



We are Pleased to Announce that the Former Ford Plant Redevelopment is Underway!

The new ownership group has received a permit to begin demolishing the entire plant. The demolition effort will be led by Independence Excavating who is already onsite and will be demolishing nearly 2 million square feet of space. They will be starting on the south side of the property, moving north. The whole process is anticipated to be completed over the next year. The Village has placed conditions on the demolition permit to control noise, dust and trucking routes. The ownership of the plant has received permission from the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio EPA who will also monitor the demolition. We ask for your patience and cooperation during this period. Notices have been sent out to the neighboring property owners. The ownership group has also applied to the State of Ohio for financial assistance to assist in the environmental remediation and demolition work.

Even more exciting news is that the Village has received an application for the first new building to be built at the site. A 244,000 square foot industrial building is proposed for the north west corner of the property. The plans will be reviewed by staff and be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their consideration. The new building, if approved, will be constructed this summer.

Sincerely,

Mayor Don Kolograf



Mayor Kolograf, along with Law Solicitor John Montello, Building Commissioner Rob Kalman, Chief Building Official Rick Loconti, and Village Engineer Joe Gigliotti, met with representatives of the redevelopment team at the site of the former Ford Plant.

Walton Hills Legislation

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

Ordinance 2022-6 Passed 5-0

An ordinance opting out of H.B. 172 and reaffirming the ban on discharging, igniting, or exploding fireworks in the village of Walton Hills, as set forth in chapter 678 of the codified ordinances of the village of Walton Hills, and declaring an emergency.

- This ordinance allows the Village to opt out of the recently signed House Bill 172 that allowed any person authorized to possess consumer grade fireworks to discharge, ignite, or explode fireworks on their property, or if permitted, on another person's property on certain designated days of the year; and reaffirms Chapter 678 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Walton Hills.

Resolution 2022-7 Passed 5-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Walton Hills Club Co. ("company"), an Ohio corporation d.b.a. Walton Hills Lake, for the provision of recreation services for the benefit of the residents of the Village through the remainder of the calendar year 2022, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution enables the Village to enter into a contract with the Lake for certain recreation services for the benefit of the Village.

Resolution 2022-11 Passed 5-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the bid of Kimble Recycling & Disposal, Inc. For solid waste removal and recycling services and enter into an agreement for said services for a five (5) year period pursuant to said bid, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution enables the Village to enter into a contract with Kimble Recycling & Disposal as part of the consortium of municipalities that include Bedford, Bedford Heights, Walton Hills and Orange Village for trash removal and recycling services.

Resolution 2022-12 Passed 5-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Walton Hills to enter into an agreement with T. Jordan and Associates, LLC for economic development, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution would amend the agreement that was signed on June 18, 2019, for economic development services to give the Village the benefit of Tom Jordan's skill in performing tasks and delivering milestones.



On April 20, 2022, in a Swearing-in Ceremony held in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, Mr. Ed Rahel was sworn as the newest member the Board of Zoning Appeals. Shown in the picture are Ed Rahel, his wife Linda, and Mayor Don Kolograf.

Notice of accepting applications for appointment to: Walton Hills Zoning Board of Appeals

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Village Ordinance Chapter 1254, section 1254.05 Board of Zoning Appeals, the Village of Walton Hills will be accepting applications for consideration of appointment to the Village's Zoning Board of Appeals for one (1) seat. The term of the appointment is the unexpired term ending on February 28, 2024.

RESIDENTS INTERESTED in the open seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals may submit a letter of interest to the Village by Friday, June 17, 2022. Letters may be dropped off at Village Hall Monday-Friday, 8am - 5pm or mailed to Mayor Don Kolograf, 7595 Walton Road, Walton Hills, OH 44146. All letters of interest will be open for public review.

Police Department News



(216) 443-SCAM (7226)

Scam Squad has a new public web hub -- cuyahogacounty.us/scamsquad -- that can be used to help Cuyahoga County residents report & recover from scams.

The new site has current scam alerts and downloadable materials, including our Stopping Scam Payments, Robocalls and Romance Scam tipsheets.

Police can click the [law enforcement button](#) to request print materials, including the tear-off scam referral pads, through the site. There is no cost for our materials.

