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 Councilwoman

On behalf of the Village of Walton Hills, I would like to wish all of our residents a safe and Happy New Year!

2013 has been quite a year for our Village, and I wanted to start off by giving a preview of the Village's closing statements for the year. Facing some challenges to start the year, we passed a budget with a projected \$3 million balance in our coffers to end the year. This budget was passed with the knowledge that we would have deficit spending, yet I felt very strongly that we would somehow overcome the deficit. Through the hard work of our Council and the administration, we are estimating to successfully close out fiscal year 2013 with more than \$500,000 in the black! This was the first time since 2007 that our Village had seen such a positive outcome.

This didn't happen by mistake, either. When the new administration came in, we were handed a balance of less than \$5 million – down from the \$10 million that the previous administration had to work with. I can proudly say that in just three years, we now have a balanced budget with a surplus. After all is said and done for 2013, we will close out the books with at least \$3.5 million. This didn't happen without planning the work and working the plan – as I like to say. The Council and I have been very diligent in pursuing the proper way of establishing a balanced budget, and these results are a great sign of progress.

Our economic environment has also changed. We now use a four point approach that includes promotion, economic restructuring, organization and values (our

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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.



Mayor's Letter

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main approach that applies to the core principles of what we are trying to accomplish). Through working with both the private and public sectors, we have successfully pursued grants and worked directly with all of the business owners in our community – maintaining open lines of communication throughout. I consider it my essential duty to be available to our business owners at all times, and they not only have access to my office phone, but my cell phone as well. It is a working relationship that has truly been working, and I am thankful for the comfort level that exists between us. They are always free to call me and receive assistance or input whenever needed.

I know some individuals in the community may believe we now have a surplus due to the recent 1/2 percent income tax increase that was passed in May; however, it is important to note that we did not start collecting this tax until August. This has allowed us to generate approximately \$200,000 and utilize it for much needed roadwork. These capital expenditures were placed on hold pending the passage of the income tax levy. Rest assured, however, that we are still watching our books and continuing to provide our residents first rate services.

Although the Ford Econoline Van production is scheduled to end in June, I want to reassure the community that our future still looks very bright. Our plan for the Village is to continue forward, exploring every opportunity that presents itself in order to redevelop the Ford plant. Since 2011, we have worked diligently with the private sector to make the proper connections at the local, state and federal levels. So far, we have been very successful with the first part of our efforts, and I am very confident that we will have an exciting second half as well!

This time of year, it is important to recognize how truly blessed we are as a Village. We have many caring individuals who are working together to solve problems and keep our community on a successful path. I know I speak for the administration when I say we take tremendous pride in our jobs and our Village.

We will continue to keep our ears to the ground, listening for your comments and concerns. We will also continue to address

all issues important to our residents and businesses. 2013 has truly been a successful year for Walton Hills, and I am very confident that 2014 will bring with it even more success. I look forward to working together to provide more trips, more programs, and even greater services to our residents. There are also some great opportunities that exist which include the Northfield Park Rockino. I am confident that we will receive some additional revenue from this establishment. I am also very optimistic about our efforts to build a solid relationship with a private sector enterprise. Recently, we have seen great success with providing dispatch services for Oakwood, and we will continue to pursue providing this service for other communities. We have also been one of the first communities to partner with MBIS to provide our community with Building Department services, and now there are seven communities utilizing MBIS. The majority of costs from this program have been paid for through fees for permits and contractors' registrations. As a Village, we are dedicated to continuing to demonstrate a level-headed approach to problem solving.

As a father for many years, working side-by-side with my wife, we have always followed a very good recipe of time, patience, attention to detail and a solid foundation. We look forward to doing this in 2014. It's important to remember as a Village, where we came from to where we currently are at. At times it was a rough ride, but we finally turned the ship around. I am excited to continue on this path, progressing forward in a successful manner.

May you and your family have a blessed and peaceful New Year!

Sincerely serving you,

Kevin Hurst

Mayor/Safety and Economic Director,

I.G.I.T.



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Walton Hills Police Department Information

The Walton Hills Police Department has recently taken reports regarding a telephone scam. This scam consists of an initial phone call where the caller has identified themselves as a representative from the Publishers Clearing House Prize Control Department. They then advise the resident that they have won a large amount of money and a new car. The alleged Publishers Clearing House representative tells the resident that in order to collect the prize, they must go to a store and purchase a Green Dot MoneyPak prepaid card in the amount of \$505.00. The caller will advise the resident that these cards can be purchased at local stores like Walmart and CVS. The resident is then given a telephone number to call after they have returned home with the Green Dot card. They are instructed to scratch the silver bar on the back of the card and read the number to the person on the phone along with the receipt number. Giving that information to the caller gives them the ability to transfer the amount of money uploaded to that card. After the caller obtains the information from the Green Dot card, they tell the victim (resident) that they will deliver their prize within an hour and the prize is never delivered. The prizes range in nature from \$1 million dollars to a new car or both. In some cases the caller then calls back and requests another Green Dot card be purchased, resulting in hundreds of dollars being given to the scam artist. In the past, the phone numbers that these calls have originated from have 212 or 516 area codes.

