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FEBRUARY 2024

Journal

TG YOUNG PARK POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Village has recently submitted a potential park improvement project to State Representative Phil Robinson's office for inclusion in the current State Capital Budget. This funding mechanism generally occurs every two years, and typically provides complete funding for a potential project if selected.

The proposed project will be to resurface the perimeter asphalt walking trail around the park. This project will also consist of installing new LED light towers for the pickleball courts. These two improvements will enhance the community's ability to use these amenities. The estimated cost of these improvements is \$218,000, for which the Village has requested full funding from the State Capital Budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

If the project is selected for funding, the Village expects to be notified prior to the start of fiscal year 2025 which begins on July 1, 2024. If funded, the Village would enter into an agreement with the State, which would provide the terms of the funding, including the project schedule.

FEBRUARY NEWS

- On December 20, 2023, the Sagamore Hills/Walton Hills Joint Economic Development District Annual Board Meeting was held. The new budget and other operating resolutions were approved and plans for the district were discussed.



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TOOK OATH OF OFFICE ON JANUARY 1, 2024

In a ceremony held at the Community Event Center, Mayor Don Kolograf, Councilman Raymond Weeden and Councilwoman Diane Canzoni were sworn-in to their elected positions by Judge Deborah J. Nicastro.



Walton Hills Promotes Two Officers to Sergeant

On Thursday, December 21, 2023, Officers Thomas Koth and John Paulin were promoted to the rank of Sergeant in a swearing-in ceremony performed by Mayor Kolograf and held in the Council Chambers. With the promotion of the two officers, the department now has four Sergeants on staff.

Pictured below: Left - Sergeant Koth; Center - Sergeants Tom Koth, Mike Gervase, Melissa Walsh, John Paulin; Right - Sergeant Paulin



Bus Trips

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

LUNCH BUNCH

MONTHLY!

Simon's Restaurant & Deli

in Brecksville

Date: Tuesday, February 20

Departure Time: 11:00 am

Approximate Return Time: 2pm

Bus Fee: \$2.00

Registration Begins: NOW

Registration Deadline: February 13

Min: 10, **Max:** 22

Family owned for over 40 years; Simon's was opened in 1976 by George Simon Sr. Simon's is one of the few restaurants that still has made-from-scratch comfort foods, classic deli sandwiches, generous portions and fair prices.

D'Agnese's Restaurant

In Broadview Heights

Date: Wednesday, March 13

Departure Time: 11:30am

Approximate Return Time: 2pm

Bus Fee: \$2.00

Registration Begins: NOW!

Registration Deadline: March 6

Min: 10, **MAX:** 22

D'Agnese's opened its doors in Broadview Heights in March of 2008 after moving from its location in Seven Hills. Serving the traditional Italian meals, D'Agnese's offers a wide selection of specialty dishes, promises the best veal in town, and has a signature creamy lemon sauce featured on a variety of menu items.



Bus Trips

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Cleveland Pops Orchestra Presents: Champagne & Shamrocks

Severance Hall

Date: Friday, March 1

Departure Time: 7pm

Show Time: 8pm

Approximate Return Time: 11pm

Ticket/Bus Fee: \$45.00

Registration Begins: NOW!

Registration Deadline: February 16

Min: 6, **MAX:** 12

A toast to Ireland. Kick off March with the songs and dances of Ireland featuring Cleveland's own international award-winning Murphy's Irish Dancers and vocalist Connor Bogart O'Brien. Hear *Danny Boy*, *MacNamara's Band*, *Galway Bay*, and the famous of all, *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*!

9 to 5 the Musical

Chagrin Valley Little Theatre

Date: Sunday, April 7

Bus Departs: 1pm

Showtime: 2pm

Bus Returns: 5pm (approximate)

Ticket / Bus Fee: \$19.00

Registration Deadline: March 6

Min: 10, **Max:** 22

Three unlikely friends take control of their office and learn there is nothing they can't do, even in a man's world. *9 to 5 The Musical*, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic.

Frankie Valli – The Last Encores Tour

KeyBank State Theater at Playhouse Square

Date: Thursday, April 18

Bus Departs: 7pm

Showtime: 8pm

Bus Returns: 11pm (approximate)

Ticket / Bus Fee: \$80.00

Registration Deadline: March 15

Min: 10, **Max:** 22

Frankie is returning to Playhouse Square for what is likely the last time. His incredible career with the Four Seasons, as well as his solo success, has spawned countless hit singles. They have toured throughout the U.S. and abroad to packed houses receiving nightly standing ovations from thrilled fans of multiple generations. Join them now for **The Last Encores!**

Great Lakes Theater Presents: Always...Patsy Cline

Hanna Theater at Playhouse Square

Date: Tuesday, April 30

Bus Departs: 9am

Showtime: 10am

Bus Returns: 2pm (approximate)

Ticket / Bus Fee: \$22.00

Registration Deadline: March 27

Min: 10, **Max:** 22

Enjoy the touching true story of Patsy Cline's friendship with a fan, Louise Seger, which started in 1961 and continued until the premature death of the renowned country star. Told through Cline's music, this humorous and heartfelt tribute features 27 songs and many of her unforgettable hits such as "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," "Sweet Dreams" and "Walking After Midnight."



