### VILLAGE OF WOODLAWN

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From the Village Manager's Desk

To Our Residents and Businesses,

Spring is upon us and as flowers begin to bloom and the days get longer more changes are taking place in the Village of Woodlawn!

First, I would like to recognize our new Finance Director, Loren S. Crisp, who officially joined the Village in late February this year. Lonny brings more than 40 years of experience to the Village of Woodlawn; 25 of which were spent at the Ohio Auditor of State's Office as the Regional Chief Auditor of the Southwest Region of Ohio. This experience, coupled with his time spent as Director of Financial Operations at Clermont County, Manager of Governmental Consulting at Ernst and Young, and Chief Accountant at Lucas County have raised the professional standards in the Village Finance Department to a level that can't be matched by most major cities. I can honestly say that the Village's finances have never been in better hands.

The Village will host its annual Juneteenth celebration on June 19th this year. New features to the celebration will include a Juneteenth Museum as well as Underground Railroad Tours. The Museum will contain artwork and artifacts loaned to the event coordinator; some of these items have been provided or are related to local residents. The Underground Railroad Tours are local tours facilitated through the Eckstein Community Center (Glendale) and Landmark Church. Buses will depart Woodlawn at various times during the event to view local Underground Railroad sites which include sites on the Landmark Church Property that are normally closed to the public. This is an amazing educational addition to our Celebration, and we want to be sure to thank Bill Parrish from the Eckstein Center, Landmark Church, and our partners at Call A Play Athletics for making this possible.

Public Works performed a major cleanup of the wooded area behind Harmony Park. The area looks tremendously better than it has in several years and I want to make sure to thank Director Banks, Assistant Director Weaver, and the entire public works staff for all their hard work.

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 continues to host 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.

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THE COMMUNITY TO FEEL
FREE TO CONTACT THE
OFFICE WITH ANY
CONCERNS WITH
PROJECTS, UPGRADES, &
ALL POTENTIAL CODE
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WOODLAWN "BEAUTIFUL"
IS EVERY COMMUNITY
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FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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The Village paused the improvements to Ronnie Road and Woodstock Drive for the winter last year. 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 the week of April 26th and the next layer of asphalt will be put down on Ronnie and Woodstock during the first week of May (weather permitting). The Village is also planning on adding river rock to the storm water swells (drainage ditches) on the sides of Ronnie and Woodstock for both safety and aesthetic reasons.

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.

Bids related to improvements to Redna Terrace and Chester Road were opened on February 14th, 2024; the lowest and best bidder was Adleta Construction with a bid of \$1,311,404.12. The pre-construction meeting for these improvements took place on April 10th and we will keep the residents and businesses informed as to the progress of this project. These improvements will be funded through sources obtained in 2023 which include an OPWC grant and loan as well as a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation.



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). Previously, this project was to make some road improvements as well as provide new sidewalks on the East side of Springfield Pike that would run from Grueninger Way to the bus stop at Goodwill. The Village is also considering extending the project to Oak Ave. to complete sidewalks to the Woodlawn/Glendale boarder.

The Village delayed improvements to Leacrest Road until 2025. On the advice of our engineering firm, additional time will be needed as the Village is investigating the addition of storm water improvements and utility improvements as part of the project. I do want to state that the money that will fund this project cannot be used for any other purpose and these improvements will take place. As a reminder, the Leacrest improvements will be funded through a 2023 interest free loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission of \$1,119,900.

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.

2024 continues to be both busy and exciting as there are so many projects taking place and being planned. Please know that your Village Council, Administration, and all Village Departments continue to work diligently to bring additional projects and opportunities to Woodlawn. Our hope is that you continue to notice the growth and progress the Village makes and continue to be excited to live and do business in this Beautiful Woodlawn.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome to the Village. I work with a great team here And we all genuinely care about Woodlawn and strive daily to make it a great place to work and live. I want to address in this issue that our Village Council approved the final 2024 appropriations (operating budget) of \$8,200,888 for the General fund. This budget includes funding for the Police, Fire, Recreation, Zoning, Public Works, Mayor's Court, Finance, Legislative, Tax and certain Debt Service payments. Final appropriations are limited by the available resources (carry forward balances plus estimated revenue). Village Departments are working diligently to provide services that enhance the safety and quality of life of Village residents.

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

Expenditure	Amount	Year
Sheffield Road Repair	\$ 37,000.00	2020
Shady Lane	\$ 300,463.33	2020
Riddle Road Repair	\$ 185,678.52	2020
Chester Road Repair	\$ 153,026.59	2020
Jones Alley Repair	\$ 10,073.75	2020
Grove Ave. Repair	\$ 20,750.00	2021
Misc. Road Repairs	\$ 34,483.28	2021
Engineering Costs	\$ 37,465.75	2021
Timberland & Timberviw Repair	\$ 286,308.00	2022
Engineering Costs	\$ 56,275.00	2022
Ronnie Rd/Woodstock Dr	\$ 1,152,412.65	2023
Engineering Costs	\$ 111,552.44	2023
Ronnie Rd/Woodstock Improvments	\$ 518,997.00	2024
Engineering Costs	\$ 88,262.38	2024
Total	\$ 2,992,748.69	



We're excited to offer our Summer 2024 Community Compost Bin Sale. Because we are purchasing in bulk, we are able offer compost bins and accessories at reduced prices. Learn more by visiting hamilton.compostersale.com/.

