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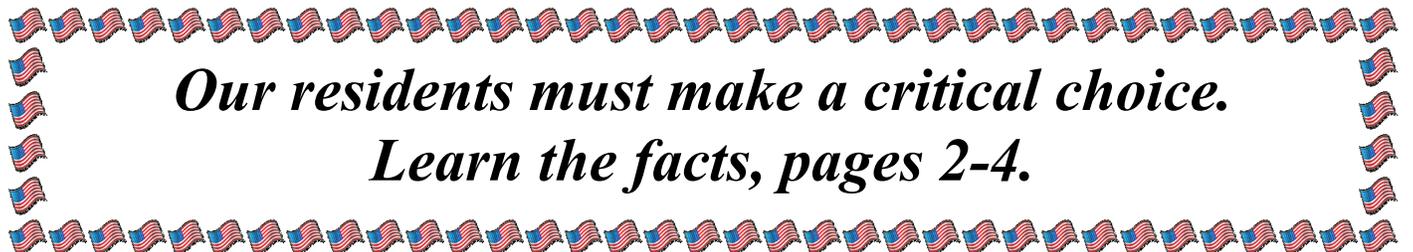
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*Our residents must make a critical choice.
Learn the facts, pages 2-4.*

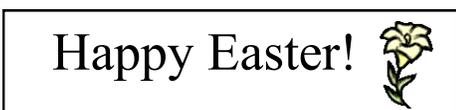
Dear Neighbors and Friends:

Please take the time to review all of the information provided in this issue of the *Walton Hills Journal*. We have and will continue to provide factual information about our daily operations. We will also be placing a link on our website which will provide all of the information you will need to make an informed decision about the .5% earned income tax increase that will be on the May 7th ballot. The link will simply say "Protect Our Quality of Life - May 7 - Village of Walton Hills."

My administration is dedicated to being open, honest and transparent. Our intention is to inform our residents about the current fiscal state of the Village and the options we face as a community. We are here to serve and protect our residents and our Village and we will do whatever is needed to "protect our quality of life."

Kevin Hurst

Mayor/Safety/Economic Development Director



Village of Walton Hills: Protect our Quality of Life

The Village of Walton Hills is dedicated to being open, honest and transparent. Our intention is to inform our residents regarding the current fiscal state of the Village and the options we face as a community.

On Tuesday, May 7, residents of Walton Hills will determine the future of our Village by voting on a .5% earned income tax issue.

If it passes, the additional earned income tax revenue would allow the Village to maintain its current services and programs while making improvements to our roads and infrastructure.

If it fails, many services will be eliminated and the Village of Walton Hills faces the possibility of merging with other communities for recreational programs.

The Village has explored a number of options for increasing revenue, and the .5% earned income tax is the best solution for residents and the Village alike.

Fiscal Accountability and Discipline: Background Information

- The Village of Walton Hills is currently operating with a 2% earned income tax rate.
- At .30 mills, the Village of Walton Hills has the lowest property tax millage rate in the County.
- Severe state revenue sharing cuts, plus the loss of significant tax revenue, has led to the need for additional funds to maintain safety services.
- To date, the Village of Walton Hills has cut almost \$900,000 from its budget, including the reduction of fulltime staff from 35 to 24 employees.

Village of Walton Hills: Protect our Quality of Life

Current Economic Environment

The Village has two options:

1. Generate new revenue to support services.
2. Significantly reduce services.



An Earned Income Tax:

What IS Taxed?	What IS NOT Taxed?
• Wages	• Interest
• Tips	• Dividends
• Self-employed earnings	• Capital gains
• Partnership income	• Pensions
• Rental income	• Annuity income
• Business net profits	• Unemployment
	• Income from estates
	• Social Security benefits

Possible .5% Earned Income Tax Increase

- The .5% increase would cost someone earning \$50,000 per year approximately \$20.80 per month.
- The added tax would generate approximately \$875,000 for the Village annually.
- 81% of the new tax dollars would be paid by businesses and those employees who work in Walton Hills.
- Only those residents working in Walton Hills or working in a city with a tax rate less than 2.5% would be affected.

