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## Economic Development Update

- As our economy reopens, some of our business will need financial assistance. Please review our website, [www.waltonhillsohio.gov](http://www.waltonhillsohio.gov), for the latest information on COVID-19 Business Assistance. Please take advantage of some of these programs before funding runs out. Also, there are links for guidance from the Center for Disease Control on procedures for all types of businesses to safely operate during this pandemic.
- We are still working with Ford to redevelop the site and are responding to requests for information about it.
- Interest rates are at all time low and construction costs are down. Many of our businesses are continuing to operate successfully during this period. We also are working with two existing businesses on expansion plans.

## JUNE NEWS...

- THANK YOU to the volunteers of the OWL for delivering the new Village Directory.
- Hydrant Flushing will begin June 1 and continue throughout the month until all hydrants are done.
- Celebrate Dad! Father's Day is Sunday, June 14.
- An annual solar eclipse will occur on June 21.
- Village Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.
- 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. **Filing Deadline for Federal, State and City tax is July 15, 2020.**
- 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](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofWaltonHills) or [@WaltonHillsPolice](https://www.facebook.com/WaltonHillsPolice)



## Walton Hills High School Senior Photos Needed

The Village of Walton Hills would like to recognize those high school seniors who live in the Village by publishing a Senior 2020 Graduation Page in the July Journal.

To be included, please submit the following information:

- Senior photo - jpeg or tiff format
- Name
- High School
- Your plans for after graduation – college, trade school, military, or employment
- Any scholarship awards – name of scholarship

Send your information to Mary Dolansky at [dolanskym@waltonhillsohio.gov](mailto:dolanskym@waltonhillsohio.gov).

**Submission Deadline: Monday, June 15**

## Caller, Email or Visitor Demands Immediate Payment

In this widespread scam, a telephone caller poses as an electric utility company employee. The caller threatens to shut off the customer's power unless an immediate payment is made. In many cases, the customer is told to use a pre-paid debit card, such as a Green Dot/MoneyPak card, or a money transfer service like Money Gram or Western Union.

Some U.S. utility customers have reported receiving an email message demanding immediate payment of the bill to avoid disconnection of power. The email may mimic the format used by the legitimate utility.

In at least one case, the victim was directed to pay in person at a physical location. In some cases individuals posing as utility workers have also appeared on site, threatening to shut off the power.

### The Facts:

- If your account is past due, you will receive a written notice of your account status, with instructions on how to avoid disconnection of service.
- While a representative may call a customer whose bill is in arrears in order to remind them that a payment is due, the representative would explain how a payment can be made using our established payment options. They will not demand payment over the phone, in person, or at a particular physical location.
- Utility companies do not accept prepaid debit cards or wire transfers as payment, and representatives will not demand your bank information or credit card number over the phone.

### What you should do:

- If you receive a suspicious call, **hang up immediately.**
- Be aware that scammers often use Caller ID spoofing software to misrepresent the source of a phone call, or provide you with a fake "verification" phone number. These call-back numbers may even include exact replicas of company greetings and hold messaging. If you would like to verify your account status, always call the Customer Service department *using the numbers on their website*, or log in to your account on the website.
- If you receive an email that looks different than your normal utility bill, is from a different utility company, or includes a request for personal information, delete the email immediately.
- Do not click on links or attachments in any email unless you have verified the sender. It is a best practice to enter a company's website address manually, rather than clicking a link.
- If you receive a suspicious email, you can contact the utility's Customer Service department using the phone numbers or email submission forms on the website, to verify the status of your account. You can also log in to your account to check your account status.

- If a person appears at your door demanding payment, do not allow them into your home, and do not provide them any personal information.
- If you believe you have been a victim of this scam, please contact your local police department or your state attorney general's office, and report telephone scams to the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

### Quick Facts:

**Threatening Phone Calls:** If a caller threatens to shut off your power unless immediate payment is received, hang up. If you wish to verify your account status, call [customer service](#) using the numbers listed on our website or [log in](#) to your account.

