











NOVEMBER 2016 S Journal

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

The Village of Walton Hills recently made an important list to some, but not to all. Our Village was labeled and recognized by the weekly publication, Crain's Cleveland Business Magazine, as one of Northeast Ohio's Wealthiest Suburbs, ranked by the median household income (Source: US Census Bureau of a 5-year American Community Survey from 2010-2014).

The data included in this study came from the following counties: Cuyahoga, Lorain, Medina, Summit, Portage, Geauga and Lake Counties. The rating of our community is impressive, and it verifies many answers to many questions that some of our residents have known for a very long time, but now this information has gone statewide. I will list the facts demonstrated in the publication dated September 26-October 2,

- Walton Hills was ranked 35th overall compared to 7 different counties
- Walton Hills was ranked as the lowest tax rated per municipality collection of 0.3 millage, the average is 9.0 millage



- We were ranked 21st for Cuyahoga County with a total of 59 communities in the county
- Walton Hills has the lowest overall residential rental properties with a total of 2.2% or otherwise 97.8% of our homes are owner occupied

Of course, some residents might not find this information important, but it provides assurance to most residents that our Village is headed in the right direction. It gives closure to many when the facts are seen in print.

Overall, Walton Hills has some real advantages over the other communities rated in the Crain's Cleveland Business Magazine article, they are: having two different golf courses, two different park systems, access between two different highway systems and most of all, the lowest tax millage of 0.3 for our residents to contribute to our community. We are blessed in many different ways in Walton Hills.

Please plan on attending the Ohio Flags of Honor Memorial on Veterans Day, Friday November 11th. The Opening Ceremony begins at 2:00pm at the Village Hall. The traveling memorial honors the men and women of Ohio who have paid the ultimate price while serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and globally in the War on Terrorism.

Thank You,

Kevin Hurst Mayor/Safety Director, I.G.I.T.

The Village of Walton Hills Service Department decorated the Village Hall grounds to celebrate the autumn season.





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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 10.18.2016 Regular Council Meeting

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

Resolution No. 2016-31 appoints the mayor of the Village of Walton Hills to the Walton Hills-Sagamore Hills Township JEDD Board of Directors

Resolution No. 2016-32 authorizes the Village engineer to prepare bid specifications and advertise for bids for the Walton Road Drainage Project

Resolution No. 2016-33 authorizes the mayor to enter into an agreement with Sharpscapes, Inc. to provide snow plowing services for the Village's senior citizen or handicapped residents snow plowing program

Resolution No. 2016-34 authorizes the mayor and fiscal officer of the Village of Walton Hills to enter into a contract with A&A Safety, Inc. for the Walton Hills 2016 Pavement Marking Program

Resolution No. 2016-35 authorizes the mayor and the fiscal officer to enter into a contract with Specialized Construction for the 2016 Walton Hills Crack Sealing Program



Reminder:

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th.

Polls will be open from 6:30am-7:30pm.

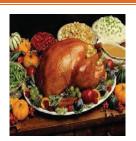
Reminder: The Village Hall will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. However, on that day, Walton Hills is hosting the Ohio Flags of Honor traveling memorial which will get underway at 2:00pm.

Reminder: The Village Hall will also be closed on Thursday, November 24th for Thanksgiving.



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Veterans Day

We recognize Veterans Day every year, but how many of us actually know where the observance came from? Here are some things you may not already know about Veterans Day:

- Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I.
- Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11th became a national holiday beginning in 1938.
- Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial
 Day-a common misunderstanding, according to the US
 Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth
 Monday in May) honors American service members who
 died in service to their country or as a result of injuries
 incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute
 to all American veterans-living or deceased-but especially
 gives thanks to living veterans who served their country
 honorably during war or peacetime.

Did You Know? There are approximately 23.2 million military veterans in the United States.

