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JANUARY 2021

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Happy New Year and welcome 2021!

May 2021 bring our community continued success and prosperity, but more importantly, may the new year bring each and every one of you good health and happiness.

Stay safe, stay healthy!

Donald Kolograf, Mayor

JANUARY NEWS . . .

- Happy New Year! Village Hall, Recreation and the Service Department will be closed on Friday, January 1. **Trash collection will be delayed one day and picked up on Saturday, January 2.**

- In observance of Martin Luther King Day, Village Hall, Recreation and the Service Department will be closed on Monday, January 18. **Trash collection will be on the regularly scheduled day of Friday, January 22.**

- The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in the Community Room on Wednesday, January 20 from 1 - 7pm. **Register in advance** online at www.redcrossblood.org, or by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

Tree Lighting 2020

The annual Village Tree Lighting was held Sunday, December 6 at the Community Event Center. The event was a drive up celebration and residents were encouraged to stay in their cars. Helping Mayor Kolograf light the Christmas lights this year were Chaz and Alannah Chech.

TAX SEASON UPDATE

Hello residents! Income Tax Season will once again be upon us. With Village Hall still closed to the public, I would ask that you give me a call at 440-232-7800 when you are ready for assistance with your Walton Hills return so that we can make arrangements for me to get your paperwork. If you or your tax preparer complete the form without assistance, you can drop it in our white mailbox. I do miss seeing all of you in person. Please have a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!

Angela Revay,
Fiscal Officer

Santa Delivery 2020

Walton Hills Legislation

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

Resolution 2020-24 Passed 6-0
A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Village Engineer to make application for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $150,000 and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is to approve the application to apply for a Community Development Block Grant.

Resolution 2020-25 Passed 6-0
A resolution confirming the appointment of Steven Vlk as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals of the Village of Walton Hills, and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is to approve the appointment Steven Vlk to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

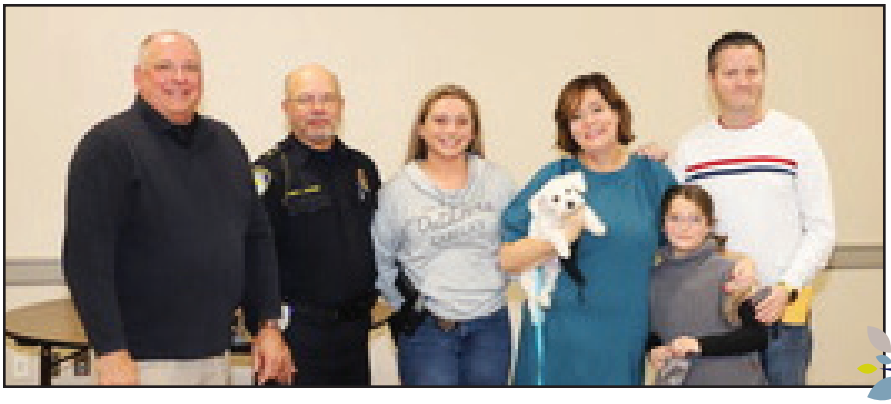
Ordinance 2020-10 Passed 6-0
An ordinance to make temporary appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Walton Hills, State of Ohio during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

- This legislation is to approve temporary appropriations for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2021.

Police Department News

Officer Tom Cercek Honored for Heroism

On November 19, 2020, in a ceremony at the Walton Hills Community Event Center, Chief Stan Jaworski presented Officer Tom Cercek with a plaque for his bravery, courage and lifesaving heroism. On July 7, 2020 after heavy rain, Walton Hills Police were dispatched to Bridal Veil Falls in the Cleveland Metroparks Bedford Reservation. The heavy rain initiated flash flooding in the area. The creek rose suddenly and rapidly, causing a young girl to be trapped along the bank of Tinker's Creek. Using a rope that Officer Cercek had in his car, he was able to pull the young girl up to safety with help from several good Samaritans. The Rusk family was at the presentation for Officer Cercek.



Service Department News

Reminder: Trash collection is delayed one day and will be picked up on Saturday, January 2 due to the holiday.

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.

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.

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!

