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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Officially Reopens Dunham Road

On Friday, July 30, 2021, the City of Maple Heights and the Village of Walton Hills held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the recently completed Dunham Road Rehabilitation Project. The Dunham Road Rehabilitation Project was a \$3 million infrastructure improvement project developed and executed as a partnership between Cuyahoga County, the Village of Walton Hills, and the City of Maple Heights. The Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works contributed a grant worth approximately \$1.9 million to help fund the project.

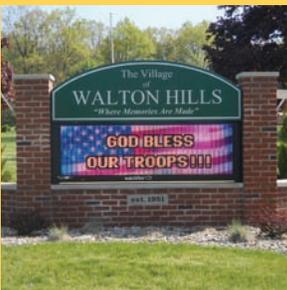
This project could not have been completed without the partnership and cooperation of all those involved. Special thanks go to the Walton Hills Service Department led by Rob Kalman and Village Engineer Joe Gigliotti for doing an excellent job managing this project. Also, many thanks to the residents of Walton Hills for their patience during the months of road construction. This vital artery has been upgraded to current design standards that provide a safe multi-modal method of travel for all.



Front Row: Maple Hts. Council President Ron Jackson; Back Row Left to Right: Ohio House District 6 Representative Phil Robinson, Cuyahoga County Council District 8 Pernel Jones, Jr., Maple Hts. District 1 Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, Sr., Walton Hills Mayor Don Kolograf, Maple Hts. Mayor Annette Blackwell, Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish, Ohio House District 12 Representative Juanita Brent, Walton Hills Council President Jennifer Allen.

ARPA Funding Update from the Fiscal Officer

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) appropriated \$19.53 billion of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to states for distribution to “non-entitlement units of local government” (NEUs). The Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) is facilitating the allocation and distribution of these funds to Ohio’s eligible NEUs. The Village of Walton Hills is considered a non-entitlement unit. Originally, the OBM calculated our portion of the funding to be \$444,874 to be received in two equal distributions, one in 2021 and the second no sooner than 12 months later in 2022. In July, the OBM updated everyone’s apportionment figures based on 2020 budgets. This decreased the funding amount the Village of Walton Hills will receive to a total of \$237,680. We did receive our first distribution for 2021 on August 11th in the amount of \$118,840. We are currently exploring how that money will be utilized within the guidelines of the Interim Final Rule set forth by the Department of the Treasury.



FBI Warns of a Grandparent Fraud Scheme Using Couriers

The FBI warns of criminal actors' alleged use of couriers to collect money in a grandparent fraud scheme.

Criminal actors target elderly U.S. citizens in a grandparent fraud scheme in which they arrange for couriers to pick up bail money in person at the victim's residence. Criminals telephonically contact their victims and pose as a grandchild, or another family member, in distress who has been arrested and needs bail money. They may also pose as a representative of the detained relative, such as an attorney or a bail-bondsman. Criminal actors then send couriers to collect the money in person from the victim's residence. In some instances, ride share drivers are used to pick up the money.

According to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3),

confidence fraud schemes accounted for the highest losses reported by the elderly in 2020 with more than \$280 million in complaints.

From January 2020 to June 2021, the FBI IC3 received over 650 reports of potential grandparent scams, resulting in losses of more than \$13 million. During that time frame, over 90 victims reported money was picked up from their home, resulting in losses of more than \$3.6 million.

Tips on how to protect yourself:

- Be careful what you post online. Scammers can use details shared on social media platforms and dating sites for targeting purposes.
- Be suspicious of telephone calls that require you to immediately take action and

request bail money for a family member in distress. Contact the family member directly for confirmation.

- Be careful with caller IDs that look familiar. Scammers may use technology to disguise the actual number they are calling from ("spoof") and make it appear as a trusted number.
- Never give personal identifiable information or money to anyone you have only communicated with by telephone or online.

If you believe you have been a victim of a grandparent fraud scheme, report the fraud to your local FBI field office. The FBI also encourages victims to report fraudulent or suspicious activities to the FBI IC3 at www.ic3.gov.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

Flu Shot Clinic

The Flu Shot Clinic will be held on Wednesday, October 13 from 9am - NOON at the Walton Hills Community Center, 14660 Alexander Road.

The Flu Shot Clinic is primarily for residents 65+ years of age, or any resident diagnosed with a chronic illness.

There is no cost to residents whose primary insurance is Medicare Part B.

Most insurance plans are accepted and will cover the cost.

If you are not sure, please check with your insurance company beforehand.

To get your flu shot:

Call Village Hall at 440-232-7800 to make an appointment.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 5

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker, (216) 219-8639

FEMA Funeral Assistance Scammers Targeting Families of COVID-19 Victims

As if the grief and trauma of isolation, recession, and sickness of the last year and a half weren't enough, scammers have reached new lows. Scammers have adapted the typical government grant scam to target the families of those who died due to COVID-19 by offering financial help for funeral expenses.

