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 HILLS**  
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*Journal*

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As we wrap up 2017, I'd like to take the time to say thank you to several people involved in the operations of the Village of Walton Hills. Thank you to the men and women of the Walton Hills Police Department and the Oakwood Village Fire Department who keep our Village safe daily. Thank you to the Walton Hills Service Department for all of the work you do throughout the year that greatly benefits our community. And thank you to the Village's administration staff for all of the hard work that you put in day-in and day-out from diligently working in the office to answering questions and concerns that residents may have. I would also like to say thank you to our elected officials for all of the hard work that you do throughout the year. Lastly, a big thank you goes to all of the volunteers that never seem to get nearly as much recognition as they deserve. Thank you for donating your time to the numerous events and other activities that were held in Walton Hills this year.

In November, residents cast their vote to fill four seats on Village Council. We will have one new person joining three incumbents to fill those seats over the next four years. Council and I would like to thank Paul Rich for his seven years of service on council along with his 17 years he has served as a member of the zoning board of appeals. Mr. Rich was an asset who has worked tirelessly towards the betterment of our community. Thank you for all of your countless hours of service to Walton Hills.

In other Village news, the planning commission members recently approved another new business to be re-located to Walton Hills. Bishop Brothers Transit will move into the vacant property located at 7560 Northfield Road – it's between Western Reserve Battery and the Birchwood Party Center.

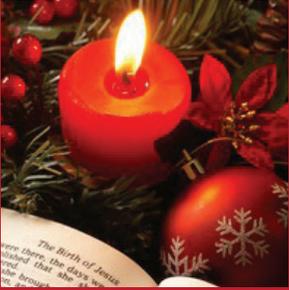
This land has been vacant for several years – around 45 years. Bishop Brothers Transit will bring in 10 to 15 employees to the community. The planning commission also allowed for a lot split of seven acres (including a building owned by Walton Hills) on West Krick Road. The property is being refurbished for sale which will allow for expansion and economic growth for our community. All of these improvements can only be possible with teamwork and a vision for growth for our Village.

We honored all of our military veterans, past and present, on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> with a ceremony on the Village Hall grounds. We can never thank our veterans enough for all that they do to keep our nation free. Also around Veterans Day, one of our residents, Holly Koester, was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame which recognizes Ohio veterans who, after serving in our nation's armed forces, put their skills and abilities to work in their local communities.

Ms. Koester is a veteran of the US Army. She served from 1981 to 1991 until she was injured. She is a substitute teacher for grades K-8. In 1996 she started racing in marathons; she is the first person to complete a marathon in all 50 states in a wheelchair. Holly took home six gold medals for her performance in the 2016 National Veterans Wheelchair Games. She is a peer counselor for newly injured spinal cord veterans at the Cleveland VA Medical Center and a motivational speaker.

You can read Holly's biography from the induction ceremony in its entirety by logging onto [www.dvs.ohio.gov/main/veterans-hall-of-fame.html](http://www.dvs.ohio.gov/main/veterans-hall-of-fame.html).

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## Holiday SWIPE & WIN



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- PLUS, PRINT TWO GOLDEN TICKETS ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>
- DON'T MISS NEW YEAR'S EVE - ALL PRIZES ARE DOUBLED\*

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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 Approved at the 11.14.17 Special Council Meeting

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

**Ordinance 2017-14** authorizes the issuance of notes in the amount of not to exceed \$1,710,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of (I) the Sagamore Road Reconstruction Project, (II) constructing/installing road/traffic signalization improvements for the Alexander Road/Northfield Road Improvement Project, (III) constructing/installing road/traffic signalization improvements for the Alexander Road/Dunham Road Improvement Project, (IV) acquiring/equipping service vehicles, (V) acquiring/equipping police cars, and (VI) acquiring/renovating a building for municipal purposes.

**Resolution 2017-26** authorizes the Mayor to prepare and advertise a request for proposals for the purpose of providing speed camera services in Walton Hills.

