

**VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS**  
**COMMUNITY TIME CAPSULE**  
**CLOSING CERAMONIES**

**7:00 pm until 7:30 pm**

**Social time**

**7:30 until 8:00 pm**

**Buffet is served**

**8:00 pm until 8:20 pm**

**Bedford High School Madrigal Singers**

**8:30 pm until 8:50 pm**

**Jean Kainsinger  
Village Historian presentation**

**8:55 pm until 9:20 pm**

**Bill Cottrill – Recognition Ceramonies**  
**Village Administration**  
**Time Capsule Committee**  
**Walton Hills Men's Club**  
**The Owl**  
**Citizens League**  
**Fifty Plus Club – Lovely Cake Donation**  
**Walton Hills Women's Club**

**9:30 pm**

**Ceremonial Closing:**  
**Walton Hills Community Time Capsule:**  
**Marlene B. Anielski – Mayor**  
**Mary T. Dodeci – Council President**  
**William L. Allen - Councilperson**  
**Joseph Gazdik - "**  
**Walter Pracejus - "**  
**Charlene J. Silvestro - Councilwoman**  
**David Washtock - Councilperson**

**Time Capsule Committee:**  
**Charlene J. Silvestro – Chairwoman**  
**William L. Allen – Vice Chairman**  
**David Knapp – Special Projects**  
**Robin Schade – Capsule Archivist**  
**Bill Deak – Committee Member**  
**Bill Cottrill – Committee Member**

**Special Thank you to:**

**Walton Hills Men's Club – Desserts and Beverages**  
**50+ Club – Sheet Cake**  
**Councilwoman Elect – Jackie Vlk Table Centerpieces**  
**Maple Hts. Catering - Buffet**  
**Service Department –Set up and Time Capsule Cart**  
**The Allen Family for all their hard work**  
**Jean Turner and Beryl Johnson special volunteers**

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Speech given by Charlene J. Silvestro  
December 7, 2001

**VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS  
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Good evening ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, I am delighted to be here this evening to celebrate this historical moment.

Starting in January we began celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our wonderful village. We have had twelve months filled with events, community activities, projects and festivals that galvanized and unified our community.

But, the celebration went further. It helped to erase the artificial barriers that separate us, and we joined together to celebrate the commonalities of all our citizens, preserving our memories, contemplating the beauty of each and every day and preparing to launch new dreams to take us to unimagined achievement.

We've passed a milestone; yet there's no reason to say the celebration is over. What we can achieve for a year, we can sustain for a live time. The enthusiasm that was generated during festivities will serve us and future generations as well, as we greet the opportunities and challenges that will be coming our way year by year. We have broken down walls this last year; we have extended our hands, we have extended our hearts.

Just as our society has unearthed time capsules buried years ago, a future generation will open up our time capsule and get a glimpse of what we were like, what we did and what was important to us. Our capsule contains many wonderful things: Documentation about our safety forces "Christmas for Kids" motorcycle rally and gift presentations, fifty years of history for the Men's Club, Women's Club, Chamber of Commerce and 50 Plus Club, Mint Sets of Coins, personal histories of village families; a quilt done by our Nursery School Co-Op., depicting the hands of our future generations, information from some of our local businesses and proclamations starting with our beloved president honoring our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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More than the items you see before you, this time capsule represents the citizens, industry and government coming together to celebrate a future filled with hope. When the citizens of Walton Hills in the year 2051 open up this time capsule, they will discover that we were a people united in pride, expecting the best, confident that prosperity and good fortune touches us all.

Since the first modern time capsule was buried at the site of the 1939 New York World's Fair on September 23, 1938, numerous time capsules have been buried or encased, placed at the foundations of buildings or catapulted into space. And just as it was the intentions of the organizers then to "represent all the enormous variety and vigor of life" and to deposit "information touching upon all the principal categories" of our thoughts, activity and accomplishments; sparing only the angers, bitterness and vengeful intents of the wicked. So too, do we leave reminders today of our life, and times to speak to those who will come behind us to carry on the legacy of the Village of Walton Hills.

Also, please join me in welcoming our honored most distinguished guest of honor Mr. William Cottrill.

Speech given by Charlene J. Silvestro  
Councilwoman  
Time Capsule Closing Ceremony  
December 7, 2001

As we stand here together bathed in the light of the future hopes, dreams and aspirations of our beloved community. Each taking time to reflect on his / her own personal hopes dreams and aspirations.

We bring to a close a moment in time collected for those who go before us. May the light of this moment remain a treasure shared only in each individuals own heart.

With the extinguishing of the flame of the moment, the light of a new beginning arrives.

Gentlemen close the capsule!

