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Journal



Dear Neighbors and Friends,

2015 promises to be a year of real growth in the Village of Walton Hills. Our community has several exciting projects planned and some have already been put into action:

- 1) The **R.E.S.C.U.E.** safety program is fully operational. This program provides emergency service personnel with vital information on residents during times of emergency. To find out more and to schedule an appointment to utilize this program, please call Carol Stanoszek, our Recreation Director, at 440.786.2964.
- 2) Our Village is experiencing very positive growth with many of our businesses. Several expansions are underway, including NPK Construction Equipment. They are surveying their property for a large expansion of 50,000 sq. ft. for a complete new division.
- 3) Walton Plastics is tying into another two buildings to expand and grow their company.
- 4) Smith & Oby is adding another 9,000 sq. ft. to their existing building.
- 5) You may notice that the parking lot at the old UAW Hall is full during work hours. This is because Integral Inc. has purchased that land and is working on the future growth of their business with more expansion and new product lines.
- 6) We have five different businesses taking advantage of the Community Development Block

Grant program that we started in August of 2014. These companies are replacing windows, garage doors and roofs on their buildings. This is all being accomplished because your elected officials applied for a targeted improvement grant which allows businesses in our industrial area to apply for grants and 0% loans for improvement to their businesses for up to ten years. Please look around and see the growth taking place and the positive state of affairs that our Village is experiencing with leaders that work together.

I have given you some great examples of growth in the business sector of our village. This potentially equates to more jobs, more revenue and a better tax base. Never before have we had so much opportunity for improvement and advancement in our industrial area. The whole concept is simple; if we work with our business owners and give them the opportunity to reinvest and expand, we all win and grow. We understand that Ford is closed and soon the property will be re-developed. However, we cannot afford to have the "wait and see" attitude. We must focus on the entire industrial area, not just one business, as we did in the past with Ford Motor Company. We cannot grow the crop if we do not plant the seeds.

Remember **TEAM WORK MAKES The DREAM WORK.** Please have an enjoyable, safe and Blessed Easter Holiday.

Sincerely serving you,

Kevin Hurst

Mayor/Safety and Economic Director, **I.G.I.T.**



NPK Construction Equipment is surveying their property for a 50,000 sq. ft. expansion for a new division.



COMFORTABLY FUN

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Win a 2015 Buick Encore! Every Saturday at 7PM, we are giving away a new car to a lucky Rock Star Rewards member. If a Buick is not your thing, take the cash option instead. For every 10 Base points you earn in April, you'll receive an additional entry into the drawings.

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Your Village Officials

Top row: Councilpersons Gloria Terlosky, Paul Rich, Mary Brenner-Miller, Brian Spitznagel

Bottom row: Councilman Don Kolograf, Mayor Kevin Hurst, Councilman Denny Linville

Legislation Unanimously Approved at the 3.17.15 Council Meeting

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

Ordinance No 2015-1 increases the wage rate scale for the position of Assistant Street Commissioner.

Ordinance No. 2015-2 approves and adopts the Codified Ordinance updates.

Resolution No. 2015-12 authorizes an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to purchase rock salt.

Resolution No. 2015-13 accepts the bid for the Senior or Handicapped Resident Lawn Care Program.

Resolution No. 2015-14 accepts the bid for the Sagamore Road Water Main Replacement.

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.

Please patronize this wonderful florist! **Their phone number is 440.786.1811.**



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Walton Hills is on the Move!

Walton Hills Sold Housing Activity for 2014

Sale Date	Address	Year Built	SqFt	List Price	Sale Price	MT
01/21/14	14017 Ryan Dr	2001	3272	\$329,900	\$325,000	25
01/31/14	18770 Dellwood Dr	1966	2350	\$194,900	\$185,000	42
02/10/14	7400 N Meadowpark Dr	1958	1200	\$150,000	\$131,750	187
04/14/14	7137 Chestnut Dr	1967	2000	\$189,000	\$185,000	65
05/15/14	7480 Mclellan Dr	1953	1740	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	217
06/13/14	18500 Carmany Dr	1967	1940	\$159,900	\$150,000	5
07/03/14	7529 N Meadowpark Dr	1965	2300	\$109,900	\$102,500	134
08/06/14	16200 Ceile Circle	2003	2932	\$399,900	\$385,000	39
08/07/14	19723 Colonial Ct	1980	4646	\$265,000	\$245,000	26
08/19/14	19046 Laurel Dr	1990	2299	\$240,000	\$230,000	303
09/02/14	7077 Kral Dr	1961	3098	\$185,900	\$177,000	71
09/02/14	7737 Regency Dr	1986	1992	\$259,000	\$256,000	4
09/10/14	18816 Alexander Rd	1952	1714	\$189,500	\$179,000	87
10/03/14	18307 Alexander Rd	1956	2000	\$145,000	\$140,000	25
10/15/14	7161 Deeridge Dr	1967	5000	\$194,500	\$189,000	67
10/31/14	18170 Jefferson Dr	1954	1509	\$176,900	\$165,000	29
11/17/14	17570 Hicks Rd	1962	2360	\$199,999	\$195,500	357
11/19/14	7656 Mclellan Dr	1951	1160	\$140,000	\$134,000	139
11/20/14	6980 Shaner Dr	1967	2296	\$149,900	\$143,000	179
12/12/14	7833 Summerset Dr	1964	2080	\$184,900	\$172,500	56
Average	\$/SqFt: 84.62			\$197,955	\$189,263	103