Village of Walton Hills: Protect our Quality of Life

If It Passes:

- Safety services (police, fire, EMS) will remain the same.
- Repairs and improvements to public infrastructure, such as sewer lines, water lines, pavements and culverts, will be made.
- The Village will make improvements to Sagamore Road and repair all of the secondary roads.
- General maintenance, including snow plowing and salting all Village roadways, will remain at current levels.
- Capital repairs and improvement projects will be funded.

If It Fails:

- All planned road improvement projects will be suspended.
- Many services currently provided at no cost will be eliminated or assessed:
 - ◊ Brush chipping = eliminated
 - ◊ Leaf pickup = eliminated
 - ◊ Waste collection = assessed at \$180 annually
- Snow and ice control will be reduced.
- Village roads, equipment and infrastructure will continue to deteriorate.
- All senior and recreation programs will be eliminated or merged with other communities.
- An Inside Millage Committee will be created:
 - ◊ The Village property tax is presently 0.3% (lowest in Cuyahoga County).
 - ◊ The Village may raise the property tax without a resident vote to 3.88 mills. If you own a \$150,000 home, this would increase your property tax from \$13.78 per year to approximately \$178 per year.
 - ◊ The committee would investigate this necessity.

March Recreation News



Carol Stanoszek, Recreation Director

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Event: BASEBALL/PARKER REGISTRATION

Date: Saturday, March 2nd

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Date: Thursday, March 7th
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Site: Community Room

Note: Registration on the above dates guarantees your child a spot on a team. **Final registration deadline is April 1st.** Call 440.786.2964 if you have any questions.



Event: CAROL'S BOOKWORMS

Date: Monday, March 25th

Time: 7 p.m.

Site: Community Room

Cost: Please bring cereal for our food pantry

Note: Book to be announced. Please join us! We are book lovers who love to talk about books!



Event: SENIOR LUNCH

Date: Monday, March 25th

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Site: Community Room

Cost: \$7.00 per person

Note: This lunch is sponsored by Walton Manor. Please sign up by March 20th.



Event: WEST SIDE MARKET

Date: Wednesday, March 27th

Time: Leave Village Hall at 11 a.m.

Site: Downtown Cleveland

Cost: \$2.00 for transportation. Bring money for lunch.

Note: Restaurant to be announced. Sign up early, only 20 seats available!



SUMMER COUNSELOR JOBS

Applications will be accepted for counselors for the 2013 Parker Program until April 8th. Forms are available on the Village website or at the Village Hall. Applicants must be 17 years of age and able to work Monday through Thursday and some weekends and evenings. They must be willing to work outdoors at our beautiful T.G. Young Park. They must love children and be respectful of both adults and children. In addition, they must like to play sports!



Thank You Carol James Florist!



Our most sincere appreciation is extended to Carol James Florist, located at 451 Broadway Avenue in Bedford, for donating a beautiful floral arrangement for display in the Village Hall lobby every week. Please patronize this wonderful florist! Their phone number is 440.786.1811.

Baseball Commissioner Needed

We are in need of a Baseball Commissioner for the upcoming baseball/softball/T-ball season. Applicant must be available to work afternoons, evenings, and weekends. They must be willing to work with parents, coaches and umpires. Applications must be turned in by March 21st. Interviews will take place the last week in March.





Walton Hills Police Department Information



Kenn Thellmann, Chief of Police / March 2013

For those of you who didn't notice the bright yellow flashing glow on Alexander Road in the early morning and mid afternoon hours, there are now flashing lights for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Middle School located at 14600 Alexander Road. The school zone lights begin flashing at 8 AM during school days for approximately 1.5 hours and then will come back on at 2 PM for approximately another 1.5 hours to ensure the safety of the students leaving the school. The lights were ordered and purchased by the Police Department and will be maintained by our Service Department. The lights are solar powered which run at no electrical or additional costs to the Village. Increased truck and tractor trailer traffic on Alexander Road due to the bridge over the canal in Valley View being weight restricted and slated for replacement or repair in the future was one of the many deciding factors for the installation of the flashing lights.

Please be mindful of your speed. While the lights are flashing, the speed limit is 20 mph. However, during school hours there may still be students exiting the school and you will need to pay extra attention.

