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3rd Quarter Financial Update

As we have ended the 3rd Quarter of our Fiscal Year, the Village has fared well throughout this pandemic without having to lay off any employees and with minimal impact to our overall projections for end-of-year finances.

- Overall revenues are down 7.8% over September 30, 2019
- Tax revenues are down 6.7% over September 30, 2019 due to extensions for Net Profit returns
- Expenses are at an 8% increase over September 30, 2019
- Current Cash Fund Balance is \$2,147,119; compared to \$2,293,391 at September 30, 2019
- Updated Income Tax forms will be available on the Village website by end of December
- 4th Quarter estimate coupons will be sent out by the end of November for a due date of January 15

Please feel free to call me with any questions or to discuss the Village finances!

Angela Revay, Tax Administrator



Dunham Road Cooperative Agreement

On Friday, October 9, Mayor Don Kolograf and Mayor Annette Blackwell of Maple Heights signed a cooperative agreement for the design and construction of the Dunham Road widening and resurfacing project. The project is anticipated to start prior to this winter and be completed in the spring of 2021. It will take place from Turney Road in Maple Heights to Gorge Parkway and will also include Tinkers Creek Road in Walton Hills.

Due to COVID-19, the traditional Women's Club Pancake Breakfast and the Walton Hills Veteran's Day Program will not take place this year. Instead, to acknowledge our Veterans, we invite the community to turn on their porch lights at 7pm on Wednesday, November 11.

The Village will have small 4 inch x 6 inch American Flags available for Residents to pick up at Village Hall during business hours starting Monday, November 9. Quantities are limited and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Fall Family Fun Day - October 11, 2020



Polls will be open for the Presidential General Election on Tuesday, November 3 from 6:30am - 7:30pm.



Voting will take place in the Walton Hills Community Room - 7595 Walton Road.

Walton Hills Legislation

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

Resolution 2020-21 Passed 6-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a potential grant and/or loan for funding of the Capital Infrastructure improvement projects in the Village of Walton Hills and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is to authorize the Mayor to apply for potential grant and/or loan funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission to assist with Capital Infrastructure improvements.

Resolution 2020-22 Passed 6-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk of the Village to enter into an agreement with HCC Public Risk Ohio dba Tokio Marine, through Love Insurance Agency for a municipal package insurance program effective November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021 and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is to authorize the Mayor and Clerk of the Village to enter into an agreement with HCC Public Risk Ohio for the municipal insurance package for effective dates November 1, 2020 - October 31, 2021.

Ordinance 2020-6 Passed 6-0

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of notes in the amount of not to exceed \$1,295,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of (I) constructing and installing road improvements comprising the Sagamore Road Reconstruction Project, including all necessary appurtenances thereto, (II) constructing and installing road and traffic signalization improvements comprising the Alexander Road/Northfield Road Improvement Project, including all necessary appurtenances thereto, (III) constructing and installing road and traffic signalization improvements comprising the Alexander Road/Dunham Road Improvement Project, including all necessary appurtenances thereto and (IV) acquiring, renovating and equipping a building for municipal purposes, and retiring notes previously issued for such purpose, including all necessary appurtenances thereto; approving related matters; and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is for our annual debt issuance. This is not new debt, and there is \$200,000 being paid down.

Ordinance 2020-7 Passed 6-0

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of notes in the amount of not to exceed \$2,600,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of Constructing and installing road improvements comprising the Dunham Road Reconstruction Project, including all necessary appurtenances thereto; and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is for new money debt to finance the Dunham Road Reconstruction Project, as Walton Hills is the lead. Walton Hills has a signed Cooperative Agreement with Maple Heights to receive reimbursement from them for the funding of their portion of the project and Walton Hills will also receive reimbursement for part of the project from Cuyahoga County upon project completion.

Notice of Accepting Applications for Appointment to Walton Hills Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Village Ordinance Chapter 1254, section 1254.05 Board of Zoning Appeals, the Village of Walton Hills will be accepting applications for consideration of appointment to the Village's Zoning Board of Appeals for one (1) seat. The term of the appointment is for six (6) years and will commence upon appointment.

Residents Interested in the open seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals may submit a letter of interest to the Village by November 13. Letters may be dropped off at Village Hall Monday-Friday, 8am - 5pm or mailed to Mayor Don Kolograf, 7595 Walton Road, Walton Hills, OH 44146. All letters of interest will be open for public review.



Reminder: Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, trash collection is delayed one day and will be picked up on Saturday, November 28.



Leaf Collection

Now that the leaf collection season is in full swing, please be mindful of leaf pile placement.

- Place leaf piles as close to the street as possible
- Do not place any leaves around sign posts, mailboxes or fire hydrants
- Do not mix in any tree branches or grass into the leaf piles
- Ornamental grasses must be disposed of in your trash receptacle

Snow Removal Guidelines

Snowplow contractors must be registered with the Village of Walton Hills for the 2020-21 season. Register at Village Hall - 7595 Walton Road.

Codified Ordinance 1446.02(a) – No person, firm, co-partnership, corporation, association or any other organization, or any combination thereof, shall engage in a business, perform any work or act in the capacity of a contractor within the Village without first registering with the Village to perform such work or engage in such business.

All snow must remain on the property where the snowplow service is being provided. Snow is NOT permitted to be pushed across the street.

Codified Ordinance 660.05(c) – No person removing snow from any driveway or sidewalk within the Village shall deposit the same upon the pavement or sidewalk of any public street or on any tree lawn on any public street, except the tree lawn immediately in front of the premises from which the snow is removed. No person shall snow plow or otherwise push snow across the street of any roadway. No person shall operate a snow blower so as to blow snow onto any Village street.