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Walton Hills Police Department Information

Kenn Thellmann, Chief of Police
Councilman Denny Linville, Safety Committee Chair

A Look into Our Walton Hills Communications Center

On February 27th Dispatch Supervisor Sharon Szczepanski and Dispatcher Abby Frejofsky had an audit with LEADS Ohio (Law Enforcement Automated Data System). This audit was on all of our data entries for Walton Hills and Oakwood Village, such as warrants, stolen vehicles, stolen guns, and requests for registrations to vehicles, driving records, etc. into the LEADS system. While the auditors go through everything to make sure all information is entered and entered correctly, we did comply with all of our entries. We had a near perfect audit with only 3 minor errors out of 377 warrants that were reviewed and entered at the time of the audit. All of our stolen vehicles/license plates, protection orders, stolen guns, missing persons/juveniles and articles had no errors. This is a very difficult task to accomplish while dispatching, but our near perfect audit clearly shows all of our dispatchers take pride in their job and work.

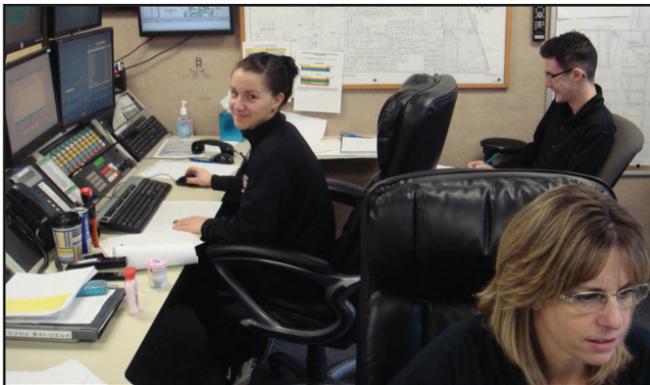
Look at how our Communications Center has evolved from 40 years ago!



1975, Officer James Handzo



2015 – Dispatcher Annisa Hansen



Dispatcher Abby Frejofsky and Trainee Cody Tokarcik

**Welcome to our three new
dispatch hires:**



Patrick Kotar
Susan Swartz
Cody Tokarcik



FRAUD ALERT

Now that the tax filing date of April 15th is quickly approaching, we felt it necessary to repost information about a fake IRS scam that residents have been reporting. You may get a phone call from someone stating that they are the IRS and they have a warrant for your arrest or they are going to arrest you for money owed to the IRS. They will tell you, in order to get the warrant removed or not get arrested, you must give them your bank account numbers for them to withdraw the funds, or send them a check or get a pre-paid credit card and give them the account number and pin number for them to withdraw the funds. This is a scam! Do not give anyone your bank account numbers, issue a check or purchase a pre-paid card. If you receive a call like this, simply hang up; they will not call you back. If you get the call on your answering machine, do not call them back. If the IRS contacts you, you will receive notification by U.S. mail or certified mail. Report any calls of this nature to the Walton Hills Police Department immediately.

Walton Hills Police Department Information

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Welcome Officer Mowery

On February 27th, Brent Mowery was sworn-in as our newest part-time police officer by Mayor Kevin Hurst. The ceremony was attended by many Walton Hills police officers and dispatchers. Officer Mowery came from the Vienna Twp. Police Department. A big welcome to Officer Mowery and best of luck to you!



Pictured left: Mayor Hurst administers the oath of office to Officer Mowery while Chief Thellmann holds the Bible.
Center: Mayor Hurst congratulates Officer Mowery.
Pictured right: Chief Thellmann presents Officer Mowery with his badge.