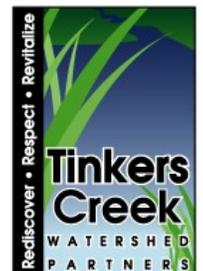


Planting Trees to Protect Tinker's Creek!

The problem is polluted stormwater runoff. Trees provide more than just shade and habitat in your yard...they can also help protect our water resources! During rain events, pollutants such as fertilizers and pesticides applied in excess of suggested rates, slow drips of oil from cars, and trash are washed away and carried to the closest storm drain, creating polluted stormwater runoff. Unlike our sanitary sewers, what goes into our storm drains is not treated and eventually will empty into a local stream, river or lake. Also, fast moving stormwater can destroy habitats along stream banks and the resulting sediment further destroys habitats by smothering the bottom layer of rocks in streams, rivers and lakes. Pollution and debris in stormwater not only limit the amount of aquatic life that can survive, but it can be costly to clean water resources for drinking and recreation.

Planting trees is part of the solution to reduce the negative impacts of stormwater to our local streams, rivers or lakes. Below are a several benefits of trees to water quality:

- Urban forests can reduce annual stormwater runoff by 2–7 percent.
- A mature tree can store 50 to 100 gallons of water during large storms.
- Trees improve rainwater infiltration into the soil, which filters out impurities and reduces the amount of pollutants that reach streams.
- Trees provide habitat for hundreds of wildlife species.
- Shaded surfaces may be 20–45°F cooler than the peak temperatures of similar un-shaded surfaces.



Visit www.tinkerscreekwatershed.org to find more ways to protect water resources in the Tinker's Creek watershed.

SPOTLIGHT ON INTIGRAL, INC.

One of the many threads in the fabric of our Village

Intigral, Inc., located at 7850 Northfield Road in Walton Hills, is the fenestration industry's fully integrated insulating glass resource. They fabricate and deliver insulating glass (IG) units and monolithic glass products to the vast majority of window and door manufacturers within a 250 mile radius of Walton Hills. Their independence from suppliers in the industry makes them able to independently source the best products available in the industry today. They also investigate new products and technology and manage the production challenges that come with them.

The company was started in 1987 as Edge Seal Technologies by Edmund Leopold and Dick Dietrich. The founders are still with the company, which became known as Intigral, Inc. on September 20, 2007. The facility in Walton Hills is the company's headquarters. Their Walton Hills employment numbers fluctuate with seasonality, peaking at 170. They also have a manufacturing plant in Austintown, Ohio.

Intigral's philosophy centers on three "I's" – Innovating, Integrating, and Insulating Glass. They are pioneers in insulating glass designed to promote energy efficiency, environmental stewardship and improved living spaces. Innovating and integrating are two differentiators for them in the industry. Innovations credited to Intigral and their founders include inventing the first horizontal hot melt IG fabrication line and the first high volume IG equipment (still an industry standard); creating the first cutting system for optimizing and cutting single strength glass for residential window manufacturers; creating the first integrated software system with proprietary I.P. for residential vinyl and aluminum window manufacturing (still an industry standard); developing a revolutionary and proprietary IG unit cooling conveyor; and proprietary scheduling software. They pride themselves on elevating "Integration" efforts to function seamlessly with their customers' manufacturing software systems, schedules, processes, and production lines. It would be difficult to find a similar company that offers the same level of innovation and systems integration. They offer three closely integrated sourcing programs to benefit their customers - Selective Sourcing, OutSourcing and InSourcing. With Selective Sourcing, their customers fabricate basic IG units in their own facility and source the rest from Intigral. With OutSourcing, Intigral fabricates and delivers the IG, sequenced for production, so they don't have to set aside space and resources for in-house glass fabrication. With InSourcing, Intigral produces glass for a company on site at the company's facility.

Intigral helps their customers address the latest industry and governmental standards such as Energy Star and NFRC through technical process and product consultation. They consult regarding all criteria

changes and provide them with possible options. Intigral actively stays current with ever-changing standards and developments and keep their customers informed as they occur.

Intigral's goal is to be known and recognized as a leader in the industry for operational excellence and an unsurpassed customer experience. To learn more about Intigral, visit their website at www.intigral.com.



