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Message from Mayor Don Kolograf

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Since the beginning of the Coronavirus 19 outbreak, we have participated in numerous calls and planning sessions at all levels. We continue to receive updates from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Our Police Chief and Police Department along with the Oakwood Fire Department continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to provide the best service and safest services to our residents. Please continue to use good hygiene and follow the recommendations of our experts as outlined by the Ohio Department of Health.

We have links on our website and Village sponsored Facebook pages as well as information in this publication. Feel free to contact the Mayor's office, Council or any Village Department as needed. We as residents of this great community and the greatest country in the world will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Mayor Don Kolograf

"We are Walton Hills strong, Ohio strong, and United States strong. We will get through this together."

APRIL NEWS...

- The tax deadline filing date has been extended from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020 for Federal, State and Walton Hills taxes. If you need assistance with your city taxes please call Tax Administrator Angela Revay, 440-232-7800. Retirees who have filled out a form in the past will not need to do anything.
- COVID-19 assistance information for Walton Hills businesses can be found on page 6.
- March 17 Primary Election voting has been delayed. Updates will be given as they become available.
- Hydrant Flushing will begin on May 1.
- From the Mayor, Council and all Village employees, we wish all residents a Happy & Healthy Easter!

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Walton Hills Municipal Buildings Closed Until Further Notice

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Village Hall Lobby and all other Municipal Buildings are closed to the public until further notice. This includes access to the following departments: Police, Building, Tax, Clerk of Court and payment for tickets.

Village Hall:

- Contact 440-232-7800 for assistance.
- The Clerk of Court can be reached at 440-786-2962.
- Payments for Tickets, Building Dept. and Tax Dept. can be mailed in or placed in the white mailbox in the upper parking lot located off of Alexander Road.
- Village Hall address is 7595 Walton Road, Walton Hills, OH 44146.

Police Department:

- If you need information on reports please call 440-232-1313 and the dispatcher will give you an email address to send a request in.
- All Accidents are uploaded to CARFAX. Please use **crashdocs.org** to locate all accident reports.
- To file a report at the police station an officer will meet you outside of the lobby, weather permitting, to take your report.

Service Department:

- The Service Department, located on Dunham Road, will be closed to walk-in traffic.
- If you would like to make an appointment, please call the Service Department at 216-581-0434 between the hours of 8am and 3:30pm.

Recreation & Community Life Department:

- The Community Event Center, located at 14660 Alexander Road, is closed to the public until further notice. If you need assistance, please call the Recreation and Community Life Department at 440-786-2964.
- Anyone in need of groceries, household items or necessary items during COVID-19 outbreak or at any time throughout the year can call 440-786-2964 for assistance.
- Social Worker Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S can be reached at 216-524-5570.

Further information is available at:

- **Village Website: www.waltonhillsohio.gov**
- Facebook Pages:
  - search@VillageofWaltonHills (Official Village page)
  - search@WaltonHillsPolice (Police Dept. page)

How to Apply for Unemployment Benefits

Ohio has two ways to file an application for Unemployment Insurance Benefits:

- **Online** File online at http://unemployment.ohio.gov, 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Service may be limited during nightly system updating. Check the website for available services. Please be sure to follow the instructions.
- **Telephone** Call toll-free 1-877-644-6562 or TTY 1-614-387-8408, (excluding holidays) Monday through Friday 7am - 7pm, and Saturday 9am - 1pm

To apply for Unemployment Insurance Benefits, you will need:

- Your Social Security number and driver's license or state ID number
- Your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address
- Name, address, telephone number, and dates of employment with each employer you worked for during the past 6 weeks of employment
- The reason you became unemployed from each employer
- Dependents' names, Social Security numbers, and dates of birth
- If claiming dependents, your spouse's name, Social Security number, and birth date
- If you are not a U.S. citizen or national, alien registration number and expiration date
- Your regular occupation and job skills
- **If you had out-of-state employment, have worked for the federal government, or are separated from military service,** more information is required, including:
  - Form DD-214, member 4 copy (for military service)
  - SF-8 or SF-50 form (for federal government employment)

Once your application has been filed:

- You will receive further information by mail or e-mail. E-mail will be sent from OJI@odjfs.state.oh.us.
- If filing online and you need your Personal Identification Number (PIN) reset, please call toll-free 1-866-962-4064.