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!

Date: Tuesdays: February 6, 13, 20 & 27

Time: 6:30 - 7:30pm

Fee: \$44.00 (4-Week Session)

Drop-In Fee: \$13 (1 Class)

Site: Community Center Multi-Purpose Room

Register by: February 6

No Previous Experience Necessary!

Wendy Sinito from *Namaste Yoga Studio* in Northfield. She brings a wealth of knowledge and years of experience in Yoga instruction. This Gentle Yoga class focuses on the Mind, Body and Spirit through the combination of centering, breathing, postures and flows, with a touch of meditation. Expect to feel refreshed, relaxed, stronger and more flexible!

WEEKLY!

CHAIR AEROBICS

Residents & Their Guests Welcome!

Date: Tuesdays: March 5, 12 & 26

No Class on March 19

Time: 9:30-10am

Fee: FREE

Site: Community Center Banquet Room

Register By: March 1

No Previous Experience Necessary! Chair Aerobics is a functional aerobic workout that is done using a chair to either sit or use for balance. Chair Aerobics is designed to be a challenging workout for everyone that will increase your heart rate, burn calories, and build strength.

NEW!

LINE DANCE BEGINNER CLASSES

Residents and Guests welcome!

Date: Thursdays: February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Time: 6:30 - 7:30pm

Fee: \$35.00 (5-Week Session)

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

Site: Community Center Multi-Purpose Room

Register by: February 1

We will play some good music, dance, get fit and have fun! Instructor Martha has many years of experience in Ballroom and Line Dancing. Learn to Line Dance to your favorite hit songs! Call the Recreation Department for more information 440-786-2964.

WEEKLY!

CARDIO DRUMMING

Residents & Their Guests Welcome!

Date: Tuesdays: March 5, 12 & 26

No Class on March 19

Time: 10:15-10:45am

Fee: FREE

Site: Community Center Banquet Room

Register By: February 5

No Previous Experience Necessary! Cardio Drumming can be practiced by nearly all individuals and does not require drumming experience. The exercise involves using drumsticks to hit an exercise ball placed on a bucket, while listening to upbeat music.

NEW!

CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Carol's Bookworms will take a winter break and resume in April.

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



Recreation & Community Life Department News

Volunteers are always welcome to help with any event or program.
Call the Recreation Department at 440-786-2964 if interested.

MOVIES AND MUNCHIES

Residents & Guests Welcome!

Time: 10:30am

Fee: \$1.00

Site: Community Center Banquet Room

Join us for a first run movie . . . Popcorn and Beverages provided!

Date: Wednesday, February 7

Register by: February 5

Movie: "80 For Brady"

The movie is inspired by the true story of 4 best friends and New England Patriots fans who take a life-changing trip to Super Bowl LI to see their hero Tom Brady play, and the chaos that ensues as they navigate the wilds of the biggest sporting event in the country.

Biography, Comedy: Rated PG-13

Starring: Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda, Rita Moreno, Sally Field

Runtime: 1 hour, 38 minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 6

Register by: March 4

Movie: "My Big Fat Greek Wedding Part 3"
After the death of the family's patriarch, Toula attempts to locate her father's childhood friends in Greece for a family reunion.

Comedy, Drama, Romance: PG-13

Starring: Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, Louis Mandylor

Runtime: 1 hour, 31 minutes

NEW!

SENIOR LUNCH

Residents & Their Guests Welcome!

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

Catered by Maple Heights Catering

Theme: "Celebrating Valentine's Day . . . Love Your Neighbors!"

Date: Thursday, February 29

Registration Time: 11:15am

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

Menu: Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Minestrone Soup, Roll & Dessert

Vegetarian Option: Stuffed Shells in Marinara Sauce

Fee: \$7.00 per person

Site: Community Center Banquet Room

RSVP/Cancel by: Thursday, February 22

Reservations final if not cancelled by deadline

Program: Speaker: Dr. Victoria Berry /
Community Outreach Coordinator

Topic: Property Tax Talk

MONTHLY!

WANNABE WRITERS PROGRAM

Wednesdays/6-Week Program

Dates: February 7 Thru March 6

Time: 11am - NOON

Fee: FREE!

Site: Community Event Center

Registration Required By: January 24

If you want to improve your creative writing skills and tweak your imagination, plan to join us for this program! This group will use an interactive writing and critiquing format, short writing exercises followed by a presentation and discussion about writing skill development that will be led by resident, Judy Cicero, Ph.D, fiction writer. For more information, Call Judy at 575-932-9352 or E-Mail JudyCicero21@GMail.com.

NEW!

STAFFING NEEDED!