In typical government grant scams, fraudsters contact victims by phone, social media, or email. When you reply to the message or take the bait on the phone, the scammer claims to be a "government agent." The scammers typically congratulate you on being eligible for a grant that does not need to be repaid; you only have to pay a processing fee to actually access the grant. Other fees will inevitably follow, and they may all seem very official. Whatever the story, one thing is certain; the scammer will keep asking for money and the victim will never receive the supposed grant.

In this new COVID-19 twist, scammers have been calling loved ones of those who passed from COVID-19 and offering to "help" victims sign up for FEMA's funeral assistance program. **While FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) does offer a real funeral assistance program, you do not need to pay to access it.** FEMA's program will pay up to \$9,000 for funeral expenses that people have paid since January 20, 2020 for loved ones who died of COVID-19. Survivors can apply for benefits by contacting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 844-684-6333.

The program is open to American citizens, nationals of U.S. territories, and non-citizens legally admitted to the United States, regardless of income. If you apply, you'll need to show documents including receipts for your expenses and a death certificate that says the death happened in the United States or its territories and was likely caused by COVID-19.

Here are some helpful tips to help you and loved ones avoid this scam:

- FEMA will not contact you until you have called FEMA or have applied for assistance. Anyone who contacts you out of the blue and claims to be a federal employee or from FEMA is a scammer.
- Do not pay any money for a "free" government grant. If you have to pay money to claim a "free" government grant, it is not really free. A real government agency will not ask you to pay an advanced processing fee. The only official list of all U.S. federal grant-making agencies is www.grants.gov.
- Be careful with unsolicited calls asking for your banking information. Scammers will cold call, asking basic questions to see if you qualify for a grant, and then ask for your banking information saying they need to collect a one-time processing fee and directly deposit your money.

Source: Cleveland Better Business Bureau

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will be in our community on **Thursday, October 21** at Walton Hills Community Center. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup—a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!



September Recreation News

Recreation & Community Life 440-786-2964

HOURS: 9am – 4pm, Monday thru Friday

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.

SENIOR LUNCH SUMMER COOKOUT AT THE LAKE!

(Dine-In, Take-Out or Drop Off)

Date: Thursday, September 30 (Monthly)

RSVP by: Thursday, September 23

Menu: Cheeseburgers, Ballpark Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cob, Oven Baked Beans, Pasta & Potato Salads, Vegetable Tray with Spinach Dip, and Fruit Tray with Margarita Dip

Lunch Served at NOON

Pick Up Time: NOON – 1pm

Cost: \$7

Site: The Lake Club Pavilion

Take-Out Lunch: If you are not comfortable dining there, you are welcome to pick up lunch at the Lake Club between Noon – 1pm

Drop Off Lunch: This service is FREE to any senior resident who **CANNOT** drive and does not live with anyone that drives but would like to order lunch! Lunch will be dropped off after 1pm.

MORNING MEETING WITH THE MAYOR

Date: Wednesday, September 15

Time: 9am – 11am

Site: WH Community Event Center

Cost: Free



Come and enjoy some pastry and coffee while the mayor updates us on the Village.

NEW! MORNING GAMES

Date: Thursday, September 23 (Monthly)

Time: 10am – NOON

Site: WH Community Event Center

Cost: FREE!

RSVP: By Tuesday, September 21

Meet your friends and spend some time playing your favorite games! We will have the coffee brewing and pastry on hand. Playing cards will be provided, you bring your favorite board game.

CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Date: Monday, September 27 (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 "Florence Adler Swims Forever" by Rachel Beanland.

We rated this book a 4 out of 5.



2nd ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL & HAYRIDE
Sunday, September 19
Noon – 4pm
T.G. Young Park
Musical Entertainment by Hit List Duo!
Games and Crafts for the Kids!
Hayride!

Spend the afternoon at T.G. Young Park. Bring your lawn chair and be entertained by Hit List Duo! There will be crafts and games for the kids! In the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled and not rescheduled.



Service Department News

Mark your Calendar!

The Service Department is teaming up once again with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for

Recycling Roundups.



OLD COMPUTERS

Monday, Oct. 25 thru Friday, Oct. 29
8:00am - 3:30pm at 6800 Dunham Road

Acceptable Items: desktops, towers, laptops, monitors, keyboards and peripherals, printers, modems, tablets, e-readers, telecom devices, networking equipment, cables, cell phones and video game systems. **NO TELEVISIONS PLEASE.**



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Monday, Oct. 11 thru Friday, Oct. 15
8:00am - 3:30pm at 6800 Dunham Road

Acceptable Items: oil-based paint, solvents, used motor oil, automotive fluids, aerosols, lawn and garden products, pesticides, pool chemical and household cleaners. **NO LATEX PAINT.** Latex paint must be dried out and put in with your regular trash.

SERVICE DEPT. REMINDERS

- In observance of Labor Day, trash pick-up will be on Saturday, September 11.
- Brush Chipping ends October 1.
- Leaf Collection will begin in October if enough leaves have fallen.

