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HILLS**
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Journal

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Happy New Year and welcome
2024!

May 2024 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.

Sincerely,

Mayor Donald Kolograf

Congratulations to Emma and Kinsley, the lucky winners of the two BMX bikes that were raffled off at the Tree Lighting event that was held at the Community Center on Sunday, December 2, 2023. The bikes were donated by Cummins Sales and Service.



Economic Development Update

Forward Innovation Center East (Formerly the Ford Plant) site work is still ongoing and nearing completion. The first new 247,000 square foot building shell on the northwest corner of the site is finished. The Developer is still marketing the building for multiple and single tenants.

At their December meeting, the Village Planning Commission approved plans to construct a 249,000 square foot second building on the site. The new building will be located on the northeast corner. The developer is in active negotiations with a major health care company to lease the entire building. The Village will consider tax incentives for the second building at the January 9th Committee of the Whole and Special Council meetings. Once the lease negotiations and the incentives are approved the construction will begin.



Pictured above is the Rendering of the 249,000 square foot second building to be built at the Forward Innovation Center East site.

2023 Tree Lighting



Service Department News

The Service Department wishes all the Residents a very Happy and Safe New Year!

Due to the Christmas Holiday, trash service will be delayed by one day and will be picked up on Saturday, January 6.

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.



Save the Date



Household Hazardous Waste Roundup:
April 8-12 & September 9-13

Computer Roundup:
April 22-26 & September 23-27

Shred Day:
June 8

Village Council News



The Village of Walton Hills would like to extend our sincere appreciation to outgoing Councilwoman Mary Brenner-Miller for her 12 years of dedicated service to the Village and its residents. We wish Mary the best of luck in her future endeavors.



The Village would like to welcome new Councilwoman Diane Canzoni.



Bus Trips

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

Great Lakes Theater Presents:

The Orient Express

Hanna Theater at Playhouse Square

Date: Wednesday, February 14

Bus Departs: 9am

Showtime: 10am

Bus Returns: 2pm (approximate)

Ticket / Bus Fee: \$ 22.00

Registration Deadline: January 12

Min: 10, **Max:** 22

Detective Hercule Poirot is on the case as passengers riding the opulent Orient Express are stranded on a snowy track with a killer in their midst. Poirot must solve the curious conundrum of who stabbed one American tycoon eight times in his locked compartment before the murderer strikes again! One of Christie's most renowned titles, audiences will love the twists, turns and thrills they encounter as they join Poirot on this mind-bending journey.

Frankie Valli – The Last Encores Tour

KeyBank State Theatre at Playhouse Square

Date: Thursday, April 18

Bus Departs: 7pm

Showtime: 8pm

Bus Returns: 11 pm (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. The original Jersey boy himself, Frankie Valli is a true American legend. His incredible career with the Four Seasons, as well as his solo success, has spawned countless hit singles. With unforgettable tunes like "Sherry," "Walk Like A Man," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "December '63 - Oh What A Night," "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You," and of course, "Grease." Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons have sold over 100 million records worldwide. 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 Tour!**



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.

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."

Bus Trips

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LUNCH BUNCH BUS TRIPS

MONTHLY!

Das Schnitzel Haus

In Parma

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Departure Time: 11am

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. The restaurant and outdoor heated Beer Garden (biergarten) offers European-inspired New American cuisine featuring authentic German food such as homemade schnitzels, goulash, potato pancakes, bratwurst, sauerbraten, spetzels, ribs and pierogies. The German themed restaurant is a favorite of locals in the area for its good food and fun atmosphere.

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. His children entered the business with him and helped build Simon's into one of Brecksville's longest standing restaurants. Simon's is one of the few restaurants that still has made-from-scratch comfort foods, classic deli sandwiches, generous portions and fair prices.

Veterans Day Ceremony



Santa Delivery 2023



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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!