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April Recreation News

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

Event: MUFFINS WITH THE MAYOR**Date: Tuesday, April 14th**

Time: 9am

Site: Community Room

Cost: Free!

Note: Can't come to a council meeting but still want to be updated on what's going on in the Village? Do you have any questions to ask the Mayor? This gathering is for you! RSVP to 440.786.2964 by 4/9

Event: SENIOR LUNCH**Date: Monday, April 27th**

Time: 11:15am

Site: Community Room

Cost: \$5.00

Note: Have a nice lunch with neighbors and friends. Board the Titanic, and enjoy a wonderful Titanic meal. Listen to the Unsinkable Molly Brown! RSVP by 4/22.

Event: CAROL'S BOOKWORMS**Date: Monday, April 27th**

Time: 7pm

Site: Community Room Library

Cost: One item for our food pantry

Note: Join book lovers talking about books!

CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Last month we read and discussed the book, "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. We rated this book:



Out of 5

Happy Easter

Camp Counselors Needed

Applications for summer park camp counselors can be picked up in the Recreation and Community Life Department or found online at www.waltonhillsohio.gov through April 13th. Applicants must be willing to work with children, enjoy the outdoors, and be at least 18 years of age.

Transportation Services

The Recreation Department offers transportation services for senior and disabled residents. Availability is Monday through Thursday from 9am to 3:30pm. Our drivers are trained to provide safe transportation and are caring and professional. For more information or if you have any questions, please call Carol or Karleen at 440.786.2964.

Parker Program

Applications for the Parker program are available online or at the Village Hall.

The deadline to register is May 1st.

Driver Needed

There is an opening for a part-time driver for the Recreation and Community Life Department to transport residents to and from appointments, Monday through Thursday. Applicants must be in good physical shape, have patience and enjoy helping seniors. Applicants must have a CDL license and a good driving record. Applications are available at the Village Hall or online on www.waltonhillsohio.gov. For additional information, call Carol at 440.786.2964.



EASTER EGG HUNT Walton Hills Church of Christ

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Walton Hills Church of Christ, located at 7166 Dunham Road, on Saturday, April 4th at 10am.

This is a free event, fun for all children up to age 12.

Senior or Handicapped Resident Lawn Care Program

To be eligible to participate in the Senior or Handicapped Resident Lawn Care Program, you must be either a senior age 65 or older or have a handicap which prevents you from cutting the lawn, have earned income of less than \$10,000 and have no other person residing with you who is capable of providing lawn care service. Handicapped residents must provide a doctor's certificate relative to their handicap.

Residents can apply for lawn cutting and leaf pickup service, lawn cutting only, or leaf pickup only. Applications are available at the Village Hall or can be downloaded from the Village website. Residents have the option of paying in full for the entire season or paying in two installments. A check, made payable to the "Village of Walton Hills" for the appropriate amount, should be included with the application. The application is to be mailed or placed in the Village Hall mailbox marked "Senior Lawn Care Program" on the outside of the envelope. All prices include edging driveways and walkways, collecting and disposing of grass clippings, and general trimming around trees and shrubbery.

Lawn cutting season is from approximately April 15th to October 31st depending on the weather. Leaves will be picked up in late fall, depending on weather conditions. Maximum grass height shall be no higher than 3.5 inches throughout the lawn cutting

season. The service provider is not responsible for removing leaves from flower/shrub beds. Residents may remove leaves from flower/shrub beds to be picked up by the service provider. Leaves will be placed at the street for removal by the Walton Hills Service Department.

Residents will sign a service agreement detailing the terms of the program with the lawn care provider. **Please note that the service agreement is NOT with the Village.** It is between the resident and the service provider. The Village is only acting as the bargaining agent for the program. The Village will monitor the performance of the service provider. Any complaints must first go to the provider for correction and not the Village. **There will be no priority list and cutting may not take place on the same day each week.** Service will be between the hours of 8am to 9pm. Home address must be visible on mailbox.

Please keep in mind that full season lawn care payment is due April 10th. The contractor is offering a 3% discount if you pay in full for both lawn care and leaf pickup. If paying in installments, the first installment is due April 10th and the second is due July 10th. For leaf pickup only, payment is due July 10th, but applications must be submitted by April 10th.

