences to **Ed's son, Vincent**, his mother **JoAnn Thiel**, and his sister and brother-in-law **Linda and Dennis Cottle** of Ravenna and their children **Amanda, Debra and Jonathan**.

**Ed** grew up in the village. He was an altar boy at St. Mary's Church. He loved playing baseball and football, especially on Walton Hills softball teams and St. Mary's football teams. He attended Glendale, Heskett and Bedford High. During his adult years in the village, **Ed** was a good Samaritan. He enjoyed helping older residents with their yard work and snow-plowing, before they asked for help. "Ed was a wonderful father and son, and he'll be missed, very much," states his sister **Linda**.

**Bill Seiverth** died at age 89. For a number of years **Bill and Florence Seiverth**, and their daughters, lived in the unique house they designed and built at the end of Kydan Drive. Our condolences to **Flo Seiverth, Judy and Michael Predina, Dianne Konecny and Claudia and Thomas Gentile**. **Bill's sister, Hilda Horwath**, lived nearby on Kral Drive until she passed away.

**Suanne Kelley Kopald** passed away at the age of 59. **Suanne** was the daughter of **Garen and Naomi Kelley**, who are also deceased. During the years the family lived in Walton Hills, **Garen and Naomi Kelley** co-founded **Kelley Steel Erectors, Inc.** located in Bedford. Our sympathy to **Suanne's husband, Michael Kopald** of Lexington Virginia and her brother **Michael Kelley**, of Gates Mills.

Our condolences to the **Anielski** family of Alexander Road on the passing of **Jonathan's father, Ted Anielski**, who lived in Independence. Our sympathy to **Jonathan and Marlene Anielski** and their children, **Victoria, Elizabeth and Jacob**.

We express our sympathy to **Kenneth and Sandra Mastilak** of Rauland Drive on the passing of **Ken's mother, Margaret Mastilak**. **Mrs. Mastilak**, a longtime Bedford resident, died at age 85.

Our condolences to our Village Fiscal Officer **Vic Nogalo** and his wife **Stacy Nogalo**, on the passing of **Vic's father-in-law, William Kelly**. **Mr. Kelly** died at age 77.

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# Ladies, Gentlemen, and Kids of all ages - - - Start Your Engines! Walton Hills International Raceway is the place to be this September!

by Denny Harkai

The raceway is located at T. G. Young Park, on Dellwood Drive, and is open to all who would like an alternative to video games. The racers are there every evening until dark and on Sundays, they start at 1:00 in the afternoon.

Now in its second year, the 65 by 120 oval or "road course track" has become the home for all On Road Radio Controlled Cars and Trucks. It is a family affair, and kids of all ages can enjoy the thrill of driving a car around the twists and turns of our raceway

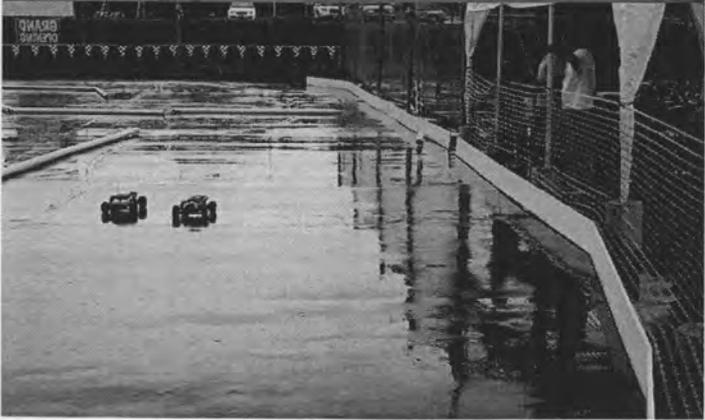
The cost to race your car is free! Yes, free, and if you would like to race, any one of the racers would be happy to give you a driving lesson, which is also free. You will find racers with their battery-powered or special-fueled cars practicing their driving skills as they wiz around the track to see who will win the checkered flag.

If you want to take control of your own toy radio controlled car or truck, one can be purchased for around \$25 to \$60 at Al's Trains & Hobbies in Bedford, Radio Shack, or Wal-Mart. And if you want to step it up a little, you can purchase a Hobby Grade car or truck for \$100 to \$500.

Come visit T.G. Young Park, swing on the swings, eat an ice cream cone, play some volleyball, make some new friends and last but not least, instead of putting gas in your car at \$4 a gallon, put a little fuel in your radio controlled car and have some family fun at the Walton Hills International Raceway. Walton Hills is a pretty special place to live and as far as I know there is nothing like this anywhere else in Cuyahoga County!

For more information on the Walton Hills International Raceway or radio controlled cars, phone me at 440-786-7774 or e-mail me at [dennyharkai1@roadrunner.com](mailto:dennyharkai1@roadrunner.com)

Your Neighbor, Denny Harkai



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# WALTON HILLS HOSTS AUTO COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION ROUNDTABLE

Mayor Kevin Hurst is taking the initiative to make sure that the closing of the Walton Hills Ford Stamping Plant has a minimal impact on providing quality services to our residents. He is being very proactive in dealing with Ford's impending closure in 2014.

Many communities have been impacted by the change in the auto industry and the loss of a community automotive manufacturing facility. With the aid of the federal government, an organization has been created called the Manufacturing Alliance of Communities (MAC). This organization helps to cushion the impact of the loss of a major manufacturing facility. It was discovered by Mayor Hurst while surfing the internet.

A decision was made to assemble people from the MAC, public officials with automotive facilities in their community and those who have lost a major automotive facility, and federal and state program facilitators. Mayor Hurst was contacted and was proud to host an Auto Community Revitalization Roundtable on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance included Hon. Arno Hill, Mayor of Lordstown; Hon. Mike Gammella, Brook Park City Council President; Hon. Jay Williams, Executive Director, Office of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers; David Lloyd, Director, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization, US EPA; Grace Kilbane, Administrator, Office of Workforce Investment, Employment and Training Administration; Lee Shirley, Economic Development Representative – Ohio US Economic Development Administration; Douglas Shelby, Cleveland Field Office Director, US Department of Housing and Urban Development; Matt Bogoshian, US EPA Senior Policy Counsel representing the Economy-Energy-Environment (E3) Interagency Initiative; Craig Kasper, CEO, Hull & Associates. Also in attendance were numerous local elected officials including all members of the Walton Hills Council.

The purpose of the roundtable was to explore strategies and tools for transforming vacant former auto sites and other brownfields into productive reuse as new manufacturing, commercial, and community sites. A lot of valuable information was disseminated and productive discussion took place. The hope is that forming partnerships for revitalization can make a difference in communities such as Walton Hills.



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# Spotlight on Mscotti, Inc.

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*

Baker and President of Mscotti Inc, Souheil El-Richani, is the youngest of 8 children. All of his siblings either own or work in the dessert industry. In Lebanon, his sister owns one of the most prominent chocolate factories in the country, while his brother owns two successful bakeries. Another brother, who resides in Switzerland, works for Nestle and is part of the Research and Development team. Souheil also has a brother in Northfield, OH who owns Sweetheart USA, a gourmet Cake & Cheesecake Bakery. Walton Hills is lucky enough to have the talented Souheil's unique Mscotti bakery in their community. He started his bakery in 2004 in the back of his cousin's pita bread bakery in Berea. He worked there for nine months, and then moved to his current 4,500 square foot location in Walton Hills at 7250 Northfield Road.

Souheil is very proud of his unique line of "softer" hand-dipped biscotti and "flavorful" scones. All of their products are made from scratch, baked and packaged at their facility. Although butter, sugar, eggs, almonds and flour are the base, biscotti have gained popularity for being a light, natural, and relatively low in fat and calorie snack. From the traditional anise and almond biscotti to the decadent double chocolate cranberry dipped in dark chocolate, orange walnut dipped in white chocolate and cinnamon almond dipped in dark chocolate, there is a flavor for everyone! Their newest flavors are chocolate cherry, chocolate peanut butter and lemon cranberry. All flavors are available in 10 ounce, 2½ lb. and 5 lb. trays. Mscotti's biscotti has a shelf life of four to five weeks at room temperature, but Souheil recommends that if you have a large quantity of his biscotti, put them in the freezer where they will keep for up to nine months. Just take them out the night before you will eat them, and they will be fresh, soft and delicious!

Souheil is proud of his "Biscotti of the Month Club," which is the perfect gift for family, friends or yourself! There is no risk in joining – you may cancel at any time. For \$24.99 a month, which includes shipping, you can choose from a three month, six month or twelve month club and enjoy a different biscotti flavor each month. Each monthly selection includes one six piece container of the featured monthly flavor and one six piece variety gift bag.

Mscotti's delicious and moist premium scones come in two sizes – 2 ounce petite and 4 ounce large. They come in eight flavors, from the traditional blueberry and cinnamon to the new flavors of lemon poppy seed, mocha chocolate chip and apricot almond. Mscotti scones have a shelf life of four weeks, which can be extended up to five months if frozen.

Mscotti products can be purchased at Gust Gallucci's located at 6610 Euclid Avenue. Main Street Gourmet also distributes Mscotti's products to local and national coffee shops, delis, restaurants and specialty markets. You can also visit their website ([www.mscotti.com](http://www.mscotti.com)) to place an order. Follow the steps on each page to be guided through the ordering process. Visa and Mastercard are accepted. It is a secure website, and all information obtained will not be shared with any third party vendor. You can also email them at [info@mscotti.com](mailto:info@mscotti.com) or call them directly at 440.374.0151. With advanced notice, Souheil will have your order ready for you to pick up and he will offer you his wholesale price. Keep in mind that Mscotti also has a nice selection of gift baskets for Christmas, Mother's and Father's Day, baby showers, Valentines Day, Sweetest Day and many other special occasions. Their biscotti and scones also make great corporate gifts for your employees and clients.

Mscotti strives to provide their valued customers with quality products made from the finest and freshest ingredients. They have a deep commitment and motivation to do business with integrity. Souheil's goal is to expand his wholesale accounts nationally. With the downturn in the economy over the recent years, business has slowed down. But Souheil is hopeful – he knows that he has a superior product and he especially wants local people to try his delicious biscotti and scones. Once that happens – he knows he will have a customer for life!

*Souheil (right) checks on the cinnamon scones being made by Kathy Dillinger and his nephew Alex Richani. All of Mscotti's biscotti and scones are made from scratch with the finest ingredients.*



# Walton Hills "COMMUNITY DAY 2012"

Thoughts from the Recreation Director....Carol Stanoszek

It was a beautiful day. Just beautiful! Everything came together nicely after months of planning and lots of set up work. It was nice to see that everyone was happy, having fun, helpful and proud of their groups.

The 50+ Club was very patriotic. They had a flag raffle and all donations went to the USO. The Police Dept had a 50/50 raffle that supported the Senior Citizen Police Academy - which if you don't know about, you need to call the police dispatch and find out about this very educational class. Visitors were very impressed with the Police K-9 demonstration.

We made \$214.00 from the dunk tank to be donated to the Benevolent Fund! Awesome! Thank you to all the people who sat in the dunk tank. You're all awesome! Maybe I'll even do it next year!

Sandy, the Animal Warden, had a tent set up to take donations for the care of animals that are abandoned. Believe it or not, a kitten was found that day in the parking lot with some injuries to its face. They folded up early and took the kitten to a vet. If you would still like to make a donation you can by contacting the police dispatch.

The Owl had really cute owl prizes for their raffle plus free freeze pops for the kiddies! The Men's Club sold out of their sausages! (They sold 4 different kinds of sausages) The Men's Club supports the baseball program and also gives out scholarships.

The Women's Club ladies had some great prizes and very yummy food! So many women came together to cook and sell and support this group that also gives out scholarships to the young men and young ladies in our Village plus prepares wonderful bereavement lunches.

The Lake Club was there selling coffee & snow-cones. Yes, the bees were there too. Both items were a hit. (Not the bees) They also had a raffle to win gas cards. Great prizes! Who doesn't want a little gas... in their car!

The Swim Team girls were there with a very nice children's raffle. Also, they sold t-shirts supporting breast cancer. If you're still interested in purchasing a t-shirt give me a call and I will give you the details.

The Citizen's League had 39 prize packets to pick from. That was a lot of work gathering all those prizes!

The Remote Control Club had a fantastic display with an R/C airplane show and R/C car races.

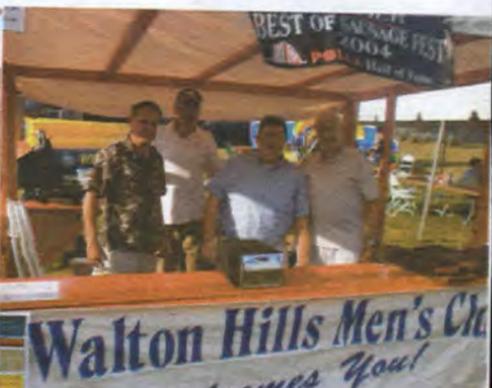
The Walton Hills Historic Research Center ladies were there with information on everything you wanted to know about Walton Hills but were afraid to ask.

We live in a great community and it was great to spend the day at our beautiful park. Thank you again to Mayor Hurst for giving me support and encouragement, for braving the dunk tank yet again, and for giving all the organizations ice all day long! Thank you to Home City Ice for donating their ice for the last seven years! Thank you Karleen Dean for all your help, for being positive, and for telling it like it is when I needed to hear that. Thank you to my family, for not only understanding how much this day meant to me but also for coming and volunteering all day! I promise to start cooking dinner again! Thank you to my co-workers Lisa Canzoni and Jane Nowicki, who both volunteered their time to work the Recreation ticket booth. Thank you to the Service Department guys for their many hours of help.

Thank you to all the wonderful people that came up to T. G. Young Park and supported our community - Your community! See you next year!



Women's Club Members



Walton Hills Men's Club

# The Village of Walton Hills

Walton Hills is a community with a rich history where people come together to live, work and play!

Community Day 2012



Winning pitcher Mayor Kevin Hurst, outfielder Don "Slugger" Kolograf and Liberty News Editor Joe Mestrik

## Walton Hills Employees beat the "Babes of 1916"



This was an exciting day. Mayor Hurst pitched a wonderful game for the Walton Hills Team. It was a lot of fun and a close game, but Walton Hills with the leadership of Mayor Hurst and Don "Slugger" Kolograf was just too much for the Babes, but they will be back again next year for a rematch!

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### ALL SPORTS PICNIC

The All Sports Picnic was held at the Walton Hills Lake on Saturday, July 28th to present trophies to the children who played baseball and softball this year. Pictured is the Girls' Pigtail softball team, who went 16-0 and won the championship. The team was coached by Matt Kontur, who was assisted by Bruce Schroeder and Zoltan Kovessi. Congratulations Pigtails and all those who participated in sports this year!

August 2012  
Picnic at Walton Hills lake



The waterslide is finally up at the Walton Hills Lake! The slide was purchased from the Village of Boston Heights and was refurbished almost entirely by dedicated volunteers. It was a major undertaking which took all summer to complete, but it will be enjoyed by all Lake members for years to come starting June of 2013.

August 2012  
Slide at Walton Hills lake



Several Walton Hills residents took a very educational tour of the Gateway District on August 15th, learning about the historic dime stores (Woolworth's and Kresge's) and the incredible Arcade. Pictured is Mayor Tom Johnson, 35th mayor of Cleveland (1901-1909), talking with the residents.

Field Trip  
Recreation Department  
August 2012

## Oakwood Improves Community Service by Transferring Dispatching to Walton Hills

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On August 1, 2012 Oakwood Village transferred its emergency Police and Fire call taking and dispatching services to Walton Hills. By combining the dispatch functions, radio systems and computer software into one location, a reduction in operational and equipment maintenance costs will yield a net reduction in total costs to both Oakwood Village and Walton Hills.

Utilizing the **TAC Computing CAD/RMS** system has assisted in a smooth transition of the upgraded Walton Hills central dispatch facility.

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Additionally, the Walton Hills dispatch center will have more dispatchers working per shift so as to answer simultaneous emergency calls and to contact third party resources (electric, gas, heavy equipment, etc.) for immediate response, thus significantly upgrading the efficiency and level of service to the two communities.

When an Oakwood resident dials 911, the call is now answered at the Walton Hills dispatch center. The transition has been smooth due to both Oakwood and Walton Hills having utilized the **TAC Computing "Enterprise Public Safety System"** which provides interoperability in data sharing between surrounding public safety agencies to assist dispatchers. Dispatchers and police officers can securely communicate with and share data between each other from within stations as well as their vehicles.

A dispatcher can also use **TAC** mapping to establish both the location of a caller and the closest available responder. By aiding the dispatcher in determining the closest police unit to the call insures the best response time within the communities.

Recently, Newburgh Heights transferred police and fire dispatch services to Cuyahoga Heights and Pepper Pike transferred dispatch to Beachwood to also reduce operating costs.

**Forty- six of 57 Cuyahoga County communities are currently utilizing the TAC Public Safety System**, so consolidation of dispatch centers clearly benefits the consolidating communities with no loss of service or information sharing, while reducing operating costs and improving overall service.

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### AREA MAYORS' SALARIES — 2012

COMMUNITY	ANNUAL SALARY
■ Macedonia	■ \$55,000
■ Northfield Village	■ \$35,000
■ Walton Hills	■ \$67,100
■ Twinsburg	■ \$92,277
■ Solon	■ \$117,761
■ Brecksville	■ \$103,322
■ Cuyahoga Falls	■ \$112,575
■ Streetsboro	■ \$80,800
■ Aurora	■ \$78,000
■ Ravenna	■ \$76,783

COMPILED BY ERIC MAROTTA

The chart above shows mayoral salaries among various area communities. Some offices include pay earned as safety director. Communities with city managers have been omitted.

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# Members eligible for city health benefits

## COUNCIL SALARIES AND BENEFITS AMONG AREA COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY	COUNCIL/ COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNUAL SALARY	ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE
■ Macedonia	■ \$5,000	■ Yes
■ Northfield Village	■ \$4,800	■ No
■ Walton Hills	■ \$9,907 — \$11,107	■ No
■ Twinsburg	■ \$10,980 — \$11,529	■ No
■ Bedford	■ \$11,347	■ Yes
■ Solon	■ \$11,877 — \$13,162	■ No
■ Brecksville	■ \$16,500 — \$18,500	■ No
■ Cuyahoga Falls	■ \$16,886 — \$18,012	■ Yes
■ Hudson	■ \$10/month	■ No
■ Streetsboro	■ \$3,600	■ No
■ Aurora	■ \$8,700 — \$10,200	■ No
■ Ravenna	■ \$7,911 — \$8,474	■ Yes

Compiled by Eric Marotta, Source: Various communities

# Spotlight On Walton Hills Plastics, Inc.

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*

When Tim Bollinger began working for a Virginia plastic company 28 years ago, he thought it was the coolest thing. He started out running a machine, was anxious to learn the trade, moved into management and kept on going. When the company went bankrupt, Tim and his brother Marvin saw the potential in starting up their own plastic company. They went into partnership with Steve Wake who used to buy products from the company Tim worked for, and Walton Plastics was founded in 1992. Tim and Steve own the business located at 20493 Hannan Parkway in Walton Hills. Tim is the Plant/Production Manager and Steve is the President/CEO. Marvin just retired this year.

Walton Plastics is one of the premier vinyl extrusion companies in the United States. They are highly regarded throughout the industry because of their products and services. They manufacture and specialize in the production of a broad range of rigid and flexible PVC (polyvinyl chloride) and flexible TPU (polyurethane) sheet and film. They began the production of polyurethane just a couple of years ago, so it is a relatively new product line for them. Their many products include wall systems and panels (vinyl wall panels, sound barriers, cleanrooms), vinyl ceiling tiles, graphic arts and signage, high temperature rigid PVC and PVC containment liners. They also offer some unique products that none of their competitors have.

According to Tim, Walton Plastics started out with no sales staff and grew by word of mouth. The company prides itself on quality, which is the reason they have grown the way they have. A lot of Tim's current customers called upon Walton Plastics because they had quality and lead time issues with the larger companies they were doing business with. Walton Plastics was able to turn things around for them and provide the quality, service and timeliness they were looking for.

Walton Plastics has 30 employees and the facility is 63,000 square feet, including their new 18,000 square foot addition. The expansion of their production and operations facility was completed in March of this year. The Quality Control Department was expanded, new equipment was purchased to improve efficiency and two additional silos for raw material storage were added. The additional space will allow Walton Plastics to add new processes and continue new production development.

Tim boasts that his company employs some great people, but they are always looking for more people and are willing to train individuals with a good work ethic. Resumes can be submitted online.

Walton Plastics has a loyal, national customer base. Locally, they are proud that their plastic covers the insulation around the pipes in the boiler room at both Progressive Field and Cleveland Browns stadium. Whatever the need may be, Walton Plastics can tailor their product to fit their customers' exact needs for color, texture, weatherability, and functionality. They are proud to work with each customer to develop customized solutions with personalized service. For the most up-to-date product offerings, visit [www.waltonplastics.com](http://www.waltonplastics.com) or call 800.719.9258. You can also email them at [info@waltonplastics.com](mailto:info@waltonplastics.com).



*Pictured above left, the Walton Plastics facility located at 20493 Hannan Parkway in Walton Hills. Pictured above right, a view of Walton Plastic's sheet extrusion facility.*

## BEREAVEMENTS

**Marge Ignaut**, a South Meadowpark Drive resident since 1959, passed away in September, at age 88. For the past three years Marge has been in a series of hospitals, rehabs and nursing homes. Our condolences to her daughter **Louraine Collins** of Willoughby Hills, son and daughter-in-law **Dr. Steven and Susan Eckert** of Minnesota, and stepson **John Ignaut III** of Chagrin Falls. Our sympathy also to Marge's four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Marge** had been an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club, the Walton Hills Fifty Plus Club and the Christ Child Society. She was married to **Ed Eckert** then **John Ignaut**, both of whom are deceased. The Ignauts enjoyed dancing and camping with groups of friends in their RV. Their RV group traveled together to campgrounds in several states.

## VILLAGE GETS PLANS FOR HARD ROCK CAFÉ

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### TRACK WANTS TO BREAK GROUND FOR RACINO NEXT MONTH

by JEFF SAUNDERS | REPORTER

Northfield Village — Developers hope to begin construction of a \$275-million gaming and entertainment complex at Northfield Park in as soon as two weeks.

The village's planning commission approved development plans for the project, which include site plans, building exteriors, lighting and landscaping, on Sept. 19.

Other approvals are

needed, including from Village Council, as well as Walton Hills and the Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office concerning sanitary sewer flows.

"We want to start construction at the beginning of October," Project Manager Gene Stancak told the commission.

The race track announced last April that it had entered into an agreement with Hard Rock Café to develop the facility, which Hard Rock Chairman Jim Allen said would house up to 2,500 video lottery terminals.

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## RACINO

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The building will total just over 184,000 square feet in what is now the southern portion of the track's parking lot, according to David Bowen, a representative of the Cleveland-based architectural, engineering and construction management

firm Richard L. Bowen and Associates, the project's designer. He told the commission the complex will include a central gaming area for the VLTs, an auditorium, comedy club, steak house, buffet, gift shop, offices and, of course, a Hard Rock Café.

"You're going to see a lot of interesting design that's timeless," he said. "We ac-

tually toured some of [Hard Rock's] facilities and it's a very exciting place to be."

Bowen said the auditorium, which would have about 1,000 seats, will have flexible staging allowing for such disparate configurations as a stage in front or a "theater in the round."

Bowen said exterior materials include wood, metal, brick and a translucent

material that will provide a glowing affect.

However, he added that while the front will have dramatic lighting, designers worked to limit light pollution to residences to the south of the track.

Mayor Jesse Nehez, who chairs the planning commission, said he was especially happy about this.

"There's not going to be

as much light as people think on Summit Avenue," he said. "It's really doing a lot of justice to the residents."

Stancak told the *News Leader* after the meeting that construction is expected to take about a year and that he still hopes construction can begin next month.

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## Congratulations ! Citizen of the Year in 2012 *Joan Wills*

During this year's Community Day festivities the President of the Citizens' League Bob Romanowski presented the 2012 "Citizen of the year Award" to Joan Wills.



As a 60+ year resident of the village she has been an active volunteer in many organizations through the years. As a 50+ Club member since its inception, she served as President for 6 years planning various programs benefiting the club. Plus making and presenting over 530 \$1.00 Birthday Corsages to its members. An active member of the Women's Club and a member of the Citizens' League for over 8 years. For over ten years she scheduled, organized and worked most of the American Red Cross Blood Donor events in the village.

Also as a member of St. Mary's church in Bedford, she served as a Eucharistic minister, lector, reader and made announcements before or after Mass, along with being a member of the St. Mary's Women's Guild.

Many villagers have experienced her caring and dedication in her personal civic duty by the concern she has shown for them personally, and continues to act as a chauffeur for some.

Joan also received a Special Commendation from Ohio State Representative Marlene Anielski.



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## Congratulations !

## Thomas R. Sabo Family

For 2012 we again presented a Posthumous Award. Our Award was presented to Christine Sabo with her children and grandchildren, by Citizens' League President Bob Romanowski, for the volunteer work Tom her husband, their grandfather, and father had accomplished throughout his life.

For twenty-five years Tom Sabo dedicated his spare time to the Village Owl and its readers. Keeping the residents well-informed about village activities, constantly searching for interesting and educational reading material.

He was named **1992 Citisun of the Year** by the then Bedford Sun Banner in its first year of that award. Being active in the Village, his Church, and the Walton Hills Little League and the 50+ Club.



Always looking for the best in people, Tom Sabo embodied the Spirit of the Owl in his personal life and beliefs.

Christine Sabo and the Sabo family also received a Special Commendation from Ohio State Representative Marlene Anielski



The following is the scenario to which the "*Citizen of the Year*" Award is picked;

1. A Citizen of the Year form is placed in the Owl publication for the residents of the Village to use in their placing an individual into nomination.
2. Those nominations are then sent in to the Citizens of the Year committee and after a pre determined date (usually two weeks prior to Community Day).
3. The chairperson then selects two volunteer Citizen League members to serve on the committee along with two residents whom are not league members to volunteer in the selection of the next Citizen of the Year.
4. These individuals (who are requested to remain anonymous) are then given the task of reading all the letters submitted, at a special meeting and then asked to vote for the person whom in their judgment at that time deserves the prestigious "Citizen of the Year" Award.

The villager selected shall not have received any monetary remuneration for any of their actions nor shall they have been in violation of Ohio Laws with the exception of minor vehicular infractions.

The recipient of the *Posthumous Award* is selected by the Citizens' League Board from a list of individuals whom have over the years showed their volunteerism and dedication to this community. Should you have someone in mind, please let us know, they will be added to the list.

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I am honored and humbled to be Citizen of the Year. Thank you to the Citizen's League of Walton Hills for this wonderful award and crystal star. I appreciate the effort and research that the committee did to pick me. Contacting my daughter in Michigan so she and her family could be there made it even more special. It is a wonderful thing being recognized before your dead for things you do every day without thinking about them. The Village of Walton Hills is made up of good people and I am proud to have lived here for almost 70 years now. I would also like to thank State Representative Marlene Anielski for the proclamation from the State of Ohio for outstanding volunteering and for being there to present it to me. The whole day was a huge surprise and very special for me.

Most Heartfelt thank you to everyone,

Joan Wills

Walton Hills Citizen of the Year 2012

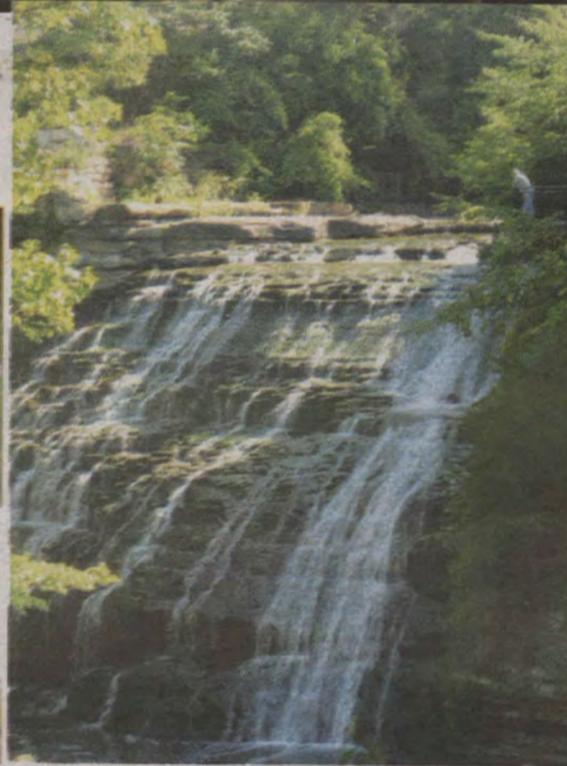
# Walton Hills

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## Seniors having fun at T. G. Young Park



Trip to ~~Brandywine Falls~~  
Mill Creek Falls



2012 Ford Fiesta  
Walton Hills is  
Ford Country!

Senior ~~Volunteer~~ Luncheon



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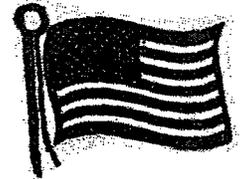
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**Cindy Krakora and Daughter Kelsey**  
18500 Carmany Drive

**Alex and Katie Iaconis and Daughter Clara**  
18849 Orchard Hill Drive

**Gregory, Christian and Stephanie Beyer**  
16675 Egbert Road

**Roy and Melanie Romick**  
7000 Shaner Drive



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## A Very Special Veterans' Day -- Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

On **Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>** the Walton Hills Women's Club and the Village Administration are teaming together to make Veterans' Day a special day for all of us.

The Women's Club is hosting a **Veterans' Day Pancake Breakfast** from 9 am – 1 pm in the Village Hall Community Room. Everyone is welcome! Meet your neighbors and enjoy a hearty breakfast of All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes, plus sausage, juice, milk or coffee or tea. **All Veterans will get their breakfast free!**

The rest of us pay \$5.00 each, \$3.00 for children ages 12 and under, and a \$14.00 cap for immediate members of a family.

At 11 am we will put our pancakes aside and join our Village Officials while they conduct a special tribute to Honor our Veterans. See additional details on the Women's Club page.



## Snowbirds Can Get the Owl

Do you know you can have the *Walton Hills Owl* mailed to you when you are away from home? Join our list of subscribers – Walton Hills businesses, former residents who moved away but still want to keep in touch, and villagers who want to get the *Owl* while they winter in the south.

Give us your out-of-town address and the months you want issues mailed to that address. The cost for postage and handling is \$3.00 per issue or \$30.00 per year. Contact **Connie Flauto** 440.439.1384



# Village Hayride



On the chilly but dry night of October 6th, a festive crowd of over 200 people turned out for the annual Village Hayride at T.G. Young Park! They enjoyed the haunted hayride, sat by the warm bonfire and were entertained by the music of 2 Men and a Campfire, enjoyed hotdogs, snacks and hot chocolate and simply had a wonderful time! If you have never experienced the Village hayride, make sure you join us next year!!!





# Walton Hills Police Department Information



**Kenn Thellmann, Chief of Police / November 2012**

## Police Academy 2: Senior Citizens On Patrol

The Village of Walton Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Citizens Police Academy is underway and going strong. We have a great group of people working with us! For those of you who have been through the class, you are familiar with the experiences that the new recruits are going to go through. I hope they have as good of an experience as you did.

To start off the academy, the class performed the signing of waivers, introduced themselves to each other, and participated in a question and answer session. The purpose of this session is multi-functional. The first thing that is done with the questions and answers is to gauge what the general perception of a police force is. Many people think that it is just a way for the government to make money by writing tickets. While it is true that officers do write tickets, that is not an officer's sole purpose for existing. There are



many functions an officer performs throughout their work day. Some being administrative, some being community oriented and some may be involved with court just to name a few. To find out more, you can talk with one of the cadets that are going through now or you can ask one of our graduates (pictured left). Another piece of information that is gathered is what the cadets plan to learn. With each question asked comes a clue as to what some of the cadets may not know. This helps the department as a whole understand how to approach the cadets in the classroom. Overall, we try to tailor the course to the cadets while still creating a relationship between the Village of Walton Hills and its citizens.



The second and third courses for the cadets were

the frauds and cons, a tour of the Walton Hills Village Hall, and a talk with the animal warden and our communications staff. But the talk of the class is our senior citizens on patrol. As part of our learning and relationship building process, all of the cadets will be doing a four hour ride along with our officers on shift. This task will involve several officers and be done throughout the next six weeks. This was an exciting time for many of the cadets from the last class and produced some good talking points. It is sure to produce some exciting times again and bring some great conversation with it. I hope that all of the cadets from this academy have a great and a safe time.



November 11, 2012

## LOCAL MEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Thanks to Jean Kainsinger for compiling this list.

If you know of additional service men or women, please contact the Mayor's Office.

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**Army Specialist Bradley Hejl** – Enlisted in the Army in 2003. He is stationed at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, where he is in charge of the US Army Band. He had two tours of duty in Iraq. Proud step-father is Andy Sargent of Shaner Drive.

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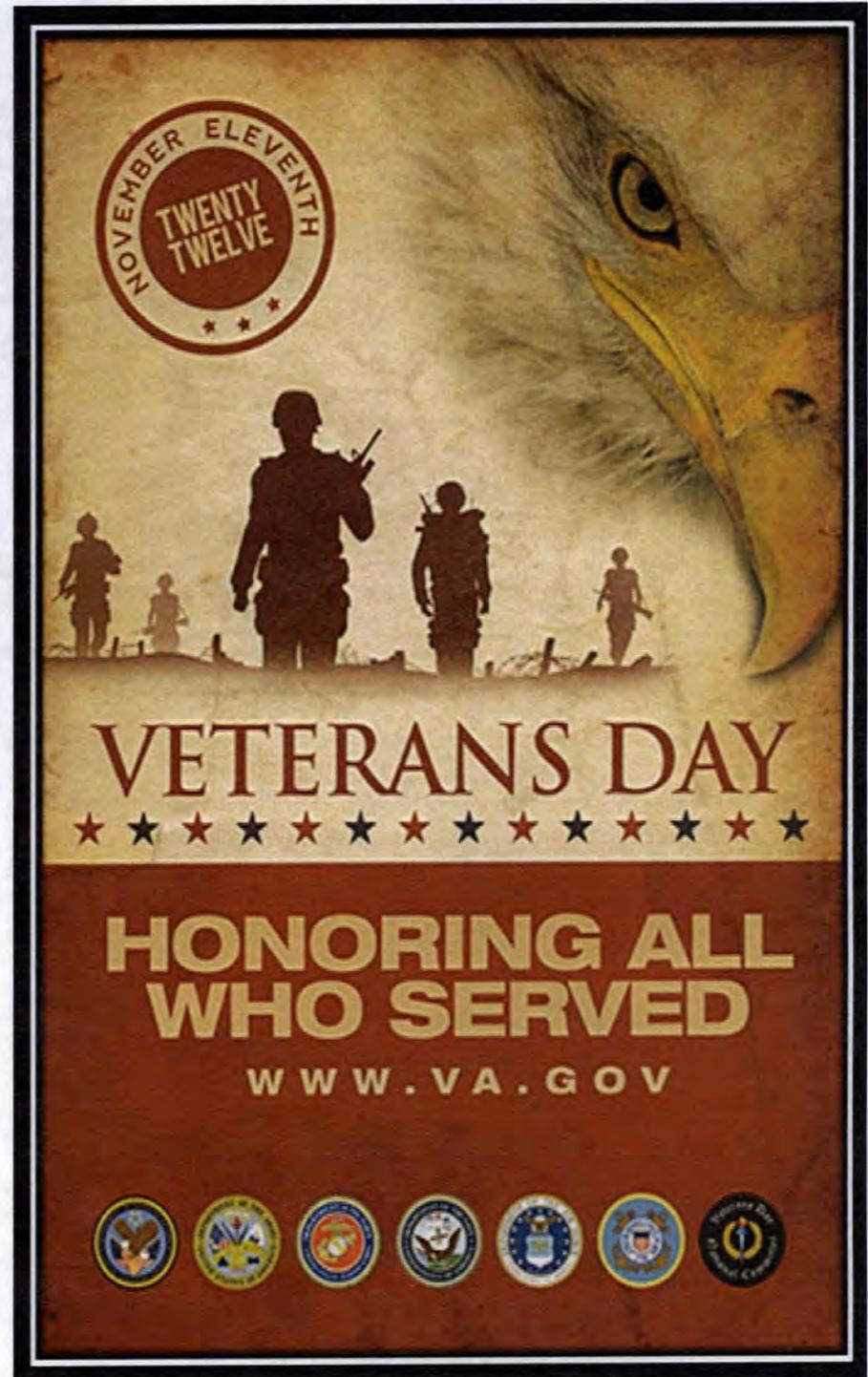
**Marine Lance Corporal Kyle Niro** – Enlisted in the Marines in 2010. He is on a seven month deployment to Okinawa, Japan. He was deployed to Afghanistan for nine months from October 2010 to July 2011. Proud parents are Tony and Val Niro of Dunham Road.

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Kainsingers 440.232.6142 (as of 10-2012)

The *Walton Hills Owl* is aware of the following eight (8) Villagers who currently serve in a branch of the United States Armed Forces. They grew up in Walton Hills and/or their parents live in the village. Our thoughts and prayers are with these local men who serve our country. If you know of additional servicemen and women, please contact us.

With your help, every resident who serves in the military will be on our village list.



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- **Army Sergeant Bradley Hejl**

A career soldier, Hejl has been in the US Army for the past nine years. He is stationed at Fort Jackson, in Columbia South Carolina. He, his wife Maria, and their one year old daughter, Isabella, are healthy, happy and enjoying being stateside after Hejl's 2 tours in Iraq. He is in charge of the US Army Band at Fort Jackson. Hejl enlisted in the Army in 2003, soon after graduating from high school. Proud step-father is **Andy Sargent** of Shaner Drive.



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Niro is currently with the Scout Sniper Platoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marines. He is on a seven month deployment to Okinawa, Japan that includes training in the Philippines, South Korea and New Caledonia. After graduating in October 2010 from the School of Infantry in North Carolina, Niro was assigned to a Marine Corps Base in Kaneohe Bay Hawaii. Two weeks later he was deployed to a camp in Helmand Province, Afghanistan where he was a SAW machine gunner with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Division "Fox Island Warriors." In July of 2011, Niro returned from his nine month deployment in Afghanistan. Niro graduated from Bowling Green State University in 2010 and left for boot camp the following day. Proud parents are **Tony and Val Niro** of Dunham Road.



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Owens is in the Marines Active Reserves. One month each year Owens serves as a Logistics Officer and is stationed in Stuttgart Germany, the Marine Force's European Headquarters. Owens is a graduate of Walsh Jesuit High School and Kent State University. He enlisted in the Marine Reserves in 1990, went to Officers Candidate School at Quantico in 1993, and joined the Active Reserves in 2005. His wife Stacie and their children, 5 year-old Maggie and 3 year-old Sam, are living in St. Louis Missouri. Proud parents are **Duke and Fran Owens** of North Meadowpark Drive.

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Sargent has just re-enlisted after his second year of service and plans to become a Flight Medic. He is stationed at Fort Hood, near Killeen Texas, where he recently completed some very intense training to become an Expert Field Medic. If all goes well he may be able to visit home briefly for the holidays. He will return to Afghanistan early in 2013 for his second tour there with a Combat Engineering Battalion performing IED removal and route clearance, as well as training the Afghan National Army. Sargent enlisted in the Army in June of 2010, after graduating from high school. Proud father is **Andy Sargent** of Shaner Drive.

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One of our Village Dispatchers is also in the Service

- **Army Reserves E4 Specialist Abby Frejofsky**



Abby enlisted in the Army Reserves in 2007. We have no additional information at this time.

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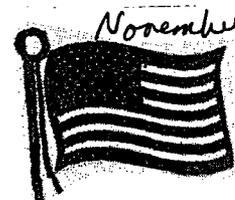
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Motor Machinist 1st Class WW-II

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MICHAEL ANANEA Navy 1981-1984

DANIEL W. ANNETT Air Force

TODD ASSAD Air Force

LEROY ATKINSON Army SP4 1966-1968

CARL W. BARBER

C. J. BARNES Air Force SSGT Law Enf.

JOSIAH BEGG SSG Air Force Active National  
Guard

JOHN BELL

JOHN A. BILLS Army SGT 1960-1964

JAMES P. BLAIR Army CPL Korean Conflict

WILLIAM JOHN BOBOWICZ Army SP4  
Viet Nam 1971-1974

ROBERT J. BOKSHON Army

BILL BOSWAY Naval Air Res. 1949-1958

LEONARD G. BRENNER Army WW-II  
Private 1st Class Pacific, 465 Field Artillery Div.  
Cannoneer, in charge of 18-man crew

RAYMOND J. BRENNER Army WW-II  
D-Day Invasion, 29th Division

RONALD BROWN Viet Nam

JACK BRULTZ III Air Force

MATHEW BUTWINA Army SSGT WW-II  
Germany

TOM CASHMAN Army SGT 1966-1969  
Viet Nam

LEROY CECCARDI Marines PFC 1947-1950

RICHARD CHARSANKO Army WW-II PFC

ALBERT T. CHESNIK Army SSGT WW-II

REMO E. CIFANI Marines CPL 1951-1953

CHARLES J. CINBUREK Army Air Corp WW-II  
PFC 1943-1945

ROBERT M. CLEMENTS Army Air Force WW-II  
1941-1945 Tech. Sgt. Communications Pacific

WILLIAM R. COLLINS Army Corporal  
1950-1958 Korea

JOHN COLLISE

LUDWIG S. CONELLY Cleveland Grays,  
Ohio Natl. Guard, Army Brigadier General  
1903-1945 WW-I & WW-II

RICHARD COOK Army CPL 1951-1953

DONALD COTTER Navy PN3 1952-1956

THOMAS J. CROFT Army MD. 1964-1966

NICK D'AMICO Marine Corps Private 1949-1950

JIM DANIELS Army SP4 1960-1962

JAMES H. DAVIS

WILLIAM A. DEAK Navy Fireman 1st Class  
1948-1952 Battleship New Jersey and  
2 Destroyers

MIKE DERNYAR Army Viet Nam War

RUSSELL DI CARLO

CARL F. DILL Army 1960-1962

FRANK P. DI MARCO Marines Major 1976-1996

DICK DOWLING Army 1<sup>st</sup> LT 1964-1966

ED ECKERT CPO WW-II

DAVID G. ELAM Air Force E-4 1972-2976

JACK ELAM ARMY

WILLIAM FALCON

SAM FAZIO

THOMAS A. FECKO Navy WW-II

THOMAS FIORE Navy

ROBERT J. FIRST

ERNEST A. FOLTON Air Force 1947-1951

CHARLES FRANK Army WW-II

ANDY FUHRMEYER Air Force

ROGER FUHRMEYER Navy 1953-1957

JOSEPH D. GAZDIK Army 1963-1969

ZISIMOS GIATIS Air Force

DENNIS J. GIBBONS Army SP5 1968-1970

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GILBERT GRAY Army



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JAMES W. GREEN Navy WW-II 1942-1945  
 WILLIAM GREENWELL Army WW-II  
 Medical Technician - Pacific  
 RONALD S. GULAJSKI  
 RONALD F. GUNYA

PERRY F. HACKBART SSGT Army Air Force  
 WW-II Panama Canal and Galapagos Island  
 HALLARAN, THOMAS Navy PFC WWII  
 South Pacific  
 NORMAN HANSLIK Army PFC 1951-1953  
 RICHARD C. HARRIS Army Air Force WW-II  
 FRANK HEGEDUS WW-II TECH5  
 ANDREW HEJL Army SGT Combat Medic Specialist  
 2005-2012  
 DON HEIMAN Army 1945-46  
 DICK HOPKINS Army Air Force WW-II  
 FRANK HORWATH Marines 1943-1946  
 5<sup>th</sup> Division-Pacific WW-II  
 GEORGE HRABAK

JOHN J. IGNAUT WPCD MSGT

PAUL M. JABLONSKI Marines SGT 1965-1969  
 Aviation Ordnance Viet Nam  
 JOSEPH JAJOLA WW-II SSGT Bronze Star  
 JOHN L. JATSEK Army SSGT E-6 1962-1968  
 B-17 Bomber Pilot 2<sup>nd</sup> LT  
 KEN JECMAN Marines SGT E-5 1958-1965  
 PHILLIP I. JOHNSON Army Air Corp. WW-II  
 CARL JURAN

ROBERT G. KAINSINGER Air Force  
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 DAVID KAISER Marines 1965-1969  
 DAVID KAPLA Naval Res. BMC 1966-1994  
 JULIUS KARA WW-II and Korean Conflict  
 KENNETH R. KATO  
 GAREN KELLEY Marine WW-II  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. South Pacific Bronze Star  
 JULIUS S. KEREEKES Army WW-II MSGT  
 Gen. Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army HQs  
 KEN KIBLER Naval Res.  
 CHESTER J. KIELISZEK  
 DELMAR KIRK Army WW-I  
 ROY KIRK Air Force 1954-1958  
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 EDWARD D. KOPINSKY Army MP 1946-48  
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 THOMAS KRAKOWSKI Army SGT 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
 RAYMOND G. KUCHTA Army SFC 1948-49 1950-53

GEORGE H. LAUTANEN  
 JOSEPH LAVRENCIK Army 1943-1947  
 DONALD J. LEONHARDT, SR. Army PFC 1951-1953  
 FRANK F. LERCHBACHER Army CPL 1951-1953  
 Korean Conflict  
 DENNY LINVILLE Army PFC 1959-1962  
 Missile Defense Artillery  
 JAMES A. LYNCH Army SP4 1964-1966

LEONARD MADEJ Army Purple Heart WW-II  
 RICHARD MADEJ Army WW-II  
 NICK MAGGIO Army Air Force 1942-1945 WW-II  
 RALPH MAGGIO, SR. SSGT 1940-1947  
 34<sup>th</sup> Division, Field Artillery Battalion  
 RALPH MAGGIO, JR. Army SP5 1970-1971  
 JOSEPH G. MAIRE Army CPL 1953-55  
 RONALD MANCINI Army 1959-1963  
 JAMES C. MARAS Army 1952-1954 Germany  
 JEROME MARDIGIAN Marines  
 JOSEPH P. MARINO Army PFC 1942-1945 WW-II  
 WILLIAM MARSHALL Army CPL 1953-1954  
 Korean Conflict  
 EUGENE MATIA Navy WW-II & Korean Conflict  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Petty Officer 1943-1950  
 JOE MAZZONE  
 TONY MAZZONE WW-II 672 AMTRAC  
 JOHN MC DONALD USNR Seabees E5  
 Construction Battallion  
 DAVID MC LEAN Natl. Guard  
 ROBERT MC LEAN Navy Great Lakes  
 1941-1944  
 CHARLES MC NAMEE Air Force SSGT 1942-1946

# OUR VILLAGE VETERANS

DALE MC RITCHIE Army SP4 1956-1958  
 ARTHUR M. MEDA 107th Armored Cavalry  
 National Guard 1966-1973  
 FRANK MENTI USAF Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class 1960-1964  
 FRED MIAVITZ, JR. Army Iraq: Gulf War  
 EARL MILLER Army Engineers Corp. 1953-1955  
 Korean War  
 JAMES G. MINICHBAUER Army Air Corp. WW-II  
 RUSSELL W. MONE Navy WW-II  
 W. GLENN MOORE Korean Conflict 1952-1954  
 CPL Anti-Aircraft Gun COMDR  
 GEORGE MROZ Army

ANDREW NEADING Navy 2nd Class Petty Officer  
 Search and Rescue Swimmer 2005-2009  
 FREDERICK NEILSEN, JR. Army WW-II  
 601<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Battalion North Africa  
 DEWITT NOETH Army WW-II Geodetic Computer  
 Anti-Aircraft Division

ALLAN J. OCHWAT  
 EUGENE H. ORENSKI Navy  
 BRIAN P. ORGANISCAK Marines  
 FRANCIS W. ORGANISCAK, JR. Marines  
 FRANCIS W. ORGANISCAK, SR. Army  
 JOSEPH A. ORITI  
 FAYE OTTAVIANO WAC WW-II  
 GEORGE OTTAVIANO Army WW-II

BENJAMIN PACE Army WW-II ETO  
 ALAN L. PALGUT Army SP4 Viet Nam  
 JOSEPH PALGUT Army Sgt. WW-II  
 KENNETH J. PALGUT Marines Sgt. Viet Nam  
 DAVID PALIK Army SP4 1955-1959 Reserves  
 1956 Active Duty  
 ALFRED R. PANKRATZ  
 JOSEPH C. PEKAR Navy LT Senior Grade WW-II  
 STEVE C. PETRANEK Army SP4 1965-1967  
 DAVID PHILLIPS Army Brigadier General 1981-2012  
 Tours of duty in Iraq totaled 31 months  
 JOSEPH PIDALA  
 CHARLES PATTON PIKE Coast Guard  
 DONALD B. PLISKE Army Korean Conflict  
 EDWARD J. POLLOCK  
 ROBERT PONIKVAR ONG, Army, Army Reserves  
 SP4 1957-1963  
 WALTER J. PRACEJUS  
 KENNETH H. PROVANCE  
 JOHN J. RADA, JR. Army Reserves SP4  
 BILL RAMSEY Coast Guard E8 1980-2001  
 JOSPEH REBOUDO Army Ohio Natl. Guard

THOMAS W. REMING Army SP5 1969-1972  
 HUBERT F. RENAULT Army SP4 1957-1959  
 PAUL S. REYNOLDS Army Aviation Section SGT  
 1954-1956  
 CORKER RHINES Navy RMCS  
 MARGE RHINES 1<sup>st</sup> Naval Ombudsman 1976-1977  
 USS Eisenhower  
 MICHAEL RICCO Army SP5 1965-1967 Viet Nam  
 EDWARD RICHER Navy WW-II Chief Petty Officer  
 RONALD RICHER Navy Viet Nam  
 GARY RIDDLES Navy Electronics Tech. 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
 1960-1964 Submarine: USS Chopper-SS342  
 FRED H. RIDSDALE Army WWII E.T.O. 1944-1945  
 Purple Heart  
 WILLIAM ROBERTSON Air Force  
 STEVEN ROMANIK Army SSGT 1942-1945 WW-II  
 FRANKLIN R. ROMITO  
 RALPH E. RUCKART AOAN Navy 1950-1954  
 Korean Conflict  
 ATTILIO A. RUSSO Army CPL 1952-1954 Korea  
 JOSEPH C. RUSSO

RANDY SABO  
 THOMAS R. SABO Navy Mach. 1<sup>st</sup> Class WW-II  
 ROBERT SAGULA, SR. Navy then Army Cpl.  
 WW-II and Korean Conflict  
 BENEDICT J. SAINA Marines  
 HARRY F. SAINA  
 PETE SAKIAN Army CPL 1951-1953  
 JAMES A. SALAMON, JR. Naval Air Force  
 LT.Cmdr. Viet Nam  
 RAYMOND D. SANTOLI Army Air Corp WW-II  
 DAN SAUNDERS Air Force Korean Conflict  
 CLIFFORD R. SCHORPP, JR. Viet Nam War UT3  
 LESLIE R. SHEELER Army Major 1974-1976

ALVIN SILBAUGH Navy  
 CHARLES G. SLABY  
 JOHN PAUL SLEEMAN Army MSGT WW-II  
 JEFFREY W. SMITH Army LTC 1963-1991 Viet Nam  
 EDMUND P. SONTOWSKI WW-II  
 JAMES SORNA 107<sup>th</sup> Ohio Natl. Guard 1963-1969  
 KEITH SORNA Navy 1997-2001 DD 968 Redford  
 ALBERT SPOTO  
 HENRY SRAMEK Army Air Force SGT  
 VINCENT STANFA Army E-4 Viet Nam  
 KEN STANOSZEK Ohio Natl. Guard SGT 1972-1978

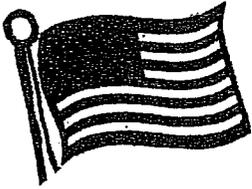


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 WW-II 1942-1945  
**STEVEN STERPKA** Marines 1953-1956  
**BILL ST. JOHN** Army 1951-1953  
**JAMES STONE** CPL WW-II Pacific, Panama Canal  
**DONALD M. STUCKY** Navy WW-II Fireman FC  
 USS Rocky Mount Flagship 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet Asiatic Pacific  
**STEVE SURACE** Army SSGT 1943-1945 WW-II  
**JOSEPH W. SVOBODA** Army 1950-1953 Korean Con.