Tuesdays: January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Time: 6:30 - 7:30pm

Fee: 5-Week Session \$55.00

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

Site: Community Center Multi-Purpose Room

Register by: January 2

No Previous Experience Necessary!

Wendy Sinito from *Namaste Yoga Studio* in Northfield will be taking over this class as of January 2nd. 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!

LINE DANCE BEGINNER CLASSES

Residents and Guests welcome!

Thursdays: January 4, 11, 18 & 25

Time: 6:30 - 7:30pm

Fee: 4-Week Session \$28.00

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

Site: Community Center Multi-Purpose Room

Register by: January 4

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!

MOVIES AND MUNCHIES

Residents & Guests Welcome!

Wednesday, January 10

Time: 10am

Fee: \$1.00

Site: Community Center Banquet Room

Register by: January 5

Movie: "About My father"

Comedy - Rated PG-13

Starring: Robert DeNiro, Sebastian Maniscalco, Leslie Bibb

Runtime: 1 hour, 39 minutes

When Sebastian tells his old-school Italian immigrant father Salvo that he is going to propose to his all-American girlfriend, Salvo insists on crashing a weekend with her parents.

NEW!

CAROL'S BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

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

MONTHLY!

CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Books we have read:

"Hang the Moon"

by Jeannette Walls

We rated this book a 4 out of 5



"Good Company"

by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney

We rated this book a 3.5 out of 5



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 needed to help decorate for the holidays and to work at Tree Lighting.
Call the Recreation Department at 440-786-2964 if interested.**

SENIOR LUNCH

Residents & Their Guests Welcome!

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

Catered by Sirna's Catering

Date: Thursday, January 25

Registration Time: 11:15am

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

Menu: Chicken Paprikash, Peas, Vegetable Soup, Roll & Butter, Dessert

Vegetarian Option: Cabbage and Noodles

Fee: \$7.00 per person

Site: Community Center Banquet Room

RSVP/Cancel by: Thursday, January 18

Reservations final if not cancelled by deadline

Speaker: Former Resident, Laura Malone of Key Bank

Program: "The Heritage Home Loan Program"

MONTHLY!

THE HERITAGE HOME LOAN PROGRAM

NEW!

Date: Thursday, January 25

Time: 12:30 - 1:30pm **OR** 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Fee: FREE

Site: Community Center Banquet Room

Speaker: Former Resident, Laura Malone of Key Bank

Do you know about the Heritage Home Loan Program?

It is a low-interest fixed rate home equity loan for homeowners to affordably maintain and improve their older houses. Currently the rate is 2%...YES ONLY 2%...And the Village of Walton Hills is one of the participating communities. Come to hear how to apply and get all your questions answered.

More info about Heritage can also be found at Heritage's website:

www.heritagehomeprogram.org.

CARD MAKING CLASS

All skill levels welcome! No experience required!

NEW!

Dates: Wednesday, January 31

Time: 6 - 8pm

Fee: \$22.00 - Includes all Supplies

Site: Community Event Center

Registration Required By: January 22

Min: 4, **MAX:** 20

Come join us for a card making class featuring a card kit called "Sentimental Rose" from Stampin' Up! You will go home with 6 cards and envelopes ready to send to family and friends. Lisa Brown has been a Stampin' Up! Demonstrator and leader for 14 years and loves sharing her passion for card making, scrapbooking, and décor making all using SU! products.



For more information, call Lisa at 330-554-2102 or E-Mail CreativeCardCloset@GMail.com.

WANNABE WRITERS PROGRAM

NEW!

Wednesdays/6-Week Program

Dates: January 31 Through 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 6-Week program! This group will use an interactive writing and critiquing format. Short writing exercises followed by a presentation and discussion about writing skill development will be led by resident, Judy Cicero, Ph.D, fiction writer and enthusiast of all genres of creative writing and Author of: "The Extraordinary Magic of Everyday Life", "Do Drop In", "Tate and the Lotus Pond" and "Sour Grapes and Shadow".

