

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



JULY 2021

Journal



The Mayor and Council
 would like to wish
 the residents of the Village
 a Happy and Safe Fourth of July Holiday!

**Village Hall will be closed
 on Monday, July 5.**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we enter the month of July and more things are beginning to open up and return to normal, our Village continues to move forward in a very positive direction. This is possible due to the cooperation of everyone in the Village. Thank you, staff and residents for your continued patience and support. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming Village events.

On a sadder note, I would like to take a moment to express our condolences to Sgt. Mike Gervase and his family on the recent passing of K-9 Aro. The Village is appreciative for K-9 Aro's years of service to the Police Department and he will be greatly missed. You can read about Aro's life story on page 4.

Enjoy the summer sunshine and the warm July weather!

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy,

Don Kolograf

Mayor Don Kolograf

On Tuesday, June 15, 2021, Village Police along with the State Highway Patrol and Federal Motor Carriers conducted commercial truck enforcement stops on Alexander and Northfield Roads.

There were 34 total traffic stops resulting in the following:

- 3 trucks were weighed, 1 was over the limit and cited to Mayor's Court
- 1 Federal Distracted Driver Violation
- 1 driver under suspension and possession of marijuana
- 10 trucks were taken out of service until repairs are made
- 2 drivers were taken out of service
- 7 seatbelt violations were issued
- 45 total violations found



Memorial Day 2021



Walton Hills Legislation

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

Resolution 2021-13 Passed 6-0

A resolution adopting the tax budget of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio for the Fiscal Year of 2022, directing that the same be submitted to the Fiscal Office of Cuyahoga County, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution authorizes the Village to adopt the tax budget for the fiscal year 2022 and submit the budget to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office.

Resolution 2021-14 Passed 6-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co. Inc., for additional paving of Dunham Road and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution authorizes the Village to execute a change to the contract with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co. to increase the scope of work to extend paving.

Resolution 2021-15 Passed 6-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into rollover year two of the consortium contract with Kimble Recycling & Disposal, Inc. for solid waste removal and recycling services and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution authorizes the Village to enact the option for rollover year 2 of the contract with Kimble Recycling & Disposal for garbage and recycling removal services for Walton Hills commencing August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

Ordinance 2021-12 Passed 6-0

An ordinance repealing and replacing chapter 260.18 of the Village codified ordinances, and declaring an emergency.

- This ordinance would modify various provisions of Chapter 260.18 as part of the periodic review of employment positions, wages and other compensation.

Ordinance Safety Reminders



A complete listing of ordinances can be found at www.waltonhillsohio.gov, under the Government tab. Help keep Village residents safe! As per ordinance 434.04, please drive 25 mph on side streets.

434.03 MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS; ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE AHEAD.

(b) (2) **Twenty-five miles per hour** in all other portions of the Municipality, except on State routes outside business districts, through highways outside business districts, and alleys.



Happy Fourth of July! As you celebrate our nation's independence, please be courteous to your neighbors and their pets.

678.10 FIREWORKS.

(f) **Possession, Sale, Discharge and Advertising; Falsification.** Prohibits the manufacturing, transfer into this municipality, sale and discharge of fireworks except in specific exceptions.



In Recognition and Memory of K-9 Aro



K-9 Aro started with the Walton Hills Police Department in June of 2009 with then handler Ptlm. Joe Morgan. On September 17, 2009 K-9 Aro and Ptlm. Morgan assisted Maple Hts. Police in tracking a subject that was wanted in connection with the robbery and murder of a US postal carrier to a home a few streets away. Maple Hts. Police surrounded the residence and after the occupants were called out of the house, the suspect was positively identified among the occupants and subsequently pled guilty to murder. K-9 Aro and Ptlm. Morgan continued to assist and make numerous arrests until Ptlm. Morgan went on to work with the Columbus Police Department in February of 2010.

K-9 Aro was paired with Sgt. Gervase in March of 2010 and began training together in May of 2010. After completing six weeks of training together, Sgt. Gervase and K-9 Aro started their first shift on June 4, 2010. Over the past 11 years they have assisted neighboring agencies in locating subjects wanted for attempted murder, robberies, assaults and shootings. They have located weapons that were used in crimes, recovered drugs/cash and weapons on vehicle stops, assisted SEALE Narcotics in drug parcel interdictions, participated in several Senior Police Academies, spoke to children at schools throughout Cuyahoga, Summit and Medina counties with The Westside K-9 Training Group. K-9 Aro and Sgt. Gervase worked in conjunction with Parma Police K-9 unit and the Secret Service in former President Clinton's campaign re-election visit to Tri-C for President Obama.

K-9 Aro was set to retire on June 5, 2021 after 12 years of service with the Walton Hills Police Department and was given a recent clean bill of health by his veterinarian a week earlier. On June 3, 2021 a retirement party was given in his honor by the Police Department and Sgt. Gervase's family. In the early morning on June 4, 2021, Sgt. Gervase noticed Aro had labored breathing and was taken to their veterinarian. Preliminary x-rays revealed that a small amount of fluid had built up in his lungs. He was transported to Metropolitan Veterinarian Hospital in Copley by Sgt. Gervase and it was determined that a small undetectable air pocket (bullae) had burst causing his lungs to fill with fluid. It was decided that the quality of life would not allow Aro to enjoy his retirement. Sgt. Gervase made notifications while Aro was awake, calm and comfortable while holding on to his favorite tug toy. His fellow police officers, family and K-9 training group came to say their goodbyes.

