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Economic Development Update

The Forward Innovation Center East (former Ford Plant) is well under redevelopment. Ninety percent of the original structure has been demolished. The building materials are being sorted on site. A large amount of the material will be recycled and used at the site. The additional materials will be hauled away and recycled off site.

You may have noticed that a significant amount of work has already occurred on the north portion of the site. This will be the location of the new 247,000 sq. ft. industrial building. This new building will become the largest structure in Walton Hills. The final site plan and exterior base design will be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

The new Smith & Oby addition will also be before the Planning Commission for final site plan approval. The addition will house their administrative staff for their expansion here in Walton Hills. The project is on land from the Walton Hills Land Reutilization Program. The Land Bank is set up for these types of projects. The program takes tax delinquent properties and redevelops them into productive properties.

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As we enter the Holiday season and closeout 2022, I would like to thank the residents, Council, and all Village employees for their support over the past year. With everyone's support, we will continue to move Walton Hills forward in 2023.

On behalf of all of us at the Village of Walton Hills, we wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year! We look forward to the exciting changes that are revitalizing the Village we all love!

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy,

Donald Kolograf, Mayor

Village Department Updates

Building and Service Department

NOTABLE PROJECTS IN 2022

- Alexander Road paving between Walton & Dunham Roads
- Tulip Lane water line replacement
- Hickory, Tulip, and Chestnut paving
- Concrete repair / replacement Hannah Parkway and Young Drive
- Tulip Lane headwall replacement
- HVAC replacement at the Community Room

BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMITS ISSUED IN 2022:

- Commercial - 24
- Residential - 97
- Zoning - 58

SERVICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 2022

- Prepared trucks for plow season
- Completed leaf collection disposing of approx. 23,000 cubic yards of leaves
- Winterized T.G Young Park
- Completed installation of Christmas Decorations

2022 Third Quarter Financial Update

- Current Cash Fund Balance is holding steady at about $3.6 million
- Income Tax revenues are up 7% as of October 2022 compared to October 2021
- 3rd Quarter Estimated Income Tax Coupons are going out and should hit the mailboxes soon with a due date of December 20

Village income taxes are moving to RITA!
The Village of Walton Hills passed Resolution 2022-25 to move our municipal income tax preparation and collection process over to the Regional Income Tax Agency. Beginning January 1, 2023, residents and their tax preparers will be able to file municipal income taxes online through the RITA website www.ritaohio.com. Residents will still be able to send in their W-2s and other documents for preparation or stop in to the RITA office in Brecksville for assistance with preparing the returns. A welcome letter from the Regional Income Tax Agency will be coming to resident mailboxes in December.

As always, please feel free to call me with any questions or to discuss the Village finances!

Angela Revay
Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator

Infrastructure Grant Awards in 2021 and 2022

2021

Dunham Road and Tinkers Creek Road Reconstruction and Bike Lane:

- $1,908,000 total grant from Cuyahoga County ($1,245,000 for Walton Hills and $663,000 for Maple Hts.)
- Preventative Maintenance Road Program: $63,000 from Cuyahoga County

2022

Tulip Drive Water Main Replacement:

- $154,000 from the City of Cleveland

Alexander Road Resurfacing Phase II:

- $250,000 from Cuyahoga County
- $120,500 from Ohio Public Works Commission (also $120,500 loan from OPWC)

Preventative Maintenance Road Program:

- $62,000 from Cuyahoga County

Concrete Road Program (Industrial Zone):

- $200,000 from Community Development Block Grant

Northfield Road Sidewalk:

- $250,000 from Cuyahoga County (American Rescue Plan Act)

Total Grants Awarded: $2,344,500 plus 0% loan for $120,500

Tree Lighting

December 4th at 5pm

Community Event Center
14660 Alexander Road

This year's Event will feature:

- **Bubble Show at 6pm**
- **Live Reindeer Display**
- **Holiday Crafts and Pillow Making**
- **Mr. Zap Balloon Twister**
- **Live Reindeer Display**
- **Letters to Santa**
- **Roving Magician**
- **Refreshments**

Santa will bring a few of his very own REINDEER with him.
Be sure to stop by the reindeer pen outside and say hello.

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A LITTLE CHRISTMAS!

TOYS FOR TOTS

WE ARE COLLECTING TOYS FOR TOTS
at the Community Event Center

Please drop off NEW unwrapped toys
Monday thru Friday from 9am - 1pm
by December 6.

We have a direct line to Santa! Write your letter and drop it in our special mailbox during Tree Lighting. Santa's elves will deliver the letters to the North Pole.

Letters may also be dropped off in the white mailbox at Village Hall.

All letters must be received by December 9.

