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 HILLS**
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Journal

Dear Residents,

Spring is in full swing, and we're working to continue sprucing up the Village of Walton Hills – both with beautification and with economic development. During the last five years, Village officials have worked tirelessly to improve the business district. In 2013, the Village Council allowed our administration to expend \$10,000 for environmental partners to evaluate 19-acres of land that is owned by the City of Bedford (an old landfill that's been closed since 1974) that's located next to our old service garage on Krick Road.

Our goal of partnering with environmental evaluators was to find out if any of that land was polluted or contaminated from its landfill days, or if it would be able to be used as a redevelopment site. After the land evaluation was completed at the end of 2013, we approached the City of Bedford to see if it'd be willing to sell the land or join with Walton Hills to redevelop the land. After several meetings with Bedford's leaders – nothing has come to fruition to improve the 19-acres on Krick Road.

Along with redeveloping the Krick Road site, Walton Hills wants to improve the entrance to the property by creating a dedicated roadway to the property. A dedicated roadway could potentially increase the property's value. Bedford owns the majority of the area where the roadway would go and because of financial concerns, Bedford's leaders are a little hesitant to support the roadway construction. My hope is that both communities can work something out in the near future.

We are starting to see other parts of the Krick Road area being redeveloped. A new restaurant is scheduled to open this month on the corner

of Krick Road and Northfield Road. Its owner has invested more than \$100,000 to improve the building. There were some minor setbacks with its redevelopment – but it is back on track now!

Monte Ahuja, the owner of Transtar Company, issued a challenge to our community in August of 2017. Last summer, Mr. Ahuja met with Village officials to discuss the redevelopment of the business district. Mr. Ahuja voiced his concerns about the lack of redevelopment, green space and beautification in our business district, which he believes will inhibit economic progress. One of Mr. Ahuja's biggest concerns is Carr Brothers. He thinks the large concrete hill at the bottom of Ward's Bridge is an eyesore, frequently creating dust clouds that make the Village's entrance look uninviting. Mr. Ahuja was worried not only about other businesses, but his own, which he said would have to be moved out of Walton Hills if improvements weren't arranged.

I took Mr. Ahuja's concerns as more of a challenge to improve our business district.

Last month Carr Brothers signed an agreement to bring in a new trucking company to Walton Hills– Cajun Trucking. It will create 20 more jobs. Carr Brothers has also signed a development agreement to purchase our old service garage building on Krick Road and seven acres of that land. Carr Brothers will do its rock and concrete crushing there. The transition to the Krick Road area should happen before November 2018.

Also in the development agreement, Carr Brothers has agreed to clean up all of the rock and concrete that is piled up near Ward's Bridge.

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\$150,000

MAKE IT RAIN

MANIA

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It's April but we're not foolin'! We're giving away Cash and Free Play all month long! Every Saturday from 3pm - 7pm, you could win your share of over \$150,000. Drawings at 3pm, 4pm, 5pm and 6pm, five winners receive \$1,000 Free Play each. At 7pm four winners receive \$1,000 Free Play each and one lucky winner will walk away with **\$15,000 CASH!**

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NORTHFIELD PARK

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Legislation Approved at the 3.20.2018 Council Meeting

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

Ordinance No. 2018-4 amends section 208.06(d) (2), fees and deposits in districts other than country home districts of the Codified Ordinance to the Village of Walton Hills.

Resolution No. 2018-15 approves the development agreement and the sale of permanent parcel number 794-29-036.

Other legislation that passed before the end of March 2018:

Ordinance No. 2018-5 makes permanent appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Walton Hills, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

Mayor's Letter

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That area will then be developed into green space – Carr Brothers has agreed to invest \$150,000 into landscaping and tree planting on Northfield Road in front of its existing property. The sale of the Krick Road property has brought in \$200,000 to the Village of Walton Hills.

Some other beautification and economic development projects that will soon occur include: turning the Krick Road area into a standard commercial area where business owners would be assessed around \$1,800 per year for 20 years; bringing in several new businesses to Northfield Road, including Bishop Brothers Trucking and DAKAR, LLC – an entertainment industry business. Bishop Brothers will create between 15 and 20 new jobs. DAKAR,

LLC purchased 2.5 acres on Northfield Road next to NPK Industries; the business will create 12 new jobs in Walton Hills, and once it's up and running, the movie editing/recording business will be a big boost to the Walton Hills revenue. However, the Village won't begin seeing that revenue from DAKAR until 2019. The future is bright for the Village of Walton Hills.

I hope you have an enjoyable Easter holiday.

Thank You,

Kevin Hurst

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

Don't forget: This year, the tax filing deadline is Tuesday, April 17th. If you still need assistance with your taxes, please don't hesitate to contact our finance department at (440) 232-7800, Monday through Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm.