2021 Medicare Premiums, Deductibles, and Cost Sharing Amounts

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker

New Phone Number: (216) 219-8639

Part A (Hospital Insurance)

Hospital Deductible	$1,484/benefit period (renews when out of a hospital or Medicare facility for 60 days)
Hospital Copayment	$371/day for days 61-90; $742/day for Lifetime Reserve Days
Skilled Nursing Facility Copayment	$185.50/day for days 21-100
Part A Premiums*	$471/month for those with fewer than 30 quarters of Medicare-covered employment $259/month for those with 30-39 quarters of Medicare-covered employment

Part B (Medical Insurance)

Annual Deductible	$203
Premium	$148.50/month

* Most people with Medicare do not pay a monthly premium for Part A because they have (or a spouse has) 40 or more quarters of Medicare-covered employment (meaning they worked at a job where they paid into Medicare).

Since 2007, beneficiaries with higher incomes have paid higher Medicare Part B monthly premiums. These income-related monthly premium rates affect roughly five percent of people with Medicare. The total Medicare Part B premiums for high-income beneficiaries for 2020 are shown in the following table:

Beneficiaries who file an individual tax return with income:	Beneficiaries who file a joint tax return with income:	Income-related monthly adjustment amount	Total monthly premium amount
Less than or equal to $88,000	Less than or equal to $176,000	$0.00	$148.50
Greater than $88,000 and less than or equal to $111,000	Greater than $176,000 and less than or equal to $222,000	$59.40	$207.90
Greater than $111,000 and less than or equal to $138,000	Greater than $222,000 and less than or equal to $276,000	$148.50	$297.00
Greater than $138,000 and less than or equal to $165,000	Greater than $276,000 and less than or equal to $330,000	$237.60	$386.10
Greater than $165,000 and less than $500,000	Greater than $330,000 and less than $750,000	$326.70	$475.20
Greater than or equal to $500,000	Greater than or equal to $750,000	$356.40	$504.90
Beneficiaries who are married and lived with their spouses at any time during the year, but who file separate tax returns from their spouses:			
Less than or equal to $88,000		$ 0.00	$148.50
Greater than $88,000 and less than $412,000		$326.70	$475.20
Greater than or equal to $412,000		$356.40	$504.90

Recreation News

Recreation & Community Life 440-786-2964

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.

NEW HOURS

For your convenience, the Recreation Department will now be OPEN
Monday through Friday from 8:30am – 2:30pm!

NEW DAY! **SENIOR DRIVE THRU LUNCH**

Date:	Thursday, January 28 (Monthly)
RSVP By:	Thursday, January 21
Menu:	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Salad, Roll with 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.

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 a reminder, Senior Lunch will be now be the last Thursday of each month.

CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Date:	Monday, January 25 (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
"Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead"
by Olga Tokarczuk.
We rated this book 3.5 out of 5.

Please "Welcome" Mya Leeth who is our NEW Assistant Recreation Director! We want to thank Karleen Dean for her 16+ years of dedication to the Village of Walton Hills and we wish her well on her future endeavors.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Toys for Tots!
Your generosity is truly appreciated!

YOGA – FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

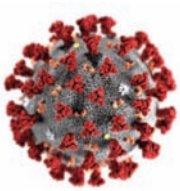
Join us on Tuesdays,
January 5, 12, 19 and 26
at 6:30pm
at the WH Community Event Center

$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

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* 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.					1 Village Hall, Recreation and Service Dept. Closed	2 **7am** Trash Pick Up
3	4	5 **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga **7pm** * Committee of the Whole Virtual Meeting	6 **7pm** Lake Club Meeting	7 **4pm** Mayor's Court	8 **7am** Trash Pick Up	9
10	11	12 **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga **7pm** * Committee of the Whole Virtual Meeting	13 **7-8pm** Saint Mary's Women's Guild	14	15 **7am** Trash Pick Up	16
17	18 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** Village Hall, Recreation and Service Dept. Closed **7pm** Antique Automobile Club of America	19 **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga **7pm** * Council Virtual Meeting	20 **1-7pm** Blood Drive 	21 **4pm** Mayor's Court	22 **7am** Trash Pick Up	23
24	25 **7pm** Carol's Bookworms Book Club	26 **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga	27	28 **11:30-12:30pm** Senior Drive Thru Lunch	29 **7am** Trash Pick Up	30
31	 **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**

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