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**ECONOMIC  
 DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The Walton Hills Planning Commission approved the new design for the addition at Smith & Oby Company located at the corner of Alexander and Northfield Roads. The addition, which will include training and office space, is 8,338 sq. ft. with 22 additional parking spaces. It will be built on a parcel that the Village of Walton Hills sold to Smith & Oby for the expansion. The Village had received the parcel through a tax foreclosure.

The Village also approved Ordinances that will allow for added revenues from the increased property taxes to be segregated for future Village capital projects. This is referred to as a Tax Increment Financing Program. This is the first time the Village has used this form of a state authorized incentive program. The parcels that the Village anticipates additional revenue from are the three commercial projects, the Smith & Oby addition, the NPK addition, and the new building at the Forward Innovation Center East property.



Smith & Oby new building addition

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Happy New Year and welcome 2023!

May 2023 bring our community continued success and prosperity, but more importantly, may the new year bring each and every one of you good health and happiness.

Stay safe, stay healthy!

Donald Kolograf, Mayor

**THE HERITAGE HOME LOAN PROGRAM**

The Heritage Home Program<sup>SM</sup> is a low-interest fixed-rate home equity loan for homeowners to affordably maintain and improve their older houses. The low interest loan product is financed through Key Bank and Third Federal Savings & Loan with fixed-interest rates available as low as 1.4%. Loan clients have access to written construction specifications for exterior projects, locating qualified contractors and project guidance.

From January 1, 2022 to December 19, 2022 the Heritage Home Program provided 2 site visits to residents in Walton Hills. The program booked 1 loan in the Village.

	Number	Project Value	Heritage Home Staff Time
Inquiries	10		3.3 hours
Site Visits	2	\$77,800	3 hours
Technical Assists (without site visit)	0	-	0 hours
Loans Signed	1	\$50,000	12 hours
		Total Staff Time:	18.3 hours

For a list of qualifications, more information or to apply, [www.heritagehomeprogram.org](http://www.heritagehomeprogram.org)

## **Ordinance 2022-13    Passed 5-0**

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    Passed 5-0**

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    Passed 5-0**

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## **Ordinance 2022-16    Passed 5-0**

An ordinance to make temporary appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Walton Hills, state of Ohio during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

- This ordinance would allow appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Walton Hills during the first calendar quarter of the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2023.

## **Resolution 2022-29    Passed 5-0**

A resolution adopting the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) rules and regulations for administration of the income tax code for the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio; and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution would adopt the Regional Income Tax Agency rules and regulations and allow the Regional Income Tax Agency to administer the Village of Walton Hill's tax code.

# 50-Plus Club Celebrates 50 Years

On November 21, 2022, at the 50-Plus Club Meeting at Village Hall, Mayor Kolograf presented the Club with a Proclamation of congratulations on the Club's 50-year anniversary. The club was founded in 1972 as a club to provide a social outlet for the older residents of Walton Hills. Over the past 50 years, the club has had eight presidents. Sylvia McLean served as the leader for the first 20 years. She was followed by Ethel Mowinski, Pete Sochacki, Tom Sabo, Joan Wills, Madeline Timm, Georgia Pace, and current president Priscilla Motsco. The Fifty-Plus Club meets in the Community Room at Village Hall at one o'clock pm on the third Monday of each month and all residents 50 and over are invited and encouraged to attend.



