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Economic Development Update

FORMER FORD STAMPING PLANT PROPERTY UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

The Ford Motor Company has sold the former Walton Hills Ford Stamping Plant located at 7845 Northfield Road, Walton Hills, Ohio. The new ownership group consists of the DiGeronimo Companies, Scannell Properties, and Weston, Inc. The new ownership group plans to demolish all or most of the existing structures and continue the environmental remediation.

Mayor Don Kolograf stated, "We are excited that the sale has closed and the Village is a major step closer to having a productive site with more job opportunities here in Walton Hills and Northeast Ohio. We look forward to working with the new owners."



The new owners have already started marketing the site to prospective tenants. They are also

drafting an application to the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program. The Program will assist with asbestos remediation, removing contaminated materials, demolition costs and repositioning the infrastructure. The Village is a required participant along with the development team in the application process. Completing and submitting the application will be the first step in the redevelopment process.

If the application is successful, the demolition work will begin in the spring or early summer. Meanwhile, the Village will discuss the ultimate development plans for the site with the new development team.

The Ohio EPA has scheduled a contractor to remove the contaminated material at the Bedford Adonizing plant site. When the contaminated material is removed, a Phase I environmental assessment will be performed utilizing further grant funds. Ultimately our goal is to bring the property into a developable state and sell to an industrial entity.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Walton Hills Legislation

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

Ordinance 2021-20 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 2021-21 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, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

- This ordinance would allow for current expenses and expenditures of the Village of Walton Hills to allow for the proper functioning of the Village.

Resolution 2022-1 Passed 5-0

A resolution confirming the appointment of Robert Kalman as Street Commissioner for the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, for the period beginning February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

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

Resolution 2022-2 Passed 5-0

A resolution confirming the appointment of Natalie Buc as the Part-time Recreation and Community Life/ Recreation Director for the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, for the period beginning February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

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

Resolution 2022-3 Passed 5-0

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.

Resolution 2022-4 Passed 5-0

A resolution providing for the sale of personal property by internet auction, with the terms and conditions thereof in 2022, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution authorizes the Village to sell personal property by internet auction.

2022 Council Committees

All committees will be held in the Council Chambers. 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:

Fred Neilsen - Chair
Mary Brenner-Miller
Raymond Weeden

INFORMATION:

Brian Spitznagel - Chair
Jennifer Allen
Fred Neilsen

INFRASTRUCTURE:

Raymond Weeden - Chair
Mary Brenner-Miller
Brian Spitznagel

RECREATION & COMMUNITY LIFE:

Brian Spitznagel - Chair
Fred Neilsen
Jennifer Allen

SAFETY & INSURANCE:

Mary Brenner-Miller - Chair
Jennifer Allen
Raymond Weeden

FINANCE:

Council President Pro Tem
Jennifer Allen - Chair
All Council Members

Noon New Year's Eve Senior Luncheon



Swearing-in Ceremony January 1, 2022



How to Prevent Carjacking

Why Does Carjacking Happen?

Carjacking occurs for a variety of disturbing reasons, including fleeing the scene of a crime, as a part of a gang initiation ritual, or even just for fun. It is most typically a crime of opportunity. Since there are so many potential cars on the streets and victims to target, car thieves scope out the situation and choose the most vulnerable cars and people. Carjacking is also often linked to other crimes, and your vehicle could be used as a getaway car without you even knowing it.

Safety Tips to avoid a Carjacking

- **Always have your mobile phone handy** and charged.
 - **Keep a full tank of gas.** Fill-up at large populated gas stations.
 - **Avoid being alone in your vehicle in certain areas**, such as high crime neighborhoods, isolated roads and intersections and desolate areas of parking lots.
 - **Be aware of your surroundings.** Pay special attention to people who seem to be lurking or cars that suspiciously follow you into driveways. Call 911 and use your key fob or other car alarm if you feel a threat.
- **Be wary of how carjackers lure victims.** These include bumping your car, pretending to be stranded motorists or flashing their lights as if there were something wrong with your car. In each of these scenarios, you might be tempted to pull over—only to have your car taken. Stay inside with the windows shut and the door locked and, if you feel a threat, drive to the nearest police or fire station.
 - **Practice safe parking.** Stick to well-lit areas. If you have any doubts about where you parked after the fact, find a security guard to accompany you to your vehicle.
 - **Don't sit in your car with the door unlocked** or the windows rolled down.
 - **Don't stop at isolated ATMs**, which might put you and your bank accounts as well as your car in danger.

Know When to Back Down

If you're being carjacked and the assailant has a weapon, back down. You may want to fight back and teach this person a lesson, but that will put you in immediate danger. Give up your keys and, in the mix of it all, try to catalogue the person's appearance. Any distinct features will help guide the police to the carjacker, and hopefully, your car.

Service Department News

Save the Dates!



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

April 11 through April 14
October 10 through October 14



COMPUTER ROUNDUP

April 25 through April 29
October 24 through October 28



SHRED DAY

June 4
9am to 12 noon

Recreation News

Recreation & Community Life 440-786-2964

Monday thru Friday 9am-2pm

For all Village events, please follow CDC Guidelines at the time of the event. 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 (Monthly) (Dine-In, Take-Out or Drop Off)

Catered by: Maple Heights Catering

Date: Thursday, February 24

RSVP/Cancel by: Thursday, February 17

Reservations are final if not cancelled by deadline

Menu: Beef Stroganoff over Noodles,
Peas, Roll / Butter, Salad & Dessert

Registration begins: 11:15am

Serving/Pick Up Time: 11:30am - 12:30pm

Cost: \$7 per person

Site: WH Community Event Center - Banquet Room

♥ ♥ ♥ Bring your "Sweetie" because we
are celebrating Valentine's Day! ♥ ♥ ♥

Take-Out Lunch: If you can't dine-in, you are welcome to pick up lunch.

