



From the Village Manager’s Desk

To Our Residents and Businesses,

All of us at the Village of Woodlawn hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season. As 2024 begins we are excited to continue our momentum from 2023.

I want to begin by thanking our Public Works crew for their efforts to keep the roads clear of ice the past few weeks. While there hasn’t been a lot of icy weather; the team has come in the past few weekends at early hours to make sure the roads were treated and that our residents, businesses, and others that traverse our Village could do so safely. Unlike our safety services teams, Public Works is not a 24/7 group; they work regular weekday hours. Any time the Public Works team spends on the roads during winter evenings and weekends takes away from their family time and we appreciate their commitment to the Village.

Please note that the Village Council voted to establish a school zone on Glendale Milford and Chester Road as a safety measure for students attending IDEA Academy (the old Brown Mackie Building). Soon the appropriate school zone signage and lights will be installed, and our Village Police Department will enforce the speed. Please be cognizant of this change as you travel Glendale Milford and Chester Road during restricted hours.

The Village is hosting Neighborhood Allies at the Village of Woodlawn Recreations Center the second Friday of each month at 11 o’clock.

Neighborhood Allies is a non-for-profit organization that bridges the gap between government services and those in need. The group assists individuals in finding assistance services as well as obtaining and filling out the appropriate documents. Neighborhood Allies also offers assistance with record expungement, obtaining State ID’s, registering to vote, and mental health services. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please feel free to visit the Woodlawn Recreations Center on the second Friday of any month or contact Neighborhood Allies at 513-823-3448 or Neighborhoodallies513@gmail.com. Please note that Neighborhood Allies serves all of Hamilton County and all services provided by Neighborhood Allies are free.

The Village paused the improvements to Ronnie Road and Woodstock Drive for the winter. While we had hoped to complete the project before winter, additional work was added to the project and the cold weather made it impossible to complete the final tasks including the addition of the final layer of asphalt. The project will recommence in the spring when the weather is a little warmer and we all look forward to its completion in 2024. We want to thank all the residents of Ronnie and Woodstock for their continued patience; construction is never convenient, and they’ve been most gracious through this process.

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Per Ohio Admin Code 718.08 Village residents must make estimated income tax payment to the Village of Woodlawn if they believe their tax liability will exceed \$200 in a year.

**Please contact RITA at 1-800-860-7482**

to set up income invoicing to avoid any potential tax penalties related to estimated payments.

**<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-718.08>**

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**Phone Numbers:**

Municipal Bldg. 513-771-6130

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Police Dept. 513-771-8480

Fire Dept. 513-771-0233

Public Works 513-771-6130

Recreation 513-771-7713

The improvements to Ronnie and Woodstock have been made possible by the 0.3% income tax the Village residents voted for in 2018. This income tax expired on December 31 of 2023 and was replaced with a new 0.3% income tax passed by the Village residents as part of the 2023 election. This new tax will last for five years and will continue to fund road improvements but can also be used for new sidewalk improvements. This change allows the Village to better pursue grants for capital improvements from State and Federal Agencies as both generally require (or strongly recommend) that local funds match any grant funds at a rate of ten to thirty percent of the grant award amount.

**Below is a summary of expenditures related to the road tax by year.**

Expenditure	Amount
Sheffield Road Repair	\$ 37,000.00
Shady Lane	\$ 300,463.33
Riddle Road Repair	\$ 185,678.52
Chester Road Repair	\$ 153,026.59
Jones Alley Repair	\$ 10,073.75
Grove Ave. Repair	\$ 20,750.00
Misc. Road Repairs	\$ 34,483.28
Engineering Costs	\$ 37,465.75
Timberland & Timberview Repair	\$ 286,308.00
Engineering Costs	\$ 56,275.00
Ronnie Rd/Woodstock Dr	\$ 1,152,412.65
Engineering Costs	\$ 111,552.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,385,489.31</b>

The Village will continue road improvements in 2024. The Village will bid out improvements to Redna Terrace and Chester Road at the end of January with construction to begin in the Spring. These improvements will be funded through sources obtained in 2023 which include an OPWC grant of \$1,059,000, a \$100,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation along with a matching interest free OPWC loan of \$1,059,000.

