



VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS

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July 2023

WALTON HILLS PROMOTES FROM WITHIN TO FILL THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Mayor Kolograf and Council are pleased to announce that on June 8, 2023, Dave Kwiatkowski was promoted from Sergeant to Chief of Police in a Swearing-in Ceremony held in the Council Chambers at Village Hall. Dave started his career with the Walton Hills Police Department in October 1991. In May of 2001 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Dave's professional experiences include: S.E.A.L.E. CART TEAM, Walton Hills Coordinator, S.E.A.L.E. S.W.A.T. Executive Officer and S.E.A.L.E. S.W.A.T. Commander. Kwiatkowski has also completed many specialized training courses including but not limited to: Community Police Relations, Constitutional Use of Force, Crisis De-Escalation, Core Criminal Investigation Training – O.P.O.T.A. Certified, FEMA National Incident Management System, FEMA Introduction to the Incident Command System for Law Enforcement, Search & Seizure / Search Warrants.

Congratulations to the new Police Chief of Walton Hills.



Mayor Don Kolograf swears in Sgt. Dave Kwiatkowski as the new Police Chief of Walton Hills. Participating in the ceremony, holding the Bible, is Dave's wife Lisa. More photos on page 4.

CONGRESSMAN MAX MILLER SPEAKS AT ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



Pictured Left to Right: Congressman Max Miller, Councilwoman Mary Brenner-Miller, Councilman Fred Neilsen, Mayor Don Kolograf, Councilwoman Jennifer Allen and Councilman Raymond Weeden. More Memorial Day pictures on page 3.

The Village of Walton Hills held its annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29, 2023, in the Courtyard at Village Hall. The Keynote Speaker at the event was Congressman Max Miller who is serving his first term as the United States Representative for Ohio's Seventh Congressional District. Before joining Congress, Max Miller served as a senior advisor to President Donald Trump and spent six years in the Marine Corps Reserves.

After the ceremony, Congressman Miller posed for pictures and talked with residents about any concerns they had.

The Mayor and Council would like to thank Congressman Miller, Village staff, residents and all who participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Walton Hills Legislation

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

Resolution 2023-16 Passed 5-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for a potential grant for the funding of capital infrastructure improvement projects in the Village of Walton Hills, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution would allow the Mayor to make an application to NEORSD for 2024 Member Community Infrastructure Program financial assistance for the Walton Hills Sanitary Sewer Study Phase 1 project.

Resolution 2023-18 Passed 5-0

A resolution adopting the tax budget of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio for the fiscal year of 2024, directing that the same be submitted to the fiscal office of Cuyahoga County, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution authorizes the Village to adopt the tax budget for the fiscal year 2024 and submit the budget to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer.

Resolution 2023-19 Passed 5-0

A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution authorizes the Village to adopt the necessary tax levies in accordance with the 2024 tax budget, directing that the same be submitted to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer.

Resolution 2023-20 Passed 5-0

A resolution authorizing the mayor and the fiscal officer of the Village of Walton Hills to enter into a contract with Specialized Construction., for the resurfacing of Rotary Drive, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution would award the resurfacing contract for Rotary Drive to Specialized Construction after the first contractor failed to provide signed contracts to the Village within 15 days.

Resolution 2023-21 Passed 5-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Walton Hills to enter into a contract with Specialized Construction, Inc. ("Specialized") for the 2023 asphalt maintenance program, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution would award the asphalt maintenance contract to Specialized Construction for the asphalt maintenance projects in the amount not to exceed \$61,050.



Memorial Day 2023



Swearing-in Ceremony for the New Police Chief



Juneteenth Celebration at Bearcat Stadium



Left to Right: Councilman Raymond Weeden, Councilman Phil Stevens (Bedford Heights), Mayor Stanley Koci (Bedford), Mayor Fletcher Berger (Bedford Heights), Mayor Don Kolograf, Councilwoman Eloise Hardin (Oakwood Village), Councilwoman Candace Williams (Oakwood Village)

Bus Trips

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

CHAGRIN VALLEY LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS:



SHAKESPEARE'S "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

Site: West Point Park in Willoughby

Date: Sunday, July 30

Bus Departs: 1pm

Showtime: 2pm

Bus Returns: 5 pm (approximate)

Bus Fee: \$2.00

Registration Deadline: July 15

Min: 10, **Max:** 20

Please plan to bring a folding lawn chair that you can put in your seat on the bus.

Four Athenians run away to the forest only to have the mischievous fairy Puck make both of the boys fall in love with the same girl. Puck helps his master play a trick on the fairy queen while the young lovers chase each other. One of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies. **If it rains, the performance will be moved to another location in the Willoughby area.**



CLEVELAND GUARDIANS VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX



Site: Progressive Field

Date: Saturday, August 5

First Pitch: 7:10pm

Bus Departs: 6pm

Bus Returns: 11pm (approximate)

Ticket / Bus Fee: \$30

Register NOW! Only 2 Seats Left!