**EDWARD L. THELLMANN** Navy 1945-1946  
**VERNON THIELE**  
**RAYMOND D. TINTER**  
**JOE TOMCIK, JR.** Korean Conflict  
**CYRIL TOMONDY** Army SGT 1952-1954 Korea  
**JOHN W. TOBUREN** Army Corporal -1946  
**FRED TRIBUZZO** Navy SSC WW-II & Korea  
**EDDIE TRZECIAK**

**ROBERT G. VILD** Navy WW-II 1944-1946  
 Mortar Machinist Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
**PHILIP VISOCKY** Army 1968-1971  
**MICHAEL J. VLASEK** Army WW-I  
**LEROY L. VLK** Army CPL 1961-1963  
**ROBERT F. VOGLER**

**WILLIAM A. WAGNER** Army PFC 1956-1957  
**JOSEPH L. WALTERS** Navy 1944 - 1946  
 Mortar Machinist Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
**JEFFERSON WALTON** Civil War  
 128<sup>th</sup> Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry  
**WILLIAM D. WARDLE**  
**KURT WARNKE** Army SP4 1971-1973

Two of our Village Employees are Veterans  
**Walton Hills Police Officer TOM KOTH**  
 Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 1987-1991

**Walton Hills Clerk of Court ANNIE SKENDER**  
 Marine Corps Lance Corporal 1983-1987

**MYRON WARNKE**  
**DAVID WASHTOCK** Army TC 1<sup>st</sup> LT 1961-1963  
**FRANCIS WEILAND** Army Korean Conflict  
**GERALD WEIMER** Army Sgt. Viet Nam  
**LAWRENCE WEIMER**

**DONALD WEITZMAN** Army Mortar Man  
 E5-SGT Platoon Sgt. 2005 - 2012  
 3 tours of duty in Iraq

**JEROME M. WEITZMAN** Army SP5 1969-1972  
**EDWARD W. WERDEN**

**WILBUR F. WHITMER** Navy  
**WILLIAM WIESE** Army 1950-1953 Korean Con.  
**PHILLIP WILLIAMSON** Navy 1955-1957  
**HOMER WILLS** Navy 1941-1945 WW-II  
**JACK WISE** Army CPL 1951-1953 Korean Conflict  
**JOSEPH F. WOLLET** Infantry WW-II SSGT  
 75<sup>th</sup> Inf. Battle of the Bulge  
 Purple Heart, Silver Star

**DEARL R. WOODARD** Army SP4 1960-1962

**WILLIAM WRIGHT** Army

**JACK E. WURTS** Army Air Corps 1943-1947 WW-II  
 Aleutian Air Command

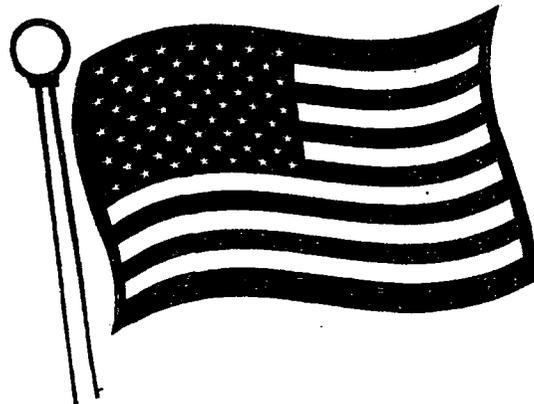
**ROBERT WYSOCKI**

**THOMAS G. YOUNG** Army WW-II

**EDWARD YURKO** Navy & Naval Res. 1942-1946  
 Aviation AMMI

**ROBERT E. ZAMOS** Army AntiAircraft Div. WW-II

**CINDY BRULTZ ZIMMERMAN** Army



# The VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING TRADITION

On Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm, residents will gather in the Community Room for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Village Tree Lighting. Mark your calendar. Join your fellow villagers at this yuletide event.

## How the Tradition Started

The proposal for a Village-wide Christmas party was the inspiration of three women of the Walton Hills Lake. The club had been sponsoring yearly Christmas parties for its member families at the Bedford YMCA, but they wanted to open the event to all residents and have the party at the Village Hall.

The first Community Tree Lighting celebration took place in December 1970. It was a huge success. The consensus was, "This kind of gathering is a great way for villagers to get into the Spirit of Christmas."

## The First Village Tree Lighting Party

**Lillian Blair** and **Janet Strong** organized the first event, with lots of support and assistance from villagers. "The children's eyes lit up as Santa arrived in a police cruiser with the siren blaring, as we were caroling around the Christmas tree," recapped Blair in her *Walton Hills Owl* article. **Betty Walton** donated the tree, and members of the Police Department set up the tree and its lights.

After caroling, everyone went into the Village Hall for coffee and homemade cookies baked by residents and served by members of the Women's Club. Children drank hot cocoa donated by the Men's Club and served by the Nursery School mothers. They also had ice cream donated by Village Clerk **Lois Lambert**. The Chamber of Commerce, Mayor **Tom Young** and Citizens' League provided bags with goodies that Santa passed out to the children.

## Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus

Great Santas and Mrs. Clauses have entertained the young and old at these parties: Former Police Chief **Frank Simoni** for the first two years, **John Kocsis** for at least ten years, **Lee Anderson**, **Rich Featherstun** for five or more years, **Jack Muslovski**, **Walt Zielinski** in 2003, and **Ray Tinter**, starting in 1996. Before he was Santa, at four other Christmas parties, **Tinter**, dressed in a clown outfit, entertained the crowd.

**Dorothy Kocsis** was Mrs. Claus for two decades. **Madeline Timm** took over that role starting in 1991. As Mrs. Claus she recites a Christmas Story to the circle of youngsters, after which she gives each child a token gift, a memento of her story. **Maddie** donates her Christmas storybooks to the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center.

Many teenagers, dressed as clowns and elves, have assisted at the yearly parties, and longtime residents recall **Ellen Byers** playing Christmas Carols on her accordion. In recent years, Walton Hills Church of Christ choir members and Sacred Heart of Jesus students have provided us with Christmas music and led the singing of Christmas Carols.



# POTPOURRI

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## Congratulations, Sylvia McLean

Our best wishes for good health to **Sylvia McLean**, who turned 95 on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Sylvia and her late husband, Bob, moved into their home on Rotary Drive in 1963. Sylvia organized the Walton Hills Fifty Plus Club in 1972, primarily to offer her elderly mother and other senior citizens a social venue within the village. Sylvia soon realized that the social activities she planned were fun for her, too. She was the club president for its first twenty years.

Sylvia would like to pay tribute to her granddaughter **Carrie (Sorna) Zuckaukis** who has a master's degree and is now teaching health courses at Cuyahoga Community College at the downtown campus. Carrie is married to **Jeff Zuckaukis** who can be heard on the air at radio station WTAM.

Walton Hills is home to Sylvia's daughter and her husband, **Kathy and Jim Sorna**, who live on South Meadowpark Drive. **Keith Sorna**, Kathy and Jim Sorna's son, also lives in the village, on North Meadowpark Drive.

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## Thank You

"A word of thanks to our Walton Hills Service Department Employees. We appreciate the several weeks of clean-up you devoted to removing leaves, twigs and branches from the front of our properties. No matter the weather, wet or dry, you do excellent work. Jeanne and Phil Williamson of Orchard Hill Drive"

## Thank You

to **Justine Cifani** of Jefferson Drive. The *Walton Hills Owl* staff appreciates your donation and your support.

## Bereavements

**Leo Lesyk** of Chestnut Drive passed away in mid September at age 82. Our condolences to **Maria Lesyk**, his wife of 40 years, and their children **Vira** and **Mychola Stadnyk** and **Veronica** and **Ronald Prebis**. Leo retired from Bird Electronics in Solon, where he was head of Engineering and Development. The Lesyks have lived on Chestnut Drive since 1966.

**John Alesci** of Alexander Road passed away in October at age 89. His wife, **Helen Alesci** died in 2004. Our sympathy to their children, **Donna** and **Anthony Salerno**, **Joanne** and **Tom Presby** of South Carolina, **Elaine** and **Sam Zingale**, **Lori Alesci**, **Anthony** and **Margaret Alesci**, **John** and **Kathy Alesci**, **Angelo Alesci**, **Chuck Alesci** and **Dominic Alesci**. The Alesci family moved into the village in 1961.

**Shirley Gunya** of Orchard Hill Drive passed away in late October, at age 75. Our condolences to her husband **Ronald Gunya** and their daughter and son-in-law **Kimberly** and **Ray Kovalchick** who live in Sagamore Hills. The Gnyas were married 51 years; more than 20 of those years they lived in Walton Hills.

Our condolences to **Dagmar** and **Allen Clements** of Egbert Road, on the passing of Dagmar's mother, **Slgrid Becher**. Dagmar, a noted local artist, and art teacher for the Bedford City Schools, grew up in Reutlingen, Germany, the town where her mother still lived.

Former resident **Bonnie Chadwell**, who lived on Orchard Hill Drive from 1978 until the year 2000, passed away in early October at age 74. Our sympathy to her children, **Dawn** and **Dan Fiore** of Aurora, **Debbie** and **Rommel Malay**, **Laura** and **Jim Jilek** and **Dan** and **Mandy Chadwell**.

Former Alexander Road resident **Rose Sochacki** passed away in mid October at age 96. Her husband, **Pete Sochacki** died in 2004. In 2007, because of deteriorating health, Rose sold the home that had been the family residence for 55 years and moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, **Rose Mary** and **Pete Buczkowski**. Our condolences to their children, **Donald Sochacki**, **Allen** and **Susan Sochacki**, **Mark** and **Laretto Sochacki** and **Rose Mary** and **Pete Buczkowski**.

The Sochackis were very active in Walton Hills organizations, such as the Women's Club, the Men's Club, the Fifty Plus Club, and the Walton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Former Egbert Road resident **Frank Bondra** passed away October 31<sup>st</sup> at age 76. Our expression of sympathy to his wife **Becky Bondra** and their children, **Veronica** and **Mike Bobnar**, **Christine Pawlak**, **Frank** and **Holly Bondra**, **Jon** and **Stephanie Bondra**, **Tammy** and **Mike O'Connell** and **Nancy** and **Steve Bly**. The Bondras lived in Walton Hills from 1989 until 1995.

*Join your fellow friends and neighbors,*

*The Year 2012-Village Tree Lighting Tradition*

*Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 pm*

*Walton Hills Community Room*

## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

November 13, 2012, Committee of the Whole Meeting: **"Persons** having business before Council" is one of the first items on the agenda for COW meetings (2 minute limit). Judy Sheeler asked what it costs the Village to send out the "Walton Hills Journal". Mayor Hurst said it costs \$750 per issue for the 12 pages. This goes to every business and residence in Walton Hills. **Councilperson** Mary Brenner reported that she attended a program about the Lutheran Church in Northfield opening its basement for senior programs. Mayor Hurst said he has been talking to two other communities about tying our senior programs together. Many communities have lost funding sources and are considering combining services to save money. **The Mayor** spoke about the "Alternatives to consider following defeat of Issue #99 (Finance Committee)." He will be issuing a booklet at the first COW meeting in December that will detail cuts that could be made in the budget. He hopes to complete a budget in December. Some of the items that will be looked at are trash pick-up (about \$165,000), the recreation department (\$168,000), brush chipping, leaf pick-up, the Walton Hills Lake (\$20,000), senior busing, and the Parker program. Also, a ¼% increase in the income tax could be put on the ballot in May, 2013, raising \$439,000. Utilizing the inside millage could raise \$380,000, but it would need to be approved by Council in December to become effective in June, 2013. Councilman Spitznagel agreed that the budget needs to be looked at line by line. He said some residents may not realize how difficult it is to cut some programs without having to just eliminate them. He also said that while the Mayor and Council have been doing a good job whittling the budget down, some programs will have to go. Perhaps some, such as the Police and Service Departments, could work with another community to save money. Councilman Rich suggested it might be possible to buy a truck and have our Service Dept. pick up the trash. Mayor Hurst said he is talking to two other communities that do their own trash pick-up to see if it would be possible to do ours at lower cost. The recreation department could go to another community. The Service garage and department could be shared. All these things would have to be studied and found to be feasible before they are presented to Council. Councilman Linville suggested that the Village buy dumpsters and the residents could put their own trash in them. He also said that Villagers may not realize how difficult it will be if we exhaust our rainy day fund. Right now we have a cushion, He said in his opinion it would be best to put the ½% increase in the income tax on the ballot again because that is what the Village needs. Councilman Spitznagel added that we have not budgeted for road repairs and maintenance for several years and that will make our deficit higher when we finally must do that. The Solicitor, Mr. Blair Melling, said that any decision to have a ballot issue in May, 2013, must be decided in December, 2012, so he has time to file the proper paperwork. The next COW meeting should be on Tuesday, December 4. **The next item** to be discussed was health, dental, vision, and life insurance for employees. Mr. Vic Nogalo, the Fiscal Officer, and Mr. Marinelli, our insurance consultant with Chapman and Chapman, presented a detailed analysis of past and current costs and benefits. The medical insurance contract with Medical Mutual will be in effect until the end of 2013. Walton Hills is in the Cuyahoga County Regionalization Plan and only incurred a 6% increase this year. The other policies will be voted on at the Council meeting on November 20, 2012. The employees currently pay 10% of the cost of their insurance. The Village cost was about \$268,000 in 2012. **The Village** recently underwent an audit. Mr. Vic Nogalo said that the auditors told the Village to update its current Petty Cash Ordinance. The new Ordinance allows for \$600 for administration/finance, \$500 for the Police Department and \$100 for Recreation. This money is used for small expenses such as parking fees where it is inconvenient to write a check. Receipts must be turned in to account for the money. It will be voted on next Council meeting. **In "Other Business"**, the Mayor and Council members spoke about some recent activities in the Village including the Pancake breakfast held by the Women's Club. The Mayor said that the Village paid about \$200 for supplies and Veterans ate for free. He said he would like to do more with other clubs because that's how you bring communities together. **The meeting went** into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel. It adjourned immediately after that.



# Veterans Day Memories



Left: Mayor Kevin Hurst (right) and Veteran and Council President Pro Tem Denny Linville (left) acknowledge local men currently serving in a branch of the United States Armed Forces.



Right: Veteran Julius Kerekes delivers the keynote address.



Above left: Resident Veteran Ray Levanduski presents a memorial wreath to our departed Veterans. Above right: Residents enjoying pancakes prepared by the Women's Club, who partnered with the Village this year by holding their pancake breakfast on Veterans Day and offering all Veterans a complimentary breakfast. Our most sincere appreciation is extended to Carol James Florist, Northfield Florist, Novak's Flower Shoppe and Petal Place Florist for their donation of centerpieces for the breakfast.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SMITH & OBY

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*

The employee owned and operated Smith & Oby Company, located at 7676 Northfield Road in Walton Hills, has grown into one of Ohio's most respected mechanical contractors. They install some of the most important and complex heating, plumbing, air conditioning and refrigeration systems in a building, which are seldom seen because they are hidden beneath floors, behind walls and above ceilings. They also have a service division to maintain and provide preventive maintenance on their complex plumbing and HVAC installations. Their service philosophy is centered on quality, providing a timely response, accurate diagnosis and thorough repair while performing with a high level of professionalism. They are an authorized contractor with the State of Ohio and they understand Green Building and Leadership in Environmental Design (LEED).

Since their inception they have worked on various types of projects including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities, educational facilities, power plants, factories, and data centers. Their field staff is 100% union and includes pipefitters, plumbers and sheet metal workers. They self-perform HVAC piping, process piping, refrigeration, plumbing and sheet metal. In the early days the Company started plumbing and heating work for prominent Cleveland leaders. They built mansions for Mather, Hanna, Ireland, Prentiss, Blossom and Severance, among others. From these relationships they established a reputation of overall performance excellence that led to major industrial, institutional, commercial and civic projects. Other notable Smith & Oby projects throughout the years include St. Luke's Hospital, Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Cleveland Public Auditorium, Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank, Brook Park Ford Motor complex, Cleveland Trust Tower, Cuyahoga County Justice Center, City of Cleveland's Division Avenue Water Treatment Plant, Kaiser Permanente, BP Research Lab, Cleveland Playhouse expansion, Cleveland Marriott, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Science Center, NASA Glenn Research Facility, Continental Airlines Concourse-D at Hopkins International Airport, and multiple projects at the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, VA Hospital, Case Western Reserve University and John Carroll University.

Smith & Oby was incorporated on March 28, 1898. That year, Colonel James J. Smith and his partner, George Oby, moved their small, 31 year old plumbing business from Canton to Cleveland. In 2007 the Company purchased and renovated the former Wigglesworth building at the corner of Northfield and Alexander. They relocated to the 45,000 square foot facility in early 2008 and currently employ approximately 40 people in that location and 150 overall at their jobsites throughout Northeast Ohio and West Virginia.

Since 1898, Smith & Oby has provided superior service and there is no end in sight! Pictured below left, Smith & Oby founders George Oby and Col. James J. Smith. Below right, Smith & Oby's administrative offices located at 7676 Northfield Road.



Smith & Oby founders  
George Oby and Col. Smith



# POTPOURRI

## Our Man Lincoln is Recognized Again

Did you see the photo and article about Phil Williamson of Orchard Hill Drive, aka Abraham Lincoln, in the Arts and Life Section of the Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*?

Williamson is a member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters, a nation-wide group of about 160 "top-hat impersonators" who give presentations to audiences across the country. Because of the recent film "Lincoln," the members are getting a lot of attention.

Phil states, "There's a ham in me. Some of the other guys take it more seriously. But Lincoln had a great sense of humor and told many stories that involved a lesson to be learned. There's a joke in the movie about an outhouse that I've been telling for five years. Fortunately, I have another joke."

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## Santa Must be Very Tired

If you see Santa, Mrs. Santa or their Elves taking a nap in January, we can tell you why. Although Santa and his workers had a lot to do at the North Pole last month, they found time to visit their fellow villagers in Walton Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus were warmly greeted and welcomed by a host of children and adults who attended the Village Tree Lighting On December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Claus read a story to the children about a tree that was chosen to become a Christmas Tree. Santa met with each child and family, handing out gifts.

On Santa Delivery Day, Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>, the weather started out great, until about 3 pm when the rain started. Santa was a little soggy by the end of the day.

Santa and his helpers made stops at 47 Walton Hills' houses, delivering packages to residents who participated in this year's Santa Delivery Service. They delivered gifts from noon until 6 pm. Riding around the village in a fire truck, Santa jumped out of the truck at the houses to deliver presents to good little girls and boys, and some grownups, too. Santa's crew managed this massive delivery, insuring the right gift went to the proper child at the correct address.

We express our thanks to a lot of people.

To the families who participated in the Village Christmas events. To Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the Tree Lighting, Ray Tinter and Madeline Timm. To Delivery Service Santa, Don Kolograf.

To Santa's top elves, Carol Stanoszek and Karleen Dean and their assistants, Paul Rich, Ronnie Krainz, Lisa Thellmann and her daughter Mira Sekerak, Haly Schroeder, Kyle Schroeder, Nathan Schroeder, Nicole Schroeder, Katie Hurst and her friend Seth. To Judi Schroeder who phoned everyone a few minutes before Santa's expected arrival, telling them to be ready – Santa was on his way.

To Mayor Kevin Hurst who was Santa's official greeter. To Police Chief Ken Thellmann, Leader of the Pack. To Patrolman Mark Hoy who helped drive. To Fire Chief Jim Shade and the Oakwood Village Fire Department for the use of their Fire Truck and their help. And, to the Walton Hills Village Employees who volunteered their time.

# POTPOURRI (continued)

## Welcome New Residents!

**Anthony Harris**  
18646 Alexander Road

**Stephen and Barbara Novak**  
7880 Walton Road

## Thank You

"The family of **Helen Kirschnick** thank the Walton Hills Policemen and Rescue personnel for their help and compassion when our Mother passed away at her home. It is hard for us to put into words how grateful we were that they were there. **Melvyn and Ellen Kirschnick, Norman and Julia Kirschnick and Gideon and Karen Weaver**"

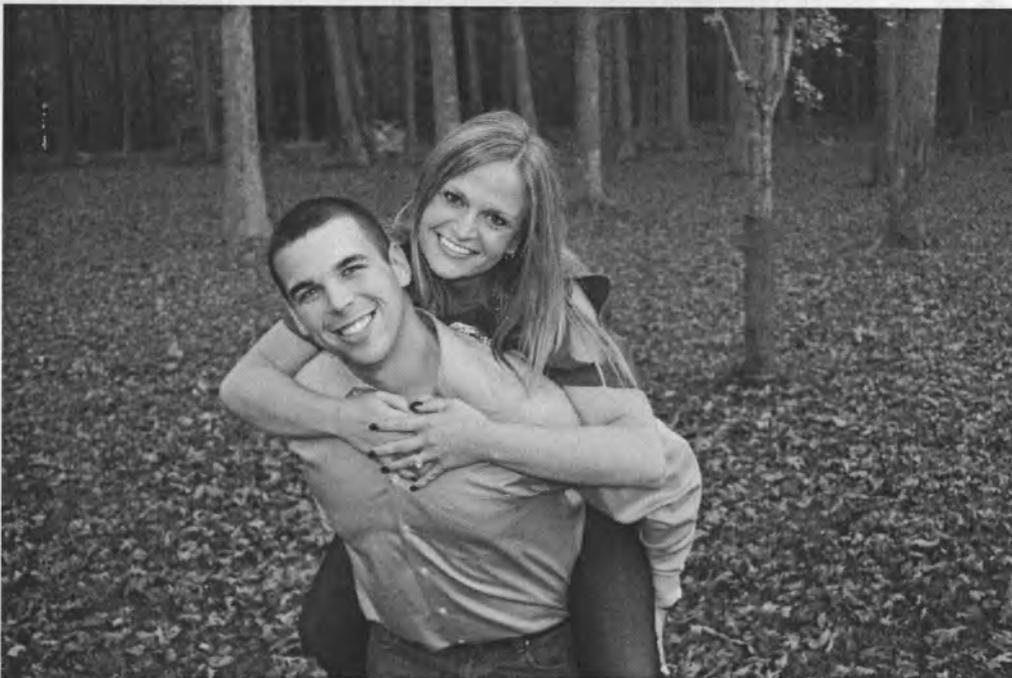
## Check Out Our VILLAGERS' LIBRARY!

Residents of Walton Hills have created a LIBRARY for all of us to use.

The library is located in the Village Hall Community Room.

**It's the Honor System - No Sign Out or Sign In - No Fees**

You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction - Famous Authors - Espionage - Bios - Mysteries - Adventure - Christian Books - Books for Teenagers - and more



Karen and Jim Robison of Rauland Drive are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Michelle Brasdovich to Hector Fontanet. Hector is the son of Dr. Ricardo and Cari Fontanet from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Michelle and Hector are both graduates of the University of Dayton. Michelle is currently an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra teacher at Milkovich Middle School in Maple Hts. and Hector is a mechanical engineer at McHenry and Associates. They are planning a summer wedding.

# Christmas Celebrations

## Christmas Tree Lighting - December 2nd



Over 125 residents and their family members and friends were in attendance at the Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 2nd. This annual celebration was a great way to get into the holiday spirit! Attendees brought holiday desserts to share and donated a paper product and/or toiletry item for our food pantry. Our sincere appreciation is extended to Ray Tinter (a.k.a. Santa Claus) and Maddie Timm (a.k.a. Mrs. Claus) who did a wonderful job again this year - Mrs. Claus read a delightful Christmas story and Santa listened to the wishes of the excited children!

## Santa Delivery - December 9th



The Santa Delivery was a great success again this year! 47 families participated in this annual event in which Santa and his elves stop by residents' driveways and present children or family members of any age with a gift. The rainy day did not dampen the spirits of the many volunteers that made this event possible. Our appreciation is extended to the following: Mayor Kevin Hurst, his daughter Katie and her boyfriend Seth, Councilmen Don Kolograf and Paul Rich, Police Chief Kenn Thellmann and his wife Lisa, Police Officer Mark Hoy, Oakwood Fire Chief Jim Schade, Oakwood Firefighters Mike Coyne and Bill Hubbard, Recreation Director Carol Stanoszek, Youth Coordinator Karleen Dean, Recreation Driver Ronnie Krainz and resident Judy Schroeder. Our appreciation is also extended to our young elves Cheirin, Mira, Anna, Nathan, Kyle, Haly and Nicole. What a wonderful community event!!!

A lot more pictures of both the Tree Lighting & Santa Delivery can be found on our website!

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE DINER ON NORTHFIELD ROAD

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*

The Diner on Northfield Road has a simple philosophy: "100% guest satisfaction 100% of the time." In addition, everything they serve is 100% homemade – nothing they prepare has ever been frozen. Sounds like the perfect recipe for a successful restaurant! Owner Jim Musarra is very proud of his diner located at 7188 Northfield Road in Walton Hills, at the corner of Krick Road and Northfield Road. He opened the restaurant on August 15<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Jim did not start out in the restaurant business. He was a National Sales Manager for Wilkinson Sword razor blades and was transferred to Atlanta, Georgia. He received a large bonus check and decided to go into business for himself. He opened two restaurants in Atlanta in 1984, which he ran for about ten years. He then came back home and become the Director of Operations for the Brown Derby Roadhouse, a position he held for approximately 14 years. He next became the General Manager of the Freeway Lanes bowling alley and then decided it was time to open his own business again and The Diner on Northfield Road was born! It is a family establishment - Jim's son, Christian Michael, works at the restaurant as an "all utility employee" and his wife Linda helps out.

The Diner on Northfield Road has an extensive menu for breakfast and lunch. The cuisine would be classified as American with traditional breakfast favorites and daily breakfast specials being offered. Breakfast is served all day. The lunch menu includes soup and chili, salads, burgers, sandwiches (chicken, club, BLT, grilled cheese, fish, gyro, ribeye steak), hot dogs, and wraps. In addition, Chef Greg Baily from New Orleans prepares daily Cajun specials such as chicken and sausage gumbo or jambalaya. Besides the one Cajun special, there are also two or three daily lunch specials. They also offer a homemade veggie burger and a vegetable wrap, which will delight vegetarians! A kids menu is available for both breakfast and dinner.

The Diner on Northfield Road is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are closed on Sunday. They offer take-out and they will deliver. They welcome private parties any day of the week after 4:00 p.m. with no additional charge for the use of the restaurant. They can tailor any party to your budget.

Jim had a busy November and December. His Thanksgiving promotion was very successful – a whole turkey and four side dishes were cooked for patrons to pick up for their family celebrations. They also had a Christmas promotion where a complete ham or turkey dinner was prepared for take-out and a New Year's promotion which offered a complete pork loin, ham or turkey dinner for take-out. Keep all of this in mind for your next Christmas and/or New Year's celebration! There will also be an Easter promotion which is still in the planning stages.

Jim and Linda and their two sons all grew up in and still reside in Northfield, Ohio. They are all graduates of Nordon High School. You can contact The Diner on Northfield Road at 440.232.8428.



*(Left) The Diner on Northfield Road located at 7188 Northfield Rd.*

*(Right) Server Katherine Blake takes the order of a loyal customer.*



## Bereavements

**James "Jim" Lynch** of Orchard Hill Drive passed away in November at age 69. Our condolences to his wife and best friend, **Marian Lynch**, to whom he was married for 46 years. Our sympathy also to their family: to son and daughter-in-law **James and Deanne Lynch** and their children **Alex, Benjamin and Cade Lynch** of Cranberry Pennsylvania, and to daughter and son-in-law **Traci and Martin Fay** and their children, **Harrison, Kennedy and Maxwell Fay** of Bainbridge.

Lynch served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was the founder, and owner for 33 years, of Ohio Lift Truck, Inc. located in Krick Road Industrial Park. A born athlete, Jim's played football at Maple Heights High School, then he became an ace tennis player; but once he started playing golf, he developed into a passionate, competitive golfer. He had many friends, what with his ready smile, friendly and outgoing personality.

The Lynch family moved into the Village in 1973. Both of their children graduated from Bedford High School.

**James Exton** of Summerset Drive passed away in November at age 84. Our sympathy to son and daughter-in-law **Tim and Dorothy Exton** of Egbert Road, and also to the other children of James and his late wife, **Ruth Exton**; to **Lynda and Terry Gregory, Arthur and Gayle Exton, Kathy and Anthony Wright, Carol and James Centivany**.

Exton served in the U.S. Navy during WW II. He was a member of Bricklayers Union, Local 5. Exton moved into the village in 2006.

**Helen Kirschnick** of Carmany Drive passed away in November at age 95. Helen and her late husband, **Arthur Kirschnick**, moved into the village in 1955. Helen was a member of the Chagrin Valley and Lake Erie Doll Clubs for many years. She was an expert seamstress and enjoyed creating teddy bears. Helen loved her home, and the deer, wild turkey and occasional coyote that shared her yard. Our condolences to the children, **Melvyn and Ellen Kirschnick** of Wickliffe, **Norman and Julia Kirschnick** of Mansfield and **Karen and Gideon Weaver** of Bainbridge.

Our condolences to **Ruth Dowling** of Regency Drive on the passing of her husband, **Richard Dowling**, who died at age 70. Our sympathy to their children, **Mary and David Slifka** of Medina, **Carol and Foster Nye** of Columbus, **Paula and Brian Sherrill** of Wadsworth, **Michelle and Michael Madden** of Shaker Heights and **Thomas and Heather Dowling** of Northfield Center. All the Dowling children are graduates of Bedford High School.

Richard Dowling served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. For 40 years he was a State Farm Insurance Agent, CLU. His office was in Bedford. He was a longtime parishioner and Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's Church. Ruth and Richard Dowling, who were married for 48 years, moved into the Village in 1989.

**Charles McNamee**, longtime Hickory Drive resident, passed away at age 93. His wife, **Jean McNamee**, has been deceased for a number of years. Our condolences to their son and his wife, **Thomas and Marissa McNamee**.

McNamee served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

**Former Walton Hills Police Chief Joseph Barr**, passed away in November at age 74. Chief Barr served as Police Chief for our Village from May of 1990 until March of 2003, when he retired. Before working for the Village, he was with the Bedford Police Department for 28 years. The Barrs were longtime Bedford residents, and, for the past 13 years lived in Doylestown. Barr served in the U.S. Army.

Our sympathy to his wife of eleven years, **Betty Barr**, and children **Richard and Mary Barr** of Ravenna Township, **Kathleen and John Bodnar** of Bedford, and **Timothy and Jessie Barr** of Kent.

# POTPOURRI

## Congratulations, Joe Pekar – 102 Years Old on February 1<sup>st</sup>

Longtime Walton Hills resident, **Joe Pekar** has reached his 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. Congratulations, Joe!

A couple years after World War II had ended and he was discharged from the service, **Joseph and Agnes Pekar** bought their first property in Walton Hills. They purchased the Jefferson Walton house and 3 acres of land at 7228 Walton Road. The property was previously owned by Jefferson Walton's descendents who had moved into Bedford, leaving the family homestead vacant and hundreds of acres of farmland lie fallow.

Soon after the Pekars moved into their home, Joe built a horse stable roomy enough for two horses and a pony. A few short years later, when Joe's job took him overseas, they sold the house and moved out of the country.

In 1953 the Pekars moved into their second Walton Hills residence, this one on Woodlake Drive.

Joe and Agnes were married in 1940. Joe's career with H. K. Ferguson and Company took him on jobs to several countries around the world. Agnes is retired from her nursing career at Brentwood Hospital. For many years Joe enjoyed the fellowship and friendly competitiveness of playing golf with his Walton Hills golf buddies.

Joe is currently staying at Summit Point Assisted Living Center in Macedonia because of health problems. Even though she is 94 years old, Agnes drives to the center each day to spend the daylight hours with her husband.

## Bereavements

- **Walter Pracejus** of Shaner Drive passed away in mid December at age 72. Our condolences to his wife **Rosemary Pracejus** and their family: **John and Shawna Pracejus** of Edmonton, Alberta, **Joan and Chuck Haberkorn** of Medina, **Anne and Anthony Adomaites** of Medina, **Susan Morales** of Chicago, and eight grandchildren.

For 37 years Pracejus spent many weekends serving in the Coast Guard Reserves. He retired from the Military with the rank of Commander. He was a Civil Engineer with the U.S. Department of Transportation for 32 years, retiring in 1997. In 1983 he established Pracejus Engineering Services, providing engineering and surveying services to homeowners and commercial clients.

Walter served as Walton Hills Councilman, and was a member of the Village Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. He assisted troop leaders of Walton Hills Boy Scout Troop 417, and he was a Walton Hills Lake Trustee for a few years. For 30 years Pracejus was president of an active square dancing club that he and Rosemary, as well as several other Walton Hills couples, were members. Both Walter and Rosemary were active members of St. Mary's Church. Their children are all graduates of Bedford High School.

Walter and Rosemary were married for 48 years. They moved into the village in 1965. They used a section of their back yard for a large vegetable garden. Walter was known for stating, "Other people exercise and get muscles. I exercise in the garden. I get produce to show for it, and I get muscles, too."

- **Dean Penix** of South Meadowpark Drive passed away on January 1<sup>st</sup> at age 75. Our sympathy to his wife **Gloria Penix**, and family members: **Pam and Jerry Davls** of Stow, **Jim Penix** of Strongsville, **Tim and Patty Penix** of Hudson, **Sue and Vin Sisson** of Vienna Ohio, **Tara and Jim Marx** of Mayfield Heights, the 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

For 40 years Penix was the owner of Dean's Construction Company, Inc. Work was Dean's hobby, he loved his work. He also enjoyed his years as Treasurer of the Walton Hills Chamber of Commerce, and caring for his horse, Shayfas. He especially liked riding Shayfas in Bedford's Memorial Day Parades, which he did for 10 or more years. Most of all he enjoyed the times he spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

# SPOTLIGHT ON DUNHAM PRODUCTS

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*

Dunham Products, located at 7400 Northfield Road in Walton Hills, manufactures high strength fasteners for the aerospace, nuclear, medical, automotive, race hardware, and commercial industries using a wide variety of steel, stainless steel, super alloys, titanium, and other specialty materials.

Walton Hills resident Joe Klukan II, President and Owner of Dunham Products, is proud of his company which his grandfather, Joseph F. Klukan I, founded in 1946. He lived in a small house in Garfield Heights that had no space to start a business, so his father-in-law offered his 400 square foot two-car garage located at 7320 Dunham Road in Walton Hills. Shortly after, a 1,600 square foot facility was built on the property and in 1983 they moved to a newly built 7,000 square foot facility located at 6 Industry Drive in Bedford. In 2009, they relocated to their current 40,000 square foot facility in Walton Hills. This move enabled them to add machines and personnel to keep up with the growing demands of their customers. With the accessibility of this location to Cleveland and the space to expand, they now offer complete manufacturing and secondary processes with quick turnarounds. They are considering adding on another 25,000 square feet to their building.

Dunham Products stands for quality and customer service above all else and is well respected in the industry. They are ISO 9001:2008 & QSLM certified for Class 2 and 3 threads and are one of the few companies in the country who have received this certification.

Since 2009, the number of machinists employed by Dunham Products has tripled, much of which occurred in the last year. Four new thread roller machines and two Hwacheon CNC's have recently been added to the production lines to meet their customers' ever growing demands. In the thread roll department, Dunham Products now has a larger capacity for various sizes of threading. The new sems machine and high-speed slant machine permits them to competitively accommodate high-speed, automated runs. As always, they have the ability to re-roll, blank roll, knurl and roll threads for most material grades and hardnesses. With the automatic bar feeders and live tooling on the new CNC's, they have the ability to make more complete and complex parts with faster prototyping. All of these new capabilities translate to lower cost and faster production.

Joe started at Dunham Products when he was nine years old and has enjoyed working with many of his family members over the years. Besides his grandfather, Joe's dad (Ronald Klukan - former President and Owner), mother (Rose Mary), wife (Joanna), two sisters and two nephews have also worked there. Dunham Product's management team consists of Joe as President, Jay Maslanka as Vice President and Sarah Johnson as General Manager.

Joe continues to drive the company forward to expand to new markets and offer new services while focusing on growth for the needs of his current customers. With his latest family addition of twin boys in January 2012 and another child on the way, Joe holds firm to his family value of enhancing his business for generations to come.

Dunham Products has redesigned their website, which now provides a full list of capabilities and contact information as well as employment opportunities. Check it out at [www.dunhamproducts.com](http://www.dunhamproducts.com).

With machining dwindling as an American commodity, Dunham Products, Inc. is a strong, family built, Cleveland, Ohio company that is standing tall and holding firm now and into the future!



*(Left) Dunham Products' current facility located at 7400 Northfield Road.*

*(Right) A sample of the high strength fasteners that Dunham Products manufactures.*



## A Party for Princesses

Thirty-seven little princesses from the Village gathered in the Community Room on Thursday, December 27th for our second annual Princess Party. Their favorite princesses were there to meet them—Rapunzel, Belle, Cinderella and Pocahontas! They had a wonderful afternoon talking and taking pictures with the princesses, making crafts (jeweled crowns and door hangers), eating cupcakes, dancing, getting their nails polished, getting their hair braided with flowers, competing in a coloring contest and winning some wonderful princess prizes! All the little princesses received some goodies when they left. They all had a royally good time!



A lot more pictures of the Princess Party can be found on our website and our Facebook page!



## Village Transportation

Are you aware that the Recreation and Community Life Department provides transportation services for senior and disabled residents Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.? For a nominal fee, we will transport residents to doctor's appointments, therapy sessions, hair appointments, banks, stores and more within a specified region. Please call Carol at 440.786.2964 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to schedule a ride. You can also visit the Village website ([www.waltonhillsohio.gov](http://www.waltonhillsohio.gov)) for costs and additional information.

Are you also aware that the Village has a weekly shopping trip for senior and disabled residents to several popular grocery stores? On Wednesdays, we travel to Aldi, Marc's, Peppers and Giant Eagle. Pick ups start at 9:30 a.m. Call Carol if you want to be included in this weekly shopping excursion!

## Help the Animals in Our Village in Need of Help

Whenever a stray or abandoned animal in need of veterinary care is picked up by our Animal Warden Sandy Mannino, she pays for this expense out of her own pocket. She is a genuine animal lover and is glad to help these animals, but this has become quite a burden on her financially. A special fund has been set up by the Village to be used for veterinary care for stray and abandoned animals found in our Village. If you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause, please send a check to the Village Hall (7595 Walton Road) made out to the "Village of Walton Hills." In the memo portion of the check, please put "Animal Fund." A monthly report of total donations will be published in the *Walton Hills Journal*. If you need additional information, please call the Village Hall at 440.232.7800.

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### WALTON HILLS RESIDENTS ARE SCHOOL BOARD LEADERS

On January 10th, Walton Hills resident Debbie Kozak was elected President of the Bedford School Board and resident Merry Anne Hilty was elected Vice President. This is the first time in the history of the Bedford City School Board that Walton Hills residents have held the top two positions on the Board. Pictured are Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Vice President Hilty, President Kozak and Mayor Kevin Hurst. Congratulations and good luck in your new positions!



Gloria Terlosky, Merry Anne Hilty, Debi Kozak and Kevin Hurst

On January 10th, two Walton Hills residents were elected to the Bedford School Board. Debi Kozak was elected President and Merry Anne Hilty was elected Vice President. This is the first time in the history of the Bedford School Board that Walton Hills residents have held the top two positions on the Board. It is also the first time that a lifelong Walton Hills resident was elected President of the School Board.

## The Dzikowski Family and Memories of "Black Beauty Riding Academy"

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The Hank Dzikowski Family of 7135 Dunham Road celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> year as residents of Walton Hills in February of this year. While Henry (Hank) and Joyce Dzikowski lived off Miles Avenue in Cleveland, Hank got the idea of building a house for his family on their 4-acre lot on Dunham Road, using hand-hewn utility poles (telephone and electric poles, as most of us call them.) He started to read the histories of American settlers and learned their techniques for building log cabins. Then he fashioned a tool like those used by the early settlers for splitting logs.

For 2 years, from 1960 to 1962, the Dzikowskis looked for poles. "Every time we saw a crew replacing a pole we'd stop and ask them for the old one," stated Joyce Dzikowski, when she was interviewed for a feature article that appeared in *The Cleveland Press* in April of 1969. Hank spent those two years converting the round poles into square beams.