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# Village of Walton Hills, Ohio

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December 7, 2001

**Marlene B. Anielski**  
Mayor

Dearest Mayor of 2051,

Past Mayors

Edward L. Thellmann  
1987-2000

William E. Bosway  
1984-1987

Harry A. Mackey, Jr.  
1981-1983

Thomas G. Young  
1958-1981

Ludwig S. Conelly  
1956-1957

George T. Graves  
1954-1955

Virgil D. Allen, Jr.  
1951-1953

Council

Mary T. Dodeci  
*President ProTem*

William L. Allen

Joseph D. Gazdik

Walter J. Pracejus

Charlene J. Silvestro

David G. Washtock

As I write this letter I am reminded of Charles Dickens' classic novel A Tale of Two Cities. It begins – "It was the best of times – It was the worst of times." Somehow, the saying seems to sum up the feelings that I hope to convey in this letter.

On September 11, 2001, our country – indeed the world – suffered a tremendous loss when the World Trade Center towers in New York City were destroyed by a cowardly, terrorist act. That act set off a chain of events that seeks to ferret out and destroy terrorists and their supporters worldwide. Virtually every country in the world except Afghanistan has expressed support for eradicating terrorism and terrorists. Afghanistan has willingly been harboring Osama bin Laden, the reputed mastermind of the September 11<sup>th</sup> event, and they are now paying a price as a multi-national military force seeks to bring him and his supporters to justice. The final chapter in this endeavor is not likely to be written for some time, but I hope you find through your reading of history that the world has become a much better place as a consequence of this terrible act.

On a much happier note, I bring you heartfelt greetings on behalf of all Village residents in the year 2001. As you know, early in 2001 the Village reached its 50<sup>th</sup> year milestone. The occasion was celebrated throughout the year with a series of events, culminating with the closing of the time capsule into which this letter was placed. I have to chuckle, somewhat, because there have been more than a few communities in the news that dutifully buried a time capsule in the past and then couldn't find it at the appointed date in the future. If you are reading this letter then I trust our time capsule has fared well since it is not being buried, but instead it is planned on being on display in the Village Hall.

Walton Hills is a wonderful place to live and to raise a family. It is a veritable oasis in the midst of the hustle and bustle brought about by commercial and industrial property usage as well as communities with much denser zoning provisions. I sincerely hope that we, and our successors, have preserved for you the charm and character of the Village. Walton Hills enjoys its country atmosphere to this date as a result of the foresight of its early leaders and through careful nurturing by its elected officials throughout the years.

Certainly, our Village has faced, and most probably continues to face, challenges. Cyclical economic challenges have been part of virtually every community's history. Our country has been in a recession since March of 2001, and we are



Mayor of 2051  
December 7, 2001  
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feeling its effects in the form of reduced revenues from business and payroll taxes. Here again, however, planning a balance between commerce and comfortable living standards together with prudent fiscal management by our forefathers has resulted in a modest financial cushion that will assist us in meeting these challenges. There will be many important decisions made, but I trust you found that our elected officials have been up to the task.

One of the longest lasting challenges, and one that has divided our residents for many years is: What to do about the deer? Some residents find them to be a nuisance and favor culling, while others appreciate them as part of the fabric of a rural community. A recent count by the Cleveland MetroParks indicates that there are approximately 693 deer in the Village. As more and more property around and within the Village is developed, those deer are compressed into ever-smaller areas. I wish that I could ask you how that issue was resolved – or has it been?

In the November 6, 2001 General Election, Village electors chose three new Council Persons to represent them. These individuals are Dave Knapp, George Main, and Jackie Vlk. Of the three remaining Council Members, our current Council President Pro-Tem Mary Dodeci has six years' experience, Charlene Silvestro has two years' experience, and William Allen has approximately one and one-half years' experience. The electors also chose me to serve as the Village's Mayor for the unexpired term of former Mayor Edward L. Thellmann. Former Mayor Thellmann resigned in November of 2000 due to health considerations. As Council President Pro-Tem, when Mayor Thellmann resigned, I automatically succeeded him and became the Village's eighth Mayor, as well as its first female Mayor.

I believe that I speak for all of the Village's elected individuals when I say that we eagerly anticipate the challenges that lie ahead. While we do not expect to agree on every issue, we recognize that debate and respectful dissension are a healthy exercise of the democratic process that has made our country, and this community, great.

I wish you peace, health and happiness on this day and all the days that lie ahead. May you, Council and the Administration have great wisdom to lead this wonderful community today and successfully into the future. God bless you, God bless the Village of Walton Hills, and GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Warmest personal regards,



Mayor Marlene B. Anielski

MBA;jcn

Enc: 2000 Annual Report



Above, the Walton Hills community room was filled for the Dec. 7 closing of the village's 50th anniversary time capsule. Right, the audience was treated to a lesson from Jean Kainsinger, village historian.