## Legislation Approved at the 11.21.17 Regular Council Meeting

**Ordinance 2017-15** authorizes the Mayor to enter into a utility agreement with Cuyahoga County for the maintenance of the storm and sanitary sewage systems (*First reading*).

**Ordinance 2017-16** adds Chapter 1267 to the Codified Ordinances creating an Economic Development Overlay District.

**Ordinance 2017-17** amends Section 1266.02 (Use Regulations), Chapter 1272 (Mixed-Use District) and Section 1294.04 (Conditional Uses in Country Home Districts) of the Codified Ordinances.

**Ordinance 2017-18** amends Section 1060 under Chapter 6 of the Codified Ordinances to provide for the collection of fees for residential waste collection (*First reading*).

**Resolution 2017-27** approves the lot split and consolidation of PPNs 794-28-002, 794-29-001, 794-29-002, 794-28-003 and 794-28-002, confirming the action of the Planning Commission on November 9, 2017.

### Mayor's Letter *(Continued from Page 1)*

Christmastime is the most wonderful time of year; a time when we can take time out of our hectic schedules and enjoy it with family and friends. I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas season. The memories that we make during the holiday season last forever.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

*Kevin Hurst*

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

*The Village of Walton Hills wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas.*

*We hope that you have a blessed New Year as well.*



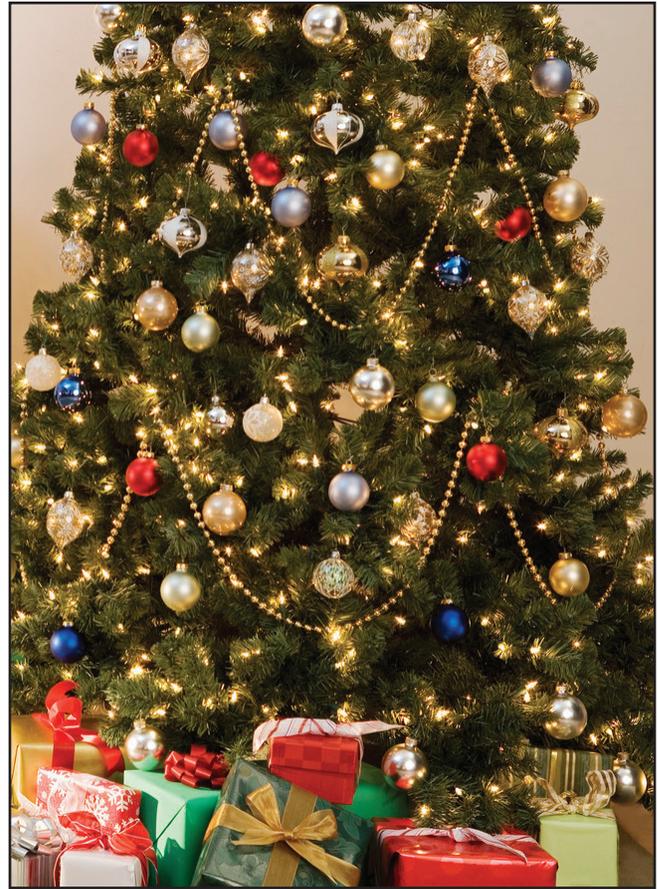
# Walton Hills Police Department Information

Stanley Jaworski, Interim Chief of Police / Councilman Denny Linville, Safety Committee Chair

Don't let Christmas ever heat up too much – with fire that is. Did you know that Christmas trees alone result in \$13-million, annually, in property damage? More importantly, these fires present real risk towards family and friends. When showcasing a live tree in your home, the combination of tree dryness, electrical malfunction with lights and poorly located heating sources can make for a deadly combination. But, if your Christmas is just not complete without a live tree, follow these safety precautions to keep threats at bay:

- Fresh trees are less likely to catch fire, so look for a tree with vibrant green needles that are hard to pluck and don't break easily from its branches. The tree shouldn't be shedding its needles readily.
- Always place your tree away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights, and keep the tree base filled with water to avoid a dry out.
- Make sure all your indoor and outdoor Christmas lights have been tested and throw out any damaged lights.
- Any lights you use outdoors must be labeled suitable for exterior placement, and be sure to plug them into a ground-fault circuit interrupter protected receptacle.
- Keep all your holiday candles away from your Christmas tree, surrounding furniture and décor.
- Bedtime means lights off! Don't forget to turn your Christmas tree lights off each night.