Drop-Off Lunch: This service is **FREE** to any senior resident who CANNOT drive and does not live with anyone that drives. Delivery begins after 12:30 PM when we finish serving lunch for those who dine-in.

WANTED: CAMP COUNSELORS

If you love kids and want to interact with them this summer at Camp,

applications are available online at

www.WaltonHillsOhio.gov

on Recreation page, at Village Hall and at the Community Event Center.



CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Date: Monday, February 28 (Monthly)

Time: 7pm

Cost: FREE!

Site: WH Community Event Center

Join the Bookworms by calling 440-708-3782!

Last month we read "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. We rated this book a 5 out of 5.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Date: Friday, February 25

Time: By appointment only

Site: WH Community Event Center

A leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings that goes beyond regular checkups to look inside arteries for signs of plaque build-up. The 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)
- **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat)
- **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** (for men and women).

Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Three ways to register:

Call toll-free: 1-866-229-0469

Online: <https://llsa.social/HSC>

Text: the word circle to 797979

BUS TRIP — Great Lakes Theatre presents Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps"

Date: Wednesday, May 11

Site: Hanna Theatre

Time: 1:30pm Matinee

Bus Departs: 12:30pm

Bus Returns: 4pm (approximate)

Fee: \$22

Resident Registration Begins: February 1

Guest Registration Begins: February 15

Registration Deadline: April 1st

MIN: 10 MAX: 20



2022 Medicare Premiums, Deductibles, and Cost-Sharing Amounts

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

Part A (Hospital Insurance)

Hospital Deductible	\$1,556 benefit period (renews when out of a hospital or Medicare facility for 60 days)
Hospital Copayment	\$389/day for days 61-90 \$778/day for Lifetime Reserve Days
Skilled Nursing Facility Copayment	\$194.50/day for days 21-100
Part A Premiums	\$499/month for those with <30 quarters of Medicare-covered employment \$274/month for those with 30-39 quarter of Medicare-covered employment

Part B (Medical Insurance)

Annual Deductible	\$233
Premium	\$170.10/month

There are some important things to understand regarding Medicare costs.

First, most people with Medicare do not pay a monthly premium for Part A because they, or a spouse, has 40 or more quarters of Medicare-covered employment. This means that they, or a spouse, worked at a job where they paid into Medicare. For individuals with less than 40 quarters, they pay monthly premiums for Part A coverage, as indicated in the chart above.

The Part A Hospital Deductible can be incurred multiple times within a calendar year. This is because the charges are per benefit period, not annually. A benefit period renews when an individual is out of a hospital or Medicare covered facility for 60 days. Part A covers up to 90 days in a benefit period. If one's hospitalization extends beyond that timeframe, there are an additional 60 Lifetime Reserve Days. As these days are used, they are depleted and are not replenished.

There is a great deal of misunderstanding about Medicare coverage in long term care facilities. Medicare only covers care that qualifies as skilled nursing care, completely for the first 20 days. After that, if skilled coverage is still deemed necessary, Medicare extends coverage from days 21 through 100 with a copayment.

Note that individuals on traditional Medicare have assistance with these copayments through their private Medicare supplement plans, also known as co-insurance or medigap plans.

Part B has a monthly premium, which is deducted from Social Security checks for those who are eligible for Social Security. The Part B deductible is incurred on an annual basis.



The Village Hall, Recreation and Service Departments
will be closed on Monday, February 21
in observance of Presidents' Day.

Calendar of Events

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30pm Recreation Committee Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm COW Meeting	2 	3 3:30pm Mayor's Court	4 7am Trash Pick Up	5
6	7	8 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm COW Meeting	9	10	11 7am Trash Pick Up	12
13	14 11am 50 Plus Club Board Meeting 	15 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm Council Meeting	16	17 3:30pm Mayor's Court	18 7am Trash Pick Up	19
20	21 President's Day Village Hall, Recreation & Service Depts. Closed 1pm 50 Plus Club Mtg. 7pm Model A Club	22 6:30-7:30pm Yoga	23 1pm Blood Drive 	24 11:30am Senior Lunch	25 7am Trash Pick Up 9am Life Line Screening	26
27	28 7pm Carol's Bookworms Book Club	 <p>For current COVID-19 information, visit the following websites: www.coronavirus.ohio.gov or www.cdc.gov</p>				

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 February, 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 6:30pm at the WH Community Event Center
\$75.00 for (7) 1-hour sessions
Drop Ins are always welcome: \$12.00

DO YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION?
 If so, the Recreation Dept. can help!

Transportation available **Mon. thru Fri.** for a small fee. Please call the Recreation Department at 440-786-2964 or go to www.WaltonHillsOhio.gov/Services/RecreationDepartment.



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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- 24/7 Emergency Care
- Cardiovascular Testing
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Family / Internal Medicine
- Laboratory
- Nutrition Counseling /Diabetes Education
- Patient Education & Support/ Risk Assessments
- Rehabilitation Services
- Wound Care / Hyperbaric Medicine

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And, if you or your family member needs specialty care, our patients have access to the vast network of UH providers with advanced expertise in the following areas:

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- Digestive Health
- Female Pelvic Medicine
- General Surgery
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- OB/GYN
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics
- Pain Management
- Podiatry
- Pulmonology
- Sports Medicine
- Transplant Medicine
- Urology
- Vascular Medicine



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 Call **440-583-3808**