Full Season Payment – Due April 10th

Up to 1 acre:	\$ 700.00 (lawn care only)	(\$ 843.90 lawn care & leaf pickup – includes 3% discount)
1 to 2 acres:	\$ 924.00 (lawn care only)	(\$1,119.38 lawn care & leaf pickup – includes 3% discount)
2 to 3 acres:	\$1,260.00 (lawn care only)	(\$1,513.20 lawn care & leaf pickup – includes 3% discount)

First Installment – Payment due April 10th

Up to 1 acre:	\$350.00
1 to 2 acres:	\$462.00
2 to 3 acres:	\$630.00

Second Installment – Payment due July 10th

	(With leaf pickup)	(Without leaf pickup)
Up to 1 acre:	\$520.00	Up to 1 acre: \$350.00
1 to 2 acres:	\$692.00	1 to 2 acres: \$462.00
2 to 3 acres:	\$930.00	2 to 3 acres: \$630.00

Two (2) Leaf Pickups only – Payment due July 10th - Application must be submitted by April 10th

Up to 1 acre:	\$170.00
1 to 2 acres:	\$230.00
2 to 3 acres:	\$300.00



Applications can be picked up at the Village Hall.
If you need an application mailed to you,
please call 440.232.7800.
Applications are also available on our Village website.



Fiscal Officer's Report

Vic Nogalo, Fiscal Officer / Don Kolograf, Finance Committee Chairman

Residents of Cuyahoga County are faced with several taxes. Taxes such as property taxes, income taxes, sales tax, admissions tax and gas tax are the principal ones. The 59 communities in Cuyahoga County each have their own income tax and property tax.

Of the 59 communities, the two townships (Chagrin Falls and Olmsted) are unable to establish an income tax. Only cities and villages are allowed to incorporate an income tax. The only community that does not tax their residents based on income is Hunting Valley. Income tax rates range from 0.0% to 3.0%. The average tax rate for the 56 municipalities who have an income tax rate is exactly 2.0%. One other major factor to take

into consideration is the credit received by the resident working in another community for municipal taxes paid to the working community. This is displayed in the columns titled "credit ceiling" and "credit percent."

Property taxes also vary amongst all the communities. The millage rates below consist of only the municipal portion of the property tax. The majority of the property taxes homeowners pay is allocated to local schools. The average municipal property tax millage for the 59 municipalities is 9.96 mills. Municipal property tax rates range from 0.30 to 31.80 mills in Cuyahoga County.

The chart below and on the next page takes into consideration the two primary taxes: income and property. The chart assumes an average working income of \$62,000 working in a 2.0% taxing community outside of Cuyahoga County. The chart also assumes a homeowner's value of their property of \$125,000. Both the wage amount and home value are considered average for Cuyahoga County. The combination of both taxes paid to the home municipality is listed below from lowest to highest.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Income Taxes</u>				<u>Property Taxes</u>		<u>Total Taxes</u>
	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Credit Ceiling</u>	<u>Credit Percent</u>	<u>Income Tax</u>	<u>Property Tax Mills</u>	<u>Property Tax</u>	
Chagrin Falls Twncsp	0.00%			\$0.00	1.20	\$45.94	\$45.94
Independence	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	2.20	\$84.22	\$84.22
Linndale (CCA)	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	2.80	\$107.19	\$107.19
Glenwillow	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	3.30	\$126.33	\$126.33
Solon	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	3.67	\$140.58	\$140.58
Beachwood	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	4.00	\$153.13	\$153.13
Highland Hts	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	4.00	\$153.13	\$153.13
Mayfield	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	4.22	\$161.58	\$161.58
Brooklyn Hts	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	4.40	\$168.44	\$168.44
Cuyahoga Hts	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	4.40	\$168.44	\$168.44
Middleburg Hts	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	4.71	\$180.18	\$180.18
Brook Park (Ind)	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	4.73	\$181.13	\$181.13
Hunting Valley	0.00%			\$0.00	5.10	\$195.23	\$195.23
Valley View	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	6.70	\$256.48	\$256.48
Walton Hills (Ind)	2.50%	2.50%	100.00%	\$310.00	0.30	\$11.48	\$321.48
Westlake	1.50%	1.50%	100.00%	\$0.00	9.52	\$364.44	\$364.44
Oakwood	2.50%	2.50%	100.00%	\$310.00	3.80	\$145.47	\$455.47

Fiscal Officer's Report (Continued from Page 8)