Sgt. Gervase was escorted by his fellow officers along with over 30 law enforcement agencies and K-9 teams as he and his wife transported Aro to A. Ripepi and Sons Funeral Home in Middleburg Hts., who graciously performed the services. K-9 Aro was one of the longest serving K-9's in Ohio and will be greatly missed by all.

Sgt. Gervase and his family, would like to express their sincerest thanks and gratitude to Mayor Kolograf, Village Council, Chief Jaworski, the Officers of the Walton Hills Police Department, A. Ripepi and Sons, the numerous law enforcement agencies and to all the wonderful people for the cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers.

Emergency Broadband/Internet Benefit Program

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker

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Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. If you qualify, you can receive:

- Up to \$50/month discount on broadband service and equipment rentals
- One-time discount up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50), from participating providers
- Enrollment in the program began May 12, 2021. The program will end when the fund runs out of money, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner.

Your household qualifies for the Emergency Broadband Benefit if it has an income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines **OR** any member of the household:

- Qualifies for benefits through participation in SNAP, Medicaid, Lifeline, Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit
- Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020, with a total household income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 (single) and \$198,000 (joint)

- Received a federal Pell Grant in the current award year
- Received benefits under free and reduced-price school lunch program or school breakfast program in 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year
- Meets eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program, and that provider received FCC approval for its eligibility verification process.

To apply, you will have to show proof of income such as pay stubs or a tax return. Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. Program rules acknowledge there may be more than one eligible household residing at the same address.

You can apply as follows:

- 1 Contact a participating broad band provider and request application information.
- 2 Apply online at [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://getemergencybroadband.org).
- 3 Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application.

Upon qualification, household are to contact a participating provider to initiate service.

For more information and to apply:

<https://getemergencybroadband.org/do-i-qualify>

Safety Precautions for Running at Night

- **Run against traffic.** It's easier to avoid traffic if you can see it.
- **Don't wear dark colors at night.** White running attire is the easiest to see at night, but orange and yellow are also appropriate. Black, brown, dark blue or green are not recommended.
- **Run behind vehicles at intersections.** Even if a car or truck has stopped at a stop sign, there's no guarantee the driver has seen you.
- **Don't wear headphones.** Wearing headphones diminishes a runner's ability to hear a car horn, a voice or a potential attacker.
- **Run with a partner.** There's strength in numbers.
- **Try to make eye contact and acknowledge a driver.** The interaction, however brief, could save your life.
- **Always have identification on you.** Put your drivers license in your pocket or wear an ID tag on your shoe.
- **Carry a cell phone.** You'll be able to contact police immediately if something happens to you.
- **Follow your instincts.** If you feel you are entering an unsafe situation, trust your gut and run to a safe location and call police if you notice anything suspicious.



Recreation News

Recreation & Community Life 440-786-2964

HOURS: 9am – 2pm, MONDAY – FRIDAY, JULY 1 THRU AUGUST 3

For all Village events, please follow CDC Guidelines at the time of the event.

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.

MORNING MEETING WITH THE MAYOR

Date: Wednesday, July 21

Time: 9am - 11am

Site: WH Community Event Center

Cost: Free

Welcome Back! Come and enjoy some pastry and coffee while the mayor updates us on the happenings in the Village.

CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Date: Monday, July 26 (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
"Jar of Hearts" by Jennifer Hillier.
We rated this book 4 out of 5.



EXTENDED SERVICE!

DO YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION?

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.

Please call the Recreation Department at 440-786-2964 for more info on the above or go to www.WaltonHillsOhio.gov/Services/RecreationDepartment

SENIOR LUNCH (DINE-IN OR PICK UP)

Date: Thursday, July 29 (Monthly)

RSVP/

Cancel by: Thursday, July 22

Call the Recreation Dept. at 440-786-2964. Reservations are final if not cancelled by deadline.

Menu: California Chicken, Rice, California blend of Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Roll and Tropical Fruit

Registration: 11:15am

Serving/

Pick Up Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Cost: \$7.00 per person

Site: WH Community Event Center – Banquet Room

Dine-In Lunch: Join us at the Community Event Center as we dine-in together! You are welcome to wear a mask and keep 6' distancing if you wish. Others will respect your decision to stay safe.

Pick Up Lunch: If you are not comfortable dining in just yet, you are welcome to pick up lunch in the Banquet Room between Noon – 1pm.

FREE Drop Off Lunch: This service is FREE to any senior resident who **CANNOT** drive but would like to order lunch! Our drivers will be happy to drop off lunch after we serve lunch at the Community Event Center.