# 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



# Tree Lighting 2022



## 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

**Reminder:** There is **NO DELAY** in trash collection in January due to New Year's Day or Martin Luther King Day.

**Trash will be collected on the regularly scheduled Fridays throughout the month.**

## Winter Driving Tips



- Let the engine warm up. During cold, winter weather newer-model cars can easily be put in gear and driven as soon as they're started, but that doesn't necessarily mean skipping the warm-up entirely.
- Pay attention to weather reports on the television or radio. Allow time in your schedule for bad weather and/or traffic delays. Visit [www.OhGo.com](http://www.OhGo.com) for current traffic information such as weather-related road conditions, road closures and traffic accidents.
- Keep your windows clear of snow and ice. Brush off the head, tail and brake lights, too.
- If you turn on your windshield wipers, turn on your headlights. It's Ohio law.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to prevent fuel line freeze-up. Fill your gas tank completely full before parking your car for lengthy periods.
- Leave ample stopping time between you and the driver in front of you. Braking distance can be up to nine times greater on snowy, icy surfaces than on dry roads.
- If your vehicle is equipped with an Anti-lock Braking System (ABS), be sure to
  - STOMP firmly on the brake pedal
  - STAY on the brakes - do not pump the brakes
  - STEER where you want the vehicle to go
- Gently pump Non-ABS brakes to stop the vehicle. Take any corrective action gradually. You will need to maintain full control of the vehicle. Refer to the vehicle operations manual for proper methods to correct skids.
- During winter travel, it is best to supply those at your destination with the following information: Your cell phone number, departure time, travel route, and anticipated time of arrival.
- Lock your vehicle, even in bad weather. To prevent door and trunk locks from freezing, lubricate the locks with a silicone spray or door-lock lubricant. If they're already frozen, use a lock antifreeze product to thaw them. Do not pour hot water on the locks - they will refreeze.
- Drive with extreme caution on bridges and overpasses during freezing temperatures. Because bridge temperatures can be 5-6 degrees colder than roadways, they can become slick and icy before roads

Source: Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness



# 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

**Weekly, Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**

**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 **14 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.

## SENIOR LUNCH

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

Catered by Sirna's Catering

**Date: Thursday, January 26**

**RSVP/Cancel by:** Thursday, January 19

**Reservations are final if not cancelled by deadline**

**Celebrating Chinese New Year 2023 - The Year of the Rabbit**

**Menu:** Pepper Steak over White Rice, Vegetable Egg Roll, Salad and Dessert

**Vegetarian Option:** Vegetable Stir Fry over White Rice **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

**Speaker:** Brenda J. Walker, CSST, LPTA

**Program:** Staying Vertical

This program is designed to encourage active seniors to “stay on their feet”. The premise is to promote strength through enjoyable exercise thus, preventing falls that are caused by the loss of flexibility, endurance and balance.

## LINE DANCE CLASSES

Residents and Guests welcome!

**Weekly, Thursdays: January 5, 12, 19, & 26**

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

**Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm**

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

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

**Register by: January 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.

## CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

**Date: Monday January 30 (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  
*“Rest and Be Thankful”*

by Emma Glass

We rated this book 3 out of 5



## MORNING MEETING WITH THE MAYOR

**Date: Tuesday, January 31**

**Time: 9 – 11am**

**Cost:** FREE

**Site:** Community Center Banquet Room

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

# Recreation & Community Life Department News

## Playhouse Square Presents...



**Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2023

**Site:** Connor Palace Theatre

**Bus Departs:** 12:30pm

**Performance Begins:** 1:30pm

**Bus Returns:** 4:30pm (approximate)

**Fee:** \$69.00 - Main Floor Seating

**Registration Deadline:** February 1, 2023

**MAX:** 12

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!**

## 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)

## TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS NEEDED

The Recreation Department is looking to employ drivers to transport Walton Hills residents to and from appointments, (doctor, hair etc.), shopping as well as Recreation program activities and Village sponsored events. Transports are Monday thru Friday. Flexible morning and afternoon schedules available. **CDL a plus. If interested, call the Recreation Department at 440-786-2964.**

## Toys for Tots

Thank you to everyone who donated items to Toys for Tots. The Village would like to send a very special thank you to Mr. T. Painting Company and American Industrial Transmission. Your generous toy donations filled 15 boxes and almost filled an entire van! The items that were picked up by the Marines on December 6, 2022 went a long way to helping many children have a very Merry Christmas.



