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HILLS**  
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DECEMBER 2023

# Journal

## Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As we enter the Holiday season and closeout 2023, 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 2024.

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!

Sincerely,

Donald Kolograf, Mayor

## Swearing-in Ceremony January 1, 2024

The Village of Walton Hills will hold a Swearing-in Ceremony for all newly elected Village officials at 1:00pm on January 1, 2024. The event will take place at the Walton Hills Community Event Center located at 14660 Alexander Road. All Village residents are invited to attend.



The Village of Walton Hills first responders completed a five-year recertification for the Cuyahoga County #ReadyCertify program. Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management Director Mark Christie presented a plaque to Mayor Don Kolograf, members of Village Council, police department and dispatchers at the November 21st Council Meeting.

The ReadyCertify Program is designed to assist local communities and organizations in developing and operating their own emergency management programs.



# Legislation

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

## Resolution 2023-28 Passed 5-0

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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 Community Development Supplemental Grant Program, in an amount up to \$50,000 to fund the Village of Walton Hills ITA Pavement Reconstruction Project

## Resolution 2023-29 Passed 5-0

A resolution authorizing the Village of Walton Hills Ohio to enter into a Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the 2024 sanitary sewer study project, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution allows the Village of Walton Hills to enter into the Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program Agreement with the NEORSD to conduct inspections and evaluate needs.

# Bus Trips

Register at the Recreation Department. First-come, First-serve.

## Playhouse Square Presents:

### Mrs. Doubtfire

Connor Palace at Playhouse Square

**Date: Saturday, January 13**

**Bus Departs:** 11:45am

**Pre-Show Broadway Buzz:** 12:30 PM

**Showtime:** 1:30pm

**Bus Returns:** 4:45pm (approximate)

**Ticket / Bus Fee:** \$52

**Registration Deadline: December 11**

**Min:** 10, **Max:** 22

Everyone's favorite Scottish nanny is headed to Cleveland in an internationally acclaimed new hit musical critics call "wonderful, heart-warming, and laugh-out-loud funny" (Manchester Evening News) and "a feel-good, family-friendly comedy that delivers" (The Hollywood Reporter). Based on the beloved film and directed by four-time Tony Award® winner Jerry Zaks, Mrs. Doubtfire tells the hysterical and heartfelt story of an out-of-work actor who will do anything for his kids. It's "the lovable, big-hearted musical comedy we need right now," raves the Chicago Tribune - one that proves we're better together.

### Mamma Mia!

Connor Palace at Playhouse Square

**Date: Saturday, February 3**

**Bus Departs:** 12:30pm

**Showtime:** 1:30pm

**Bus Returns:** 4:45pm (approximate)

**Ticket / Bus Fee:** \$48

**Registration Deadline: January 3**

**Min:** 10, **Max:** 22

Set on a Greek island paradise where the sun always shines, a tale of love, friendship, and identity is beautifully told through the timeless hits of ABBA. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the father she's never known brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited decades ago.

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## Holiday/Christmas Light Tour

**Date:** Wednesday, December 27

**Bus Departs:** 6:30pm

**Approximate Return Time:** 9:30pm

**Admission & Bus Fee:** \$5.00

**Registration Begins:** NOW!

**Registration Deadline:** December 20

**Min:** 10, **MAX:** 34

**Due to popular demand, we have added another bus to this trip!** Take a tour ride on the Village Bus around the Cleveland area to see Holiday/Christmas Lights! We will drive through Downtown Medina and then head over to Middleburg Heights to the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds to see the "Magic of Lights" Drive-Thru Christmas Lights Display. We will then make our way to Downtown Cleveland and then head back home through the City of Independence.

## Castle Noel

**Date:** Saturday, January 6, 2024

**Bus Departs:** 9am

**Approximate Return Time:** 3pm

**Admission & Bus Fee:** \$31.00

Lunch on Your Own at On Tap Grille & Bar

**Registration Begins:** NOW!

**Registration Deadline:** December 27

**Min:** 10, **MAX:** 22

Step into the fantasy world of Mark Klaus, creator of Castle Noel, America's Largest Year-Round Indoor Christmas Entertainment Attraction. Castle Noel features the world's largest privately owned collection of Hollywood Christmas movie props and costumes from your favorite Christmas movies including "The Grinch", "Elf", "Santa Claus the Movie", "Fred Claus", "The Santa Clause 1, 2 & 3", "Jingle All The Way", "Christmas Carol", "Deck the Halls", and MORE. Also at Castle Noel are millions of dollars of animated NEW YORK CITY Christmas windows displays ready to wow! Sprinkled into the magic is the Blizzard Vortex, Santa's Chimney Squeeze and 25' tall animated Christmas tree. It snows inside and you'll even get to ride a slide, just like Ralphie. When you are finished, visit our gift shop featuring world famous Mark Klaus sculptures. After Castle Noel, we will stop at On Tap Grille & Bar for lunch.