After stock piling about 125 squared beams of various dimensions and stacking siding pieces that he cut to size, he received a building permit from the building inspector of the time. Hank began construction of his Walton Hills house in April of 1962. With help from relatives and friends, it only took the Dzikowskis 10 months to build their house. In *The Cleveland Press* article Joyce is quoted as saying, "In spite of all the hard work, it is a good feeling to look around and know that we did all this ourselves." On a snowy day in February of 1963, Hank and Joyce Dzikowski moved into their new home with their four daughters, Carol, Lori, Sue and Denise. Mark, their fifth and last child was born the following September.

Their distinctive log-cabin style home has outside walls that are 10 to 12 inches thick. Reinforced 30-foot beams crossing the ceilings provide support and eliminate the need for interior bearing walls. Shingles for the home's exterior were made by splitting the stumps of the poles into pieces. The stone fireplace wall in the living room was built of rocks that the children carried from the creek behind the house. The back of the wall, made of reclaimed brick, creates a foyer.



# The Dzickowski Family and Memories of "Black Beauty Riding Academy"

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And yes, the fireplace mantle was fashioned from a utility pole. Large windows let in lots of light, making the house bright and comfortable. The kitchen, living room and dining rooms are large and open, appearing as one great room - a style that is fashionable today.

Residents living north of Alexander Road may remember their mailman, Hank. Dzickowski transferred from the Brecksville Post Office in 1970 to work at the Bedford facility. He delivered mail to his fellow Walton Hills residents for the next 14 years. He retired in August of 1984.

## Hank's Parents and Black Beauty Riding Academy, Located on Dunham Road

Going back in time to the 1920s ...

Hank's parents, Henry, Sr. and Eleanor Dzickowski and their 7 children lived in Cleveland. Henry Sr. owned the Dzickowski Funeral Home at Harvard and East 71<sup>st</sup> Street. Henry, Sr. knew he needed to live close to his business, but he wanted to find a get-away weekend place for his family, one that was close to the city but in a country atmosphere where his children could ride horses.

Henry, Sr. purchased 4 acres of land on the east side of Dunham Road from the Hesoun family in about 1926. Then in about 1935, he bought 35 acres of land from the Mars Wager estate. This new acreage, at the back of Henry's property, had been part of the abandoned Wager Quarry.

Henry, Sr. then purchased 6 horses and the naming rights to "Black Beauty" from Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark, who was getting on in years, was looking for a buyer for his livery and horse rental business called "Black Beauty Riding Academy." Mr. Clark's "Black Beauty" had also been located on Dunham Road, but it was located on the west side of the road and south of Alexander Road.

Within a couple years Henry, Sr., Eleanor and their children opened their new Black Beauty Riding Academy to the public. Their horseback facility was about a mile north of Mr. Clark's, approximately at 7125 Dunham Road, across the street from today's Astorhurst Driving Range.

Through the years, Black Beauty had between 20 and 25 horses waiting for riders, some were standard bred, some pintos, and there were a few thoroughbreds. A 25-stall barn housed the horses. Black Beauty used about 16 miles of Bedford Reservation bridle paths, including the oxen lanes created by the Wager Quarry. People from Cleveland and nearby suburbs came to Black Beauty to learn to horseback ride, or rent a horse and go horseback riding through the park. Some people boarded their horses at Black Beauty. On Black Beauty grounds there was a pavilion with kitchen facilities, dance floor, and fireplace available for organized hay rides, church groups and youth groups. Black Beauty's business suffered when the main horse barn burned down in 1942 and 13 of the horses perished in the fire.

In the 1950s the family sold Black Beauty. Except for the 4 acres that are owned by Hank and Joyce Dzickowski, Black Beauty acreage is now part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

# POTPOURRI

## CONGRATULATIONS DETECTIVE MIAVITZ

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, **Vicki Miavitz**, of Shaner Drive, was honored as being the Sagamore Hills Police Officer and Employee of the Year. Then, in early February, she was promoted to full time Detective for the Sagamore Hills Police Department. Her parents, **Fred and Beverly Miavitz**, also of Shaner Drive, are proud of her, as are her many Village friends. Fred and Bev tell us that Vicki really loves her job.

Vicki grew up in Walton Hills and this is where she chooses to live today. In her youth, Vicki was an active participant at T.G.Young Park, receiving the Parker of the Year Award. More recently, she enjoys playing Pinochle with her fellow Walton Hills Women's Club Card-O-Rama friends.

Congratulations, Detective Miavitz!

## THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to **Doris Pankratz** of Orchard Hill Drive for her donation to the *Walton Hills Owl*.

## BEREAVEMENTS

- **Carl Dill, Jr.** of Rashell Drive passed away in early January at age 75. Our condolences to **Lyn Dill**, Carl's wife of 52 years. Our sympathy also, to their children, **Cindy Dill** who lives in Newark Ohio and **Kevin and Lori Dill** who also live in Newark. The Dill family moved into the Village in 1986. Carl was a "people person" who enjoyed chatting and visiting with his fellow Walton Hills residents. He also enjoyed the time he was able to spend at his cottage on Middle Bass Island, fishing on his boat and gabbing with other retirees. The family is planning a Memorial Service in the Spring for Carl, in respect for his dislike of Winter weather.

- Our condolences to **Merry Anne Hilty** of Sonny Drive, on the passing of her mother, **Esther Jayne Norton**, who lived in Findley Ohio until poor health required her to reside in a nursing home. She died at age 88. Esther Jane and her late husband traveled on all seven continents. She liked to keep busy, through the years she was a long distance telephone operator, a secretary, a teacher's aide and a Sunday School teacher.

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## The WALTON HILLS HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTER

will be open

**Monday March 11, 2013**

**1:30 – 3 pm and 7 – 8:30 pm**

Village Hall Community Room

The Walton Hills Historical Resource Center is open to the public, usually the second Monday of the month, Upon request, we accommodate our residents by opening the Center for them on other days / times, too.

**YOU ARE INVITED** – Spend a leisurely afternoon or evening reading about the area we call home.

Browse through the old maps, photographs, newspaper articles and other memorabilia.

# POTPOURRI

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

**Philip and Teri Lindeman**  
18476 Orchard Hill Drive

**Bethany Majeski**  
7257 Dunham Road

**Charlene Wilson**  
7050 Shaner Drive

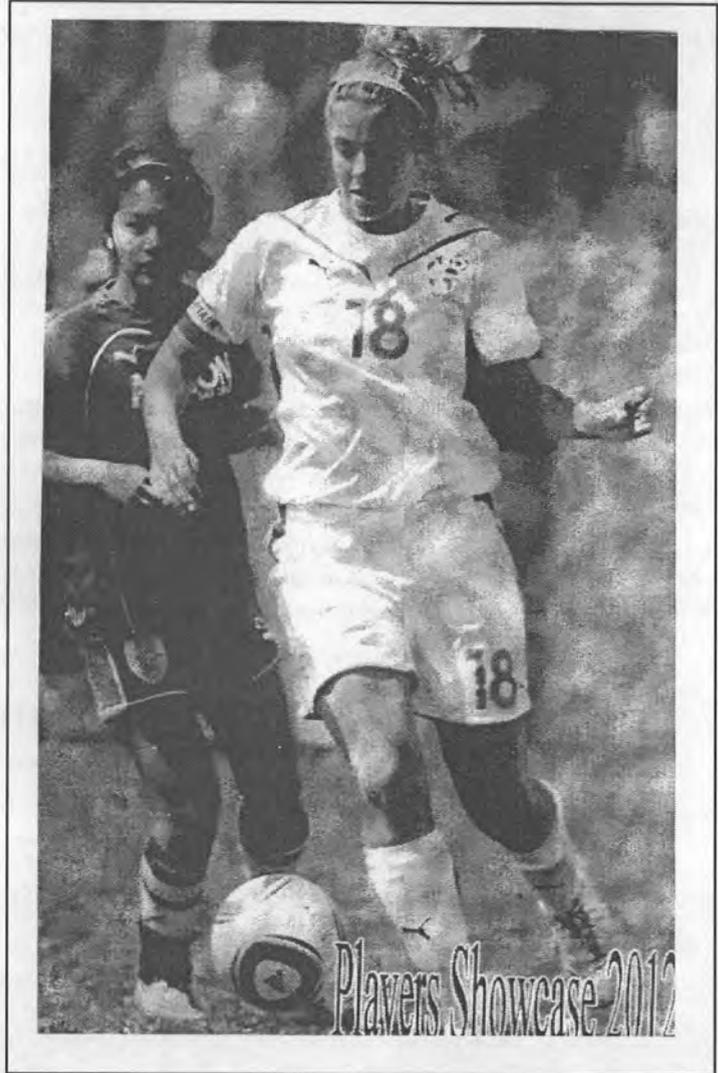
## CONGRATULATIONS !

Congratulations to Grandparents **John and Ernesta Kuska** of Alexander Road. One of their grandchildren, **Danielle DeSciscio**, a high school Senior at North Royalton High School who is an Honors Student with a 4.0 GPA, has committed to Valparaiso University in Indiana. Danielle will play Division I Soccer for Coach John Marovich and the Valparaiso Crusaders.

Danielle's decision was not an easy one, as she had over 20 universities expressing interest for her to play soccer on their teams. However, after visiting Valparaiso, speaking to Coach Marovich, and meeting with some girls on the team, her decision was made. She will pursue a Degree in Psychology at Valparaiso.

Danielle thanks Coach Zdravko Poplovich and Coach Keri Sarver from the International Soccer Club for their positive influences that have helped her reach her goal of playing Division I Soccer. Danielle is also grateful to her family for all the encouragement to reach her dream. She acknowledges that it has not been an easy journey, but it is a gratifying one.

We wish her a successful collegiate experience, both academically and athletically. Congratulations!



## THANK YOU

"The Women's Club Community Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> was a success, thanks to the work of several club members and others in the Village, too. Thank you to all of you who attended the breakfast. And, thank you to the ladies who helped with this Ways and Means Project. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

A special thank you to **Dennis Kolar**, a Walton Hills resident and owner of **K & K Meats**. He supplied the delicious breakfast sausages. His generosity is truly appreciated.

Congratulations to the lucky winner of our Valentine Raffle, **John Orland** of Hickory Drive.

Sincerely, **Patty Day**, Chair of the event"

# SPOTLIGHT ON INTIGRAL, INC.

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*

Intigral, Inc., located at 7850 Northfield Road in Walton Hills, is the fenestration industry's fully integrated insulating glass resource. They fabricate and deliver insulating glass (IG) units and monolithic glass products to the vast majority of window and door manufacturers within a 250 mile radius of Walton Hills. Their independence from suppliers in the industry makes them able to independently source the best products available in the industry today. They also investigate new products and technology and manage the production challenges that come with them.

The company was started in 1987 as Edge Seal Technologies by Edmund Leopold and Dick Dietrich. The founders are still with the company, which became known as Intigral, Inc. on September 20, 2007. The facility in Walton Hills is the company's headquarters. Their Walton Hills employment numbers fluctuate with seasonality, peaking at 170. They also have a manufacturing plant in Austintown, Ohio.

Intigral's philosophy centers on three "T's" – Innovating, Integrating, and Insulating Glass. They are pioneers in insulating glass designed to promote energy efficiency, environmental stewardship and improved living spaces. Innovating and integrating are two differentiators for them in the industry. Innovations credited to Intigral and their founders include inventing the first horizontal hot melt IG fabrication line and the first high volume IG equipment (still an industry standard); creating the first cutting system for optimizing and cutting single strength glass for residential window manufacturers; creating the first integrated software system with proprietary I.P. for residential vinyl and aluminum window manufacturing (still an industry standard); developing a revolutionary and proprietary IG unit cooling conveyor; and proprietary scheduling software. They pride themselves on elevating "Integration" efforts to function seamlessly with their customers' manufacturing software systems, schedules, processes, and production lines. It would be difficult to find a similar company that offers the same level of innovation and systems integration. They offer three closely integrated sourcing programs to benefit their customers - Selective Sourcing, OutSourcing and InSourcing. With Selective Sourcing, their customers fabricate basic IG units in their own facility and source the rest from Intigral. With OutSourcing, Intigral fabricates and delivers the IG, sequenced for production, so they don't have to set aside space and resources for in-house glass fabrication. With InSourcing, Intigral produces glass for a company on site at the company's facility.

Intigral helps their customers address the latest industry and governmental standards such as Energy Star and NFRC through technical process and product consultation. They consult regarding all criteria changes and provide them with possible options. Intigral actively stays current with ever-changing standards and developments and keep their customers informed as they occur.



Intigral's goal is to be known and recognized as a leader in the industry for operational excellence and an unsurpassed customer experience. To learn more about Intigral, visit their website at [www.intigral.com](http://www.intigral.com).

## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

February 5, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Resident Bill Deak informed Council that his driveway was not plowed on Friday. He said the phone number for the senior snow plowing service was not on his contract and he had to make some phone calls to find the phone number. He suggested that the number should be on the contract and also be available from the Village Dispatcher. **Council President Denny Linville** reported that he and Council have agreed that all Committee assignments will remain the same as in 2012. **Mayor Kevin Hurst** told Council that he needs assistance with Economic Development and communications. He introduced Mr. Tom Speaks from the Impact Group. Mr. Speaks explained that the company is a marketing and public relations firm located in Hudson, Ohio. Mayor Hurst is going to hire them at \$3000 per month for about 5 months initially. The company specializes in working with municipalities and school districts all over Northeast Ohio, including Bedford and Twinsburg. They have a methodology for getting communications out to citizens so they can make informed decisions. They put together packages of information for economic development. They will also be able to help get out the facts about the income tax increase. **The Mayor brought up** the issue of the Auxiliary Police for discussion. He has proposed paying for the new service by raising fees on waivers (choosing to pay a fine without going to court) and also court costs by \$5 each. He believes this will pay for the bulk of the new expenses. The Auxiliary Police would help with prisoner care duties, such as showering the prisoners, feeding the prisoners, supervising and escorting the prisoners. The Auxiliary could also direct traffic, escort funerals and assist at Mayor's Court. This service would help keep regular police officers available for street patrol. Councilman Brian Spitznagel said although he knows the Chief would never put anyone in harm's way, he wanted to be very cautious when using the Auxiliary to take care of prisoners. He also said it could help keep down overtime and save money. The Mayor said he'd like to try it for six to eight months and see how it works out. Resident Judy Sheeler asked Council to consider the proposed Auxiliary very carefully. She suggested that it might be better to hire more part-time policemen to take care of prisoners and utilize volunteers (at no cost) to assist with traffic control and funeral escort. Councilman Paul Rich said the Auxiliary police will be well trained. Councilman Don Kolograf said cost is a factor. Part-time police make about \$22 per hour and Auxiliary would make \$10-\$12 per hour. Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky said that Police Chief Ken Thellman will manage this program and will put people where he sees fit. **There was a discussion** of "Ordinance to require Council's approval of expenditures over \$25,000." It will require that bids be solicited for any contract over \$25,000 instead of \$50,000 that is the new limit in the Ohio Revised Code. Resident Judy Sheeler asked why Mayor has the ability to spend up to \$25K without approval of Council. Mr. Melling explained that it is part of the budget process. Council approves the broad line items of the budget. The Mayor or Department heads have discretion on how to spend money within those line items, e.g., buying office supplies. If line items run out of money, then Council must vote whether to approve more appropriations. Council applauded the Mayor for keeping the amount before bidding at \$25K.

February 12, 2013, Special Council Meeting: The special Council meeting was held to pass the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the senior and handicapped lawn care program.

February 12, 2013, COW Meeting: Council discussed a new ordinance that prohibits texting while driving. **The new ordinance** to establish the Auxiliary Police has been drafted and was discussed. Councilwoman Terlosky asked how the positions would be advertised. Mayor Hurst said it would probably be in a local paper like the Leader, in the Walton Hills Journal and on the internet. The Police Chief will be in charge of appointing the members of the Auxiliary Police. Mayor Hurst said he is notifying Council that he will add \$5 to the cost of all citations that can be waived to help pay for the cost of the Auxiliary. This new charge will start in March. **Councilman Paul Rich** asked about the Zoning Board. Mayor Hurst said he had spoken to Mr. Duke Owens and there will be a Zoning Board meeting concerning possible changes in the code. They will report to Council in March. **Councilwoman Terlosky** asked about deadlines for putting articles in the Liberty News concerning the tax increase to be voted on in May. The Mayor would like Council members to write articles about the tax issue. **Mayor Hurst announced** that he had been invited to join the Steering Committee of the MAC Association. He will probably take the position and is most concerned with working to benefit the Ford Plant.

# The Conelly House and the Ventures of L. S. Conelly

## The L. S. Conelly House

A local Real Estate Broker and Walton Hills Developer, Ludwig Shaner Conelly reserved a building site for himself and his wife, Sadie. The 3 ½ acres he chose was on the crest of a hill at the corner of Conelly Blvd. and Rotary Drive. His house commanded a panoramic view of the surrounding area. He named his property "SOLAR VISTA." On the east and west sides of his house, under the eaves, were large half circles depicting the rising and setting sun.

In 1950, General Conelly and Sadie moved from their home at the corner of Wandle and Warrensville Center Roads in Bedford into their new, uniquely-designed ranch house at 7181 Conelly Blvd. Conelly had a sidewalk built around the perimeter of the house for Sadie, who was already in poor health. Using her wheelchair, Sadie could get outside and enjoy the view from the walkway. She passed away less than three years later, in 1953. Conelly enjoyed living in his Walton Hills house for thirteen years. He died in October of 1963, at age 80.

Conelly was a staunch supporter of the Civilian Defense movement of that time. He built his house to withstand an atomic blast, if downtown Cleveland was ground zero. His house was constructed with 8-inch thick concrete block and 4-inch thick brick-crete (brick made from concrete.) The floors are 8-inch thick poured concrete containing imbedded metal cable. The house still has a tile roof. When a two-story addition was added at the north side of the house, weathered roof tiles were found that matched tiles on the original section of the house. The house had a turret with an entrance through the attic. Conelly spotted no enemy planes, but, with his field glasses he could oversee his employees working on his new streets.

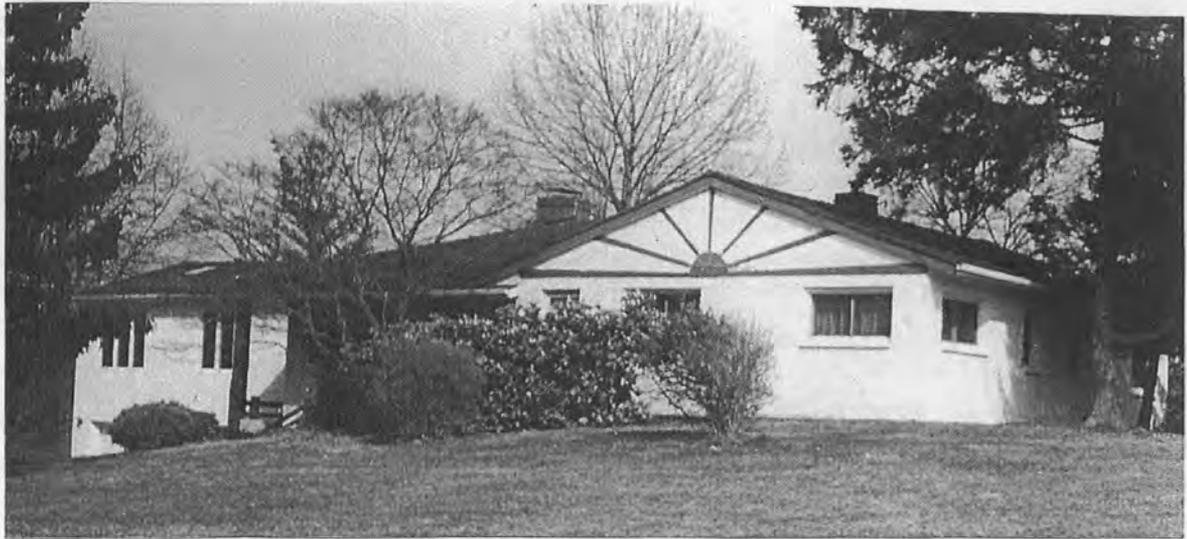
Two fireplaces in the house are quite distinctive. The living room fireplace is a projecting outside-corner fireplace with a mantel shaped like a Rotarian cog wheel. On the mantel is a clock with some of the hours marked with letters that spell "SOLAR VISTA." At the bottom of the fireplace is a millstone recovered from a nearby gristmill. Conelly was an avid member of the Bedford Rotary Club. He not only dedicated this fireplace to the Rotary, he named one of his new streets Rotary Drive.

1950s Photo  
Back of the  
House -  
facing East



# The Conelly House and the Ventures of L. S. Conelly (p. 2 of 2)

2002 Photo  
Front of  
the House,  
facing West



## The L. S. Conelly House (continued)

A second fireplace in another room projects from an inside-corner. That fireplace recognized the Walton Hills Rangers, a popular local equestrian club at the time. Perhaps as a sales incentive, or maybe because he himself enjoyed riding around the area on his horse, he retained easements on some of the lots he sold, allowing for a continuous 20-mile bridle path that included existing paths in Bedford Reservation. Also, in 1946, Conelly deeded a 10-acre park (Walton Hills Lake) to the cooperatively-owned Walton Hills Estates Club.

Jerome and Carol Weitzman bought the property in 1984, and this is where they raised their 3 children who are now adults. Daughter- Kimberly lives in South Portland, Maine where she is a case worker of mentally retired and developmentally disabled adults. Son- Nathan lives at home and owns Weitzman Photography on Face Book. Son- Don has been honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and is in sales. He, his wife Mallory and Mallory's nephew live in Austin Texas. Over the years, Jerry and Carol Weitzman have also raised six foster children in their home.

## Brigadeer General L. S. Conelly

Ludwig Shaner Conelly was a local real estate broker who, between 1936 and the early 1960s, sold lots in 15 subdivisions he planned and developed in the SW section of Bedford Township, which is now Walton Hills. Well over 400 houses were built on lots he sold. His real estate ventures in Walton Hills began when Maude Walton, who had left the family homestead and moved to Bedford, wanted to sell the Walton Hills house and acreage she inherited from her parents.

Conelly sold lots along the existing roads of: Alexander, Egbert, Hicks and Walton Roads.

Conelly created 20 new streets for his subdivisions: Allen, Carmany, Deeridge, and Dellwood Drives, Jefferson, Kral, McLellan, Morningside, North Meadowpark, Orchard Hill, Rotary and Shaner Drives, South Meadowpark, Spanghurst and Woodlake Drives, Conelly Blvd., East Lake, Linda Lane, Stuble Lane and West Lake.

L. S. Conelly considered his real estate developments in Walton Hills his most important achievement, although:

- He served for a total of 8 years with the U.S. Army 37<sup>th</sup> Division in both World War I and World War II.
- He was a Major in World War I, serving in France and Belgium.
- He was a Brigadier General for the Ohio National Guard during World War II, serving in the South Seas.

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## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

**Thomas and Emerita McNamee**  
7161 Hickory Drive

**Eric Schlote**  
18555 Alexander Road

**Dean and Michelle Santantonio**  
7815 Dunham Road

## THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to **Hank Dziczkowski** of Dunham Road for his donation to the *Walton Hills Owl*.

## THANK YOU

"The family of **Renard Spagnoli** wish to thank the members of the Walton Hills Women's Club for hosting and serving the luncheon after Renard's funeral. We are very grateful for your generosity to our family. Sincerely, **Janice Spagnoli, Israel Ciptak, Mark and Layla Ciptak, and Nicole and Mike Thorn.**"

### Check Out Our VILLAGERS' LIBRARY!

The new location of the library is upstairs, in the Village Hall Community Building

**It's the Honor System - No Sign Out or Sign In - No Fees**

You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction - Famous Authors -  
Espionage - Bios - Mysteries - Adventure - Christian Books - Books for Children, Teenagers - and more

## BEREAVEMENTS

- **Lynn Dill** of Rashell Drive wishes to invite Walton Hills neighbors and friends to the Memorial Service for her late husband, **Carl Dill**. The family waited to have Carl's Memorial Service in the Spring, in respect for his dislike of Winter weather.

The service will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am, at Epiphany Lutheran Church, at the NW corner of Valley View Road and Northfield Road. Afterwards lunch will be served at the Village Hall Community Room, by the Walton Hills Women's Club.

- **Renard Spagnoli** of Tulip Lane passed away in late February at age 59. Our sympathy to **Janice Spagnoli**, his wife of 33 years. Also, our condolences to their children, **Israel Ciptak** of Bedford, **Mark and Layla Ciptak** of Tennessee and **Nicole and Michael Thorn** of Cortland, Ohio. Also to the 6 grandchildren.

Renard had two nicknames, Remo and Ray. He grew up in Bedford and attended the Bedford City Schools. Janice, whose maiden name was Vacha, lived in Bedford Heights and also went to the Bedford Schools. Remo served in the U. S. Navy for 3 years in the 1970s, aboard nuclear submarines. He worked in the industrial heating and air conditioning business, for the Gardiner and Trane Company.

The Spagnolis moved into Walton Hills in 1983. Their sons, Israel and Mark, graduated from Bedford High School, and their daughter Nicole graduated from Trinity High School. Janice Spagnoli relates, "Renard was a loving husband and a supportive father. Our family has enjoyed our many day-outings at Walton Hills Lake. One favorite family tradition of ours has been going to the Bedford Memorial Day Parade.

## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

February 19, 2013, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: Seven Ordinances and one Resolution were passed. Ordinance No. 2013-3 makes texting while driving a primary offense. Persons violating this Ordinance are guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Ordinance No. 2013-6 establishes an Auxiliary Police Force which will consist of one Auxiliary Police Sergeant and up to 8 Auxiliary Police Officers. The Police Chief will appoint all members of the Auxiliary Police Force. The Officers will be paid \$10 to \$12 per hour. The Sergeant will be paid \$13 per hour. School Board President Debora Kozak gave a very informative presentation about security, activities and education initiatives at the Bedford Schools.

March 12, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meeting: The Village Engineer, Mr. Don Sheehy, did a report last year about the condition of the roads in the Village. It is estimated that the repairs could cost \$450,000 per year for 5 years. It was decided to wait to see if the tax increase is approved before making long-term plans. Emergency repairs will be done as needed. The solicitor, Mr. Blair Melling, suggested that Council might want to consider borrowing the money short term, since it is "dirt cheap", and later convert to a long term bond. Mr. Vic Nogalo, the Fiscal Officer, said that you can bond out reconstruction road projects, such as Sagamore Rd., but normal wear and tear repairs cannot be bonded out. Repairs must be made out of normal revenues. Councilman Brian Spitznagel asked about grants for putting sidewalks on Northfield Rd. if there is funding for improvements for Northfield Rd. because of the Racetrack project. The Mayor said it is possible, but he would like to see a walking path made of asphalt which would be easier to maintain and could be paid for with grants as a green space project and connect it to the park eventually. Mr. Blair Melling, presented a draft of the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. It will be sent to our Building Official, Mr. Rick Loconti, for advice and revision as needed. This ordinance will apply to owners and occupants as well as vacant properties. If a property is determined to be a nuisance, persons will be notified and may appeal. It would be possible for the Village to do the repairs if the owner does not comply and assess the costs on the property tax bill. Council was asked to read the ordinance and it will be discussed in detail at an April COW meeting. The Mayor requested that the Solicitor write an Ordinance to cover point of sale inspection. Mr. Melling said he could not cover rental residential property without covering owner occupied housing. Therefore he wrote a preliminary draft that covers both. The draft of this Ordinance is very detailed. Our Building Official, Mr. Loconti, will make suggestions and improvements which Council will discuss at the next COW meeting in April. The penalty for not getting an inspection could be a first degree misdemeanor with a \$1000 fine and 6 months in jail. Mr. Melling said the fine for a minor misdemeanor would be \$150 and a seller might think it was worth paying the fine and not get the inspection. The Mayor would prefer to cover only commercial property since owner occupied housing would have to be inspected if rental housing is inspected.

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The Citizens' Leagues March meeting was very informative about a truly unique brain disorder. Informative pamphlets about PBA are available in the bookshelf in the Community Library.



Also during the meeting, former councilman **Dr. Leslie Sheeler** was presented with a Resolution of Appreciation for his distinguished public service he provided to the people of the Village of Walton Hills.

Summer is just around the corner and the Citizens' League is planning for the Classic Car Show at T.G. Young Park that benefits the MetroHealth Comprehensive Burn Care Center in July.

Being able to share one of America's great past times, by sharing a car enthusiasts love for the automobile

along with the benefits of helping the MetroHealth Foundations Burn Care Center is an honor in itself, not to mention a very enjoyable day, remembering when.

# SPOTLIGHT ON CUMMINS BRIDGEWAY

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*

Cummins Bridgeway is the Cummins distributor responsible for the sales and service of Cummins diesel and alternative fueled engines, power generation equipment, Cummins and Cummins Onan parts and related products. There are 15 service centers located in Ohio, Michigan, and Western Pennsylvania. Our community is fortunate to have one of these centers located at 7585 Northfield Road. Originally a distribution facility in the early 1970's, Walton Hills was the headquarters of Cummins of Northern Ohio. Different ownership took place over the years and in 2002 Cummins Bridgeway was formed with the merger of Cummins Interstate Ohio and Cummins Michigan. Last year the facility was upgraded. The front office and lobby area were remodeled, the outside building was completely painted and the parking lot was repaved.

Cummins, Inc., the parent company of Cummins Bridgeway founded in 1919, is a multinational Fortune 500 company and a global power leader. Headquartered in Columbus, Indiana, Cummins employs approximately 44,000 people worldwide and serves customers in approximately 190 countries and territories. Cummins earned \$1.66 billion on sales of \$17.3 billion last year.

Cummins Bridgeway serves many markets including: industrial, automotive, agricultural, marine, RV, mining, construction, military, bus, rail, oil and gas power generation. They take pride in their commitment to exceed customer expectations and partner with customers to help them succeed. Corporate social responsibility is part of their business strategy as defined by their mission statement, "Making peoples' lives better by unleashing the power of Cummins." They feel this statement embraces service to and improving the communities in which we live; healthy communities create a healthy business environment.

Cummins has a long history and strong tradition of community service. Throughout the year, their corporate headquarters and service locations organize employee-driven community service projects. The partnership that Cummins promotes with its communities is one of the things that set them apart from many other companies. The Walton Hill location has enjoyed helping the community through two different fundraising activities. They have worked with "Fill This House," a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the living conditions of local youth aging out of the foster care system. They collected household needs (such as sheets and silverware) for transitioning youth in independent housing. Local employees also participated in a Bowl-a-Thon to benefit the Northeast Ohio chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The green movement has developed into a way of life at Cummins Bridgeway. They are committed to keeping the environment clean and working with Cummins, Inc. to develop and market emissions solutions to their customers. Each location has initiated a paper recycling program and discarded scrap metal is taken to the scrapyards to be recycled.



Cummins Bridgeway in Walton Hills employs approximately 32 people. They currently run two shifts five days a week with future plans to add a third shift and expand their weekend hours. They currently have technician positions open in Walton Hills and throughout the other 14 Cummins Bridgeway locations. To learn more about Cummins Bridgeway, visit their website: [www.cumminsbridgeway.com](http://www.cumminsbridgeway.com).

Pictured is the Cummins Bridgeway service center located at 7585 Northfield Road in Walton Hills. This reputable company has been a part of our industrial district since the early 1970's.

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## Thank You

"A heartfelt thank you to the talented ladies in the Knit-Wit 2 Needles Circle, the Women's Club and also our friends and neighbors on Orchard Hill Drive. We so appreciate the kindness and caring from all of you during our recoveries! Fondly, Jeanne and Phil Williamson"

## Thank You

To MaryAnn Fabian, of Alexander Road, for your donation to the *Walton Hills Owl*. The *Owl* Staff appreciates your thoughtfulness.

## Bereavements

**Kenneth Allen, Jr.** of Laurel Drive, passed away in April at age 83. Our condolences to his wife, **Corletta Allen** and children **Kenny** and **Georgia Allen** of Georgia, **Terry** and **Rhonda Allen** of California, **Fawn** and **William Allen** of Bedford, **Loren** and **Kenya Allen** of Pennsylvania, **Carmen Hill** of Mississippi and **Carl Candace** of Georgia.

Ken worked for Friedman Buick in Mayfield Heights for 40 years. He enjoyed jazz music and reading. Do you recall seeing a nice-looking man walking briskly along Alexander Road each morning, between the Barclay Estates and the Village Deli? That was Ken, taking his daily walk.

Our sympathy to **John Melgun** of Laurel Drive on the passing of his wife, **Patricia Melgun**. Patricia died at age 64 after living with Multiple Sclerosis for over thirty years. Our sympathy also to their children and grandchildren, **Kelly Melgun** of Walton Hills, **Laura Melgun** of Walton Hills, **Suzanne** and **Audrius Jucaitis** and their children, **Barrett** and **Ruby Jucaitis**, who live in Cleveland. When their next door neighbor was about to sell, Kelly and Laura bought the house. By living close by, they were able to help their mother cope with her illness.

Patricia Melgun was a graduate of Bedford High School. She grew up in Bedford and that is where she and John and their children lived before moving to Walton Hills in 1994. The three daughters graduated from Trinity High.

Patricia loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. Daughter Kelly states, "Mom loved sitting outside in her beautiful yard, feeling the sun on her arms. She was a tough lady who did her best to cope with MS."

Past resident **Martha Lockhart** died in Lawrenceville Georgia at age 90. **Frazer** and **Martha Lockhart** and their 2 children lived on South Meadowpark Drive from 1959 until 1982. Our condolences to daughter and son-in-law **Janice** and **Robert Calkins** of Lilburn Georgia and son and daughter-in-law **Frazer** and **Betsy Lockhart** of Evergreen Colorado. Martha's husband, Frazer, died in 2005.

From 1959 into the 1970s, Martha was Troop Leader of Walton Hills Junior Girl Scout Troop #1648. Martha was an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club. She was in the club's craft group - the creative women who designed and made two quilts depicting scenes within our Village. One of their quilts was donated to the Bedford Historical Society in 1976, upon the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Club. The other quilt was the prize in the club's raffle the following year.

# SPOTLIGHT ON WALTON HILLS DELI & MINI MART

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*

Iyad Dayoub, known as “Eddie” to his loyal customers, is very proud of his delicatessen and mini mart located at 7601 Walton Road in the heart of Walton Hills. He has owned the Deli since August of 2011. He works with his wife Mona, who helps her husband with all of the paperwork, and co-workers Antonella and Karen. The Deli is open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. The Deli is closed on Sunday so that Eddie and Mona can spend quality time with their two young sons.

This is Eddie’s first experience as the owner of a small business. Prior to this, he was a chef who specialized in American and Italian cuisine for almost 18 years. He worked in restaurants in Parma, Broadview Heights and Strongsville.

The Deli has an impressive selection of meats and cheeses – and they are always fresh. He has a variety of ready-made sandwiches for a quick, easy and nutritious lunch or dinner. He prepares a lot of party trays, made to order, for all occasions. Customers can select from different types of sandwiches, cheeses and salads, such as pasta salad, Grandma’s potato salad, chicken salad and tuna salad. He has plans for adding a selection of breakfast sandwiches for his morning customers on the go.

The Deli also carries an extensive supply of staple groceries, snacks and dairy products and they have an ATM machine. However, they are famous and praised for their fine selection of wines and beers. When Eddie took over, he added 150 to 200 new wines to his selection. He is proud of his selection of craft beers from different microbreweries around the county. He is always looking for something new and different to excite his customers!

The Deli offers their customers all Ohio lottery games, including Mega Millions, Powerball and Keno. They have sold a winning lottery ticket worth \$10,000, many worth \$5,000 and several worth \$500 and \$100. These tickets are all proudly displayed on their “Wall of Fame” behind the cash register.

Eddie’s philosophy is simple – treat the customer right. He likes to get to know his customers and call them by their first name. He takes pride in maintaining a clean store. The Deli has passed all Health Department inspections with zero violations.

Eddie wants to thank all of the residents, the Village administration, Service and Police Departments and the Oakwood Fire Department for all of their support. He appreciates their business and looks forward to serving them for many years to come!



*Pictured left, the Walton Hills Deli & Mini Mart located in the heart of Walton Hills. Pictured right, “Eddie,” the Deli’s owner, proudly poses with his winning lottery tickets.*



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By Judy Sheeler

March 19, 2013, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: The Council Caucus started at 7 P.M. instead the usual 6 P.M. to accommodate the schedules of two Council persons. **Councilman Denny Linville** reported that he is working on a project for signage in the Village. He is taking pictures to show Council. **Councilman Paul Rich** reported that there was a job fair for a company in the Village in the Community Room today. Only about 30 people came to apply for about 50 jobs. Perhaps the company could have placed more advertisements and increased attendance. More job fairs will be held. **Five Resolutions** were passed. One authorized the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Industrial Landscaping & Services, Inc. for senior and handicapped lawn care. Another resolution confirmed the appointment of Joseph D'Amico to the Planning Commission of the Village of Walton Hills. **Today was also "Student Government Day"**. Students from Bedford High School read a Resolution of Appreciation for "Student Government Day" and read various Village reports. They did an excellent job representing Council people and members of the Administration.

April 2, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Cancelled.

April 9, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meeting: On March 15, 2013, Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Chairman of the Information Committee, met with Mayor Kevin Hurst and Debbie Davtovich, Administrator of the Department of Information Technology for Cuyahoga County. They discussed the advantages of using a County service to set up a new Village web site. It would be easy for Village personnel to put information on the web site and would eliminate the need for a skilled technician. It would be easier for residents and businesses to navigate. It would provide a much enhanced web site at a reasonable cost. Council will review the information and decide at a later date. The Mayor said that the income tax must pass first. **Most of the meeting** was devoted to an extensive and informative discussion of proposed legislation to deal with nuisance abatement and inspections for residential and commercial property. Mr. Blair Melling, the Village Solicitor, and Mr. Rick Loconti, the Village Building Official, presented many ideas for possible ordinance language. All members of Council asked many questions. Some of the issues needing to be resolved are: Should there be point of sale inspections for residential and commercial properties? When should rental homes be inspected? How often should inspections be done? What will it cost to do inspections? Why aren't fire inspections enough for businesses? When should a building be torn down? Will citations be handled publicly or administratively? What is the appeals process? Mr. Melling will incorporate some new ideas into two ordinances that will be discussed again in May. Resident Frank Orteca said he would like to have point of sale inspections for homes. He said it would help maintain the value of homes in the Village. He said in Maple Heights you cannot sell a home without correcting all violations. That insures that necessary repairs are done. This is one of the issues that Council will discuss further. **Mayor Hurst reported** that there was a meeting of the Mayors and Engineers of Communities adjoining Sagamore Rd. There is agreement to work together to pursue grants to do extensive reconstruction on the road. **The Mayor announced** that there is a white box in the Village Hall where residents can drop off medicines that are no longer needed. No liquids or needles are allowed.

April 16, 2013, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: Councilman Brian Spitznagel reported that he and Mayor Hurst had met to discuss truck traffic on Alexander Rd. The traffic is noisy and damaging to the road. The Mayor is trying to speed up the start of bridge repair in Valley View. It may not start until 2015. There is also some heavy truck traffic on Egbert Rd. which is currently illegal. There is a need for warning signs and enforcement. **There was one resolution** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to participate in their program to purchase rock salt. **Council approved a motion** to cancel the May 7 COW meeting on Election Day.

# WALTON HILLS LAKE WATER SLIDE

A Collaboration by a Team of Residents

## Many Hands were Involved in our Having a New Water Slide at Walton Hills Lake

What fun the youth of the Village will have at Walton Hills Lake this summer!

Walton Hills Lake members celebrate the opening of their new Water Slide. They say it takes a village to raise a child, well it took a village of volunteers to make the new Water Slide become a reality. It was no easy task.

"All construction of the Water Slide was done under the regulations of the State of Ohio, the guidelines of an architect and overseen by four different Village Building Inspectors," states Tom Nowicki. "Our members might have wanted the slide to be ready earlier, but read our story, and you will understand why it took us six years to have a new Water Slide at Walton Hills Lake."

Proceeds from Walton Hills Lake fundraisers in recent years paid for most of the Water Slide expenses. We thank the many villagers who supported those fund-raising projects.

## Water Slide is Purchased in the Fall of 2006

In the Autumn of 2006, Brian Waryk, who was President of Walton Hills Lake that year, found out that a used Water Slide was available at a good price. Brian's wife, Lori, read in a paper that the Hudson Swim Club was selling off its assets at an auction, and one of the items was a Water Slide. Waryk approached the Lake Trustees, and the Trustees voted to purchase the Water Slide. Waryk and Rob Russell went to the auction, saw the slide, and realized the slide would make a great addition to the Walton Hills Lake. They purchased the slide. A couple days later, with Terry Lew's truck and trailer, Lew, Waryk, Russell, D'Amico and friends from outside the village, disassembled the slide and drove the pieces to Walton Hills Lake. They stored the parts in the back parking lot of the Lake.

## New Water Slide must meet Current Building Code Standards set by the State of Ohio

The Walton Hills Building Inspector informed Lake Trustees that a new Water Slide would have to meet current Building Code Standards set by the State of Ohio. For one thing, the Building Code required that they first have an architect draw up plans for each part of the new slide and its assembly. Walton Hills Lake members soon realized that the new Water Slide project was going to be more complicated than they originally thought.

In November of 2006, a new set of officers was elected at the Walton Hills Lake Annual Meeting. The Trustees decided to put the Slide project on the back burner for awhile, giving them time to come up with a workable plan.



# WALTON HILLS LAKE WATER SLIDE

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## An Architect is Hired

In January of 2010, as deemed necessary by our Walton Hills Building Inspector, Architect Travis Meyer was hired to design the Water Slide. Detailed pages of the plans were submitted to our Village. After several reviews by a succession of two building inspectors, the plans were approved.

## The Depth of the Water

The State of Ohio Building Code requires the depth of the water at the bottom of a Water Slide to be at least 36 inches and a maximum depth of 38 inches. The Lake's Insurance Company requires the depth of the water by the slide exit to be shallow enough for a child to stand up safely upon exiting the slide. To meet these requirements, in the Spring of 2011, before pouring concrete in that area, volunteers filled in the area by the Water Slide exit with dirt to make the depth more shallow than it had been.

Mike Downing let the Water Slide workers use his Bobcat and Mini Excavator during the months when they needed to dig out, fill in and prepare the ground for laying concrete, and also during the months of the final assembly of the Water Slide. Not only did he donate the equipment, he taught the men how to operate the machinery. That saved Walton Hills Lake quite a sum of money.

Next, the men built the concrete steps that lead from the bottom at the Slide's exit to the water's edge. Joe D'Amico, Mike Downing, Mike Hopkins, Don Kolograf, Jr., Rob Kalman, Tom Nowicki and Walt Taylor gave their time and efforts to work on various parts of this project.

Please note: to meet State Law and Insurance Company requirements, children using the Water Slide will have to be a minimum height of 42" tall.

## New Concrete Pad and Walkway

In the Autumn of 2010, Water Slide workers laid a large concrete pad at the far end of the lake, where the Water Slide would be located.

When the men were digging out the old sidewalk at the west end of Walton Hills Lake, from the steps to the Water Slide area, they discovered leaks in the old filter lines. They decided to tackle still another project. They

replaced all the original filter lines before they poured concrete for the new sidewalk. They laid a total of 37 yards of concrete for the new Water Slide pad and the sidewalk. Joe D'Amico, Mike Hopkins, Rob Kalman and Walt Taylor worked on this phase of the project.

## Royal Blue Metal Posts and Springs

Metal Posts and Springs make up the metal frame for the slide. The posts were in good shape, and with a little work, they were usable. In the Fall of 2010, Eric Hurst sand-blasted, repaired or replaced parts as was necessary, and then, using marine quality paint, primed and painted them a royal blue color.

Months later, a group of men met and manually erected the posts and bolted them to the concrete. Our thanks to Joe D'Amico, Scott Day, Don Kolograf, Jr., Tom Nowicki, Mitch Styndl and Walt Taylor.

## Fabricating New Parts, Refurbishing Old Parts, and Assembly of the Water Slide

"Joe D'Amico has a warehouse on Interstate Street in Bedford. He made space for us to lay out the parts of the Water Slide and fabricate slide parts that had to be replaced," states Tom Nowicki. The two men moved the parts of the Water Slide into the warehouse and the two of them got to work, using Joe's equipment and tools. For a 10-month period from late 2011 until August of 2012, the two of them dedicated long hours each week to make new parts for the Slide.

## Light Blue Slide Sections

Seven (7) fiberglass sections make up the actual Water Slide. The bottoms of the seven sections needed repair, they were too fragile and needed fortification. The bottom of each section had to be sanded, resurfaced and fortified with two (2) more layers of fiberglass mesh and resin. First, the men ground down the fiberglass to create a clean surface, then they added two more layers of fiberglass, using a fiberglass resin to make the new layers adhere to one another. They painted the slide sections, using marine based primer sealer paint and final coats of marine epoxy paint that is a light blue color.

# WALTON HILLS LAKE WATER SLIDE

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## The Red Steps

The old stair spindles along the hand rail of the Water Slide were not up to code. The old spindles were spaced too far apart from each other. Ohio Code states spindles have to be spaced close enough together that a child's head will not fit between them – just like babies' beds. A new metal stairway to the slide had to be fabricated and assembled. At a very reasonable price, new steel step parts were fabricated by Mason Structural Steel, a Walton Hills company on Northfield Road. The step parts were delivered to Walton Hills Lake on Opening Day, June of 2012.

To save money on other parts making up the steps, D'Amico and Nowicki offered to fabricate, by themselves, all the steel hand rails and up and down spindles. For 2 ½ weeks during June and July of 2012, D'Amico fabricated all the step parts that still needed to be constructed, including hand rails and spindles. Nowicki painted the parts using a rust-inhibitor paint. Helping on this phase of the project were Joe Cox, Mitch Styndl and Walt Taylor.

## Welding and Assembling the Steps

D'Amico and Nowicki drove all the parts that were at the warehouse to Walton Hills Lake for assembly.

- the fiberglass slide sections, the steel steps, hand rails, and guard rails.

With the help of teams of volunteers, D'Amico and Nowicki "Mig-Welded" each steel part together using hundreds of bolts and nuts. Finally, during July and August of 2012, step by step, a new Water Slide appeared at the far end of Walton Hills Lake.

With a smile, Nowicki states, "I was happy to see the Water Slide come to fruition. The project fascinated me. I was retired and willing to do the work. Now I have to find other projects to do!"

