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THE PINK SHEET

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS

# GATES MILLS NEWS



Traditional Christmas Eve Bonfire

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• Published by the Gates Mills Community Club •

## Gates Mills Community Calendar

Friday, December 1		
Saturday, December 2		
Sunday, December 3		
Monday, December 4	6:00 p.m.	Land Conservancy Annual Meeting, Community House
Tuesday, December 5	4:00 p.m.	Garden Club Board Meeting, The Barn
	10:30 a.m.	Greens Workshop & Luncheon, Garden Club, The Barn
	5:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Meeting, Town Hall
Wednesday, December 6	7:00 p.m.	Community Club Book Group, Community House Parlor
Thursday, December 7	11:30 a.m.	Community Club Holiday Luncheon, Community House
	5:00 p.m.	Architectural Review Board Meeting, Town Hall
Friday, December 8	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Open House, Environmental Ed Center, County Line Rd. (north end)
Saturday, December 9		
Sunday, December 10		
Monday, December 11		
Tuesday, December 12	11:30 a.m.	Garden Club Holiday Luncheon, The Hunt Club
Wednesday, December 13		
Thursday, December 14		Olivia's Dream Toy Drive ends
Friday, December 15		
Saturday, December 16	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Cram A Cruiser, Toys for Tots, In front of Town Hall, GM police Department
Sunday, December 17		
Monday, December 18		
Tuesday, December 19	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Council Meeting, Community House and village website for link to YouTube channel</b>
Wednesday, December 20	5:00 p.m.	Historical District Subcommittee Meeting of the Architectural Review Board, Town Hall
Thursday, December 21		
Friday, December 22		
Saturday, December 23		
Sunday, December 24	4:00 p.m.	Santa Arrives at <b>4:15 p.m. sharp</b> at the Traditional Christmas Tree Celebration and Bonfire, Polo Field. Everyone is welcome!
Monday, December 25		<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>
Tuesday, December 26		
Wednesday, December 27		
Thursday, December 28		
Friday, December 29		
Saturday, December 30		
Sunday, December 31		<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>
Monday, January 1		<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>
Tuesday, January 2	5:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Meeting, Town Hall
Wednesday, January 3	7:00 p.m.	Community Club Book Group, Community House Parlor
Thursday, January 4	5:00 p.m.	Architectural Review Board Meeting, Town Hall
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Saturday, January 6		
Sunday, January 7		
Monday, January 8		
Tuesday, January 9		
Wednesday, January 10		
Thursday, January 11		
Friday, January 12		
Saturday, January 13		
Sunday, January 14		
Monday, January 15		<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b>
Tuesday, January 16	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Council Meeting, Community House and village website for link to YouTube channel</b>
Wednesday, January 17	5:00 p.m.	Historical District Subcommittee Meeting of the Architectural Review Board, Town Hall
Thursday, January 18	10:30 a.m.	Community Club Board Meeting, Community House
Friday, January 19	5:30 p.m.	Mayor Schneider's Retirement Party, Community House
Saturday, January 20		
Sunday, January 21		
Monday, January 22		
Tuesday, January 23		
Wednesday, January 24		
Thursday, January 25	11:30 p.m.	Community Club Luncheon & Program, Community House
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Saturday, January 27		
Sunday, January 28		
Monday, January 29		
Tuesday, January 30		
Wednesday, January 31		

## The Official Newsletter for the Village of Gates Mills

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Dear Villagers,

Down come the cornstalks and up go the mistletoe and holly. The first snowfalls are eagerly anticipated as everyone decorates, bakes sweet treats and prepares surprises for friends and family. The Farmers' Almanac suggests sleigh season will come early this year. It's so exciting!

The first night of Hannukah is on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to the **Menorah Lighting** at 5:30 p.m. in the garden across from Town Hall. The benches, steps and terrace make it a welcoming place to get together. Following the ceremony refreshments will be offered in Burton Court. The beautiful menorah in a newer tradition in Village, and we thank its generous sponsors.