# Santa Delivery 2022



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# 2023 Medicare Income Adjusted Monthly Premiums

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

Since 2007, a beneficiary's Part B monthly premium is based on his or her income. These income-related monthly adjustment amounts affect roughly 7 percent of people with Medicare Part B. The 2023 Part B total premiums for high-income beneficiaries are shown in the following table:

<b>Beneficiaries who file individual tax returns with modified adjusted gross income:</b>	<b>Beneficiaries who file joint tax returns with modified adjusted gross income:</b>	<b>Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount</b>	<b>Total Monthly Premium Amount</b>
Less than or equal to \$97,000	Less than or equal to \$194,000	\$0.00	\$164.90
Greater than \$97,000 and less than or equal to \$123,000	Greater than \$194,000 and less than or equal to \$246,000	\$65.90	\$230.80
Greater than \$123,000 and less than or equal to \$153,000	Greater than \$246,000 and less than or equal to \$306,000	\$164.80	\$329.70
Greater than \$153,000 and less than or equal to \$183,000	Greater than \$306,000 and less than or equal to \$366,000	\$263.70	\$428.60
Greater than \$183,000 and less than \$500,000	Greater than \$366,000 and less than \$750,000	\$362.60	\$527.50
Greater than or equal to \$500,000	Greater than or equal to \$750,000	\$395.60	\$560.50

Since 2011, a beneficiary's Part D monthly premium has been based upon his or her income. These income-related monthly adjustment amounts affect roughly 8 percent of people with Medicare Part D. These individuals will pay the income-related monthly adjustment amount in addition to their Part D premium. Part D premiums vary from plan to plan and roughly two-thirds are paid directly to the plan, with the remaining deducted from Social Security benefit checks. The Part D income-related monthly adjustment amounts are all deducted from Social Security benefit checks. The 2023 Part D income-related monthly adjustment amounts for high-income beneficiaries are shown in the following table:

<b>Beneficiaries who file individual tax returns with modified adjusted gross income:</b>	<b>Beneficiaries who file joint tax returns with modified adjusted gross income:</b>	<b>Income-related monthly adjustment amount</b>
Less than or equal to \$97,000	Less than or equal to \$194,000	\$0.00
Greater than \$97,000 and less than or equal to \$123,000	Greater than \$194,000 and less than or equal to \$246,000	12.20
Greater than \$123,000 and less than or equal to \$153,000	Greater than \$246,000 and less than or equal to \$306,000	31.50
Greater than \$153,000 and less than or equal to \$183,000	Greater than \$306,000 and less than or equal to \$366,000	50.70
Greater than \$183,000 and less than \$500,000	Greater than \$366,000 and less than \$750,000	70.00
Greater than or equal to \$500,000	Greater than or equal to \$750,000	76.40

# Calendar of Events

## January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Village Hall, Recreation and Service Departments Closed	3 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm COW Meeting	4	5 3:30pm Mayor's Court 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class	6 7am Trash Pick Up	7
8	9 11am 50+ Club Board Meeting	10 12pm AMVETS Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm COW Meeting	11 6pm Walton Hills Lake Club Meeting	12 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class	13 7am Trash Pick Up	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day Village Hall, Recreation and Service Departments Closed 1pm 50+ Club Meeting 7-9pm Model A Club	17 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm Council Meeting	18	19 3:30pm Mayor's Court 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class	20 7am Trash Pick Up	21
22	23	24 6:30-7:30pm Yoga	25 1pm Blood Drive 	26 11:15am Senior Lunch 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class	27 7am Trash Pick Up	28 12:30pm Beetlejuice Bus Trip 
29	30 7pm Carol's Bookworms Book Club	31 9am Morning Meeting with the Mayor 6:30-7:30pm Yoga				

**Mahjonn** - 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 Steve and Loree Potash Women & Newborn Center
- UH Breast Imaging Health Center
- UH Drusinsky Family Sports Medicine Complex
- UH STERIS Surgery Center
- Expanded Emergency Department
- UH Cutler Center for Men
- Imaging & Radiology

**About the Women & Newborn Center**

Designed to exceed the highest standards for quality, expert care while meeting the unique needs and delivery preferences of patients and families. From natural, drug-free births and midwife-assisted water labor to births requiring advanced care, the Potash Women & Newborn Center will accommodate a variety of birth scenarios. As a family-focused home for expectant mothers and newborns, the center will include:

- Maternal-fetal health services
- Labor and delivery services
- Neonatal intensive care unit
- Family gathering spaces
- On-site surgical suite
- Prenatal and postnatal care