Ordinance 2022-9 Passed 4-0

An ordinance authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the respect to property located at 7676 Northfield Road in the Village of Walton Hills; authorizing an affidavit of facts related to title for such property; authorizing an amendment to the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement for such property; and consenting to an assignment of the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement, as amended, for such property and declaring an emergency.

- This ordinance authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the property located at 7676 Northfield Rd, in the Village of Walton Hills; authorizing an affidavit of facts related to title for such property; authorizing an amendment to the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement for such property.

Ordinance 2022-11 Passed 5-0

An ordinance amending existing chapter 1289 of title six (zoning code) of the codified ordinances entitled comprehensive storm water management of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

- This ordinance would amend the ordinances entitled comprehensive storm water management to comply with mandates of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Ordinance 2022-12 Passed 5-0

An ordinance amending existing chapter 1290 of title six (zoning code) of the codified ordinances entitled erosion and sediment control of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

- This ordinance would amend chapter the ordinances entitled erosion and sediment control to comply with mandates of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Ordinance 2022-13 First Reading

Declaring the improvement of certain real property located in the Village of Walton Hills, Cuyahoga County, Ohio to be a public purpose; declaring such property to be exempt from real property taxation; designating specific public infrastructure improvements that, once made, will directly benefit the parcels for which improvement is declared to be a public purpose; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing a municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund; authorizing compensation payments to the Bedford City School District; and providing related authorizations pursuant to Ohio revised code sections 5709.40(b), 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 and 5709.85.

- This ordinance would allow payments in lieu of taxes to be paid to the School District pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.42 in the amount of the real property taxes that the School District would have received if such increase in the assessed value of the Property had not been exempted from real property taxes.

Ordinance 2022-14 First Reading

Declaring the improvement of certain real property located in the Village of Walton Hills, Cuyahoga County, Ohio to be a public purpose; declaring such property to be exempt from real property taxation; designating specific public infrastructure improvements that, once made, will directly benefit the parcels for which improvement is declared to be a public purpose; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing a municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund; authorizing compensation payments to the Bedford City School District; and providing related authorizations pursuant to Ohio revised code sections 5709.40(b), 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 and 5709.85.

- This ordinance would allow payments in lieu of taxes shall be paid to the School District pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.42 in the amount of the real property taxes that the School District would have received if such increase in the assessed value of the Property had not been exempted from real property taxes.

Ordinance 2022-15 First Reading

Declaring the improvement of certain real property located in the Village of Walton Hills, Cuyahoga County, Ohio to be a public purpose; declaring such property to be exempt from real property taxation; designating specific

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public infrastructure improvements that, once made, will directly benefit the parcels for which improvement is declared to be a public purpose; requiring annual service payments in lieu of taxes; establishing a municipal public improvement tax increment equivalent fund; authorizing compensation payments to the Bedford City School District; and providing related authorizations pursuant to Ohio revised code sections 5709.40(b), 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 and 5709.85.

- This ordinance would allow payments in lieu of taxes shall be paid to the School District pursuant to R.C. Section 5709.42 in the amount of the real property taxes that the School District would have received if such increase in the assessed value of the Property had not been exempted from real property taxes.

Resolution 2022-27 Passed 4-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk of the Village of Walton Hills to enter into an agreement with the HCC Public Risk Ohio dba Tokio Marine, through the Love Insurance Agency for a municipal package insurance program, effective November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution would allow the Village to enter into agreement for the 2022/2023 casualty insurance coverage to be provided by the HCC Public Risk dba Tokio Marine, through the Love Insurance Agency.

Resolution 2022-28 Passed 4-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Village Engineer to make application for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $150,000 as well as to make application for a 2023 Community Development Supplemental Grant in the amount of $50,000 and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution authorizes the Mayor and Village Engineer to apply for funds under the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program, through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development, in an amount up to $150,000, as well as to apply for funds under the 2023 Community Development Supplemental Grant Program, in an amount up to $50,000 for the Village of Walton Hills ITA Pavement Reconstruction Project.

Halloween Hayride

Recreation News

Monday thru Friday 9am – 1pm

Phone: 440-786-2964 E-Mail: Recreation@WaltonHillsOhio.gov Website: Www.WaltonHillsOhio.gov

Events are subject to change or be rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances.
Please call to confirm event dates/times if you are not sure.

LINE DANCE CLASSES

Residents and Guests welcome!

Weekly, Thursdays: December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Fee: $35.00 for (5) 1-hour classes
Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm
Drop-In Fee: $10 (1 Class)
Site: Community Center Multi-Purpose Room
Register by: December 1

We will play some good music, dance, get fit and have fun! No experience necessary. Learn how to line dance to your favorite music! Instructor Martha has many years of experience in Ballroom and Line Dancing.