# NEW IN **2024**

FIVE PICK-UP OPPORTUNITIES

**TH** 5.2 | 4p-7p

T 5.14 | 4p-7p

**SA** 5.18 | 8a-12p

**M** 5.20 | 4p-7p

SA 6.1 | 9a-12p





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**CANOES** & Conversations

## SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024 9 AM-NOON

10141 WOODLAWN BLVD, WOODLAWN, OH 45215



### **Adventure awaits...**

We hope you will join us as we welcome elected officials, neighbors, and friends to experience the value of the Mill Creek, trails, parks and the simple joy of spending time outdoors.

Guests may choose from the following free adventure(s):

- Guided canoe ride on the West Fork Mill Creek
- Bike ride along the existing and proposed Triangle Trail
- Guided nature walk
- Archeology adventure
- Highfield Discovery Gardens adventure for kids
- Walking tour of the Winton Dam



We will also feature a program with lunch as well as shaved ice, live music, colorful kites, dancing, booths, Underground Railroad exhibit, and lots of activities including fishing, crafts, gardening and more! What a fun way to learn about the history, triumphs, and benefits (i.e. social, economic, recreation, environmental, health and transportation) of the Mill Creek's pedestrian and water trails.

### SAVE THE DATE!

For more information, contact Michele Gottschlich **(** 513.509.9847 michele@themillcreekalliance.org

### **EVENT SPONSORS:**











**EVENT PARTNERS:** 



















# Parks and Recreation Program Activities and Classes

### "IT TAKES A VILLAGE"



#### (MEMBERS ONLY EVENT)

Family Night at the Rec (FREE) Fridays, May 10th, June 7th, July 12th

### 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 move or create art? It's all about the family and our doors are open!

### (MEMBERS ONLY EVENT)

Family Movie Night Fridays 6:30pm – 9pm (includes popcorn).

May 10<sup>th</sup> – The WIZ

June 7th - Karate Kid

June  $17^{th}\,$  - Juneteenth Drive-in Movie Special

July 12th – SHREK (at the pool)

August 9th – Lion King

### (Woodlawn Residents ONLY EVENT)

### Monday, May 6, 10am

#### **FREE Pool Passes for Woodlawn Residents**

Starting on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, residents can pick up their FREE pool passes. You must be a Woodlawn resident with proof of residency to receive passes.

#### (MEMBERS ONLY EVENT) Sunday, May 26

### Pre-Memorial Day "Big Splash" Pool Party

**12pm** – **5pm** Come join the Village of Woodlawn recreation team as we "kick off" the 2024 aquatic season with the first pool party of the summer! Music, activities, and fun in the sun. Food and beverages available. Don't forget to get your membership passes prior to the event at the Recreation Center.

Memorial Day Pool Opening (FREE for residents with pool memberships. Non-residents must pay pool admission) Monday, May 27 12pm – 5pm Come join the Village of Woodlawn recreation team as we "kick off" the 2024 aquatic season! Music, activities, and fun in the sun. Concessions Available. Limited admission! FREE pool passes for residents are available at the Recreation Center.

### **Village Green Gallery Artist - Woodlawn Parks** and Recreation Center

This year's featured creatives are truly one of a kind. From photography to abstract graffiti, each piece of artwork gives the viewer a glimpse of the life journeys each artist has experienced, and the beauty that's transformed through their craft. Welcome Arynn Blazer (Visual & Fiber Artist) March – April; Adoria Maxberry (Visual Artist) May – June; and Christian Drye (Visual Artist) July – August.

Woodlawn Forager Club – Meet and Greet (FREE) Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11am-1:30pm Come on over to the Greenside of Woodlawn! This club is open to the curious at heart who have a respect and appreciation for nature. Together we will learn about the botany, lore, and culinary uses of local edible plants. Activities include foraging forays, educational hikes, farming, cooking events, and an opportunity to give back to the Village by helping to enhance native edible plantings.

### Queen's Village Wellness Journey (FREE) Mondays, April 29<sup>th</sup>- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm – 8pm

The Village of Woodlawn and Queens Village invites you to join us on a 5-week personal wellness journey in a safe and supportive environment led by Black women for Black women. Together, you will learn skills and activities to improve your self-care through wellness talks and activities. Childcare and meals provided. Call to register at 513-771-7713.

## "WOODLAWN HIKES" May 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 9:30am Days and Times Vary Beginners Welcome!