A giant roaring bonfire is a splendid way to chase the cold on Christmas Eve! All Villagers are invited to attend **The Traditional Christmas Eve Celebration on the Polo Field**. New residents, in the coming weeks, the Service Department will be building a grand pyramid of logs to mark the spot. Do stop by with your friends and family to share some hot dogs, doughnuts and warm community spirit. Santa's invitation reads, **4:15!** But! Come down at four o'clock to see the Percheron horse drawn wagon ferry the jolly man to the gathering. Santa will sit in his ruby red wing chair to hear our young believers' wishes. Wagon rides, courtesy of The Improvement Society, are an extra treat! The Judy Bell Christmas Tree Committee's page has details on how to donate to Our Savior Lutheran Church Food Bank and contribute some holiday jingle! Who was Judy Bell? The Historical Society's page tells her tale.

**The Improvement Society** organizes the annual **Christmas Employee Fund**, an ideal way for Villagers to show their appreciation for the fine, professional services we receive throughout the year some of which are: The Police Department's frequent patrolling, key program and house monitoring; the Fire Department's systematic training on safety apparatus, techniques and rescue; the Service Department's reliable seasonal care of the roads, grounds and equipment; and the Administrative Department's detailed record keeping and ongoing training. Our Village has never looked more beautiful, and the fund is a perfect opportunity to express your appreciation. Your gift is tax-deductible.

Residents! Hark! Village glory is at stake once again! All Villagers decorating their homes with lights, ribbons and boughs of holly qualify for the **Home Decorating Contest**. The categories are listed within along with directions on how to enter. Don't forget: residents may go online to nominate favorite properties and register their vote for The People's Choice award! ([gatesmillsvillage.com](http://gatesmillsvillage.com)) Thank you to everyone who brightens up our Village so charmingly.

**Lights for Lions** is back! From December till the end of January 2024, collection boxes for broken or used holiday lights and extension cords will be available in the entrance way to Town Hall and the Community House. The Cleveland Zoo will recycle the material, and the proceeds will be donated to Lion Landscapes to help preserve the big cats. Thank you to Jennifer Pinto who leads this initiative.

**Retirement Party!** On, January 19<sup>th</sup>, all Villagers are invited to the Community House to honor and thank our retiring Mayor, **Karen Schneider**. Mayor Schneider has served 20 years as a member of Council prior to serving eight years as Mayor. During her tenure, the Village received several grants and private funding to supplement Village improvements. Over the last eight years Gates Mills has created Marston Park, refreshed the Community House décor, dedicated the Daniel R. Collister Polo Field, installed the first Village clock, recreated the traditional Village street signs, built a sidewalk between the Walking Bridge and the Post Office, and opened a coffee shop—Addie's Cup. The Friday evening party at The Community House is from 5:30 to 8 PM and is sponsored by The Improvement Society. Please stop by to show your appreciation and wish Karen well.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season! *The Pink Sheet* returns in February.

December 2023

Gail Palmer





# A HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

LET'S GET CREATIVE!

*Prizes: Sara's  
gift certificates!*



Prizes will be awarded for:

**Most Beautiful**

**Most Creative**

**Brightest in the Village**

**Judges Award**

**&**

**Villagers can vote for this one:**

**The People's Choice!**

**To vote go to the Village website:**

**[gatesmillsvillage.com](http://gatesmillsvillage.com)**

**[gatesmillsvillage.com](http://gatesmillsvillage.com)**

Several ways to register your home for judging by Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>:

1. go to [gatesmillsvillage.com](http://gatesmillsvillage.com) and fill out the form online.
2. drop off the paper slip at Town Hall at the GMPD window
3. call Town Hall: 440-423-4405.

Our Panel of Judges will drive around to view the registered homes on Friday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A list of participating homes will be on the Village website.

NOTE: Residents do not have to register to be eligible for The People's Choice Award.



**Our home will be ready for judging by 9 AM on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**We are:** \_\_\_\_\_

**We live at:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Our contact information (email, cell or landline):**  
\_\_\_\_\_



# VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS



December 2023

Dear Villagers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. We have so many things in our Village to be thankful for each and every day.

Our Police Department keeps us safe and informed. They work diligently for us 24/7, a very big and important job in our little Village. Our police officers are always looking for new ways to help.

Our Fire Department is always there when we really need them. Again, they are prepared 24/7 to save us and our homes. Our new Chief Majeski is happy to check your home and install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as needed.