Military Resource Fair

Don't forget! A Military Resource Fair is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 20th at the Broadview Heights Community Center, 9543 Broadview Road. It's geared towards helping those who are serving our country, their spouses and their families.

From 9am-12pm there will be representatives and local businesses to help with benefit questions, employment agencies and other military-related areas. Attendees should plan to bring **DD 214** or **NGB 22** discharge papers. If discharge papers aren't available, please bring the social security card of the military personnel.



Building Report

Jeff Ferjutz / Village of Walton Hills Building Department

With the warmer weather upon us, our Building Department strives to work with not just the residents, but also with builders and contractors too. If you're planning to have some work done at your residence, don't forget that contractors must be registered with Walton Hills to work in the Village. Before work begins, the proper permits must

be pulled through the Building Department. The Village does this to protect you from faulty work through pre- and post-inspections. For more information on permits, please visit www.waltonhillsohio.gov and for a list of registered contractors, call the Village Hall at (440) 232-7800.

Better Tree Planting and Care

The Village of Walton Hills is teaming up with the Cuyahoga Soil and Waste Conservation District to reach new heights with better tree planting and care! Anyone interested in learning about Cleveland and Cuyahoga County's goal to protect and restore tree canopy can attend a tree planting workshop. You'll receive essential information about the benefits and care of trees, with a focus on planting for success.



7595 Walton Road. The workshop is free to attend, but there is a cost to take home a tree. For \$20 you'll receive a one 3-gallon tree, one watering bag and planting instructions to take home the day of the workshop. If you'd like to learn more about better tree planting and care, register to attend the workshop by Friday, April 27th. You can register online at www.cuyahogawcd.org/events or

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th from 10:00am to Noon in the Walton Hills Community Room,

by mailing a check, payable to Cuyahoga SWCD, for \$20 per attendee to: Cuyahoga SWCD, 3311 Perkins Avenue, #100, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

APRIL

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!

Walton Hills Police Department Information

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

Spring is in full swing and for many residents, it's the start of vacation season! We'd like to give you a few tips to make sure your home is protected while you're away. Of course, you can request a house watch from the Walton Hills Police Department, but here are some other things you can do to make sure your home is safe.

- 1. Hold Your Mail:** A huge pile of mail on the front doorstep, or envelopes pouring out of your mailbox is an instant tip-off that no one's home. Go to the post office to place a hold on your mail. Put a hold on your daily paper too.
- 2. Create the Illusion of Someone Home:** Set your lights, TVs and radios on timers to create the typical noise and flickering lights of an average home night. Have someone mow too; an unruly lawn is as bad as a pile of mail.
- 3. Mum's the Word:** Never, ever announce your departure or vacation on social networks.
- 4. Trust a Friend:** Give your vacation contact information and a spare key to at least one friend or neighbor. That way, they'll know how to contact you in case of an emergency.
- 5. Unplug:** Unplug all unnecessary appliances to protect your home from an electrical fire or power surge. This goes for the big stuff, like TVs, but also for your toaster, your coffee maker and other small appliances.
- 6. Hide the Hide-a-Key:** Take any hidden spare keys out of commission. Just don't forget to re-hide them when you return!
- 7. Keep Your Valuables Safe:** Lock up jewelry, the house deed, any wills, and other valuables or sensitive documents in a fire-proof safe.
- 8. Alert Your Alarm Company:** Call your home security company to let them know you'll be away. Make sure all of the door and window alarms are set and working before you leave.

Ohio's New Driver License and Identification Card

Coming **JULY 2, 2018** the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles will introduce its new Driver License and Identification Card (DL-ID). We'll take a closer look at what this means for you in a couple of months, but for now here's a little bit on what you can expect.



New Process: All new driver license and ID cards will be received by mail about 10 business days after you renew or apply at a Deputy Registrar agency.

New Options: New federal travel restrictions requiring secure identification go into effect October 2020. Ohio is

New Look: The driver license and identification card will have a new look with greater security features and identity protection for customers.

offering two options to its customers: Compliant or Standard.

Learn more at www.bmv.ohio.gov.



April Recreation News

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

Event: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Date: Tuesday, April 10th

Time: Leaving Community Center at 9:15am

Site: Cleveland

Cost: \$4 plus lunch

Note: This museum is dedicated to the preservation of the history of women in all aspects of aviation and aerospace. This is a one-hour tour.

Event: 50+ CLUB SPONSORED AUCTION

Date: Monday, April 16th

Time: 1pm

Site: Village Hall Community Room

Note: This auction will raise money for the Walton Hills Benevolent Fund. If you have any questions call Ray Tinter at 440-232-2595 or you can ask any 50+ Club member.

