

VILLAGE OF  
**WALTON HILLS**  
 WORK. PLAY. LIVE.



*Journal*



Dear Neighbors and Friends,

This year has certainly posed many challenges for all of us. COVID-19 has forced us to rethink how we interact and conduct business daily. From virtual meetings to socially distanced events, the Village of Walton Hills has adapted and come up with creative ways to provide residents with the very best and safest services possible during this pandemic.

As we enter the Holiday season and closeout 2020, I would like to thank the residents, Council, and all Village employees for their support over the past year. With everyone's support, we will continue to move Walton Hills forward in 2021.

On behalf of all of us at the Village of Walton Hills, we wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year! We look forward to a promising new year for the Village we all love!

Stay safe and Stay Healthy,

Donald Kolograf, Mayor

**Economic Development Update**

- The Village will provide information on the new federal relief package to the small businesses in Walton Hills once it has been released.
- Representatives of Ford have informed the Village that there is a new contract on the Ford site. The negotiations are in the final stages. Ford needs to finalize the contract, begin buyers due diligence, and close the contract for sale as promptly as possible.
- The Village is working with a prospective purchaser of a vacant property in the industrial park to relocate from outside the county. We worked with the County DOD and the Development Council to offer the new buyer an incentive package to locate here in Walton Hills.
- The documents relative to the sale of the land bank have been forwarded to Smith & Oby. The purchaser has requested additional environmental information on the parcel.
- The EPA has received the Village application for assistance for the environmental cleanup of 7010 Krick Road.
- We continue to respond to inquiries from the state website on our available properties.

**Dunham Road Reconstruction Project Update**

Construction on the Dunham Road Reconstruction Project is scheduled to begin on 01-04-2021, and work is scheduled to be completed on 06-11-2021. Fabrizi Trucking and Paving, Inc. will be the contractor performing this work. The existing pavement will be reconstructed to provide a new driving surface. Also, the pavement will be widened to accommodate new bike lanes in each

direction. When complete, the bike lanes will connect Dunham Park in Maple Heights to the existing bike lanes on Tinkers Creek Road, which leads to the popular Ohio & Erie Canalway Towpath Trail. This work will take place on Dunham Road (between Turney Road and Gorge Parkway), as well as a small part of Tinkers Creek Road within the Village of Walton Hills.



# Tree Lighting

*December 6th at 5 pm*

**Walton Hills Community Event Center  
14660 Alexander Road**



**Please bring a new,  
unwrapped toy  
for a child in need.**

**This event will be held outside.  
Masks and 6' Social Distancing must be practiced.**

**Dress for the weather or view the Tree Lighting  
from the warmth and comfort of your vehicle.**

**Refreshments will be served!**



## LETTERS TO SANTA

We have a direct line to Santa! Write your letter and drop it in our special mailbox during Tree Lighting. Santa's elves will deliver the letters to the North Pole.

**Event subject to change due to COVID-19.**

# Walton Hills Legislation

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

## Resolution 2020-23 Passed 6-0

A resolution confirming the appointment of Angela Revay as Village Fiscal Officer for the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, making the same effective November 10, 2020, and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is to confirm the appointment of Angela Revay as Fiscal Officer effective November 10, 2020.

## Police Department News

### Simple Tips to Stop Holiday Burglary

**Did you know that most of holiday break-ins occur during daytime hours? Here a few tips for a safer holiday:**

- 1) Fill out a House-Watch Request Form with the Police Department if you will be traveling during the holidays. The form is available at Village Hall, the Community Event Center, or online at: [www.waltonhillsohio.gov](http://www.waltonhillsohio.gov).
- 2) Ask neighbors to watch your house while you are gone. Include a list of people or cars that regularly visit your home. Encourage them to report any suspicious persons or vehicles.
- 3) Shovel your driveway. A cleared driveway indicates someone is home. If you'll be traveling during snowy days, plan in advance. Ask a family member, friend or neighbor to shovel your driveway while you are gone.
- 4) Close your curtains while away. Large uncovered windows allow criminals to see what is inside your home.
- 5) Install timers on indoor and outdoor lights. You can install motion lighting sensors for the exterior of your home.
- 6) Store Christmas gifts in a safe spot. Don't keep presents in the garage or shed where criminals can easily break in. Criminals often grab jewelry and electronics because they are easy to pawn. They also steal wrapped gifts that might have high resale value.



# Service Department News

**Reminder: Trash collection is delayed one day and will be picked up on Saturday, December 26 due to the Christmas holiday.**



**The four pronged device shown above is being installed on utility poles throughout Walton Hills by FirstEnergy. The device, a Smart Grid System, will help improve electrical reliability.**

## FirstEnergy Installing Smart Grid System on Utility Poles

FirstEnergy is in the process of installing a Smart Grid System in Walton Hills. The four pronged devices being installed on the utility poles are part of the FirstEnergy Smart Grid. The Smart Grid will isolate power outages to a fewer number of customers and afford quicker power restoration to those customers that do experience an interruption of power. There will be other equipment installed as part of this Smart Grid effort to improve electrical reliability.