- 9.2 million veterans are over the age of 65
- 1.9 million veterans are under the age of 35
- 1.8 million veterans are women
- 7.8 million veterans served during the Vietnam War era (1964-1975), which represents 33% of all living veterans
- 5.2 million veterans served during the Gulf War era (representing service from August 2, 1990 to the present)



- 2.6 million veterans served during World War II (1941-1945)
- 2.8 million veterans served during the Korean War (1950-1953)
- 6 million veterans served in peacetime
- 5 states have more than 1 million veterans in among their population: California (2.1 million), Florida (1.7 million), Texas (1.7 million), New York (1 million) and Pennsylvania (1 million)
- Ohio has more than 860,000 military veterans

Honoring All Who Have Served. Thank You Veterans.

Ohio Flags of Honor

This month, the Village of Walton Hills will welcome the Ohio Flags of Honor organization as we will honor the men and women of Ohio who have paid the ultimate price while serving our nation in the War on Terrorism.

The three day event will begin on Friday, November 11th at 2:00pm and will wrap up on Sunday, November 13th at 12:00pm. The traveling memorial honors those service members from Ohio who were killed in action in Iraq, Afghanistan and globally while fighting the War on Terrorism. We invite all residents to come out during the weekend to pay tribute to our Fallen Heroes.



Walton Hills Police Department Information

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

With the fall season upon us, we are now more apt to see our resident wildlife scurrying around gathering food and looking for shelter to survive the upcoming winter. People and wildlife can peacefully coexist in most situations, however, there may be times when conflicts arise. If needed, call the Walton Hills Police Department's non-emergency line (440-232-1313) and the animal warden will be notified to contact you. You can also use the following tips from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to deal with nuisance wildlife:

Skunks and Opossums: They seldom cause damage to property other than raiding garbage or eating pet food. They sometimes reside under buildings or in rock and wood piles. Discourage visits by taking appropriate precautions:

- In confined spaces skunks or opossums may be driven away by placing an ammonia-soaked towel in the den.
- Install a one-way door until you are sure the animal(s)
 have left, then permanently seal the entrance. An animal
 that becomes trapped in a window well will climb out if
 you place a rough board in the well that extends to the
 top.
- If an animal gets into the house, open a door and calmly allow it to exit. Never chase or excite a skunk.



Raccoons: Raccoons can transmit rabies, canine distemper, and parvovirus to domestic animals and humans. You should avoid any raccoon that is active during daylight hours, has lost its fear of humans, or appears uncoordinated, confused or listless. If you encounter such an animal, call the Walton Hills Police Department to contact our animal warden, you can do the following as well to deter raccoons from visiting your residence:

 An inexpensive radio that is turned on and placed near a garbage can or left in the garden overnight will often discourage raccoons from approaching.

- Store garbage cans inside the garage or a shed. Coat the outside of the can with a weak solution of cayenne pepper in water or by placing a small dish of ammonia in the bottom of an empty can.
- Uncapped chimneys are appealing to raccoons. When
 this occurs they may be evicted by noise, combined with
 bright lights or a pan of ammonia sealed in the fireplace.
 Once it vacates the chimney, install a chimney cap and
 seal other attic entries after evicting the raccoon.
- Overhanging tree limbs provide easy access to your roof; trim tree limbs where needed.

Coyotes: Identify that the canine is truly a coyote and not a stray dog. Coyotes are generally a slender animal, very similar in appearance to a medium-sized dog and much smaller than a wolf, a species not currently found in Ohio. The majority of coyotes are gray, though some show rusty, brown or off-white coloration. It has a bushy tail which is usually tipped with black. Coyotes are most active at dawn and dusk, but may be seen frequently throughout the day.

- If you do have a coyote on your property, remove all attractants to possibly deter it from returning. This includes removing garbage and pet food before nightfall and cleaning up around the grill.
- Coyotes prey primarily on small mammals like rabbits and mice. Small pets may also be taken; keep small dogs and cats inside.
- Coyotes are curious, but generally fearful of humans.
 Clap your hands and shout in a stern voice to scare them off. If the coyote visiting your yard seems to lack a fear of humans or is presenting a conflict, contact a nuisance trapper. You can also contact the animal warden. Leave the trapping and animal control to a professional; in addition to violating state and village trapping laws, you could accidentally trap or kill someone's pet. For more tips, visit www.wildlife.ohiodnr.gov.