Service Department Update

Dan Stucky, Service Director

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Disposal of Latex Paint - The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District **does not** accept latex paint in the *Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program*. Latex paint (a.k.a. water-based, acrylic, or emulsion paint) is not a hazardous material and is safe to dispose of with your household trash. The paint must be dried out before you put it in the trash.



To Solidify Latex Paint:

Option 1: Air dry. Allow the paint to dry by removing the lid and allowing liquids to evaporate. This works well for small quantities of paint (an inch or two in the bottom of the can) and can take several days.

Option 2: Use a drying agent. Mix in an equal amount of an absorbent material and allow to dry. Use cat litter, sawdust, plaster of Paris, Oil-dri, or waste paint hardeners found at home improvement centers.

Option 3: Pour thick layers (about 1" of paint) into a cardboard box lined with plastic. Allow the paint to dry one layer at a time until all paint has hardened.

Once the paint is thoroughly dry, the hardened paint may be discarded with your regular trash. Leave the lid off the can so the waste collector can see the paint is hardened and place it in a regular black garbage bag. Place the bag in your regular trash pick-up.

DO NOT dump the paint on the ground or down storm drains where it will travel directly to surface and/or ground water.

DO NOT pour paint down the drain.

DO NOT through liquid paint in the regular trash. Leaking paint spills out of waste collection vehicles onto city streets making an unsightly mess that is very difficult to clean up.

Do You Want the Blueprints of Your House? The Village Hall has the blueprints of several, but not all, homes in the Village. According to current record retention regulations, blueprints no longer need to be retained at the Village Hall. If you are interested in receiving your plans, you must first call Lisa Canzoni (440.232.7800) by April 30th to determine if they are available. If they are, she will inform you when you may pick them up.



Senior/Handicapped Resident Lawn Care Program

At press time, the Senior or Handicapped Resident Lawn Care Program was out for bids. Therefore, we could not provide information on the cost of the program. If you are interested in signing up this year, please call the Village Hall or check the Village website after March 1st. The cost of signing up for the program and an application will be available at that time.



Mark the Date! Paper Shredding

Saturday, May 11th
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Walton Hills Village Hall

Please bring along a paper product for our food pantry. Without a donation, the cost will be \$5 for Walton Hills residents and \$10 for Walton Hills businesses.

LEGISLATION UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED AT THE 2.12.13 SPECIAL COUNCIL MTG.

The minutes from the meetings are available in their entirety on the Village website

Resolution 2013-1, authorizes the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Senior or Handicapped Resident Lawn Care Program.

LEGISLATION UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED AT THE 2.19.13 REGULAR COUNCIL MTG.

Ordinance 2013-2, establishes the position and compensation for the Auxiliary Police Officer and Auxiliary Police Sergeant in Chapter 260 of the Codified Ordinances.

Ordinance 2013-3, makes texting while driving a primary offense in Walton Hills.

Ordinance 2013-4, imposes certain safeguards protecting the expenditure of Village revenue; requires Council’s approval of expenditures over \$25,000.

Ordinance 2013-5, adopts Codified Ordinance sections relating to the position of Police Captain.

Ordinance 2013-6, creates Section 242.29 of the Codified Ordinances establishing an Auxiliary Police Force.

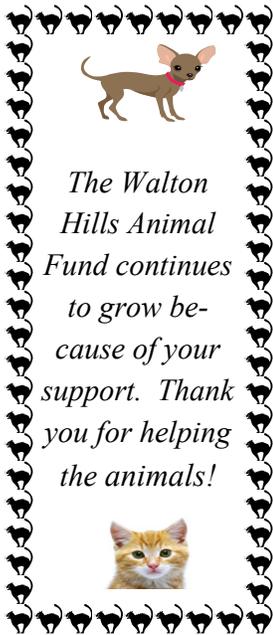
Ordinance 2013-7, approves the editing, inclusion, adoption and publication of new material for the Village’s Codified Ordinances and repeals conflicting ordinances and resolutions.

Ordinance 2013-8, approves certain remuneration due the Police Chief and Captain

Resolution 2013-2, approves the lot split at 7677 Dunham Road.