The Village is also planning to bid out improvements to Leacrest Road this year, which will be funded through a 2023 interest free loan

from the Ohio Public Works Commission of \$1,119,900. Finally, the Village will bid out sidewalk improvements to Springfield Pike and Grueninger Way this year. These improvements will be made, mostly, through a 2023 grant of \$1,200,000 from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA). As you may recall from the previous newsletter, along with some road improvements, this project will include new sidewalks on the East side of Springfield Pike that will run from Grueninger Way to the bus stop at Goodwill.

The Village was also awarded a grant in the amount of \$470,000 from SORTA late last year. This grant will be used to add sidewalks to the south side of Glendale Milford Road beginning at Chester Road and ending at Wayne Ave (construction likely to begin in 2025).

The Village will continue to pursue additional grant funding related to roads and sidewalks with the goal of improving our roads and making our Village more walkable and viable to alternative methods of transportation. As always, we are grateful to our partners at CT Consultants that provide so much assistance in securing grants and loans for infrastructure improvement projects.

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**Woodlawn Fire Department Winter Weather Tips:**

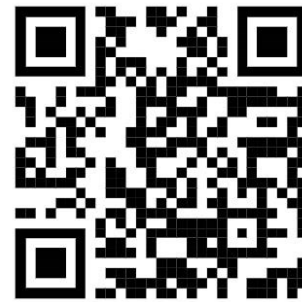
The Woodlawn Fire Department (WFD) would like to remind residents to stay safe during severely cold weather.

Since the severe weather impacts response times as firefighters compete with adverse weather and road conditions.

**To aid in their response efforts, the WFD is asking residents to please:**

- ◆ Clear snow from around fire hydrants to allow the fire fighters better access.
- ◆ Clear a path to your front door.
- ◆ Make sure your house address numbers remain visible and are not blocked by snow.
- ◆ When driving, make sure to leave room for emergency vehicles to pass-go right for sirens and lights.
- ◆ Check on elderly friends and neighbors and lend them a hand.
- ◆ Dress appropriately when outside – add layers of clothing.
- ◆ Have a winter emergency kit inside your car including: jumper cables, wiper fluid, first aid kit, blanket, gloves, flashlight/flares, and some salt or kitty litter for traction.
- ◆ Only shovel snow if you are medically and physically able.

**\*\*Residents of Woodlawn & Lincoln Heights only\*\***



**FREE SMOKE DETECTOR SIGN-UP  
INSTALLED BY THE  
WOODLAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Scan the QR code to sign-up. Someone from the fire department will reach out within 1 week to schedule.**

***Call and schedule today at  
513-771-0233***

- ◆ **Car seat education & installation. Available to residents at no cost. Must call to schedule an appointment. (Free car seats available to those in need)**
- ◆ **CPR courses**
- ◆ **Home Fire Safety Inspections & education – no cost – call station to schedule**





Village of Woodlawn Police Department

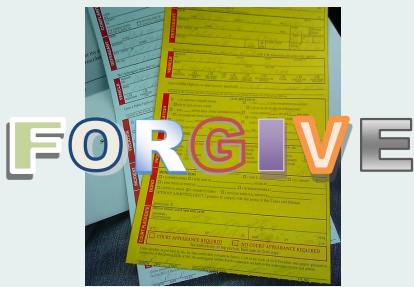
“We serve with Pride”

**Mission:**

“The Woodlawn Police Division will be the model of constitutional policing. We will direct our resources to promote and grow partnerships with the community to improve the quality of life through best practices preserving a positive community policing environment.”

We will demonstrate dignity and compassion for our residents, businesses, and visitors to our community.

**WOODLAWN MAYOR’S COURT CITATION AMNESTY PROGRAM**



**Feb 1st to Feb. 29, 2024**

PAY THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF YOUR CITATION.

(THIS INCLUDES PAST AND PRESENT TRAFFIC CAPIAS/WARRANT)

513 772-1273 or  
513 771-8480



Greetings Woodlawn residents – this is YOUR new Police Chief, Kevin Williams! I want to start off by thanking everyone for all the love and support that you have given me in my new role with the Village. I am a lifelong resident of Woodlawn, and my father, former Police Chief John Williams, served in this same role for 22 years. So not only do I have big shoes to fill, but I also have a vested interest in forming bonds with our residents and keeping our community safe.

