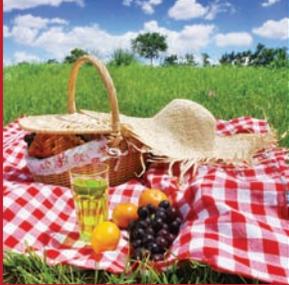


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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As our summer continues please take notice of the flags flying throughout our Village as well as the flags that are flying over the bridge located on Alexander Road in Oakwood Village. Soon we will have the same flags flying over Broadway Avenue as well as the Forbes Road Bridge. They include American flags, POW/MIA flags and ones that represent each branch of our military.

After extensive research, we were unable to locate brackets that met the safety specifications for chain link fencing that have been put in place by the Ohio Department of Transportation, so the Village of Walton Hills assembled the brackets that are holding the patriotic flags.

My office took the specs that were already in place, reviewed them and then designed a bracket that would work to hold the flag poles safely and to offer another way of displaying them in support of our country and our military.

Once we were successful with the design of a safe bracket, we decided to approach a manufacturing company to have them developed. The company reviewed our plan and successfully made the one piece flag brackets. It is my hope that we will see this type of bracket throughout Ohio and maybe someday throughout the United States.

Please celebrate the Fourth of July responsibly. Bedford's annual parade starts at 10:00 am on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Village of Walton Hills has participated for so many years in the past. Please take notice of how our officials work together as one unit to represent Walton Hills.

We all ride together and share in the memories to show solidarity for our community. We work together to demonstrate how your elected officials stand together as we share in the giving of candy and represent Walton Hills. Walton Hills works as a team in so many ways and participating in the annual parade demonstrates that.

Please enjoy the month of July as we celebrate the birth of our nation. God Bless You.

Thank you,  
*Kevin Hurst*  
Mayor/Safety Director, **I.G.I.T.**



The American, POW/MIA, and military flags will be flying throughout Walton Hills and our surrounding communities using brackets designed in our Village. The above photo shows the Alexander Road Bridge in Oakwood Village that will soon be getting the new brackets. This photo was taken prior to their installation.



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# Stormwater Management Program

During the past few months Walton Hills has reached out to residents and business owners about the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's (NEORS) Stormwater Management Program. You'll start seeing the new user fees on bills this month.

NEORS has put the program into effect because of the inability to effectively deal with stormwater (rain, melted snow/ice) runoff that results in flooded homes and streets, more pollutants entering our waterways, and serious erosion problems.

Pavement has replaced a lot of the natural green spaces that once slowed the pace of stormwater runoff. Roads, parking lots, driveways and sidewalks can't absorb water, so it moves quickly over these surfaces into nearby streams or sewers. As it flows over the ground, the stormwater picks up debris, chemicals, and pollutants that can contaminate our drinking and recreational water supply.

Unlike residential wastewater (from toilets, showers, and

sinks) that is filtered through a wastewater treatment facility, anything that enters a storm sewer system or a roadside ditch is discharged directly into local streams and eventually into Lake Erie. Solving stormwater problems can be difficult, since runoff from one community runs into another; a regional approach is needed. By creating the user fees, NEORS is joining more than 1,000 communities across Ohio in an attempt to solve stormwater problems.

## What does the program do?

- Maintenance to the regional stormwater system, including routine inspection of culverts, streams and other areas to assess problems
- Construction to address flooding and erosion problems
- A community cost-share program to support stormwater projects
- Educational programs that promote the importance of healthy drainage systems

If you have any questions about the program's **cost**, or about **credits** you may be able to get, please contact NEORS at 216.881.6600.

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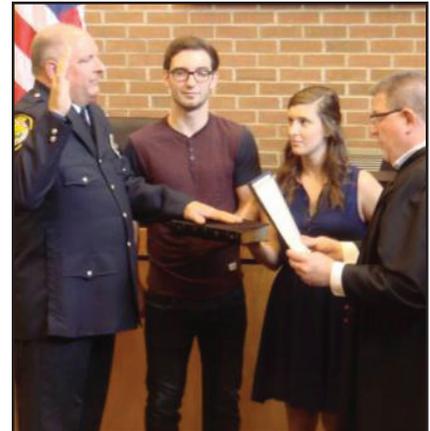
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# Walton Hills Police Department Information