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Live Christmas trees will be picked up by the Service Department beginning the first week of January, weather permitting.

Trees should be left by the curb. All lights and decorations should be removed to prevent damage to recycling equipment.

## Where Does the Recycling Go That Kimble Collects?



Recyclable materials collected from all the communities where Kimble provides service goes to the Kimble Twinsburg Township Material Recovery Facility. At this facility, through a series of manual and mechanical sorting processes, recyclable materials are recovered. The materials are then sent to end processors, who make a product out of the materials. Example, old newspaper is made into newspaper, old cardboard is made into cardboard and plastics are made into other plastic bottles or used as a backing on carpet.

## HOLIDAY LIGHTING SAFETY

### Lights and Trees

- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, or frayed or bare wires. Discard all damaged cords.
- Don't connect lights while adjusting them on a tree or house. Inspect lights and plug them together before hanging.
- Indoors or out, use only lights that have been tested for safety. The lights should have the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) label.
- Don't let light bulbs rest on tree needles and branches. Use a clip or twist-tie to keep bulbs upright.
- Watch young children around lights and decorations with small pieces that could be ingested.
- Unplug tree lights and decorative outdoor lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.
- If you buy an artificial tree, check for a "flame resistant" label.
- Buy LED holiday lights. They are not only longer-lasting, but they don't get hot to the touch, so they're a lot safer.

### Cords and Outlets

- Don't overload outlets or extension cords.
- Keep cords out of water and away from metal objects.
- To hook up your outdoor lighting, use a three-prong grounded extension cord with the UL label.
- Uncoil extension cords completely before using, and be sure to place them away from heat sources and bulbs.
- Never place cords under rugs and doors or through windows where they might be pinched.

# How Are We Dealing with COVID-19?

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker

**New Phone Number: (216) 219-8639**

During 2020, we have been bombarded with news and information regarding the worldwide pandemic of the Covid-19 virus. While it is vital to stay informed, sometimes too much information is not always good. This is especially true if we find ourselves becoming more anxious, depressed or fearful. If so, there are some important things that you can do to ease this journey, one that we are all on together.

1. Recognize that you are dealing with these emotions, a positive first step is being self-aware.
2. Don't assume that you are weak or something is wrong with you. Many are sharing these same feelings.
3. Identify what measures generally aide you in dealing with such feelings and employ those to improve your situation (such as physical exercise, reading, hobbies, prayer, etc.).
4. Reach out to your support network, be this family, friends, or co-workers.
5. Acknowledge if you need professional help. Engaging in a counseling relationship or with your religious counsel can make all the difference.
6. Respect that everyone's situation is personal. No two individuals respond exactly the same to these circumstances, so best not to judge.
7. You are in charge of the information you receive and how you process it. Decide when enough is enough, setting limitations if needed. Consider the source and how reliable the information might be, as well.
8. Extend yourself to others. While maintaining social distancing, you can still reach out to others in word or deed. A phone call, a card in the mail or contact by social media may make all the difference in someone's day. Also, you can find that reaching out to others is quite beneficial for yourself.
9. Focus upon maintaining your physical and emotional health; stay active.
10. Set goals for yourself to establish a daily routine.
11. Seek out positives within this current situation. You could be quite surprised that if you look, you may find.

*Wishing all a Happy and Healthy 2021*

## DO YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION?

If so, the Recreation Department can help you!



Transportation is available **Monday through Friday** for residents who have no other means of getting to doctor appointments, shopping, hair salon, etc. for a small fee.

If you don't feel comfortable going grocery shopping, we can pick up your list and shop for you! Please call us as soon as you make your appointment **(at least ONE WEEK BEFORE)** to make sure we have the availability.

For those residents going out of town, we can even provide **transportation to the airport** which is much cheaper than an Uber!

**Please call the Recreation Department at 440-786-2964  
for more info on the above!**



# Recreation News

Recreation & Community Life 440-786-2964

For all city events, please follow CDC Guidelines and be sure to wear masks and keep 6' distancing! Please note that all events are subject to change or be rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call to confirm event dates/times if you are not sure.

## SENIOR DRIVE THRU LUNCH

**Date:** Monday, December 28 (Monthly)  
RSVP by: Monday, December 21  
**Menu:** Sliced Angus Roast Beef with Au Jus  
Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans  
Almondine, Salad and Dessert  
**Time:** Pick up 11:30am - 12:30pm  
**Cost:** \$7.00 per person  
**Site:** WH Community Event Center

**Drive Thru Lunch:** This service will continue to be available to any senior resident who would like to pick up lunch at the WH Community Event Center.

**FREE Drop Off Lunch:** This service is available to any senior resident who **CANNOT** drive but would like to order a lunch! Our drivers will be happy to drop off your lunch if you RSVP by deadline date.