D'Amico has good reason to be proud of his handiwork, "I felt this was something we started and I knew after 10 years as a Lake Trustee, I didn't want to leave my tenure without finishing the Water Slide project."

## Electric Wiring for the Water Pump

When the Water Slide will be in operation, water will continually flow from the top of the Slide to prevent skin burns and allow for a smooth ride down the slide. Jack Pekar, who is an electrician, did all the electrical work for the Water Slide. He did the wiring, the hook up, and he rebuilt the pump. He also rebuilt two other pumps for the Walton Hills Lake.

Before Opening Day in June 2013, the 7 ½ HP water pump will be installed and the Water Slide will await the youth of the Village!

This is the year to join the Walton Hills Lake!

What a gem for the 2100 residents of Walton Hills. Walton Hills Lake offers us a 13-acre facility with a lake, sand and grassy areas, a park, pavilion, restrooms, food stand, volleyball court and now, a Water Slide.

## Added Lifeguards Needed for Water Slide

The Walton Hills Lake Water Slide will be guarded according to State Guidelines. Ohio rules require Lifeguards must be stationed at the slide when it is in use. Money is an issue. Even though Walton Hills Lake swimming hours are from 1 - 8 pm, because of the cost of extra Lifeguards by the slide, the Water Slide may only be open for limited hours some days. As details work themselves out, Lake Trustees want the Year 2013 to be special for all its Lake members.

## Thank you, Everyone!

So many persons volunteered for the Water Slide project. We hope we did not omit your name. If we missed your name, we apologize!

Thanks to Pat Day, Don Kolograf and Ray Salata for helping whenever they were needed for assistance. Thanks to Patty Day, Mary Alice Moran and Josephine Wardle for taking food to the hungry workers. Thanks to all who worked on the many fundraisers in recent years, such as steak roasts, clam bakes, gas card raffles, other raffles, 4<sup>th</sup> of July concession stand duties, Community Days.

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## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

**Laura Bassett**  
17075 Egbert Road

**Rima Suleyman**  
7315 Walton Road

**Crystal Nanci**  
18477 Orchard Hill Drive

## Check Out Our VILLAGERS' LIBRARY

The new location of the library is upstairs, in the Village Hall Community Building.

**It's the Honor System - No Sign Out or Sign In - No Fees**

You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction - Famous Authors - Espionage - Bios - Mysteries - Adventure - Christian Books - Books for Teenagers - and more

## BEREAVEMENTS

Our condolences to **Pauline Yurko** of Tulip Drive on the passing of her husband, **Ed Yurko**. Ed died in April at age 88, after a prolonged illness. We also extend our sympathy to their children, **Richard Yurko** of Rockville Maryland, **Lynn Yurko** of Brecksville, **Steven** and **Susan Yurko** of Annadale Virginia and **Diane** and **Jim Holfinger** of Brecksville.

For four years Ed was in the Navy, serving in the Pacific during World War II. He was Manager of the Parts Department for Bass Chevrolet, retiring in 1989.

Ed was an active member of the Walton Hills Men's Club, Walton Hills Lake and Fifty-Plus Club. He enjoyed bowling with his Walton Hills Bowling Teammates for many years, and spoke highly of the annual Men's Club Steak Dinners.

Ed and Pauline were married 63 years. They and their family moved into the village in 1962. Richard, Lynn, Steven and Diane all graduated from Bedford High School. Ed was a devoted husband and father. He loved living at the edge of Bedford Reservation and sharing his property with wild turkeys, deer, birds and a host of other animals, calling it "his part of the Park." Yard work was fun for him.

**Robert Ponikvar**, of Walton Road, passed away in May after a massive stroke. Our condolences to Bob's wife of 56 years, **Joanne Ponikvar**. Our sympathy is extended to their children and their families. To **Gale** and **David Wulker** and children, **Brian** and **Benjamin Wulker**. To **Gary Ponikvar** and children, **Nicholas** and **Stephanie Ann Ponikvar**.

Bob served in the U.S. Army and then the Army Reserves from 1957 to 1963. Bob then worked for Ohio Bell and AT&T. Bob was a handyman and craftsman who liked to be busy at work. He enjoyed helping his friends and neighbors with their home repair problems.

Bob served on the Walton Hills Zoning Board of Appeals from 1972 to 1974 and from 1979 to 1984. He was appointed to Walton Hills Council by Mayor Young, serving as Councilman during 1975. He served as Treasurer of our Village from 1984 to 1991.

The Ponikvar family moved to Walton Hills in 1967. Gale and Gary graduated from the Bedford City Schools. When their children were of school age, the Ponikvars were active members of the Bedford YMCA and Walton Hills Lake. Bob served as Trustee and is a Past-President of the Lake.



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# SPOTLIGHT ON WALTON HILLS AUTO SERVICE

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*

Mike Reid feels very fortunate to be a part of the Walton Hills community. He and his wife Katherine are owners of Walton Hills Auto Service (and Marathon Station) located at 17975 Alexander Road in the heart of Walton Hills. Their phone number is 440.232.9728.

Mike has owned Walton Hills Auto Service since March of 2006. He handles all of the auto repairs and his wife is his "Administrative Assistant," handling all of the paperwork. He also has three employees – Alexandra, Greg and Tim, who help him out. The Auto Service is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are closed on Sunday so that Mike and Katherine can spend quality time with their three children. While not working, Mike also likes to pursue his favorite pastime – he is an avid fisherman.

This is Mike's first experience as the owner of an auto repair/gas station. Prior to that, he worked as a mechanic at a Marathon gas station in Euclid for 15 years. He proudly and actively served in the U.S. Army during Desert Storm and Desert Shield from 1989 to 1993.

Mike services all vehicles – imports and domestic. He provides all automotive services except transmission repairs. This includes complete brake service, air conditioning service, wheel alignment and balancing, failed E-Check test repairs, shocks and struts, complete exhaust repair, and computer diagnostic testing. He also has great tire prices! He is one of the few remaining establishments that still offers free air to his customers. When the station is closed, customers can take advantage of the air pump that is located outside of the gas station. However there is a \$1 charge for this service.

Mike's philosophy is simple – be service oriented and take care of your customers. When he is working on someone's car, he will give them a ride home if they are in need. He also offers a full service pump for customers who don't like to pump their own gasoline. In addition, he offers a discount to his cash paying customers.

Mike's goal for the future is to continue to provide good customer service to the community. He appreciates the support of Walton Hills residents and looks forward to serving them for many years to come. So stop by and see Mike and get your car in shape today!



*Pictured left, Walton Hills Auto Service located in the heart of Walton Hills. Pictured right, Mike is busy working on one of the many cars he services.*





## TALENTED LOCAL ARTISTS

Two brothers who grew up in Walton Hills continue to receive accolades for their creative art work from the Greater Cleveland art scene and from their happy customers in our village, too - Michael Romanik who now lives in East Cleveland, and Steven Romanik, along with his art partner - his wife Michelle - who are Walton Hills residents living on Alexander Road.

### ***Pictured is Steve and Michelle Romanik's photo of the Marblehead Lighthouse***

nized in a large feature story about his unique, intricate cloisonné enamel art pieces in the May 1st issue of The Plain Dealer, in the Arts and Life Section,. Michael bakes powdered glass onto base metal like copper, silver or gold. He then incorporates metal wires into the glass to form designs. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art, Michael began his craft, creating cloisonné enamel art work in 1992, the year when he became a professional artist. His art work sells at the Smithsonian National Museum in Washington, D.C., Heights Art in Cleveland Heights next to the Cedar Lee Theatre, and at the Cleveland Museum of Art Museum Store. He will also sell his jewelry at the upcoming Boston Mills Art Fest July 5-7th, and other major art shows in Ohio this year.

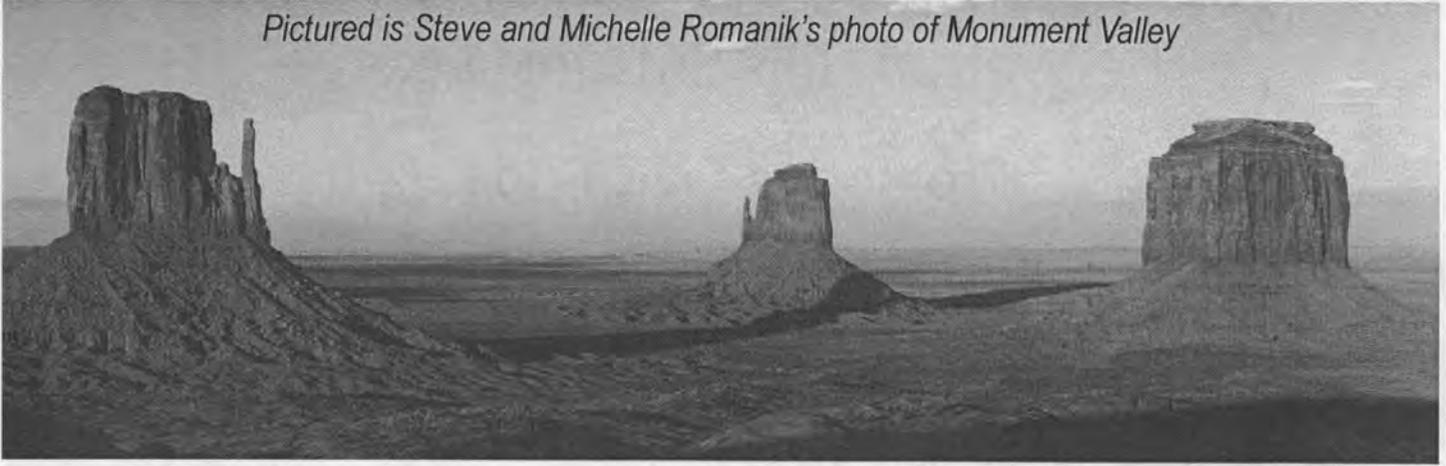
Steven and Michelle Romanik specialize in photography. They have photographed the lighthouses around all the Great Lakes. Recently they have branched out, specializing in taking photos of outdoor scenes and nature. They sell note cards, greeting cards, panorama cards, and framed and matted prints of various sizes. Their art work is sold at Heights Art in Cleveland Heights, and at juried craft shows in Northeast Ohio, such as Art on the Green in Hudson and the Nature Art Festival in the Geauga Metroparks. Their website is [www.romphoto.com](http://www.romphoto.com)

### **"Romaniks" Have Lived Here Since 1920**

Steve and Michael's grandfather grew up on a succession of three Egbert Road farms that his parents rented. Their 1st farmhouse was located behind today's Bedford Reservation Egbert Road Ranger Station. Their 2nd farmhouse was the James Egbert house on Egbert Road. They lived there until the Metroparks purchased the land and scheduled the house to be torn down. Their 3rd Egbert Road farm was opposite Golden Glens Park and extended west of Bridal Veil Falls. The farm included fields where their goats roamed, and was dubbed "the goat farm" by locals of that time.

Steve and Michael's parents, Mary Romanik, and her late husband Steve, built their home at 19749 Alexander Road, on four acres of abandoned farmland they purchased in 1951 from John and Gertrude Means. Mary and Steve raised six children, all of whom graduated from Bedford High School. They are: Anne and Gary Grekar who live on Walton Road, Steve and Michelle Romanik who now share the family home with Mary who is 86 years old, Pat and Jim Valentic of Granger Township, John and Barb Romanik of Northfield Center, Michael Romanik of East Cleveland, and Susan and Jonathan Daniel of Indianapolis.

*Pictured is Steve and Michelle Romanik's photo of Monument Valley*



## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

May 7, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Cancelled due to Election Day.

May 14, 2013, COW Meeting: Mayor Kevin Hurst and Councilman Don Kolograf were excused from the Meeting. **Resident Bethany Majeski** told Council that she would like to keep several hens on her property to provide fresh eggs for her family. No roosters are necessary for hens to produce eggs. Chickens are currently prohibited in Walton Hills. She could not obtain a zoning variance so she brought the issue to Council. They will discuss it further with the Mayor. **Resident Ray Tinter** congratulated Council and the Mayor for the passage of the income tax increase for the betterment of the Village. **Legislation for certificates of occupancy and Inspection for residential rental units** will be discussed again at the first COW meeting in June. **An Ordinance for the abatement of nuisances** includes language stating that exterior areas of all premises shall be kept free of any objects, materials or conditions which may create a health, accident or fire hazard or adversely affect the value of surrounding properties. All dwellings must have interiors that are fit for human occupation. It also says there is no right of entry to a residence without a warrant or probable cause. It will be voted on at the Council Meeting on May 21. **Councilman Linville** said that the Mayor met with members of the Lake Club last week. Funds for the Lake Club were left out of the budget for 2013. They discussed that due to the passage of the tax increase, the contract to provide services to the Village should be reinstated. The Mayor said that if the \$20,000 were paid to the Lake this year, the membership fee increase should be lowered so more residents could afford to join the Lake. All Councilpersons present tonight agreed that the Lake is a real gem and will vote to allocate the funds. Lake Club President April Kalman was present and said she was satisfied with the assurance. She said they will be able to reduce fees and will publish them in the June issue of the Owl.

## NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR YOUNG RESIDENTS

**Alexandra D'Amico**, daughter of Joe and Lisa D'Amico of South Meadowpark Drive, has been figure skating since she was two years old (for 15 years) and has excelled in this sport. This was apparent in April when she was the recipient of the Garfield Heights Mayor's Award, the second highest award available to a member of the Garfield Hts. Figure Skating Club. The skaters in the club are nominated by the coaches and their peers based on several criteria including their skating ability, community service, and improvement throughout the year. This award is second only to the Betty Bosell Award. (Many longtime residents will remember the late Mrs. Bosell. She is well known for teaching figure skating and running the annual ice show at the Garfield Hts. Recreation Center for several decades.) Congratulations Alexandra!



**David Harvan**, son of John and Kathy Harvan of Rauland Drive, was the recipient of the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce Scholarship. David excelled academically at Walsh Jesuit High School, achieving a cumulative grade point average of 4.408. He was very involved in extracurricular activities. He was a four-year member of the cross country and track and field teams, and was a two-year letter winner in each sport. He also impacted his community by mentoring and tutoring at-risk youth through Big Brothers and Big Sisters and coordinated activities for nursing home residents. David will be attending the University of Notre Dame and plans to major in both finance and political science. Congratulations David!

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*"I love being able to share with him all the fun things  
I remember from my childhood."*

T.J. Koltetz, 32, and A.J., 8 months, of Walton Hills

## SPOTLIGHT ON

# AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL TRANSMISSION

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*  
*Paul Rich, Economic Development Committee Chairman*

American Industrial Transmission, Inc. (AIT), located at 20395 Hannan Parkway in Walton Hills, is known for high quality industrial transmission remanufacturing. They remanufacture industrial torque converters, electric drive units and differentials. AIT sells rebuilt transmissions and rebuilt converters for lift trucks, small construction machinery, industrial equipment and more to dealers and repair facilities. 80% of their business dealings are in the United States. They export primarily to Canada, but thanks to the internet their business is growing in Europe and South America.

Carol Lewis, President and owner of AIT, is proud of the company that she and her late husband started 36 years ago. Her husband was in the transmission business and she was mechanically inclined, so starting their own transmission business seemed like a logical move. They started out in Cleveland, then moved to Bedford, and then found a permanent home in Walton Hills for the last 22 years. AIT was originally in the building next to their current location, but they moved next door when they ran out of room. This building was built to suit their expanding business by the same person who rented them their first building on Hannan Parkway. AIT has 17 employees and the facility is 32,000 square feet. Many of the 17 people employed by AIT have been with the company for so many years that it feels like a family business. Their Service Manager has been there for 27 years and their General Manager has been there for 16 years.

AIT's mission is to provide high quality remanufactured transmissions, remanufactured torque converters, and transmission parts to equipment facilities. They support their customers with the best possible delivery time, customer service, technical support, and dedication to detail. AIT uses OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) parts to ensure a top-quality manufacturing process.

Being stewards of the environment is important to AIT. Carol stresses that remanufacturing is one of the greenest businesses there is. She explained that instead of buying a new transmission, you start with an existing transmission and only repair what is bad with it. As for cleaning transmission parts, Carol indicated that AIT has cut down on their chemical use to clean their transmission parts and utilizes sound waves instead. She explained this process does not damage the parts they are cleaning. Transmission parts are placed in a machine, immersed in a warm water bath, and sound waves go through the water and clean the parts. They bought their first machine over eight years ago, and it worked so well they bought a second machine. They also recycle all of their waste paper, which they shred and place in the paper recycling bins located in the Village Hall parking lot. They receive a lot of their parts in cardboard boxes, which they also recycle.

Carol believes in community involvement and is a proponent of encouraging women in business. She recognizes that women face certain challenges in the business world and feels it is good to work with other women that deal with the same challenges. She is a member of the Nordonia Hills Chamber of Commerce. A subset of that organization is "Women in Business," which she is also heavily involved with. She belongs to the Rotary Club and is on the North Hills Water District Board of Trustees.

Even though Carol and her employees will pay ½% more in income tax starting in July, she is really happy that the Walton Hills residents passed Issue #10 in May. As a Village business owner, she appreciates the fine work of the Road Department, the Police Department and the Fire Department and is glad that services will continue as in the past.

AIT is always open to accepting resumes for mechanics. Carol suggests that parents encourage their children to attend a vocation school if they are good with their hands, because there is a real shortage of people to repair things. For more information on AIT, please visit their website: [www.aittransmission.com](http://www.aittransmission.com).

# WALTON HILLS MENS CLUB

July 2013 Helping Shape the Youth of Today for a Better Tomorrow

**No meeting for July. Stay tuned as we will be at the Walton Hills Community Days!**

Our annual meeting was a success as we awarded five college scholarships.



**Congratulations to our recipients and Good Luck at College!**

Ryan Taylor – Kent State University

Elizabeth Russell – Kent State University

David Harvan – University of Notre Dame

Emily Kolograf – Baldwin Wallace University

Victor Day – Undecided – High Performance Motorsports Technical College

**We need additional trustees to help, please consider volunteering!**

Arthur Ward 440-232-1667

Don Kolograf 440-665-4530

Terry Lew 440-786-7354

**If you would like to be a trustee, please call Art Ward.**

## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

May 21, 2013, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: **Resident Bethany Majeski** gave Council a packet of information concerning her appeal to be able to keep a few backyard hens for eggs for her family. **Councilman Denny Linville** and Councilman Paul Rich both addressed the water main break on McLellan Dr. on Saturday. There was a concern that firemen might be turning the water on and off too fast when flushing hydrants. Actually, the gate valve moves slowly even when apparently turned rapidly. This does regulate water pressure to avoid jolts to the pipes. The pipes in this area are old. The Cleveland Department of Water is responsible for the cost of repairs and any improvements that may be needed. **Councilwoman Mary Brenner** went to Washington, D.C., to represent the Village at the Northeast Ohio Public Officials Conference. She reported that she met with the Ford representative. She was told that Ford is starting a Phase 2 environmental study in June. Ford does want to sell the property when they are done making Econoline vans. All actions are dependent on the results of the Phase 2 study. Remediation must be complete before a sale. Ford has agreed to quarterly meetings with the Mayor to keep the Village informed. **At the same time**, Mayor Kevin Hurst was in Atlanta, Georgia, attending a national Brownfield Conference where he felt he made valuable contacts to aid cleanup of brownfields in the Village such as the Ford plant. **An Ordinance** was passed to amend and restate the Village's participation in a pension pick-up program for participating members of the Police Department. The Fiscal Officer, Mr. Vic Nogalo, said this will not cost the Village any more money. **The Ordinance addressing** nuisance abatement was passed. **The Ordinance governing** the inspection of rental units was put on First Reading. **Councilman Brian Spitznagel** suggested that the Ordinance concerning Commercial Inspections be shown to business owners for comment before passing it. Mayor Hurst said he would send a letter to all businesses in the Village and the Ordinance was put on First Reading.

June 4, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meeting: **The proposed legislation** for commercial property inspections was commented on by several business owners including Mr. Joe Klukan of Dunham Products and Ms. Carol Lewis of American Industrial Transmission. In general, the businesses felt that the legislation was unnecessary and burdensome and would make it more difficult to attract and keep businesses in Walton Hills. The proposed biennial inspections were considered especially burdensome and Council agreed to remove them when the legislation is revised. Business owners would prefer "Buyer beware" and let the buyer hire his own inspector. There is general agreement that some level of maintenance and safety regulation is necessary and good for business and the community. A revised ordinance will be presented at the next COW meeting, June 11, and it will be discussed again. **The Village Engineer, Mr. Don Sheehy**, proposed spending about \$250,000 to do road striping, crack-sealing, asphalt point repairs, and concrete curb and catch basin repairs. **The Service Director, Mr. Dan Stucky**, discussed proposed improvements to the Community Room including electrical and plumbing upgrades. They should not exceed \$25,000 and would not need formal bids. **The Mayor** would like to upgrade the Village website. The cost would be about \$6700 to sign up with the system sponsored by the County. **After discussion** of some other issues, the Council went into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel before adjourning.

June 11, 2013, Special Council Meeting followed by COW Meeting: **The Council meeting** was necessary to pass two time sensitive Resolutions. One authorized the Mayor grant a utility easement to CEI. The other authorized the Mayor to grant a traffic signal maintenance easement to Northfield Village. **Resident and business owner, Mr. Joe Klukan**, told Council that he considers the commercial property inspection legislation detrimental. If Council requires point of sale inspections, it will be prohibitively expensive to bring old buildings up to current code. He said that the issue of maintenance is different from bringing a building up to current code. Council also needs to determine if it is enough to require compliance with code when the building was built. Council discussed various options and will continue to work on new legislation in July. **Council discussed proposed** appropriations of \$208,500 to cover various added expenses: The Lake Club--\$20,000, legal services--\$10,000, new website--\$7,500, capital improvements for roads--\$150,000, and the community room--\$21,000. These will be voted on at the next Council meeting. **Due to the complexity** of changing the tax rate in mid-year, it was decided to add an employee to assist the Fiscal Officer in processing taxes for this year.

# The Walton Hills Fifty-Plus Club

## - Over Forty Years and Still Going Strong -

The Fifty-Plus Club will begin its 41<sup>st</sup> year this September, when its Club Year begins. Members meet in the Village Hall Community Room on the third Monday of the month at 1 pm. All villagers who admit to being at least 50 years old are welcome to join in on the fun and camaraderie. Current plans are for the upcoming club year to start with a great picnic luncheon, with plenty of food, at Walton Hills Lake on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>. The picnic is free, upon paying 2013-2014 membership dues.

### Establishing the Fifty-Plus Club

The 50+ Club is the inspiration of Sylvia McLean of Rotary Drive and Helen Carol who had lived on Deeridge Drive. Sylvia's mother and Helen's aunt had recently moved from their Cleveland homes to live with Sylvia and Helen at their Walton Hills homes. Both ladies had been active in clubs and organizations in their old neighborhoods and wanted to continue playing cards and socializing. Sylvia and Helen hoped that by establishing a local club for seniors, not only would their needs be met, but a club for Walton Hills seniors would provide a social outlet for the increasing number of older residents in the village.

Sylvia approached then Mayor Tom Young about starting a club for seniors. Mayor Young was very supportive of her idea and offered the Village facilities to the club. An organizational meeting was held in February of 1972. Six members attended. By December the club had 20 members. During the first year the members went on their first bus trip, to Millersburg Ohio, and had their first Christmas party.

The question frequently asked is, "Why does a club for seniors accept residents who are as young as fifty?" The reason is simple. Since the two organizers had just turned 50, Mayor Young set the minimum age at 50.

### Fifty-Plus Club Presidents

<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Years Served</u>
1972 -1992	Sylvia McLean	21 years
1993 -1994	Ethel Mowinski	2 years
1995 -1996	Pete Sochacki	2 years
1997	Tom Sabo	Tom Sabo died 9-23-1997
1997 - 2003	Joan Wills	6 years
2004 - Present	Madeline Timm	9+ years to date

### Fifty-Plus Club Highlights Through the Years

- Sylvia McLean arranged for the noted attorney Armand Budish to speak at one of their meetings in 1990. He talked about finances and money management for seniors.
- At first, the yearly picnics which were in July. For five years picnics were at Brecksville Reservation, 4 years at Virginia Kendall Park, 6 years at Bedford Reservation, and more recently at Walton Hills Lake.
- Club members were the audience for several locally-produced daytime TV shows in the 1970s and 80s.
- Each year since the club began, the Christmas Dinner-Party is a special, well-attended affair.

# The Walton Hills Fifty-Plus Club - Over Forty Years and Still Going Strong -

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## Fifty-Plus Club Highlights Through the Years (continued)

- For 13 years club members went in a group to the Cleveland Home and Flower Show. Several club members were volunteers at the show.
- During the first few years when she was president, Sylvia McLean organized day trips and even trips to Atlantic City. Then for nine years Walter and Elsie Wingenfeld handled the trips. They created itineraries for day trips to scenic and historic spots. They chartered Cleveland-Southeastern buses to take them to their planned destinations. Club members toured sites, museums and attractions in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan. ...Of course, this was before the Village Recreation Department sponsored trips.
- When Ethel Mowinski was the 50+ Club President, she started the monthly Out-to-Lunch-Bunch gatherings. She also organized a Card-A-Rama for after the meetings. Pinochle players changed partners after four hands.
- Joan Wills, during the years of her Presidency, made over 530 \$1.00-Birthday-Corsages and gave them to members on their birthday month.
- Since 2004 the Club's President is the creative Maddie Timm. Maddie is best known for her good-natured wry humor and her ability to entertain members with her poems and innovative activities at monthly meetings and parties. Her room and table decorations transform the Community Room into a welcoming oasis. Two unique programs, early in 2013, were a Victorian Tea Party, complete with Victorian Era costumes available to wear, and Wayne Johansen's Bird House making session, where each member went home with the bird house he or she made.





## Attention! All HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE GRADUATES



**Our Graduates will be Recognized in the August Issue of the Walton Hills Owl**

**Submit to the Owl:** Photo and write-up - list your School, College Major, Honors, Accomplishments, Future School or Line of Work or Job, Your Parents' Names and their Walton Hills Street, etc.

**Deadline: Monday, July 15, 2013 at 3:30 pm**

**Where to submit your photo and write-up:**

White mailbox at Village Hall Parking Lot or Owl box in Village Hall or on the porch at 18955 Orchard Hill Drive

Questions? Phone Jean 440.232.6142

## Congratulations

To Stephen and Michelle Jacquet of Sagamore Hills on the birth of their son Camden Lucas Jacquet born on May 22nd weighing 8lb. 14 oz. Michelle is the daughter of former Walton Hills police officer Ron Licker and his wife Christine. Anxiously awaiting his arrival was big sister Ava. We are so excited, finally a boy in the household!



Brittany French of McLellan Drive, (proud parents Jenni French & Billy Allen), graduated Cum Laude from Kent State University with her BSN degree on May 11th 2013. Recently, Brittany accepted a position at Akron Children's Hospital as a NICU Nurse. Working with babies has been a lifelong dream of hers and she is ever so passionate about her new career. Brittany's

family could not be more proud of her success and wish her much love and happiness as she continues to grow at her dream job and in life.

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## To All Candidates Running for a Local Office in the November Election

Every local election year since 1957, the October issue of the *Walton Hills Owl* has a **Meet Your Candidates Section**. We are sure you will want to participate in this tradition if you are running for a Walton Hills office in the upcoming November election. This is your opportunity to tell your fellow residents why they should vote for you.

**Guidelines:** Each candidate is allowed one page. You may include a photo. As you compose your page, allow space for your photo. Create a ¾ inch margin at the top, bottom and sides of the page. Keep your write-up positive, state your good qualities. If you include any negative or slanderous statements about opponents or village, your page will not be accepted. Otherwise, the *Walton Hills Owl* will print your page as you create it.

**Deadline: Monday, September 16, 2013 at 3:30 pm**

**Where to submit article, photo and check:** White mailbox at Village Hall / Owl box in Village Hall or 7109 Allen Drive

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## BEREAVEMENTS

- **Dolores Honkonen** of South Meadowpark Road, passed away in June at age 90. For the past three years she had lived at Brentwood Health Care. **Russell Honkonen**, her late husband, died 22 years ago. We express our sympathy to their children, **Ronald and Audrey Honkonen** of Brecksville and **Roger and Susan Honkonen** of New Philadelphia Ohio.

In 1953 the Honkonens built their Walton Hills house on 1 ½ acres of land. They enjoyed caring for their huge garden, and Dolores was proud of her prized pickled cucumbers, peppers and onions, watermelon pickles and her jams and jellies. For years the family hosted the Pilgrim Evangelical Church picnic in their backyard.

Dolores was a school secretary for the Bedford City Schools, working at Moody Junior High and Bedford High School. She retired at age 60.

- Former long-time Alexander Road resident, **Adele Goga** passed away in April. Since 2001, Adele has lived in Sun City Arizona for health reasons. A Memorial Service for Adele will be held on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at the Johnson-Romito Funeral Home. Adele and her husband, **Ed Goga**, both died of cancer at age 71, Ed passing away in 2010. Our condolences to their children, **Debbie Goga** of Herndon Virginia, **Doreen and Jim Ayers** of San Diego California and **Diane and Michael Rosteck** of Canfield Ohio.

For 24 years until she retired in 2001, Adele was a secretary for the Bedford City School District, working at a succession of schools, Columbus, Heskett, Aurora, Glendale and Bedford High, and then most recently, at the Administration Building.

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## WALTON HILLS LAKE – A SPARKLING JEWEL IN THE VILLAGE

The Walton Hills Lake means something different to so many residents. Some like it because the Lake gives them a large swimming area where they can do their daily laps. Others like it because it offers their children a sandy beach and an area with shallow water in which they can safely play. Others enjoy the pavilion filled with several picnic tables where they, along with their family members and friends, can escape the sun on a hot summer day. Still others think of the Lake as the social gathering place in the Village. It is also the place where all residents are invited to enjoy the Fourth of July and the annual Steak Roast and Clam Bake. This year is the first year that the new Lake slide is open – and kids are quickly compiling their own summertime memories!

The Walton Hills Lake is a unique thirteen-acre park nestled in a small valley off Rotary Drive. It is a family recreational facility chartered as a not-for-profit corporation with membership open exclusively to Walton Hills homeowners and property owners. Besides the new water slide, the Lake also has the “Water Works,” which sprays water on a continuous basis. Besides the picnic tables, the large picnic pavilion has a fireplace which comes in handy on a cool summer night. The grounds also have a bathhouse with restrooms, shaded picnic sites, small barbeque grills, a large barbeque grill and horseshoe pits. There is also a playground area, volleyball court, basketball hoop, and a large parking area. A small concession stand is used for special occasions.

How did this jewel in the Village begin? In the mid 1930’s, General Ludwig S. Conelly, a local real estate broker, began subdividing farmland along Walton, Egbert and Hicks Roads. He also mapped out subdivisions and sold lots after he cut and graveled 20 other Village roads. As a sales incentive in November of 1946, General Conelly reserved approximately ten acres for a park to be cooperatively owned, managed and maintained by those who bought his lots. Interested Conelly lot owners formed the Walton Hills Estates Club. In early 1949, the Walton Hills Lake became a reality when General Conelly had an acre dug out and club members worked together to develop it. The newly dug hole was partially fed by underground springs, and the rest was filled with water piped from the creek. Lake members built a dam to control the water flow through the creek that ran through the park. (Note: the Lake is now filled with city water, is chlorinated daily, and is tested to make sure the acidity level meets Board of Health standards). For the first nine years, membership in the Walton Hills Estates Club was only open to lot owners in Conelly developments. However, in 1955 General Conelly extended eligibility for membership to all Village residents.

Many Village children learned to swim at the Walton Hills Lake. In 1951, resident Stella Volpe organized the first Learn-to-Swim program, which still continues today. The Lake had a swim team from 1967 to 1976. The swim team was formed again as the “Walton Hills Lake Hurricanes” from 2006 to 2012.

The Walton Hills Lake operations are, and always have been, almost exclusively on a volunteer basis. A few examples: In 1949 holes were dug and enclosures were built for the men’s and women’s 2-hole outhouses located across the creek. The first bath house was built in 1967. In 1970, the original pump and filter system was installed in 1970. The pavilion was built in 1973. A renovated, larger bath house was built in 2004. This is just a small listing of the many activities of the tireless Lake volunteers. The Lake has thrived for 64 years because of the dedication of these special individuals. They have made the Walton Hills Lake something that our residents can really be proud of!



*Thanks to resident Jean Kainsinger for compiling such a wealth of information on the Walton Hills Lake, which is available in the Historical Resource Center.*

*Left: The Walton Hills Lake with the Water Works in the foreground.*

*Right: The new Lake Water Slide*



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August 2013

## The Grams House at the Top of Dunham Road Hill

The section of Dunham Road on the north hilltop stretch of land leading into Maple Heights was settled by generations of Tonsing family members. In 1865 Frederick Tonsing purchased the Osborne house (6670 Dunham Road) and 100 acres along the west side of Dunham Road. In 1876 John H. Tonsing built a house (6733 Dunham Road) on 20 acres of land along the east side of Dunham Road.

The house featured in this article, a stately large farmhouse at 6675 Dunham Road, stands along the east side of the road. In c. 1896 Fred Tonsing built the house on his 100-acre farm. Members of the Tonsing family owned this section of land from 1870 until 1907. Since 1986 the house belongs to the Grams family.

1920s Photo of the House



Years earlier, in the 1920s, **Bernadette Grams**, **Diane Visocky's** and **Cynthia Krakowski's** uncle and aunt, **Frank and Sophie Saina**, purchased the Tonsing house and 26 acres of land. As years went by, the property passed on to their sons, **Benedict and Harry Saina**, both of whom were single men and continued to live at home for the rest of their lives. Harry Saina hoped the house would remain in the family, and he got his wish when his cousins bought the property.

In 1986 **Ray and Bernadette Grams** bought the house and 4 acres from Harry Saina. Also, that same year, **Diane and Phil Visocky** who live on Deeridge Drive, and **Cynthia and Tom Krakowski** who live on Spanghurst Drive, purchased the remaining 22 acres of the Saina parcel.

**Bernie Grams**, daughter **Anne Marie Grams**, and granddaughter **Gabriella Grams** live in the home today. **Ray Grams** passed away in September of 2009. The other Grams children are now settled in communities nearby: **Russell and Kory Grams** live in Macedonia, **David Grams** lives in Brecksville, **Jacquelin and Steve Suder** live in Garrettsville and **Matthew Grams** lives in Reminderville.

The rambling farmhouse has 5 bedrooms, 3 living rooms, large dining room and large country kitchen flanked by tall, steep stairways. With the exception of the newer porches and decks at the front, side and back, the home pretty much reflects the midcentury design and simplicity Bernie remembers as a child. For Bernie, the most inviting space in the house is the 3-season porch where she enjoys the view of stately evergreens planted generations ago, and watches the wildlife which share the acreage with her.

Photo:  
Grams House today





## POTPOURRI



### Congratulations, Graduates!

• **Kelly Elizabeth Reming** graduated with honors from Fortis College with an Associate Degree in Bachelor Sciences for Medical Assisting. She accepted a position with lifeline Services in Independence, Ohio. Her parents, **Tom and Karen Reming** of Alexander Road, could not be any prouder of her great accomplishment.

• On May 5th, **Alyson Sarosy** of Shaner Drive graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, with a focus in Accounting, from the Max M. Fisher School of Business at The Ohio State University. Alyson plans to work at Ernst and Young in the Autumn and is currently working towards her CPA Certificate. A 2009 graduate of St. Peter Chanel High School in Bedford, Alyson is the daughter of **Ron and Karen Sarosy** of Shaner Drive.



**Alyson Sarosy**



**Elizabeth Russell**

• **Elizabeth I. W. Russell** is a Trinity High School graduate. This Autumn she will enter Kent State University as a Freshman. Her major is Psychology, with intentions of becoming an Addiction Counselor. Elizabeth is the daughter of **Rob and Barbara Russell** of Orchard Hill Drive.

### To Candidates Running for a Local Office in the November Election

Every local election year since 1957, the October issue of the *Walton Hills Owl* has a **Meet Your Candidates Section**. We are sure you will want to participate in this tradition if you are running for a Walton Hills office in the upcoming November election. This is your opportunity to tell your fellow residents why they should vote for you.

**Guidelines:** Each candidate is allowed one page. You may include a photo. As you compose your page, allow space for your photo. Create a ¾ inch margin at the top, bottom and sides of the page. Keep your write-up positive, state your good qualities. If you include any negative or slanderous statements about opponents or village, your page will not be accepted. Otherwise, the *Walton Hills Owl* will print your page as you create it.

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## POTPOURRI continued



### Bereavements

● **Sandra Werden** of Jefferson Drive passed away in mid June at age 74. She had been in seriously poor health for a year. Our sincere sympathy to her husband of 26 years, **Ed Werden**, and children, **Wells** and **Karen Werden** of Livonia Michigan and **Wendy Erica Eugene** and **Donald Eugene** of Tucson Arizona.

The Werdens moved into the Village in 2001. They both loved gardening and sitting on their deck which is among the plants they nurtured. They also liked to take educational trips which they planned around their gardening schedule, having taken 25 Elderhostel (Road Scholar) trips.

Sandra retired from ALLTEL where she was in information technology. A graduate of Hiram College, with a Mathematics major, Sandra enjoyed being able to use her analytical abilities at ALLTEL. She was an active member of her church, the Church of the Saviour in Cleveland Heights.

Ed Werden wishes to thank his Jefferson Drive neighbors who "kind of adopted us after Sandy got sick. Their acts of kindness sustained us during our time of need," he added.

● Our condolences to **Leroy Ceccardi** of Alexander Road on the passing of his wife, **Peggy Ceccardi**. Peggy died at age 79. Our condolences to their children, **Leroy, Jr.** and **Michelle Ceccardi** of Northfield Center, **Sheree** and **John Simko** of Macedonia and **Vicki Stafinsky** of Parma, and to their 6 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Ceccardis moved into the village in 1971. Leroy states that Peggy was a good mother and a good wife; she lived for her kids. "She loved to bake and cook. She looked forward to having her children come over each Sunday for dinner, and they did, for many years." For fun, Peggy liked to play cards, especially poker.

● **Joseph Jajola, Sr.** of Alexander Road passed away at age 92 in July, seven years after his wife, **Eleanor's** death. Our sympathy to their children, **James** and **Janet Jajola** of Sagamore Hills, and **Joe, Jr.** and **Nancy Jajola** of Alexander Road. Our condolences also to the 5 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Jajola was a Purple Heart Recipient. In the Army during WWII, he served in the Philippines and Guam. His battle injuries occurred while he was stationed in Guam. Joe, Sr. and his family are proud to have a brick at the Walton Hills Veterans Memorial that commemorates Joe's service to his country. After the war, Joe, Sr. worked at the Leader Building in Downtown Cleveland for 50 years.

Eleanor and Joseph Jajola, Sr. moved into the village in 1987. Fifteen years ago, Joe, Jr. and Nancy Jajola purchased and moved into the Jajola Alexander Road home so they could care for the ailing parents. "It worked out well for all of us," states Joe, Jr., "my wife and I enjoyed being with my parents, my younger son got to bond with them, especially with his grandfather, and my parents were grateful for our care."

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# COMMUNITY DAY in the VILLAGE

**On Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** we celebrate our 51<sup>st</sup> Community Day. We hope the day will be just right, sunny and not too hot! We look forward to eating some good food, visiting old friends and meeting new villagers as we walk around T.G.Y. Park going from stand to stand, being entertained as we sit under the pavilion, and watching Fireworks at dusk. Carol Stanoszek and her Recreation Staff have a full day of fun scheduled for us to enjoy. Village organizations – including the Historical Resource Center, Women's Club, Men's Club, Fifty-Plus Club, Citizens' League, Walton Hills Owl and the Walton Hills Lake will have booths or tents, and invite us to stop by.

**Fireworks.** Once again this year, we will be treated to fireworks at dusk. Since 1986 a fine Fireworks Display has culminated each Community Day, except for the year 2009 when Village budget restrictions required the elimination of fireworks.

## **COMMUNITY DAY: an ANNUAL EVENT since 1963**

On Sunday, June 23, 1963 villagers gathered for their first Community Day at Dellwood Park. The Village Park was dedicated that day, with a ceremony led by the Mayor and Council members. Village organizations were part of the program, just as they are today. In those days the Men's Club had an orchestra. They entertained the crowd by playing dance music during the evening hours before dusk. The band was organized and composed of local men who performed at several social functions in the area.

There has been a Community Day every year since 1963, although some years it was called All Sports Day. Except for the years 1963 and 1976, Community Day is held on a Sunday in mid August.

Back then there were no fireworks at the Village Park. Instead, through the year 1981, residents enjoyed fireworks on the 4th of July, at Walton Hills Lake.

## **DELLWOOD PARK BECOMES T.G.Y. Park**

The Village Park was built during 1962 and 1963. By mid-summer 1962, organized Village recreational activities took place at "the Municipal Park at the foot of Dellwood Drive." Late that summer, construction began on a shelter building. The Dellwood Park Pavilion was ready for use in the Spring of 1963.

On Sunday July 5, 1976, Dellwood Park was renamed Thomas G. Young Park in honor of Mayor Tom Young, who served as Mayor of Walton Hills from January 1958 until December 1981. Also on that day, the Village celebrated our country's 200th Birthday and the 25th Birthday of the Village of Walton Hills.

## **VILLAGE RECREATION PROGRAMS in the EARLY YEARS**

Prior to 1959 recreation activities in our village were managed and conducted by local organizations.

- The Walton Hills Estates Club (Walton Hills Lake) organized a Learn-to-Swim program and scheduled summer activities at their park for its members' preschoolers, preteens and teenagers.
- The Men's Club sponsored, managed and coached several ball teams. Any youngster living in the village was eligible to join a team. In the early years they used a baseball diamond at Walton Hills Lake. The Men's Club sponsored softball teams until the later 1990s; now they support the Village teams with yearly donations.

In 1959 Walton Hills Council organized and began a Summer Recreation Program for its residents. The Village Summer Recreation Program was set up to be free for the children in the village. Initially, the Village continued to use the Walton Hills Lake ball diamond and park (not its lake) for the Summer Recreation Program. The Village paid the Lake Club for all operating expenses.

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## Colorful Plants Adorn the Grounds of the Veterans' Memorial

### The Walton Hills Women's Club Flower Committee Once Again Performs Magic

A few weeks ago, the Flower Committee created a Perennial Garden at the site of the Veterans' Memorial, in front of the Village Hall. They had support and help from Mayor **Kevin Hurst**, Street Commissioner **Dan Stucky** and Service Department employees **Dan Chatal** and **Brian Schroeder**. Earlier this year, in preparation for Memorial Day, Service Department employees planted geraniums and petunias at the site. Annual flowers make the area colorful and inviting during Summer months, but the Village and Flower Committee wanted the area to be pretty and welcoming all year round. Also, most of the Alberta Spruce (cone shaped evergreens) that circled the Memorial were affected by spider mites and had to be removed.

Flower Committee member **Paula Johancen** made a list of Perennials that together, provide color all year round. She, her husband **Wayne Johancen** and daughter **Kindra**, drove to nurseries, checked prices and sale days and purchased over 200 plants. Committee members then got busy planting, with help from **Dan Chatal** and **Brian Schroeder** who prepared the soil, helped volunteers plant, and then spread mulch over the area. The men planted the few extra Perennials behind the Village Sign at the corner of Walton and Alexander Roads.

Paula asks us to be patient with Perennial plants, saying, "It takes Perennials up to three years to mature. Right now they are skimpy-looking plants. This year and next year we still need annuals for color. However, in the near future, the Memorial will be circled by a pretty Perennial garden, each season of the year."

For those of us who would like to know the names of the Perennials that enhance the Veterans' Memorial, these plants are tagged: Penstemon (Beer Tongue), Avelia, Red Twig Dogwood, Box Wood, Flowering Quince, Butterfly Bushes, Coreopsis, Yarrow, Blue Oat Grass, Cone Flower, Salvia, Asters, Ligustrum and Winter Berry Holly.

The Flower Committee volunteers, who have been working together since 2011, are Chairperson **Jean Murphy**, **Virginia Barber**, **Rita Charsanko**, **Patty Day**, **Mary Lou Folton**, **Paula** and **Wayne Johancen** and their daughter **Kindra**, **Ginny Mone**, **Ruth Money** and her granddaughter **Brooke**, **Sandy Reynolds**, and **Josephine Wardle**. The Committee thanks the **Oakwood Pettiti Garden Center** for the master plans for the Memorial Garden and they thank the **Fifty Plus Club** for their most generous donation. Together, the Women's Club and Fifty Plus Club provided the money for the Perennial plants.

All of us residents, and especially all who have loved ones who serve or served in the military, thank you for making the Walton Hills Veterans' Memorial an impressive site – its attractive design, a monument that recognizes the service of local men and women in all the branches of the military, the walkway with designated bricks that were purchased by villagers to honor family members, and the colorful plants.



## SPOTLIGHT ON

# GAS HOUSE PROPANE CORPORATION

*One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village*  
*Paul Rich, Economic Development Committee Chairman*

The Gas House Propane Corporation, located at 7125 Krick Road in Walton Hills, is an independent propane dealer which specializes in all propane applications – for home, industrial and recreational use. They also have another location at 3804 St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland.

Owner Scott Klein is proud of the company which his father Spencer and his grandfather Benjamin started in 1948. The location of their first plant was on Prospect Avenue in downtown Cleveland, which was relocated to St. Clair Avenue in the early 1970s. In 1963, they opened up their plant in Walton Hills, which is the main gas plant where they have two 30,000 gallon propane tanks on site.

The customers of the Gas House range from people who use a gas grill to people who heat their home with propane to companies who rely on clean burning propane for lift truck fuel to roofers who use propane for their kettles and hand torches. The Gas House is doing everything possible to keep the cost of propane down and they will be happy to deliver to any jobsite.

The Gas House fills their customers' tanks with the most amount of propane allowed by law. Scott pointed out that this is the difference between his company and other convenient locations where propane is frequently exchanged. When someone goes to a gas station or a big box store to exchange their propane tank for a new one, they are not receiving a full tank. They are receiving 25% less than they would if they would come to the Gas House. They take pride in filling any size tank and will make sure that you get a full tank every time!