We invite police departments looking for easy ways to engage older residents in conversations about scams to check out [Scamo](#), a bingo-style game that makes learning about scams fun. The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs is happy to come and play a game at your next event.

Reach Scam Squad at 216-443-SCAM (7226).

Service Department News

Reminders: Due to Memorial Day, trash will be delayed one day. Collection will take place on Saturday, June 4

Paper Shredding Saturday, June 4 • 9am - NOON
Upper Parking Lot at Village Hall - 7595 Walton Rd.

The Village will be offering a shredding service for Walton Hills residents and businesses only. Proof of residency will be required.

This will be an opportunity to dispose of old paperwork without worrying about identity theft. A powerful, mobile document destruction vehicle will provide quick, confidential destruction and recycling of paper items. Staples and paper clips are acceptable. The shredding will take place rain or shine.

Items to Bring:

- Bank Statements
- Cancelled Checks
- Computer Printouts
- Financial Reports
- Ledgers
- Medical Records
- Tax Forms



SAFETY REMINDER

Help keep Village residents safe! As per ordinance 434.04, please drive 25 mph on side streets.

A complete listing of ordinances can be found at www.waltonhillsohio.gov, under the Government tab.



Bus Trips for Walton Hills Residents of All Ages

Register in Person. For more information call 440-786-2964.

OHIO WESTERN RESERVE NATIONAL CEMETERY BUS TRIP

Location: Wadsworth/Rittman
Date: **Wednesday, July 6**
Bus Departs: 10:30am
Bus Returns: 4pm (approx.)
Fee: \$2 - Lunch on your own
Registration Deadline: June 24
MAX: 22



Lunch on your own at the **Galaxy Restaurant** or the **Sports Bar & Patio at The Galaxy** in Wadsworth. We will get a guided bus tour on the history and the expansion of the **Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery** (the 2nd National Cemetery built in Ohio and the 119th in the National Cemetery system). Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery owns over 273 acres that lies approximately 45 miles south of Cleveland in Medina County and will provide burial space beyond the year 2050.

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX BUS TRIP

Site: Progressive Field
Date: **Saturday, August 20**
First Pitch: 7:10pm
Bus Departs: 6pm
Bus Returns: 10:30 pm (approx.)
Fee: \$31
Registration Deadline: August 12
MAX: 20



Cleveland Guardians game includes free blanket giveaway, \$2 discounted domestic cans two hours before first pitch, and Rock 'N Blast FIREWORKS after the game.

GERVASI VINEYARD TOUR, WINE TASTING & LUNCH

Location: Canton
Date: **Wednesday, September 7**
Bus Departs: 10:15am
Bus Returns: 4pm (approx.)
Fee: \$37
Registration Deadline: June 30
MIN: 30, MAX: 34



Guests will enjoy a 3-course plated meal, dessert and non-alcoholic beverage with wine tasting in the **Villa Grande Ballroom** followed by winery tour at **The Crush House**. We will be given a walking tour of the beautiful estate including paths and flower gardens, and will have the opportunity to shop in **The Marketplace Boutique Gift Shop** for **Gervasi** wines, jewelry, culinary items and collectibles.

A minimum of 30 people is needed to be able to go on this trip.



On Wednesday, May 4, 2022, residents took a bus trip to the Hanna Theatre to see the Great Lakes Theater production of Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps".



If you would like a Pick Up Poop! sign for your yard, signs are available at Village Hall.

Signs are courtesy of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Recreation & Community Life Department News

Monday thru Friday 9am - 2pm

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

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, June 30**

RSVP/Cancel by: Thursday, June 23

Reservations are final if not cancelled by deadline

Menu: City Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes,
Baby Carrots, Salad, Roll & Dessert -
courtesy of Walton Manor

Registration Begins: 11:15am

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

Cost: \$7 per person

Site: WH Community Event Center Banquet Room

Sponsor: Walton Manor

We will be recognizing all "fathers" at this luncheon in honor of Father's Day.

CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Date: **Monday, June 27 (Monthly)**

Time: 7pm

Cost: FREE!

Site: Community Room



We will be discussing our 150th book!

Call 440-708-3782 if you are interested in joining our group.



Now is the time to Reserve your Date!