Event: MORNING MEETING WITH THE MAYOR

Date: Wednesday, April 18th

Time: 9-11am

Site: Village Hall Community Room

Cost: Free

Note: Listen or ask questions regarding anything that's happening in the Village of Walton Hills. You'll enjoy good company with your neighbors and friends while also enjoying breakfast.

Event: FIRE MUSEUM

Date: Wednesday, April 25th

Time: Leaving Community Center at 9:30am

Site: Cleveland

Cost: \$8 plus lunch

Note: We will be having lunch at "The Harp," and Irish pub restaurant.

Event: WOMEN'S CLUB CRAFT FAIR

Date: Saturday, April 28th

Time: 9am-3pm

Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)

Cost: Admission is free!

Note: Take a tour of the Women's Club Spring Craft Fair! There's something for everyone!

Event: SENIOR LUNCH

Date: Monday, April 30th

Time: 11:15am

Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)

Cost: \$7

Note: Kathleen Kapusta will be speaking about Northeast Ohio Sewer District's cost saving programs: homestead and wastewater affordability.

Event: CAROL'S BOOKWORMS

Date: Monday, April 30th

Time: 7pm

Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)

Cost: Join our nice group of ladies to discuss our book.

NEED TRANSPORTATION?

Need a ride? Transportation is available to residents who have no other means of transportation to doctor and dental appointments, physical therapy, dialysis and grocery stores, drug stores, hair appointments and more!

Please call the Community Center at 440-786-2964 if you have any transportation questions

CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Last month we read and discussed the book,

"Best Boy," by Eli Gottlieb.

We rated this book:



Out of 5

The Village of Walton Hills has re-vamped its Facebook page. Be sure to log on and check it out. You can get all of the latest Village-related news there!

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

ABS & ASSETS / FITNESS FOR FEMALES OVER FORTY

Date: Wednesdays, April 4th through April 25th
Time: 6pm
Site: Walton Hills Community Center
Cost: \$12 per class • \$40 for all sessions
Note: Ladies, challenge and strengthen your bodies during our fourth session of Abs & Assets! Dress comfortably, wear tennis shoes and bring a mat if you have one!

YOGA – FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

Date: Wednesdays, April 18th through May 30th
Time: 7pm
Site: Walton Hills Community Center
Cost: \$75 (7 – 1-hour sessions)
Note: The instructor, Kathy, is certified with 12 years of teaching experience. She leads a gentle yoga class that focuses on the mind, body and spirit through a combination of centering, breathing, postures and flows, with a touch of meditation too. Postures can be adapted to your physical abilities. When you finish the 1-hour session, expect to feel refreshed, relaxed, stronger and more flexible. No previous yoga experience necessary.

National Day of Prayer

Next month is the annual National Day of Prayer. Prayer brings people together. It builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer brings UNITY. This year's theme is **Pray for America – UNITY**, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, *"Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*

The National Day of Prayer organization hopes that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble ourselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer.

This year's National Day of Prayer event will be on Thursday, May 3rd at the Walton Hills Community Center (14660 Alexander Road). It'll start at 11:00am. There will be refreshments following the ceremony.



Medicare Coverage for Skilled Nursing Facilities

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

Medicare will cover inpatient skilled care only if **all** the following criteria are met:

1. Must have Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) and unused days in this benefit period.
2. A qualifying hospital stay. This means an inpatient hospital stay of three consecutive days or more, starting with the day admitted to the hospital as an inpatient, but not including any outpatient or observation days or the day of hospital discharge.
3. Entering the skilled nursing facility within 30 days of hospital discharge.
4. The doctor must order skilled nursing care, which requires the skills of professionals, such as registered nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists or audiologists.
5. Skilled care, on a daily basis, that can only be provided in an inpatient skilled nursing facility.
6. Skilled services are needed for the medical condition that was treated during the qualifying 3-day hospital stay or a related condition.
7. Prescribed skilled services must be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of the eligible condition.



If you meet all of the requirements, Medicare coverage depends on how long you stay in the skilled nursing facility. Additional coverage may be offered by your Medigap or Medicare Advantage plans. How Medicare covers skilled nursing facility stays:

Days 1 through 20:

Medicare pays the full cost for each benefit period

Days 21 through 100:

Medicare pays all but a daily coinsurance of \$167.50 per day (2018)

After 100 days:

Medicare provides no coverage



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Street Commissioner's Report

Rob Kalman, Building Inspector, Street Commissioner
Councilman Brian Spitznagel, Infrastructure Committee Chairman

Spring is here and that means it's time for your annual spring cleaning. Here are a couple of upcoming recycling roundups that can help you with your cleaning efforts.