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	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Credit Ceiling</u>	<u>Credit Percent</u>	<u>Income Tax</u>	<u>Property Tax Mills</u>	<u>Property Tax</u>	
Brecksville	2.00%	2.00%	87.50%	\$155.00	8.21	\$314.29	\$469.29
Woodmere	2.50%	2.50%	100.00%	\$310.00	4.30	\$164.61	\$474.61
North Olmsted	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	13.30	\$509.14	\$509.14
Brooklyn	2.50%	2.50%	100.00%	\$310.00	5.90	\$225.86	\$535.86
Chagrin Falls Village	1.50%	1.50%	75.00%	\$232.50	9.32	\$356.86	\$589.36
Strongsville	2.00%	2.00%	75.00%	\$310.00	7.78	\$297.79	\$607.79
Parma (Ind)	2.50%	2.00%	100.00%	\$310.00	7.60	\$301.74	\$611.74
Broadview Hts	2.00%	2.00%	75.00%	\$310.00	7.91	\$306.57	\$616.57
North Randall (CCA)	2.75%	2.50%	100.00%	\$465.00	4.46	\$170.79	\$635.79
Pepper Pike	1.00%	1.00%	50.00%	\$310.00	9.50	\$363.67	\$673.67
Olmsted Twnsp	0.00%			\$0.00	18.01	\$689.38	\$689.38
Mayfield Hts	1.00%	1.00%	50.00%	\$310.00	10.00	\$382.81	\$692.81
North Royalton	2.00%	1.25%	100.00%	\$465.00	6.05	\$231.67	\$696.67
Rocky River (CCA)	2.00%	1.50%	100.00%	\$310.00	10.90	\$417.27	\$727.27
Bentleyville	1.00%	1.00%	25.00%	\$465.00	7.52	\$287.90	\$752.90
Richmond Hts	2.25%	2.25%	100.00%	\$155.00	15.75	\$602.76	\$757.76
Berea	2.00%	1.50%	100.00%	\$310.00	12.76	\$488.50	\$798.50
Euclid (Ind)	2.85%	2.85%	100.00%	\$527.00	7.31	\$279.84	\$806.84
Gates Mills (CCA)	1.00%	0.50%	50.00%	\$310.00	13.02	\$498.50	\$808.50
Bedford Hts	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	21.90	\$838.36	\$838.36
Olmsted Falls	1.50%	1.50%	50.00%	\$465.00	10.60	\$405.72	\$870.72
Bay Village	1.50%	1.00%	100.00%	\$310.00	14.90	\$570.39	\$880.39
Moreland Hills	1.00%	0.00%	0.00%	\$620.00	7.30	\$279.45	\$899.45
Maple Hts	2.50%	2.50%	100.00%	\$310.00	15.50	\$593.36	\$903.36
Orange	2.00%	1.50%	60.00%	\$682.00	7.10	\$271.80	\$953.80
Seven Hills	2.00%	1.10%	100.00%	\$558.00	11.20	\$428.75	\$986.75
Highland Hills (CCA)	2.50%	2.50%	100.00%	\$310.00	18.06	\$691.50	\$1,001.50
Parma Hts (Ind)	3.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$620.00	10.00	\$382.81	\$1,002.81
Garfield Hts	2.00%	2.00%	100.00%	\$0.00	27.20	\$1,041.25	\$1,041.25
Lyndhurst	2.00%	2.00%	50.00%	\$620.00	11.50	\$440.23	\$1,060.23
Bratenahl (CCA)	1.50%	0.75%	50.00%	\$465.00	16.00	\$612.50	\$1,077.50
Fairview Park	2.00%	1.25%	75.00%	\$658.75	11.61	\$444.50	\$1,103.25
Cleveland (CCA)	2.00%	1.00%	50.00%	\$620.00	12.70	\$500.94	\$1,120.94
Warrensville Hts (CCA)	2.60%	1.30%	50.00%	\$992.00	6.43	\$246.26	\$1,238.26
Lakewood (Ind)	1.50%	1.00%	50.00%	\$620.00	17.40	\$666.09	\$1,286.09
Bedford (Ind)	2.25%	1.50%	100.00%	\$465.00	21.70	\$830.70	\$1,295.70
South Euclid	2.00%	1.00%	75.00%	\$775.00	16.35	\$643.67	\$1,418.67
University Hts	2.50%	1.00%	100.00%	\$930.00	13.20	\$509.14	\$1,439.14
Shaker Hts	2.25%	1.00%	50.00%	\$1,085.00	9.90	\$380.08	\$1,465.08
Cleveland Hts	2.00%	1.00%	50.00%	\$930.00	13.92	\$537.91	\$1,467.91
East Cleveland	2.00%	0.00%	0.00%	\$1,240.00	12.70	\$486.17	\$1,726.17
Newburgh Hts	2.00%	1.00%	60.00%	\$868.00	31.80	\$1,217.34	\$2,085.34



Street Commissioner's Report

Dan Stucky, Street Commissioner

Brush Chipping will begin Monday, April 13th, weather permitting. Remember – no stumps or roots with dirt, no foreign matter in brush piles, nothing larger than 8 inches in diameter, cut "Y" shaped branches in two; no firewood; no logs less than four feet long; separate small from large branches; face cut end of branches toward road.