2013 Council Committees

<u>Committee of the Whole</u>	All Council members
<u>Economic Development</u>	Paul Rich, Chair; Mary Brenner, Denny Linville
<u>Finance</u>	Denny Linville, Chair; All Council members
<u>Information</u>	Gloria Terlosky, Chair; Denny Linville, Paul Rich
<u>Infrastructure</u>	Brian Spitznagel, Chair; Paul Rich, Don Kolograf
<u>Recreation/Community Life</u>	Mary Brenner, Chair; Brian Spitznagel, Gloria Terlosky
<u>Safety and Insurance</u>	Don Kolograf, Chair; Denny Linville, Brian Spitznagel
<u>Education</u>	Brian Spitznagel, Chair; Paul Rich, Denny Linville





The Walton Hills Animal Fund continues to grow because of your support. Thank you for helping the animals!



Auditor of State’s Fraud Reporting System

The Ohio Auditor of State’s office maintains a system for the reporting of fraud, including misuse of public money by any official or office. The system allows all Ohio citizens the opportunity to make anonymous complaints through a toll free number, the Auditor of State’s website, or through the U.S. Mail.

US Mail: Ohio Auditor of State’s Office
Special Investigations Unit
88 East Broad Street
P.O. Box 1140
Columbus, OH 43215

Telephone: 1-866-FRAUD OH
(1.866.372.8364)
Website: www.ohioauditor.gov





EDUCATION ALTERNATIVES

John Paul II Academy



The mission of John Paul II Academy, located at 10608 Penfield Avenue in Garfield Heights, is to partner with families to provide a faith-centered Catholic education rooted in the Gospel message of love, service, and respect. Their focus is on working together as a team to integrate faith formation with high academic standards.

To ensure the continuance of quality Catholic education, Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Therese Schools united to form John Paul II Academy and opened as a merged school in August 2007. They are accredited by the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association and hold a valid charter from the State of Ohio.

John Paul II Academy serves 211 students from Pre-Kindergarten to grade eight. They welcome children of all faiths, but all students must participate in daily Catholic religion classes and attend mass once a week. Their students come primarily from Garfield Heights, but many students attend from surrounding communities. They have small class sizes, averaging 21 students.

John Paul II Academy's academic program encompasses all curricular areas and stresses the basics in the core content areas. Enrichment opportunities in reading and mathematics are also provided. They have state certified/licensed teachers for music, art, health and physical education, technology and Spanish. Students in grades four through eight are required to study Spanish, which includes the use of a Rosetta Stone Program in their computer lab. The lab comprises the base of the academy's technology education program. Computer education is integrated into the curriculum of preschool through eighth grade to provide students with necessary technical skills. Students are instructed to use a multitude of programs on the eMac computers in the lab. Internet access, supported by a secure firewall protected server, is accessible throughout the school and students can access their work off the server from computers in both the lab and in their classrooms. The fine arts program includes formal lessons in art and music, seasonal religious plays, Christmas and spring concerts, Kids' Art Kart with Jennings Hall residents, and an advanced art program for qualifying students.

The primary focus of the religious education program is to provide an environment based on Gospel values where students can grow as members of the faith community. Prayer, sacraments, Liturgies, and seasonal devotional services are incorporated into the academy day. Students in grades 6 through 8 are required to earn five service hours each quarter.

John Paul II Academy offers a variety of co-curricular activities for student enrichment, including: Science Olympiad (grades 5-6), Student Council (grades 4-8), SHARE (a program that involves some of the 8th grade students and residents at Jennings Center for Older Adults), choir (grades 5-8), Fitness Club (grades 6-8), Arts and Crafts Club (grades 5-6), school yearbook; CYO sports program; Boy, Cub, Daisy, Brownies and Girl Scouting programs; teacher and peer tutoring; and Junior Achievement Program.

Registration for students attending John Paul II Academy begins in January and continues through the spring. Families interested in receiving a personal tour of the academy are invited to call the academy secretary, Mrs. Patterson at 216.581.3080. When the necessary information is in place, Principal Chris Lackney will set up an appointment for a tour of the school.