The Gas House also carries a variety of liquid propane and natural gas products and accessories, including vented and vent free heaters, vented and vent free gas logs and fireplaces, garage and shop heaters, portable tank mount heaters, gas grills, gas grill replacement parts, gas lights, commercial overhead heaters, propane torches, construction heaters and many other products. As an added bonus for shoppers, the Gas House's website ([www.gashousepropane.com](http://www.gashousepropane.com)) always has a variety of coupons that can be printed out for additional savings.

Scott stresses that the Gas House is a family operated business, not one of the chain stores that don't care about their customers. If one of his customers ever has a problem, a phone call is all that is needed to straighten it out. The employees of the Gas House take pride in their service. Their prices are always competitive, they are reliable, dependable and an honest dealer that treats their customers as part of their propane family, not just an account number. They have been around since 1948 and they plan to be around for another 50 years!

The Gas House is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They are closed on Sunday. For more information, call them at 440.439.4474.



*Pictured is the Gas House plant located at 7125 Krick Road in Walton Hills. 12 people are currently employed at this facility.*



# Walton Hills Police Department Information



**Kenn Thellmann, Chief of Police / Councilman Don Kolograf, Safety Committee Chair**

## Walton Hills Police Auxiliary Officers Sworn-in by Mayor Kevin Hurst

In an attempt to remain proactive with the area's growth, increase in traffic and contemplation of the opening of the Hard Rock Racino at Northfield Park in late fall, the Walton Hills Police Department implemented an Auxiliary Police Officer Unit to help with some of the day to day duties that the Officers are faced with during their tours of duty. The Auxiliary Officers will also be trained as Jailers to assist in booking prisoners and daily correctional duties such as prisoner care (food & showers), transportation of inmates to court, etc. Our new Auxiliaries will also be directing traffic, performing vacation checks, doing funeral escorts, and serving as Mayor's Court Bailiffs and security. This is all in addition to assisting regular officers on patrol. The Auxiliary Police applicants were subjected to background checks, fingerprinted, drug tested and put through a rigorous physical agility test before being offered a position.



Aux. Officer Zack Bryant



Aux. Officer Abby Frejofsky



Aux. Officer Ralph Jaros



Aux. Officer Glenn Lucore



Aux. Officer James Maddamma



Aux. Officer Alexandra Nemeth

## New Part-time Police Officers Sworn-in

On June 7th, Mayor Kevin Hurst administered the oath of office to part-time Police Officer Kelsey Allen. She was previously an Officer for Brimfield Township. On July 16th, Mayor Hurst swore in part-time Police Officer Joshua M. Wendl. He is also employed as a Security Officer, with the rank of Sergeant, at a major medical center in Cleveland. The Walton Hills Police Department would like to welcome Kelsey and Joshua and wish them the best of luck in their new position in our fine community.



Part-time Officer Kelsey Allen



Officer Allen's family and fiancé



Part-time Officer Wendl & his wife



## EXPANSION OF MANTUA MANUFACTURING

Mayor Kevin Hurst, Council President Pro Tem Denny Linville and Councilman Paul Rich visited Mantua Manufacturing on July 16th to check out the new 20,000 square foot addition to their company's headquarters at 7900 Northfield Road. Owner Edward Weintraub, President David Jaffe and CFO Jeff Weekley were presented with a proclamation honoring their company for investing in Walton Hills for the last 53 years. Mantua Manufacturing manufactures and distributes bedding support systems worldwide. They have two locations in Walton Hills. Their facility at 7055 Krick Road manufactures metal bed bases and trundle beds. The facility at 7900 Northfield Road manufactures metal bed frames. We're so glad that Mantua Manufacturing is a part of our community!



(Left) Council President Denny Linville, Mantua President David Jaffe (holding proclamation), Councilman Paul Rich, Mantua Owner Edward Weintraub, & Mantua CFO Jeff Weekley.



(Right) The Mantua Manufacturing Management Team.



July 4, 2013

Council President Pro Tem Denny Linville and Abe Lincoln (AKA Phil Williamson) at Bedford's Forth of July Parade.

# BEREAVEMENTS

**Sylvia McLean** of Rotary Drive passed away in mid July at age 95. Our condolences to her daughter and son-in-law, **Kathleen and Jim Sorna** of South Meadowpark Drive, her son **David McLean** of Catawba and Rotary Drive, her grandson **Keith Sorna** of Rotary Drive, and granddaughter and her husband, **Carrie and Jeff Zuckaukis** of North Royalton.

Sylvia and her late husband **Bob McLean** moved into their Walton Hills home in 1962. She organized the Fifty Plus Club in 1972 when she was in her early 50s, to offer our senior citizens a social venue within the village. Sylvia soon realized that the social activities she planned for others were fun for her, too. She was President of the Fifty Plus Club for its first twenty years.

Our sympathy to **Terry Colosimo** on the passing of her husband, **Emil T. Colosimo**, who died in late July at age 67. Our condolences also to their children, **Emil J. Colosimo, Sue and Ryan Dulaney** and grandchildren, **Spencer Colosimo and Ryan and Julia Dulaney**. Colosimo was an Army National Guard Veteran. The Colosimos moved into their Walton Hills home on Laurel Drive in 2002.

Terry Colosimo wishes to express her appreciation to her fellow villagers. She writes, "The Colosimo family sincerely thanks the Walton Hills police for their kindness and the Walton Hills Women's Club for the wonderful luncheon the ladies served after Emil's funeral."

**Lola Tisi**, who lived on Alexander Road until she had to move because of poor health, passed away in late June at age 86. Our condolences to her children, **Carla and Ken Hartzell, Doug and Joan Tisi, Dina Tisi and Lisa Hammonds**.

Lola grew up in Walton Hills - her parents, **Veronico and Maria Campetto**, moved into their Alexander home in 1956. Then in 1976, Lola and her late husband **Arthur Tisi** chose to make the Alexander Road home the place where they wanted to raise their family.

Former resident **Louraine Collins** passed away after a heart attack in early August at age 66. Louraine grew up in Walton Hills, on South Meadowpark Road. She was the daughter of **Marge Eckert Ignaut and Ed Eckert**, both deceased, and the step-daughter of the late **John Ignaut**. Our sympathy to her daughter and son-in-law, **Lesa and Adam Droe** and their two children.

Louraine graduated from the Bedford City Schools, and for many years taught fourth graders in the Bedford School District, at Columbus Middle School. Louraine and her late husband, **Dr. Henry Collins**, lived in Willoughby Hills. Recently, Louraine was coping with the deaths of three persons she dearly loved; her step-father died in December of 2010, her husband died in February of 2012 and her mother died in September of 2012.

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# POTPOURRI

## WINNING TWINS HAVE a LOCAL CONNECTION

**Willow and Shyanne Gaspar**, age 15 months, captured the Gold Medal at the recent Twinsburg Ohio Twins-Fest.

Their winning categories were "most look alike" and "theme" for 1-2 year-olds.

They are the daughters of **Jennifer Ann and Joey Gaspar** of Medina. Delighted grandparents are **Steve and Lucie Petranek** of Regency Drive.



## COMMUNITY DAY 2013: ONE FINE DAY for ALL of US

Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> was a fun-filled day for all the many residents who attended Community Day at TGY Park. First of all, the weather was perfect. Community Day was jam-packed with a variety of fun activities for the young and the young-at-heart. The attractions, performers and yummy food kept the crowd entertained and satisfied. We heard Villagers commenting on the variety of free entertainment for youngsters, teenagers and adults of all ages.

We liked the pony rides which were provided by the Walton Hills Church of Christ, the freebies offered at several booths, and the 3 bands and vocal groups that entertained throughout the afternoon and evening. Two very busy areas were the free photo booth which was a big hit for everyone, not only the teens, and the "rides." The foods served by the Village Clubs and Organizations were delicious and priced fairly. The Dunk Tank was fun for everyone to watch. TGY Park Counselor **Tom Krainz** has the honor of being the person dunked the most times. The Village Benevolent Fund benefitted from the money raised at the Dunk Tank. Not only the park pavilion, every tent and booth had something interesting to offer. Fireworks culminated a great day.

We extend a hearty thank you to Recreation Director **Carol Stanoszek**, Assistant Director **Karleen Dean**, and the **Recreation Staff**. Also to **Mayor Hurst**, the **Service Department**, **Police Department**, **Oakwood Fire Department**, **village employees** and **members of the Village Clubs and Organizations** who volunteered their time and efforts to make Community Day a special event for all of us in Walton Hills.

## ROAD SCHOLAR TRAVEL OFFERINGS

Have you heard friends talk about their Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) trips? On Saturday, September 21 at 2 pm at the Southeast Library in Bedford, a representative from Road Scholar will discuss upcoming trips and tell you more about their unique, learning vacations. Phone 440.439.4997 for registration. Several villagers have taken Road Scholar trips. One of our (the Kainsinger's) favorites was "Journey to the Bottom of the Earth." Our Indian guides drove us down a path that led a short distance from the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. Walking the Colorado River and looking up at the canyon walls was an experience we won't forget.

### Community Day was a Great Success for the WHWC

Congratulations to Kathy Sorna who won the grand prize TV in our big prize raffle! Thanks to everyone in the Village who supported our Club by purchasing raffle tickets. Be assured that the proceeds will be put to good use. And thanks to all of our wonderful members who gave their time, talent and donations to make this year's Community Day such a great success!



# Amid the High Tension Wires and Deer on McLellan Drive

This is the second year Delbert Enders has created an impressive garden on McLellan Drive. It is so well-organized and cultivated, and so abundant with ripening vegetables. It is the envy of us all! Delbert and Connie Enders live at 18570 Dellwood Drive.



Citizen of the Year 2013 Mrs. Madeline Timm & Family

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words by  
Mary Alice Moran

## **2013 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

### **Madeline R. "Maddie" Timm**

**Maddie and her husband, Don, raised their wonderful family in the Village of Walton Hills. For over 46 years Maddie has truly loved this Village and has always given her best for our residents. When her children were of school age, she was an active member of the PTA, always volunteering. She has always been very active in many of our organizations – serving on numerous committees. She served as President & on the board of the Womens Club for many years; as well as trustee of the Lake Club and guided the swim team. Maddie is the current President for several years - of the 50 plus club. She has a genuine concern and commitment for our Senior Citizens. She rallied members of the 50 Plus group to collect toiletry items for our military all over the globe.**

**She is also Past President of the St. Marys Guild.**

**Maddie currently is very involved with a newer group named the Knitwitts, knitting Her kinscarves for our service men and women, as well as prayer shawls for LifeBanc. The blankets are also distributed to village residents who are convalescing. Her kindness extends beyond our village – as evidenced by her participation in collecting hats, gloves and scarfs for the needy in the Bedford School District. She also introduced the Salvation Army Project that collects stuffed bears that are distributed to hospitals, orphans, nursing homes and the like; She organized a group that**

# The "Citizen of the Year" for 2013 is Madeline Timm

Maddie is how she is known to all her friends is well liked throughout the community and is a special favorite to all of the children here in the Village. Her unique ability to communicate the many stories to them have given them their own Mrs. Clause. It is truly amazing as to just how long she has assumed that role for the village children.

Among her other talents is working with her hands knitting various articles for many residents and others who are in need of that special item. One could write a book about the many things she has done and not asked for any compensation, a true volunteer well deserving of the Citizens' League 2013 "Citizen of the Year" Award.



Maddie and family with her latest grandchild just after the presentation of the award.



Jennifer Allen, V-Pres of the League along with President Mary Alice Moran and Pete Sakian the Award originator, present the Award to Mrs. Timm

The 2013 Citizens' League Posthumous Award was awarded on behalf of Betty Walton to her nephew Bill and Joyce Stanton, Betty did not have children. Joyce Stanton accepted the Award. The award is being given for Betty's life accomplishments in the giving of herself to this community.



# From Family Homestead to Headquarters of a Horse Training Facility to Day Care Center to Restaurant to New Changes in 2013 (continued p.2)

## Astorhurst Restaurant

The small-group dining room on the north side of the house was the Astor's restaurant. The new business prospered, and before long the Astors closed their child care center and concentrated exclusively on the dining operation.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment banning the sale of alcoholic beverages could have put a damper on the restaurant business, but there was a distillery on the Astorhurst property... From interviews with residents in 1985, this writer learned that at least two of them, who were young men at the time, were hired by the Astors to park cars on the nights when there were "Smoker Parties" at the place. In 1933, when the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment was repealed and prohibition ended, the Astors quickly obtained a liquor license for their business. That liquor license is dated 1933 to Philip Astor.

Like many other people during the Great Depression, the Astors lost the property, but then they bought it back in 1939.

## Astorhurst Restaurant and Party Center Changes Owners

In 1958 local residents Joseph and Eleanor Dranek, along with a group of investors, purchased the Astor property. Dranek enlarged and changed the layout of the house to include a large restaurant/party room, two smaller party rooms and a lounge bar.

In 1974 Constantine (Gus) and Toni Prinios bought the property and operated the business. During the Prinios years the Astorhurst was a restaurant. In recent years the second generation of the Prinios family converted the restaurant into a party center.

## New Changes in 2013

This year the property will once again change hands. The Cleveland Metroparks purchased the land. This writer related the history of the Astorhurst property for the *Walton Hills Owl*. Jean Kainsinger

### **Photos of the Astorhurst in August of 2013**



# Spotlight on

## Astrophurst Picnic Grounds/Park Place

### One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Andrew Prinios, whose family owned the Astrophurst Country Place, picnic grounds/pavilion and Park Place ice cream store for the last 40 years, talked about the current status of the 16 acres of property next to the Astrophurst Golf Course, which was just sold to the Cleveland Metroparks.

First, a little history: Philip and Martha Astor opened the first childcare center in Walton Hills in their house at 6980 Dunham Road, which they purchased in 1918 from descendants of the Gleeson family. The house was built in 1840. Parents usually picked up their children around dinner time and stayed to eat. This gave the Astor's the idea of adding a country club type of restaurant to their house. Because of the success of the restaurant, they closed their childcare center to focus on their dining operation. When prohibition ended in 1933, Philip Astor obtained a liquor license. Joseph and Eleanor Dranek and a group of investors purchased the property in 1958. (Information obtained from "Tracing Our Heritage," written by residents Jean and Bob Kainsinger.)

At this point in our story, the Prinios family enters the picture. Andrew stated that his parents, Gus and Toni, purchased the restaurant and picnic grounds/pavilion from the Dranek family in 1973. At the time of their purchase, the restaurant was leased to another individual; therefore the Prinios family ran only the picnic grounds/pavilion until 1980. In 1980, the restaurant lease expired and the Prinios family did not renew the lease of their tenant. Gus remodeled the restaurant, which they opened

for Sunday brunch and parties until 1982. The family obtained a liquor license and opened as a full service restaurant. Andrew notes that the restaurant was in its heyday through the Astor and Dranek ownerships, and he is proud to say that his family was able to restore it back to its former glory. In 1985, the Prinios family remodeled and opened the ice cream store in front of the Astrophurst restaurant which had been empty for 20 years. (All ice cream loving residents know and love the Park Place ice cream store, in its 29th season of operation!) Gus passed away in 1991, and the Prinios family carried on running the restaurant until 1996. They still did catering and held parties in the restaurant until 2006. Today Andrew, his sister Connie, and Toni still cater events at the picnic grounds/pavilion and operate the Park Place ice cream store.

Andrew stated that his family's 16 acres, including all of the buildings (the restaurant, Park Place, and the house in the back), were sold to the Cleveland Metroparks this year. This will be a restoration project for the Metroparks. They intend to restore the property back to its natural state, to become a natural habitat again. Andrew stated that the Metroparks has plans to tear down the restaurant and the house in the back. The Prinios' will run the picnic grounds/pavilion for the next two years. He believes that the Metroparks will probably retain the picnic pavilion and still rent it out to the public. The Prinios family has a lease for Park Place until 2023. For those interested in renting the picnic pavilion for company parties, showers, weddings, etc., please contact Connie at 440.439.8588.



Park Place Ice Cream Store



Astrophurst Picnic Grounds



# The WALTON HILLS HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTER

located in the Village Hall Community Room  
is open

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16 2013 7 – 8:30 pm**

**YOU ARE INVITED** – Spend a leisurely afternoon or evening reading about the area we call home. Browse through the old maps, photographs, newspaper articles and other memorabilia.

Just a Reminder -

**Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2013**

An afternoon at the picturesque **Inn at Brandywine Falls** and **Brandywine Falls** with our hosts, Proprietors of the Inn - George and Katie Hoy

If you signed up for this Historical Center field trip, please meet at the Village Hall at 11:30 am. We will ride in the village van. Return time should be before 3:00 pm.

Have you paid for the trip? Cost is \$22.00. Carol Stanoszek, Recreation Department, is collecting the money.

Questions? Jean Kainsinger 232-6142

Thank you, villagers for joining us at our tent on Community Day!



The Historical Resource Center staff collects written material about our local history for display in the Community Room showcases. We thank the villagers and former residents who continue to contribute old photos and written material of local interest.

Contact us if YOU have items to donate!

**Join our staff of volunteers! We can use your help!**

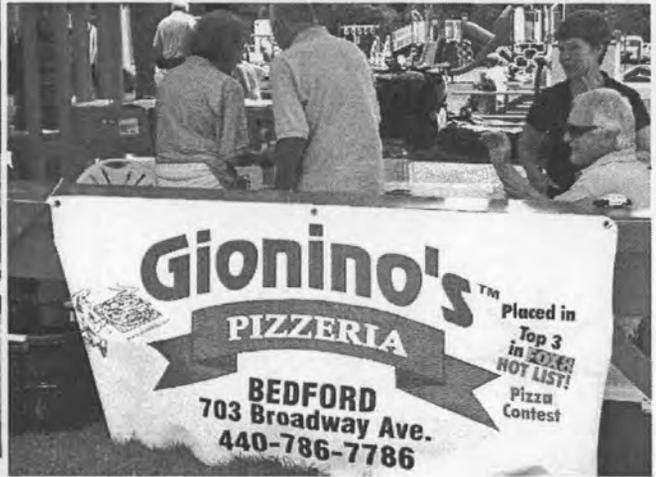
Coordinators: Jean Kainsinger 232-6142 and Ruth Money 232-1411

Staff Members: Kay Fleischer, Paula Johancen, Ernesta Kuska, Judi Schroeder and Marge Tomondy

# PHENOMENAL

Is all you can say about the weather on Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for Community Day. Moderate temperatures, plenty of sunshine along with a cool breeze made for a very pleasant day.

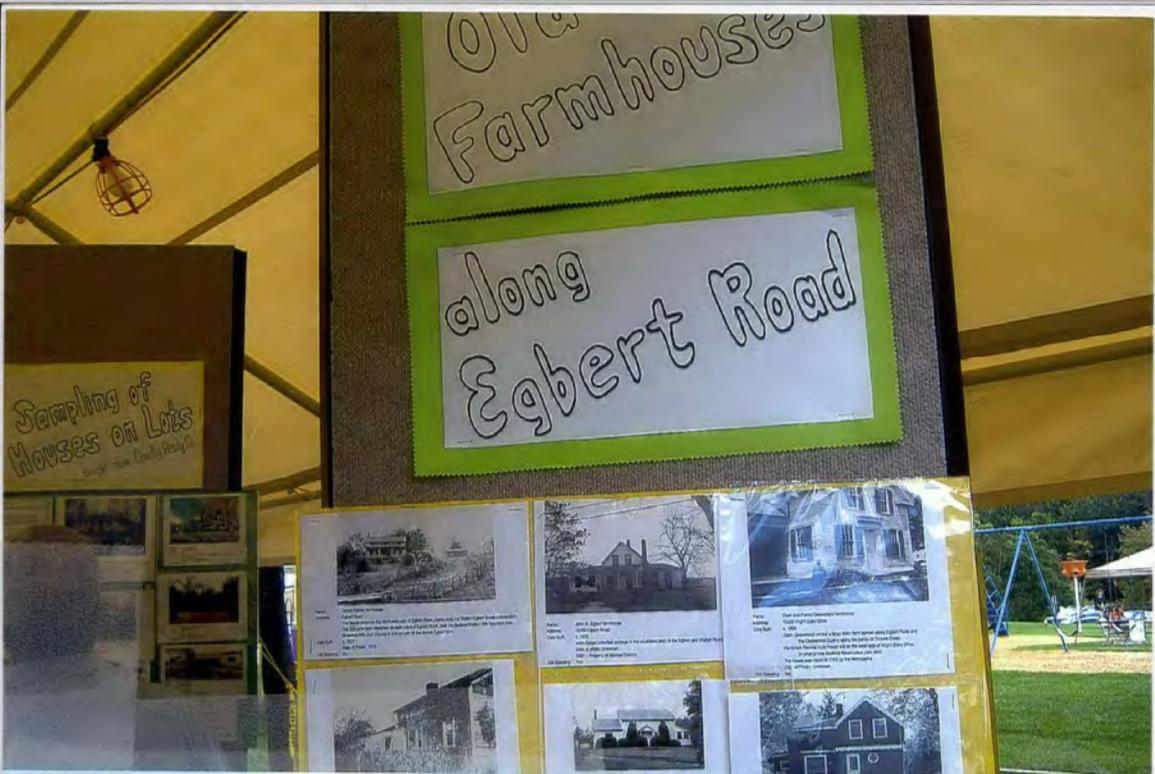
And once again the Citizens' Leagues Pete Sakian out did himself with his acquiring some 200 prizes which were distributed into 42 prize package combinations. There were a great number of happy winners with their prizes.



Above Dom Flauto, Pete Sakian, Patty and Bill Allen selling some raffle tickets

Don Haydoo,, Susan and Gary Riddles working the food booth

The next Citizens' League meeting will be **Candidate Night** here in the Village and will held on **Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at 7p.m.** in the Community Room. Join us, listen to the **Bedford School Board** and **Village Council** candidates and participate in an open forum. Bring a friend or neighbor. Healthy refreshments will be served.











Old Farmhouses

Clear Johnston Road

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## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

**Donald and Deborah Klug**  
17549 Alexander Road

**Gary and Pamela Pack**  
7821 Summerset Drive

**Megan Dunleavy**  
19137 Alexander Road

## CONGRATULATIONS, GOLD MEDAL WINNER!

Congratulations to **Anthony Witt** of Walton Road on winning a Gold Medal in his division of the Special Olympics Unified Golf Tournament held on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Links Golf Course in North Olmsted.

For the Unified Golf Tournament, Anthony made the smart choice of picking his nephew, **Kyle Krcmar**, to be his golf partner. They came in first.

In another competition, **Kim Zahl** of Bainbridge competed with another nephew of Anthony's, **Patrick Krcmar**, and they also won gold medals. Anthony Witt and Kim Zahl are on the South Geauga Special Olympics team. Anthony is the son of **Gary and Barbara Witt** of Walton Hills. Kyle and Patrick are the sons of **Kevin and Lisa Krcmar** of Broadview Hts.



## NEW GREAT-GRANDPARENTS!

Congratulations to Great-Grandparents **Leo and Bev Sirna** of Kydan Lane on the birth of their great-granddaughter **Aviana Marie Sirna**. Aviana was born on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Her proud parents are U.S. Airmen **Joseph and Samantha Sirna**. Joseph will be going to the country of Jordan in October. We wish him the best.

# BEREAVEMENTS

**Ronald Gunya** of Orchard Hill Drive passed away in August at age 77, after a long illness. In recent months he stayed at the Jennings Center for Older Adults in Garfield Heights. His wife, **Shirley Issel**, died in October of 2012. Our condolences to his daughter and son-in-law, **Kimberly and Ray Kovalchick** of Sagamore Hills.

Gunya was a U.S. Army veteran. He was well-known nationwide as a custom car builder.

Long-time Dunham Road resident, **Elsie Issel**, died in August at age 94. Her husband, **Hubert Issel**, passed away years ago. Our sympathy to their children, **Nancy and Dick Wilson**, and **Hugh and Alana Issel**. Elsie had 7 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

## CHECK OUT OUR VILLAGERS' LIBRARY!

The location of the library is upstairs in the Village Hall Community Building

It's the Honor System - No Sign Out or Sign In - No Fees

You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction - Famous Authors -

Espionage Bios - Mysteries - Adventure - Christian Books - Books for Children, Teenagers - Men and Women

## Birchwood Banquet & Party Center

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Resident Tony Koltcz has received an enormous amount of pleasure helping people create lifetime memories by making their affairs extra special and unforgettable. He is the owner of the Birchwood Banquet & Party Center, located at 7540 Northfield Road in Walton Hills.

Tony and his parents ran the Astorhurst Restaurant from 1973 to 1980 where he attained vast knowledge and experience in all phases of party planning. When they moved to Northfield Road in 1980, they realized they did not want to work seven days a week anymore and they got into the catering business.

Tony indicated that 80% of the functions they service are weddings. They also do many other events, such as anniversary parties, business conferences, holiday gatherings, proms and church functions. They have hosted the Men's Club Reverse Raffle in the past. They hosted the Women's Club Christmas party last year and will host it again this year. They also graciously hosted several of the Walton Hills Public-Private Partnership Business Expos held several years ago.

Tony indicated that the most interesting event he ever serviced was a benefit for G.R.I.N. (Golden Retrievers in Need). G.R.I.N. is a rescue group that brought their dogs to the benefit, which included a swimming pool where the dogs would retrieve balls with numbers on them for guests to win prizes. He also had a surprise birthday party for Anna Lark, a school crossing guard celebrating her 100th birthday. Mayor Frank Jackson was in attendance. By the way, Anna is still enjoying life at 104 years old!

Birchwood is a large facility that can accommodate up to 450 guests. They have an extensive menu selection with several

entrees, vegetables, prepared salads, relishes and desserts to choose from. There are 27 items on the buffet menu, however Tony can accommodate most anything that is requested. They also offer a package option to include all of the food and beverages desires. Serving styles include a sit-down dinner, family style or buffet style.

Tony wants all those he services to feel completely relaxed and confident that their event will be one of the most memorable times of their lives. To accomplish this, the Birchwood staff will take care of every need, including elegant table settings, skirted tables, ribbons, cake services, and a champagne toast. Several choices of elegant chair covers and table overlays are available for an additional fee. Complete bar services are available with a variety of top and middle shelf liquor, domestic and imported beer and wine. Bartenders will serve your guests from up to three different locations. They can provide ice luges and hand carved ice sculptures. When St. Mary Church closed, an ice sculpture of the Virgin Mary was created. The G.R.I.N. benefit requested an ice sculpture of a golden retriever! In addition, for a special effect, Tony can provide lighted table tooling and can up-light the wall behind the head table with a special color.

Tony is ready to help you create lasting memories. For more information, call 440.232.6590 or visit the website: [www.birchwoodpartycenter.com](http://www.birchwoodpartycenter.com).



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## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

July 23, 2013, Special Council Meeting: There were two Resolutions confirming the appointment of Kelsey Allen and Joshua Wendl as Part-time Deputy Marshals of the Village of Walton Hills. There were four more Resolutions authorizing contracts for road repairs.

August, 2013: Summer break. No Council meetings.

September 3, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Resident Judy Sheeler said she noticed that the Walton Hills Journal was improved and now uses color on every page and shiny paper. She wondered how much it costs now. Mayor Kevin Hurst said that it costs \$1200 per month now. It used to be \$750 per month. University Hospitals is sponsoring the Journal now, so the new format is actually costing the Village an additional \$50 per month. He is planning to get more sponsors so that the Journal will be free. It is now printed by a long time Village resident. **Resident Lucie Petranek** asked about the recent law change that ended revenue sharing with Walton Hills and Northfield for the Race Track. She wondered what was being done about that. The Mayor said the new law was part of the Ohio Budget bill and actually applied to the "Hosting" revenues for the Racino. The bill was amended at the last minute in the Senate. The effect was to exclude Walton Hills from receiving about \$750,000 in Hosting revenue. The Senator who made the amendment said he did not know it would affect Walton Hills. Efforts are being made to overturn this. **Village Engineer Don Sheehy** reported that authorized road repairs are due to be completed in early October. Council must authorize the Mayor to apply for funding for the Sagamore Rd. reconstruction in 2014 by October 18 along with all adjacent communities. **Mr. Dan Stucky** reported that the Community Room upgrade is in progress. The kitchen, bathrooms, and electric are being upgraded. The cost is expected to be about \$21,000. Pancake breakfasts can proceed without tripping breakers. **Mr. Don Sheehy** discussed the Sewer Districts storm water fee revenue. Approximately \$65,000 per year will be available to Walton Hills for maintenance including street sweeping, ditch cleaning or retention ponds, for example. All projects must be preapproved by the district. Most of the money from the program will be controlled by the District and go to large projects such as emergency clean-up after trees fall into streams during severe storms and general maintenance of large storm sewers. Other issues were discussed and the Council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, purchase or sale of land in Walton Hills, and personnel.

September 10, 2013, COW Meeting: Resident Dave Washtock commented that if the State would not pay some revenue to Walton Hills from the proceeds from the Racino, than maybe the State should take over traffic control on Northfield Rd. since it is a State road. Why does Walton Hills have to take on the expense of auxiliary police for traffic control? The Mayor said the Hosting money had been taken away but Walton Hills still shares gaming revenues and payroll taxes. All of the cost of the Auxiliary would be paid for by a \$5 fee on waivers of court cases. **Mr. Pat Hickey** from Love Insurance informed Council that the cost of the liability insurance for the Village would likely be higher by \$6000 next year. Council asked him to present other options to hold the cost down. **Mr. Aaron Marinelli** from Chapman and Chapman told Council that he was predicting that the premiums for health insurance would go up about 4% for next year. Other communities which are similar in size are seeing increases of 40-70% increases. This is because the Affordable Healthcare Act requires community rating which raises costs a lot. Walton Hills is in a consortium with other communities in the Cuyahoga County healthcare plan and therefor is not currently subject to community rating costs. The Mayor would like to have a Town Hall meeting where Mr. Marinelli could answer Villagers questions about how the ACA affects their personal healthcare plans. **Mr. Vic Nogalo**, the Financial Officer, explained the need for \$105,700 more to be appropriated for the budget. He also said a letter had been sent to all Civic Groups to determine their tax status to make sure they are in compliance with tax laws. **Councilwoman Mary Brenner** talked about a program started by Oakwood to provide opportunities for students in grades 7-12 to learn about government. It costs \$415 per year and includes a membership in a local YMCA. Council discussed this project and also the Mentoring program in the Bedford Schools to which the Village could donate \$5000 per year. Council members spoke favorably about both programs to help the children. **Councilman Paul Rich** said he is researching ways to obtain funds to help people to make home repairs and maintain the value of their homes.

## Koffee Klatch Pictures

On Saturday, September 14, some of the women of the WHWC met to inaugurate the new program year. Good conversation was had over freshly brewed coffee and non-fattening donuts.



# Halloween party @ the Church of Christ ~ 10-27-13



Buzz Light-year & Woody from "Toy Story"



Josephine, Steve, and Lucie pass out treats

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Bride Of Ghoulardi



# Halloween party @ the Church of Christ ~ 10-27-13

More Scenes...



"Glitz and Glamour" makeup time!



"Abby" from NCIS



# VISITING the INN at BRANDYWINE FALLS and BRANDYWINE FALLS

September 19, 2013

A Trip sponsored by the  
Walton Hills Historical Resource Center  
and  
Walton Hills Recreation Department



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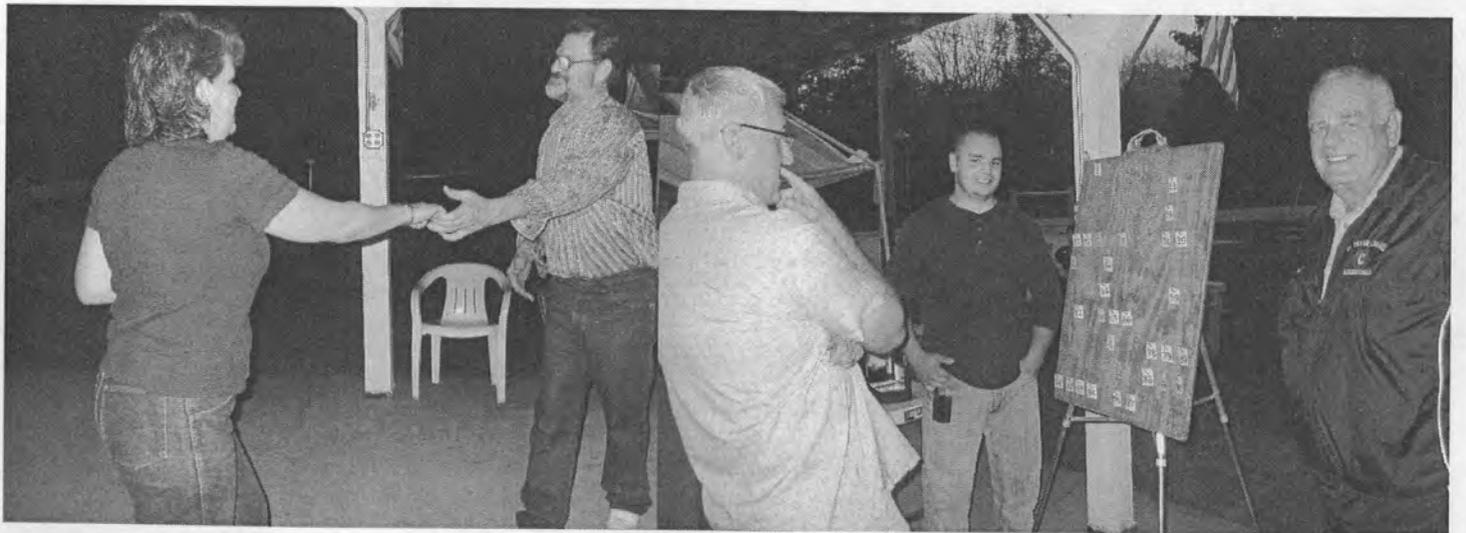
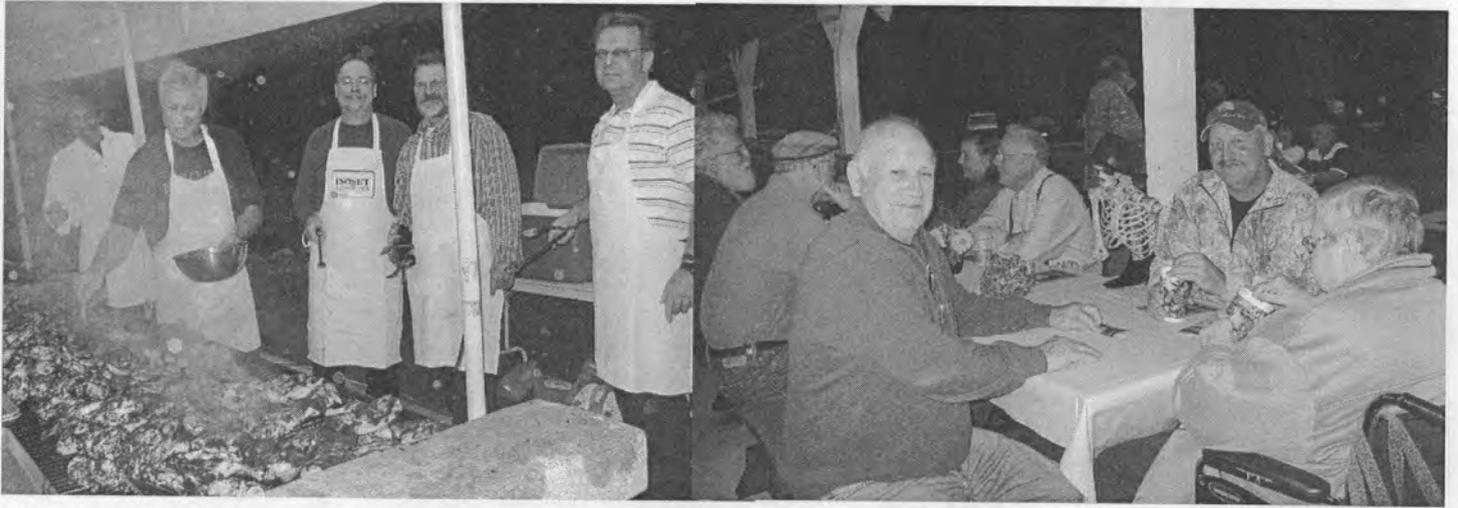
September 17, 2013, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: Resident Judy Sheeler asked why the Village still had the Impact Group on its payroll at \$3000 per month. She thought it was only going to be used through the last election. She was told the question would be answered during "Council Comments." She said she would prefer to have the answer now so she could ask a follow up question. Mr. Blair Melling, the Village Solicitor, said that Council Meetings are not a place for debate and that Council has chosen this format. Mrs. Sheeler said that the new format had only been used for the last 2 COW meetings and she preferred the old format where questions were answered when asked. Mr. Melling said that there were other venues for getting questions answered and issues discussed and there was no place for debate at formal Council Meetings. Mayor Kevin Hurst answered the question in the "Miscellaneous" portion of the Meeting. He said his intention was to eliminate the use of the Impact Group but he decided to continue to use them for putting together information for various issues such as business expansion and vacant properties. **Council passed one ordinance relating to appropriating \$106,000 more for current expenses and expenditures. It also passed 9 resolutions. One confirmed the appointment of Michael Hopkins to the Planning Commission. Another authorized the payment of \$5,000 for the Bedford Schools Mentoring program. The Mayor announced that FirstEnergy has agreed to pay \$300 per month for a page in the Walton Hills Journal. He also reported that he is going to Washington, D.C. with the Manufacturing Alliance Commission (MAC). The President is going to sign legislation regarding obtaining grants for MAC projects.**

October 1, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meeting: Councilman Paul Rich described the Heritage Home program to help owners of homes built before 1963 get low cost loans to make repairs. Mr. Rich will write an article for the Walton Hills Journal with details about the program. The Mayor said he had paid the fee of \$900 for the remainder of 2013 and 2014 so that Walton Hills residents can participate in this program. **Resident Judy Sheeler** asked about the cost of the EMS building being totally paid for by Oakwood as reported in the Walton Hills Journal. She recalled that \$45,000 was appropriated and only \$30,000 was discounted from the Oakwood fire contract that was about \$50,000 more expensive than the Northfield fire contract. Mayor Hurst explained that the cost of the building alone was only \$12,000 with \$23,000 in cost to put up the building. Mr. Vic Nogalo, the Fiscal Officer, explained further. The cost of engineering was \$8,000, but that does not count toward the cost of the building. He added that Walton Hills does dispatch for Oakwood now. If you include the increased revenues from the dispatch contract and the increased cost in the fire contract, it is break even. If another community hires Walton Hills for dispatch, it will be gravy. **Inspection of rental units** was discussed. Inspections will likely be done whenever there is a change of occupancy. The building official will discuss this at the next COW. Commercial buildings will probably be inspected at point of sale. **Resident Lucie Petranek** asked who would be responsible for repairs. The Mayor said it would be the seller's responsibility. Required repairs would apply mostly to safety issues, not toward bringing buildings up to current code. **The Mayor reported** that the most impressive thing about his trip to Washington was the plane ride. It was hosting an honor flight of World War II veterans to see the WW II Memorial. He was so inspired by the stories he heard, that he asked Council to consider using money from the Veteran's Memorial Fund to contribute \$2,000 towards the Honor Flights. **Following the public meeting**, the Council went into Executive session to discuss potential litigation and personnel.

October 8, 2013, COW meeting: Mr. Rick Loconti, the Village Building Official, answered questions about the residential rental unit inspection ordinance. Resident Bill Deak asked about radon testing. Mr. Loconti said that could be done at a private point of sale inspection requested by the buyer. **Mr. Vic Nogalo** described a supplemental retirement plan called a 457 plan referring to the section of the IRS code. Employees can already use the Ohio Public Employee deferred compensation program. Mr. William Crozier from Skylight Financial Group and Ms. Suzanne Lipps from Financial Network of America presented ideas for additional plans. Council asked many questions and will adopt a resolution to allow these plans to be considered by the employees for pre-tax contributions. **A motion** was passed to cancel the COW meeting on Election Day, Nov. 5.

October 15, 2013, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting: Council passed Ordinance No.2013-12 relating to certificates of inspection and rental licenses for residential rental units in the Village. Two Resolutions were passed. One allows the Mayor to enter into an agreement with R&R Landscaping & Snow Plowing to provide snow plowing services for senior or handicapped residents. The other authorizes the donation of \$2,000 to Honor Flight Cleveland Program from the Veteran's Memorial Fund.

# W.H. Lake Clambake 10-2013



## LOCAL MEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Thanks to Jean Kainsinger for compiling this list. If you know of additional service men or women, please contact the Mayor's Office.

**Army Staff Sergeant James Buhrow** – Enlisted in the Army Reserves in July of 1996. He served in the Balkans and Kuwaiti Freedom while stationed in Germany. At the present time he is a Drill Sergeant at Camp McCoy while living at his home in Wisconsin. Proud parents are Mark and Ellen Buhrow of Shaner Drive.

**Navy Information Systems Technician 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Nathan Buhrow** – Enlisted in the Navy in March of 2007 at the age of 19. He has served in the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean. He is currently on shore duty at a CB Base in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Proud parents are Mark and Ellen Buhrow of Shaner Drive.

**Marine Staff Sergeant John Hays** – Enlisted in the Marines in 2003. He served two tours of duty in Afghanistan. He now serves in the Marine Reserves. His unit is stationed in Port Arthur, Louisiana. He is currently attending law school in Houston. When he graduates, he plans to rejoin the Navy as a JAG Officer. He is the son-in-law of Arthur and Elizabeth Roth of Colonial Court.

**Army Specialist Bradley Hejl** – Enlisted in the Army in 2003. He is stationed at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, where he is in charge of the US Army Band. He served two tours of duty in Iraq. Proud step-father is Andy Sargent of Shaner Drive.

**Air Force Colonel Michael Kuchta** – Enlisted in the Air Force in 1986. As Commander of the Defense Information Systems Agency for the Department of Defense, he directs Air Force Communications out of his office at Fort Meade, Maryland. Proud parents are Ray and Marge Kuchta of Chestnut Drive.

**Marine Lance Corporal Kyle Niro** – Enlisted in the Marines in 2010. He graduated from U.S. Marine Corps Scout Sniper School in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii in May of 2013. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for outstanding service during his last deployment. He will be leaving on his next deployment in December 2013. Proud parents are Tony and Val Niro of Dunham Road.

*Listing is continued on back cover*



## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

**November 10, 2013 – 11:00 a.m.**

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Veteran Ed Ference, Electrician Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, U.S. Navy (WWII).
2. National Anthem.
3. Acknowledgment of local men currently serving in a branch of the United States Armed Forces by Mayor Kevin Hurst and Council President Pro Tem and Veteran Denny Linville, Private First Class, U.S. Army.
4. Keynote Address by Veteran Joe Benedict, Aviation Electrician 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, U.S. Navy; (Vietnam); Honor Flight Cleveland Board President and Director of Flight Operations.
5. Shared experiences from Veterans.
6. Moment of silence and presentation of memorial wreath to our departed Veterans by Veterans Mike Thomas, SS 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, U.S. Navy (WWII) and Sean Ennis, Spec 5, U.S. Army (Vietnam); Honor Flight Cleveland Board Member.
7. Dismissal. The Women's Club will continue to serve a pancake breakfast in the Community Room until 1:00 p.m. We are proud to offer all veterans a free breakfast.

# The Astorhurst Restaurant - Before and After-

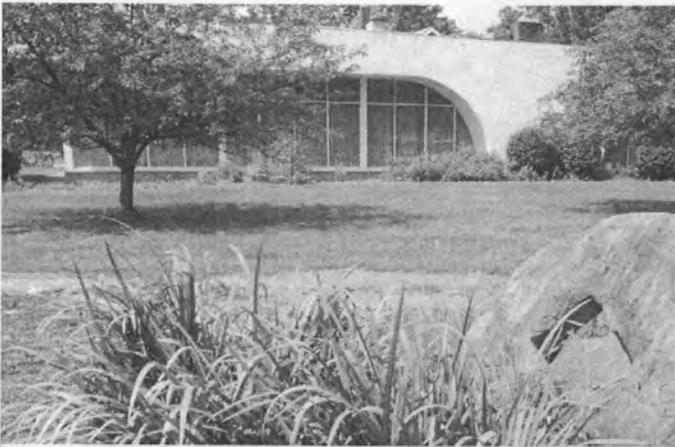
**Before Photos: Taken on August 29, 2013**

Photos Courtesy of Judi Schroeder

Bedford Reservation has gained another attractive picnic area within its boundaries.

In April of 2013, the Cleveland Metroparks purchased the Astorhurst property, land last owned by the Prinois family. Starting on the week of September 30<sup>th</sup>, workers razed the Astorhurst Restaurant (built in 1958-9), the Gleeson house (built c. 1840) that stood amidst the restaurant complex, and nearby buildings. Only memories remain.

Please note: The Astorhurst Golf Course, officially named the Astorhurst Country Club, is a different parcel of land not owned by the Prinois family, remains a golf course, and is not part of the Metroparks purchase.



# The Astorhurst Restaurant - Before and After

After Photos: Taken on October 2 and 4, 2013

Photos Courtesy of Judi Schroeder



# The Three Wall Hangings in the Community Room - by the Kitchen -

**Check out the Community Room at the Village Hall.** The newly-modernized kitchen and bathrooms make our Community Room a very attractive meeting place.

Close to the kitchen, in the Community Room, hang three pieces of art that depict the history of the Village of Walton Hills. This article is about that art work.

## Ink Sketch Composite of Our Three Village Halls

In the years since our Village of Walton Hills was incorporated in 1951, we are in our third Village Hall. As you walk down the steps into the Walton Hills Community Room you see an impressive drawing of all three Village Halls. All of them have been located on the same lot, at the northeast corner of Walton and Alexander Roads.

Our first Town Hall was a small garage used as a shed. It sat fairly close to Alexander Road, near the house at 18171 Alexander Road. In early 1951, a few volunteers convert the shed into an office. It served as our Town Hall for almost a year, from May of 1951 until 1952.

Our second Village Hall had been a grocery store. It sat on the site of our Veterans Memorial. The store was renovated into offices and meeting rooms by volunteers who used their time and money. It was used as our Village Hall from 1952-1972.

Our third and current Village Hall complex was new construction, erected by professionals. It was completed in 1972. One of the buildings houses most of our administrative offices and Council Chambers. The building close to Alexander Road houses the Recreation Department office, Community Room, Village Library, and Historical Resource Center.



In May of 2001, upon the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of both the Village of Walton Hills and the Women's Club, the Women's Club presented this drawing to the Village, to commemorate their shared Anniversary. The Women's Club commissioned Frances Topping of Sagamore Hills, an artist who was known for her quality sketches of homes, to create the composite. The artist used old photographs and new photographs of the Village Hall grounds to guide her work.