COVID-19 Information from the Ohio Department of Health

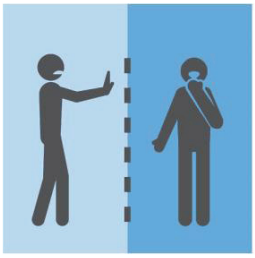
The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has opened a call center to answer questions regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). The call center will be open seven days a week from 9:00am to 8:00pm and can be reached at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). Call center staff includes licensed nurses and infectious disease experts. They will be available to answer questions and provide accurate information about COVID-19, the risk to the public, and the state's response. Additional information and guidance on COVID-19 is available at ODH's new website, **www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.**

Additional Resources:

Cuyahoga County Board of Health: **www.ccbh.net**
Centers for Disease Control: **www.cdc.gov**
World Health Organization: **www.who.int**

Protect Yourself and Others from COVID-19 by Taking These Precautions

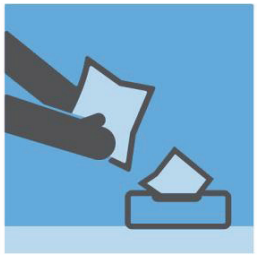
STAY HOME



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

GET ADEQUATE SLEEP AND EAT WELL-BALANCED MEALS

WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WATER AND SOAP (20 SECONDS OR LONGER)



DRY HANDS WITH A CLEAN TOWEL OR AIR DRY YOUR HANDS

COVER YOUR MOUTH WITH A TISSUE OR SLEEVE WHEN COUGHING OR SNEEZING

AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE, OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS OR AFTER TOUCHING SURFACES

CLEAN AND DISINFECT "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES OFTEN

CALL BEFORE VISITING YOUR DOCTOR

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE HABITS

For additional information call **1-833-4-ASK-ODH** or visit **coronavirus.ohio.gov.**

Source: Ohio Department of Health

AG Yost Warns of an Outbreak of Scams Related to Coronavirus

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — Fear and uncertainty surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic could give rise to an outbreak of scams, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost warns.

"COVID-19 is not the only thing we have to protect ourselves against," Yost said. "Thieves and crooks prey on fear and uncertainty. Ohioans need to inoculate themselves against an outbreak of scams with knowledge and good practices."

Yost encourages Ohioans to follow these tips to avoid Coronavirus-related scams:

- Watch out for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other expert sources with special advice or information about the Coronavirus. Legitimate information is available for free on the **CDC's website**.

- Ignore online advertisements promoting cures for the Coronavirus. According to the Federal Trade Commission, "There currently are no vaccines, pills, lotions, lozenges or other prescription or over-the-counter products available to treat or cure Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) online or in stores."

- Research nonprofit organizations and crowdfunding campaigns before donating. A **database of registered charities** is available on the Ohio Attorney General's website. Avoid groups that pressure you into donating and never donate via cash, gift cards, wire transfer or prepaid money card. These are the preferred payment methods of scammers.

- Be cautious of anyone going door to door offering Coronavirus testing or temperature readings and requesting personal information. Call law enforcement immediately if you see a suspicious person. Never let strangers into your home.

- Beware of emails and other attempts to "phish" for your personal, financial and medical information. When in doubt, do not share. If the source claims to be your bank or a government agency, confirm they are legitimate by calling the organization at a phone number you have verified.

- Amid discussions of providing working families with government checks, know that nothing has been formalized yet. For more information, visit the **Federal Trade Commission** website and stay tuned for updates from reliable news sources.

- When online, avoid clicking on unknown links or pop-ups and never download any suspicious email attachment. Doing so could infect your devices with malicious software designed to steal your personal information or lock your computer until you pay a ransom.

Consumers who suspect an unfair or deceptive sales practice should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at **www.OhioProtects.org** or 800-282-0515.

Beware of Stimulus Check Scams

A Message from the Federal Trade Commission

The government will soon be sending stimulus money by check or direct deposit to each of us. There are a few really important things to know.

1. The government will not ask you to pay anything up front to get this money. No fees. No charges. No nothing.

2. The government will not call to ask for your Social Security number, bank account, or credit card number. Anyone who does is a scammer.

3. These reports of checks aren't yet a reality. Anyone who tells you they can get you the money now is a scammer.

So, remember: no matter what this payment winds up being, only scammers will ask you to pay to get it. If you spot one of these scams, please tell the Federal Trade Commission: **www.ftc.gov/complaint**. We're doing our best to stop these scammers in their tracks, and your report will help.