**Unexpected visitors:** Do not allow anyone claiming to be a utility employee into your home unless you scheduled an appointment and the employee has provided proper identification.

**Suspicious Email or Text Message:** Do not click links or open attachments if you are not sure of the sender, and do not respond to email from senders you don't know.

**Unusual Requests:** FirstEnergy employees do not contact customers to request sensitive information such as social security numbers or bank account information. If you ever have questions about your account or the legitimacy of a utility company service or offer, call [customer service](#) using the numbers listed on our website.

**Be Vigilant:** Regularly check your credit scores and bank statements for unusual activity. If you find yourself in a questionable situation, use trusted consumer protection websites like [usa.gov](http://usa.gov), to see if you may be the target of a scam.

# Walton Hills Legislation

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

## Resolution 2020-9 Passed 6-0

A Resolution confirming the appointment of Natalie Buc as the part-time Community Life/Recreation Director for the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio for the period beginning May 18, 2020 through January 31, 2021 and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is to authorize the appointment of Natalie Buc as the part-time Community Life/Recreation Director for the Village of Walton Hills.

## April Senior Lunch COVID-19 Style

Monday, April 27, 2020

Walton Hills Event Center



## Service Department News

Rob Kalman, Street Commissioner

### ROUND-UP UPDATE

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we held our Computer Round-up as well as the Household Hazardous Waste Round-up. Both of the collections were a success. We are happy that the Village along with Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District are able to provide this service to our residents. It is always nice to see these items being properly recycled and disposed of.

*Future collection dates this year are:*

**Computer Round-up:**  
**September 21 - 25**

**Household  
Hazardous Waste:**  
**October 12 - 16**



## Building Department News

Rob Kalman, Building Commissioner

### BUILDING PERMITS

With the warmer weather finally here, home improvements may be on the horizon for some of our residents. For your protection as a home owner, if you are planning to have work done at your residence, remember these following rules:

- General or Sub-contractors **MUST BE REGISTERED** with Walton Hills to work in the Village.
- Before work begins, the proper permits must be obtained through the Building Department. The Village does this to protect you from faulty work through pre and post inspections.

Permits are required on all types of:

- Construction
- Demolition
- Clearing
- Excavation
- Roofing
- Concrete/Asphalt
- Installations which includes **Invisible Fencing**
- Any work taking place in the public right of way



**For more information on permits, please visit**

**[www.waltonhillsohio.gov](http://www.waltonhillsohio.gov)**

**and for a list of registered contractors,**

**call the Village Hall at 440-232-7800.**

# Safe Gardening Tips to Keep You Healthy

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker

Gardening this summer? Whether you are new to gardening or have a green thumb, remember to keep your health and safety a priority.

Did you know that gardeners can be prone to tetanus infections? Tetanus lives in the soil and enters the body through breaks in the skin. Be careful, especially when using sharp tools, digging in the dirt, or handling plants with sharp points.

## Before you start gardening this season:

- Make sure your tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccination is up-to-date. Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D) generally covers shots needed to prevent illness. Contact your Medicare drug plan for more information about coverage.
- Use a good set of gardening gloves, which can help lower the risk for skin irritations and cuts.

Remember, as always, check with your medical professional for your personal recommendation.



## A special thank you

to Walton Hills resident Phil Williamson for his portrayal of the spirit of Abraham Lincoln for our Memorial Day virtual video presentation. The video can be viewed on YouTube. Follow the link posted on the Village website or Village Facebook page.

## TDAP SHOTS

Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) don't cover the Tdap shot. Generally, Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D) covers all commercially available shots needed to prevent illness. Contact your Medicare drug plan for more information about coverage.

Tdap is the adolescent and adult booster shot for tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (also called whooping cough). The childhood shot is called DTaP. Both protect against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

Source: Medicare.gov



## COVID-19 Face Masks

With the resources from the Benevolent Fund, several residents have donated their time to make masks for the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Many thanks to Kay Fleischer, Lenee Fleischer, Rita Pollock, Mary Lou Fulton and Marian Olsen for helping with this project.