PARK & PARTY RENTALS

To get more info, Call, E-Mail or Visit the Recreation Department at the Community Event Center OR go to our Website on the Recreation & Community Life page to print out these forms:

T G Young Park Pavilion - For your Family Party!

Community Event Center OR Village Hall

Community Room - For your Special Event!

20TH ANNUAL VILLAGE GARAGE SALE

Date: **Thurs, August 11 - Sat, August 13**

Time: 9am-4pm

Site: Your Garage

Cost: \$17

Registration Deadline:

Mon, August 1



Join your neighbors in participating in this community-wide Garage Sale! This is the only time the Garage Sale permits are waived and all the advertising is done for you. Village creates Map of who is having a Sale and what items are being sold at that Sale. Resident gets a Garage Sale Sign to put in front yard and Village puts Directional Signs to your street.

All current COVID-19 guidelines at the time of sale will apply. To register, forms available at Village Hall, Community Center or at www.WaltonHillsOhio.gov.

Registration Deadline to be included on the Map is Monday, August 1.

YOGA

FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

Join us on **June 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

No previous Yoga experience necessary.

RAIN BARREL AND/OR COMPOST WORKSHOPS

Please call the Recreation Department if you are interested in making a Rain Barrel and/or Compost. We need a minimum of 20 residents to make these Workshops happen!



Escalating Property Tax

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

As costs are escalating, due to inflation, this has a major impact upon Seniors, and others with fixed income. Rising costs are a concern and perhaps one of the most significant costs is that of property taxes. As property taxes continue to increase, this creates an additional financial pressure.

Unfortunately, the response for some is to delay or ignore payment. However, when homeowners don't pay their property taxes, the local taxing authority can begin charging interest and/or late fees. The government could also put a lien on the home and eventually force a sale.

Sometimes, people think a reverse mortgage is the answer. Be aware that some could be costly and may have potential financial pitfalls. Before initiating a reverse mortgage, it is advisable to seek input from a trusted financial counselor.

When property taxes become unmanageable, here are some important considerations:

1. Locate a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office at 800-569-4287.
 - A counselor will assess your situation and determine if you qualify for property tax relief currently, in Ohio, disabled, low-income older residents can qualify for a \$25,000 homestead exemption on the market value of their home
2. Explore your eligibility for a payment plan. For many, being able to pay smaller amounts on an ongoing basis is easier to budget.
 - Inquire if the Tax Department offers an installment arrangement for property tax payment Cuyahoga County has an "EasyPay" plan in which upcoming payments are automatically deducted, each month, from a checking or savings account.
3. In general, avoid predatory lenders, which is a true crisis especially for individuals on a fixed income. The financial costs related to this approach can be most significant.
4. Sound advice dictates being alert to potential scammers who prey upon the financially vulnerable. Protect yourself by following some simple steps:
 - Do not share financial/personal information to someone unknown
 - Do not click links in random emails
 - Refrain from making immediate financial decisions



DID YOU KNOW?

Finding out about the History of Walton Hills is as easy as logging onto the Village of Walton Hills website. There is an entire page devoted to historical documents including the "Up in Walton Hills" albums which depict the lives of the people who lived in this community starting from 1936.

The documents can be found at: www.waltonhillsohio.gov.

Click on the Community Tab, then Clubs. There is an Historical Document link under Walton Hills Historical Resource Center.



Calendar of Events

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 3:30pm Mayor's Court	3 9:30am Shopping & Lunch Bus Trip 	4 7am Trash Pick Up 9am-NOON Shredding Event
5	6	7 5:30-6:30pm Safety & Insurance Committee Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm COW Meeting	8	9	10 7am Trash Pick Up	11
12	13 	14 5:30-6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm COW Meeting	15 9:30-10:30am Donuts & Trivia	16 3:30pm Mayor's Court	17 7am Trash Pick Up	18
19 	20 7pm Model A Club	21 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm Council Meeting	22 1pm Blood Drive 	23	24 7am Trash Pick Up	25
26 12pm "My Fair Lady" Bus Trip 	27 7pm Carol's Bookworms Book Club	28 6:30-7:30pm Yoga	29	30 11:15am Senior Lunch	MAHJONGG Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ	



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

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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