NOON NEW YEAR'S EVE LUNCHEON

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

Catered by Maple Heights Catering

Date: Thursday, December 29
RSVP/Cancel by: Thursday, December 22
Reservations are final if not cancelled by deadline

Menu: Sliced Angus Roast Beef with Au Jus, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Salad and Dessert
Vegetarian Option: Vegetable Lasagna with Alfredo Sauce RSVP with meal preference
Registration Begins: 11:15am
Serving/Pick Up Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm
Cost: $7 per person
Site: Community Center Banquet Room

Help us toast to a Healthy & Happy 2023! Musical entertainment by **"Girls with Squirrels"** and Party favors included!

YOGA CLASSES

Weekly, Tuesdays: December 6, 13, 20 & 27
Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm
Cost: $75.00 for (7) 1-hour classes
Drop-In Fee: $12 (1 Class)
Site: Community Center Multi-purpose Room

For the Mind, Body and Spirit! 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!**

CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, December 27 (Monthly)
Time: 7pm
Cost: FREE!
Site: Community Room
Do you like to read and discuss the books you read with others? If so, join the Bookworms by calling 440-708-3782!

CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Last month we read the book
"The Sweetness of Water"
by Nathan Harris
We rated this book 4.5 out of 5

SEND A LETTER TO SANTA!

Children can drop off their letters to Santa at the Tree Lighting event or in the white mailbox at Village Hall and Santa's helpers will make sure they get delivered to him!

Letters must be dropped off by December 9 to ensure a response letter.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate for the holidays and to work at Tree Lighting. Call the Recreation Department at 440-786-2964 if interested.

TREE LIGHTING

Date: Sunday, December 4
Time: 5pm
Site: WH Community Event Center
Cost: FREE!

Come help us light up the Village as we gather at the Community Event Center around the Christmas Tree! Visit Santa's Workshop, and see his live reindeer. There will be a Bubble Show at 6pm, Roving Magician, Balloon Twister, crafts, refreshments and photos with Santa. **Please bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots!**

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A LITTLE CHRISTMAS!

WE ARE COLLECTING TOYS FOR TOTS

Please drop off NEW unwrapped toys at the WH Community Event Center.
Monday thru Friday
from 9am – 1pm
by Monday December 5.

SANTA DELIVERY DROP-OFF

Date: Monday, December 5
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 10. **Please limit packages to one per child. Package size should be no larger than a shoe/boot box.**

SANTA DELIVERY DAY

Date: Saturday, December 10
Time: Any time after 9am
Site: Your Driveway
Register for this service: Monday, December 5, 6-7:30pm at the Community Center

Santa will be stopping by to drop off gifts to your child(ren) in your driveway! Have your camera ready for the perfect photo-op!

BEETLEJUICE

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2023
Site: Connor Palace Theatre
Bus Departs: 12:30pm
Bus Returns: 4:30pm (approximate)
Fee: $60.00
Registration Deadline: December 28
MAX: 20

IT'S SHOWTIME! Based on Tim Burton's beloved film, this hilarious musical tells the story of Lydia Deetz, a strange and unusual teenager whose whole life changes when she meets a recently deceased couple and a demon with a thing for stripes. And under its uproarious surface, (six feet under, to be exact) BEETLEJUICE is a remarkably touching show about family, love, and making the most of every Day-O!

ALADDIN

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023
Site: Connor Palace Theatre
Bus Departs: 12:30pm
Bus Returns: 4:30pm (approximate)
Fee: $69.00 - Main Floor Seating
Registration Deadline: February 1, 2023
MAX: 22

Discover a whole new world at **Disney's ALADDIN**, the hit Broadway musical. From the producer of *The Lion King* comes the timeless story of ALADDIN, a thrilling new production filled with unforgettable beauty, magic, comedy and breathtaking spectacle. It's an extraordinary theatrical event where one lamp and three (3) wishes make the possibilities infinite. **You won't want to miss this one!**

Halloween Party 2022

Veterans Day 2022

On Sunday, November 6, 2022, the Village of Walton Hills held its annual Veterans Day Ceremony in conjunction with the Women's Club Pancake Breakfast. Keynote speaker Mr. George Hrabak gave an emotional and moving speech about his Army experiences. AMVETS Post 80 members paid tribute by placing a wreath at the memorial in the courtyard at Village Hall. The military burial flag flown during the ceremony was on loan from Mrs. Carol Weitzman in tribute to her late husband, U.S. Army Veteran, Jerome Weitzman.The Mayor and administration would like to send a special thank you to all who participated.