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

The Walton Hills Police Department has had a few personnel changes during the last few months. In April, Sergeant Pete Kanjuka retired from the department after nearly 27 years of dedicated service. After his retirement, the police department was able to promote two part-time officers to full-time; Tom Cercek (photo right) and Corey Zidlicky (photo bottom left). The auxiliary police force added two new part-timers; Cindy Vance (photo bottom center) and retired police officer Ron Licker (photo bottom right). Finally, the department's communications center added a new part-time dispatcher, Donna Majoros. We again extend our congratulations to Pete on his retirement and Tom and Corey on their promotions; and we welcome Cindy, Ron and Donna to the department.



## iTunes Gift Card Scam

The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs warns residents of all ages to hang up on impostors that seek payment in iTunes gift cards. Consumers across the country have been scammed into sending thousands of dollars' worth of iTunes gift cards to those who pose as police, attorneys, debt collectors or IRS agents. In a typical call, consumers are told to purchase iTunes gift cards to avoid being arrested or to pay bail for a relative who has been jailed.

**No legitimate government agency or debt collector accepts payment in iTunes or other gift cards.**

Protect yourself:

- Hang up on any caller who makes threats or asks you to pay fines, debts, fees or bail with an iTunes gift card.
  - Never read off the numbers or codes from a gift card to someone who calls you — that's all they need to steal the card's value.
  - By law, debt collectors are not allowed to threaten you with jail or scare you into making payments.
  - Don't tell scammers how you spotted them — it helps them perfect their game.
- Just hang up.**

Report scam calls to the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs by calling 216.443.7035 or you can report scams online at [www.consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us).

# Street Commissioner's Report

Dan Stucky, Street Commissioner / Councilman Brian Spitznagel, Infrastructure Committee Chairman

Now that we are in the heat of summer, we can hopefully start to cut back on some of our very time consuming daily grass cutting and trimming duties that are required during the spring growing season and begin to focus our attention on some construction projects. This past winter we identified several storm sewer catch basins that are in need of repair or replacement, a few sections of damaged or deteriorating safety guard railing that needs replaced, numerous areas of asphalt and concrete pavement repairs that are necessary, some drainage issues that need some attention and of course, we will continue to provide our weekly brush chipping service.

Other items on our "To Do List" include the continuation of constructing entrance sign landscape areas, removing a

number of hazardous trees in the Village right-of-way areas (they'll be removed by a qualified tree removal contractor), keeping up with the overall general maintenance of the Village streetscape aesthetics (pavement, litter, grass, signs, flags, etc.), and most importantly, we'll be ready to respond to any emergency situations that may arise requiring our immediate attention.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and as always, please be attentive while driving around town and approach our road work crews with caution for the safety of everyone!

**Reminder: Due to Independence Day, the trash pickup will be delayed by one day. It will be collected on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## Six Tips for a Red, White and GREEN Fourth of July

The Fourth of July is a great time to get some sun, have a little fun and forget about the daily grind as we celebrate our nation's birthday. Just because it's time to celebrate, we shouldn't forget that keeping things green and protecting our environment over the holiday is just as important as making the perfect apple pie or lighting up the barbeque. Here are some ways you can add a little bit of green to your red, white and blue patriotic party!

- 1. Lose the Plastics:** If there's anything worse than plastic plates, it just might be their Styrofoam counterparts. One of the easiest things you can do to go green is use biodegradable plates, cups and cutlery.
- 2. Buy Local and Organic Food:** Who wants to worry about pesticides? We recommend steering clear of foods produced on factory farms — instead look for locally-grown and/or organic produce and meats for your grill.
- 3. Grill Green:** With over 60-million barbecues lighting up on the Fourth of July, choosing the right grill and grilling accessories can do a lot to help the earth breathe easier. Look for sustainably produced charcoal

briquettes like Kingsford Charwood, which is produced using clean-energy turbine heat.