FirstEnergy Will Temporarily Suspend Shutoffs and Offer Payment Options

Effective immediately, the company's electric utilities have taken action to maintain reliable service to customers by discontinuing power shutoffs for customers who are past due on their electric bills. This action will also help limit in-person interactions between company employees and the public. FirstEnergy will continue to monitor the Coronavirus response situation and adjust the shutoff policy in the future as circumstances develop.

In addition, residential customers who are facing a hardship due to the lack of income during this time should contact the company as soon as they are aware that paying their bill might become difficult. Options include budget billing, a program that averages usage over 12 months to offer the same bill amount each month, as well as energy assistance programs or other payment arrangements based on customers' situations and state of residence. Customers who are facing hardships should call customer service at their utility company at the following numbers:

The Illuminating Company: 1-800-589-3101
Ohio Edison: 1-800-633-4766

FirstEnergy is dedicated to safety, reliability and operational excellence. Its ten electric distribution companies form one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric systems, serving customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland and New York. The company's transmission subsidiaries operate approximately 24,500 miles of transmission lines that connect the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions. Follow FirstEnergy online at **www.firstenergycorp.com.**

Please Wash Your Hands !

Small Business Administration
Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program

U.S. Small Business Administration

Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted and Ohio Development Services Agency Director Lydia Mihalik announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has qualified the State of Ohio for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program.

As a result, Ohio businesses and non-profits economically impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19 may now apply for a low-interest loan of up to $2 million to help pay for fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact.

You can apply for the loan online at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/, which is recommended, or by calling 1-800-659-2955 to have an application mailed to you.

To expedite the application process, applicants should have ready complete copies of their most recent federal income tax return and a completed and signed IRS Form 4506T, which authorizes the release of tax information. Additional information to have available would be a schedule of liabilities, personal financial statement, monthly sales figures, a current year-to-date profit-and-loss statement, and a year-end profit-and-loss statement and balance sheet for that tax year if the most recent federal income tax return has not been filed.

As efforts to combat the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus continue, the Village of Walton Hills and Cuyahoga County in addition to Governor DeWine and his administration, will continue to identify ways to support the state's small businesses and nonprofits. For the latest and most accurate information regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, please visit Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

Additional Emergency Funding Options for Small Businesses:

- **Honeycomb Crowdfunded Small Business Relief Loan:** www.honeycombcredit.com/relief
- **SBA 7(a) Loans:** www.sba.gov/partners/lenders/7a-loan-program/types-7a-loans
- **Growth Capital SBA Community Advantage Loan Program:** www.growthcapitalcorp.com/growth-capital-sba-community-advantage-loan-program/
- **SBA Disaster Assistance in Response to the Coronavirus:** www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19
- **Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA):** https://interestfree.org
- Reach out to your **primary lender** or other **traditional banks** to ask about COVID-19 resources. There may be loans, payment deferrals, and other resources available through these institutions.

Business Resources during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. https://www.manufacturingsuccess.org/
2. https://www.americamakes.us/statement-on-covid-19/
3. https://teamneo.org/covid19/

Ohio Department of Health Stay at Home Directive:

https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6816967-20200322143820416.html

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

Ordinance 2020-1 (Passed 5-1)

An Ordinance amending section 432.435 entitled "Use of Mobile Telephone While Driving" of the Codified Ordinances of the Village so as to make use of mobile phone while driving a primary offense, and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation would allow officers to pull over a motorist using a mobile phone while driving.

Resolution 2020-1 (Passed 6-0)

A Resolution providing for the sale of personal property by internet auction, with the terms and conditions thereof in 2020, and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is passed each year and sets forth the rules and procedures the Village must follow when selling Village property on line.

Resolution 2020-6 (Passed 6-0)

A Resolution declaring that public convenience and welfare requires rehabilitation of Tinker's Creek Road from Walton Hills western corporation line to Dunham Road and Dunham Road from Tinker's Creek Road to Mendota Avenue in the Village of Walton Hills and City of Maple Heights, total estimated project cost $3,075,000.00.; finding that special assessments will neither be levied nor collected to pay for any part of the costs of said improvement; authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement of cooperation with Cuyahoga County and Maple Heights in connection with said project; authorizing the Village Engineer to prepare specification and advertise for bids, and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation allows the Village to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County on the project to rehabilitate Tinker's Creek Road from the Walton Hills western corporation line to Dunham Road and Dunham Road from Tinker's Creek to Mendota Avenue.