Our Service Department does a beautiful job all year in keeping the village looking good with roads open and maintained through our nice weather and rain and snow, too. They put up holiday displays and participate in many of the holiday and community events, maintain our cemeteries and parks, and assist residents whenever possible throughout the year.

Our Finance Administrator and Town Hall Coordinators are always ready to help you. All our Gates Mills employees are willing to help and answer your questions, just ask us.

Our **Hanukkah Celebration and Menorah Lighting** will take place on Thursday December 7th at **5:30 p.m.** in the park across the street from Town Hall. Please join us for the ceremony and enjoy tasty treats afterwards in Burton Court.

**The Christmas Eve Bonfire** with Santa is provided by the Judy Bell Committee and the Gates Mills Improvement Society at the Polo Field. Santa arrives at **4 p.m. sharp** and runs from **4-5:30 p.m.** Please see their page in this Pink Sheet.

The Village will be collecting used and/or broken holiday lights and extension cords in support of Lights for Lions. This program is run by the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, who will recycle the lights and donate the proceeds to the Ruaha Carnivore Project and Lion Landscapes who are partner organizations working on conservation efforts for big cats in Tanzania. Now thru January 15<sup>th</sup>, please drop off holiday lights & cords in marked boxes at Community House & Town Hall vestibule. Together we can help protect wildlife and divert more waste from landfills.

A huge thank you to all our Village organizations and clubs. They do wonderful work to help all of us.

I thank all our residents for their continual support the past eight years during my two terms as your Mayor. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you. I hope everyone will help and support our new Mayor, Steve Siemborski.

Our Village is a treasure and I thank all our residents and volunteers who make it such a jewel.

I wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2024!

**Karen Schneider, Mayor**  
[Mayor@gatesmillsvillage.com](mailto:Mayor@gatesmillsvillage.com)  
1470 Chagrin River Road  
Gates Mills, OH 44040  
(440) 423-4405 Ext. 122

The Improvement Society invites you to a



*Farewell Reception*  
Honoring  
*Mayor Karen Schneider*

January 19, 2024

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Program begins at 6:00 p.m.



Gates Mills Community House

1460 Chagrin River Road

Gates Mills, OH 44040

**OPEN HOUSE - LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED**



# THE GATES MILLS IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

GATESMILLSIMPROVEMENTSOCIETY.ORG

GATESMILLSIMPROVEMENT@GMAIL.COM

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November 2023

Dear Villagers

For more than 50 years, individual residents of our wonderful Village have contributed to the annual “**Village Employee Christmas Fund**”. It is the traditional way that all of us can provide a **special thank you** to our Village employees for their efficient, personal and friendly service which helps make our Village such a unique place to live.

In 2022, about 400 Village families made it possible to distribute \$72,500 as a year-end gift to our employees. Last year, 41 of our full and part-time employees in our Police, Service, Fire and Administrative departments received gifts from the Village Employee Christmas Fund. The fund is administered by the GMIS and distributed based on a formula based on both job position and years of service.

Our goal this year is to raise \$75,000. If you gave a donation last year, thank you on behalf of our Village employees, and please consider increasing your gift this year. If you were not able to give last year, please consider some level of gift this year.

To participate, make your check payable to **The Gates Mills Improvement Society**, which is the sponsor organization for this fund, and send it to us **BY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>** in the envelope provided. All contributions to the Christmas Gift Fund are dedicated solely to our Village employees.

Remember: ***Your gift is tax deductible.***

**Thank you for your consideration.  
Best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year,**

**THE GATES MILLS IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY**

**Steve Siemborski  
President**

**Jim Stafford  
Vice President**

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Treasurer**

**Gail Palmer  
Secretary**

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**PLEASE DETACH AND SEND TO THE GATES MILLS IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your 2022 Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your 2023 Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAY PAL OPTION: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR DIRECT PAYMENT  
FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE:  
GATESMILLSIMPROVEMENTSOCIETY.ORG**





# Community Club Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 7  
11:30 a.m. at the Community House

RSVP by noon on December 1 - [gmcclunch@gmail.com](mailto:gmcclunch@gmail.com)  
or text/call Joan Lamprecht at 440/915-1017  
\$15 Guest Fee