Please be advised that the above is an example of only one of many current scams. Be aware that when you are contacted by

phone or email and asked to pay or transfer funds to collect a prize you have won, it is most likely a scam. Do not provide personal information including your birthdate, social security number, or bank and credit card account information to anyone who contacts you by phone and requests this information until you can verify the identity of the caller. Also be aware that the above dollar amounts requested and the area codes that calls originated from are just examples from some of the incidents that have been reported. It is very likely that the amounts and area codes will be changed for future scam attempts.



Above is an image of a Green Dot MoneyPak pre-paid card for your reference. If you are unfamiliar with this product, it is a card that is pre-loaded with a certain amount of money where the dollar amount can be transferred into a PayPal account. If you feel you have been a victim of a scam or receive a phone call of this nature, please contact the Walton Hills Police Department at (440) 232-1313 before you take any other action.

Resident Ken Jecmen Sworn in as Auxiliary Police Officer



On December 6, 2013 longtime Walton Hills' resident Kenneth Jecmen was sworn-in by Mayor Kevin Hurst as a Walton Hills Police Auxiliary Officer. Ken previously served as a Bedford Auxiliary Officer for 20 years before his new position at the Walton Hills Police Department. Congratulations Ken!



November Ticket Summary

Disorderly Conduct	2	Seatbelt Violations	2
Driving Under Suspension	13	Speeding	48
Expired Plates	8	Stop and Yield Signs	2
Faulty Exhaust	2	Traffic Control Lights	3
No Operator's License on Person	3	Miscellaneous Traffic Offenses	23
OVI / Alcohol / Liquor	2	Total Offenses for November	108

Village Food Pantry

Did you know that the Village has a food pantry to assist our residents in need? We accept all non-perishable food items and paper products. We are currently in need of coffee, tea bags, cereal, oatmeal, Pop Tarts, granola bars, and canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, pineapples, etc.), toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, and toothpaste. Please do not donate expired food. Your assistance to help your fellow resident is greatly appreciated!



Thank You Carol James Florist

Our most sincere appreciation is extended to Carol James Florist, located at 451 Broadway Avenue in Bedford, for donating a beautiful floral arrangement for display in the Village Hall lobby every week. They also did a wonderful job of decorating the Christmas tree in our lobby this year!

Please patronize this wonderful florist!

Their phone number is 440.786.1811.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH

Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Chairwoman of Information Committee

In the Village Community Room this afternoon, I, along with nine other residents, attended the first meeting of Walton Hills Neighborhood Block Watch Program. It was facilitated by Patrolman Russ Vodila, a ten year veteran of our Village Police Department. It was just a meet and greet, all of us getting to know one another. Some of us were meeting new villagers for the first time, and some of us were reminiscing with old friends. A couple of the participants have lived in the Village almost their entire life, while others just a few years. But one thing we all had in common was our desire to keep our Village a safe place to live and raise our families.

It was a coed group, five men and four women. We were all eager to learn about the Neighborhood Block Watch and what it entails. Contrary to what some people might think, the participant will not be walking around the streets with a flashlight and cell phone! All that is required of a participant is to pay attention to their surroundings as they go about living their daily lives.

What is a Neighborhood Block Watch you ask? They have been around since the 1960's. By definition it is: "Citizens and Police working in partnership to reduce crimes and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods." It is neighbors getting to know each other, instilling a greater sense of security and well-being, and reducing the fear of crime in the community. It is putting the meaning of "neighbor" back into the neighborhood.

Back in the day, we might have called these individuals busy-bodies. They were the ones who could tell you the color of the couch you just had delivered from Sears, or what time your kid came home from a date, or if the Orkin man was spraying for pests around your house. All kidding aside, these individuals were actually doing us and the neighborhood a favor; they were LOOKING OUT FOR US. They were PAYING ATTENTION to what was going on in our neighborhood. In a way they were the precursor to the Neighborhood Block Watch participant!

Because of the opening of the Northfield Park Rocksino, we have an influx of people coming into our Village. Some are on their way to see if Lady Luck has a plan for them and others have a not-so-nice set of plans in their head for our Village and its residents.

We need more Eyes and Ears paying attention to what is going on in our Village. Participants in our Neighborhood Block Watch can make that happen. If they observe or hear something that



is unusual, they will report it to our Police Department and the trained professionals will handle the situation from that point on.