Cleveland Guardians game includes Weekender Bag Giveaway, \$2 Pregame Miller Lite Discounts, and Rock 'N Blast **FIREWORKS** after the game.

LUNCH BUNCH BUS TRIP

MONTHLY!

Brew Garden

In Strongsville

Date: Friday, August 11

Departure Time: 11:15am

Approximate Return Time: 2:15pm

Bus Fee: \$2.00

Registration Begins: NOW

Registration Deadline: August 1

Min: 10

Let's Eat! Sports bar, gastro pub, social eatery...it's hard to keep up with what the cool kids are calling bars these days. No worries! The menu features chef-crafted dishes that include the latest culinary trends like or Brussel Sprout Appetizer and staples like Buffalo Wings and All-American Burgers. At Brew Garden, there is something for everyone!



Recreation & Community Life Department 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.

YOGA CLASSES

Residents and Guests welcome!

Weekly, Tuesdays: July 11, 18 & 25

No Class on July 4

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.

LINE DANCE IMPROVER CLASSES

Residents and Guests welcome!

Weekly, Thursdays: July 6, 13, 20 & 27

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: July 6

We will play some good music, dance, get fit and have fun! Instructor Martha has many years of experience in Ballroom and Line Dancing. Call Martha for more information 330-285-1672.

WALKING CLUB

Residents and Guests welcome!

SEASONAL

**Weekly: 9am – Wednesdays: July 5, 12, 19 & 26
6:30pm – Thursdays: July 6, 13, 20 & 27**

Fee: FREE!

Site: TG Young Park – Meet our Recreation Department Leader at the Pavilion

One Time Registration Required: 440-786-2964

Join us as we take a walk through our beautiful park! Meet our Recreation Leader and your neighbors by **9am or 6:30pm** in the pavilion **EVERY** Wednesday or Thursday and let's walk together! To register, call the Recreation Department. **Sorry, no dogs permitted at TG Young Park.** Register for the Walk Your Dog Club Program to keep your dog in shape this summer!

WALK YOUR DOG CLUB

Residents and Guests welcome!

SEASONAL

Weekly: Every Friday

Dates: July 7, 14, 21 & 28

Time: 9am

Fee: FREE!

Site: Canal Towpath at the Canal Exploration Center

Must Register Weekly by 1pm NO Later than the Thursday before

Bring your dog and let's starting walking!

Meet our Recreation Leader by **9am at the Canal Exploration Center at 7104 Canal Road in Valley View.** All dogs must be on a leash and get along well with other dogs. If you do not have a dog, you are welcome to attend anyway! To register weekly, call the Recreation Department at 440-786-2964.

CO-ED SOFTBALL EXHIBITION GAME

Babes of 1916 vs. Walton Hills Villagers

Date: Sunday, July 9

Time: 12 NOON

Site: T.G. Young Park

FREE!

Enjoy a fun Sunday afternoon in the park as the Babes battle the Villagers.

ANNUAL VILLAGE GARAGE SALE

REGISTER TODAY!

Date: Thursday, August 17 through Saturday, August 19

Start **NOW** and plan to turn your unwanted items into **CASH!** The Annual Village Garage Sale is scheduled this year in August! Registration Forms are available on our website, at Village Hall and the Community Event Center.

SENIOR LUNCH

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

Catered by Sirna's Catering

MONTHLY!

Hawaiian Luau – Wear your Tropical / Hawaiian Shirt!

Date: Thursday, July 27

RSVP/Cancel by: Thursday, July 20 -
Reservations final if not cancelled by **July 20**

Menu: Roasted Pork, Coconut Rice, Corn Coins, Pineapple Salad, Roll & Butter

Vegetarian Option: Fruit

Registration Begins: 11:15am

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

Cost: \$7 per person

Site: Community Center Banquet Room



Entertainment: Tom Todd of “Cheeseburger in Paradise” has an energetic, talent-filled, entertaining show lined up! He plays many of the greatest Jimmy Buffett tunes, along with other great 'island, summer, beach, party and dance songs! Tom's musicianship on acoustic guitar, electric guitar, flute, harmonica and ukulele will amaze and is fun to watch.

CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Date: Monday, July 31 (Monthly)

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

“The Lioness”

by Chris Bohjalian

We rated this book a 3 out of 5.



BIKE RODEO

The Bike Rodeo has been postponed until September 2023. Watch future editions of the Journal for more information.



Attention kids 10 and under, Walton Hills will be hosting a Bike Rodeo at T.G. Young Park. The rodeo is a fun and free event that will feature bicycle safety tips along with bicycle riding courses. This event is offered to residents and their families. All participants should bring their bicycles and helmets with them. Please contact the Recreation Department to register for this exciting event! **Every registered child will be entered in a drawing to win a new bicycle.**

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

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.

FREE!