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District has partnered with Walton Hills and 58 other communities in Cuyahoga County to offer various recycling programs throughout the spring, summer and fall. The collection site will be the Service Garage, located at 6800 Dunham Road, from the hours of 8am to 3:30pm.

Recycle Your Computer will be the first recycling program this year, taking place **April 20th through 24th**. Acceptable home computer equipment includes CPU's, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, terminals, modems, cables, software, and ink printer cartridges. Cell phones and their accessories are also accepted. Computers turned in during this event will be recycled by RET3 Job Corp., a not-for-profit computer recycler that works to give students technology skills for the workplace and, in turn, drive economic development in the region. All computer hard drives will be erased of all data using U.S. Department of Defense specifications. This secure system eradicates all the information stored on your computer and protects your confidentiality. To obtain a tax receipt for your donation, contact the Solid Waste District at swdinfo@cuyahogacounty.us or 216.443.3749 ext. 8. Please provide your name and mailing address. A receipt will be mailed to you.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program will take place **May 18th through May 22nd**. Household hazardous wastes are materials that are marked dangerous, caustic or flammable. The District can only accept materials that originated from a household and not a commercial source. Latex paint will not be accepted. It is comprised mostly of water and is not a hazardous material. To dispose of latex paint, solidify and place with your curbside trash.

Household Material Accepted

- Oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers, or coatings (aerosols or liquids)
- Varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs
- Paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine
- Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
- Caustic household cleaners
- Pool chemicals
- Automotive fluids, motor oil, car batteries
- Adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer
- Kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid
- Mercury, fluorescent bulbs (4 and 6 ft. length)

Materials NOT accepted

- Latex paint
- Explosives, gun powder, ammunition, flares
- Medical waste, pharmaceuticals, medicine, sharps
- Radioactive waste (i.e. smoke detectors)
- Tires
- Electronics, appliances
- Business waste
- Commercial waste
- Compact fluorescent lightbulbs – please recycle at Lowe's or Home Depot

Paper Shredding – Saturday, May 9th – 9am to 12pm

We will be offering a personal shredding service for our residents and businesses on Saturday, May 9th from 9am to 12pm. You will have the opportunity to dispose of old financial statements, tax forms, bills, medical records, and other paper without worrying about identity theft or the effect of dumping paper into the environment!

A powerful, mobile document destruction vehicle will provide quick, confidential destruction and recycling of your items to be shredded. Staples, binder clips and paper clips are acceptable. This program is only for Walton Hills residents / businesses; therefore proof of residency will be required. The shredder and bin will be located at the Village Hall parking lot off of Alexander Road. The program will proceed rain or shine.

We will shred: bank statements, books with hard covers, brochures, cancelled checks, computer printouts, copy paper, envelopes, financial reports, folders, hanging file folders, greeting cards, ledgers, letters, magazines, medical records, pamphlets, tax forms.

We will not shred: plastic bags, boxes, paper products contaminated with food, clothes.

A donation of \$5 for Walton Hills residents and \$10 for Walton Hills businesses would be appreciated. The money will be used to purchase items for our food pantry. You can also donate paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, and tissues), shampoo, toothpaste, soap or cleaning supplies.

Seventeen or Forty-Three, the Choice is Yours!

Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Information Committee Chairwoman / Vice President of the 50 Plus Club

No, I am not talking about picking lottery numbers or how many calories are in the cookie you are about to eat. I am talking about muscles, yes muscles. It takes 17 muscles to create a smile as opposed to 43 to create a frown. A smile is good for your health. A smile that is given or received can make you feel better, mentality and physically. Did you know that babies smile even while they are in the womb, and a blind infant smiles when it hears the sound of his or her mother's voice?

A smile can change your day by changing your attitude. Smiles can open doors, literally and figuratively. I never heard of anyone receiving a job offer by just sitting there frowning at the interviewer. A smile helps you to connect to other people; a smile is a universal welcome. The world always looks brighter from behind a smile. Every day you spend without a smile is a lost day. Do you

realize that you are not fully dressed without a smile on your face? People seldom notice old clothes if you are wearing a big smile, but they will always remember your warm and generous smile. And the great thing about smiles is that one size does fit all.

Life is like a mirror, we get the best results when we smile at it. The first thing I do in the morning is put on my smile and it is the last thing I do at night. What happens in between those hours forms my day. If you take the S from in front of Smile and put it on the back, it spells MILES. We have many paths to travel in our lives, let's do it with a smile on our face and our world will be a better place for all concerned.