YOGA

FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

Join us on Tuesdays,
July 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 6:30pm
at the WH Community Event Center

\$75.00 for (7) 1-hour sessions

Drop ins are always welcome: \$12.00

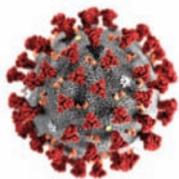
No previous Yoga experience necessary.

Calendar of Events

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Council is scheduled to recess during July and August, but will meet if necessary.				1 4pm Mayor's Court	2 7am Trash Pick Up	3
4 	5 Village Hall, Recreation and Service Departments are Closed	6 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7:30-9:30pm Chess Night	7	8	9 7am Trash Pick Up	10
11	12	13 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7:30-9:30pm Chess Night	14	15 4pm Mayor's Court	16 7am Trash Pick Up	17
18	19 7pm Antique Automobile Club of America	20 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7:30-9:30pm Chess Night	21 9am Morning Meeting with the Mayor at the Community Center 1-7pm Blood Drive 	22	23 7am Trash Pick Up	24
25	26 7pm Carol's Bookworms Book Club	27 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7:30-9:30pm Chess Night	28	29 11:30am Senior Lunch	30 7am Trash Pick Up	31

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

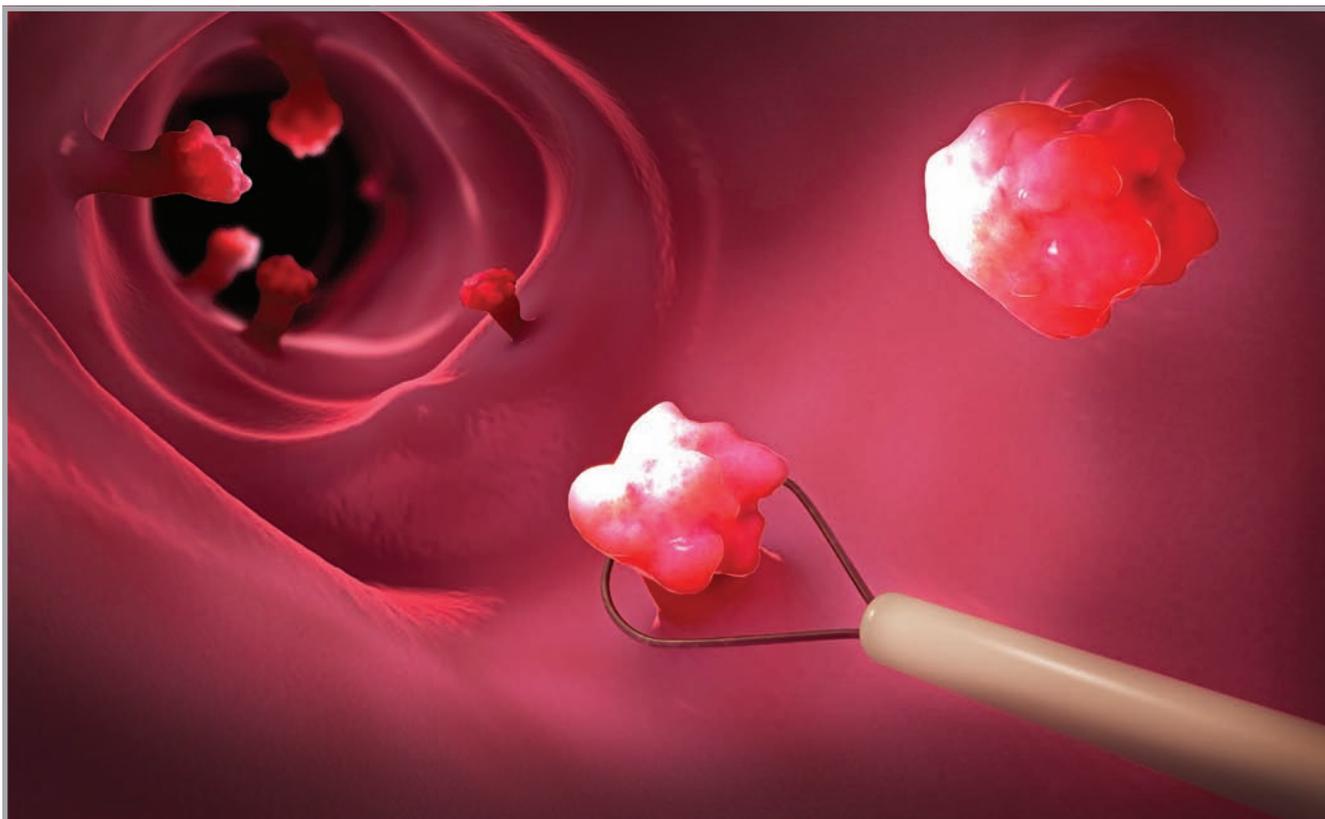
and on the Village Facebook pages.

On Facebook search:

@VillageofWaltonHills or @WaltonHillsPolice

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





Learn About Your Colon Screening Options

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. University Hospitals has several colon screening options available to meet your needs and comfort.

Learn about your colon screening options with a comparison chart or schedule a colonoscopy by visiting UHhospitals.org/ColonScreeningOptions



University Hospitals

UH Bedford Medical Center
44 Blaine Avenue, Bedford