Old Computers

Monday, April 23rd through Friday, April 27th - 8am-3:30pm

If you have old computers or other electronics (no televisions) that need recycled, no problem. Bring them to the service department on Dunham Road. Some electronic equipment contains valuable metals that can be recovered through recycling. You can bring desktops, towers, laptops, monitors, keyboards and peripherals, printers, modems, tablets, e-readers, telecom devices, networking equipment, cables, cell phones and video game systems to the service garage during the computer round-up.

Household Hazardous Waste

Monday, May 7th through Friday, May 11th - 8am-3:30pm

Walton Hills will have a special collection of household hazardous waste Monday, May 7th through Friday, May 11th at the service garage. Examples of household hazardous waste include: oil-based paint, solvents, used motor oil, automotive fluids, aerosols, lawn and garden products, pesticides, pool chemicals and household cleaners.

Reminder: Branch chipping begins on Monday, April 23rd

Earth Day Begins at Home

Earth Day is Sunday, April 22nd, but you can make every day Earth Day! Improve your own small part of the planet by considering these suggestions for spring cleaning, garden preparation and home improvements.

- **Purchase non-toxic cleaning products.** Use natural fiber sponges and cleaning agents that are biodegradable, phosphate-free, chlorine-free, and unscented.
- **Reduce paper use.** Use rags and cloth napkins instead of paper towels and paper napkins.
- **Refurbish responsibly.** Use water-based or vegetable-based paints, stains, and varnishes. Don't wash paint thinners, household cleaners, oil, or pesticides down the drain or pour them on the ground; use them up, give leftovers to friends or a charity, or dispose at your local toxic waste disposal center (**see household hazardous waste disposal above!**).
- **Replace disposable goods with renewable ones.** Buy rechargeable batteries. Use dishes instead of paper plates.
- **Plant for the planet.** Strengthen your garden's resistance to pests by planting resilient plants, by rotating the fruits and vegetables you plant, and by attracting friendly bugs to prey on the pesky ones.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Information Committee Chairwoman

When I was a child I was outside from morning till night playing with the neighborhood kids. We played in the streets, fields and woods wherever there was an open area we were there with our bats, balls and jump ropes playing hide and go seek, tag, kick the can and duck-duck-goose. But most importantly we used our imagination.

We created our own games and our own fun. No electronics in our hands! We just used our heads and filled our days with fun and good memories that have lasted a lifetime. And I personally feel those were the best of times.

And speaking of time, studies show that today's children spend only 30 minutes a week, yes, a week, playing outdoors. What a shame! Not getting outdoors is not an issue just for the kids, it is an adult problem too. Adults spend 93% of their lives inside buildings or vehicles. Being outdoors for kids and adults has its perks.

It boosts self-esteem, relieves stress and improves focus just to name a few!



If you live in Walton Hills you have no excuse to not get outside and enjoy the scenery, everything is in your own backyard. We have the Metroparks, the Walton Hills Lake Club, T.G. Young Park and the Walton Hills Auto Racetrack. Anyone, no matter how young or old, can find an outdoor location to enjoy in our

beautiful Village. There are plenty of places to take a nature hike, to bird watch, go on a picnic or even race remote controlled cars! Even reading a book in the great outdoors is relaxing!

Whatever you like to do, just do it outside! You will be a healthier and happier person for it!



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.

Calendar of Events

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Historical Resource Center 1-3pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>COW Mtg. 6pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Abs & Assets 6pm</p> <p>Lake Club Mtg. 6:30pm</p> <p>Yoga 7pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Mayor's Court 4pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Outdoor Siren Test 12pm</p> <p>RAD Class 1pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>RAD Class 1pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>50 Plus Club Board Mtg. 10am</p> <p>Women's Club Board Mtg. 7pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Women's Air & Space Museum Leaving at 9:15am</p> <p>COW Mtg. 6pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Abs & Assets 6pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Mayor's Court 4pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>50 Plus Club Mtg. 1pm</p> <p>Auction 1pm</p> <p>Antique Car Club 7pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Council Mtg. 6pm</p> <p>Taxes Due</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Morning Meeting w/the Mayor 9am</p> <p>Abs & Assets 6pm</p> <p>Yoga 7pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Mayor's Court 4pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Military Resource Fair 9am</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Computer Roundup 8am-3:30pm</p> <p>Branch Chipping Begins</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Computer Roundup 8am-3:30pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Computer Roundup 8am-3:30pm</p> <p>Fire Museum Leaving at 9:30am</p> <p>Abs & Assets 6pm</p> <p>Women's Club Mtg. 6:30pm</p> <p>Yoga 7pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Computer Roundup 8am-3:30pm</p> <p>Mayor's Court 4pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Computer Roundup 8am-3:30pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Women's Club Craft Fair 9am-3pm</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Senior Lunch 11:15am</p> <p>Carol's Bookworms 7pm</p>					

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

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