One last thought: A smile is like tight underwear – it makes your cheeks go up! **LIFE IS NOT A DRESS REHEARSAL, GO FOR IT!**



SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, May 6th at 1pm @ the Walton Hills Community Room

When was the last time you saw a real feel good movie? Well, on May 6th you can do just that. The Walton Hills 50+ Club is hosting and inviting all villagers and their friends to an "Afternoon at the Movies." We will be showing the movie titled "The Bouquet" just in time for Mother's Day. It's a movie about relationships between a husband and wife, their adult children and their community. It is filled with romance, humor and hope. It's an endearing story about making time for the ones you love. I guarantee you will see yourself in one of the characters, I know I did. Come, sit back, and enjoy the afternoon. It is FREE to ALL villagers, their families, and friends. Refreshments will be served.

Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce Scholarships

Applications for Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce scholarships are available at the Village Hall or on the Village website.

The Chamber gives out three \$1,000 scholarships and graduating seniors from Walton Hills are eligible.

Applications must be received by the Chamber on or before April 17, 2015.



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Early Detection of Lung Cancer Saves Lives

Submitted by University Hospitals

If you watch old TV shows, you know that fifty years ago, smoking was more the norm than the exception. Many of our favorite actors sat in their make-believe living rooms puffing away on cigarettes and the airways were filled with commercials telling us which brand was the most flavorful. Smoking was acceptable and perhaps even expected in mainstream society. Now we know better.

Lung cancer is the number one cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. and cigarette smoking is the principal risk factor for the disease. And, historically, the prognosis for those diagnosed has been poor because of late-stage diagnosis. As with many cancers, early detection is the key to increased survival rates but until recently, there was no easy, cost-effective way to screen for lung cancer. University Hospitals now offers just such a screening – the low-dose lung cancer CT screening.

The test, which is painless and takes only seconds to complete, provides a three dimensional image of the lungs. Suspicious growths that show up on the scan may be removed and biopsied or watched over time for changes. If lung cancer is found, earlier is definitely better as stage-one lung cancers have a 70 to 90 percent cure rate.

Talk to your doctor about your risk factors for the disease and whether or not you are a candidate for the screening. You will qualify if you:

- Are a current or former smoker
- Are between the ages of 55 and 77
- Quit less than 15 years ago
- Smoked an average of one pack a day for 30 years or two packs a day for 15 years

This screening is not yet covered by commercial insurances* but University Hospitals offers the test for just \$99 at eleven northeast Ohio locations. Call 1-866-UH4-CARE (1-866-844-2273) to schedule a screening at a UH location near you. A written order from your physician is required.

**Medicare recently approved this screening as a covered benefit for certain high-risk patients. You are advised to check with your provider to determine your coverage.*

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HOP TO IT, GET OUTSIDE

- If soil test results indicate the need, amend your soil. Organic products are best.
- Tolerate some weeds in your yard; they are not the enemy. Plant biodiversity in your lawn provides food for pollinators and beneficial soil organisms. If you must remove weeds, try these non-synthetic chemical approaches.
- Apply corn gluten meal to prevent annual weed seeds from germinating.
- Spot treat existing weeds with an organic weed control product that contains molasses or liquid iron.
- Hand-pull weeds. Purchase a tool to help, like a Speedy Weedy, or encourage your children to pull!



DID YOU KNOW? Don't leave fertilizer pellets and grass clippings on your driveway and other hard surfaces! They wash into streams and rivers, blocking water flow and adding unwanted nutrients. Aim your mower so grass clippings stay on the lawn where nutrients are needed!

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Spotlight on

Jackie Vlk-Maire

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Jackie Vlk-Maire has been many things in her life – including a career woman, a mother, a grandmother, a councilwoman, and a dedicated volunteer. She grew up on the west side of Cleveland and graduated from St. John Cantius High School. After graduation, she went to work at a financial institution for almost 20 years. She worked her way up to being the executive assistant to the supervisor. She stopped working to have children and raise her family.

Jackie met her first husband Lee on a blind date arranged by her father. Both Lee and Jackie's father worked for the Postal Service. Jackie and Lee hit it off and were married in 1960; they had three children. Wanting their children to have a large lot on which to play, and finding a home close to the Bedford Post Office where Lee worked, they decided to look in Walton Hills. It was on Lee's postal route and he was in love with this area. They found a house on Alexander Road which was almost perfect – but too small for their needs. They decided to buy the house and add two bedrooms and a bathroom. Jackie and Lee had a wonderful marriage until Lee passed away one month shy of their fortieth anniversary.