## Menu

**Appetizers & Holiday Beverages**

Herb Roasted Beef Tenderloin

Glazed Salmon with Various Sauces

Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes

Winter Salad

Seasonal Vegetables

Festive Desserts, Coffee, and Tea

## Entertainment

Sing-a-long with the Divine Word Choir from Kirtland

# Gates Mills Community Club

## Take Charge of your Own Aging

Start the new year with a focus on improving your health and taking control of your aging through prevention. Dr. Elizabeth Ranasinghe will discuss the “Six Petals of Longevity” and the root causes of aging at the cellular level. The talk will cover how the choices we make on diet and physical movement impacts longevity pathways in our cells. We will also learn about “Ageless Pathways” which she co-founded.



Elizabeth Ranasinghe, MD

Dr. Ranasinghe is Board Certified in Family Medicine with specializations in both Family Medicine and Internal Medicine. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Case Western Reserve University and the Northeast Ohio Medical University. She has extensive experience with over 30 years of clinical experience. She currently has a practice through University Hospitals with offices in Beachwood and other locations. She is affiliated with Hillcrest Hospital and is a resident of Gates Mills.

**Thursday, January 25**  
**11:30 a.m. Luncheon & Program**  
**Community House**

RSVP by Friday, January 19 at Noon  
gmclunch@gmail.com or text/call Joan Lamprecht at 440/915-1017

## Upcoming Events

**Now through Dec. 14** - Drop off toys at the Community House or Town Hall for Olivia's Dream Annual Holiday Toy Drive.

**January 3 at 7:00 p.m.** - Book Club at the Community House  
“The Mistakes Managers Make and How Much It Costs Them” by John D. Strazzanti who will be joining us for the discussion.

**January 18 at 10:30** - Board Meeting  
Community House

**February 7 at 7:00 p.m.** - Book Club at the Community House  
“Dream Town” by Laura Meckler



## Congratulations Karen!

With heartfelt gratitude, we congratulate our long-time club member, Karen Schneider, for her years of dedication and service to our village as she steps down as mayor. She has left a lasting legacy of improvements to our village that will be enjoyed for years to come. Thank you Karen!



# Cuyahoga County Public Library



## **GATES MILLS BRANCH LIBRARY**

1491 Chagrin River Road, Gates Mills, OH 440-423-4808

Branch Manager: Maryanne Haller

[GATmgr@cuyahogalibrary.org](mailto:GATmgr@cuyahogalibrary.org)

[www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org)

**Hours:** Mondays–Thursdays 9am–9pm, Fridays–Saturdays 9am–5:30pm, Sundays 1pm–5pm

**Holiday Hours:** The library will be closed on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

All programs are free, but **registration is required** (unless otherwise noted) by calling the library or going online at [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org). Special thanks to the Friends of the Gates Mills Public Library for supporting our library programming.

**Did you know?** CCPL has a new online catalog powered by Aspen Discovery.

### **Children:**

**Adventures with Rudolph** – Saturday, Dec 9: 10:00–11:15am

Do you love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer? Well, you're in luck! Come to the library, hear a book, and do some fun activities!

### **Teens:**

**Mug-nificent Holiday** – Thursday, Dec 7: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Make your holidays merrier by designing your own personalized mugs using the Cricut machine.

**Exam Cram** – Thursday, Dec 14: 6:30–8:30pm

Study in comfort with snacks to fuel focus in our quiet space!

### **Adults:**

**Tuesday Evening Book Discussion** – Tuesdays, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Dec 12: Discussion of *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

**Coffee and Coloring** – Saturday, Dec 16: 11:00am – 12:00pm

Join us for some relaxing coloring fun! We will provide coloring pages and supplies, coffee and conversation.

**Stories from Millionaires' Row** – Monday, Dec 18: 11am–12pm

Join us for a presentation from the Western Reserve Historical Society and learn about what was once “the most beautiful street in America.”