When your tree begins to drop its needles, it's time to say goodbye to your evergreen foliage until next year. If you follow these simple fire safety tips, you'll be sure to have a very Merry Christmas!



*Have a safe and happy  
Christmas season  
along with a great New Year*

*From the Walton Hills Police Department*



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216.662.2644

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From our family to yours!*



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# Street Commissioner's Report

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

As we near the heart of winter, the Walton Hills Service Department is working on several building and equipment maintenance projects. Although we will be kept busy with maintenance work we will remain attentive to any weather changes that would impact the safety of our residents and those who drive through Walton Hills daily.

Please keep in mind that even though we will be responding quickly to each call for snow and ice removal, we cannot be everywhere in the Village all at the same time. We will plow and salt as often as needed, but it does not guarantee that the roads will not be slippery so everyone should still exercise caution while driving.

Be sure that you keep a greater distance than normal from other vehicles and reduce your speed. Also, we ask that you please remember to give the snow plow trucks even more room to operate due to our driver's limited visibility and the amount of space required to safely operate a fully loaded dump truck on snow covered streets.



*The Walton Hills Service Department wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas*

## Reminder:

**Due to Christmas, trash pickup will be delayed. Trash will be collected on Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**GIVE YOUR LAWN THE GIFT OF GOOD HEALTH**

- Research environmentally friendly ice melt products.
- Drain gas from lawn mower for winter storage.

## DECEMBER

### Did you know?

Ho Ho Hold the salt!

Excess salt applied to icy sidewalks and roads negatively impacts the health of streams, rivers and your lawn.



# December Recreation News

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

## Event: CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

**Date:** Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 4:30 – 7:30pm

Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)

Cost: Please bring bakery to share

Note: Feed Santa's Reindeer 4:30 – 7:30pm

Tree Lighting 5:30pm

Santa Arrives 5:45pm

If you have any questions, please call the Rec Department at (440) 786-2964.

## Event: SANTA DELIVERY DROP OFF

**Date:** Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6-7:30pm

Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)

Note: Drop off your wrapped gifts including a name tag for Santa Claus to deliver on the fire truck on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>! Any questions call (440) 786-2964.

## Event: THE WESTERN RESERVE FIRE MUSEUM

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

Time: Leaving at 10am

Site: Cleveland

Cost: TBA

Note: Learn about the history of fighting fires. We'll have lunch at the Irish Pub called The Harp.

## Event: SANTA DELIVERY

**Date:** Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Time: 11am – When all the gifts are delivered!

Site: Your driveway!

Note: Santa will begin delivering packages at 11am. He'll try his best to get every gift delivered by 7:30pm. Have your cameras ready when he arrives!

## Event: MORNING MEETING WITH THE MAYOR

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

Time: 9am

Site: Community Room – Village Hall

Cost: Free

Note: Get updated on what's happening in the Village. Ask Mayor Hurst questions about the Village while enjoying a breakfast treat. Please RSVP by Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> by calling (440) 786-2964.

## Event: SENIOR LUNCH

**Date:** Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 11:15am

Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)

Cost: \$7

Note: Enjoy a delicious lunch with neighbors and friends! We will be having a Christmas Party! Please come and enjoy a little Christmas concert. Alessandra and the Classics will be singing for you! To sign up please call the Rec Department at (440) 786-2964 by Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Event: CAROL'S BOOKWORMS

**Date:** Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7pm

Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)

Cost: A food item for our Village pantry.

Note: Join our nice group of ladies to discuss our latest book.

## CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Last month we read and discussed the book "Luckiest Girl Alive," by Jessica Knoll. We rated this book:



Out of 5

*Wishing You and Your Family a Happy Christmas  
and a Healthy New Year!*

*From the Walton Hills Recreation and  
Community Life Department*

Please note that all programs and trips are subject to change due to bad weather. Please call the Recreation Department for any concerns: (440) 786-2964.

# Medicare Card Changes

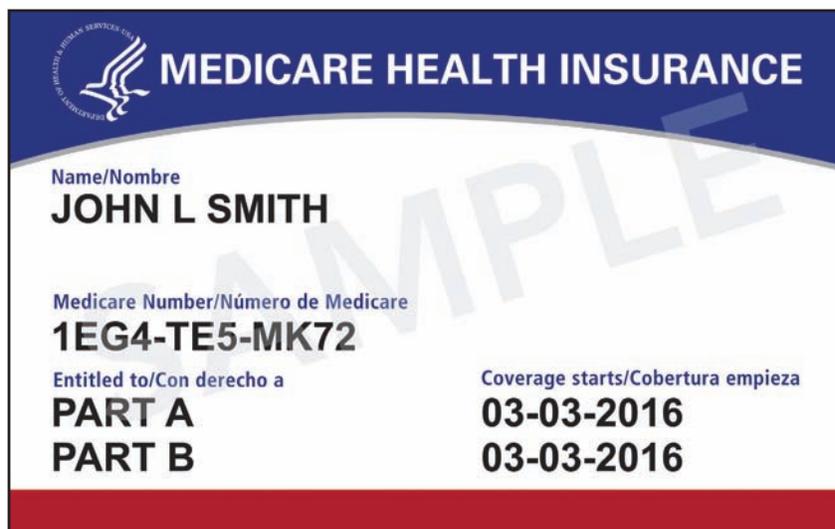
Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker / Office Phone 216.524.5570

Soon you will notice changes on your Medicare card. Due to the Social Security Removal Initiative (SSNRI), your card will no longer show your Social Security number. Beginning in April 2018, it will be replaced with a new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). The move is required by a 2015 law to discourage identity theft. Identity theft can take not only an emotional toll on people, but also a financial one: two-thirds of all identity theft victims reported a direct financial loss. It can also disrupt lives, damage credit ratings and result in inaccuracies in medical records and costly false claims.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will assign all Medicare beneficiaries a new, randomly assigned, unique Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) number, 11-characters in length that will contain a combination of numbers and uppercase letters.

## Here's how you can get ready:

- Make sure your mailing address is up-to-date. If your address needs to be corrected, contact Social Security at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) or 1-800-772-1213. TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.
- Beware of anyone who contacts you about your new Medicare card. CMS will never ask you for personal or private information to receive your new Medicare number and card.



- Mailing new cards will take time. Your card delivery may arrive at a different time period than your family, friends, or neighbors.
- 3. Don't pay for your new Medicare card. Your new card is free. If someone asks you to pay for it, that's a scam.

## Though your SSN will be removed from your card, scammers will still find ways to try and take advantage of you. To avoid Medicare scams the Better Business Bureau suggests you:

1. Protect your information. Keep your Medicare information private. Medicare won't call you, nor will they ask you for your Social Security number or bank account information. When instructed, securely destroy your current card and keep your new MBI card confidential.
  2. Be cautious of medical suppliers who contact you out of the blue. Medicare will never call or email you with product offers. Also, if an insurance agent calls or visits your home to sell a Medicare product, they are acting illegally, if you did not request the service.
  4. Know your Medicare coverage. Offers for free medications or medical equipment are most likely scams. Also, your new Medicare cards will be mailed automatically. There will not be any changes to your benefits.
  5. Just hang up. If someone calls threatening to cancel your benefits if you don't change your Medicare benefits or provide your personal information, just hang up.
  6. Review your monthly Medicare statements. Check your statements for any suspicious activity.
- More information can be found online at [www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card/index.html](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card/index.html)
- Source: CMS News – Better Business Bureau