If interested, please call the Recreation Director at 440-786-2964. Applications available online at www.WaltonHillsOhio.gov on the Recreation Dept. page, at Village Hall and at the Community Center.

CAMP COUNSELORS

(All Ages Welcome)

If you want to make some extra money this summer and love to interact with children, this is the job for you!

ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR

This is the perfect position for someone who lives in the Village, is very creative or has creative ideas and wants to make some extra money and work part-time hours!



Legislation

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

Ordinance 2023-7 Passed 5-0

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to provide non-union employees with an equity adjustment to their compensation retroactive January 1, 2023, pursuant to the recommendation of Your Partner in HR for the reasons stated below, and declaring an emergency.

- The Mayor engaged Your Partner in HR to conduct a Compensation Project and Summary that recommended proposed increases based on the Project Summary considering averages in Northeast Ohio and in consideration of employee retention given the competitive nature in the market.

Ordinance 2023-8 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, 2024, and ending March 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

- This ordinance allows for temporary appropriations to be made for current expenses and expenditures to allow the Village to properly function.

Ordinance 2023-9 Passed 5-0

An ordinance amending ordinance no. 2023-1 making additional appropriations for current expenditures of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio during the year 2023 and declaring an emergency.

- This ordinance allows for the previously passed appropriation to be amended.

Resolution 2023-30 Passed 5-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an environmental covenant with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) for the purpose of redevelopment of 7010 Krick Road, Walton Hills, Ohio consisting of permanent parcel number 794-31-001, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution allows the Village of Walton Hills Land Reutilization Corporation to redevelop of acquired property under the guidance of the Ohio EPA.

Resolution 2023-31 Passed 5-0

A resolution confirming the appointment of John Paulin and Thomas Koth as Sergeants for the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution will promote John Paulin and Thomas Koth to Sergeant based on the recommendation of Chief Kwiatkowski and results of a promotional exam.

Resolution 2023-32 Passed 5-0

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Walton Hills to enter into a contract with Unum for dental insurance coverage and VSP Vision Care for vision for all eligible Village employees, and declaring an emergency.

- This resolution allows the Village to enter into contracts for dental and vision insurance for all eligible employees as recommended by Oswald Companies, Third Party Administration for the Village of Walton Hills.

THE HERITAGE HOME LOAN PROGRAM

The Heritage Home ProgramSM is a low-interest fixed-rate home equity loan for homeowners to affordably maintain and improve their older houses. Loan clients have access to written construction specifications for exterior projects, locating qualified contractors and project guidance.

From January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 the Heritage Home Program provided 4 site visits to residents in Walton Hills. The program booked 1 loan in the Village.

	Number	Project Value	Heritage Home Staff Time
Inquiries	13		3.9 hours
Site Visits	2	\$61,000	3 hours
Technical Assists (without site visit)	2	\$100	2 hours
Loans Signed	1	\$42,000	12 hours
		Total Staff Time:	20.9 hours

For a list of qualifications, more information or to apply, www.heritagehomeprogram.org

Calendar of Events

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Save the Date</i></p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste Roundup: April 8-12</p> <p>Computer Roundup: April 22-26</p> <p>Shred Day: June 8</p> 				<p>1</p> <p>1:30pm Mayor's Court 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7am Trash Pick Up</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>12:30pm Mamma Mia! Bus Trip</p>
4	5	<p>6</p> <p>12pm AMVETS Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm COW Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:30am Movies & Munchies 11am Wannabe Writers Program 7pm Planning Commission Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6pm Lake Club Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7am Trash Pick Up</p>	10
11	<p>12</p> <p>11:00am 50+ Club Board Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6pm St. Mary's Ladies Guild Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm COW Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am The Orient Express Bus Trip 11am Wannabe Writers Program</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>1:30pm Mayor's Court 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7am Trash Pick Up</p>	17
18	<p>19</p> <p> Presidents Day Village Hall, Recreation & Service Departments Closed 11:00am 50+ Club Board Meeting 7pm Model A Club</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11am Lunch Bunch Bus Trip 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11am Wannabe Writers Program</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6pm Lake Club Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7am Trash Pick Up</p>	24
25	26	<p>27</p> <p>6:30-7:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11am Wannabe Writers Program</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:15am Senior Lunch 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class</p>	<p>Mah-jongg Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ</p>	

LOST & FOUND Are you missing anything? If you have been to the Community Event Center recently and lost something that you still have not found, call 440-786-2964 or stop by the Recreation Department to see if we have it!

Calendar subject to change.

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



NOW OPEN

Bringing advanced technology and a wider range of comprehensive care, close to home.

A \$236 million expansion of UH Ahuja Medical Center, completed in June 2023, offers new, advanced and comprehensive care services to better meet the needs of area residents. Our expanded services include:

- UH Steve and Loree Potash Women & Newborn Center
- 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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To learn more, make an appointment online or to find a provider near you, visit UHhospitals.org/Ahuja.