Walton Hills Village Directory

The Village of Walton Hills will be compiling a new Village directory. Your information from the 2020 directory will be used unless you update it. The addresses of all residents who moved into the Village after the 2020 directory was published will be included **unless** we are notified otherwise. **To ensure accurate information, we encourage all residents to complete and submit the attached form.**
All forms may be dropped in the white mailbox at Village Hall or mailed to: Village of Walton Hills, 7595 Walton Road, Walton Hills, OH 44146. Attention: Walton Hills Directory Information

Please note the following:

If your phone number is currently in the Directory and you would like it removed, write "REMOVE" on the phone number line

- Your phone number will not be printed unless you provide it
- The directory will be used for the convenience of our residents only
- The directory will not be published on our website
- No email addresses will be published – they will be for Village use only

WALTON HILLS DIRECTORY INFORMATION

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

TELEPHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL):_____

EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL, VILLAGE USE ONLY):_____

☐ Include the above information in the Directory ☐ Remove my information from the Directory

Service Department News

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

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.

TRASH COLLECTION

Trash collection will be on the regularly scheduled Fridays throughout the month of December.

There is **NO** Delay due to the holidays.

Medicare Part B - 2023 Changes

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW Social Worker (216) 538-0616

Congress has now partly fixed the coverage gap problem with new, simpler rules that will bring some welcome changes for people who need to sign up for Medicare Part B. Starting in 2023, people who delay enrolling in Part B until after they reach age 65 will no longer face potentially lengthy waiting periods. For people who sign up after their 65th birthday, Medicare coverage will begin on the first of the month after they sign up.

Here is how the new rules will actually work. If someone turns 65 in June and does not sign up for Medicare Part B until September (the last month of their Initial Enrollment Period), coverage will start on October 1st. With current regulations, the person waits till December 1st for their Part B coverage to start.

Additionally, with the new rules, if a person signs up during the General Enrollment Period, their Part B coverage will begin the month after they sign up. That's a much needed improvement over current rules, whereby people enrolling in Part B during the General Enrollment Period wait until July 1st for their coverage to start.

For some, such changes ensure that Part B coverage begins without the lengthy delays that can occur currently. These improvements will benefit many people.

Further Ways to Reduce Delays in Signing Up for Part B

Despite this significant change, more can be done to address enrollment delays. Here are changes **recommended** by senior advocates to facilitate more timely Medicare Part B coverage:

1. Require the Social Security Administration to notify people about to turn 65, who will not be automatically enrolled in Medicare, that they are nearing eligibility and need to sign up. The notice should make clear how and when people can enroll, explaining that those who delay Part B enrollment may face a financial penalty.

2. Ensure adequate funding for the Medicare program to conduct outreach and education programs giving consumers simple, clear, and accurate information about Medicare enrollment. Also, guarantee sufficient funding for the **State Health Insurance Assistance Programs**, which offer free and unbiased help with understanding Medicare enrollment rules and signing up for the program.

Consumer organizations and employers can also play a key role connecting people nearing Medicare eligibility age to resources and information to help with enrollment decisions. Providing people with the information regarding how to sign up for the program, will better ensure that newly eligible people have timely access to critical Medicare benefits and, ultimately, to the health care they need.

Calendar of Events

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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. Please call us as soon as you make your appointment to make sure we have the availability. Please call the Recreation Department for more info or go to: www.WaltonHillsOhio.gov/Services/RecreationDepartment				1 1 **3:30pm** Mayor's Court **6:30-7:30pm** Line Dance Class	2 **7am** Trash Pick Up	3
4 **5-7pm** Tree Lighting 	5 **6-7:30pm** Santa Delivery Gift Drop Off 	6 **5:30pm** Economic Development Committee Meeting **6:30pm** AMVETS Meeting **6:30pm** Information Committee Meeting **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga **7pm** COW Meeting	7 **10am** A Christmas Carol Bus Trip 	8 **6:30-7:30pm** Line Dance Class	9 **7am** Trash Pick Up	10 **9am** Santa Delivery
11	12 **1pm** 50 Plus Club Christmas Party (Hilton Garden Inn)	13 **5:30-6:30pm** Finance Meeting **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga **7pm** COW Meeting	14 **6:30pm** St. Mary's Ladies Guild	15 **3:30pm** Mayor's Court **6pm** Women's Club Christmas Party **6:30-7:30pm** Line Dance Class	16 **7am** Trash Pick Up	17
18	19 **7-9pm** Model A Club	20 **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga **7pm** Council Meeting	21	22 **6:30-7:30pm** Line Dance Class	23 **7am** Trash Pick Up	24
25 	26 **Village Hall, Recreation and Service Departments Closed**	27 **6:30-7:30pm** Yoga **7pm** Carol's Bookworms Book Club	28 **11am** Blood Drive 	29 **11:15am** Senior Lunch **6:30-7:30pm** Line Dance Class	30 **7am** Trash Pick Up	31

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

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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