*As we stand here together bathed in the light of the future hopes, dreams and aspirations of our beloved community. Each taking time to reflect on his or her own personal hopes, dreams and aspirations.*

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*-Charlene Silvestro's speech at the closing of the Walton Hills 50th anniversary time capsule*



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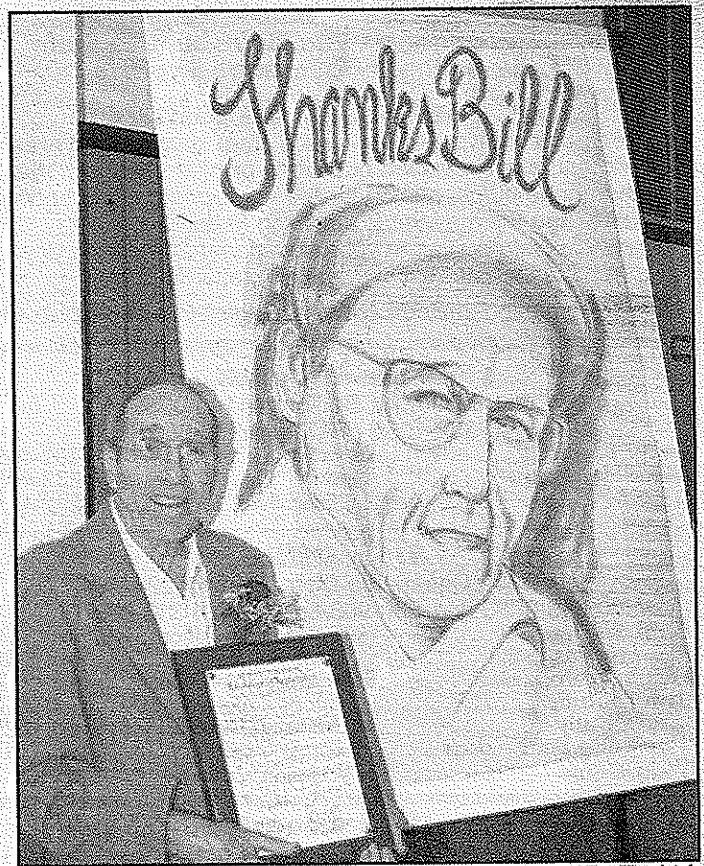
## A time to remember

*Walton Hills closed its first 50 years of history by sealing a time capsule last Friday.*



*We bring to a close a moment in time collected for those who go before us.*

*Charlene Silvestro,  
Walton Hills time capsule committee chairperson*



*RPC Photos / Pat Hendrick*

**At top, Charlene Silvestro, time capsule committee chair, gave a short speech at the closing of the capsule. Above, Bill Cottrill, the editor of the community newsletter the Walton Hills Owl, was honored for his long service to the village. For more pictures, see Page 13.**

Historical Center's  
Entry to  
Time Capsule



Title Page

This is a copy of the  
Cover Page  
for the Historical Center's  
notebook  
which is in the  
Walton Hills Year 2001  
Time Capsule

Founded as Walton Hills Village  
Fifty years ago  
May the community spirit  
Flourish and continue to grow.

Walton Hills is the special place where we chose to make our homes and raise our families. We were attracted by the beauty of its terrain -- the hills, dales, and streams. The wholesome country atmosphere and generous lot sizes helped us decide this is where we wanted to establish roots.

The following selection of glimpses of local history was compiled with the hope that the reader will gain additional knowledge of what came before and thus have a deeper understanding of the community's heritage.

Look to the Past to Protect the Future.

Through the continued efforts of dedicated and involved villagers, our descendants can also look forward to sharing a bright future in this fine community.

Bob and Jean Kainsinger  
October, 2001

written by J. & B. Kainsinger

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Time Capsule

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In the year 2001 we, the residents of the Village of Walton Hills, celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Incorporation of our community.

Compiling material for a Year 2001 Time Capsule to be opened by people living in the village fifty years in the future was one of the major projects undertaken during our 50th anniversary year.

It is our hope that you who reside in the Village of Walton Hills in the Year 2051 will find the material in this Time Capsule interesting, informative and stimulating.

The Year 2001 Time Capsule project was spearheaded by Councilwoman Charlene Silvestro.

Assisting Mrs. Silvestro were Committee Members:

William Allen, Councilman  
William Cottrill  
William Deak  
Dave Knapp  
Robin Schade  
Ray Silvestro

The Year 2001 Time Capsule was supported by Mayor and Council:

Marlene Anielski, Mayor  
Mary Dodeci, Council President  
William Allen, Councilman  
Joseph Gazdik, Councilman  
Walter Pracejus, Councilman  
Charlene Silvestro, Councilwoman  
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# The WALTON HILLS HISTORICAL RESOURCE CENTER



is open  
**MONDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2008**  
1 – 3 pm and 7 – 8:30 pm  
Village Hall Community Room



## – Origins of Our Village Historical Center –

In the mid 1930s Brigadier General L. S. Conelly, a Realtor who had offices in Bedford, Maple Heights and Garfield Heights at that time, realized a business opportunity in our area of Bedford Township. Along Walton and Egbert Roads hundreds of acres of old farm fields sat idle. Conelly's idea was to subdivide the properties into large lots and help the land owners sell off their acreage not to farmers, but to city folks who wanted to build houses in a country atmosphere. Conelly started a file called "Walton Hills."