Connect with Walton Hills







November Recreation News

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

Event: OHIO FLAGS OF HONOR

Date: Friday, November 11th through Sunday,

November 13th

Time: Opening Ceremony-November 11th 2:00pm

Closing Ceremony-November 13th 12:00pm

Site: Village Hall

Note: Be a part of this wonderful event to honor the

lives of Ohio's men and women who have died

while fighting the War on Terrorism.

Event: LUNCH AT CLUB HOUSE PUB & GRUB

RESTAURANT

Date: Tuesday, November 15th

Time: Leaving Village Hall at 11am

Site: Parma Heights

Cost: \$1.00 + cost of lunch

Note: Enjoy lunch at this American & Eastern

European restaurant.

Event: WEST SIDE MARKET

Date: Monday, November 21st

Time: Leaving Village Hall at 10:30am

Site: Cleveland

Cost: \$1.00 + what you buy

Note: Lunch TBA-buy your goodies for your

Thanksgiving dinner!

Event: SENIOR LUNCH

Date: Monday, November 28th

Time: 11:15am

Site: Community Room

Cost: \$5.00

Note: Let's play BINGO! Win some fun prizes! Sign up

by Tuesday, November 22nd and join in on the

fun!

Event: CAROL'S BOOKWORMS

Date: Monday, November 28th

Time: 7pm

Site: Community Room

Cost: A food item for our Village pantry.

Event: HARD ROCK ROCKSINO

Date: Tuesday, November 29th

Time: Leaving Village Hall at 9:50am

Site: Northfield Cost: Free

Note: Must ride our bus and receive \$20.00 in free

play. Please sign up by Tuesday, November 22nd by calling the Recreation Department at

440-786-2964.

CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

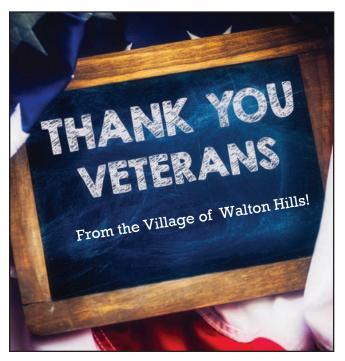
Last month we read and discussed the book "All Over but the Shoutin'," by Rick Bragg We rated this book:











Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker

Medicare Advantage Plans vs. Original Medicare Plans

It is open enrollment season and many seniors are trying to decide which path to take with their Medicare coverage. The two primary choices are between remaining with original Medicare (traditional) or joining a Medicare Advantage plan that offers Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) type coverage. Here are some key differences between the two:

- Providers you can use: HMOs will usually only cover your care from doctors and hospitals in their network, except in the case of emergency or urgent care. They may also offer out of network coverage under a different benefit structure. Original Medicare will cover your care from most doctors and hospitals in the country. HMOs usually require that you receive a referral from your primary care physician before you can get care from a specialist, while in original Medicare you do not need to get a referral.
- Benefits: HMOs must offer all the benefits available under original Medicare (Parts A and B). Some HMOs may offer additional benefits that original Medicare does not cover, such as dental or eye care. Many Medicare HMOs also offer Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D). If you are in a Medicare HMO, and you want Medicare drug coverage, you must get your drug coverage from that same plan. Services such as dental and eye care, as well as drugs are not included in original Medicare.
- Premium: In original Medicare, you pay only the Part B
 premium. HMOs may charge a monthly premium in addition
 to the Medicare Part B premium. The premium may be
 higher if the HMO offers prescription drug coverage (Part D)
 benefits. When you are in an HMO you must continue to pay
 the Part B premium.
- Out-of-pocket costs: With traditional Medicare you generally pay 20% coinsurance for services. Supplemental insurance such as a Medigap* or a retiree plan could help pay for that coinsurance. In an HMO, you usually pay a fixed amount for services (copayment). HMO copays cannot be higher than original Medicare for some services, like chemotherapy, dialysis and durable medical equipment, but could be higher for other services, such as home health and hospital. Also, unlike traditional Medicare, HMOs must have a cap on out-of-pocket costs to protect you against very high costs if you receive expensive care. The maximum out-of-pocket, in network, cost allowed for HMOs in 2017 is \$6,700.