WALTON HILLS OWL

"THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGERS"

A Monthly Publication of the Walton Hills Owl Association

To the residents of Walton Hills.

For the first time in many a year, there will be no new "OWL" at your mailbox next month (April, 2020). It is only for the health and safety of our 100% volunteer staff that we have decided not to publish a physical version of the OWL. There are many moving parts to our publication and many people involved – from the baggers, to the delivery teams, to our contributors, to the OWL Board – we are all saddened by this decision, but feel it is in the best interest of everyone involved.

An electronic version of the April "OWL" is available to anyone who would like to receive it. Just send us an email at "wh_owl@yahoo.com" and we'll send you one. We hope to be back in production for the May 2020 "OWL" – at which time we will also be delivering the new Walton Hills Telephone Directory – but we will have to see what the world is like then. We hope you understand.

Thank you for your continued patience.

-The Board of the Walton Hills "OWL"

Service Department News

Rob Kalman, Street Commissioner

Please note that all dates are subject to change due to circumstances relating to COVID-19.

Brush chipping begins Monday, April 13

- No stumps or roots with dirt
- No foreign matter in brush piles
- Nothing larger than 6 inches in diameter; cut "Y" shaped branches in two
- No firewood; no logs less than four feet long
- Separate small from large branches
- Face cut end of branches toward road
- This program runs through approximately October

If a yard project is larger than what the homeowner can do themselves and a contractor does need to be hired, the yard debris must be completely disposed of by the hired contractor according to Village ordinances.

Senior Citizen and Handicapped Resident Lawn Care Program

- Applicant must be 65 or older or have a handicap which prevents you from cutting the lawn
- Have an earned income of less than $10,000
- Have no other person residing with you who is capable of providing lawn care service
- Lawn cutting season is from approximately April 15 to October 31

Information available on the Village website, **www.waltonhillsohio.gov,** or contact Village Hall at 440-232-7800 to get an application and prices. Full season and first installment payments are due Monday, April 3.

Computer Round-up

Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24

All items should be dropped off at the Service Department, 6800 Dunham Road, Monday-Friday from 8am to 3:30pm.

Acceptable Items: desktops, towers, laptops, monitors, keyboards and peripherals, printers, modems, tablets, e-readers, telecom devices, networking equipment, cables, cell phones and video game systems. NO TELEVISIONS PLEASE.

National Day of Prayer

Next month is the annual National Day of Prayer. The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come

before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event, signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning.

The theme this year is Pray God's Glory Across the Earth. The National Day of Prayer event will be on Thursday, May 7 at the Walton Hills Event Center, 14660 Alexander Road. **Event subject to change due to COVID-19.**

2020 PARKER AND JR. PARKER PROGRAMS

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Village of Walton Hills Recreation Department (440) 786-2964

Our programs present a safe, well supervised opportunity for children to meet new friends and catch up with old ones. Children can get outdoors and play for 7 fun filled weeks Monday thru Thursday. Camp is held at TG Young Park, 18860 Dellwood Dr, and is open to Walton Hills residents as well as non-residents. Both programs give children the chance to break away from technology and spend more time playing with friends in our beautiful park. Our program pricing is broken down so that your child can do as much or as little as they want.

Registration forms will be available at the Recreation office 14660 Alexander Rd, or online at http://waltonhillsohio.gov/en-US/Recreation-Community-Life.aspx

JR. PARKER – AGES 4-6

9AM TO 12PM

FEES

- Resident $130
- Grandparents $165
- Non-Resident $195

FEATURES

- Weekly Themes
- Crafts
- Water Days
- Activities

Each parent is required to provide a snack and a drink for the Jr. Parkers at the beginning of the summer.

PARKER – AGES 7-15

9AM TO 4PM

FEES

- Resident $200
- Grandparent $225
- Non-Resident $600

FEATURES

- Swimming twice per week at the Walton Hills Lake Club
- Board Games, sports and more

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Bowling at Roseland
- Movie Club at Cinemark
- Golf at Windmill Lakes
- Arts and crafts
- Tie dye
- Field trips

WHAT TO BRING EACH DAY:

- Packed lunch (Parkers only)
- Swim gear on lake or water days
- Sunscreen*
- Bug repellant*
- Play clothes and tennis shoes

*Campers are responsible for keeping and applying their own sunscreen and bug repellant

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Cell phone usage (emergency use only with permission)
- Electronic games or devices
- Toys
- Personal belongings

Please note that Parker Program is subject to change due to circumstances relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

April Recreation News

Recreation & Community Life 440-786-2964

Please note that all programs and trips are subject to change due to circumstances relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
Please call the Recreation Dept. for any concerns 440-786-2964.