During the next 30 years Conelly amassed a comprehensive collection of reading material about the "Walton Hills" section of Bedford Township. He saved news articles and feature stories that appeared in *The Cleveland Press*, *The Cleveland News*, *The Plain Dealer* and *Bedford Times-Register*, his Conelly Realty fliers, letters and papers and Don Flora's 1956 aerial photos of sections of Walton Hills.

Conelly's file included the weekly "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" columns that appeared in the *Bedford Times-Register* from 1949-1963. These unique and lengthy articles documented the lives of villagers during those years. They were written by a succession of four local residents, all under the byline "Country Jane." Florence Wagner from 1949-1955, Ruth Marquardt from 1955-1958, Helen Laing in 1959 and Georgia Pace from 1960-1963.

Shortly before he died in 1963, Conelly handed over his collection to his friend Betty Walton, the wife of our first Police Chief Sterling Walton. Betty not only put the papers in a scrapbook, she donated Jefferson Walton's Civil War Discharge Paper and other Walton family relics and continued to collect pertinent material. In 1980 she turned everything over to Joe Mazzone, and he too continued to add items of local interest. In 1985 Virginia Mazzone, Joe's widow, gave the scrapbooks to Jean and Bob Kainsinger for safe-keeping, and the collection kept growing. The few villagers who knew about this unique collection of historic local items felt the papers should be stored in a public place, readily accessible to everyone.

Our current Village Hall Community Room, completed in 1972, has narrow hand-crafted showcases and deep hand-crafted cabinets. For the first 16 years the showcases were not used and the cabinets held an add assortment of trophies. In 1988 a Council committee asked Jean Kainsinger to decorate and fill-up the show cases and cabinets with items of local interest. Bob and Jean Kainsinger transferred the scrapbook material into acid-free pages, assembled them into 4 albums, and donated the collection to the Village. The historic items were finally on display in a public place.

With approval from the Village, the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center became a reality in 1999. Ever since, a small group of volunteers staff the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center. Residents continue to donate photos, letters, articles, old maps and other relics to the Historical Center, and today the Community Room show cases and cabinets are packed.



# Origins of the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center

1. Beginning in the 1930s, L. S. Conelly, a local Realtor-Developer, started a collection of articles, fliers and photos that related to the "Walton Hills" part of Bedford Township.
2. Years later L. S. Conelly gave the materials to Betty Walton of Walton Road.  
Betty Walton put the papers in a scrapbook, and continued collecting material.
3. In 1980 Betty Walton turned everything over to Joe Mazzone of Carmany Drive.
4. In 1985 Virginia Mazzone, Joe Mazzone's widow, gave the scrapbook to Jean and Bob Kainsinger of 18955 Orchard Hill Drive.
5. The "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane" Articles:  
From 1949 through 1963 there was a weekly column in the *Bedford Times Register* called "Up in Walton Hills with Country Jane."  
The articles were written by 4 Walton Hills women, all under the byline "Country Jane."  
They were Florence (Armin) Wagner of 7450 McLellan Drive, Ruth Marquardt of Alexander Road, Helen (Jack) Laing of 160 Walton Road and Georgia (Ben) Pace of 17836 South Meadowpark Drive.  
Their years of writing the articles: Florence Wagner 1949-1955 Ruth Marquardt 1955-1958  
Helen Laing 1959 Georgia Pace 1960-1963
6. The current Village Hall Community Room, which was completed in 1972, has shallow hand-crafted show cases and deep hand-crafted cabinets. For the first 16 years, the show cases were empty and the cabinets held a few trophies.
7. When Bob Kainsinger was in Council, the 12 years from 1988 through 1999, he asked Jean to decorate and fill-up the Community Room show cases and cabinets with items of local interest.
8. The Kainsingers transferred the scrapbook material into acid-free pages, assembled them into "Up in Walton Hills" albums, and put them in the Community Room cabinets.  
The albums include additional newspaper articles and photos that were contributed by several residents.
9. In 1999 the Kainsingers officially turned over the collection of material to the village.
10. With approval from the Village, the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center became a reality.
11. Volunteers Jean Kainsinger and Ruth Money of 7075 Walton Road volunteered to co-chair the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center and through their joint efforts during the past years, the Walton Hills Historical Resource Center has grown from 4 albums to over-flow.