- Affordability: If you are generally healthy and only see
 doctors and other providers in the HMOs network, your outof-pocket costs may be lower than in original Medicare.
 If you use doctors and hospitals that are not in the HMOs
 network, or you see many providers, your costs could be
 higher. Since HMOs include a limit on out-of-pocket costs,
 you are protected from very high costs if you need a lot of
 medical care or expensive treatments.
- Medications: Drug plans are bundled with the Advantage Plan. You may be able to find cheaper drug out-of-pocket costs, but you must switch your entire Advantage Plan to get these lower drug costs. With original Medicare, you need to purchase a separate Medicare Part D drug plan, with its own premium.

If you need further information or help in the decision making process, please contact the Village Hall to ask to speak with the social worker. One word of caution: If you are currently on a health care plan and are considering changing, **do not** terminate your current coverage until you have confirmation that you have been accepted by the new plan!

*Note: Many people who have original Medicare also purchase a Medigap plan to help pay some of their costs (such as deductibles and copays). Medigap plans are supplemental insurance policies that work specifically with original Medicare. You cannot have a Medigap and a Medicare HMO together.

Street Commissioner's Report

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

Now that fall has arrived, we have stopped our brush chipping service for the year and are now concentrating on our leaf collection program. As always, we will be ready to deal with whatever Mother Nature has in store for us in the upcoming weeks; our snow plow trucks and salt spreaders are ready to go! Because of last year's mild winter, we are starting out with nearly 1100 tons of road salt which is stockpiled at the service center. We are all hoping that we will see another easy winter back to back, but as we all know too well, anything can happen in Northeast Ohio!

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone associated with our Village, from Mayor Hurst and all council members, residents, social club members and of course my fellow administration and coworkers for the many comforting thoughts and prayers during the very difficult time with the passing of my mother.

My family built our house on Hickory Drive in 1965 and I have been very fortunate to work for my "home town" for more than 30 years! Although my mother may not have met a vast number of fellow Walton Hills' residents during her years living here, she always felt very comfortable living in such a friendly and warm community. My mom always agreed with the idea that "Walton Hills is a great place to live." That quote is never truer than at a time like this, and it's because of the type of caring people that call this place home that makes Walton Hills a great community to be a part of.

Reminder: Due to Thanksgiving, trash pickup will be one day late that week. Trash will be picked up on Saturday, November 26th.





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Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Information Committee Chairwoman

We have known for years that dolphins can communicate with each other through pulses, clicks and whistles. Recently, researchers have learned through studying these graceful animals that the pitch of the sounds they make are enabling them to convey messages and seemingly form sentences. Dolphins appear to listen to each other without interrupting before responding. We could learn some politeness from our dolphin friends.

We have yet to decipher what the dolphins are saying, but with brains larger than ours it would seem they are communicating in a highly developed language. Researchers are trying to develop a device that could translate the dolphin language so that we could communicate with them. Imagine that, being able to go to a water park and actually carrying on a conversation with Flipper. As fishy as this may seem, we are on the cusp of Dr. Doolittle's world! It may be the beginning of establishing a relationship with the first intelligent inhabitants on the planet. But think about it, what's next? What about



communicating with Fido or Miss Kitty?

Currently WE just talk to them, but what if they could talk back? Not only talk, but what if they could put demands on us? Like when and where we take them for a walk. Or I want Friskies instead of Meow Mix. If their masters get a divorce, they would now have a say on whom they would reside with.

My smaller than the dolphin brain is whirling with the idea of animals talking. What's next, would they have the right to vote? Maybe I am jumping the gun here, in order to vote, they

would have to be able to write their name and they would have to show an I.D.

Who knows what might be coming next? My small brain wanders again to the movies like Planet of the Apes. Could our roles shiff? Could fiction soon become reality? So the next time you take Fido to Petco to buy some dog food, you better take a second look at his mouth to see if he has a preference, we could be just a wag away from being able to talk to man's best friend!



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.

What would YOUR pet have to say?

Use YOUR Voice! Get Out and VOTE on November 8th!



Spottight on Wayne Johancen

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

The Village of Walton Hills has a new member on the Zoning Board of Appeals and he's this month's Spotlight resident! Wayne Johancen was sworn into his new position on September 27th by Mayor Hurst. Wayne said he's excited to help out when needed on the zoning board and that he hopes his new position will help him to meet more residents in Walton Hills! Wayne has a background in carpentry and building homes, so his new position in the Village is right up his alley!