**TOYS FOR TOTS**



# "CRAM A CRUISER"

**TOY DRIVE SUPPORTING THE MARINE  
TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION**

**16  
DEC**

**PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR  
POLICE CRUISERS WITH  
NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS**

**11 AM -  
2 PM**



**THE GATES MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
1470 CHAGRIN RIVER ROAD  
GATES MILLS, 44040**







*From the men and women of your...*

# **Gates Mills Police and Auxiliary Staff**

**Chief Gregg Minichello**

**Lt Mike Pollutro**

**Sgt Randy Savage**

**Det Sgt Mike Day**

**Cpl John Richards**

**Officer Angela Suchetka**

**SRO Arch Kimbrew**

**Officer Dylan Hustosky**

**Officer Char Strasshofer**

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**Officer Mitchell Cole**

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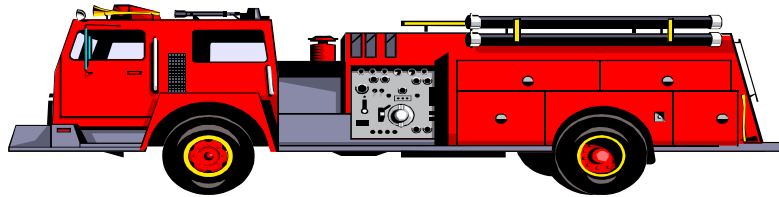
**Officer Paul Pfiester**

**Officer Daniel Berman**

**Officer Jay Cudo**

**Officer Jim Chura**

**PTHC Dorothy Slunski**



# Happy Holidays!

*Wishing you a Safe Happy Holiday Season and a Wonderful New Year!*

**From the Members of your Fire Department:**

Chief Thomas Majeski

Assistant Chief Robert Jamieson

Captain Michael Feig

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant David Biggert

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Paul Nemastil

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Dan Dickson

## **Firefighters:**

Tim Byrne

Jacob Conte

Armando Farinacci

Lee Klein

Jeff Mackie

Scott Magoch

Trevor Murfello

Nick Nemastil

John Pata

Ben Pesuit

Andrew Reda

Paul Sabataitis

Ken Simmons

Ted Zalewski





# Happy Holidays

*From the Gates Mills Service Department*  
*"Yours in service since 1920"*



**Service Director**  
David Biggert

**Service Manager**  
Trevor Murfello

**Asst. Service Manager**  
John Pata

## **1<sup>st</sup> Class Laborers**

Ted Zalewski

Jeff Mackie

Les Hazlett

Ben Pesuit

Ken Simmons

Armando Farincci

## **Community House Custodians**

Thomas Majeski

Mike Feig

# HANUKKAH

“The Festival of Lights”



## **The Community lighting of the Gates Mills Menorah**

Will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 7, 2023

First Night of Hanukkah

In the garden opposite Town Hall on Chagrin River Road.

**Everyone is invited.**

**Gather at the Burton Court following the lighting for refreshments.**

Funded by Private Subscription.



# Christmas Eve at the Polo Field

For Gates Mills Residents and Their Guests



## Christmas Eve 4-5:30pm



- Santa arrives at 4:15pm sharp!
- Come wish your neighbors a Merry Christmas around the roaring bonfire!
- Percheron horse and wagon rides (compliments of the Improvement Society).
- Hot dogs, donut holes, hot chocolate, coffee, and cider provided.
- Please help Santa collect food for those relying on Our Savior Lutheran Church Food Pantry (place your donation in the red tubs).

This longstanding village tradition has been in place 97 years, since 1926! It is funded by voluntary contributions from current and past residents, and generous donations from Addie's Cup patrons to the October 2023 Coins for a Cause. Please send your donation payable to:

"Christmas Tree Fund"  
7100 Robinwood Lane  
Gates Mills, OH 44040

With thanks from the Judy Bell Christmas Tree Committee  
(Susan Daugherty, Suzanne Snelson, Sue Marston, Sally Burke, Leah Whidden,  
Laurie Muskara, Barb Catalano, Meghan Perez)





**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE & PLANT SALE**  
**AT THE**  
**GATES MILLS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023**