For those residents who may be unaware, there has been an increase in thefts in our Village,



both from vehicles and from homes. Most of these incidents are crimes of opportunity, so please be sure that the doors to your vehicles AND homes are locked both at night, and when you’re away from home. Another great tool in combatting thefts, vandalism, and criminal mischief incidents is for us to turn on our outdoor lights in the evenings. Lighted properties and

properties with motion lights are less likely to be targeted by thieves and criminals.

Some of you may have noticed individuals going door to door stating that they are representatives of Duke Energy; Verizon Wireless; etc. Those individuals need to have a solicitor’s permit on file with the Village prior to going door to door in our neighborhood. If you ever want to confirm that a business or salesperson has their solicitor’s permit, please contact the Police Department at (513) 771-8480.

Police is now offering BCI and FBI Background checks for \$40.00 each or \$70.00 together. Call (513) 771-8480 for additional details.



In closing, please be cognizant of posted speed limits, traffic signals, and STOP signs around the Village. We are receiving numerous complaints of speeders and reckless driving, so The Police Department will be focusing on rectifying those issues to keep our streets and our community safe.

It is both my pleasure and my privilege to serve my community and our residents, so “thanks” everyone and please let our department know if you have any further concerns.



The Public Works Department will be conducting the 2024 Annual Spring Clean up for the Village the week of April 15th through April 20th . The times are M-F from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Saturday will be for residents who may have missed pick-ups during the week and can bring their items to 130 Marion Rd. for self –service dumpster (Public Works will monitor). Once Public Works has passed your street, they will not double back. You will have to utilized self –service (no exceptions). The West side will need place their items out on Sunday, April 14th and The East Side on Wednesday 17, This is For residents only and is limited to two big items. This is not for business or commercial dumping.

**Please note the following items will be picked up Curbside:**

- Television
- Recyclable items
- Furniture

**The following items are NOT included in the clean-up process:**

- Appliances No Refrigerators, Freezer, or Air conditioners
- \*Paint Chemicals \*Car parts
- \*Lawn Mowers
- \*Gas Cylinders \*Propane Tanks \*Oils,
- \*Aerosols

**Tires and scrap iron, metal steel etc. are to be brought to Public Works by the resident for disposal.**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (West)		Thursday, Friday (East)
Sheffield Rd.	Arnold Drive	Chatsworth Ave.
Riddle Rd.	Mayview Forest	Warren Ave
Roberta Dr.	Mayview Forest Place	Marion Rd.
Brookhaven Ave.	Woodstock Dr.	Firestone Ave.
Jasmine Ct.	Ronnie Rd.	Grandview Ave.
Panola Dr.	Marc Ric Ln.	Forest Ave.
Faxon Ct.	Beech Ln.	Brown Ave.
Tanager Ln.	Nedra Ln.	Springer Ln.
Shady Ln.	Joliet Ave.	Douglas St.
Princess Ct.	Rustic Ln.	Prairie Ave.
Grove Rd.	Leacrest	Linden
Waverly Ave.	E & W Leslie	Timberland Dr.
Jones Alley	Clinton St.	Timberview Ct.
Mclean St.		Chester Rd
		Wayne Ave

**Winter Operations**

**There are thirty -nine and a half (39.5) lane miles in the village that must be treated. As of December 19, 2023, Public Works has used 23 tons of salt on the Village streets.**

**We will continue to monitor the weather to maintain safe streets for the Village.**

**Public Service has cleaned leaves in all swell/ditch areas within the Village and collected yard debris that has been left over the summer.**

**Crews are presently working on all street signs within the Village.**

# Parks and Recreation Program Activities and Classes



*Building A Community, One Person at A Time*

**(MEMBERS ONLY EVENT) Family Night at the Rec** (FREE) Fridays, February 9th, March 8th, April 12th, May 10th, June 7th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, **6:30pm- 9pm** This is a night of FUN & Games for members and their guest! Open basketball games, pickle ball, volleyball, spades, Trouble...you name it, we've got it! Want to watch a movie or create art? It's all about the family and our doors are open!