The birth of Jackie's twin granddaughters gave her more than the joy that comes with being a grandmother, it gave her a second chance at love. Her daughter's neighbor, Joe, would watch the twins when needed. When proud grandma Jackie would take over the babysitting duties, it gave her and Joe a great opportunity to get to know each other. They were married in 2003. Jackie and Joe are proud of their blended family – they have

seven children (he has four sons), eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

In 1990, Jackie became the office manager for Velk's Flowers, the Bedford flower shop owned by her son Leroy for twenty years. She enjoyed working with her son and helped him out in any way that she could.

Jackie has been active over the years in many organizations. Lee was a member of the National Association of Postal Supervisors. Jackie joined their auxiliary organization and worked her way up from local to state to national president in 1991. She has been the president of AMVETS Post 80 Auxiliary in Maple Heights for the last five years.

Jackie has always been very active at St. Mary Church. When her kids were in school there, she served as the president of the Parent/Teacher Organization. Before St. Mary closed, she served on the Parish Council for five years. She was also in charge of the fish fries for 29 years (getting volunteers, ordering product, managing the kitchen, etc.). Jackie assisted in filing the appeal to reopen St. Mary. She logged many hours corresponding with the Vatican, the Bishop and other members of the Cleveland Diocese. She also kept several parishioners informed about what was going on with the appeal. The church was closed for two years and four months and thankfully reopened in 2012. After it reopened, she became the President of the Parish Council. She also serves on the Finance Committee. Jackie and Joe both serve as Eucharistic Ministers.

Jackie was elected to Walton Hills Council in 2001 and served a four year term. She enjoyed her time on Council and



feels that she and her colleagues did some good things for the Village, from taking care of the infrastructure, to creating a master plan, to updating the T.G. Young Park ball fields. She takes pride in having initiated the idea of placing cat's eye reflective markers on the heavily traveled roads in the Village.

Jackie has always loved putting puzzles together and bowling. She had been on a bowling league for several years until last year. However, her favorite hobby by far is babysitting her grandkids!

What are Jackie's thoughts on Walton Hills? She feels that it is a community on the way up and is a great place to live. She can't say enough about her neighbors. She finds that most residents are friendly and caring and always ready to offer help in time of need.

What are Jackie's plans for the future? Babysitting as much as possible! She and Joe are thankful that retirement provides them the opportunity to spend quality time with their family. And with all their grandchildren and great grandchildren, there are many opportunities to create some wonderful memories!

Get to know Jackie

Favorite movie – The Notebook; **Favorite television shows** – Scandal, CSI; **Favorite actor** – George Clooney
Favorite actress – Julia Roberts; **Favorite singer** – Shania Twain; **Favorite song** – From This Moment On
Favorite vacation – Cancun; **Favorite sports team** – Cleveland Indians

Calendar of Events

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Mayor's Court 4pm	3 Village Hall Closed	4 Easter Egg Hunt Walton Hills Church of Christ 10am
5 Happy Easter! 	6	7 COW Mtg. 6pm	8 R.A.D. Class 5pm (Rape Aggression Defense)	9 Mayor's Court 4pm	10	11
12	13 50 Plus Club Board Mtg. 10am Historical Ctr. Open 1-3pm & 7-8:30pm Women's Club Board Mtg. 7pm	14 Muffins with the Mayor 9am COW Mtg. 6pm	15 R.A.D. Class 5pm (Rape Aggression Defense)	16 Mayor's Court 4pm	17	18
19	20 50 Plus Club Board Mtg. 1pm	21 Council Caucus/ Council Mtg. 6pm	22 Women's Club Meeting 7pm	23 Mayor's Court 4pm	24	25
26	27 Senior Lunch 11:15am Carol's Bookworms 7pm	28	29	30		

Recycle Your Computer - April 20th – 24th, Walton Hills Service Center, 8am to 3:30pm

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

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Early lung cancer detection could mean a healthier tomorrow.

New scientific evidence shows that a lung cancer screening can be a lifesaving investment. That's why University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center is offering a low-dose CT test that costs just \$99 for qualifying patients:

- Current heavy smokers between the ages of 55-77.
- Former heavy smokers between the ages of 55-77 who have quit in the last 15 years.
- Patients who have smoked one pack per day for 30 years.

So, detect lung cancer at an early stage – and get a head start on your health.

To make an appointment or to learn more, call **1-866-UH4-CARE (1-866-844-2273)**.



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