**If you need a mask,  
or know of someone in need of a mask,  
please call the Recreation & Community Life  
Department at 440-786-2964.**



# June 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: SENIOR LUNCH

Date: Monday, June 29

Event subject to change due to COVID-19

Time: 11:15am

Site: WH Event Center – 14660 Alexander Road

Cost: \$7.00

Note: Hopefully, we will be able to sit down and have a nice lunch together. If not, please sign up for a pick up or drop off lunch. Call 440-786-2964.

## Event: THE BOOKWORM'S BOOK CLUB

Date: Monday, June 29

Event subject to change due to COVID-19

Time: 7:00pm

Site: WH Event Center – 14660 Alexander Road

Note: We hope to start back up in June!

Book Suggestions:

*Whiskey & Charlie* - by Annabel Smith

*Me & Patsy Kickin' Up Dust* – by Loretta Lynn

## Event: VILLAGE GARAGE SALE

Date: August 13, 14, & 15

Note: Watch for sign-up information in upcoming Journal publications.



## Please welcome Natalie Buc

as the new Community Life/Recreation Director for the Village of Walton Hills.

Natalie was appointed by Council on May 12, 2020 and started her first day on May 18, 2020.

## COVID-19 Scam Warning

Scammers are contacting people claiming to be tracing COVID-19 contacts. While legitimate health agencies, including the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Cleveland Department of Public Health are calling people to complete contact tracing, they will never ask for your Social Security or Bank Account information. Do not click on links or respond to texts saying you have been exposed to COVID-19. Please report suspicious calls or texts to <http://ConsumerAffairs.CuyahogaCounty.US> or call 216-443-SCAM.

Source: Cuyahoga County Emergency Operations Center

**YOGA** Cancelled  
Until Further Notice

*Thank You!*

## A big THANK YOU to Denny from K & K Meats!

Denny generously donated food for the Senior Lunch in May, making the cost of the lunch FREE to participants.

The Seniors were very thankful and some even "paid it forward" by donating their lunch money to the Walton Hills Benevolent Fund.

# Calendar of Events

## June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1-3pm</b> Historical Resource Center			<b>4pm</b> Mayor's Court	<b>7am</b> Trash Pick Up	
	<b>7pm</b> Women's Club Board Meeting	<b>7pm</b> Committee of the Whole Meeting			<b>7am</b> Trash Pick Up	
 <b>14 JUNE</b> <b>FLAG DAY</b>	<b>7pm</b> Antique Automobile Club of America	<b>7pm</b> Council Meeting		<b>4pm</b> Mayor's Court	<b>7am</b> Trash Pick Up	 <b>Summer Begins</b>
 <b>HAPPY</b> <b>FATHER'S</b> <b>DAY</b>				<b>4pm</b> Photo Enforcement Hearing	<b>7am</b> Trash Pick Up	
	<b>11:15am</b> Senior Lunch  <b>7pm</b> Bookworm's Book Club					

**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 most up to date information: [www.waltonhillsohio.gov](http://www.waltonhillsohio.gov)





## Make Your Health a Priority

Safety has always been a key element of patient care at University Hospitals. We are following COVID-19-related guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the Ohio Department of Health to keep our patients safe at our hospitals and physician offices. We will continue to provide excellent care in a safe environment, even though things may look and feel a little different.

### You can now return to UH for services, including:

- All doctor visits
- All imaging procedures, diagnostic tests and lab work
- All outpatient surgeries, not requiring a planned overnight stay
- Treatment of pain or severe symptoms that interfere with your daily life

Our emergency rooms, urgent cares and orthopedic injury clinics continue to be open to meet your immediate health care needs.



### Upcoming Health Talks

UH is bringing our health experts to you through a series of virtual health talks. The virtual seminars will include a presentation by our experts and a Q&A session. These events are free but registration is required. Visit [UHhospitals.org/Health-Talks](https://UHhospitals.org/Health-Talks) to learn more.



Schedule an appointment by visiting [UHhospitals.org/Doctors](https://UHhospitals.org/Doctors) or by calling 216-765-9314.