For more information, Call Judy at 575-932-9352 or E-Mail JudyCicero21@GMail.com.



MEDICARE CHANGES & COVERAGE FOR 2024

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

First, starting January 1, 2024, once your **out-of-pocket spending for medication** reaches \$8,000, you will automatically get **catastrophic coverage**. This means you will not be responsible for a copayment or coinsurance for covered Part D drugs for the rest of the calendar year.

Also, as began in 2023, Medicare drug plans can't charge more than \$35/month for each **insulin** product Part D covers, and no deductible applies. If you take insulin through a traditional pump, covered under Medicare's durable medical equipment benefit, that insulin is covered under Medicare Part B. You won't pay more than \$35/month and the Medicare deductible no longer applies.

As individuals age, an increased emphasis is placed upon the use of **vaccines** to maintain optimal health. The good news is that Medicare continues to cover the cost of many of these. Therefore, cost should not be a deterrent to getting vaccines to try to maintain good health, if your physician recommends.

Part B covers these vaccines: Flu, Hepatitis B, Pneumonia and Coronavirus (COVID-19). Be sure to bring your Medicare card when you get your vaccines, so your health care provider, or pharmacy, can bill Medicare. If you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan, you must use the card from your plan to get your Medicare-covered services and, like other covered services, your plan may require that you get the vaccine from an in-network provider, to cover the cost. Medicare Part D (your prescription plan) covers: Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), Zoster (shingles), Varicella (chickenpox), RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) and Hepatitis B (for those at lower risk).

As of this time, Medicare is indicating that through December 31, 2024, you can get **telehealth services** at any location in the U.S., including your home. After this period, you must be in an office or medical facility located in a rural area for most telehealth services. However, you'll still be able to get certain Medicare telehealth services without being in a rural health care setting. Talk with your physician to verify if you qualify for these services into 2025.

For those suffering with **chronic pain**, the next Medicare benefit can be life changing. Medicare now covers monthly services to treat chronic pain if you've been living with it for more than 3 months (as confirmed by your physician). Services may include pain assessment, medication management, and care coordination and planning.

On the **mental health** side, Medicare will cover intensive outpatient program services provided by hospitals, community mental health centers, and other locations **if you need mental health care. If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, it may offer extra benefits**, like certain types of mental health counseling not covered by Original Medicare.

On a final note, as insurance changes, always verify coverage in advance. Be a wise consumer.

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.



Calendar of Events

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Village Hall, Recreation & Service Departments Closed 1pm Swearing-in Ceremony	6:30-7:30pm ² Yoga 7pm COW Meeting		1:30pm ⁴ Mayor's Court 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class 6pm Lake Club Meeting		7am ⁶ Trash Pick Up
	11:00am ⁸ 50+ Club Board Meeting	12pm ⁹ AMVETS Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Yoga 7pm COW Meeting	10am ¹⁰ Movies & Munchies 7pm St. Mary's Ladies Guild Meeting	6:30-7:30pm ¹¹ Line Dance Class	7am ¹² Trash Pick Up	
	11:00am ¹⁵ 50+ Club Board Meeting	6:30-7:30pm ¹⁶ Yoga 7pm Council Meeting	11am ¹⁷ Lunch Bunch Bus Trip	1:30pm ¹⁸ Mayor's Court 6pm Lake Club Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class	7am ¹⁹ Trash Pick Up	
		6:30-7:30pm ²³ Yoga		11:15am ²⁵ Senior Lunch 6:30-7:30pm Line Dance Class 6:30-7:30pm Heritage Home Loan Program	7am ²⁶ Trash Pick Up	
		6:30-7:30pm ³⁰ Yoga	11am-NOON ³¹ Wannabe Writers Program 6-8pm Card Making Class	<p>Mah-jongg</p> <p>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](tel: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



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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



University Hospitals
Ahuja Medical Center

3999 Richmond Road, Beachwood



To learn more, make an appointment online or to find a provider near you, visit UHhospitals.org/Ahuja.