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FEBRUARY NEWS . . .

- The Village has received funding from the EPA to prepare the scope of the environmental cleanup for 7010 Krick Road. The approximate value of the grant is $20,000. Once the scope is finished and approved by the EPA, the remaining cleanup can begin. The EPA also approved a grant for further documentation of the cleanup and environmental testing. The value of this grant is approximately $10,000. All of these efforts are to return the site to productive use.

- The Village prepared for and participated in the Annual Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) meeting with Sagamore Hills. The annual budget was passed and there was discussion of the ongoing efforts to expand the Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare facility and increase tax revenue. The Village acts as the fiscal agent and tax collection agency for the JEDD.

- Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the sluggish commercial real estate market, Ford continues to move forward with the sale of the site. Within the last 30 days, Village representatives have met a group of prospective purchasers and discussed development options for the site and responded to inquiries.

- Walton Hills continues to provide information to the business community to access federal, state, and county financial assistance that is available for small businesses during the pandemic. Please see the Village website, **www.waltonhillsohio.gov,** for more detailed information.

- The Village has once again received the NOPEC Energized Community Grant. The Village will have access to a grant of $6,280.00 to use for various energy related projects in 2021.

- In observance of President's Day, Village Hall, Recreation and the Service Department will be closed on Monday, February 15. **Trash collection will be on the regularly scheduled day of Friday, February 19.**

- The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in the Community Room on Wednesday, February 24 from 1 - 7pm. **Register in advance** online at **www.redcrossblood.org,** or by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

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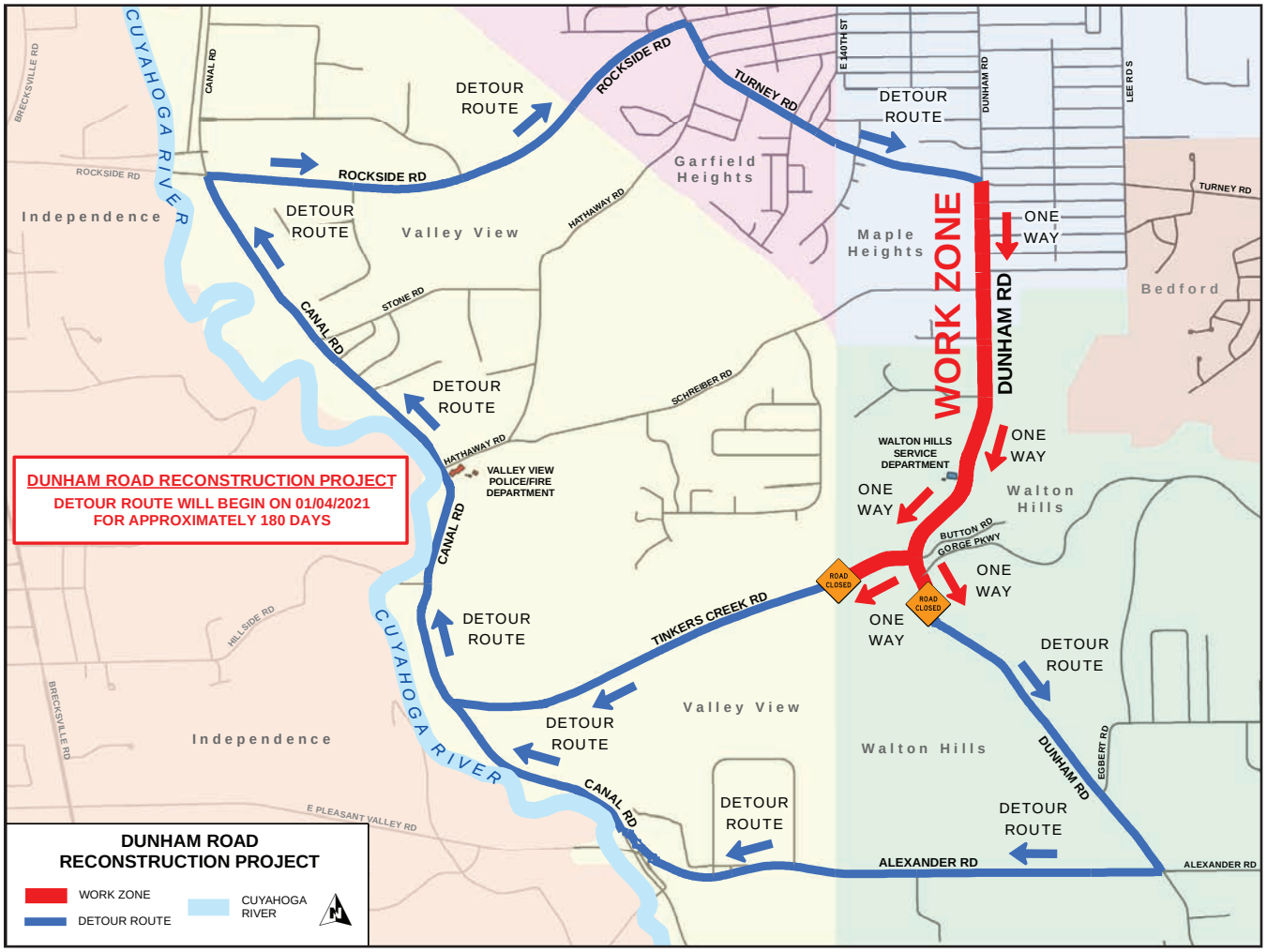
Dunham Road Construction Project