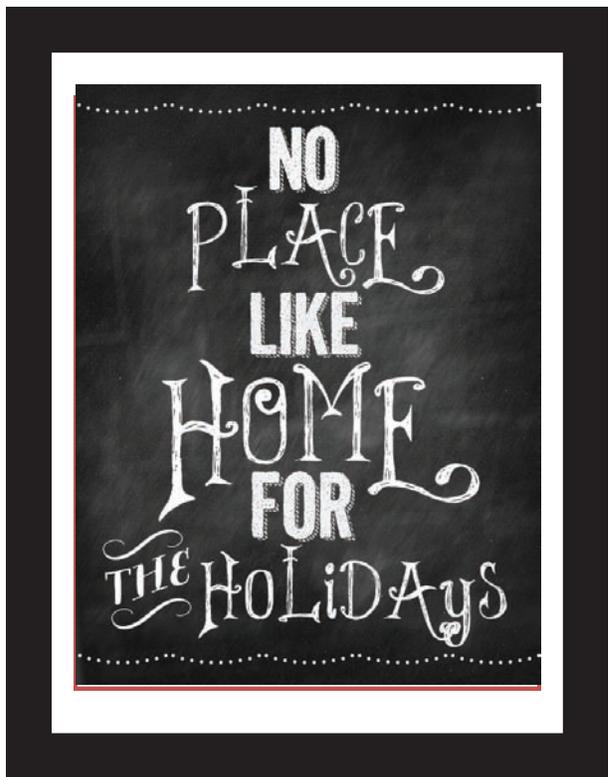


# Drug Plan Scams

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker / Office Phone 216.524.5570

While there are many legitimate discount drug programs, others take advantage by selling programs that don't really exist. Medical discount plans generally charge you a monthly fee to get discounts on products from participating providers. The Better Business Bureau offers these tips before signing up for a discount drug program:

- ✓ **Don't sign up on the spot.** If someone is pressuring you to sign up immediately that is a red flag. Legitimate plans will allow you to research their plan and claims before you enroll.
- ✓ **Confirm the details.** Remember a medical discount program cannot replace your health insurance. But, if this is something you want to participate in, check to see if your pharmacy, medications, doctors, etc. are covered. Scammers may tell you that your prescriptions are covered when they're really not.
- ✓ **Get everything in writing.** Once you have confirmed all the details, be sure to get all the information in writing. Read the contract before you sign.
- ✓ **If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.** Beware of "up to" discounts. Discounts including "up to 70% off" are used to entice potential customers. Consider the discount plans monthly and enrollment fees, ask yourself if you are really saving that much?
- ✓ **Don't give out your information to someone you don't know.** Never give your personal information to someone you don't know.
- ✓ **Check registration.** Many states require discount programs to be licensed or registered. Find out more at [www.naic.org](http://www.naic.org) or [www.consumeraction.gov](http://www.consumeraction.gov).
- ✓ **Do your research.** Check with the Better Business Bureau before doing business with a company. Visit the BBB at [www.bbb.org/Cleveland](http://www.bbb.org/Cleveland) or call (216) 241-7678 to check discount prescription plan companies.



*"During the holiday season, my thoughts turn to those that make my business possible. A sincere "thank you" for trusting me with your real estate needs. May you and yours have a joyous holiday season."*

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## Battlefield Cross

The Village of Walton Hills prides itself on recognizing and honoring our military veterans past and present. Throughout the year, we honor service members with several ceremonies – from Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies to our now, annual, Ohio Flags of Honor event. This past Veterans Day, we unveiled a new addition to our Walton Hills Veterans Monument: a portable battlefield cross that will be included in all of our future ceremonies.

The battlefield cross is a symbolic replacement of a cross that is placed on a battlefield or at the base camp



for a soldier who has been killed. It is made up of the soldier's rifle stuck into the ground or into the soldier's boots, with the helmet on top and the

soldier's dog tags. The rifle, boots, helmet and dog tags – the battlefield cross has become the symbol of loss, of mourning and closure for the living.