**8:00 AM-6:00 PM**

**BEAUTIFUL FESTIVE POINSETTIA WITH DECORATIVE FOIL**

4" \$7.00

6" \$10.00

10" \$30.00

**CANDLED EVERGREEN CENTERPIECES**

SINGLE \$22.00

TRIPLE \$35.00

**DESIGNED EVERGREEN TREES**

UNDECORATED \$40.00

DECORATED \$45.00

**FRESH EVERGREEN WREATH WITH A HAND TIED BOW**

\$25.00 AND UP

**DECORATED EVERGREEN MUGS**

\$10.00

**GREAT FOR OFFICE GIFTS!**

**FRESH EVERGREEN DOOR SWAGS WITH A HAND TIED BOW**

\$15.00 AND UP



**SPECIALTY DESIGNS AND CUSTOM ORDERS ARE INDIVIDUALLY PRICED.**

**DON'T MISS OUR POPULAR ALUMNI RAFFLE AND COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT FFA CLUB.**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND. TICKETS ARE \$1.00 EACH.**

**DRAWING AT 6:00 PM. WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT.**

**PLEASE HELP US HELP OTHERS.**

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING NON PARISHABLES AND CANNED GOODS THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON.  
YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL DIRECTLY HELP OUR STUDENTS IN NEED AND OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.**

**THE STUDENTS ARE EAGER TO CREATE YOUR HOLIDAY DESIGNS.**

**390 COUNTY LINE ROAD  
GATES MILLS, OHIO 44040  
440-995-7550**



## Gates Mills Land Conservancy

December 2023

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### ***Thank YOU for being a steadfast champion of Gates Mills Land Conservancy!***

Your gifts continue to bolster our mission to permanently preserve and steward our beautiful natural landscape through conservation in our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. The past year was full of activity, and we are excited to share with you some of the ways your generosity has supported conservation in our Village.

- This spring, the Conservancy paid off the remaining debt on the Clark Preserve, a 38-acre expanse of old growth forest on Sherman Road. In August, GMLC accepted a small parcel of land along Berkshire Road through a land grant from the Cuyahoga Land Bank.
- Our volunteers completed annual inspections on 58 properties comprising 724 acres that GMLC has preserved. The Conservancy revised and renewed its five-year Strategic Plan, and we are currently preparing for our third, national re-accreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission and its stringent governance standards.
- During 2023, the Conservancy increased our outreach to an already supportive community. In May, we sponsored four conservation “Walks and Talks” at the Sherman Road Preserve. We published three GMLC Newsletters in March, June, and September. And in collaboration with the Gates Mills Environmental Center and Mayfield Schools, GMLC sponsored our first Fall Speakers Seminar, “Preserving Gates Mills – Uniting for Land Water and Tree Conservation”.

Your annual support is crucial to our success, and it is not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to the GMLC. Please consider a gift at whatever level is comfortable for you and your family. We are deeply grateful for the benefit of your friendship.

### ***With best wishes from GMLC for a peaceful holiday season and the New Year.***

Nathaniel Smith, President  
And the GMLC Board



**Officers:** Nathaniel Smith, President; Jamie Carracher, Vice-President; Cynthia Kavouksorian Zins, Treasurer; Rob Galloway, Secretary  
**Directors:** Scott Broome, Anthoni Fazio, John R. Kozak, John R. Kramer, Celeste McClung, Nancy McGuinnis, Linda M. Olejko, Sandra Turner, Leah Whidden, Peter Wiest  
**Honorary Directors:** David A. Butz, Daniel R. Collister, Thomas A. Liederbach | **Administrator:** Diane Kennedy

## GATES MILLS POST OFFICE 1500 CHAGRIN RIVER ROAD



**December Christmas News!** Starting on the day after Thanksgiving, Santa's head elf in charge of communications has arranged for a "Santa's Mailbox" in the Post Office Customers' Area which is open 24 hours a day. Santa letters from our young believers should be placed inside the mailbox with a return name and address so our elves can respond before Christmas Eve! Santa's Postal Elves will endeavor to respond to any Gates Mills residents, to the best of their elfin abilities, when a legible return address is provided. No postage required.

Everyone at your Village Post Office would like to thank you for your support and kindness throughout the year. Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season,  
Mary Cardille, Gates Mills Post Office



### Now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year!

Thanks to the generosity of so many, **Olivia's Dream** has delivered over **38,709** toys to kids in the Cleveland area in the last **five years!**

Olivia's Dream was started in 2018 by Olivia's father, Kurt Schneider, after Olivia and her mother were victims of a homicide in their Mayfield Heights home. During the holidays Olivia always wanted to make sure that kids whose families couldn't afford a holiday gift wouldn't be disappointed, so Kurt is carrying on those wishes through Olivia's Dream.