The Neighborhood Block Watch participant's only job is to OBSERVE and REPORT UNUSUAL ACTIVITY in our Village in the course of their daily routines - nothing more, nothing less. By communicating with each other, and working with our Police Department as a team, we can continue to enjoy the best that Walton Hills has to offer.

Our next Neighborhood Block Watch meeting will be in January; why not stop in and learn what it is all about? This is OUR Village; it takes ALL of its residents looking out for each other to keep it safe. WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE? No pun intended!

(Note: the date of the next meeting had not been set at the time of this publication. Call Officer Russ Vodila at the Police Department at 440.232.1313 for more information.)



January Recreation News

Carol Stanoszek, Recreation Director (440) 786-2964 stanoszekc@waltonhillsohio.gov
Mary Brenner, Recreation and Community Life Committee Chairwoman

Event: PRINCESS PARTY

Date: Thursday, January 2nd

Time: 1 pm to 3pm

Site: Community Room

Cost: \$5 for residents;
\$7 for non-residents

Note: Join us for an afternoon of magical princess fun! Wear your prettiest party dress and meet some of your favorite princesses! Do some crafts, enjoy a princess treat, and win some princess prizes! Mandatory RSVP by December 27th! Call 440.786.2964. Don't miss this very special party! You will have a royally good time!

Event: SENIOR LUNCH

Date: Monday, January 27th

Time: 11:15am

Site: Community Room

Cost: \$7.00

Note: A speaker will join us today to discuss the importance of sleep. Please RSVP by 1/23.

Event: CAROL'S BOOKWORMS

Date: Monday, January 27th

Time: 7pm

Site: Community Room

Cost: Please bring an item for our Village food pantry

Note: Book to be announced. Thinking about joining our book club for the new year? Call Carol at 440.786.2964.



(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).

A Special Thank You from Carol

I would like to thank all those who gave us gifts and bakery while we were making our rounds for Santa Delivery! Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated!

May you and yours have a very happy, healthy New Year!

New Directory to be Published This Spring

Please check your 2010-2011 Village Directory to make sure that all of the information pertaining to your listing is correct. If there is something you would like to change, please complete the 2014 Directory Information form below and drop it in the white Village mailbox marked "Attention Jane" by March 17th. If you do not have a current Directory and would like to review your listing, call Jane or Lisa at 440.232.7800.

Please note: the addresses of all residents who moved into the Village after the last Directory was published in 2011 will be included **unless** we are notified otherwise. **We will not print the phone number unless we receive permission.**

2014 DIRECTORY INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL) _____

Trash Pickup Affected / Not Affected by Holidays

Trash will not be picked up on New Year's Day, which is Wednesday, January 1st. Therefore, trash pickup will be delayed one day that week. If your normal pickup day is Thursday, trash will be picked up on Friday. If your normal pickup day is Friday, trash will be picked up on Saturday.

Although Monday, January 20th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and a federal holiday, it will not affect the trash collection schedule. Trash will be picked up on the normal day that week.



Christmas Tree Removal

Live Christmas trees will be picked up by the Service Department beginning the first week of January, weather permitting. Any live Christmas trees can be brought out to the roadside with all decorations, wires, lights, etc. removed.



Legislation Unanimously Approved At the 12.17.13 Council Meeting

2013 Council meeting minutes are available in their entirety on the Village website

Ordinance No. 2013-22, amends Chapter 242.12 of the Codified Ordinances, "Holidays for Full-time Officers," to be in conformity with the Fair Labor Standards Act, which has no provision for holiday time to be carried over as compensatory time.

Ordinance No. 2013-23, amends Chapter 260 of the Codified Ordinances to establish new employee positions and new wage rates.

Ordinance No. 2013-24, enacts revised comprehensive storm water management regulations.

Ordinance No. 2013-25, enacts revised erosion and sediment control regulations.

Resolution No. 2013-26, makes final permanent appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013.

Ordinance No. 2013-27, makes permanent appropriations for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014.

Swearing-in Ceremony for Council Members

The four members of Council who were re-elected will be sworn in on Wednesday, January 1st at 1pm in the Community Room. Please join us to congratulate Denny Linville, Paul Rich, Brian Spitznagel, and Gloria Terlosky as they take the oath of office to begin their next four year term on Council!

Opportunity for Students Interested in Politics and Government

ATTENTION!! Students between the 7th and 12th grades, if you are interested in politics and how our government works and want to experience first hand writing legislation, please contact the Village Hall at 440.232.7800. 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.



Village Hall Closed on January 20th

**The Village Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20th
in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**

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 or call him at 216.408.0590. For more information, visit his newly designed website: www.playersi.com



EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES

Padua Franciscan High School

Padua Franciscan High School, located at 6740 State Road in Parma, is the second largest Catholic high school and the largest private, co-educational secondary school in northeast Ohio. It was founded in 1961 as a school for boys and became co-educational in 1983. It is one of less than twenty high schools officially chartered by the State of Ohio as college-preparatory. Padua was named one of the nation's top 50 Catholic secondary schools in 2004 by the Action Institute.