**(MEMBERS ONLY EVENT) In celebration of Black History Month - Family Movie Night Fridays in February 2024, 6:30pm** (FREE – includes popcorn while supplies last).  
"The Princess and the Frog" February 9rd  
"Black Wallstreet" February 16th  
"John Shaft" February 23rd

**(MEMBERS ONLY EVENT) Family Movie Night Fridays**  
(FREE – includes popcorn while supplies last).  
**March 8th – Drumline**  
**April 12th – My Dog Skip**  
**May 10th – The WIZ**  
**June 7th - North**  
**July 12th – Father of the Bride**

**FREE WOODLAWN ART CLUB – 2024 (FREE – requires registration) Ages 5 - 15**  
Join the Club today! Members will receive priority registration for each art program and activities, receive a club t-shirt and 3 guest passes for friends. Woodlawn Arts Club offers activities that will spark your child's creativity, passion, and opportunities to see the world differently. Each unique art experience will be led by some of Cincinnati's leading artists. Activities include painting, drawing, dance, theatre, music and more.

**Get to know you Art Party**  
**Saturday, March 30th**  
**10:30am - 12pm**  
**Print Making**  
**Saturday, April 20th**  
**10:30am – 12pm**  
**Mother's Day Surprise**  
**Saturday, May 4th**  
**10:30am – 1pm**



**August 9th – Lion King**  
**September 13th - Bilal**  
**October 11th – The Wizard of OZ**  
**November 8th – The Nutty Professor**



**Happy Valentine's Day!**  
**(MEMBERS ONLY EVENT)**



Thanks to the **ROMAC Center** and **Cincinnati Black Theater Company** for their generous donation of 4 Valentine gift baskets that will be given to 4 lucky Rec Center members. Stop by the Recreation Center to learn how you can be entered into the drawing. Winners will be notified on **Monday, February 12, 2024, at 5:30pm.**

**“Youth Baseball and T-Ball Leagues”–**  
Registration for Woodlawn Baseball League begins February 1st for youth grades Kindergarten to 8th. **FEES:** \$90 for resident/ \$100 per non-resident (\$50 uniform deposit is required) Parent meeting and first day of conditioning – Monday, February 12th.

**“BIDDY BALLERS Basketball Series”** February 1st – March 19th **Ages 4 – 7 (Boys and Girls).** \$50 fee (resident or non-resident) is required. T-shirt included. **Volunteer Coaches Needed!** Ballers will learn the skills and fundamentals of basketball through age-appropriate interactive drills. Teambuilding activities are included to build cohesion, compassion, and respect. The “everyone’s a winner” concept will be implemented.



Come get in shape at a pace that's designed just for YOU. In this no judgement zone, participants will be encouraged and supported to "work it out" through safe and effective exercise methods so you can reach your goal! Come prepared with your own workout, or a workout can be provided for you. Mats provided, support provided, all that's missing is YOU! **Class is FREE**



**BALLROOM DANCING IS BACK! Mondays 5pm – 7:30pm**  
Come learn Detroit Style Ballroom Dancing in a safe and friendly environment. Veteran instructors Gregory and Kathy Norman make the

class fun, enjoyable and easy. Contact Mr. Norman at (513)827-2371 for more information.

**“LINE DANCING WITH ANTHONY GLOVER” Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6pm – 8pm**  
Come join Andy G Productions and the Smooth Hustlers Line Dance team in a fun form of exercise. Not only will line dancing get your heart pumping, but it improves your physical & mental health, cardio, bone strength & brain function, and overall general wellbeing. Don't forget the great music and being part of a special social activity. All levels of experience welcomed. **\$5 per class.**

**“CINCINNATI HIP HOP SPIN” Mondays & Wednesdays 6:45pm & Saturdays 10am (call 513-919-2115 to reserve your bike).** Come electrify your fitness with Cincinnati Hip Hop Spin. This fitness fun division of Girlfriendz Networking Group is a great way to stay in shape and have fun working out. The riders love spinning in an inclusive, non-judgmental environment where the music selection and spin moves make you forget you're working out. So round up the crew, and bring them to our next spin class!

**“REDEFINE YOUR GROOVE” with Rhonda Ballew. Tuesdays 7pm – 8:15pm (all ages welcomed)** This unique class combines line dance, step and chair aerobics, and exercise combination movements that strengthen your core, stretches your muscles, and increases your heart rate through a series of routines appropriate for all fitness levels. Old school music and lots of laughter make each class enjoyable while a toned and lean physique are your ultimate result. **\$5.00 per class**

**50 FITNESS CLUB led by Dwight Farley Tuesdays & Thursdays 6pm – 7pm Saturdays**

**10am – 11am**

Get a new breath of life by walking and working out with a purpose! Participants are challenged to set fitness goals and track their progress through weekly checks and journaling. There's no limit or minimum amount of time required to work out – as long as you're reaching your goals. New nutrition and fitness information shared each session. The first sessions are FREE. Afterwards, participants must acquire a recreation membership or single day pass. Call Dwight Farley for information at 513-771-7713 or at 513-348-6414.