Event: AMISH FARMERS MARKET
Date: Thursday, April 16
Time: Leaving the WH Event Center at 9:00am
Site: Boardman, Ohio
Cost: $2.00 + what you purchase
Note: This market is comprised of about 15 Amish vendors selling home goods, décor, fresh hot and cold food, baked goods, meats, dairy, and poultry. We will be having lunch at the on-site restaurant.

Event: SENIOR LUNCH
Date: Monday, April 27
Time: 11:15am
Site: WH Event Center – 14660 Alexander Road
Cost: $7.00
Note: Enjoy lunch with friends and family!

Event: THE BOOKWORM'S BOOK CLUB
The Book Club will take a break in April.

Camp Canopy Scholarships Available

Scholarship information is available at
www.cuyahogaswcd.org/programs/camp-canopy

Application Deadline: April 10 at 4pm

The Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District is offering scholarships to Cuyahoga County high school students for Camp Canopy to be held June 7-12, 2020. Sponsored by the Ohio Forestry Association, this week long residential camp explores forestry and wildlife education in addition to traditional camp activities – campfires, watersports, rope courses and more.

CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Last month we read "The Air You Breathe"
by Frances de Pontes Peebles.
We rated this book a 4 out of 5.

YOGA Cancelled Until Further Notice

WE CAN HELP!

The Walton Hills Recreation & Community Life Department is here to help! Anyone in need of groceries, household items or necessary items during the Coronavirus outbreak or at any time throughout the year, can call us at 440-786-2964 for assistance.

Counselor, Parker Summer Camp Program and Baseball Applications

are available online at www.waltonhillsohio.gov.
Any questions, please call 440-786-2964.

Counselor and Baseball Applications are due April 1.

Parker Summer Camp Applications are due May 1.

Retirement Reception for Carol Stanoszek

The Retirement Reception for Carol Stanoszek has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
A new date will be announced at a later time.

Calendar of Events

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ***7pm - CXL** Lake Club Meeting ***7-8pm - CXL** Yoga	2 ***4pm - CXL** Mayor's Court ***7pm - CXL** Bedford Historical Society Speaker	3 **7am** Trash Pick Up	4
5	6 ***1pm - 3pm - CXL** Historical Resource Center	7 ***6-8pm - CXL** Women's Club Pinochle Card-A-Rama **7pm** Committee of the Whole Meeting	8 ***7-8pm - CXL** Yoga	9	10 **7am** Trash Pick Up Good Friday **Village Hall Closed**	11
12 	13 **8am-3pm** Branch Chipping Begins **10am** 50 Plus Club Board Meeting ***7pm** Women's Club Board Meeting **CXL**	14 **7pm** Committee of the Whole Meeting	15 ***7-8pm - CXL** Yoga	16 **4pm** Mayor's Court	17 **7am** Trash Pick Up ***4-7pm** Women's Club Soup Dinner **- CXL**	18
19	20 **8am-3pm** Old Computer Round-up **1pm** 50 Plus Club Meeting **7pm** Antique Car Club of America	21 **8am-3:30pm** Old Computer Round-up **7pm** Council Meeting	22 **8am-3:30pm** Old Computer Round-up **7pm** Women's Club Meeting ***7-8pm**Yoga **CXL** **7pm** Lake Club Meeting	23 **8am-3:30pm** Old Computer Round-up ***4pm - CXL** Photo Enforcement Hearing	24 **7am** Trash Pick Up **8am-3:30pm** Old Computer Round-up	25
26	27 **11:15am** Senior Lunch **7pm** Carol's Bookworms	28	29 ***7-8pm - CXL** Yoga	30	31	

*** CXL denotes event has been cancelled.**

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

Calendar subject to change.
Please refer to the calendar on our website for the most up to date information:
www.waltonhillsohio.gov

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How big do you want it to get?

The growth of a polyp from harmless to cancerous is slow. A colonoscopy prevents cancer by removing polyps in the colon. Colonoscopies performed by our experts save lives.

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Call 1-877-636-3380 to schedule your colonoscopy or to learn more, visit UHhospitals.org/Colonoscopy.

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