Congratulations Police Chief Stan Jaworski on Your Retirement

On June 7, 2023, Police Chief Stan Jaworski retired from the Walton Hills Police Department. His career with Walton Hills began on October 1, 1991, when he was hired as a part-time officer. Two years later, in June of 1993, Stan became a full-time officer. In December of 2004, Stan was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant, followed by Police Captain in March of 2013 and finally Police Chief on August 1, 2017. Throughout his career, Stan obtained many certifications and training, as well as being involved with the Regional SEALE Bomb Squad. Stan is now enjoying more time with his wife Kim, his children, and their families.

MEDICARE SUMMARY NOTICES

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

For individuals on Medicare, you can receive information regarding your claims on the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). It's a notice that people with Original Medicare get in the mail every 3 months if Medicare Part A and Part B-covered services were used in that quarterly timeframe. The MSN shows:

- All your services or supplies those providers and suppliers billed to Medicare during the 3-month period
- What Medicare paid
- The maximum amount you may owe the provider

As mail fraud seems to be escalating, individuals are sometimes uncertain of the validity and source of mail they may be receiving. There are a few markers you can look for on the envelope sent from the federal government to help you assure its validity:

- Return address indicates Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Next to the address is the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHA) logo
- Look for this phrase on the front: OFFICIAL MEDICARE INFORMATION
- On the flap, on the reverse, will be a number you can call with any questions

You can choose to get an electronic MSN; On a monthly basis, if you had utilized Medicare benefits, you would receive an email linking to your MSN. You will not have to wait for the 3 months required for the paper documents to be mailed.

When you receive your MSN, you may want to compare it with medical services, supplies or equipment you have received over the last quarter. The MSN also notes any denials of Medicare coverage. If an item or service is denied, call your doctor's or other health care provider's office to make sure they submitted the correct information. If not, the office may resubmit. If you disagree with any decision made, you can file an appeal. The last page of the MSN gives you step-by-step directions on when and how to file an appeal.

If you do not have a Medicare account, go to [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) to set one up. When this is done, select "Get your Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) electronically" under the "My messages" section at the top of your account homepage. You will come to the "My communication preferences" page where you can select "Yes" under "Change eMSN preference," then press "Submit."

Source: [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov)

Retirement Party for Police Chief Stan Jaworski



Portage Lakes Pontoon Boat Cruise Bus Trip



National Day of Prayer May 4, 2023

*Pray Fervently in
Righteousness and
Avail Much*



Calendar of Events

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mah-jongg - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ						1
2	9am-4pm Summer Camp	 4 Village Hall Recreation and Service Department Closed	9am-4pm Summer Camp 9am Walking Club	9am-4pm Summer Camp 1:30pm Mayor's Court 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class 6:30pm Walking Club	9am-4pm Summer Camp 9am Walk Your Dog Club	8 7am Trash Pick Up Postponed Bike Rodeo 
9 NOON Co-ed Softball Exhibition Game	10 9am-4pm Summer Camp	11 9am-4pm Summer Camp 12pm AMVETS Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Yoga	12 9am-4pm Summer Camp 9am Walking Club	13 9am-4pm Summer Camp 3:30pm Mayor's Court 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class 6:30pm Walking Club	14 7am Trash Pick Up 9am-4pm Summer Camp 9am Walk Your Dog Club	15
16 NOON RAIN DATE for Co-ed Softball Exhibition Game	17 9am-4pm Summer Camp 11:15am Bus Trip: Michael Angelo's Winery 7-9pm Model A Club	18 9am-4pm Summer Camp 6:30-7:30pm Yoga	19 9am-4pm Summer Camp 9am Walking Club	20 9am-4pm Summer Camp 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class 6:30pm Walking Club	21 7am Trash Pick Up 9am-4pm Summer Camp 9am Walk Your Dog Club	22
23	24 9am-4pm Summer Camp	25 9am-4pm Summer Camp 6:30-7:30pm Yoga	26 9am-4pm Summer Camp 9am Walking Club NOON Blood Drive 	27 9am-4pm Summer Camp 11:15am Senior Lunch 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class 6:30pm Walking Club	28 7am Trash Pick Up 9am-4pm Last Day of Summer Camp 9am Walk Your Dog Club	29
30 1pm Bus Trip: "A Midsummer Night's Dream"	31 7-9pm Carol's Bookworms Book Club					

Calendar subject to change. Please refer to the calendar on our website for the most up to date information: www.waltonhillsohio.gov





We're Expanding to Meet our Community's Needs

UH Ahuja Medical Center is proud to have served the community for over a decade, providing nationally recognized, comprehensive primary, specialty and emergency care locally.

And now, that commitment is stronger than ever, and growing. We are currently expanding and enhancing our facility to offer even more of the quality services you need.

New and innovative services coming in 2023, include:

- UH Cutler Center for Men
- UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute
- UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Maternity Services including the Steve and Loree Potash Women & Newborn Center
- UH Surgery Center
- UH Breast Center
- Emergency Room
- Imaging & Radiology



Learn more about this exciting project
UHhospitals.org/AhujaExpansion