Work on the Dunham Road construction project has begun. Construction will take place on Dunham Road between Turney Road and Gorge Parkway, and also along the portion of Tinker's Creek Road within the Village of Walton Hills. The construction project will consist of widening the road to accommodate new dedicated bicycle lanes in both directions, and installing a new asphalt surface on both roads.

It is expected that this work will be completed on approximately June 11, 2021.

Dunham Road is restricted to one directional traffic only, that direction being southbound only. This traffic restriction on Dunham Road will exist between Turney Road and Gorge Parkway. **Northbound traffic will not be allowed.** Northbound traffic will need to use the posted detour, as shown on the map below. Please follow all construction traffic signage and proceed slowly through the construction area.

We ask for your patience and cooperation with this inconvenience. Please contact Village Engineer Joe Gigliotti at (440) 439-1999 or email at gigliotti@cvelimited.com with any questions regarding this project.



The Village Hall, Recreation and Service Departments will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Walton Hills Legislation

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

Ordinance 2021-1 Passed 6-0
An ordinance to make permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Walton Hills, State of Ohio during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is to approve the permanent appropriations for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

Ordinance 2021-2 First Reading
An ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of AXP Enhanced 700/800 MHZ radios for the Police Department, to be used for Police and Fire dispatch, in the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is to authorize the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a three-year purchase agreement with Motorola Solutions for Police radios.

Resolution 2021-1 Passed 6-0
A resolution confirming the appointment of Robert Kalman as Street Commissioner for the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, for the period beginning February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution reappoints Rob Kalman to his position for next year.

Resolution 2021-2 Passed 6-0
A resolution confirming the appointment of Natalie Buc as the part-time Recreation and Community Life/Recreation Director for the period beginning February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution reappoints Natalie Buc to her position for next year.

Resolution 2021-3 Passed 6-0
A resolution reappointing Joseph L. Gigliotti as the Village Engineer, fixing the duties and compensation for said position; providing for other municipal engineering services for the Village of Walton Hills from Chagrin Valley Engineering Ltd., and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution reappoints Joe Gigliotti as Village Engineer.