Wayne was born on January 20, 1947 in Cleveland. He grew up in the city and attended South High School where he

met his future wife Paula! The couple attended a homecoming dance in high school and have been together ever since! Wayne graduated in 1966 and then served in the United States Navy for four years (1966-1970). Wayne said he really enjoyed his time in the service, but when he and Paula got married on April 13, 1968 Wayne was eager to return home and start his life outside of the service.

Wayne remembers traveling the world while serving in the Navy. He remembers going to France and Italy and he said that when his ship was traveling near the Suez Canal it had to go around the coast of Africa because the canal was closed due to the Vietnam War. He was then stationed in Mombasa, Kenya. One of his fondest memories from being stationed in Africa was going on safaris. Wayne said that he and his wife Paula enjoy wildlife, maybe for Wayne, it all started on those African safaris!



On September 27th, Mayor Hurst administered the oath of office to Wayne while Fiscal Officer Katie Iaconis held the Bible.

After his military service. Wayne returned to Northeast Ohio and attended Tri-C for one year. He enrolled in a carpenter apprenticeship program. Wayne began his career outside of the Navy at G & Q Drywall. From there, Wayne did both metal framing and rough framing of homes. At one time he ran commercial work as a superintendent for McMeechan Construction. Wayne remained in that line of work until he retired in 2008.

Wayne and Paula moved to Walton Hills in 2008 around the same time that he retired. Prior to living here, the couple raised their family in Independence, where they lived for 35 years. They have two children, Kendra, 41, and Eric, 39. Because of their love of wildlife and "country life," Wayne said that he and Paula really enjoy living in Walton Hills and enjoy its beautiful landscape. All animals, including family pets are special to the couple of 48 years! They have a 14-year-old Great Pyrenees named Emma and a 9-year-old dachshund named Chester!

Along with being the newest member on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Wayne

(and Paula) is a member of the 50-Plus Club! He enjoys going to the many events with the group. Wayne also enjoys visiting Florida; he and Paula travel there at least once a year to get away from the chilly temperatures!

The Village of Walton Hills welcomes Wayne on board in his new position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. His background in carpentry is a solid foundation that will help when it comes to all things zoning related!

Warne's Favorites:

Movie(s): Jeremiah Johnson, Last of the Mohicans, Les Miserables

TV Show(s): Game of Thrones Actor(s): George C. Scott, Robert DeNiro

Actress: Katharine Hepburn

Food: Italian

Singer/Group: Frank Sinatra,

Tony Bennett

Song: The Shadow of Your Smile

Vacation: Florida

Sports Team: Diehard Cleveland

Browns fan!!

Calendar of Events

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Blood Drive 1-5pm C.O.W. Mtg. 6pm	Historical Resource Center 1-3pm & 7-8:30pm	Mayor's Court 4pm	4	5
6	Women's Club Board Mtg. 7pm	Election Day 6:30am - 7:30pm C.O.W. Mtg. 6pm	9	Mayor's Court 4pm	Veterans Day Village Hall Closed Ohio Flags of Honor Opening Ceremony 2pm	Ohio Flags of Honor ALL DAY
Women's Club Pancake Breakfast 10-11:50am & 12:40-2pm Ohio Flags of Honor Closing Ceremony 12pm	50 Plus Club Board Mtg.	Club House Pub & Grub Restaurant Leaving Village Hall at 11 am Council Mtg. 6pm	Women's Club Membership Mtg. 7pm	Mayor's Court 4pm	18	19
20	West Side Market Leaving Village Hall at 10:30am 50 Plus Club Mtg. 1 pm Antique Car Club 7pm	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day Village Hall Closed	25	Trash Pickup 7am (Thanksgiving)
27	Senior Lunch 11:15am Carol's Bookworms 7pm	Hard Rock Rocksino Leaving Village Hall at 9:50am	30			

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





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Ohio Flags of Honor Memorial

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The Closing Ceremony will take place on Sunday, November 13th at Noon.