RECYCLING TANGLERS



**WIRES, CHAINS AND ROPES... OH MY!
"TANGLERS" BELONG IN THE TRASH.**

"Tanglers" are items placed in a recycling cart which can wrap around our sorting equipment causing damage or shutting down our recycling center.

Medigap Coverage Changes

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker
Please note new phone number: (216) 219-8639

In 2015, Congress passed the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA). This has resulted in changes to some Medigap plans effective 1-1-20. Medigap plans, also called Medsup, Supplements or Secondary Insurance, are the coinsurance plans that one purchases when on traditional Medicare.

The following information is meant to clarify some of the questions related to the possible impact of MACRA.

- If you are age 65 prior to 1-1-20, or already on Medicare, you are not affected by this law
- If you turn 65 after 1-1-20, you will no longer be able to purchase Medigap plans C, F, or F High Deductible
- If you are already on a Medigap C or F, your coverage will not be cancelled

- Some information is stating that premiums for plans C and F will be increasing to such an extent that they should purchase other coverage. This information may not be accurate. At this time the future premium costs are an unknown.
- The goal of discontinuing these plans is to make all new Medicare beneficiaries have some out-of-pocket spending when they use healthcare services. The remaining plans would not cover Medicare Part B deductible. So, the Medicare beneficiary would now have to pay this one time a year, annual deductible.

One final point, it is very important that you understand the **GUARANTEED ISSUE**.

If you are age 65 or older, you have a **guaranteed issue** at the time you sign up for Medicare.

When you have a **guaranteed issue** right, companies must sell you a **Medigap** policy at the best available rate, regardless of your health status, and cannot deny you coverage. Please note: if you are seeking a Medigap policy and are outside of your **guaranteed issue**, you can be denied coverage and/or charged additional costs.

Making decisions regarding your Medicare and Medigap coverage is critical. Be sure to get the information you need, so yours will be a well-informed decision. You need the information in advance, before you make your final choice.

Source: National Association of Insurance Commissioners



Police Department News

Area Police Departments are investigating vehicle thefts occurring between 2-6am. The suspects appear to be organized group likely using a RFID (Radio Frequency Identification System) scanning device to bypass the key requirement and push button start systems. **When leaving your vehicle in the yard at night, remove the keys, lock the doors and remove all valuable items inside the vehicle.**



November Recreation News

Recreation & Community Life 440-786-2964

All events are subject to change or be rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances.
Please be sure to call the Recreation Department to confirm event dates/times.

EVENT: SENIOR DRIVE THRU LUNCH

Date: Monday, November 30 (Monthly)

RSVP By: Monday, November 23

Menu: Beef Stroganoff over Noodles, Peas,
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 until we can be together again safely.

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.

RSVP by Monday, November 23: Call Natalie or Karleen at the Recreation Dept. at 440-786-2964.

In the Coming Months: We are hopeful that we will one day be able to have our regular Luncheons in the WH Community Event Center for those who feel comfortable coming in. Keep checking our articles each month in the Journal to see what's happening!

YOGA

FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

Join us on Tuesday, November 10, 17 and 24
at 7pm at the WH Community Event Center

\$75.00 for 7- 1-hour sessions

Drop Ins are always welcome: \$12.00
No previous Yoga experience necessary.

Thank You!

Special thanks to the residents who donated candy/snacks for the Treat Bags we gave to the children that attended our Fall Family Fun Day on October 11!
We certainly appreciate your contribution.

EVENT: CAROL'S BOOKWORM'S BOOK CLUB

Date: Monday, November 30 (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 "Such a Fun Age"
by Kiley Reid.

We rated this book 3.5 out of 5.



EVENT: TREE LIGHTING

Date: Sunday, December 6

Time: 5pm

Cost: FREE!

Site: WH Community Event Center

Come help us light up the city as we gather outside the Community Event Center around the Christmas Tree! **Please bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to Toys For Tots!** Refreshments will be served. Masks and 6' Distancing must be practiced.

EVENT: SANTA DELIVERY – GIFT DROP OFF

Date: Monday, December 7

Time: 6 - 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.**

EVENT: SANTA DELIVERY DAY

Date: Saturday, December 12

Time: Any time after 11am

Site: Your Driveway

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

Calendar of Events

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2am Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 6:30am- 7:30pm Polls Open - General Election No COW Meeting 	4	5 4pm Mayor's Court	6 7am Trash Pick Up	7
8	9 6pm * Zoning Board of Appeals Virtual Meeting	10 7pm * Committee of the Whole Virtual Meeting 7-8pm Yoga	11  7pm Lake Club Meeting	12	13 7am Trash Pick Up	14
15 7pm Lake Club Meeting	16 7pm Antique Automobile Club of America	17 7pm * Council Virtual Meeting 7-8pm Yoga	18 1-7pm Blood Drive 	19 4pm Mayor's Court	20 7am Trash Pick Up	21
22	23	24 7-8pm Yoga	25	26  Village Hall Closed	27 Village Hall Closed	28 7am Trash Pick Up
29	30 11:30am- 12:30pm Senior Drive Thru Lunch 7pm Carol's Bookworms Book Club	* 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.			Mahjongg Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ	

DO YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION? If so, the Recreation Department can help you!

Transportation is available for a small fee, **Monday through Thursday**, for residents who have no other means of getting to doctor appointments, shopping, hair salon, etc. If you don't feel comfortable going grocery shopping, we can pick up your list and shop for you! Just give us a call! 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 Natalie or Karleen at the Recreation Department at 440-786-2964 for more info on the above!**

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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 3999 Richmond Road, Beachwood



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UH Bedford Medical Center**
 44 Blaine Avenue, Bedford



Virtual and in-person appointment options

UH Richmond Medical Center**
 27100 Chardon Road, Richmond Heights



Schedule an Appointment Online or by Phone

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