Building Department News

Building / Zoning Report

Permits Issued:

- (24) Residential Building Permits
- (1) Commercial Building Permits
- (8) Zoning Permits
- (1) Occupancy Permit
- (87) Residential Permits were issued bringing in \$6,059.70

- (14) Commercial Permits were issued bringing in \$10,031.81
- (120) Contractors have registered in 2021

Property Maintenance Enforcement:

- (4) Violation Grass Cutting performed by the Service Department

Calendar of Events

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 4pm Mayor's Court	3 7am Trash Pick Up	4
5 1-6pm Lake Club Fenders & Vendors Car Show	6 <i>HAPPY Labor Day</i> Village Hall, Recreation and Service Dept. Closed	7 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm C.O.W. Meeting 7:30-9:30pm Chess Night	8	9	10	11 7am Trash Pick Up
12	13 11am 50 Plus Club Board Meeting	14 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm C.O.W. Meeting 7:30-9:30pm Chess Night	15 9am Morning Meeting with the Mayor 1-7pm Blood Drive 	16 4pm Mayor's Court	17 7am Trash Pick Up	18
19 NOON-4pm Fall Family Fun Day!	20 1pm 50 Plus Club Meeting 7pm Model A Club	21 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm Council Mtg. 7:30-9:30pm Chess Night	22 7pm Women's Club Meeting	23 10am-NOON Morning Games	24 7am Trash Pick Up	25
26	27 7pm Carol's Bookworms Book Club	28 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7:30-9:30pm Chess Night	29	30 11:30am Senior Lunch		

Mahjongg - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ

YOGA – FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

Join us on Tuesday, September 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 6:30pm at the WH Community Event Center

\$75.00 for (7) 1-hour sessions • Drop Ins are always welcome: \$12.00

For current COVID-19 information visit the following websites:

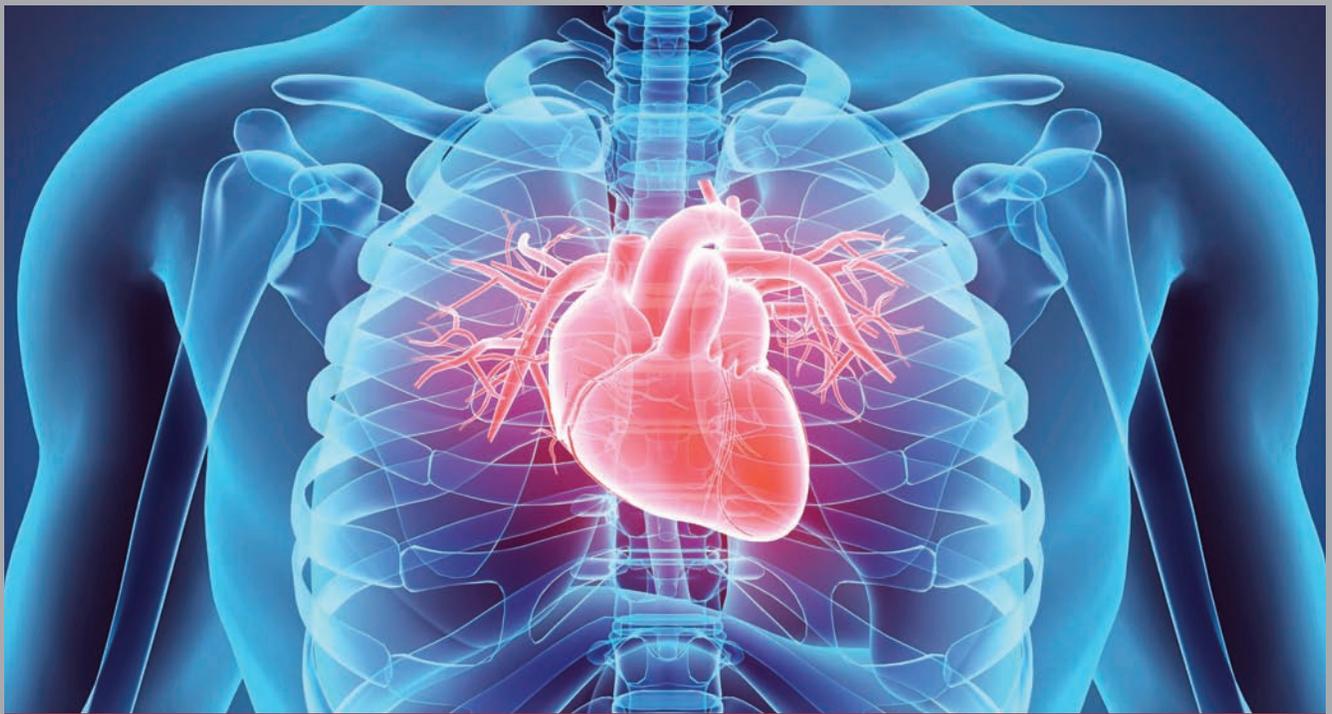
www.coronavirus.ohio.gov or www.cdc.gov



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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