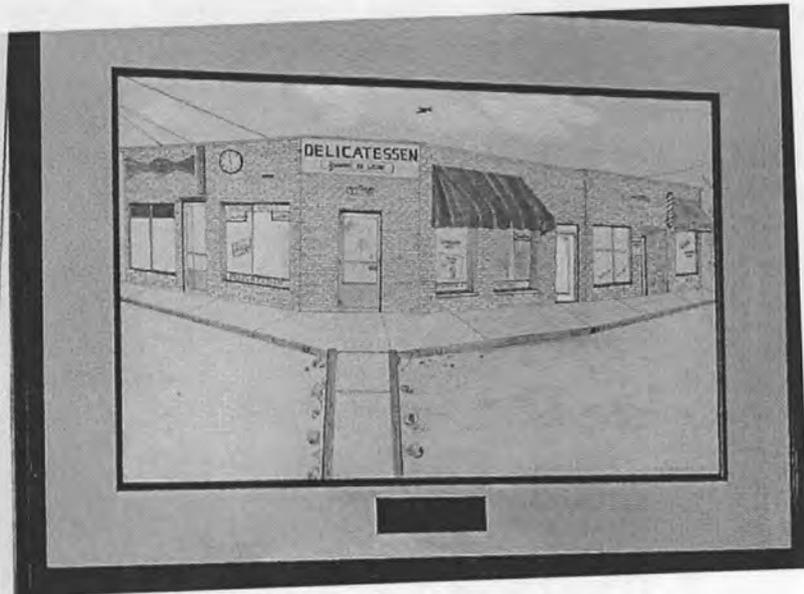
## The Three Wall Hangings in the Community Room

- by the Kitchen -

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### The Conelly Business Center in 1959

To the right of the Village Hall composite, hangs a water-colored pen-and-ink sketch of the Conelly Business Center as it appeared in 1959. Nellie Colagross, who grew up on Orchard Hill Drive, drew this impressive, realistic picture as a class project during her Senior year at Bedford High School. Nellie's father, William Colagross, donated the painting to the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center in 2003. Nellie Colagross Ross died a few years ago. She had lived with her husband Don in Paradise Michigan, along the shoreline of Lake Superior.

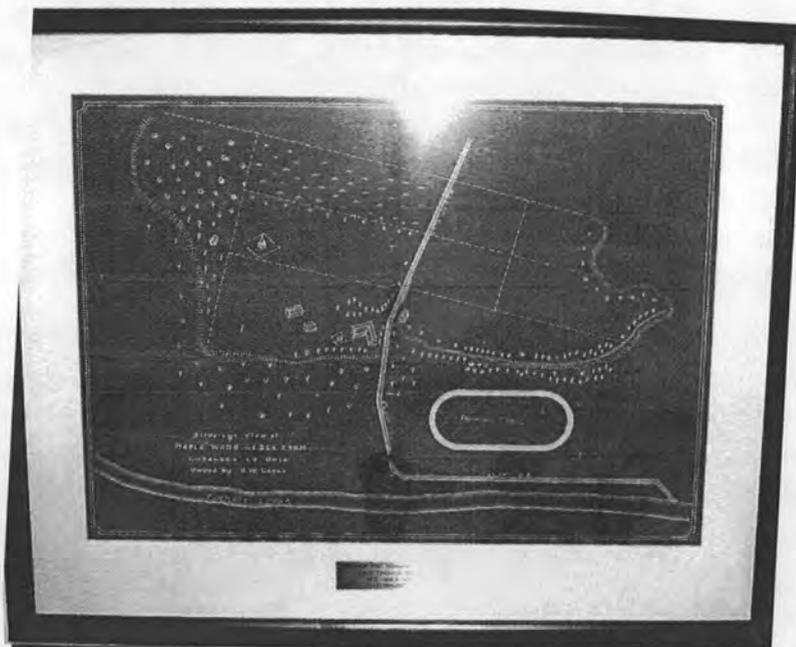


### Blueprint of the Maple Wood Stock Farm

To the left of the Village Hall composite, hangs the original blueprint of Maple Wood Stock Farm. In the late 1880s Dominick Carey, who married Clara Gleeson, designed Maple Wood Stock Farm to satisfy his passion for raising race horses. He built his horse training track facility on part of the Gleeson family land holdings that made up the Astorhurst Restaurant (which was razed by the Metroparks during the week of September 30<sup>th</sup>) acreage and Astorhurst Golf Course.

The horse facility operated from the late 1880s until 1918. Because of Carey's work load he hired managers to take over the daily operation of the facility. When Dominick and Clara Carey's eldest son Howard finished high school, he managed the Maple Wood Stock Farm business.

Howard Carey trained trotters and pacers, racing them at Grantwood and Cranwood Race Tracks in Southeast Cleveland. Howard Carey ran the training track until the family sold their Maple Wood Stock Farm acreage to Philip and Mary Astor in 1918.



# POTPOURRI

## A Very Special Veterans' Day Celebration – Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> the Walton Hills Women's Club and the Village Administrators are teaming together to make Veterans' Day a special day for all of us.

The Women's Club is hosting a **Veterans' Day Pancake Breakfast** from 9 am – 1 pm in the Village Hall Community Room. **Everyone is Welcome!** Meet your neighbors and enjoy a hearty breakfast.

**All Veterans will get their breakfast free!** The rest of us pay \$5.00 each, \$3.00 for children ages 12 and under, with a \$14.00 cap for immediate members of a family.

**At 11 am** we will put our pancakes aside and join our Village Officials to participate in a special tribute to honor our Veterans. **This gathering is for everyone!** Please attend.

## The Sundial in the Village Hall Courtyard

The next time you walk to the Village Hall or Community Room, notice the **Sundial** that adorns the Courtyard. The Walton Hills Women's Club presented the Sundial to the Village in 1976, commemorating the joint 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of both the Village of Walton Hills and the Women's Club.

The Sundial was officially dedicated at the 1976 Village Memorial Day Ceremony.

### **The Sundial in the Village Hall Courtyard**



## Bereavements

**Lisa Gilliland** of Orchard Hill Drive passed away in late September after a losing battle with multiple myeloma. She was 59 years old. Our condolences to her husband, **Jim Gilliland**. Also to their children, **David Taylor** of Houston, **Caroline Taylor** of Boston, **Laura Gilliland** of Columbus, **Sarah Gilliland** of Mountain View, California and **Jaimee Gilliland** of Charleston.

Lisa's life work was in the field of cancer research. She worked with research doctors at several major hospitals in the Houston and Los Angeles areas to gather and prepare the data that will one day lead to a cure for diseases such as multiple myeloma. She enjoyed swimming, biking and contra dancing, and was an avid reader.

Mayor Kevin Hurst married Lisa and Jim at the Village Hall in September of 2011, at the time when they were planning to buy a house in the Village.

Our sympathy to **Connie Butala** of Sagamore Road, on the passing of her husband, **George Butala**, who died at age 62 in early October. Our condolences also to their children, **Michael** and **Lisa Sherry** of Medina, **Theresa** and **Michael Bonick** of Wickliffe, and **Shannon** and **Brandon Smith** of Eastlake.

George served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Viet Nam Conflict. He retired in April after working for Air Product Co. for 30 years. The Butalas moved into the Village in 2003. This year both George and Connie were trustees of the Walton Hills Lake.

# Spotlight on

## Bella Mia Hair Studio & Day Spa

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Roseanne Bonaiuto's mission in life is to make people feel better about themselves, to bring out their beauty from the inside out. She and her husband Tony are the owners of Bella Mia Hair Studio & Day Spa, located at 7629 Walton Road in Walton Hills. They opened their shop in March of 2006 and have developed a faithful clientele of both residents and longtime customers from Roseanne's days at Expressive Cuts in Maple Heights. She began working there in 1978, right out of cosmetology school. She and Tony became the owners of the salon in May of 1988. Through the years Roseanne has serviced multi-generational families. She proudly states that "clients that I had 30 years ago that were 30 years old and now they are in their 60s, now I take care of their children and I am starting to take care of their grandchildren!"

Roseanne runs Bella Mia with the help of longtime friend and coworker Ruthie Massey. They have worked together for 30 years, and have thoroughly enjoyed the ride! They kid around that they could write a book that would have many interesting chapters about their many experiences through the years.

Bella Mia offers many traditional services – haircuts, color, perms, manicures, pedicures, facials, waxing. But how about treating yourself to a rejuvenating massage in their serene Spa Room? How about a Peppermint Sea Twist Body Wrap? According to Roseanne, it is an ultimate service in the way that it makes you feel! It detoxifies your body, drawing all of the toxins out of your

system. It is not only relaxing, but it is exhilarating! Peppermint oil and freshly harvested seaweed stimulates, rejuvenates, and purifies your skin. The process is for 1 hour and 15 minutes, and while it is being done, you receive an awesome face and scalp massage. Utter bliss!

Only the best products available are used at Bella Mia. Roseanne simply states that the reason they use all professional products is because they work better! Through their sales consultants, they find out what is trending in the industry and make informed decisions.

In November of 2009, Roseanne and Tony opened Bella Mia West in Brecksville. It differs from the Walton Hills location because of the demographics of the area. In that location, spa services are more in demand, and groups of four or more can even arrange a spa party for the ultimate party pampering experience.

Roseanne, Tony and Ruthie love being in Walton Hills! They have years of experience, they love what they do and their goal is to please everyone and meet their expectations. Plans for the future are simple: continued growth and servicing our community. Bella Mia is open Wednesday through Friday from 9am to 9pm and Saturday from 8am to 4pm. To make an appointment, call Roseanne or Ruthie at 440.786.9590.



Roseanne stands in front of her station, ready to bring out the beauty in her next customer!



Ruthie gives a longtime customer a professional manicure.



## TIMM TALES

### Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Chairwoman of Information Committee

No, this is not a story about Tiny Tim, a character from a story that you might have read at Christmas time. My character is named Madeline Rose Timm, aka Mrs. Claus, and she has been known to have read Christmas stories to children in Walton Hills for almost two decades at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

This is a tale about Maddie, who was nominated "Citizen of the Year" by the residents of the little Village of Walton Hills for her many unselfish gifts of her time and talents for over forty years, which have reached across other communities and even the world.

She is our Good Will Ambassador! She is a past President of the Walton Hills Women's Club and St. Mary's Guild, and current President of the Walton Hills 50+ Club. She spearheaded the collection of hats and gloves for needy school children as well as lap blankets for our injured military in the United States, overseas, and here at home to our Village residents who are in the hospital or convalescing at home. As part of the Knit-Wits Group, she knits tiny blankets which are presented to parents who have lost their young child through an accident. It is a gift of love and of remembrance. As a former Councilwoman, she served with pride. She always promoted the Village and its residents and forever proclaimed "I love this Village, we are so lucky!"

This tale contains courage, hope, love, family, friends, faith and lots and lots of prayers.

For you see, back in June, Maddie suffered a severe right brain hemorrhage and stroke. The doctors were unsure of the outcome; most patients do not even make it TO surgery. But they didn't know OUR Maddie. She is full of grit and a fighter, meeting challenges with grace and an unshakeable faith.

Earlier I had mentioned Christmas. Christmas, is a time for giving and receiving gifts. Maddie will tell you that she has four wonderful gifts in her life - her children Daryl, Terri, Susan, and Hollie. Those four gifts never gave up; they were at her hospital bedside 24/7. Love is and always will be the best and strongest medicine, and she was comforted by her four gifts - for days, weeks, months, and it continues even now during her recovery.



My tale has a happy ending; Maddie is home now, getting stronger and stronger everyday. She is still a character, full of humor, drive, and determination, and she will be back 100% before we know it. For you see, miracles happen ALL year long, not just at Christmas time. Just ask Mrs. Claus.

To my fellow residents of Walton Hills and friends of Maddie, THANK YOU for the get well cards you sent; the ENTIRE wall in her hospital room was covered with your well wishes. For the rosaries said, candles that were lit in her name at home and at church, and the countless upon countless prayers you offered - they were heard and received loud and clear.

I believe what goes around comes around, Maddie is living proof. God Bless!

*Merry Christmas  
and Peace to you and yours this Holiday Season  
and a Healthy, Happy New Year!*



# POTPOURRI

## Welcome New Residents

**Richard and Michelle Mulhern**  
16953 Sagamore Road

**Robert Hanzel and Joyce Hoffman**  
18409 Alexander Road

**William and Michelle Jones**  
18430 Fern Lane

**Nancy Farrar**  
7256 Stuble Lane

**Daniel and Holly Schroeter**  
7243 Dunham Road

**William Chiaramonte and Constance Geis**  
18700 Shaner Drive

## Local Resident is in the News

**Bethany Majeski** of Dunham Road is a young woman with a lot of energy and many interests. She is a Naturalist for the Cleveland Metroparks, stationed at the Nature Center at Rocky River Reservation, where she devotes a great deal of her time connecting people to the planet via sustainable and local food programming.

Bethany is also a contributing writer for the quarterly magazine named "*edible CLEVELAND*," whose mission statement is 'Our Region, Our Stories, Our Food, Season by Season.'

On **Saturday January 18th**, in the afternoon, you are invited to join Bethany as she leads a sauerkraut-making class at the Garfield Heights Nature Center in Garfield Park. You do not have to bring any supplies, all will be provided for you. The cost is \$5.00 per participant. For more information, and to make your reservation, phone the Nature Center at 440.734.6660.

Bethany and her husband, **Mike Malafa**, are remodeling their newly-bought older home and transforming their outside acreage into an attractive, earth-friendly, usable environment. She and Mike enjoy camping and hiking. They are quickly becoming familiar with all the nooks and crannies in the parkland surrounding our Village.

The *Owl* staff hopes Bethany and Mike find time to write articles for future issues of the *Owl*.

## Attention!! Students Between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

If you are interested in politics, how our government works, and experience first-hand writing legislation, please contact the Walton Hills Village Hall. The Hawthorne Valley Youth Council offers first-hand opportunities in learning and influencing legislation. It's a great chance for you to make a difference and gain leadership skills.

This message is from Councilwoman Mary Brenner

## How Nice! Thank You

"To the Publishers of the *Owl*,

Congratulations on your wonderful publication. I recently saw two past issues of the *Owl*. I was so impressed by the written articles, the photos and the creativity. It was very evident that both time and care go into this great Walton Hills hometown paper. Jane Preiszig, Parkhaven Drive, Parma Ohio"

# POTPOURRI

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## Happenings at the Bedford Library

**Holly Jolly Jazz** On Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Michael Vincent and his jazz ensemble will play seasonal favorites at the Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Libraries. You are invited to attend. For more information phone 440.439.4997

**Internet: Next Steps** On Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, you can learn how to explore the rich content available on the internet. Prerequisite: basic knowledge of the internet. Registration is required. Phone 440.439.4997

**Email with Gmail** On Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm, you can learn how to create, send, organize and attach files to emails. Prerequisite: basic knowledge of the internet or experience using a mouse. Register: Phone 440.439.4997

## Bereavements

Our sympathy to **Kathryn Moore** of Walton Road, on the passing of her husband, **Glenn Moore**, who died at age 81 in late October. Our condolences also to their children, **Glenda** and **Marc Helman** of Strongsville and **Robert Moore** of Granger Township. Glenn and Kathryn were married for 61 years. For the past two years Moore had difficulty breathing, a condition which was caused by years of problems with his esophagus. He died of pneumonia.

Glenn served two years in the Army during the Korean War. For 27 years he served as a Policeman for the Village of Walton Hills, and for an additional year he was an Oakwood Village Policeman. The Moore family moved into the Village in 1963. They rented the upstairs of a house for a year, until their Walton Road home was completed in 1964. After Glenn's retirement, he and Kathryn enjoyed taking trips together.

**David McLean**, of Rotary Drive and Catawba Island, passed away in early November at age 65. David suffered from heart defect problems for many years. After an extensive open heart operation in 2006, he required continual care from his heart team at the Cleveland Clinic and his family. Our condolences to his family members, his sister and brother-in-law **Kathy** and **Jim Sorna** of South Meadowpark Drive, his nephew **Keith Sorna** of Rotary Drive, and his niece and her husband **Carrie** and **Jeff Zuckaukis** of North Royalton. **David** was the son of the late **Robert** and **Sylvia McLean**. Villagers may recall that Sylvia, David's mother, died in July of this year.

The family is thankful for the support they have had from the Village of Walton Hills- the handicapped van transport, EMT assistance to lift David, the Women's Club luncheon, all the friends who brought goodies to the luncheon after David's funeral, and the showering of well wishes and prayers.

Join your fellow friends and neighbors,  
**The Year 2013-Village Tree Lighting Tradition**  
**Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> 6 pm**  
 Walton Hills Community Room

# Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

**November 12, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meeting:** Resident Judy Sheeler asked what was the \$3000 expenditure for MAC and why did we pay \$400 to the Liberty News in September. She also asked if Sagamore Rd. is a county road and would the Village receive any money for repaving the road. (Note: There is a new protocol where "Council Comments" proceeds before an answer is given.)

**Councilman Denny Linville** reported that he is working on new signage for the Village. Signage (e.g. street names) must comply with new State requirements by 2015. He would like to organize a citizens' committee to help with the project.

**After several other** topics were reported on, Mayor Kevin Hurst addressed the questions posed earlier. The MAC (Manufacturing Alliance of Communities) expenditure was for dues. The \$400 to Liberty News was for an ad concerning the Walton Hills web site and how to give donations to Honor Flights. He said that it is possible to get funding for paving Sagamore Rd. from both Cuyahoga and Summit counties. Application will be made by the neighboring communities after other grants are in place.

**Mr. Aaron Marinelli** from Chapman and Chapman spoke about the healthcare plan for employees. There is no increase in premiums this year. He can also offer the 457 deferred compensation plans and would like to be considered for participation in the program. **Mr. Vic Nogalo**, our Fiscal Officer, introduced Mr. Jim Lineweaver representing the Lineweaver Financial Group. Mr. Nogalo said that members of the Police Department had requested that both Skylight and Lineweaver financial groups be allowed to offer the 457 plans. After a discussion, the Mayor said a resolution will be on the agenda at the next Council meeting.

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**The Mayor brought up the topic of replacing police cars and service vehicles. He said that Police Chief Kenn Thellmann recommends that we purchase one Police car and 3 SUVs, and Street Commissioner Dan Stucky recommends that we replace 3 trucks. The old vehicles will be sold on internet auction or used in some other capacity. All the old vehicles have over 100,000 miles on them or are about 10 years old. The new vehicles' cost can be paid by issuing a note that we buy ourselves or they can be leased. Court fees can cover most police car costs over time. According to the Mayor, if the Village buys its own note, the fund balance is not reduced. He is trying to keep the fund balance at \$4,000,000. The Mayor would like to do this by December 1 so he can get a good deal that is available now from Liberty Ford. The new vehicles would be delivered in March or April, 2014. The cost of the police cars is estimated to be \$145,000 (includes detailing and special police outfitting). The trucks will cost \$105,000 for a total of \$250,000. If financed with a note, the total Village debt outstanding would become \$972,635 for the vehicles and various road projects.**

**Mr. Blair Melling, the Law Director, recommended that some zoning regulations be changed. He recommends that attached garages be limited to 1200 sq. ft. and accessory buildings be limited to 900 sq. ft. He said that due to economic conditions, people may decide it is better to try to move businesses or storage to their homes. They may seek to build very large structures that could be damaging to the value of neighboring properties and inappropriate for the size of their property. If these restrictions in building size create a hardship they can be appealed to the zoning board of appeals. Council discussed and generally agreed.**

**Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky reported that she is working on a new Village Directory.**

# Spotlight on

## HOME CITY ICE

### One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Did you know that water is the only known substance where the solid state (ice) will float in the liquid state (water)? Home City Ice has taken full advantage of this principle and has become an industry leading, multi-million dollar full service ice company. Home City Ice retails ice across all of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, and parts of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New York, Maryland, Georgia, Missouri, Wisconsin and Alabama. They manufacture ice in 36 state-of-the-art manufacturing plants and 53 distribution centers throughout the Midwest.

One of Home City Ice's manufacturing facilities is located at 20282 Hannan Parkway in Walton Hills. They have been in our community since 1996. They employ 70 to 80 people during their peak summer season and 10 to 15 people in the off season. Their production facility is up and running every day of the week and through the night in the summertime, at which time they produce up to 240 tons of ice a day. In the off season, they operate five or six days a week. They produce 7 and 22 pound bags of ice. They are a civic minded organization that has happily donated ice for the Village's Community Day celebration for several years.

first. At the completion of the freezing process, the pure water has been made into ice and the left over "heavy" water is removed and used elsewhere in the refrigeration process. By freezing water in motion, air is not trapped in the ice, resulting in a solid piece of ice that will last longer. This is in direct contrast to the ice you make at home, where the water sits stagnant in trays waiting to freeze. The pure water freezes first on the outside, pushing suspended solids and debris into the middle of the cube where they will be trapped by the water freezing around them. A cloud is created as a result of these suspended solids and foreign debris being trapped in the middle of the cube. Home City Ice eliminates the clouds from the ice – just crystal clear ice frozen from pure water!

All of the Home City Ice production facilities have product samples tested by an independent third party laboratory to ensure a pure product. They are also a member of the International Packaged Ice Association, which mandates that every one of their production facilities be inspected and certified by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF). On May 10, 2013, the Walton Hills facility was audited by the NSF and received a perfect score for the seventh consecutive year! This was the ninth perfect score for Home City Ice in the 2012-2013 audit season.



A Home City Ice truck prepares to deliver the healthiest, best tasting ice available.

Home City Ice's unique production methods, the location of their distribution points, and their state-of-the-art routing technologies allow them to have one of the smallest carbon footprints per unit in the packaged ice industry. In addition, in 2012 the company purchased 60 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) trucks. Two of these trucks were utilized in Walton Hills all summer. This was not only good for the environment, but it alleviated the problem of dealing with the high cost of diesel fuel and the cost to maintain diesel engines. CNG vehicle emissions are approximately 90 percent lower than those from traditional diesel vehicles. In the coming year, Home City Ice plans to purchase 100 more CNG trucks. Regional Manager Rick Welterau is in the process of installing a CNG compressor at the Walton Hills facility so trucks can be fueled on site overnight.

Home City Ice, headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, was started in 1924 by the Sedler family. They continue to own and operate the company. Home City Ice is passionate about making the healthiest, best tasting ice available, and they have developed a process that produces cleaner, clearer ice than you can make at home. Their unique freezing process, called "natural filtration," creates ice that is purer than the water from which it is made. Their process freezes water in motion, allowing the pure water to freeze

The Walton Hills facility will have positions open in the springtime. Interested applicants can visit the Home City Ice website ([www.homecityice.com](http://www.homecityice.com)) or apply in person. Their website will also let you test your "IceQ" or help you determine exactly how much ice you will need by way of their "Ice Calculator." Mr. Welterau appreciates being a corporate citizen of Walton Hills – and we are glad to have his company in our community to produce the best tasting ice available!

# Update on Egbert Road

**Councilman Brian Spitznagel, Infrastructure Committee Chairman**

The Egbert Road Rehabilitation and Water Main Replacement Project is completed. The project has been a pleasant surprise for the Village for one main reason. The original estimate had the Village paying \$1,119,094.00 or 53% of the project. The Village's portion ended up to be \$175,703.49. This amount will be paid back (estimated annually at \$5,856.78) to the State over 30 years at 0.00%.

On July, 15, 2010, the Village of Walton Hills received a grant and loan approval for the Egbert Road Project from the "Ohio Public Works Commission" (OPWC). At that time the project was estimated at \$2,072,731. The OPWC approved a grant/loan totaling \$449,999 towards the project. \$103,637 was considered a grant and would not have to be paid back. The remaining \$346,362 would be considered a loan and the Village would pay back the loan over 30 years. In addition, the City of Cleveland would cover the cost of the waterline replacement estimated at \$850,000. The remaining \$772,732 would be the responsibility of the Village.

The resourcefulness and careful management of the Village can take credit for these savings. Everything that has been accomplished is an example of a true working relationship between Council and other departments at the State and County level. It demonstrates accountability. The two key components of the Village's substantial decrease in its financial stake were:

- Mayor Hurst's 2012 dialogue with Cuyahoga County and coming away with a grant for \$682,936.



- The Village received news from its Engineer that the resurfacing portion of the project would come under budget and save \$112,751. Initially the contract with Karvo Paving for the resurfacing portion of the project was established at \$1,211,225. The resurfacing final cost totaled \$1,098,474.

Another project on the horizon is the Sagamore Road Project. This project encompasses four communities (Walton Hills, Northfield, Valley View and Sagamore Hills Township), Cuyahoga and Summit counties, Cleveland Water Department and potentially the OPWC. The most recent estimate for the project is over \$4 million. The Village's portion is estimated at approximately \$425,000. The project is set to be completed by 2015.

## Egbert Road Project

<u>Costs</u>	<u>Original Estimate</u>	<u>Final Tally</u>
Construction	\$1,664,775.00	\$2,442,565.66
Engineering	241,478.00	241,523.00
Contingencies	166,477.00	0.00
	<b>\$2,072,730.00</b>	<b>\$2,684,088.66</b>

<u>Funding Source</u>		
City of Cleveland	\$850,000.00	\$1,721,812.17
Cuyahoga County	0.00	682,936.00
Walton Hills	<b>772,732.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
State of Ohio Grant	103,637.00	103,637.00
State of Ohio Loan	346,362.00	175,703.49
	<b>\$2,072,731.00</b>	<b>\$2,684,088.66</b>

WALTON HILLS DELICATESSEN  
CORNER OF WALTON AND ALEXANDER ROAD

If you have not visited the "Deli" lately you do not know what you are missing! Ed Dayoub and his family own this wonderful establishment right here in Walton Hills. He re-opened the "Deli" on 9/9/2001 and has enjoyed great success. He could not say enough about his regular customers and the people of Walton Hills who come daily. Being a hands on owner he loves to visit with the people and tries to bring things to the store that his customers want or need. They even have the convenience of an ATM Machine!

Before he came to Walton Hills, he was a chef and specialized in American and Italian cuisine. Experience with the ins and outs of food made him an authority on foods and wines. Now you know why he has the best quality products available to us on a daily basis.

The Deli meats, cheeses and salads come in such a wide variety that you will have to see to believe. The wine selection is from Ohio, California, South America and other places. This adds up to over 200 different kinds of wine available. Eddy, would like you to know that if there is a particular wine or beer that you need he can always order it for you and he will give you a 10% discount off of each case.

With the holiday season upon us, Christmas beer and ale are available from many of the local breweries. Also for the holidays he makes fresh and beautiful party trays for any occasion or party. Your guests will be impressed with the choice of meats and cheeses. You can compliment your occasion with the many salads-chicken, tuna, pasta, potato, macaroni and many more. These can also be ordered during the year. What about a spiral ham for the holidays? He is taking orders for the holidays for ½ or whole hams.

If you visit in the morning they have a Cappuccino and coffee machine in store-with doughnuts, pastries, muffins, etc. It is a good way to start your day.

The hours of the Deli are 6:00a.m.-7:00p.-Monday -Friday

9:00a.m.-6:00p.m.-Saturday closed Sunday

To give a special," THANK YOU", to the Walton Hills residents, mention this article you saw in the Owl and he will give you a one time 10% off of Deli products. He loves the people of Walton Hills and looks forward to your next visit.



Correction:  
Kenny and Antonella Jaffal  
reopened the deli in 2001  
and sold it to Ed Dayoub in 2011.

# A Neighbor's New Year Wish

I have a confession to make: I almost didn't write this article. It's been a busy time of year, and the cold winds and long, dark nights tend to preclude the energy for extra curriculars. With all the demands of jobs, families, cars, and homes we face in our daily lives, it can be a real effort just to keep up with the necessities, let alone make time for community, culture, and craft.

But I am writing now, and a large part of what has motivated me to do so comes as a result of marking my first anniversary as a homeowner in Walton Hills. Busted plumbing, broken fencing, two acres of yard gone wild: my husband Mike and I have had a real education in what, exactly, it means to take on this huge responsibility. I like to be challenged, but dealing with the problems we have inherited in our seventy-four-year-old home and property has sometimes left me in tears.

Luckily, we are surrounded by people who strengthen and inspire us, not the least of whom are our neighbors. After many years of renting in crowded, dilapidated neighborhoods, I can't tell you what a pleasure it is to be able to enjoy the view of a neighbor's lovingly-tended garden, or what a relief it is to know there are good, trustworthy people right next door that we can reach out to for help if we're in a pinch. This summer, a neighbor gave us a peach tree that she grew herself. The quiet evenings in our neighborhood feel safe and peaceful.

Walton Hills is a good place to live, and I've come to love our little house and big, wide yard. As I read the *Owl* from month to month, I've become aware that this village has a lot of history, strong ties, and shared values. These things are so important to cultivate and nurture- they are the mass of our culture, and the way we choose to shape them with our daily actions lays the foundation for future generations.

The loss of strong community is often lamented in our contemporary society. We spend most of our time indoors, often behind a glowing screen of sorts. We lose face time and shared time with one another. We measure value in the accumulation of what we *have* rather than what we *do*. We are taught we need to compete in this world, that the individual trumps the greater whole, and the quantity of all this isolating behavior results in neighborhoods where people distrust, misjudge, and flat-out dislike one another. What a shame to not know the names of the people playing out their lives not five hundred feet from where you live yours! What a shame to not care!

Walton Hills represents a place where "neighbor" is still a warm, loving word, and I'd like to do what I can to help create a vibrant, connected culture in this village I've chosen to call home. I envision a place where neighbors participate in "shares" of skills, time, and tools. I see us creating diverse, functional, beautiful outdoor spaces out of the large properties many of us are our blessed with. I dream of the values of hard work, respect and gentle kindness permeating all aspects of our village life, spilling across generations and closely interweaving our lives' stories that we share as citizens of this place and time. I believe these are the sorts of things that tug at folks' heartstrings when they wish for "the good old days."

My new year's resolution is to get to know more of my neighbors this year, and to find ways to build a community that is strong and thriving. But I'll need your help. What do you have to offer? What do you want to learn? I'd love to know. Together, we can build a place to live that functions sustainably and harmoniously, and cast out the slow decay of complacency and apathy that haunts neighborhoods in decline. We can take care of each other and the planet- and have fun, flourish, and be well in the process. Sound idealistic? I don't think so; it's as simple as making the choice to stand united. As Ben Franklin once said, "energy and persistence conquer all things."

Bethany Majeski [bethany.majeski@gmail.com](mailto:bethany.majeski@gmail.com)

## **Special Event!**

Join me for a fermentation workshop at Garfield Park Nature Center and make your own sauerkraut to take home!

Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> 1 - 2:30 pm

Fee: \$5 / family

Register beginning January 2nd at [www.clevelandmetroparks.com](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com)



Santa  
comes  
to  
town

Clara  
gets  
a gift  
from  
Santa



Alex , Santa, Katie & Clara Iaconis.

Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2014!

As we've endeavored to report the events in our community, you've expressed your deep appreciation and continued support for the OWL and its staffers, over and over again! We sincerely appreciate all the positive feedback and unending support of the residents to have the OWL continue to thrive in Walton Hills, as it has done for over 50 years! We look forward to maintaining the OWL as the best independent source to read and learn about the happenings within Walton Hills.

As a way to "Thank You" for your continued support, please accept this owl calendar (enclosed in this month's OWL) as a token of our gratitude. All of the volunteers and staff wish to express how much the continued support means to all the work we do for you (at NO cost to our residents whatsoever) on a completely voluntary basis. Once again on behalf of all the OWL volunteers...

The  
Owl Staff

## ***Happy 2014, Walton Hills!***



**Front Row:** Jennifer Allen on counter stool, Judy Sheeler, Dolores Nose, Lucie and Steve Petranek, Kay Fleischer, Marge Kuchta.

**Middle Row:** Bob Romanowski, Don Haydoo, Pete Sakian, Patty Allen, Ernesta Kuska, Doris Hanslik, Judi Schroeder, Rita Charsanko, Jean Turner, Connie and Dominic Flauto, Diane Weiland

**Back Row:** David Gibson, Jean Kainsinger, John Kuska, Ginny Mone, Terry Lindeman, George Main

# The Citizens' League Christmas Party 2013...



At 2 ½,  
Little Billy is still  
frightened of Santa  
Claus!

But afterward, he  
asked his  
Grandma,  
"Is that Auntie  
Jen?"

*(You can't put  
anything over on  
kids nowadays!)*



Below: Singing and acting out the "Twelve Days of Christmas"



Above:

Gift  
exchange  
of pretty  
presents,  
and

HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR TO  
ALL!

# The Citizens' League Christmas Party—December 13, 2013 @ Spennato's



We feasted on loads of scrumptious food, (and a delicious strawberry cassata cake), with the great company of our hard-working members!





(Left) The Broadview Heights Spotlights Community Theater singers perform beloved Christmas carols at the Village Tree Lighting. (Right) Mrs. Claus (Maddie Timm) reads "The Elf on the Shelf" at the Tree Lighting with the assistance of Elf Gloria (Councilwoman Terlosky).

Village Tree Lighting

December 2013



Santa (AKA Councilman Don Kolograf) and Councilman Paul Rich (left) gather for a picture before heading out to deliver gifts to residents for Santa Delivery on December 8th.

Village Santa Delivery Dec. 2013  
also:  
1. Katherine Krainz  
2. Sammie Lane  
3. Sara Metz  
4. Judi Schroeder  
5. Nicole Schroeder  
6. Nathan Schroeder  
7. Haly Schroeder

## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

**November 19, 2013, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting:** Three Ordinances were passed. Two dealt with the issuance of notes for the purpose of purchasing police and service vehicles for a total of \$250,000. One was for the issuance of a \$175,000 note for 2009 road improvements at the Alexander and Dunham Rds. intersection. (\$25,000 of the previous \$200,000 note was paid down in 2013 and a new note will be issued.) Two Ordinances, No.2013-20 and 21, regarding the size of attached garages and accessory buildings were put on First Reading. (There is no emergency for these ordinances and final vote will probably be after the third reading at a later Council Meeting. There is time for interested parties to read and comment on these Ordinances.) Seven Resolutions were passed authorizing various items: Health care and life insurance for employees, support for the Lights out for Hunger Program, purchase of police and service vehicles, and authorization to allow Chapman and Chapman, Inc., and Lineweaver Financial Group to offer 457 Deferred Compensation Plans to employees.

**December 3, 2013, Committee of the Whole Meeting:** Councilwoman Mary Brenner reported that she has been attending the Hawthorne Valley Youth Council and is very impressed with the enthusiasm and interest that the young participants have shown. They are learning about government by preparing legislation that will be presented to the Ohio State Legislature. **The Council went into Executive Session** to discuss Personnel.

**When the Council reconvened,** Mayor Kevin Hurst began a Financial Committee meeting to discuss the 2013 financials and proposed 2014 budgets. As you might guess, the analysis is quite detailed and extensive. I will present some details, but anyone who would like to know more should contact the Village Hall for the financial printouts (cost 5 cents per page). Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo reported that the total ending funds balance for 2013 will be about \$3,500,000. He reported that income tax revenues were up by about \$550,000 to about \$3,600,000. There is about a \$500,000 surplus for 2013 due in part to grant payments for the Egbert Rd. reconstruction that arrived in 2013 instead 2012.

For 2014, the proposed budget will end the year at about a \$3,000,000 all funds balance with about a \$550,000 deficit. Revenues will be about \$5,338,000 with \$5,888,000 in expenditures. Some items included in the proposed budget are: A 3% raise for most Village employees other than police (there was no raise since 2008), a 2% increase in salary for Police per their contract, and about \$463,500 for Capital Projects such as roads and street signs. Income tax receipts are projected to be \$3,900,000 for 2014.

**Councilman Paul Rich** asked if Council would consider repairing the tennis courts and basketball court. The past estimates ran at \$63,000 for both and the project was not done. It could be looked at again.

**It is necessary** to update two of our Ordinances to comply with State law changes. These ordinances deal with storm water and erosion control during and after soil disturbing activities such as developing properties and construction. The changes are mandated by EPA. The Village must comply so Management Plans can be approved and permits issued. **The Mayor recommended** that the Ordinances on Accessory Building and Attached Garage size limitations be put off till February for more discussion. Councilman Denny Linville said he has asked the Zoning Board of Appeals to look at the legislation and give advice.

**The Mayor reported** that the repairs to the bridge on Alexander Rd. over the Cuyahoga River are now complete and traffic should return to normal. Police will enforce weight restrictions on trucks. Some trucks will still be necessary for the construction of the mental hospital on Sagamore Rd. **The COW meeting** was changed to Monday, December 9, so all of Council can attend.

**December 9, 2013, COW:** Councilman Paul Rich reported on the Santa Delivery. He said it was a great success and the children were really happy. Kids and grandkids of Villagers were included. **Council then adjourned** to Executive Session to discuss personnel and non-public economic development plans and possible expenditure of public funds.

# POTPOURRI

## Welcome New Residents

**Patrick Liscoe**

**Timothy Wade**

14495 Alexander Road

7677 Dunham Road and 16700 Alexander Road (the Salamon houses and acreage)

## Santa Must be Very Tired

If you see Santa, Mrs. Santa or their Elves taking a nap in January, we can tell you why. Although they had a lot to do at the North Pole last month, they found the time to visit their fellow villagers in Walton Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus were warmly greeted and welcomed by a host of children and adults who attended the Village Tree Lighting on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Claus read a story to the children and Santa met with each child and family, handing out gifts.

On Santa Delivery Day, a cold Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, Santa and his helpers made stops at **54 Walton Hills' houses**, delivering packages to residents who participated in this year's Santa Delivery Service. They delivered gifts **from noon until 6:45pm**. Riding around the village in a fire truck, Santa jumped out of the truck at the houses to give presents to good little girls and boys, and to some grownups, too! Santa's crew managed this massive service, insuring the right gift went to the proper person at the correct address.

**Carol Stanoszek**, Recreation Director, and **Karleen Dean**, Carol's assistant, express their thanks to their many volunteer helpers.

To the Volunteers who decorated the Community Room for the Holiday Season: **Bill Annett, Kay Fleischer, Ruth Money, Sharon and John Orland, Connie and George Radous, Judi Schroeder, Gloria Terlosky and Jean Turner**.

To the families who participated in the Village Tree Lighting Service. To those who Volunteered that day - Mr. and Mrs. Claus and Elves: **Ray Tinter and Madeline Timm, Judi Schroeder and Gloria Terlosky**.

To the Volunteers who made Santa Delivery Day a success - Santa and his top Elves: **Don Kolograf, Carol Stanoszek and Karleen Dean**. To Santa's official greeter - **Mayor Kevin Hurst**. To Elves: **Paul Rich, Nathan Schroeder, Nicole Schroeder, Haly Schroeder, Samantha Lane, Sarah Metz, Katherine Krainz and Ronnie Krainz**. To **Judi Schroeder** who phoned everyone a few minutes before Santa's expected arrival, telling them to be ready - Santa was on his way. To **Police Chief Ken Thellmann**, Leader of the Pack and Patrolman **Mark Hoy** who drove a vehicle. To Fire Chief **Jim Shade** and the Oakwood Village Fire Department for the use of their Fire Truck and their help.

To the villagers who participated in Santa Delivery Day. Carol Stanoszek relates how she was so gratified to see the families in their driveways, with happy, eager faces, waiting for Santa to drive up. "Everyone seemed so appreciative," and she added with a smirk, "some even passed out treats to Santa and his helpers."

## A Sauerkraut - Making Reminder

On Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1 - 2:30pm, you are invited to join **Bethany Majeski** of Dunham Drive at the Garfield Heights Nature Center in Garfield Park, where she will lead a **sauerkraut-making class**. You do not have to bring supplies, all will be provided for you. The fee is \$5.00 per family. To make your reservation, phone the Nature Center at 440.734.6660 or online at [www.clevelandmetroparks.com](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com)

Bethany is a Naturalist with the Cleveland Metroparks, based at Rocky River Reservation. Bethany's article, "A neighbor's New Year Wish" is in this issue of the Owl.

# Spotlight on

## Players i Baseball Academy

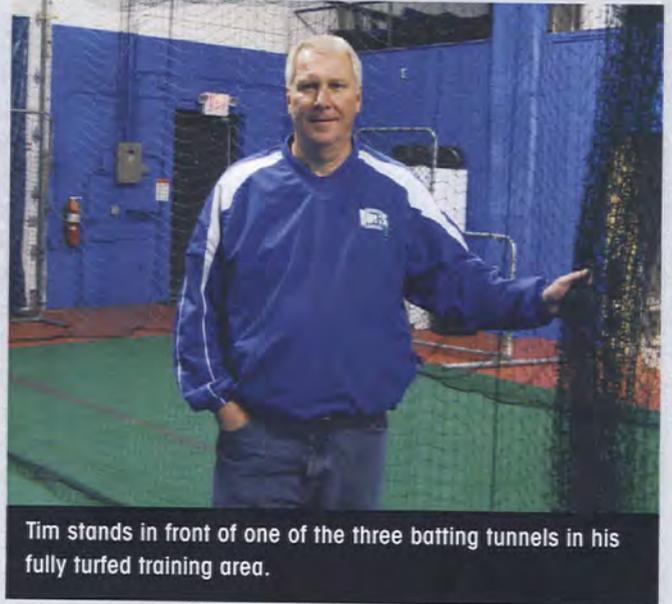
One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

You always hear that there is no "I" in team. Tim Stacey, the owner of Players i Baseball Academy, wanted to change that. His facility put the "i" back in team. And for Tim, it is all about the kids. He knows that a lot of people do what he does, but to them it's all about the money. He won't turn anyone down. If a kid wants to play baseball, Tim will make it work. His goal is to instill a passion for baseball in kids. He wants to make it fun for them; he wants them to really love what they are doing. However, he also wants them to know that they have to work hard for what they get.

Players i, Baseball Academy, located at 7250 Northfield Road, recently opened its doors in Walton Hills on November 5th. They were previously located in Warrensville Heights, where they had been since 2007. That facility had over 4,000 square feet of training area; the Walton Hills facility has 7,200 square feet. The Academy was created because there was a need for a local baseball facility that was all about the kids. They offer superior instruction at a very reasonable price. They even have scholarships available. The Academy's close proximity to Interstate 271 makes it convenient for the approximately 200 kids that come from Chardon, Mentor, Willoughby, Kirtland, Burton, Solon, Bainbridge, Aurora, Twinsburg, Edinburg, and everywhere in between.

Players i is dedicated to the development of upper level travel, high school, and college baseball and softball players. They specialize in indoor baseball and softball training; team training; professional baseball instruction, pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons; team clinics; and travel baseball teams. There are three batting tunnels in the lower level of the fully turfed training area. The upstairs area is netted off for soft toss and T-work. Tim is excited that he has four girls softball teams practicing in his facility. He feels strongly that girls are athletes just like boys. He stressed that they shouldn't be treated like little girls, they should be treated like athletes and learn the game.

The Players i Bulls is the name of the Academy's baseball teams. They have a team for 10U, 12U, 13U, 14U (2), 15U, 17U and 18U (the "U" means "and under"). The 18U Bulls just won the 2013 Diamond League championship for the second year in a row. The Diamond League is the best league in Northern Ohio.



Tim stands in front of one of the three batting tunnels in his fully turfed training area.

Tim is proud that he has instructed about 80 kids over six years who ended up playing college baseball. He started a program last year called "College Prep Bulls." It is a special training program for 18 year olds, which is exactly as the name implies – a program of complete preparation for college baseball. He does not want to instruct players at that age who do not want to play baseball in college.

Tim wants his Academy to be a positive experience. That is why he insists that his coaches never yell at the kids. They are always positive; they want to create a great experience and instill their love of the sport in the kids. Tim tells his coaches that their job is to make the lowest kid on the team the best kid on the team. He/she will play as much as everybody else does. The coaches are active high school coaches, ex-college players, or ex-college coaches. He also has ten trainers on staff.

Tim would love to get some local Walton Hills kids into his Academy! If you are interested, email Tim at [tstacey@playersi.com](mailto:tstacey@playersi.com) or call him at 216.408.0590. For more information, visit his newly designed website: [www.playersi.com](http://www.playersi.com)



## TIPOFF

## Aunt Betty always there for her

Sunday, January 12, 2014

Kucinich mourns  
his Aunt Betty

"Aunt Betty was the central person in my life, there at every critical moment," said former Rep. Dennis Kucinich as he remembered Elizabeth T. Gannon of Walton Hills, who died at age 85.

## famous nephew

When Dennis Kucinich's territory was carved up in re-districting, one of the first calls he got was from the constant presence in his life since childhood, Aunt Betty.

"My Aunt Betty called me after the news report, and she says, 'Dennis, what are we going to do? Are they putting you out of Congress?'" Kucinich told the New York Times in 2010. As it turns out, he *was* put out of Congress, losing to another incumbent whose district was merged with his, U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur.

He didn't have Congress anymore. But he still had Aunt Betty.

"She was the central person in my life, there at every critical moment," he said from the Ferfolia Funeral Home in Maple Heights, where friends and family mourned Aunt Betty, formally Elizabeth T. Gannon of Walton Hills, who died at age 85. The funeral was Saturday.

Kucinich brought her to the White House during Bill Clinton's presidency.

Clinton asked about her frequently after that, though Aunt Betty was really a bigger fan of Hillary's.

Kucinich shared this tale about his aunt:

"I wasn't much of an athlete at St. John Cantius High School, but I still lettered [in football]. The thing about lettering is you need a letter sweater, and we didn't have any money for that. I told Aunt Betty and she said, 'We'll work this out.'"

"Then she says, 'Let's go to the track.' She was an expert handicapper.

"Occasionally, in order to meet the needs of her nephews and nieces, me included, she would go to the track and after careful study she'd go to the window and make some bets. And when we had what we needed, we'd leave.

"But she would always be sure to say, 'Don't bet the horses!'"