Padua's current enrollment is approximately 800 students. The school year is made up of two 90-day semesters with four nine-week grading periods. The school day has eight 40-minute periods and a 23-minute lunch period. Faculty, plus the administrative and counseling staff, total 67; 42 of these individuals have master's degrees or beyond. Padua's academic program encompasses all curricular areas, and 23 Honors classes and 9 Advanced Placement classes are offered.

Padua bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. He believed that kindness, generosity, friendship and respect for all living beings lie at the heart of all learning. Padua's mission is to develop the unique talents of each student, while giving them the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond, hence its marketing statement "We'll get you there." Their goal is to instill in their students the skills necessary for a lifetime of learning, giving them an appreciation for others and those less fortunate, and developing

in them a personal relationship with and commitment to Jesus Christ "*In Holiness and Learning.*"

Padua's Spiritual Life program helps students to grow in their faith. Campus Ministry offers several opportunities for leadership experiences in Student Ministries. Students are given the opportunity to develop relationships with the poor or marginalized by service and peace/justice experiences. Students may participate in international and/or domestic mission trips. Trips are currently taken to the Dominican Republic and Franciscans for the Poor in Cincinnati. Students have the opportunity to attend at least one retreat experience each year, which are designed to meet both developmental and spiritual needs. Theology courses are required every semester, five days a week, for all four years that a student attends Padua.

There are many opportunities for creative expression in the Fine Arts Department. Both curricular and co-curricular opportunities are offered in both the performing and visual arts including design, graphics, music (vocal and instrumental), photography, studio art and theatre. The curriculum includes 29 different courses.

Students participate in a wide variety of extracurricular activities, with over 30 clubs and organizations from which to choose. These include Drama Club, Foreign Language Clubs and trips, Mock Trial, Quiz Team, Science Club, Art Club, Horizon Magazine, Robotics Challenge,

Speech & Forensics Team, Yearbook, Key Club, Teen Institute, Craft Club, Ski Club, Wilderness Club and Chess Club. Students also participate in a wide variety of fall, winter, and spring sports. The baseball team, the Padua Bruins, is a strong contender in the North Coast League, and its nationally-ranked volleyball team became Division 3 state champions this year.

Padua's MedTrack program was one of only 12 schools nationwide that were named a 2013 recipient of the Innovations in Catholic Education award by *Today's Catholic Teacher* magazine. MedTrack is a four-year advanced science and math program focused on helping students explore and prepare for careers in healthcare in the Franciscan tradition. The MedTrack program, launched in 2009, is believed to be the first of its kind.

Padua is looking for students who are enthusiastic about learning, eager to make new friends, open to new ideas, goal-oriented, committed to excellence, and who have a desire to discover their full potential so they can make a real difference in the world. To find out more about Padua, visit their website at www.paduafranciscan.com or call them at 440.845.2444, ext. 111.

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Calendar of Events

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Swearing-in of Council Members 1pm	2 Princess Party 1pm	3 Trash Pickup (1 day later)	4 Trash Pickup (1 day later)
5	6 Blood Drive 2-6pm Men's Club Mtg. Scoreboards 6:30pm Women's Club Board Mtg. 7pm	7 COW Mtg. 6pm	8	9 Mayor's Court 4pm	10	11
12	13 50 Plus Club Board Mtg. 10am Historical Center Open 1-3 & 7-8:30pm	14 COW Mtg. 6pm	15 Antique Auto Club Mtg. 7pm	16	17	18
19	20 Village Hall Closed (MLK Day) 50 Plus Club Mtg. 1pm	21 Council Caucus / Council Mtg. 6pm	22 Women's Club Mtg. 7:30pm	23 Mayor's Court 4pm	24	25
26	27 Senior Lunch 11:30am Carol's Bookworms 7pm	28	29	30	31	

Week of January 1st: Trash pickup will be one day later due to the New Year's holiday

Women's Exercise Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Community Room

Mahjongg - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ

Knit-Wits 2 Needles - Tuesdays from 1 to 3pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ

For the most up-to-date info, call the Village Voice Info Line 440.735.5001 Option 5

Extra copies of the Walton Hills Journal are available at the Village Hall



NOW OFFERING

Aquatic therapy services

University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center is now offering aquatic therapy services at the Bedford Heights Community Center.

Aquatic therapy benefits patients with:

- Arthritis
- Chronic or acute back pain
- Difficulty walking or climbing stairs

It is also useful as part of a total rehabilitation program following hip or knee surgery or stroke. Aquatic therapy services at the community center are provided by licensed physical therapists from UH Bedford Medical Center.

Call **440-735-4748** for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Please note: A referral from your primary care physician is required.



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