## THAT'S NO BULL!

**Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Information Committee Chairwoman**



Man's best friend has just been replaced, this is no bull! Or should I say yes, it is! Emilio Cervero, who owns a scrap yard in Spain is fed up. His scrap yard has been broken into seven times in the last few months. Man's best friend, his guard dogs would just stand around and watch the thieves cut holes in his chain-link fence and then simply run away as the thieves helped themselves to the site's inventory.

Emilio Cervero thought this is a bunch of bull. His dogs are useless! Seven may be a lucky number to some people, but to him, having his business broken into seven times isn't so lucky! He recently came up with a new plan to deter the thieves. Emilio took the bull by the horns so to speak – he retired his dogs and purchased two toros bravos, the breed of bulls used in Spanish bull fighting to patrol the scrap yard and scare off any would-be intruders.

Using bulls is quite a unique way to keep his property safe and secure. Closer to home, we've heard about the famous border wall that is supposedly going to be constructed – maybe a few border bulls would do the trick instead! This is just some food for thought – or just a little shooting of the bull, if you will!

*The Village of Walton Hills Council Members wish you a Merry Christmas!*



## Possible Changes for 2018

The Village of Walton Hills would like to keep residents updated on some proposals for possible changes in 2018. Again, these are just proposals – nothing is set in stone. Because the proposed 5-mil levy didn't pass earlier this year we're considering some changes in the New Year to help with the Village's 2018 budget.

In May 2017, residents voted to not increase the levy. Prior to May's election, the Village of Walton Hills' administration and council members held several public meetings to inform residents about how the levy would benefit our Village now, and in the future. After the levy failed, we had to make cuts in order to make sure that we continue to pursue a balanced budget. We eliminated some police personnel along with eliminating some administration personnel and Village employees are paying 10% more for their health insurance. That means all full-time employees pay

20% of their healthcare insurance. As we continuously have stated, our administration is transparent and we want to make sure that our residents are made aware, and understand the changes that have transpired, and could transpire in the New Year in order to reduce our operational costs while pursuing a balanced budget for 2018.

Village Council and administration have proposed several different options that we are considering for the 2018 budget. Our hope is that these proposals will only be temporary and can be modified within a short period of time. We have been discussing these proposals since the beginning of 2017.

### **The proposals that are on the table are as follows:**

- A proposal for a storm water and sanitary sewer maintenance agreement with Cuyahoga County

- A proposal for overlaid zoning of 15-acres or more of residential property located in the Country Home District
- A proposal for adding speed traffic cameras at some of our Village's intersections
- A proposal for all residents to pay for rubbish collection
- A proposal for ambulance billing for the Village of Walton Hills

Again, these proposals are being discussed and if any of them come to fruition, residents will be the first to know. If you have any questions please stop by the Village Hall or you can even attend C.O.W. and Council Meetings which are held on the first three Tuesdays of the month at 6pm.



## 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.**

**Reminder: The Village Hall will be closed on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.**

# Calendar of Events

## December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Christmas Tree Lighting 4:30pm	4 Santa Delivery Drop-Off 6pm	5 C.O.W. Mtg. 6pm	6 The Western Reserve Fire Museum Leaving at 10am	7 Mayor's Court 4pm	8	9 Santa Delivery 11am
10	11 50 Plus Club Board Mtg. 10am	12 C.O.W. Mtg. 6pm	13 Morning Meeting w/Mayor 9am	14 Mayor's Court 4pm Women's Club Christmas Dinner 7pm	15	16
17	18 Senior Lunch 11:15am 50 Plus Mtg. 1pm Carol's Bookworms 7pm Antique Car Club 7pm	19 Council Mtg. 6pm	20	21 Mayor's Court 4pm	22	23
24	25 Village Hall Closed 	26	27	28 Mayor's Court 4pm	29	30 Trash Pickup (Christmas)
31 New Year's Eve						

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

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

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27100 Chardon Road, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143