**As of January 2021, Senior Lunch will be moved to the last Thursday of each month.**

## CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

**Date:** Monday, December 28 (Monthly)  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Cost:** FREE!  
**Site:** WH Community Event Center

If you have any questions on this program, please call the **Recreation Department at 440-786-2964.**

### CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Last month we read the book  
*"Let Me Tell You a Story"* by Lachlan MacKinnon.  
We rated this book 4 out of 5.



EVERY CHILD DESERVES A LITTLE CHRISTMAS!

## WE ARE COLLECTING TOYS FOR TOTS at the WH Community Event Center.

Please drop off NEW unwrapped toys Monday thru Thursday from 9:30am - 4pm by December 7.



## TREE LIGHTING

**Date:** Sunday, December 6  
**Time:** 5pm  
**Cost:** FREE!  
**Site:** WH Community Event Center

Dress for the weather or view the Tree Lighting from the warmth and comfort of your vehicle. Although Santa will not be at this event this year, kids can write letters to him and drop them in Santa's mailbox. **Don't forget to bring a NEW unwrapped toy to donate to Toys For Tots!** Refreshments will be served.

## SANTA DELIVERY - GIFT DROP OFF

**Date:** Monday, December 7  
**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30pm  
**Site:** WH Community Event Center

Drop off a wrapped and tagged gift for each child so that Santa can deliver to your home on **Saturday, December 12.**

## SANTA DELIVERY DAY

**Date:** Saturday, December 12  
**Time:** Any time after 11am  
**Site:** Your Driveway

Santa will be coming by fire truck to drop off your gifts to your child(ren) in your driveway! Have your camera ready to take a photo with Santa...6' apart of course!

**NEW  
TIME**

## YOGA - FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

Join us on December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 6:30pm at the WH Community Event Center

\$75.00 for (7) 1-hour sessions  
Drop Ins are always welcome: \$12.00

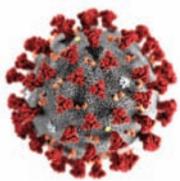
## SEND A LETTER TO SANTA!

Children can drop their letters to Santa in the white mailbox at Village Hall and Santa's helpers will make sure they get delivered to him. **Letters must be dropped off by December 11.**

# Calendar of Events

## December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Please note that Council Meeting dates are subject to change. Until further notice, all Council Meetings will be viewed virtually. The meeting link will be posted on the Village website and Facebook page prior to the meeting.</p>		<p><b>1</b> 6:30-7:30pm Yoga</p> <p>7pm * Committee of the Whole Virtual Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 4pm Mayor's Court</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7am Trash Pick Up</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b> 5pm Tree Lighting</p> 	<p><b>7</b> 6-7:30pm Santa Delivery Gift Drop Off</p> 	<p><b>8</b> 6:30-7:30pm Yoga</p> <p>7pm * Committee of the Whole Virtual Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b> 7-8pm Saint Mary's Women's Guild</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 7am Trash Pick Up</p>	<p><b>12</b> 11 am Santa Delivery Begins</p> 
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> 6:30-7:30pm Yoga</p> <p>7pm * Council Virtual Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 4pm Mayor's Court</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7am Trash Pick Up</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 6:30-7:30pm Yoga</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> Recreation Closed</p>	<p><b>25</b>  Village Hall, Recreation and Service Dept. Closed</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7am Trash Pick Up</p>
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 11:30am- 12:30pm Senior Drive Thru Lunch</p> <p>7pm Carol's Bookworms Book Club</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:30-7:30pm Yoga</p>	<p><b>30</b> 1-7pm Blood Drive</p> 	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>January 1</b>  Village Hall, Recreation and Service Dept. Closed</p>	<p><b>2</b> 7am Trash Pick Up</p>



Information on COVID-19 is posted on the Village of Walton Hills website:  
[www.waltonhillsohio.gov](http://www.waltonhillsohio.gov)  
 and on the Village Facebook pages.

On Facebook search:  
 @VillageofWaltonHills or @WaltonHillsPolice



Calendar subject to change. Please refer to the calendar on our website for the most up to date information: [www.waltonhillsohio.gov](http://www.waltonhillsohio.gov)





**Colon cancer is the most preventable type of cancer.**

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in this country because only two out of three people get screened. Colon polyps hide in the colon and may not cause symptoms until they have grown and potentially turned cancerous. Colonoscopy finds and removes them before they get the chance. UH is ready to provide this life-saving screening, safely.

Colon cancer cases are on the rise in younger people. As a result, the American Cancer Society and University Hospitals now recommend that people at average risk\* begin routine colonoscopy screenings at age 45.



**Schedule a safe UH colonoscopy online or by phone.**

Scan the **QR code**, visit **UHhospitals.org/Screen45AndOver** or call **440-999-8528**.



**UH Ahuja Medical Center**  
 3999 Richmond Road, Beachwood

**UH Bedford Medical Center**  
 44 Blaine Avenue, Bedford