- 4. Make Your Own Healthy Sweet Treats:** Sure, store-bought cakes and pies are an age-old favorite, but they're also laden with refined sugars and fat. Homemade ice pops are the perfect way to cool down and to satisfy your sweet tooth! You can prep and stock up on the ice pops in the freezer the day before your party.
- 5. Switch on the Solar Lights:** If you plan on partying into the night, a great way to add some light without impacting your electricity bill is with solar lamps and lanterns. Just set them out in the sun for the day and when dusk falls-voila!
- 6. Pick Up Your Waste and Recycle:** There are bound to be plenty of stray cans, bottles, streamers, plates and forks lingering around. Pick up all the leftover traces of your party and properly dispose of them, and recycle all that you can. It's an obvious tip, but it doesn't hurt repeating!

Source: inhabitat.com



# July Recreation News

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

**Event: SMUCKERS, DAS-KITCHEN, SHISLER'S CHEESE HOUSE**

**Date:** Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Leaving Village Hall at 9:45am  
**Site:** Orrville, OH  
**Cost:** \$1 + what you buy and eat  
**Note:** Have a fun afternoon with neighbors and friends while picking up goodies to take home!

**Event: PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS**

**Date:** Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Leaving Village Hall at 9am  
**Site:** Erie, PA  
**Cost:** \$20 Receive \$25 in free play.  
**Note:** Please have your money to the Rec Department no later than Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Event: SENIOR LUNCH**

**Date:** Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11:15am  
**Cost:** Free, but you must sign up by calling the Rec Department at 440.786.2964 by Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.  
**Note:** Let's all meet at the lake and have a cookout! Burgers and sausage, neighbors and friends — what a great way to spend a summer afternoon!

**Event: CAROL'S BOOKWORMS**

**Date:** Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7pm  
**Site:** Community Room  
**Cost:** A food item for our pantry.

**Event: SPRING HILL HISTORIC HOME, LUNCH AT BUGSY'S, SHEARER'S OUTLET STORE**

**Date:** Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Leaving Village Hall at 9am  
**Site:** Massillon  
**Cost:** \$7 + what you eat and buy  
**Note:** Visit an Underground Railroad house (1 hour tour, steps/3 levels), shop for snacks at Shearer's Outlet store and enjoy lunch at Bugsy's Italian restaurant.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST**

**Event: PRINCESS PARTY**

**Date:** Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 1pm  
**Site:** Community Room  
**Cost:** Residents \$5, Non Residents \$7  
**Note:** Ages 10 and under. Plan for an afternoon of magical princess fun with some of your favorite princesses and wear your prettiest princess dress! Mandatory RSVP by Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> by calling 440.786.2964 or by email at stanoszekc@waltonhillsohio.gov.

**Event: WALTON HILLS COMMUNITY DAY**

**Date:** Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 12-10pm  
**Site:** TG Young Park  
**Note:** Food, games, entertainment, beer garden and new this year, a BINGO tent!

**CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW**

Last month we read and discussed the book, "All the Light We Cannot See," by Anthony Doerr. We rated this book:



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## Ten Ways to Help Avoid Financial Abuse for Senior Citizens

Increased dependency due to illness, disability or cognitive impairments can make seniors susceptible to financial abuse. Money accumulated over decades also often makes seniors attractive targets for predators, from bogus sweepstakes to care providers trying to make more money than an hourly wage. Here are some steps to help prevent financial abuse.

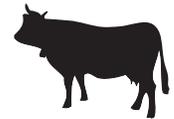
- 1. Arrange for account oversight:** Arrange for someone close to you to have access to your accounts to be able to see if anything unusual is going on.
- 2. Create joint accounts:** A joint account with someone gives them oversight as well as the ability to write checks, make investment decisions and take steps if necessary to protect the funds in the account.
- 3. Use a revocable trust:** Speak with a legal advisor as to whether a trust is appropriate for your situation. A revocable trust gives someone you trust access to your accounts and the ability to step in seamlessly if you become disabled. Unlike a joint account, it does not give the trustee any ownership interest in the account.
- 4. Visit often:** Nothing prevents financial abuse or stops it in its tracks better than frequent visits by loved ones. A potential perpetrator sees you are not isolated and may fear that your family members or friends will notice the abuse before it goes too far.
- 5. Get help paying bills:** If someone helps you pay your bills, they will help you make sure that you're not letting anything slip through the cracks or paying something that you shouldn't.
- 6. Use a limited credit card:** Credit cards are now available that allow another person to monitor the activity of the cardholder and to limit both the amount spent and where it can be spent.
- 7. Sign up for do not call registry:** It is quite easy to register your telephone number with the Federal Trade Commission's "Do Not Call Registry" either online at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or by calling 888.382.1222. While this may not stop someone intent on defrauding you, it should help reduce calls from salespeople.
- 8. Sign up for "Nomorobo":** You can sign up for "Nomorobo" to block robo calls. Unfortunately, it does not work with all telephone providers, you'll have to check online at [www.nomorobo.com](http://www.nomorobo.com).
- 9. Consult with an elder law attorney or financial advisor:** They can assist with financial management and give advice on the best protective steps to take in each situation.
- 10. Opt out of mail solicitations:** At [www.dmchoice.org](http://www.dmchoice.org) the Direct Marketing Association permits you to limit the amount of catalogs, credit card offers and other direct mail pieces you or a loved one receives.