2021 Council Committees

*** All committees will be held in the Council Chambers in conjunction with Committee of the Whole Meetings. All meetings will be digitally recorded. Extra committee meetings may be scheduled as needed and announced one week prior to such meetings occurrence.**

COMMITTEE OF WHOLE:
All Council Members
1st & 2nd Tuesday, Monthly

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
Mary Brenner-Miller - Chair
Raymond Weeden / Denny Linville

INFORMATION:
Brian Spitznagel – Chair
Gloria Terlosky / Jennifer Allen

INFRASTRUCTURE:
Denny Linville – Chair
Raymond Weeden / Brian Spitznagel

RECREATION & COMMUNITY LIFE:
Gloria Terlosky – Chair
Brian Spitznagel/Mary Brenner-Miller

SAFETY & INSURANCE:
Raymond Weeden – Chair
Jennifer Allen / Mary Brenner-Miller

FINANCE:
Council President Pro Tem
Jennifer Allen – Chair
All Council Members

*** Please note that Council Meeting dates are subject to change. Due to COVID-19 and 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.**

Beware of Scammers

GRANDCHILD IN NEED

Your "grandchild" calls — perhaps in the middle of the night, startling you awake — sounding frantic, because he needs fast cash to deal with a medical emergency, a travel disaster or to get out of jail. He begs you not to alert his parents. The con artist on the other end of the line may have extracted enough details about your grandchild from the internet, such as his or her name, city and school, to weave together a believable story, and may explain away a distorted voice by claiming a bad phone connection or broken nose. **Hang up and call your grandchild or an in-the-know relative to check in.**

IRS AND JURY DUTY GIFT CARD SCAMS

A customer receives a threatening voice message from a scammer pretending to be from U.S. Internal Revenue Service. To avoid being arrested for tax evasion, the victim is told that they can pay the fine with iTunes gift cards or other gift cards. In a similar example, a "State Trooper" calls to say the victim failed to show up for jury duty and there is a warrant out for his or her arrest. To avoid going to jail, "bail" can be paid using "MoneyPak" as a bond until the case is cleared. **No reputable company or government agency (including the IRS) will ever demand payment with gift cards.**

WHAT TO DO: If you get a phone call from someone telling you to make a payment with gift cards, hang up the phone. If you get an email from a company telling you to make a payment with gift cards, delete it. Don't be fooled. If you have any doubts that the call or email is legitimate, contact the company yourself. Don't call the number given to you on the voice message, and don't respond to the email or click any of the links inside of it. Initiate the call yourself.

PUPPY LISTINGS

Although puppy scams are becoming increasingly more common, they are not unavoidable. Red flags, such as the seller refusing to meet in person or trying to charge extra for shipping the pet, can help you recognize the scam at hand. If you're looking to bring home a new family member, keep these tips in mind:

See the pet in person.
Ask to see the pet before you send any money to the seller. If it's not possible to see it in person because of COVID-19, ask to set up a video call where you can see the kitten or puppy. If the seller refuses to comply with this request, do not move forward with the transaction, as it is likely a scam.

COVID-19 Related Fees.
Scammers ask for money for special climate-controlled crates, "reimbursable" pet insurance and nonexistent coronavirus vaccines or a COVID-19 permit.

Use reverse image search.
Visit Google Images and click on the camera icon. There you can either paste the image's URL or upload the photo to find its origin. Use this tool to determine if the seller is using stock photos on their website.

Do your research.
Scammers may advertise pets at low prices to lure buyers in with the promise of a good deal. Shop around to get an idea of the average price for the breed you're interested in. Be concerned if you find prices that are significantly less.

Search local animal shelters.
Consider adopting a pet from your local shelter. This provides an opportunity to give a home to a pet in need while avoiding scammers. **Petscams.com** tracks complaints to catalog scammers and help take down fraudulent pet-selling websites.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Someone claiming to be a Social Security staffer contacts you and tries to extract money or personal details. He or she may pretend there is a problem with your account, that your Social Security number has been suspended because of suspected illegal activity, or that you're owed a cost-of-living benefit increase. Worse, **the caller may threaten your benefits, suggest you'll face legal action if you don't provide information, or pressure you to send money. Unsure? Hang up and call Social Security at 800-772-1213 to speak with a real representative.**

Beware of anyone willing to come to your house to pick up money.

VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker

New Phone Number: (216) 219-8639

The VA has announced the expansion of the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) in October 2020. This will enhance the health and well-being of Veterans by supporting their caregivers with financial planning and legal services. Such services include: workshops, self-care courses, a Caregiver Support Line, psychoeducational group calls, and Peer Support Mentoring.

Expansion opens the program to **eligible** WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veterans. Eligibility will change to eligible Veterans who have a single or combined VA service-connected disability rating of 70% or higher. This applies regardless of whether the disability is the result of an injury or illness. Currently, PCAFC is only available to family caregivers of eligible Veterans seriously injured in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001.

The program will expand in two phases

- In October of 2020, PCAFC will expand to eligible Veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty in the active military, naval or air service on or before May 7, 1975.
- Two years after the expansion, PCAFC will expand again. Access then will include eligible Veterans from all eras who have a serious injury — incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the active military, naval or air service.

All caregivers who provide personal care services to Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare have access to PGCSS. Newly covered veterans should apply for PCAFC after the official launch date to be announced in mid-September.

Check the Caregiver Support Program website at **www.caregiver.va.gov** for more information or call (216) 791-3800 ext. 62150.

Source: VHA Caregiver Support Program.

Service Department News

Mark your Calendar

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUNDUP
Monday, April 12
thru
Friday, April 16

COMPUTER ROUNDUP
Monday, April 26
thru
Friday, April 30

SHRED DAY
Saturday, May 8

Recreation News

Recreation & Community Life 440-786-2964

NEW HOURS: 9am – 4pm, MONDAY – FRIDAY

For all Village 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.

CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Date: Monday, February 22 (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 *"Midwinter Break"* by Bernard MacLaverty.
We rated this book 4 out of 5.

DO YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION?

If so, the Recreation Department can help you!

EXTENDED SERVICE!

Transportation is now available
Monday through Friday
for residents who have no other means of getting to doctor appointments, shopping, hair salon, etc. for a small fee. Please call us as soon as you make your appointment
(at least ONE WEEK BEFORE)
to make sure we have the availability.

If you don't feel comfortable going grocery shopping, we can pick up your list and shop for you!

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!

SENIOR DRIVE THRU LUNCH

Date: Thursday, February 25 (Monthly)
RSVP by: Thursday, February 18
Menu: Lasagna with Marinara Sauce, Italian Sausage, Salad, Bread/Butter 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 lunch after we serve the Drive Thru Lunch.

RSVP by Thursday, February 18: Call the Recreation Department at 440-786-2964.

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

YOGA – FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

Join us on Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 6:30pm 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.

Kathy is certified with **13 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 & flows, with a touch of meditation. When you finish the one-hour session, **expect to feel refreshed, relaxed, stronger, and more flexible!**

Calendar of Events

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga **6pm** * Zoning Appeals Mtg. **7pm** * COW Virtual Meeting	3 **7pm** Lake Club Meeting	4 **4pm** Mayor's Court	5 **7am** Trash Pick Up	6
7	8	9 **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga **6pm** * Zoning Appeals Mtg. **7pm** * COW Virtual Meeting	10 **7-8pm** Saint Mary's Women's Guild	11	12 **7am** Trash Pick Up	13
14 	15 **President's Day** Village Hall, Recreation and Service Dept. Closed **7pm** Antique Automobile Club of America	16 **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga **7pm** * Council Virtual Meeting	17	18 **4pm** Mayor's Court	19 **7am** Trash Pick Up	20
21	22 **7pm** Carol's Bookworms Book Club	23 **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga	24 **1-7pm** Blood Drive 	25 **11:30-12:30pm** Senior Drive Thru Lunch	26 **7am** Trash Pick Up	27
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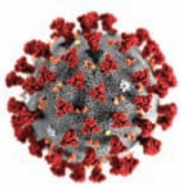
Mahjongg - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ



Information on COVID-19 is posted on the Village of Walton Hills website:
www.waltonhillsohio.gov
and on the Village Facebook pages.

On Facebook search:
@VillageofWaltonHills or @WaltonHillsPolice

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