## Frost At The Cleveland Botanical Gardens

**Date:** Saturday, December 30

**Bus Departs:** 9:15am

**Approximate Return Time:** 2pm

**Admission & Bus Fee:**

Adults \$23.00

Children (3-17 years): \$17.00

Lunch on Your Own at Burntwood Tavern in Brecksville

**Registration Begins:** NOW!

**Registration Deadline:** December 20

**Min:** 10, **MAX:** 22

**An Ice-Capped Garden Experience!** A completely NEW Holiday experience has arrived at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens. We will take a 1-1/2 hour walking tour through Winter Botanical Displays, Holiday Lights and immersive themed rooms, will transport you to an enchanting world! There is a rotating cast of live musicians and performers on the weekends to entertain you.

## LUNCH BUNCH BUS TRIP

MONTHLY!

### Das Schnitzel Haus

In Parma

**Date:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024

**Departure Time:** 11:15am

**Approximate Return Time:** 2pm

**Bus Fee:** \$2.00

**Registration Begins:** NOW!

**Registration Deadline:** January 10, 2024

**Min:** 10, **MAX:** 22

Das Schnitzel Haus was opened by the Djurin family, long-time residents of Parma, Ohio. It has the attractive look of an authentic German lodge with a wood and brick exterior. The interior design makes you feel as if you were in a Bavarian pub with plenty of wood paneling, hardwood floors and images of the German countryside. The restaurant and outdoor heated Beer Garden (biertgarten) offers European-inspired New American cuisine featuring authentic German food such as homemade schnitzels, goulash, potato pancakes, bratwurst, sauerbraten, spetzel, ribs and pierogies. The German themed restaurant is a favorite of locals in the area for its good food and fun atmosphere.



# Recreation & Community Life Department News

**Monday thru Friday 9am – 1pm**

Phone: 440-786-2964 E-mail: [Recreation@WaltonHillsOhio.gov](mailto:Recreation@WaltonHillsOhio.gov) Website: [www.WaltonHillsOhio.gov](http://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.

## YOGA CLASSES

Residents and Guests welcome!

**Tuesdays: December 5, 12, & 19**

**No Yoga on December 26**

**Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Fee:** \$75.00 for (7) 1-hour classes

**Drop-In Fee:** \$12 (1 Class)

**Site:** Community Center Multi-Purpose Room

**No previous Yoga experience necessary.**

Kathy is certified with many years of teaching experience. She leads a Gentle Yoga class that focuses on the mind, body and spirit through a combination of centering, postures and flows, with a touch of meditation.

WEEKLY!

## LINE DANCE IMPROVER CLASSES

Residents and Guests welcome!

**Thursdays: December 7, 14, 21 & 28**

**Time: 6:30 - 7:30pm**

**Fee:** \$28.00 for (4) 1-hour classes

**Drop-In Fee:** \$10 (1 Class)

**Site:** Community Center Multi-Purpose Room

**Register by: December 7**

**We will play some good music, dance, get fit and have fun!** Instructor Darla has many years of experience in Line Dancing and will be filling in for Martha through the rest of this year. Call the Rec. Dept. for more information 440-786-2964.

WEEKLY!

## CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

**Date: Monday, December 18**

**Time:** 7pm

**Cost: FREE!**

**Site:** Community Room

Do you like to read and discuss the books you read with others? Call 440-708-3782 if you are interested in joining our group.

### CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Last month we read the book  
"We Are the Light"  
by Matthew Quick  
We rated this book a 3.75 out of 5



MONTHLY!

## SENIOR LUNCH

**CELEBRATING NOON NEW YEAR'S EVE!**

**Residents & Their Guest Welcome!**

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

Catered by Maple Heights Catering

**Date: Thursday, December 28**

**Theme:** Noon New Year's Eve Celebration

**Registration Time:** 11:15am

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

**Menu:** Roast Beef with Au Jus Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Roll & Butter, Dessert

**Vegetarian Option:** Vegetable Lasagna

**Fee:** \$7.00 per person

**Site:** Community Center Banquet Room

**RSVP/Cancel by: Thursday, December 21**

Reservations final if not cancelled by deadline

**Entertainment:** Celebrating NOON New Year's Eve with Kris & Brad from "The Fads"

MONTHLY!

## 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](http://www.WaltonHillsOhio.gov/Services/RecreationDepartment)



# Recreation & Community Life Department News

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

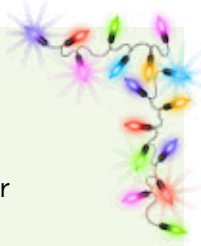
Date: Sunday, December 3

Time: 5pm

Site: WH Community Event Center

Cost: FREE!

Come help us light up the Village as we gather around the Christmas Tree at the Community Event Center! There will be Photos with Santa, Magic Show & Roaming Magic by Rick Smith Jr., Balloon Bender Bob, Face Painting Fun with Miss Marian, Crafts, BMX Bike Raffle and food for purchase by Ham Bones by the Fire BBQ Truck.