GANNON 1-2014



ELIZABETH T. GANNON (nee Kucinich), age 85. Beloved wife of the late Leonard; loving sister of the late John, Peter, Paul, Steve, Frank, Joseph, George, and Barbara; cherished aunt of Dennis, Gary, Theresa, Larry, Barbara, Brandon, Laura, Michael, Kim, and the late Frank, Beth Ann, and Perry; great-aunt and great-great-aunt of many. Friends may call at THE FERFOLIA FUNERAL HOME, 5386 LEE ROAD (NEAR BROADWAY), MAPLE HEIGHTS FOR VISITATION ON FRIDAY FROM 2-4 AND 7-9 P.M. Funeral Saturday, 11:15 a.m. at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial 12 Noon at St. Therese Catholic Church. Entombment Hillcrest Memorial Park. [www.ferfolia.com](http://www.ferfolia.com)

# Spotlight on

## Phil Williamson – aka Abraham Lincoln

### One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

As we celebrate Presidents' Day on February 17th, are you aware that the spirit of Abraham Lincoln resides in Walton Hills? Phil Williamson, who lives with his wife Jeanne on Orchard Hill Drive, became interested in Lincoln about 14 years ago when he grew a beard and heard comments about his resemblance to our 16th president. He carried forward with this notion, read books on Lincoln – he has now accumulated over 50 books – and became somewhat of a Lincoln authority. He was already tall and lean at 6'3" - Honest Abe was 6'4". He borrowed his wife's mascara to darken his beard, put on a top hat that he ordered from California (an absolute duplicate of what Lincoln wore), donned a frock coat and he was ready to go!

Phil began presenting Lincoln at schools, fairs, historical societies, and civic events. He realized that he had to slow down because he was still busy earning a living as an industrial heating and ventilation distributor. However, his appearances picked up when he retired seven years ago and he is now doing one or two presentations a month. He usually performs locally. You may have seen him at meetings of the 50 Plus Club, Women's Club, Men's Club, or the Bedford Historical Society. He also appeared in last year's Fourth of July parade in Bedford, reciting the Gettysburg Address on its 150th anniversary. However, he has traveled as far as Austin, Texas where he appeared in a short film, "Lucky Penny," about a little girl who plants a penny and grows her own Abraham Lincoln.



Phil admires Lincoln because he was a complicated and fascinating individual with an interesting sense of humor; he linked humor to motivational stories and used it to make a point. Phil also admires his intelligence, wit, wisdom, understanding, and his ability to compromise and offer guidance.

At a typical event, Phil talks about Lincoln's life from his humble upbringing in Kentucky where he grew up in

a one-room cabin to his stand against slavery. When he appears in schools, he asks children to guess what kind of pet Lincoln had (the correct answer is a pig). His favorite part of a school visit is when children ask him questions. However, he has to be careful, especially with first graders, to let the children know that he is appearing as a spirit – not as a ghost – of Lincoln to avoid frightening them. When his school visits are over, he has the children write him letters about what they think of either Lincoln or his spirit of Lincoln. He has one of his favorite notes hanging on his refrigerator – "Abe Rocks!"



Phil is one of five Ohioans who are members of the Association of Lincoln Presenters (ALP). The mission of ALP is to preserve the legacy of Abraham and Mary Lincoln, to honor their words and works, and walk in their footsteps. There are 50 active members of ALP, and each year they meet at a place that had some special significance to Lincoln. This year they will meet in Nachez, Mississippi on April 9th – 12th.

Over the last 25 years, Phil has competed in 125 triathlons, which entail swimming, biking, and running. One triathlon he now takes part in is the Iron Abe Triathlon in Springfield, Illinois – not as a participant, but as a Lincoln impersonator. He encourages participants throughout the event and presents the award at the finish line. Lately, however, Phil has had some personal aggravation with his knee. He appreciates the care and concern that Walton Hills residents have shown him. As he limps around, he likes to remember what Lincoln said – "I move forward slowly but I don't walk back."

An added note: recently Phil spent his Fridays impersonating Captain Arthur Henry Rostron at the Great Lakes Science Center's "Titanic, the Artifact Exhibition." Captain Rostron was the captain of the Carpathia, the steamship that picked up the 712 survivors and lifeboats from the Titanic. As Lincoln said, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." Phil is definitely enjoying a lot of life in his years!



# POTPOURRI

## Welcome New Residents

**Timothy and Michelle Kerney**  
7171 Deeeridge Drive

**Brian Kinaitis**  
7060 Kral Drive

**Jack and Johnnie Spikes**  
17759 South Meadowpark Drive

## A New Generation of Volunteers Grows Up in our Village

These teenage volunteers are doing their part to make Walton Hills a very special place to live.

When called upon for help, they eagerly show up to lend their assistance to the task at hand.

Thank you!

Pictured are:

**Sammie Lane**

of Alexander Road,

**Katherine Krainz**

of Alexander Road,

**Sara Metz**

of Alexander Road,

**Nicole Schroeder**

of Egbert Road,

**Haly Schroeder**

of Walton Road and

**Nathan Schroeder**

of Egbert Road.



## A Benefit Flea Market

Have fun rummaging through lots of other people's stuff, while you support a good cause.

What: Flea Market to Benefit the Walton Hills Animal Fund  
When: **Saturday, February 1st 9 am – 4 pm**  
Where: Walton Hills Community Room

All proceeds benefit sick, stray, injured and abandoned animals. Sandy, our Walton Hills Animal Warden is organizing this Flea Market to benefit The Walton Hills Animal Fund.

Questions? Phone Sandy at 330.310.2351

If you write a check, please make it payable to the Village of Walton Hills – Animal Fund Flea Market.  
Send check to: Village of Walton Hills, Attn: LeeAnn, 7595 Walton Road, Walton Hills OH 44146.

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## Make the Most of Winter in Walton Hills

Take a Hike through Bedford Reservation on **Saturday, February 8 12 noon – 2 pm.**

Meet at the Hemlock Creek Picnic Area. Dress for the weather.

On a moderately flat terrain, search the frozen floodplain surrounding Tinkers Creek for the first wildflowers of the year. This hike is led by Volunteer Naturalist **Fred Losi.**

## Valentines Dance – Party for Senior Citizens at Bedford High School

**Saturday, February 8 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm Bedford High School Cafeteria**

Once again this year, Bedford High School's Varsity B is sponsoring a Valentines Dance-Party for all Seniors who live in the Bedford City School District.

Get your free tickets to the event. **Carol Stanoszek**, Recreation Director for the Village, has tickets for you.

Pick up tickets at Carol's office in the Community Building. You may want to call her first – 786-2964.

Or, you may phone Amber Holtz, Varsity B Coordinator, Bedford High School Athletic Department – 439-1500.

## Thank You

"We want to thank everyone for their support. Words cannot express our gratitude during this sad time. Our mother loved her village friends and clubs. We thank Mayor Hurst and the Walton Hills Police Department for the Police Escort during the funeral. Thanks also for the wonderful luncheon that the Women's Club provided for our family and friends. **Ron and Karen Sarosy, Denise Luna and Paul Tomondy.**"

## Bereavements

**Margaret Tomondy**, of Walton Road, passed away suddenly in late December, at age 80, just days after taking a group bus trip to Tennessee, bowling with her bowling league and exercising with her exercise group. Her husband **Cy Tomondy** died four years ago, on the same month and same day. Our sympathy to their family: **Karen and Ron Sarosy** of Shaner Drive and their children **Mindy Malone, Alyson, Matthew and Veronica Sarosy, Denise Luna** of Brunswick and her daughter **Rachel Luna** and **Paul Tomondy** of Cincinnati and his sons **Nicholas and Alexander Tomondy.**

The Tomondy family moved into the village in 1959. For many years the family was a member of the Walton Hills Lake Club and its Swim Team. Marge was an active member of the Walton Hills Women's Club, Walton Hills Fifty Plus Club, and she was a staff member of the *Walton Hills Owl* and Walton Hills Historical Resource Center. Several ladies in the Village will recall getting phone calls from Marge to remind them of upcoming Women's Club events. Marge made herself available to help these organizations whenever and wherever help was needed. She will be missed.

Marge also belonged to St. Mary's Guild and the St. Barnabas Fifty-Plus Club. For many years she bowled with the Suburbanettes Bowling League at Roseland Lanes. She was Captain of her bowling team. **Jean Loretta** of Alexander Road states, "Marge will be missed by her teammates as well as the whole league. She was well-liked and always had a smile for everyone." Marge was also a dedicated participant in her exercise class at Bedford's Ellenwood Recreation Center.

# POTPOURRI

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Our condolences to **Joyce Cieszewski** of Walton Road on the passing of her dear friend, **William Boden**, who passed away in late December after a long bout with cancer. Bill was 76. Joyce willingly took on the job of being Bill's caretaker for the past two years. Also, our sympathy to Joyce's sister, **Sandy Cieszewski**, a former Walton Road resident who now lives in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Longtime Walton Hills Women's Club members will recall how Bill Boden was always there to help, carrying and moving food containers and boxes of supplies to the Women's Club booths on Community Days, and lifting and toting supplies at other Club functions during the years. Bill was a U.S. Army veteran. After his service years he worked at General Electric's Nela Park as an electrician. He helped create the annual Christmas displays at Nela Park.

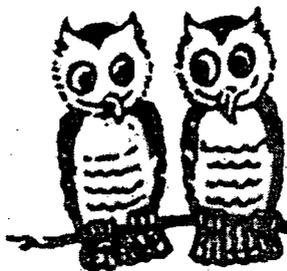
**Elizabeth "Betty" Gannon** (nee Kucinich) who lived on Egbert Road since 1967, passed away in early January at age 85. Due to failing health, during the past two years Betty has resided in an assisted living facility in Strongsville. Her late husband, **Leonard Gannon**, died twenty years ago. Leonard and Betty had no children, but they had twelve nieces and nephews, one nephew being Dennis Kucinich.

In a January 12<sup>th</sup> *Plain Dealer* article, Dennis Kucinich is quoted as saying, "She was the central person in my life, there at every critical moment. I wasn't much of an athlete at High School, but I still lettered in football. The thing about lettering is you need a letter sweater, and we didn't have any money for that. I told Aunt Betty and she said, 'We'll work this out. Let's go to the track.' She was an expert handicapper. Occasionally, in order to meet the needs of her nephews and nieces, me included, she would go to the track and after careful study she'd go to the window and make some bets. And when we had what we needed, we'd leave. But she would always be sure to say, 'Don't bet the horses!'" As those villagers who knew her would agree, Betty was a feisty, one-of-a-kind lady even in her old age.

Once, when he was invited to attend a black tie function at the White House, Kucinich took his Aunt Betty as his guest. Dressed up in her best clothes, Betty Gannon posed for a photo with then President Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, and her nephew Dennis.

## Check Out Our VILLAGERS' LIBRARY!

The library is located upstairs, in the Village Hall Community Building  
**It's the Honor System - No Sign Out or Sign In - No Fees**  
 You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction - Famous Authors  
 Espionage - Bios - Mysteries - Adventure - Christian Books  
 Books for everyone: Children, Teenagers, Women, and the Men in our Village



# WALTON HILLS OWL

"THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGERS"

A Monthly Publication of the Walton Hills Owl Association

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## The WALTON HILLS OWL Begins its 56<sup>th</sup> Year!

This issue begins our 56<sup>th</sup> year of publication. The *Walton Hills Owl* continues to exist because villagers are willing to voluntarily write and submit articles, and reliable staff volunteers offer their time to see each issue of the paper to its completion. The *Owl* staff is grateful for the continuous support that kept us in operation since 1957.

The *Walton Hills Owl* Association is a non-profit all-volunteer organization that publishes and circulates a monthly newsletter to all residents free of charge. The purpose of the publication is simply to inform Walton Hills residents about what is going on in their village, with the hope that the information encourages our readers to participate in village activities.

### How Did the Owl Get Started?

Originating in February of 1957 as a twice-monthly newsletter for members of the Walton Hills Estates Club (Walton Hills Lake), the *Owl* was the inspiration of DeWitt and Margarete Noeth. To be eligible for membership in the Estates Club, a person had to have purchased his lot from the Conelly Realty Co. The newsletter was passed from friend to friend, and soon residents throughout the village requested copies of the *Owl*. The *Owl* staff responded. They voted to separate

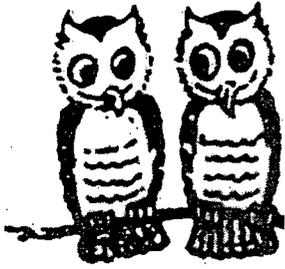
the *Owl* from the Estates Club. One year later, in February of 1958, the *Walton Hills Owl* became a village-wide publication, delivered free to all residents of Walton Hills.

### The OWL Delivers - House to House

Distributing the newsletter to each resident in the village is always a challenge. It basically requires two people, the driver of the car and a second person to put the *Owl* in the *Owl* tubes. For a couple decades Bill Cottrill chose to deliver the *Owl* by himself. He got up in the wee hours of the morning and timed himself to follow the *Plain Dealer* man around the village.

Delivering the *Owl* to houses on Alexander Road and parts of Egbert, Walton, Dunham and Sagamore Roads is dangerous, and our people try to avoid rush hour traffic on these main roads. Long sunny Summer days are a plus, but rain, wind, sleet or snow and delivery days in colder months with shorter daylight hours, make the job a grueling chore. Our people deal with snow accumulation, ice, driving on the berm of roads, and cold weather with their car windows open.

If a household doesn't have an *Owl* tube or newspaper slot, our deliverers have no choice but to toss the newsletters into residents' yards.



# The WALTON HILLS OWL Begins its 56<sup>th</sup> Year!

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## Why The Name Walton Hills Owl?

The first issues of the newsletter included the phrase "The Whoo Whoo of Walton Hills" on its banner and called itself the *Walton Hills Owl*. The pun was soon dropped from the banner, but the publication kept its name

Kolograf, Denny Linville, Leslie Sheeler, Brian Spitznagel and Madeline Timm presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to the *Walton Hills Owl* for 50 Years of Public Service to the Village.

## Other Facts of Note

- For over 21 years, from 1957 into 1978, the *Owl* was published twice a month. From then on, the *Owl* has been delivered to residents once a month.
- In recent years, over 1000 copies of the newsletter are printed, distributed to residents and mailed to former residents, sunbirds and advertisers.
- From 1957 into 1989 the *Owl* was printed on 8 ½ x 11 sheets of paper, stapled at the top left corner. Since then it is printed on 11 x 17 sheets of paper, folded and stapled in the center fold.
- From 1957 through 2003 the *Owl* was printed by the editors. Starting in 2004 the *Owl* has out-sourced its printing.
- **2 Awards of Appreciation:**  
In **March of 1982** Mayor Harry Mackey, Jr. and Councilmen Dick Hopkins, Jim Podojil, Ed Thellmann, Joe Tomcik, Bill Bosway and Glenn Blackwell presented a Resolution of Appreciation to the *Walton Hills Owl* for **25 Years of Public Service to the Village.**

In **August of 2007** Mayor Marlene Anielski and Council Members Kevin Hurst, Don

## Past and Present Editors

1957 - 1965	DeWitt and Margarete Noeth
1965 - 1988	Walter (Lillian) Fifer
1988 - 1997	Thomas (Chris) Sabo
1997 - 2002	William (Betty) Cottrill
1998 - 2003	William (Jean) Deak
2004 - 2008	Bob and Jean Kainsinger
October 2009 - 2011	Heather Fifik and Jennifer Allen
2012 -	Jennifer Allen and George Main

## Through the Years Many Residents Worked on the Owl

After scanning through past issues, we figure **more than 482 residents have worked on the *Owl* publication.** Many of these people were not on the *Owl* staff, but wrote articles for the village, their club or organization. We have no record of the names of volunteers who were not on the *Owl* staff.

**The *Owl* extends its gratitude to each of you.**

However, **140 of the 482 participants are or have been *Owl* staff members,** and their names are on file. Several worked on the *Owl* staff for over 25 years, and one has been on the staff for 52 years.

**We thank ALL our dedicated volunteers.**

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, brought the arrival of the princesses to our village hall! Snow White was the first table as you entered were the lovely younger princesses could make a craft. She had so much patience with them. Next each one went to Cinderella or Jasmine, who did their nails in the color that they chose. Who wants ribbon and flowers in their hair? Step over to Ariel and her helper, they will braid ribbon in your hair and add some pretty flowers. There were other talented helpers that braided ribbon on a barrette and tied beads fit for a princess on the ends. Now it was time to eat! What else would a princess eat as a treat but a princess cupcake (white a princess ring on the top!). With them were champagne glasses filled with milk!

See our pictures that we had taken, we had so much fun! When leaving we each received a goodie bag with many items that a princess would be happy with.

A Special Thank you to the Recreation Department, the princesses and their helpers for giving these young ladies a day to remember.



# Liquid Gold in Your Backyard

My dad is fond of saying that February feels like the longest month of the year, even though it is the shortest in length. I get that. It's cold, it's been cold, and there's no foreseeable end in sight. The charm of fresh snow has long faded away, and the world outside seems like a vast wasteland of barren trees and howling winds.

But that's only how it looks on the surface. I promise you, life is stirring out there under last year's dead growth and dirty slush. The greatest celebration of awakening to me is something subtle and secret: the trees are waking up. I'm a forest person; my genetic history is linked with that of our temperate broadleaf forest biome. I feel a sort of clandestine pact with the trees, and to know they are once again beginning to shake off the drudgeries of winter makes me feel a sort of giddy energy and excitement for what is to come.

## SUGAR MAPLE TREES

Sugar maples, *Acer saccharum*, are, as far as I know, the earliest species of tree in our forest to begin the respirative and metabolic processes of turning sunlight to sugar after the long chill of winter. Like all our trees, maples keep the bulk of their lifeblood- sap- safely stored underground in their root systems for the winter. To neglect to do so would cause risk of frost cracks in the trunk of the tree (think of putting a bottle of pop in your freezer to chill, then forgetting to take it out...).

Generally starting in the end of February in our region, Mother Nature gently nudges trees back into action by balancing warming days against cold nights. The pressure changes that result with this freezing and thawing cause the sap to slowly rise from the protective underground warmth of the soil and up into the trunk, branches and buds of the tree. The surging gas and nutrient flow signals the tissues of the tree to begin growing again in order to produce flowers for reproduction and leaves for photosynthesis. Even for trees, it all comes down to food and mating.

## MAKING MAPLE SUGAR

It's a complicated process, but our cultural ancestors learned to make use of this spring-time phenomenon without any formal training in chemistry or physics. There are many interesting legends describing how Indigenous North Americans discovered maple sugar, but the truth is we don't know when, where, or who witnessed the first tasting of this "liquid gold." **What we do know, is that the collecting and boiling down of maple sap into sugar has likely been practiced for thousands of years, and was considered so valuable that nomadic tribes would travel to the maple forests this time of year and hold grand celebrations in honor of the return of the sugaring season.**

Pioneers changed the game slightly when they arrived with their technology of metals and horsepower, but the

process remains to this day elegantly elemental. Sap, which is about 97% water and only 2 – 3% sugar, is collected and boiled until concentrated. The resulting product we are most familiar with is a rich, amber syrup, though the early people of our continent cooked the liquid further until it crystallized into candy.

If you've ever wondered why real maple syrup is so expensive, consider that it takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. While each tree yields slightly different amounts of sap, you can figure you'll get about a quart of finished syrup from each mature maple. And that's only if the weather is just right. The syrup industry is absolutely - and sometimes precariously - tied to the weather conditions of the current year. Too little fluctuation between warm days and cold nights or temperatures that warm too suddenly can result in a calamitously short season of only a few days. The sap becomes bitter and loses the great pressure that allows it to drip from the tree once the buds begin their process of opening for the year. If luck is in your favor, then the sugaring season can last for nearly a month.

From a business standpoint, the production of syrup is fraught with risk, yet the uniqueness and heritage makes it a worthwhile process to many. **Ohio is one of only a dozen or so states that can produce maple syrup, and northeastern North America is the only place in the entire world where maple syrup is made.** Other locations either don't have sugar maples or don't have the right climate. This ultra-special tradition is so special, yet few of us have ventured out on these earliest of spring days to witness the event firsthand.

I invite you this spring to pull on your muck boots and visit the only public sugaring operation in Cuyahoga County - at Rocky River Reservation's Maple Grove Picnic Area. **The Sugarbush will be open March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free guided hikes run every half hour.**

You can make maple syrup at home, too! You need a couple sugar maples, some equipment, an outdoor stove to cook on, and a lot of time, but it can be done. If you're curious about whether you have sugar maples, or want to know what any of the trees or plants are in your yard, let me know. I'm not an arborist, but I'd be happy to identify them for you.

Bethany Majeski  
[bethany.majeski@gmail.com](mailto:bethany.majeski@gmail.com)

(Bethany is a Walton Hills resident who lives on Dunham Road. She is a Naturalist for the Cleveland Metroparks. Her home base is at the Rocky River Reservation Nature Center.)



# POTPOURRI

## Welcome New Residents

**James Briggs**  
14017 Ryan Drive

**Richard and Ruth Valler**  
18770 Dellwood Drive

## Attention! High School Seniors who Reside in Walton Hills!

### **Scholarships for College are available to you.**

Both the Walton Hills Men's Club and the Walton Hills Women's Club award Scholarships to high school seniors who are Walton Hills residents and will be college students next school year.

Applications for Walton Hills **Men's Club Scholarships** were in the February issue of the *Walton Hills Owl*. Applications can also be picked up by contacting Art Ward at 7306 Walton Road. The Men's Club will award a maximum of 5 scholarships. The deadline to submit your completed Scholarship Application to Art Ward is **April 1, 2014**.

Applications for Walton Hills **Women's Club Scholarships** can be picked up at your high school senior advisor / counselor's office, at the Walton Hills Village Hall or by contacting Brenda Pund at 440.343.6127 or garden3@sbcglobal.net. The deadline to submit your completed Scholarship Application is **March 14, 2014**. The form can be inserted into the Walton Hills Women's Club mail slot inside the Village Hall, by 4:00 pm, or delivered to the Pund residence on Wight Oaks Lane -16575 Egbert Road.

## Make the Most of Winter in Walton Hills

Take a Hike through Bedford Reservation on **Saturday, March 8 10:00 am – 1:30 pm.**

Meet at Tinkers Creek Gorge Scenic Overlook on Gorge Parkway.

**Explore park history in Walton Hills**, including the sites of the Mars Wager Quarry, Clark Cleaveland Quarry, Cleaveland Homestead, and Joe Jesensky's Burnt Ridge Cabin.

Take a light lunch to eat while on the hike. Dress for the weather. The terrain is mostly off trail; uneven paths

This hike is led by Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist - Volunteer **Fred Losi**.

## "A Heart Felt Thanks

Just a note to everyone in the Village who took the time to come to the funeral home, sent me a card, made food for the luncheon, or kept me in their prayers during my mother's funeral. I was overwhelmed by the out-pouring of caring and sympathy during a very difficult time. The people living in Walton Hills make this community special. It is the best reason to live here. Thank you for all your acts of kindness. **Mary Brenner"**

## Thank You Service Department

We Villagers appreciate your efforts, keeping our roads in driving condition during severe stretches of this year's winter.

### **Check Out Our VILLAGERS' LIBRARY!**

The library is located upstairs, in the Village Hall Community Building

**It's the Honor System - No Sign Out or Sign In - No Fees**

You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction - Famous Authors

Espionage - Bios - Mysteries - Adventure - Christian Books

Books for everyone: Children, Teenagers, Women, and the Men in our Village

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## Bereavements

- **Frances Brenner** of Dellwood Drive died in late January at age 89. Frances' husband, **Raymond Brenner** passed away in 2006. Frances suffered with failing health for several years, and had to be moved into a local nursing facility. Our condolence to their family members: their son **Ray Brenner** of Parma, their daughter **Mary Brenner** of Spanghurst Drive, and grandson **Brian**. Also to their nephew and his wife, **Ray and Terri Brenner** of Conelly Drive, and Ray and Terri's daughter and son-in-law, **Katie and Alex Iaconis**, and 2-year old **Clara Iaconis** of Orchard Hill Drive.

In 1948, Ray and Frances Brenner bought a lot on Dellwood Drive from the Conelly Realty Co. With the help of a general contractor, a plumber and an electrician, they built their house themselves. They worked on the house in the evenings and on weekends. At first, during the dark evening hours, the only light they had was the light provided from their car lights. Ray even made his own cabinets.

Ray's brother and his wife, **Ronald and Jean Brenner**, also lived in Walton Hills. In 1960 they built their concrete block house at the corner of Conelly and Walton Roads. Today, their son, daughter-in-law, granddaughter and great-granddaughter chose to make their home in Walton Hills.

Frances Brenner was a quiet lady who enjoyed her house and family. She loved to crochet. In her younger years she was a member of the Walton Hills Women's Club. Their children, Ray and Mary, grew up in the Village. Ray was a 1970 graduate of Bedford High School and Mary graduated from Bedford's Lumen Cordium High School.

- Our condolences to **Gladys Zamos** of Spanghurst Drive on the passing of her husband, **Robert Zamos**, who died at age 89 in early February, after years of poor health.

Our sympathy to their children, **David Zamos** of Twin Lakes, Ohio and **Janice Zamostny** of Columbia South Carolina and their two grandchildren, **David Zamos II** and **Lee Zamos**. Both grandsons are college students, David concentrating on Biological Chemistry and Lee in his third year of dental school.

Robert Zamos received the Bronze Star from the U.S. Army, for his deeds in battle while fighting in Belgium, Germany and France during World War II. He married Gladys in 1946. They were married for 67 years.

Robert's parents, **Joseph and Mary Zamos**, bought a lot on Spanghurst Drive in the early 1950s from **Carl Spang**, son-in-law of L. S. Conelly, the man who owned Conelly Realty Co. They built a house on their acre lot. In 1972 Robert and Gladys bought the parents' property, and moved into the home. Gladys says, "I love living in Walton Hills!"

Robert's parents founded Zamos Cleaners, on Broadway Avenue by the Union Street intersection. Robert and Gladys learned the business, took over ownership, and managed the dry cleaning establishment until recent years. Zamos Cleaners now has new owners.

Robert graduated from John Adams High School, and Gladys from Bedford High School. They enjoyed bicycling and square dancing. Gladys recalls the good times they had square dancing in a group that included residents **Grace and Jack Kerekes**, **Rose Mary and Walt Pracejus** and **Judy and Bill Annett**.

- Our condolences to **Dominic and Connie Flauto** of Shaner Drive on the sudden passing of Dom's brother, **Frank Flauto**. Frank was an Oakwood Village resident who had taught at St. Pius School in Bedford until he retired.



The population of Walton Hills has expanded by one! LANDON ROBERT ALLEN was born on February 12th, to beaming Daddy, BILLY ALLEN and proud Mommy, JENNI FRENCH. Baby Landon weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 oz., and 21 inches long.

He was welcomed to their McLellan Drive home by big sister, Brittany French, and big brother, "Little Billy" Allen (Liam). Landon is the third grandson of former councilman Bill Allen and his wife, Patty. The other happy relatives in our village are great-grandmothers MaryAnn Fabian and Margaret Allen, aunt Jennifer Allen, and cousin Johnny Allen-McIntyre. They are all thrilled with their beautiful, new baby boy. Congratulations to everyone in this loving, close-knit family!

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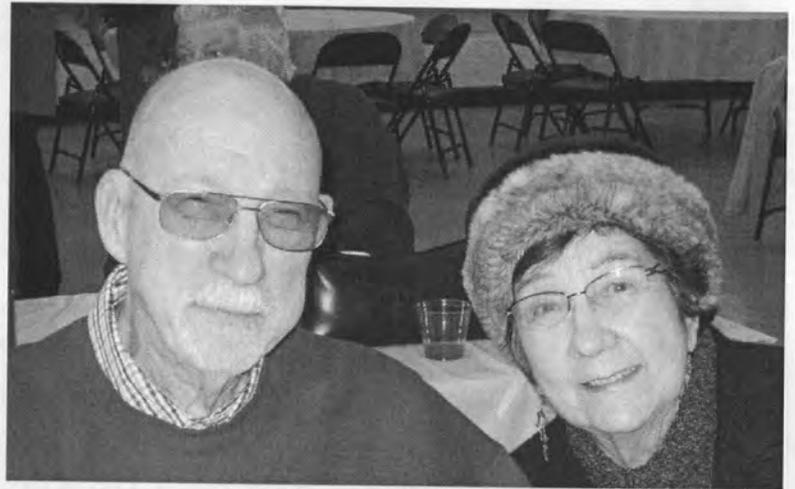
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Karen Neilsen, Mary Lou Folton, Martha Gigliotti,  
Katy Giatis, Carol Chatal

Patty Day, Martha Gigliotti, Katy Giatis



The Folton – Lindeman Family

The Lew Family



Pat Day, Ray and Rose Levanduski

The Kerekes Family



## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

**January 7, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting:** Councilman Don Kolograf was unanimously elected Council President pro Tem.

**January 14, 2014, COW Meeting:** Committee assignments were finalized. Most are the same as last year. **Mayor Kevin Hurst** said that the position of Assistant Recreation Director was inadvertently left out of the previous amendments to Chapter 260, Employee Ordinance, and will be added at the next Council meeting. **Council went into Executive Session** to discuss personnel and economic development. **Mayor Hurst** passed out a report on the Bedford Schools Mentoring program. He says it is a very positive thing that involves a lot of ministers and churches. **Councilwoman Mary Brenner** reported that the Hawthorne Valley Youth Council does not yet have any Walton Hills members, but she hopes they will take advantage of the valuable opportunity to learn about government and leadership. They have had one of their bills passed by the Ohio Legislature. **Councilman Brian Spitznagel** reported that he has applied for a \$5,000 grant to pay for fencing and netting on baseball Field #3. It may cost the Village several hundred dollars more to complete the project. **Council passed a motion to** allow Village employees to rent the Community Room for events like baby showers. It would be at the same rates and regulations that apply to residents.

**January 21, 2014, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting:** Mayor Hurst announced that the State of the Village Report will be on March 5 at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Room. He introduced the Mayor of Valley View, Mr. Jerry Piasecki, and his wife Joan. They were there to observe the Council meeting and to express their desire for our communities to work together. **Mayor Hurst announced** that the Walton Hills Journal has received \$950 of long term advertising per month. This means the Journal only costs \$250 per month. **One ordinance was passed.** It created the position of Assistant Recreation Director. Three resolutions were passed. Dan Stuckey was confirmed as Street Commissioner. Carol Stanoszek was confirmed as the part-time Recreation Director. Don Sheehy was reappointed as the Village Engineer. A Resolution providing for the sale of personal property by internet auction was also passed. **Mayor Hurst** reported briefly on his trip to Columbus to testify for the Village to receive a share of the money for the startup of the Rocksino.

**February 11, 2014, COW Meeting:** Mayor Hurst explained why there were so many police cars in the parking lot this night. University Hospitals was presenting an educational seminar about sobriety testing. Eighteen Police Departments participated. All expenses were paid for with a grant. **Councilman Paul Rich** congratulated the Service Department

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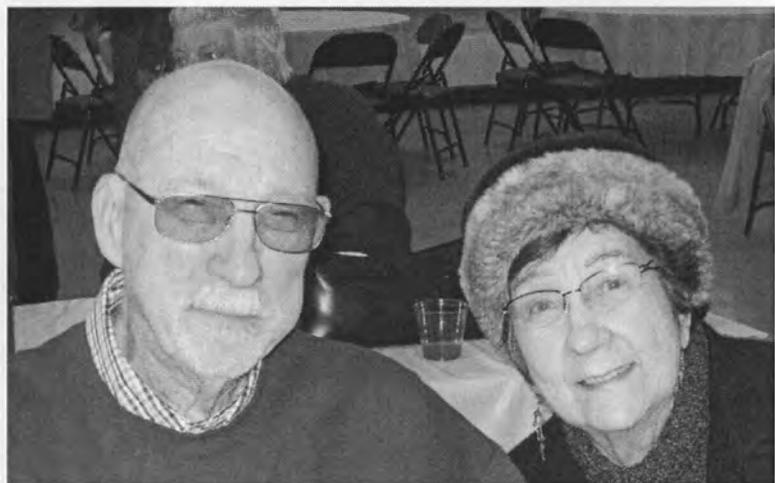
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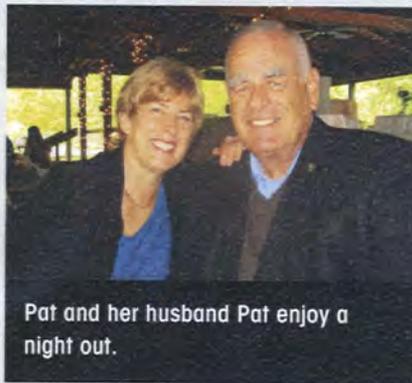
on their fine work on snow removal. Mayor Hurst said we currently have enough salt for the near future. **Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky** reported that Police Officer Melissa Walsh did a great job teaching a class on aggressive rape defense (RAD). It is currently being offered to employees, but may soon be available to residents. Ms. Terlosky also reported that a good time was had by all 45 Villagers who went to the Hard Rock this morning. Only about 25% came back winners, but the casino had given them credits of \$15 for play and \$5 for food. **There was a brief discussion** about Senior Lawn Care. Industrial Landscaping did a good job last year and Council will make a motion to hire them for this year per their contract. **Mayor Hurst and Council** discussed a proposal for industrial Zoning and Planning. The Mayor and Councilman Linville met with a zoning law expert who recommended that the Village hire a Planner to review the Zoning Code. The Planner could recommend changes such as requiring that a certain amount of commercial square footage must have a set amount of payroll. There are two planners under consideration—D. B. Hartt, Inc., and Mr. George Smerigan of Tactical Planning, LLC. Specific areas of concern are the Ford and Arhaus properties. Changes would probably affect only three chapters of the Zoning code—1270, 1274, and 1294. These issues will be discussed at the March COW meetings. Both Planning companies and the Village Planning Commission will be invited to these meetings. Mr. Blair Melling, the Village Solicitor, recommended that Council be very specific in their goals in order to save time and money. For instance, the Village does not want to eat up 26 acres on three warehouses' personnel. It could take until the end of the year to finalize any zoning changes. **The issue of signage** was discussed. Some Council members like the idea of having a digital sign on the vacant lot across from the Village Hall. It would replace the public notice sign now in front of the Village Hall. Current ordinances prohibit digital signs and would need to be changed. Other changes in signage are mandated by new State law to go into effect by 2015. The Mayor would like Council members to suggest names of residents who could serve on a sub-committee to propose and review ideas for changes to the Village street sign ordinances. The Mayor will be sending out a letter to residents about this. Councilman Spitznagel pointed out that public informational signs, even digital electronic signs, don't seem to be prohibited by current ordinances. Councilman Paul Rich said studies have been done on digital signs, and the pros outweigh the cons. One of the cons is distractions to drivers. **Council and the Mayor** discussed HB 377. The bill would provide Walton Hills with about \$109,000 for initial costs due to the new Rocksino. The bill was proposed by State Representative Marlene Anielski. The Ohio Legislature will vote on the bill before the final distribution of funds in April. The Mayor sent additional documentation of Village expenses to the Chairman of the Committee that is handling this matter. Mayor Hurst is asserting that the Village is entitled to about 35% of the \$1 million available because 35% of the racetrack is in Walton Hills. Only 10.9% of the total Northfield Park property is in Walton Hills. Solicitor Blair Melling pointed out that the funds involved are not tax dollars. Although the Legislature controls the money, it came from the Casino operators.

## Pat Day

### One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

If we were playing the Walton Hills version of Jeopardy, one of the answers would be: "Family and Volunteering." What would the question be? "What are the two things most important to Pat Day?" She has been blessed with a large family and she feels that Walton Hills is a great place to raise a family. As a dedicated volunteer, she receives enormous satisfaction from helping others. She feels by serving others, we become better people and we create a better community. Her service earned her the Citizen's League's "Citizen of the Year" award in 2006.

Pat and her husband (also named Pat) moved into the Village in the fall of 1978. She was accustomed to houses being right next to each other, as in Maple Heights and Bedford, and wondered how to meet people with houses in the Village being so far apart. Her neighbor told her to join the Women's Club, and the rest is history. The Women's Club has been part of her life for all of her 35 years in Walton Hills. Serving as committee chairperson on almost every committee has provided her with many fond memories. She started as the refreshment chairperson, and since then has held almost every position on the board, including three stints as President and several as Vice President. She is excited about being a part of the Flower Committee as a "planter" and looks forward to the daffodils in spring and watching perennials mature around the Veterans Memorial. She gives full credit to Paula and Wayne Johancen for the design and purchase of the plants. She loves being a part of the Women's Club and appreciates that their fundraising efforts go toward scholarships for high school seniors and other charitable activities. However, she stresses that the service the Women's Club offers to families of deceased loved ones in the Village is the most important and appreciated service provided to the community. (She gives



Pat and her husband Pat enjoy a night out.

Jean Turner all the accolades for this, who has been the Service chairperson for years).

Pat would like to thank whoever introduced her to the Lake one thousand times over. She and her husband became active as Trustees shortly after joining the Lake over 34 years ago. Early in her involvement, she saw Tom Sabo, Bill Cottrill, and Buzz Murphy work tirelessly and set the bar when it comes to volunteerism. Over the years, she has worked side by side with many other Villagers who feel the same way. Whether it's sweeping the pavilion, painting picnic tables, cleaning the bathrooms, emptying garbage cans, planning events, getting the Lake ready for Opening Day, attending trustee meetings, etc., Pat will continue to help out, because she loves the Lake and wants it to be nice for everyone.

Pat is very happy that St. Mary Church reopened and is thrilled to have Fr. Dan Begin as Pastor. She and her husband are quite involved in the church. He is a lector, and she is a member of the St. Mary's Guild. They volunteer on various committees, and help plan the annual parish picnic, which has been held at the Lake for the past several years.

Pat and Pat celebrated their 40th anniversary last July. They have seven

children (Lynne, Patrick, Laurie, Jeff, Terry, Tim and Scott) and 11 grandchildren. Grandchild #12 is expected in June. Raising her family has kept her very busy, and when she looks at a family picture, she no longer wonders what she has done with her life and what is most important to her. In addition, spending time with her Aunt Ethel at Brentwood Health Center is very important to her. Visiting her three or four times a week over the past nine years has given her a chance to develop a very close relationship with her. Look for balloons and a huge birthday cake that reads, "Happy 103rd Birthday Auntie Ethel!" when the Day family celebrates her birthday again at the Walton Hills Lake on July 4th. Aunt Ethel is looking forward to it!

A little bit about Pat's school/work history - she graduated from Maple Heights High School in 1970 and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio University in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. While raising her family, she spent 14 years as a substitute teacher within the Maple Heights Schools. For the past 24 years, she has cleaned houses, which she will continue to do as long as God continues to bless her with good health.

Pat loves being in the kitchen. She is known for her chocolate chip cookies and chicken paprika and dumplings. She keeps herself active, engaging in deep water aerobics three days a week in Macedonia, exercise class twice a week in Walton Hills and Yoga every Sunday after church at Red Fitness (Bally's). She is a member of Carol's Bookworms and enjoys finding a good bargain at Goodwill, the Salvation Army or the Unique Thrift store.

Pat's husband gave her a plaque for Christmas that says "RELAX". That might be somewhere in her future, but not quite yet! (Editor's note: Thank you, Pat, for all you have done for Walton Hills!)

Sam Meredith (not pictured), Alan Palgut, Kenn Thellmann, & Stan Koci Inducted into the Bedford High School Hall of Fame 4.2014



BHS Distinguished Hall of Fame Induction day activities kicked off with a breakfast in the stadium building this morning, at which the inductees (or their designees, if not present) were given proclamations from several government entities, as well as gift bags full of Bedford spirit items. The induction ceremony and dinner will take place this evening. **Pictured l-r: Inductee Sam Meredith's mom, BOE member Merry Anne Hilty, Sam Meredith's dad, BOE President Debi Kozak, Inductee Alan Palgut, Inductee Kenn Thellmann, BOE Vice President Phil Stevens, Inductee Stan Koci and BOE member Tim Tench.** Thanks to Debi Jones (BHS) for planning and organizing this lovely breakfast!

## Kenneth L. Thellmann Inducted into the Bedford Alumni Hall of Fame

4.2014

The Village of Walton Hills is very proud of Police Chief Kenn Thellmann for his induction into Bedford High School's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. We are very thankful for all the years of dedication that Chief Thellmann has given to our community. His law enforcement career with Walton Hills began in 1979 when he served as a part-time police dispatcher. He moved up the ranks to part-time police officer, full-time police officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and since 2011, police chief.

I want to personally thank Chief Thellmann for his hard work and dedication. I also want to thank our Village Council for supporting his appointment three years ago. He has proven to be a real blessing and an asset to Walton Hills, along with his mother Kathy and his late father, our former mayor, Edward L. Thellmann (God rest his soul). Walton Hills owes a great debt of gratitude to the entire family for giving so much and for serving our village on so many different levels.

Walton Hills is blessed with so many wonderful employees that have dedicated their lives to and invested in this community, live here and still work for the village. As I have said before, there is no greater place to be in the entire United States than Walton Hills! Some call it the "Gateway to Heaven," and some call it the "Gateway to Prosperity and Blessings." I simply call it "Home," a place where we can all achieve a certain comfort level and where we are blessed to have people that want to serve each other and work together. Thank you to all the volunteers in Walton Hills and thank you to the men and women who dedicate their lives to our village. Once again, congratulations Police Chief Thellmann!



# Potpourri

## Congratulations, Bedford High School

### Alumni Hall of Famer **Kenn Thellmann!**

The Bedford Board of Education honored Walton Hills Police Chief **Kenn Thellmann** by naming him a Bedford High School Distinguished Alumni. He was inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in mid March, at a celebration dinner held at the Birchwood Party Center. Members of this prestigious group are Bedford High School graduates who have made significant contributions in their fields, society, and their country.

**KennThellmann** grew up in the Village, on Orchard Hill Drive. He attended Glendale Elementary School, Moody Junior High, and graduated from Bedford High School with the Class of 1977. He attended Ashland College for 1 ½ years and then transferred to Youngstown State. Thellmann started working part-time for the Village in 1975. While in high school and college, he worked for the Service Department, and then he was a part-time Dispatcher. In 1984 he became a part-time Patrolman, and a year later he was a full-time Patrolman. Thellmann rose to the rank of Interim Police Chief in June of 2011, and he has been our Walton Hills Police Chief since October of 2011.

Walton Hills has played a big role in Thellmann's life. Kenn states, "I always liked the people of this Village. They are friendly, down-to-earth, and generally nice people to work with and have as friends."

In his youth, Kenn enjoyed swimming at Walton Hills Lake, his Cub Scout activities and especially his Indian Guide adventures with the Bedford YMCA Indian Guide group. He remembers the fun times he and his Indian Guide friends had camping out at Round-Up-Lake in Mantua Ohio. He recalls the many days he played in the fields and woods at the east end of Orchard Hill Drive. His mom would pack him a lunch, and he and his friends would spend the day exploring the area that is now the Barkley Estates, looking for pheasants and quail, and just having fun.

**Kenn and Lisa Thellmann** and their two children, **Mira** and **Elijah** live in Valley View. Ken's father, **Edward Thellmann**, was a long-time Councilman and then Mayor of Walton Hills from March 1987 until November 2000. Ed Thellmann passed away in January of 2011 at age 83. Ken's mother, **Betty Thellmann**, died when Kenn was a youngster. Kenn's step-mother, **Catherine Thellmann**, who has been a big part of Kenn's life, has recently moved to smaller quarters in North Royalton. Kenn's older daughter, **Brittany, Kyle Coyne** and their daughter **Kyliee** enjoy living in their "Thellmann" home on Orchard Hill Drive.



# Potpourri

## Congratulations and Happy Birthday

### Josephine Kuminkoski!

Josephine Kuminkoski, a long-time Walton Hills resident, has reason to celebrate. She will turn 90 on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and she recently became a great-great grandmother. Her great-great grandchild, **Brian Kuminkoski, Jr.**, was born on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Baby Brian's parents are **Brian and Lindsey Kuminkoski** of Northfield Village. The baby's grandfather is **Brian Kuminkoski** of Lyndhurst and his great grandparents are **Bernie and Janice Kuminkoski** of Sagamore Hills

Along with her new addition, Josephine Kuminkoski is very proud of her 6 children - **Bernie, Patricia, Terry, Janet, Marsha and Nanci**, her 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. In 1963 Josephine and her late husband, **Bernard Kuminkoski**, moved into their new Walton Hills home on Shaner Drive.



## Members of Cub Scout Pack #378 Earn Badges

On February 22nd, St. Michael's Cub Scout Pack # 378 gathered to celebrate its annual Blue and Gold Banquet.

With family members by their sides, four Walton Hills Cub Scouts received a variety of pins, beads and badges to commemorate their achievements over the last year. Each Cub officially earned his badge to advance to the next rank and received a ceremonial marking on his face.

Cub Scouts from left to right: **Lorenzo Jones (Wolf)**, **Jacob Anielski (Webelo)**, **Michael Pinchot (Tiger)** and **Owen Guritza (Bear)**.



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*Makayla wins the gold in  
snowboarding*

On February 9, 2014, Brandywine held snowboarding competitions. In the Brandywine Snow Squad division for girls 8 and under the winner was Makayla, the granddaughter of Steve and Lucy Petranek.



# Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

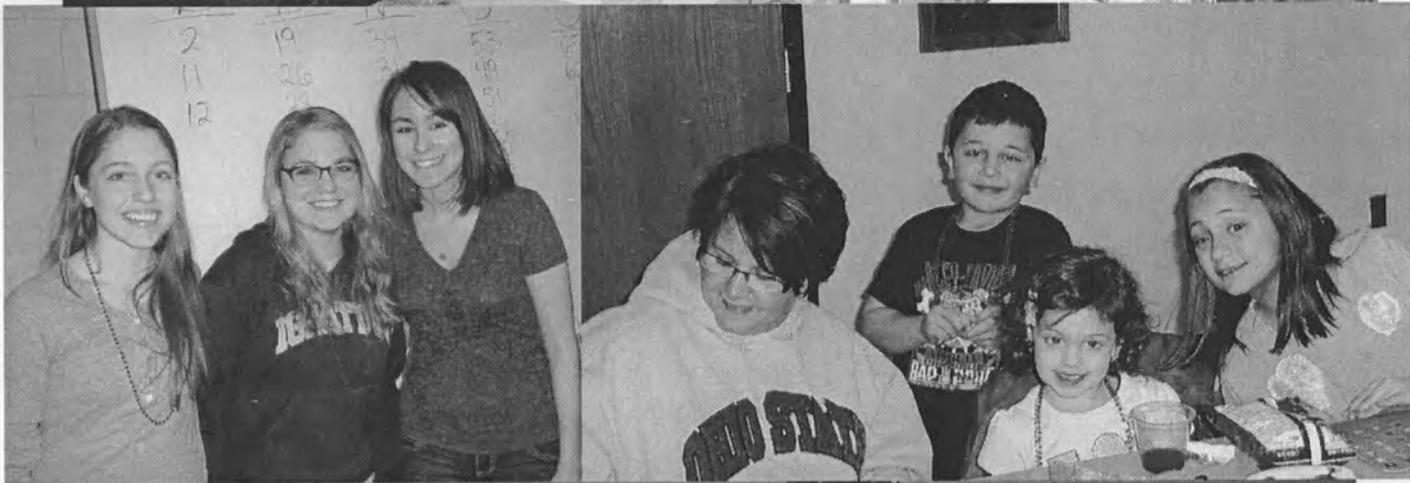
**February 18, 2014, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting:** Student Government Day was postponed until next month because Bedford Schools were closed due to the weather. **Police Chief Kenn Thellmann** presented Officer Joshua Wendl with a Lifesaving Award honoring him for his actions following a traffic accident on January 18, 2014, at the corner of Fell Ave. and Northfield Rd. in Northfield Village at about 9:30 p.m. Officer Wendl was refueling his car at the Sunoco station when he was alerted that a van had run up a guide wire and flipped over. The driver was partially pinned under the SUV. With the aid of bystanders and other responders who stabilized the vehicle, he was able to crawl into the back of the van to rescue a 2 yr. old child who was in danger of being strangled by a belt attached to its car seat. The driver was also rescued. Council and the Mayor also issued a Proclamation honoring him for his unselfish act of courage. Family and friends attended the ceremony. **Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky** reported that 16 letters had been sent out to residents who might serve on the signage sub-committee. **An Ordinance** was passed to update the Walton Hills Codified Ordinances with new and revised legislation passed last year. This is done every year. A Resolution for the Appreciation of Student Government Day was passed. A Motion was passed to extend the contract with Industrial Landscaping to provide senior lawn care.

**March 4, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting:** Council and the Mayor need to decide which company they will use for rewriting some of the current industrial zoning regulations. D. B. Hartt, Inc. made a presentation tonight. Council asked questions and discussed the proposal. Tactical Planning will present next week. **Council addressed the Restatement** of the Water Service Agreement with the City of Cleveland. After an extensive discussion, Mayor Hurst said he would invite the Village Engineer to the next COW meeting to offer his advice about the agreement. **Council and the Mayor** discussed sending a letter to the Committee that is hearing testimony regarding the last payout of the Casino Operators Settlement Fund. Solicitor Blair Melling presented the Village's funding needs to the Committee at a

second hearing in Columbus. Mr. Melling's description of the Committee's response suggested that the Committee did not appear to support giving Walton Hills more than the \$109,000 that is in the currently proposed bill. **Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo**, reported that the State auditors were here doing their regularly scheduled 2 year audit for 2012 and 2013. There were no big problems last time, but some adjustments were made concerning reporting of Mayor's Court receipts. The auditors also said all purchase orders must be completed prior to purchases. **Councilman Don Kolograf** would like to review Village Financial reports for the first quarter of the year probably in April at a COW meeting.

**March 11, 2014, COW meeting:** Council invited Mr. George Smerigan with Tactical Planning LLC to present his proposals for revising some of the Village's industrial zoning regulations. Mr. Smerigan has a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning and has 40 years of experience in professional planning. He has worked for many surrounding communities. He participated in planning for Chagrin Highlands and he is helping Warrensville Heights officials with their planning for developing the area around their Racino. He is familiar with planning to maximize tax revenue by utilizing appropriate zoning codes. For example, offices generally produce more revenue than warehouses. After studying the Village's current zoning laws and businesses, he would give advice on the most productive changes. It is very important to carefully document the municipal purpose and rationale for changing zoning code, in case it is ever challenged and needs to be defended. He also recognizes that it is important that the zoning code should not be so restrictive as to make it unattractive to good businesses. He estimates that this process could take 4 to 6 months. There was an extensive discussion of the issues involved. Council and the Mayor agreed that Mr. Smerigan is their choice for this project. **Village Engineer Don Sheehy** was asked to give Council his opinion of the restatement of the three contracts that the Village has with the City of Cleveland for water services. Mr. Sheehy explained that although the original 2010 contracts had not expired yet, Cleveland proposed to modify the contracts. He explained that the contracts had been extremely valuable to Walton Hills in the reconstruction of Egbert Rd. He said that the minor changes would not make much difference to the Village. The contracts would still be very helpful for the reconstruction of Sagamore Rd. On both roads the waterlines were or are old and prone to breaks. The

# Families Enjoyed an Evening of Fun at the Family Bingo event in March





## DUNHAM PRODUCTS

*By Ginny Mone*

In 1944 Joseph Klukan Sr. started Dunham Products in a two car garage. As business grew, in 1946, they became incorporated and moved into the building on Dunham Rd. In 1983, the location on Kick Rd. was built to accommodate further growth. Then, in 2009 another move was needed. This is when Dunham Products moved into their present facility, which is located on Northfield Rd. (still in Walton Hills). The family are loyal villagers and businessmen, growing but never leaving the Walton Hills area. They are a company that stands for quality and customer service above all else.

Dunham Products has grown in the aerospace fastener industry and has branched out to include many other fastener applications.

With this move to the Northfield Rd. facility, they have been able to add machines and personnel to keep up with their customers' growing demands. With the accessibility of this location to Cleveland and the space to branch out, Dunham now offers complete manufacturing and secondary processes with quick turnarounds.

At present, Joseph F. Klukan II has taken his father's seat as President and Owner. He is the 3rd generation in this capacity.

He continues the family tradition in driving the company forward to expand to new markets and offer new services while focusing on growth for his current customers' needs. With his latest family addition of two twin boys in January, 2012 and a daughter in July, 2013, Joe holds firm to his family value of enhancing his business for generations to come. He and his lovely wife, daughter and twins live on Stuble Lane.

With manufacturing dwindling as an American commodity, Dunham Products, Inc. is a strong, family built, Walton Hills, Ohio company that is standing tall and holding firm now and into the future.





**Joseph F. Klukan Sr. Circa 1946**



# **Dunham Products, Inc.**

**Manufacturer of High Strength Fasteners  
Since 1946**

## **7400**

**Sarah Johnson, Joseph Klukan, Jay Maslanka, Owen Maxwell**

## George "Duke" Owens

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

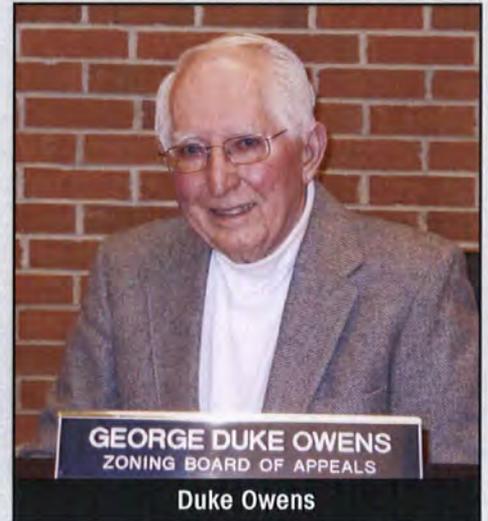
When George Owens was just a week old, his father's younger brother came to see the first Owens child born into the family. George had long sideburns that came down and curled up. His uncle looked at the newborn in the crib and said that he looked like a "Duke." The name stuck, and to this day people are still calling George "Duke!"

Duke is one of Walton Hills' favorite sons. He and his wife Fran have been very involved in the community ever since they moved here from Maple Heights on July 4, 1972. Duke and Fran have been married for 51 years. They have three children – Mary Beth, Carol Ann, and Kenneth, and seven grandchildren ages 4 to 16.

Duke is a tool and die maker by trade. He worked at Mercury Machine in Solon for 35 years. He was a Production Manager for 30 of those years and retired in 1995. He now works part-time for Dunham Products in Walton Hills. Duke is in great physical shape and attributes that to the fact that he is still working and enjoys what he is doing.

Duke is happy to serve his community. He was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals in 1990 and has served as

its Chairman since 1994. He is proud of his work and he takes his responsibilities on the board very seriously. He also served as President and Vice President of the Walton Hills Lake. When the nation was celebrating its Bicentennial in 1976, he convinced Council to pass a resolution allowing a Lake sponsored fireworks show on July 4th and also allowing the Lake to be opened up to all residents on that day. (To this day, the Lake is still open to all residents on July 4th, but there are no longer any fireworks). He served as President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Walton Hills Men's Club. He is currently the Publicity Chairman for the 50 Plus Club. He is also devoted to St. Mary Church, before it closed and since it has reopened. He has served as a lector since 1975 and is also a Eucharistic Minister. In addition, he was appointed to the Apprenticeship Board at Tri C and Lakeland Community College from 1985 to 1995. He is also proud of his wife's civic mindedness. She was the President of the Walton Hills Women's Club when he was the President of the Men's Club; she is the Membership Chairwoman for the 50 Plus Club and she organized the Knit Wits knitting group that meets on Tuesdays from 1pm to 3pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ.



Duke has been a ham radio operator for over 30 years. He talks to people around the world, as far away as Russia. He considers serving on the Zoning Board as a hobby because he thoroughly enjoys it. He also likes to fish, especially in the Outer Banks in North Carolina – which is where he and Fran have their home away from home. Their three bedroom vacation/rental home is located in Kill Devil Hills, just one-half block from the Atlantic Ocean. They have owned their beloved get-away home for 24 years and enjoy spending time there with each other and with their kids and grandkids. They have affectionately named their home the "Owens Burrow."

What are Duke's thoughts about Walton Hills? He believes it is an aging community. He feels that it was a great place to raise kids, but he doesn't see as many kids anymore. However, he appreciates it as a good, safe place for retired people to live.

Walton Hills appreciates you too, Duke!

### Get to Know Duke

Favorite movie	African Queen
Favorite TV show	The Voice and other talent shows
Favorite foods	Standing rib roast and homemade spaghetti
Favorite music/singer	Country music – Willie Nelson
Favorite song	Amazing Grace
Favorite vacation spot	Owens Burrow in Kill Devil Hills, N.C.

# Walton Hills Police Officer Honored for Heroism

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At the Council Meeting on February 18, 2014, part-time Police Officer Joshua Wendl was honored at an award ceremony. Chief Kenn Thellmann addressed Council and the audience composed of Walton Hills Police employees and Officer Wendl's family and explained the circumstances of the award. The Chief also commented on how many deeds or acts by our Police Officers go unnoticed or unrecognized. The Chief has now implemented an award recognition program for our Officers, recognizing such acts as bravery, lifesaving, education, heroism, baby delivery, etc. and one (1) Officer each year shall be named as "Officer of the Year" for their accomplishments.

The events surrounding Officer Wendl's heroic act are as follows: On Saturday, January 18, 2014 around 9:26pm, Officer Wendl was going to refuel his Walton Hills Police cruiser at the Northfield Village Sunoco gas station located on Northfield Road when the gas station attendant yelled to him and began pointing across the street to a vehicle that had struck a pole and flipped over at the corner of Fell Avenue and Northfield Road. When Officer Wendl arrived on the scene, he observed a maroon colored SUV (sport utility vehicle) lying on its driver's side with a female partially ejected. The female's head was between the door frame of the SUV and the ground. Numerous bystanders and a Northfield Police Officer (who was on his way to work) were stabilizing the vehicle by pushing on it to relieve some of the pressure of the vehicle's weight on the female's head. Officer Wendl immediately notified Walton Hills Dispatch to contact Northfield Village Police and Fire about the roll-over with an entrapment.

The female driver was able to tell Officer Wendl that her two year old baby was in the vehicle. Officer Wendl was able to see the child in the rear passenger area hanging from the car seat in distress, with one strap around his arm and the other strap around his neck nearly asphyxiating him. Without hesitation, Officer Wendl immediately ran around to the rear of the vehicle and broke out the rear window of the SUV and advised Walton Hills Dispatch that he was entering the overturned vehicle. Once inside the vehicle, Officer Wendl stabilized the child and then cut him out of the car seat with his knife. When the child was free, Officer Wendl handed the child to Walton Hills Officer Steve Davis, who took him into his police vehicle to keep him warm until a rescue squad arrived. Once the Oakwood Village rescue squad was on the scene, the child was turned over to them for treatment. Officer Wendl then exited the overturned vehicle and assisted the Macedonia Fire Department by stabilizing the female driver's head and neck area while she was being extracted from the vehicle. Officer Wendl then went on to assist other officers directing traffic.

Officer Wendl has proven to be a true hero by his heroic actions in assisting the two year old child. He exhibited a true act of bravery and compassion for the child's safety and well-being by entering the overturned vehicle, thereby risking his own health and safety to save the life of another without hesitation. He was presented with a proclamation from Mayor Hurst, a Police Chief's commendation and a plaque which read: "Officer Joshua Wendl - 2014 Life Saving Award." Congratulations Officer Wendl, and keep up the good work!



Chief Kenn Thellmann presenting Officer Josh Wendl with Lifesaving Plaque



Mayor Kevin Hurst presenting Officer Josh Wendl with his proclamation

# POTPOURRI

## Welcome New Resident

**Dennis Blag** 7400 North Meadowpark Drive



To All Walton Hills Graduating High School and College Seniors!

Accept our Congratulations!

Submit to the *Walton Hills Owl* – for the June, July or August issue:  
Your Class Photo with information - including your School, Major,  
Honors, Scholarships, Accomplishments, Future School or Line of Work

## You're Invited to Attend Our Home-Town Author's Booksigning

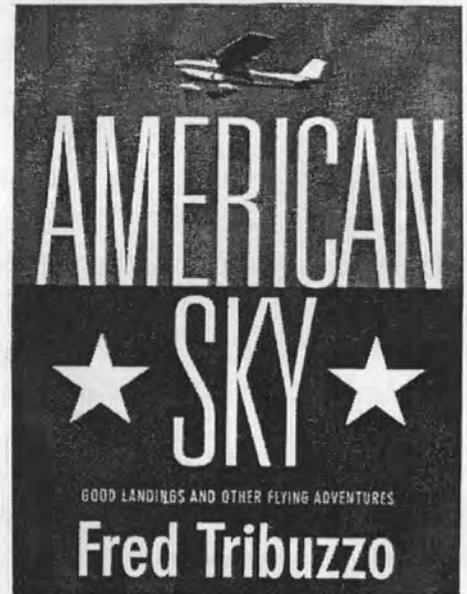
Meet Fred, his mother **Rose Tribuzzo**, who still lives on Woodlake Drive, Fred's family, and friends from his youth. Join your neighbors for an enjoyable evening at Fred's book-signing.

### ***American Sky* by Fred Tribuzzo**

Book Signing at Barnes and Nobles Book Store  
Crocker Park – 198 Crocker Park Blvd., Westlake

**Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

*American Sky* is a captivating anecdotal biography of a commercial pilot; a 264-page book of creative fiction. In the book Tribuzzo tells meaningful events in his life. For a long time Fred had a desire to write this book. He began collecting data and stories about his days of flying twenty years ago.



## Congratulations on Your Starring Role!

**John Webb** starred in the leading role "Robert" in Stephen Sondheim's Broadway Musical "Company," which played in mid April at Muskingum University, New Concord, Ohio. John is currently a Sophomore at Muskingum, with a dual major of music and journalism.

He was a star in the Singing Angel group for ten years, from the time he was 8 until he was 18. As a Singing Angel he sang for President G. W. Bush at the 2006 National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Walton Hills residents may recall seeing John Webb perform in musicals put on by Walton Hills Summer Youth Theater groups at T.G.Y. Park and other locations in the Bedford area.

John is a 2012 St. Peter Chanel graduate. He is the son of **John** and **Cindy Webb** of Allen Drive.



# POTPOURRI

## An SOS from the Trustees of the Walton Hills Lake

Volunteers are needed to get Walton Hills Lake ready for Opening Day on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**All Saturdays in May will be work days –**

**Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> – starting at 10 am and continuing until about 2 pm.**

If you can help on any of these days, please show up at the Lake. Your efforts are very much appreciated by all Lake members and, also by the T.G.Y. Parkers who go to the Lake on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Once again this year our dedicated volunteer, **Tom Nowicky**, is coordinating the Work Parties. Throughout the month of April Tom has been working at the lake, getting a head start on projects that need to be done. Thank You, Tom.

Some of the jobs that await the May Volunteers: Scrubbing Picnic Tables, General Landscaping, Spreading New Sand on the Beach, Cleaning the Filter Beds, Power Washing the Walls around the Lake, and Painting. A new hot water tank needs to be installed in the food stand. Walton Hills Lake is already drained. Now, the Lake needs to be hosed down and cleaned of debris.

As you can see, many jobs need to be completed before June 7<sup>th</sup>. Your help is needed.

## Holly Koester Entertains Cub Scout Pack 378

**Holly Koester** of Dunham Road was the Guest Speaker at the Cub Scout Pack 378 April meeting. She spoke about healthy living, keeping fit and the Paralyzed Veterans of America Program. Holly's guide dog, Glory, was the hit of the evening.

"I had the opportunity to talk to an awesome group of Cub Scouts. They entertained me!" states Koester. "They told some very funny knock-knock jokes and performed talented skits. Then they eagerly and graciously listened to me tell my story about how PVA and my family and friends helped me accomplish my racing goals. Glory showed them how she helps me. After warming up with cadence calls they completed an obstacle course with part of the stretch in a hand cycle. What a great group of young men. Thank you for a fun time!"

Holly Koester is a U.S. Army veteran. She was Captain of the Army 101st Airborne Division. Her military career came to an abrupt end in 1990, just as she was preparing to deploy to Operation Desert Storm. She was paralyzed from the chest down in a traffic accident that occurred as she drove into Redstone Arsenal in Alabama. Koester lived physical fitness and enjoyed competition. This positive focus helped her during her recuperation, and pushed her to look for ways to get active again. She found her inspiration in the VA's National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

# Fun Days Await Youngsters in the Walton Hills Parker Program at T.G.Y. Park

Are you familiar with the Village-sponsored Summer Parker Program? It is based at T.G.Y. Park, our Village Park on Dellwood Drive. The Walton Hills Parker Program is a well-planned, well-structured and well-supervised program that gives youngsters in our Village the opportunity to play outdoors, get exercise and have fun with other children their age.

## **This year's 7-Week Parker Program begins June 16<sup>th</sup> and ends on July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

The Village does not pick up the youngsters from their homes, but it does take the children back home in the village vans. As in past years, several Walton Hills grandparents, who help with the care of their grandchildren, are invited to take advantage of the Walton Hills Parker Program. Non-resident children are welcome to join the program.

The **Parker Program for children aged 4 – 6** runs Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am – 12:00 noon.

The cost for the 7-week program is \$75.00 per resident child, same as last year, with discounts for multiple children.

The cost to non-residents is higher.

The **Parker Program for children aged 7 – 14** runs Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

The cost for the 7-week program is \$125.00 per resident child, same as last year, with discounts for multiple children.

The cost to non-residents is higher.

### **A wide variety of Fun Activities awaits the participants in this year's Parker Program, including:**

Arts and Crafts, and Contests.

Learn Traditional Games, including: Hopscotch, Hula Hoop, Sidewalk Chalking, Spud, Dr. Dodge Ball, Four Square, Spud, Basketball, Ping Pong, Shuffleboard, Foos Ball, and Pool - using the new Pool Table

They can join the Baseball and Beach Volleyball Clinic.

They can join the Gardening Club. They have their own garden plots at T.G.Y. Park, growing their own vegetables and flowers.

They take home what they grow.

Celebrate National Days with treats, such as National Milkshake Day, National Ice Cream Day, National Hotdog Day,

National Gummy Worm Day, and National Fry Eggs on the Sidewalk Day.

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm - Swim and Play at Walton Hills Lake.

Once a week - Bowl at Roseland Lanes.

They can join the Tuesday Cinemark-Macedonia Movie Club.

They can join the Hiking Club and hike on various scenic paths in the Cuyahoga and Summit County Metroparks.

Walton Hills Recreation Director **Carol Stanoszek** states, "Our Village Parker Program is a great, fun program for our youngsters, and it is a great value. The Parker Children are happy, active and safe. They have the opportunity to make life-long friendships with other children in their community. Basically, our Parker activities take place at our village park, with the occasional field trip. Our Parker Program is designed to meet the needs of our families and our participants."

Carol Stanoszek will once again oversee this year's Parker Program, while **Karleen Dean**, Carol's assistant, will run the Program. Twelve (12) T.G.Y. Park Counselors will be hired this year, and many of them will work with the Parkers.

To sign up for the Parker Program, or if you have questions, phone Carol at 440.786.2964.



## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

**March 18, 2014, Council Caucus and Council Meeting:** Correction—I did not attend this meeting or have a DVD copy of the meeting. I misunderstood a verbal account of the meeting. I asked if all Resolutions on the Agenda had passed and was told they had. However, the Resolution about the agreement with the Astorhurst was removed from the original agenda at the Council Meeting. It will be discussed further at a later date. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

**April 1, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting:** Canceled.

**April 8, 2014, COW Meeting:** Most of this meeting was a detailed discussion of the quarterly financial reports for the Village led by Fiscal Officer Vic Nogalo. Among the many items discussed, Mr. Nogalo noted that the budget was projected to have about a \$550,000 deficit. However, if income tax revenues come in higher than projected, that deficit could be smaller. Since the 2013 income tax increase to 2.5%, revenues have increased significantly. Mr. Nogalo noted that copies of part of the report, the Payment Listing, are printed and available to the public at the Village Hall. (Copies of the entire monthly report are available if requested but cost 5 cents per page.) **There was a brief discussion** of placing a moratorium on commercial zoning until new zoning laws are written. Mr. Smerigan of Tactical Planning LLC will write the resolution for the Council meeting. **Councilman Paul Rich asked** about the Astorhurst agreement and was told that the Astorhurst is continuing to charge the admission tax and is considering the best way to proceed with any future agreement. **Council went into Executive Session** to discuss purchase of or sale of public land, update on possible litigations and economic development update. No further business was discussed after the Executive Session.

**April 15, 2014, Council Caucus and Regular Council Meeting:** During Council Caucus Mayor Kevin Hurst announced that there would be a public meeting on April 22 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss an agriculture district change. A resident has applied for agricultural use of their property with the State of Ohio. The Solicitor, Mr. Blair Melling, said the Village cannot deny a use if the State approves it, but the Village Council should have some control over how that use is carried out. Section 929.02 of the Ohio Revised Code applies to the agricultural use designation.

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Council will have 30 days after the meeting to take any appropriate action. More details will be available at the public hearing.

**At the regular Council meeting**, Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky reported on the Information Committee meeting on April 14. Most members liked the green backgrounds for the street name signs and for some "pizazz" they might like to go with "fluted" poles. They talked about possibly changing the gateway signs. She said that \$30,000 has been budgeted for the new signs. If that is not enough, they might do half the signs this year and do half next year. Service Director Dan Stucky was asked to review the codes with the Village Engineer to make sure the Village is in compliance with State and local codes. Mr. Stucky will talk to different companies and bring in samples of signs, poles and brackets. The next meeting will be on May 5.

**Resolution No, 2014-17** was passed. It is a resolution declaring a moratorium on the issuance of permits, and/or review of plans and applications for development along the Northfield corridor south of Alexander Road, and declaring an emergency. The moratorium is declared for a period of 180 days. During that time the Village is undertaking a study of the corridor with the intent of making Zoning Code revisions to ensure the beneficial use of that critical area.

### THE smallest LIBRARY

Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Information Committee Chairwoman

#### New Face lift for Walton Hills Library

I believe Walton Hills has the smallest Library. I do not know if "library" is even the correct word to use. Because with a library comes rules, funding and an occasional "Shush!" None of this happens in the Community Room in the Village of Walton Hills where our residents frequent our quasi Library.

Yes, like a library we have books, large print and regular print. All types of books, paperback and hard cover. Any topic or favorite author you would like to read, fiction and nonfiction, mysteries, romance, espionage etc. We do not have a librarian on site or a computer or even the Dewey Decimal System. Instead, we use little stickers with the first letter of the author's last name stuck on the book. That is as high tech as we get. What we do have is sort of an honor system. You can **take out** as many books as you like (no library card required, only the love of books) for as long as you like. You can also **donate books** back to our Library, for your friends and neighbors to read and enjoy. It is kind of a NO FRILLS lending program, all the rewards without the hassle and the best part it is FREE to Walton Hills residents.



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**My THANKS to Jean and to her other helpers who keep our shelves supplied with the written word. Reading is fun and you help to keep it that way!**



Dear Residents and Neighbors,

We have recently made improvements to the Community Room to benefit all of our residents and to display the beauty of our Village. We have installed all new cabinets and organized the essential area for the Historical Resource Center to utilize and display their memorabilia. We have also added a large coat rack next to the Historical Center's display cases. Along with these improvements, we have increased our access to and usability of a library in the upper half of the Community Room located next to the Recreation and Community Life Department. We have added a large table with nine chairs, which makes it the ideal meeting place for Carol's Bookworms and for board meetings of our Village clubs. With this process, we have made it more inviting to our book lovers and residents that are involved in our community. All of these improvements have been accomplished by in-house fabricating and building from our Service Department.

We have also improved the office space in our Village Hall and other areas of Village buildings and made

*New Face lift for the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center*

everything more inviting, yet keeping costs down to a bare minimum. When we do everything in-house, we do not pay contractors for the necessary repairs of our buildings, including utilities. We are learning to do this all on our own, and this is another process that we have put into place for 2014.

We are focusing on continued improvement with restrooms for all of our employees, continued improvement of our Community Room, and continued improvement of our Village grounds. We look forward to the beautification of our Village gateways and the center of our town with the commercial businesses located in the hub of Walton Hills. All of these things are accomplished by good management, working together as a team, and everyone doing their part to make Walton Hills a successful place to work, play, and live.

Sincerely serving you,

*Kevin Hurst*

Mayor/Safety and Economic Director, **I.G.I.T.**



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Recent improvements to our Community Room. All work was performed in-house, keeping costs down to a bare minimum.



## Ray Tinter

### One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Ray Tinter and his wife Joyce will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on July 9th. This was probably the furthest thing from Ray's mind years ago when he was attracted to Joyce's girlfriend. He convinced Joyce to write love letters to her on his behalf. However, in time he realized that it was really Joyce that he loved and the rest is history! Ray's brother-in-law and sister-in-law, residents Jay and Grace Kerekcs, encouraged Ray and Joyce to move to Walton Hills 44 years ago. So they bought a house on Jefferson Drive, raised two children (Deborah and Tyson), and have thoroughly enjoyed their life in our peaceful village!

Ray is a graduate of Orange High School. He served in the Army and was stationed in Germany from 1960 to 1963 during the Berlin Crisis. He worked for Republic Steel, which became LTV Steel, for 30 years. After LTV Steel went bankrupt, he went to work for Goodwill Industries as a contract shop supervisor for disabled individuals. He worked there for 13 1/2 years and retired in 1998. Ray also worked as an usher at the old Cleveland Stadium. He worked for 30 years at Indians games and 26 years at Browns games. While ushering in the lower deck at one Indians game, he turned to help someone and was hit in the temple by a line drive foul ball. He was sent to

the hospital to get checked out. Luckily, he was not injured. He was, however, disappointed that he did not get to keep the foul ball!

Ray has led a blessed life and feels fortunate to be able to give back. For twenty years, he entertained children of all ages as a clown. He was a mason, became a member of the Al Sirat Grotto, and joined their clown unit. He performed at the Grotto Circus downtown several times, visited sick children in various hospitals, and performed at Christmas parties. One of his most touching and rewarding moments came when he visited a sick little boy named Harry in a children's hospital. Harry hadn't walked for over a year, but after a cheerful visit by Ray, he walked out of his hospital room and followed him down the hallway! Harry's parents were overjoyed and very grateful to Ray!

Ray has brought a smile to the faces of many children at the Village Christmas Tree Lighting. He and resident Maddie Timm have played Santa and Mrs. Claus for many years. Ray also served as president of the Men's Club and has been the treasurer of the 50 Plus Club for the last two years. He worked on setting up and printing the Owl for many years

alongside Bill Cottrill and Bill Deak. Ray managed Walton Hills baseball teams for ten years, from 1-ball to fast pitch. He currently volunteers two or three days a month at the airport as a volunteer ambassador. He also serves as the financial secretary for the First Baptist Church of Bedford, which he has been a member of for over 40 years.

Ray has many hobbies to keep him busy. He is in a bowling league (his highest score was 296 – he got a split on the last frame), he plays mahjongg every week, he sells miscellaneous items at Hartville and Jamie's flea markets and loves to spend time on the computer. He also plays golf at least once a week in the summer.

Ray feels that Walton Hills is the greatest community around! He felt it was the best place to raise his children, and cherishes the many friends he has in the community. His plans for the future are to enjoy and take care of his two grandchildren - Lucas age 7 and Nora, 18 months. There is no doubt that he will succeed!

### Get to Know Ray

Favorite Movie	Dr. Zhivago
Favorite TV show	Person of Interest
Favorite foods	Steak and ice cream
Favorite vacation spot	Las Vegas
Favorite sports team	Cleveland Browns
Favorite card game	Poker





A Barred Owl family took up residence on Orchard Hill Drive. Pictured is the baby owl. Barred Owls are best known as Hoot Owls for their distinctive call. Photo taken by resident Katie Iaconis, who is the assistant to Mayor Hurst. Katie also works in the Finance Department.

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# POTPOURRI

## Welcome New Residents

**John and Becky Cieslewicz**  
of 7137 Chestnut Drive



## Congratulations, Graduate!

**Stacey Main**, daughter of **George and Marilyn Main** of Allen Drive, received her Master of Science Degree in International Marketing Management in May, from Boston University. Stacey is a Global Product and Color Manager for the Tupperware Corporation. She lives in Orlando, Florida, but work often takes her to Europe, Asia and Mexico.

A Bedford High School graduate, Stacey got her Bachelor's Degree from the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan. Before working for Tupperware, she worked in the Design Department of the Black and Decker Corporation, designing new products and mechanisms that make work easier for the people who use them. Stacey is credited with several patents. Congratulations, Stacey!



## To All Walton Hills Graduating High School and College Seniors!



Accept our Congratulations!

**Submit to the *Walton Hills Owl* – for the July or August issue:**

**Your Class Photo with information – including your School, Major, Honors, Scholarships, Accomplishments, Future School or Line of Work**

Please deposit an envelope with your data and photo in the White Mail Box in the Village Hall Parking Lot or in the Walton Hills Owl mailbox inside the Village Hall lobby.

Thanks, and, we Congratulate our Graduates.

## Local Young Man will Perform at the Indiana Pirogi Festival

**Johnny Allen-McIntyre**, his mother, **Jenna Allen** and grandparents, **Patty and Bill Allen**, will head to Whiting, Indiana this summer. Johnny's dance troop, the Lucina Slovak Folklore Dance Group, will perform at the 2014 Pirogi Festival on July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup>. This is quite an honor; only a few dance groups in the United States and Canada are invited to perform at the yearly event. The Pirogi Festival is a huge event in Indiana, with stand after stand of different kinds of pirogi and other ethnic foods, and lots of entertainment to amuse the crowds of people who attend the event.

Johnny, who is ten years old, started dancing with the Slovak Dance group when he was four years old.

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## Attention, Mountain Bikers!

- Join your friends and neighbors on **Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Grand Opening of the Bedford Reservation Mountain Bike Trail**. Visitors are invited to enjoy a bike ride, a hike or a run on the trail, then stop at the Egbert Picnic Area for some trail camaraderie, music and free hot dogs / veggie dogs from 1:00 pm until they run out. The June 7<sup>th</sup> event is weather-dependent. The Mountain Bike Trail will be closed that day if the trail is too muddy, to protect the tread on the path.

The Mountain Bike Trail is a multipurpose trail that will accommodate both mountain bikers and hikers. The trail has new sections and some repurposed sections. It starts at the Egbert Picnic Area on Gorge Parkway, off Egbert Road. When complete, the trail will be almost 11 miles long. On opening day the trail will be 9 miles in length.

The Cleveland Metroparks Publicity Department is preparing a new Bedford Reservation Trail Map that will soon be available. The new map will highlight the Mountain Bike Trail as well as all other trails within Bedford Reservation.

- On **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**, from 10 am – 3 pm, Mountain Bike enthusiasts have the opportunity to try out the latest models of mountain and road bikes at a demo sponsored by Bike Authority and Trek Bicycles. Demo rides are limited to 30 minutes per person. Bikers have to be at least 16 years old. Once again, meet at the Bedford Reservation Egbert Picnic Area. If the trail is wet or muddy, bikes can be sampled on the paved trail.

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**The Ford Motor Company Walton Hills Stamping Plant is hosting an Open House.**

**Everyone is welcome.**

This may be your last chance to walk through the Walton Hills Stamping Plant facilities.

The plant is scheduled to close on or about June 27<sup>th</sup> of this year.

However, until December, a limited number of small truck parts are expected to be produced at the Plant.

## Bereavements

**Louis Hanzel**, of Sagamore Road, passed away in April, at age 76. Our condolences to his wife **Barbara** and their son, **Robert Hanzel**. Hanzel was a veteran of the United States Navy.

Our condolences to Walton Hills Police Officer **Debbie Gasper**, on the passing of her father. **Frank Gasper** passed away in early May. He was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Cleveland State Marshall College of Law. Gasper was a former Councilman and Law Director for the City of Maple Heights and was a Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney for over thirty years.

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You are invited to go on a Field Trip -

## **Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> Field Trip to the CVNP Canal Exploration Center**

**Meet at the Village Hall. We leave at 10:15 am**

The Walton Hills Historical Center Staff and the Recreation Department are coordinating a field trip to the newly renovated Cuyahoga Valley National Park Canal Exploration Center. After our guided tour of the Canal Center, we will lunch at the Red Chimney Restaurant on Fleet Avenue.

Phone Jean Kainsinger 232-6142 or Carol Stanoszek at the Recreation Department to reserve your space on the Village Van.

- **The Cuyahoga Valley National Park Canal Exploration Center**, formerly the Canal Visitor Center, is once again open. The Canal Exploration Center is located on Canal Road at the Hillside Road intersection, and is open 7 days a week, from 10 am – 4 pm.

The Museum underwent a 1.2 million dollar renovation during the past several months while it was closed to the public. New exhibits explore "Canal Heritage" and its role in the development of our nation. You will see a wide variety of photos, paintings, historic maps, objects and documents that relate to the Canals in Ohio and New York State's Erie Canal. You will see how the Erie Canal worked with Ohio Canals, and other canals in the Midwest, to promote interstate commerce that helped stimulate our nation's economy.

In the heyday of the canal system, from 1827-1855, boat companies operated fleets of vessels, hired many captains and men to crew the boats. Entire families lived and worked on the canal boats. In the State of Ohio, there were over 800 miles of canals that connected with one another. Benjamin Franklin promoted the building of a canal system in our country. In 1772 he stated, "Rivers are ungovernable things ... Canals are quiet and very manageable."

One of the exhibits at the Canal Exploration Center depicts the suffering of the men and boys who were hired to dig the canals by hand. Their only tool was their shovel.

### **Check Out Our Villagers' Library**

**Come see our Newly Built, Expanded library!**

**We like it, hope you do, too!**

**The library is upstairs, in the Village Hall Community Building.**

**Residents of Walton Hills have created a LIBRARY that is for all of us to use.**

**It's the Honor System - No Sign-Out or Sign-In - and No Fees**

**You will find a wide variety of books: Fiction and Nonfiction Famous Authors**

**Espionage Bios Mysteries Adventure Christian Books Books for Children and Teenagers and more**

## Council Highlights

By Judy Sheeler

**May 6, 2014, COW Meeting:** Canceled

**May 13, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting:** Mayor Kevin Hurst said he invited the Village Engineer, Mr. Don Sheehy, to discuss the road repair proposals for this year and some other projects. The Mayor said that \$175,000 has been budgeted for roads but that amount would need to be increased if Council agreed. Mr. Sheehy said that Jefferson Dr. and Summerset Dr. had not had major work on them for 20 years. Repairs would include grinding off the top 2-3 inches of asphalt, replacing that with new asphalt, and doing any needed base repairs. That is estimated to cost about \$200,000. Spot repairs on other streets are estimated at \$35,000. Striping for the main roads would cost about \$19,500. Mayor Hurst also reported that some water had entered the Village Hall basement on Monday after the heavy rains. He would like to talk to Mr. Sheehy about diverting water away from the building and what it might cost. The drains are inadequate, but the recent flooding did not get past the Police Department door. Other projects that might be done include resurfacing of the tennis courts and basketball court. Mr. Sheehy will give estimates of costs that could be added to the budget. The Mayor reported that revenue from Ford is already \$400,000 which was all that was budgeted for all of 2014. The deficit which had been projected to be \$500,000 is now \$80,000 and there may be a surplus by the end of the year. This would be a good time to do some of these projects. **Mr. Sheehy also reported** on the Sagamore Rd. reconstruction. He said the Village has been awarded \$450,000 in a grant/loan from the State. Half is a grant and half is a loan for 30 years at 0% interest. The Cleveland Water Department has agreed to pay \$2.2 million towards the project. All Communities bordering Sagamore Rd. must finalize the plan and their officials must vote to authorize it. If all goes well, bids will be solicited and work will start in 2015.

**There was a brief discussion** of a proposed lot split on Egbert Rd. All lots will be over 1 acre (about 5 lots) and future driveways will be off Egbert Road. Council will authorize this at the next council meeting.

**Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky** reported that the Information Committee has decided on what type of street signs to recommend. Changes in the street name signs are required by the State. The Committee likes the street names to be in black letters on a white background, which they thought provides the best visibility. The signs would be mounted on black, fluted aluminum poles. There are 63 street sign posts in the Village and all could be replaced this year within the budgeted amount of \$35,000. Council members liked the idea and approved it.

**There had been a Planning Commission** meeting to address Mr. Joe Serio's application to have his property designated by the County as agricultural. He and Mr. Salamon had sold produce at a temporary stand on Dunham Rd. near Alexander Rd. for many years. He also sells produce to local restaurants. Nothing in his operations would change, but his property taxes will be lower if he meets the criteria for agricultural use. Solicitor Blair Melling recommended some modifications to the designation such as not allowing any livestock on the property. Mr. Serio agrees. Council will vote on the modifications next week. The County will review the application and modifications and make a final decision.

**The recreation department** needs a new vehicle. They would like to get a Ford Transit which seats 5 people and has space for a wheel chair behind the seats. Two old cars would be traded in or sold.

**During the recent audit** of the Village, auditors pointed out that there were two conflicting sections of the code governing the pay for the Magistrate position. This was due to a simple oversight. The issue involved what the Mayor is paid as Magistrate or what a lawyer would be paid if the Mayor does not perform that service. Ordinance 290.01 will be repealed and replaced to correct that. It will refer to Section 230.031 which states that the compensation is \$400 per regular Mayor's Court session for the Mayor or \$325 per session for a qualified lawyer.

**The Lake Club** contract will be renewed for 2 years. The Village will pay \$20,000 per year and the Lake Club will provide recreational services to the Village such as a Parker program, swim lessons and special events.

**The Mayor reported** that the Village fared pretty well after the heavy rain and that culvert and stream debris clean-up is progressing well.

**The Mayor announced** that he will be going to Washington, D.C., to discuss the Ford Plant with Rep. David Joyce and Ford representatives.

**Councilman Brian Spitznagel** said he was disheartened by the memo from the Mayor that reported that the Village did not receive any of the Casino Settlement Fund money. The Mayor said the money was distributed before the State Legislature passed the proposed amendment to give Walton Hills some of the last \$1million payout.

# Spotlight on

## Denny Harkai

### One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Denny Harkai has found the fountain of youth. What is his secret? Keep physically fit, continue to work, and have lots of fun! Denny turned 71 on April 12th and he would never think of slowing down. He is often seen riding one of his eight motorcycles / motorbikes to the Walton Hills Lake or through Bedford Reservation or racing his radio control cars at the Walton Hills International Raceway at T.G. Young Park.

Denny and his wife Patty moved into the Village in January of 2005. They had been looking for a house with a backyard that abutted the Metroparks for over five years. While riding his motorbike through the Village on one particularly lovely fall afternoon, Denny saw a "For Sale" sign in front of a house on Hickory Drive. He called Patty and told her that he just found their house. They looked at the house on a Sunday afternoon and they closed the deal on the following Tuesday. Denny would rather live at his home in Walton Hills than anyplace else in the world! He wouldn't sell his home for \$1 million. He might consider \$2 million dollars, but he would have to find a place better than where he currently lives, which would be quite an undertaking. He loves having the park in his backyard and loves all of the animals that make their home in our peaceful village. He recently took a quiet break and appreciated the beauty of a fox for twenty minutes!

Denny is a member of the first class that graduated from Chanel High School in 1961. He met Patty in the fall of 1977. He dated her on and off for 20 years. They were married in 1997. According to Denny, "she waited for me to become perfect!" Denny has two daughters, Debbie and Kimberly, and three grandchildren.

Denny gives his father credit for pointing



**Denny and his family. Denny is seated at the table, second from the left. He is thrilled that his mother (seated next to him) is still enjoying life as she looks forward to her 97th birthday in October!**

his life in the right direction. When Denny was 13, he and his friend were caught stealing pop bottles to obtain the deposit money from a local store. When his father found out, instead of getting mad, he drove his son and his friend down to the local golf course and told them if they wanted money, they would have to earn it. Denny caddied at the Canterbury Golf Course for seven years and has been working ever since. His next job was at a motor scooter shop fixing Lambretta motor scooters – he still has the one he bought in high school. He then attended the University of Cincinnati and majored in marketing and business administration. While away at school, he worked at Higbee's department store and then became a fitness instructor. After his first daughter was born, he discovered he could make more money selling cookware, china, crystal, silverware, flatware, cutlery and lane cedar chests door to door, which he did for 25 years. He had his own business and his market was single working girls (one of his customers eventually became his wife Patty!) After he sold his business, he became the national sales manager for Inflatable Images for seven years. While dealing with inflatables

in a blizzard, he talked Garth Finch of the Carlisle & Finch Co. into giving him a job, and he became the company's director of sales for yacht searchlights. His clients are yacht builders and system integrators. He annually attends boat shows in Monaco (September) and Fort Lauderdale (October). He loves his job and he never intends to retire!

Denny started bodybuilding in 1963. He competed for over 20 years, twice in the Mr. America contest. He won 26 titles including Mr. Cleveland in 1964 and Mr. Ohio Power in 1968. He no longer competes, because it involves too much training. In addition, winning at the national level involves the use of steroids, which he is adamantly opposed to and has never used. He still works out every day, and is halfway through his 52nd year of bodybuilding.

Denny has been flying model airplanes since he was nine years old. He flew model airplanes at the national level for seven years. The instructor that taught him to fly was a five time national champion and a four time world champion. Denny never won nationals, but he was one of the top ten flyers in the country. He has been racing radio control cars since 1967, and was instrumental in the opening of the Walton Hills International Raceway at T.G. Young Park in 2011. Denny also enjoys riding his four motorcycles and four motor scooters, swimming, walking, and playing pool. He is a member of the Walton Hills Men's Club and Walton Hills Lake.

Walton Hills will always be home to Denny and Patty. If they could move anywhere else in the world, they wouldn't!

## **We Salute Our Veterans This Memorial Day**

By Jim Pemberton

We salute every soldier who's served this great nation,  
And offer a heart of thanks and appreciation;

We salute each member of our armed forces,  
And are thankful for their efforts and resources;

We salute the many who protect our borders too,  
We'd be in trouble... if not for people like YOU;

We salute every son and daughter lost in a war,  
YOU are what serving this country is meant for;

We salute the officers who've guided our women and men,  
Our prayers are with you, and our love from within;

We salute our veterans, wherever they may be,  
Those who served on land, air and sea;

Offering prayer to the Lord is our belief,  
That he will guide our Commander-in-Chief;

As we observe Memorial Day this year,  
Let's offer our soldiers love, hope and cheer;

May God bless them in all they endeavor,  
And His peace be with them today and forever!



# *Memorial Day*

*May 26, 2014*

*Village of Walton Hills, Ohio*



**With Honor & Gratitude**  
**We Remember**

## Congressman David Joyce

Our keynote speaker, Congressman David Joyce, is a lifelong Ohioan who has dedicated his life to family and community. Upon graduation from the University of Dayton, he worked as a public defender in Cuyahoga County. He served as Geauga County Prosecutor since 1988. Throughout his career, he has assisted in numerous counties throughout Ohio as a special prosecutor. Some of his case and trial work has been featured on national shows such as "48 Hours" on CBS. In November 2012, Mr. Joyce was elected to the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress to represent the 14<sup>th</sup> district of Ohio. He serves on the influential House Committee on Appropriations where he makes it a priority to make government work more efficient and effective and protect American tax dollars. He resides in Russell Township with his wife and three children.



**Raine Austen**

Our National Anthem vocalist, Raine Austen, has an extended vocal range of light-opera to contemporary fashion. She is no stranger to the stage in the music industry. This gifted singer has been formally invited to sing at hundreds of specialty and formal events – including those for international Presidents, Diplomats and Ambassadors. Singing since before she was born, so her mom claims, this local resident spent her life front and center on stages large and small. Raine's music career led her down many interesting paths including TV and radio commercials, as a demo singer and background singer at recording studios, as a choral arranger within the churches and gospel music genres, and as a solo recording artist with four CDs under her belt after an eight year sojourn in Nashville as a singer / songwriter. Raine is best known for reaching into the heart and touching the soul from the stage. To learn her full story, please log on to her website at [www.raineausten.com](http://www.raineausten.com).



## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

May 26, 2014 – 8:30 A.M.

1. Introduction by Mayor Kevin Hurst
2. The Raising of the Flag by Drew and Halle Durdak (residents) and Ross Genchi and Nick Liszka from Northfield -Saint Barnabas Boy Scout Troop 575
3. The singing of our National Anthem by Raine Austen
4. Pledge of Allegiance led by resident Veteran Julius Kerekes, Master Sergeant, U.S. Army.
5. Keynote Address by Congressman David Joyce
6. Rifle salute by Walton Hills Police Sergeant Pete Kanjuka, Sergeant Dave Kwiatkowski and Officer Tom Cercek
7. Memorial wreath presented to our departed comrades by resident Veteran Paul Jablonski, Sergeant E-5, U.S. Marine Corps
8. Taps and Echo performed by Bedford High School students Nicholas Clark and Raelene Jones

*Please join us for refreshments in the Community Room*