**“EXTREME HIP HOP STEP” with Dawnetra Blackwell Thursdays 6:45pm – 8:15pm**

This is a revamp of traditional step aerobics and includes routines set to old and new school hip hop that makes you want to get up and move while getting a great caloric burn! This class is a great for relieving stress and strengthening your cardiovascular abilities. Call for registration information at **513-771-7713**

**Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 23, 2024, 11am-1:30pm (FREE) Rain or Shine**

Co-sponsored by Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Woodlawn, Cincinnati Black Theatre Company, Call to Play Athletics, Vacation Kids 2024, and the ROMAC Center. Youth in grades Preschool through 6th will enjoy games, dying eggs, prizes, snacks, music and much more. All participants must sign-up for the event. Call 771 - 7713 for sign-up information. The event will be held inside the Recreation Center in case of rain or other unfavorable conditions.



**Zone 15 Black History Trivia Contest (FREE) Saturday, April 6th, 2024, 11am-1:30pm**

How much do you really know about African American leaders and historical events? The Parks and Recreation Center is looking for a few good players to test their knowledge, represent their community, and have fun while learning. Three teams will compete (Woodlawn, Lincoln Heights, and Wyoming) for bragging rights and a team trophy. Call 513-771-7713 to sign up today!

**“50 PLUS CLUB MEETINGS” 11am – 12:30pm**

Come join the young in heart as we discuss ways to safeguard our health and receive preventive resources as they mature in wellness through the years. Special activities, lunch, prizes, and games are included.

**January 25<sup>th</sup> – MLK**

**Movie and Lunch;  
February 15<sup>th</sup> - Matters  
of the Heart (discussion  
on heart health and  
Vegan Meal)**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> - Card Making  
Activities and Chair  
Aerobics;**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> - Senior  
YOGA activities and  
Dealing with Trauma**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> – “Spring into  
your Zen Zone” - The  
benefits of Meditation  
and Journaling**

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – “Reap what you Sow” – the benefits  
of gardening, (please call 513-771-7713 for  
additional information regarding class  
activities)**



**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 12pm – 2pm**  
**“The History of Black Wall Street” a full  
documentary film presented by the History  
Channel (includes snacks). Moderated by Eric  
Kearney, President, and CEO of the Greater  
Cincinnati – Northern KY African American  
Chamber of Commerce.** Black Wall Street was the epitome of strength and a self-sustaining community. Residents supported each other, which allowed for easier access to resources, savings, housing, education, and health. Through education and dialogue participants will learn how they can help celebrate, continue to build and support this 103-year-old tradition.

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 12pm – 2pm**  
**“Get the TEA” on Naturopathic Medicine”  
presented by certified herbalist Nike’ Seay,  
owner and founder of Feed the Pain, a health  
and wellness business that specializes in natural herbs  
and promotes healthy living. Sample natural cold and**

hot teas, body butters, while discovering health and wellness methods that enable the body to heal naturally. Each participant will create their own herbal tea bags from a variety of healing herbs. Limited enrollment/Registration required. FREE

**Saturday, March 16, 2024, 12pm-1:30pm**  
**“Journey to a Happy Healthy Lifestyle”, a family  
friendly discussion & workshop presented by Sandra  
Wright, CEO & Founder of The Wright Life  
Wellness.**

Information on a holistic approach to wellness in tandem with some traditional practices that address the mind, body, and spirit will be shared. This welcoming and inclusive experience is open to families and includes samples of healthy snack alternatives, and an opportunity to create a healthy dressing alternative for a hearty salad. Limited enrollment/Registration required. FREE

**Spring 2024 Open House Saturday April 22,  
2023, 10am-2pm**

Woodlawn Parks & Recreation Center invites you and your family to our 3rd annual Spring Open House. Meet the staff, class instructors, and learn more about the many workout opportunities that are available to you. If you don't see a class you like? - make a suggestion; We're here to serve!

**A NEW YEAR  
A NEW YOU WORK  
OUT and CIRCUIT  
TRAINING (FREE)  
THURSDAYS,  
6:15pm – 7:30pm**



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