## SANTA DELIVERY DROP-OFF

Date: Monday, December 4

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 9**. **Please limit the size of the package to shoebox size or smaller and one package per child.**

## SEND A LETTER TO SANTA!

Children can drop their letters to Santa 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 8**.

## SANTA DELIVERY DAY

Date: Saturday, December 9

Time: Any time after 9am

Site: Your Driveway

Plan a day with family baking cookies and hanging out while you wait for Santa's arrival. Have your camera ready for the perfect photo-op when Santa arrives at your house!



A special shout out to American Industrial Transmission Inc. for the truckload of toys they dropped off, and **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to Toys for Tots! Your generous donations will bring smiles to the faces of many children on Christmas morning!



**Congratulations to Ava and Orion**, the lucky winners of the two BMX bikes that were



raffled off at the Halloween Party that was held at the Community Event Center on Sunday, October 29. The bikes were donated by Cummins Sales and Service.

## DO YOU NEED ANY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TEMPORARILY?

If so, the Recreation Department may be able to help you!

Sometimes we need medical equipment temporarily to help with our day-to-day living, items such as Crutches, Walkers, Wheelchairs and Shower Chairs. We now have a **Medical Equipment Loaner Program** available for your temporary needs.

Call Recreation Dept. at 440-786-2964 to see if we have what you need.



## Service Department News

**Due to the Christmas Holiday, trash service will be delayed by one day and will be picked up on Saturday, December 30.**

### 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.

### SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES

- **Snowplow contractors must be registered with the Village of Walton Hills for the 2022-23 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.

## Vision Care: Medicare and other Resources

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

Although Medicare covers many preventative services, coverage has not been extended to routine eye care. Original Medicare (Parts A & B) does not cover routine eye exams, or the purchase of eyeglasses or contact lenses. If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, check with your plan to see whether it covers these services/supplies.

The vision care that Part B Medicare does however include is:

1. An annual glaucoma test for at-risk individuals. The high-risk group may include: those with diabetes, African-Americans aged 50+, Hispanics 65+ and/or those with a family history of glaucoma.
2. An annual exam to test for diabetic retinopathy among diabetics.
3. Certain diagnostic tests and screenings for macular degeneration.
4. Cataract surgery, plus one pair of post-surgery eyeglasses or contact lenses following surgery. Medicare will only pay for contact lenses or eyeglasses from a supplier enrolled in Medicare.

For each of these covered services, you would pay 20% of the Medicare approved amount, and the Part B deductible applies. Your Medicare supplement assists with all Medicare approved costs.

The following resources may assist with vision care/related technology, eyewear and related services and costs:

- EyeCare America ([www.aao.org/eyecare-america](http://www.aao.org/eyecare-america))
- Veterans Administration or Lion's Club
- AARP for Members
- Private insurance coverage for vision
- Some Advantage & Health Care Plans
- American Foundation for the Blind or VisionAware

# Calendar of Events

## December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					7am <sup>1</sup> Trash Pick Up	<sup>2</sup>
5-7pm <sup>3</sup> Tree Lighting 	6-7:30pm <sup>4</sup> Santa Delivery Drop-off 	6-7pm <sup>5</sup> Information Committee Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm COW Meeting	<sup>6</sup>	1:30pm <sup>7</sup> Mayor's Court 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class	7am <sup>8</sup> Trash Pick Up <b>Letters to Santa Drop-off Deadline</b> 	9am <sup>9</sup> Santa Delivery 
NOON <sup>10</sup> "Hairspray" Bus Trip 	11:00am <sup>11</sup> 50+ Club Board Meeting	12pm <sup>12</sup> AMVETS Meeting 6-7pm Finance Committee Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm COW Meeting	7pm <sup>13</sup> St. Mary's Ladies Guild Meeting	6:30-7:30pm <sup>14</sup> Line Dance Class	7am <sup>15</sup> Trash Pick Up	<sup>16</sup>
1pm <sup>17</sup> "Elf the Musical" Bus Trip 	1pm <sup>18</sup> 50+ Club Meeting 7pm Carol's Bookworms Book Club	6pm <sup>19</sup> Finance Committee Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm Council Meeting	<sup>20</sup>	1:30pm <sup>21</sup> Mayor's Court 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class	7am <sup>22</sup> Trash Pick Up	<sup>23</sup>
 <sup>24</sup>  <sup>31</sup>	 <sup>25</sup> Village Hall, Recreation & Service Departments Closed	<sup>26</sup>	NOON <sup>27</sup> Blood Drive 6:30pm Holiday/Christmas Lights Tour Bus Trip 	 <sup>28</sup> 11:15am Senior Lunch 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class	<sup>29</sup>	7am <sup>30</sup> Trash Pick Up 9:15am Frost at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens Bus Trip

**Mah-jongg** 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](http://www.waltonhillsohio.gov)





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- UH Breast Center
- UH Surgery Center
- Expanded Emergency Department
- Imaging & Radiology
- UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute
- UH Cutler Center for Men



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