This newly formed hiking group is dedicated to creating a community of friends who enjoy the outdoors and hiking through Woodlawn and the Mill Creek trails. Our goal is to stay fit, reduce the risk of respiratory problems, and enjoy Woodlawn's beautiful landscape. A hiking schedule is available at the recreation center and at the first meeting. Other activities will be included.

### Zone 15th Black History Trivia Contest (FREE)

### Saturday, May 4th 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, Lockland, and Wyoming) for bragging rights and a team trophy. Call 513-771-7713 to sign up today!

### "OMEGA STEM Programs" provided by the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Beta Iota Chapter.

To ensure all (Zone 15) youth ages 8 - 13 are prepared to bring knowledge and skills to solve problems, the Village has partnered with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to provide a FREE STEM program for youth. STEM combines science, technology, engineering, and math in real-world applications to encourage discussions and problem-solving among students. Call 513-771-7713 or Tori Franklin at 615-727-3883 to register and for more information.

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Math June 22<sup>th</sup> – Engineering July 27<sup>th</sup> – Science

### "50 PLUS CLUB MEETINGS 2024" 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, <u>prizes</u>, <u>and games are included</u>.

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Tea (11am – 1pm)
May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Chair Aerobics (11am – 11:40); 12pm – 2pm
(Located at Mt. Zion Church Woodlawn—Senior Event)
June 6<sup>th</sup> - "Reap what you Sow" –
the benefits of Gardening
June 20<sup>th</sup> - Chair Aerobics (11am – 11:40); 12pm – 2pm
(Located at Mt. Zion Church Woodlawn—Senior Event)
July 11<sup>th</sup> – Dealing with Trauma

July 25<sup>th</sup> – Chair Aerobics (11am – 11:40); 12pm – 2pm (Located at Mt. Zion Church Woodlawn—Senior Event) (please call 513-771-7713 for additional information regarding class activities)

### A NEW YEAR – A NEW YOU WORK OUT and CIRCUIT TRAINING (FREE) THURSDAYS, 6:15pm – 7:30pm Spring Kick-Off Class, Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

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!

### FREE CLASSES IN THE GARDEN (FREE – requires registration)

Workshops will provide new learning opportunities for all, ranging from new gardeners to long timers with a keen interest to learn and improve. Everyone gets time to interact with presenters, and other guests. Workshops include a choice of make-and-take projects, question-and-answer periods, and handouts. Registration is required.

May Flowers for Mothers
Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>
11am – 1pm (while supplies last)
Morning Garden Stretch
Saturday, May 18th, June 29<sup>th</sup>
July 13th 9am – 10am

Carden Garden

(mats & beverages provided)

Container Gardens Saturday, June 1 11am - 1pm

(Bring your container)
Paint the Pot Saturday, July 13th
11am – 1pm (bring your own pot)

### WOODLAWN ART CLUB FOR YOUTH – FREE – requires registration Ages 7 – 13

**The Art Club** offers activities that will spark your child's creativity, passion, and imagination. Each unique art experience will be led by one of Cincinnati's leading artists. Activities include painting, drawing, dance, theatre, music and more. **Call 513-771-7713 to** 

JOIN TODAY!! All class sessions 10:30am - 12pm

Meet and Greet & Mother's Day Surprise Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm

Print Making Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Graffiti Art Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Tye Dye Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

## THE PEACH TRUCK – FRESH PEACHES FOR ALL!!

Saturdays, 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Nationally known franchise "The Peach Truck" will be selling the freshest, most delicious peaches straight from the tree to all residents in ZONE 15!! Each peach is hand-picked and meticulously inspected to ensure that only the finest fruit makes its way to you. When you bite into a peach from The Peach Truck, you know you're getting the best peach possible. No preservatives, additives, or GMOs

June 8th June 29th July 20th August 10th August 31st

#### BALLROOM DANCING IS BACK! Mondays – 5pm – 7:30pm

Come learn Detroit Style Ballroom Dancing in a safe and friendly environment. Veteran instructors Gregory and Kathye 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. 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** 

### LETTER FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

THE VILLAGE OF WOODLAWN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO UPDATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS ON OUR EFFORT TO HELP WOODLAWN BE "BEAUTIFUL WOODLAWN". OUR GOAL IS TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS ON THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WOODLAWN. WE WILL BE ADDRESSING VIOLATIONS SUCH AS SANITATION, LITTERING, STORAGE OF JUNK VEHICLES, HIGH GRASS, WEEDS AND EXTERIOR STRUCTURAL HAZARDS INCLUDING CARPORTS AND GARAGES. WE WILL BE GIVING WARNING CITATIONS FOR THESE VIOLATIONS AND IF THE ISSUES ARE NOT RESOLVED RESIDENTS MAY BE CITED TO COURT AND FINED. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO OUR OFFICE FOR INFORMATION AND TO REPORT POTENTIAL PROBLEMS. KEEPING WOODLAWN BEAUTIFUL REQUIRES ALL OF OUR HELP.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION

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