While there's no foolproof measure to prevent financial fraud, these steps can make for a safer financial place.

Source: Elder Law Answers March 2016



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# How to Give from the Heart While Using Your Head

Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Information Committee Chairwoman

Every day when I go to my mailbox there are several charitable organizations vying for my attention through photos of soldiers with missing limbs, children dying of cancer, animals so thin you can count their ribs, and hungry and homeless individuals. These photos tug at your heartstrings and that is what they are designed to do.

These organizations want your contributions. We may want to help ALL of these charities, but it is financially impossible to give to each and every one of them. We have to remember that our hearts and brains ARE connected. Using our brains along with our hearts can offer us a better choice when it comes to making our contributions.

According to Giving USA, the average American household donated \$2,030 to favorite causes last year. That is a lot of giving, but are we getting the best bang for our buck? To get the maximum effectiveness of a gift, try the 50/30/20 Rule. The first 50% of your contribution goes to your favorite charity; the next 30% goes to community gifts like church or the library. The last 20% goes to unplanned donations like disaster relief or a friend's fundraising drive.

Research the charities you are donating to; go online to [www.GuideStar.org](http://www.GuideStar.org) or [www.CharityNavigator.org](http://www.CharityNavigator.org) to see



what they are spending for administration and marketing. Usually you can see the contribution data broken down in graphs and charts; if more than 25% is being spent on administration and marketing for the charity, you may want to choose another one.

While researching online, I was shocked to see the salaries of the CEOs of some of these organizations! Look it up, you will be shocked and amazed: some are making \$300,000 and \$400,000!

**I am not suggesting that we should stop making charitable contributions; I am suggesting we make more informed decisions in the process of giving.**

I personally am in favor of giving to our local charities, be it a monetary gift or a donation to a food pantry. One such place is the South Haven Church located on Northfield Road in Bedford. Their food pantry has been in existence for 50 years and is run completely by volunteers. I know many of them personally, I know how it operates and that the individuals who come there once a month to the pantry have been vetted and have benefited from the program.

To end with a pet peeve of mine, please do not donate foods that are PAST the EXPIRATION DATE. It is NOT a donation. It is an INSULT!

## 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.*



# Spotlight on

## Stipe Miocic

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

The drought for a Cleveland sports championship is over, and it's all thanks to this month's spotlight: Stipe Miocic! Well, he at least got the Championship ball rolling, Go Cavs!

Stipe Miocic isn't a Walton Hills resident, but he spends a good amount of his time working here. He's a firefighter for the Oakwood Village Fire Department (he's also a fireman for the Valley View Fire Department) and he's the current Ultimate Fighting Championship Mixed Martial Arts Heavyweight Champion! The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) is an American Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) promotion company; it's the premier MMA promotion company, as well as the largest, in the world, featuring most of the top-ranked fighters in the sport!

One of those top-ranked fighters' works right here in Walton Hills! As already mentioned, Stipe Miocic is a fireman/paramedic for the Oakwood Village Fire Department and the Valley View Fire Department. He might fight fires at his day job, but he fights professionally for the UFC MMA too! More about Stipe's fighting career in a minute, but first let's take a look at Stipe before becoming a fighting champion!

Stipe was born on August 19, 1982 in Euclid. He lived in the Cleveland and Euclid areas for eleven years before moving to Willowick with his family, where he lived until he was 25. Stipe graduated from Eastlake North High School in 2000. After high school,



Stipe attended Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee and Cleveland State University; he earned a degree in Communications-Marketing in 2005.