Flashback 35 Years to 1978

Economy

President	Jimmy Carter	
Vice President	Walter Mondale	
Population	222,584,545	
Federal debt	\$776.6 billion	
Inflation	12.4%	
Unemployment	7.1%	
Cost of a new home:	\$62,500	
First-class stamp	\$.13; \$.15 as of 5.29.78	
Gallon of regular gas	\$0.63	
Dozen eggs	\$0.82	
Gallon of milk	\$1.71	



Music

Album of the Year	Saturday Night Fever
Record of the Year	Just the Way You Are, Billy Joel
Best New Artist	A Taste of Honey
Billboard Top Songs	We are the Champions - Queen
	Hot Child in the City - Nick Gilder
	It's a Heartache - Bonnie Tyler
	Take a Chance on Me - Abba



Movies

Top Money Makers	Grease
	Animal House
	Superman
	Jaws 2
	Halloween
Best Picture	The Deer Hunter
Best Actor	Jon Voight, Coming Home
Best Actress	Jane Fonda, Coming Home



Television

Top TV favorites	Laverne and Shirley
	Three's Company
	Mork and Mindy
	Happy Days
	The Ropers
Best Comedy	Taxi
Best Drama	Lou Grant



Books



Fiction Best Seller	Chesapeake, James Michener
Non-Fiction Best Seller	If Life is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits? Erma Bombeck
Pulitzer Fiction	Elbow Room, James McPherson
Pulitzer Non-fiction	Dragons of Eden, Carl Sagan

Sports

Super Bowl XIII	Pittsburgh Steelers - 35	
	Dallas Cowboys - 31	
Pro MVP	Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, QB	
	Earl Campbell, Houston, RB	
College Football Heisman Trophy	Alabama Crimson Tide	
	Billy Sims, Oklahoma, RB	
NBA Champions	Washington Bullets over Seattle SuperSonics 4-3	
NBA MVP	Bill Walton, Portland	
World Series Champs	New York Yankees over L.A. Dodgers 4-2	
National Lge. MVP	Dave Parker, Pittsburgh Pirates	
American Lge. MVP	Jim Rice, Boston Red Socks	

In the Village of Walton Hills

Mayor	Thomas Young	
Council Pres. Pro Tem	Harry Mackey, Jr.	
Council Members	William Bosway	
	Nicholas Dancull	
	Richard Hopkins	
	James Podojil	
	Joseph Tomcik	



Walton Hills Club Presidents

50 Plus Club	Sylvia McLean
Men's Club	James Podojil (January-August) Thomas Fiore (Sept. - Dec.)
Women's Club	Jean Loreta (January - May) Betty Phan (June - Dec.)



MARCH 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>For the most up-to-date info, call the Village Voice Info Line: 440.735-5001 Option 5</p>	<p>Extra copies of the Walton Hills Journal are available at the Village Hall</p>				1	2 Baseball and Parker Registration 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 
3	4 Blood Drive 2 to 6 p.m. 	5 COW Mtg. 6 p.m.	6	7 Baseball and Parker Registration 6:30-8:30 p.m. 	8	9
10	11 50 + Club Board Mtg. 10 a.m. Historical Center 1-3 & 7-8:30 p.m. Women's Club Board Mtg. 7 p.m.	12 COW Mtg. 6 p.m.	13 Citizens' League Mtg. 7 p.m.	14 Mayor's Court 4 p.m. 	15	16
17	18 50 Plus Club Mtg. 1 p.m. Women's Club Night Crafters 7 p.m.	19 Council Caucus/ Council Mtg. 6 p.m.	20 Antique Auto Club of America Mtg. 7 p.m. 	21	22	23
24	25 Senior Lunch 11:30 a.m.  Carol's Bookworms 7 p.m. 	26	27  West Side Market Trip 11 a.m. Women's Club Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	28 Mayor's Court 4 p.m. 	29	30
31 Happy Easter! 						

Women's Exercise Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Weight Watchers Meetings - Thursdays from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. in the Community Room

Men's Pick-up Basketball—Wednesdays thru 3/27 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Walton Hills Church of Christ

Mahjongg - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Walton Hills Church of Christ

Knit-Wits 2 Needles - Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Walton Hills Church of Christ