Shortly after college, Stipe decided he'd like to try becoming a fireman, something he's done for seven or eight years now. Stipe said he loves helping people and that's exactly what firemen do! Stipe also said he had a lot of friends who were firefighters and he wanted to join them in helping others. Stipe works for both fire departments regularly while training for his other job-fighting for the UFC MMAs!

Stipe's no stranger to the gym! He was a nationally-ranked wrestler at Cleveland State University; he also earned varsity letters in three sports in high school: wrestling, football and baseball. He said he remembers helping another fighter get ready for a fight by wrestling and he hasn't left the gym since! Stipe trains twice a day, Monday through Friday and once on Saturday for his mixed martial arts

bouts. Stipe also does strength and conditioning training in the mornings and sparring in the evenings.

Stipe's first match was around 2006 or 2007 against Dave Bush. In May, Stipe headed to Curitiba, Brazil to fight against Fabricio Werdum in UFC 198, for the chance of becoming the UFC Heavyweight Champion. It didn't take Stipe long! He knocked out Fabricio Werdum less than three minutes into their championship bout!

Stipe will be defending his title right here in Cleveland on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> when he faces third ranked contender, Alistair Overeem at Quicken Loans Arena in UFC 203! For ticket information you can go online to [www.ufc.com](http://www.ufc.com).

When he's not at work or training at the gym, you can find Stipe hanging out with his friends or his new bride and their two dogs! Stipe got married on June 18<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations Stipe!

You can check out a few more pictures of Stipe on the next page. Stipe is proud to be a champion and we're proud that he's part of our community! The pictures include Stipe with Fire Chief Jim Schade, some of his fellow firefighters/paramedics at the Oakwood Village Fire Department and the station's resident hound, Barkley!

The Village of Walton Hills wishes Stipe the best of luck defending his title in September!

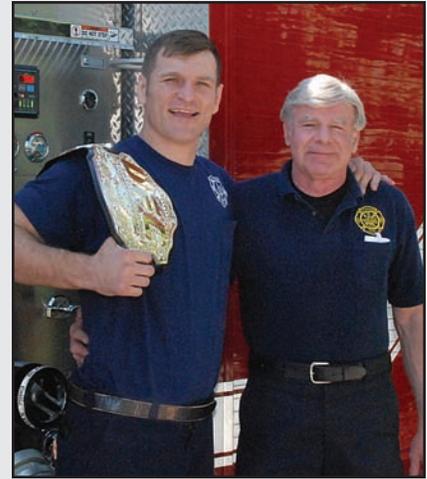
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# Spotlight on

## Stipe Miocic

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### *Get to Know Stipe:*

#### **Favorites:**

Movie(s): 300, Boondock Saints

TV Show(s): Family Guy, Archer, American Dad

Actor: Willem Dafoe

Actress: Kate Beckinsale

Food: Everything! "I'm a heavyweight!"

Singer/Group(s): Whatever I'm in the mood for!

Song(s): Machine Gun Kelly's "Till I Die"

Vacation(s): Anywhere that gets me to relax

Sports Team(s): All Cleveland Sports Teams!



# Calendar of Events

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 <b>Independence Day- Village Hall Closed</b>  Fourth of July Celebration at the Lake 1-10pm	5	6 Smuckers, Das- Kitchen, Shisler's Cheese House Leaving Village Hall at 9:45am  Historical Resource Center 1-3pm & 7-8:30pm	7 Mayor's Court 4pm	8	9 Trash Pickup (Independence Day) 7am
10 Antique Car Club 2pm	11 Blood Drive 2-6pm  Women's Club Board Mtg. 7pm	12	13 Presque Isle Downs Leaving Village Hall at 9am	14 Mayor's Court 4pm	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Mayor's Court 4pm	22	23
24	25 Senior Lunch 11:15am	26	27 Spring Hill Historic Home, Buggy's, Shearer's Outlet Store Leaving Village Hall at 9am  Women's Club Mtg. 7pm	28 Mayor's Court 4pm	29	30
31	Carol's Bookworms 7pm					

**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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WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

### Common Muscle & Sports Injuries

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

### Benefits of Farm-to-Table & Sustainable Foods

Learn more about the link between sustainable agriculture and your good health.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

### Women's Health

Women have unique health care needs and issues that require special focus. Get the information you need to live your healthiest life.

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