Please help Olivia's Dream by dropping your **new, unwrapped toy** in the special boxes located in the **Community House and Town Hall.**

**The toy drive began November 17<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Contact DeAnn Dominish with any questions: 440-391-1112  
[About Us — Olivia's Dream \(oliviasdream.org\)](http://About Us — Olivia's Dream (oliviasdream.org))

### **HELP ME HELP YOU!**

**Sal Prolizo: Call or text 440-465-0192**

Want to get rid of those old cardboard boxes or piles of magazines? I can help! My name is Sal Prolizo. I will be a junior this fall at University School. I would like to offer my services to our community by picking up all of your paper recyclables and bringing them to Gates Mills Recycling bins.

Please include only paper, newspaper, magazines, flattened cardboard, etc.

**I can help flatten the boxes if needed.**

This FREE program is available to all residents.



# THE GATES MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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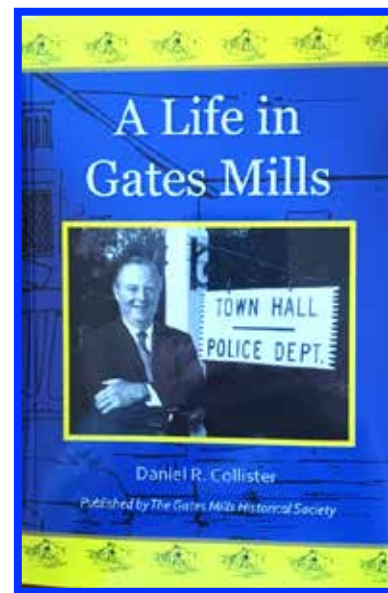
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## SHOP LOCAL AT THE SOUTHWICK HOUSE MUSEUM

On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the museum gift shop will be open from 9AM to Noon for your holiday shopping. Full size Paul Meunier maps, laminated map placemats, books, coasters, and brand new this month: *A Life in Gates Mills* by former Mayor Dan Collister. New stories of the good old days such as when they moved the river! Cash & checks only.



## Many Villagers wonder who was Judy Bell? Please read her tale from *In Our Own Voices: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Tales of Gates Mills*

One of the most cherished memories of someone who has grown up in Gates Mills is the Annual Christmas Tree Party celebrated on December 24<sup>th</sup> around a raging bonfire on The Polo Field. The event was conceived at a dinner party in 1926 when it was decided that it would be festive to organize a Christmas party for children. The hat was passed, and enough money was raised to underwrite the first party that was held behind the Hunt Club. Judy Bell was asked to organize the celebration.

Judy fielded a small committee to help her plan the first event. The first parties featured Christmas stockings made by Judy and her committee. Stockings for each child in the village were stuffed with candy. As the event grew in size and popularity, the Committee substituted store bought toys for the stockings. Between 1974 and 1978 candy was distributed. The expense of the children's gifts and the cost of refreshments to feed the growing number of attendees increased dramatically. Villagers were asked for contributions to help defray the cost of the party. Impressive quantities of food and drink were consumed by the revelers each year. In 1970 for example, 120 pounds of hot dogs, 80 dozen doughnuts and 8 pounds of coffee were purchased for the party from nearby merchants. In addition, as it did most years, **The Red Fox Inn** donated 35 gallons of hot chocolate for the occasion. The response by Villagers to this fund-raising appeal usually covers expenses. One year a former resident, now living in New Jersey, sent in a check because she had fond recollections of the magical Christmas Eves she had experienced here on The Polo Field as a child.

When Judy Bell retired from her position as "Mrs. Santa Claus" in 1966, a new Christmas Tree Committee was formed to take over the responsibilities associated with this annual event. Members of this early committee were Ann Fenohr, Millie Stanley, Lois Wellman and Bunny Marston. Upon Judy's death in 1968, **The Judy Bell Fund** was established in her memory to provide funds to purchase a tree in The Community House. Since 1971, children from the Gates Mills Elementary School decorate the tree each year with hand-made ornaments. This tradition was begun under the supervision of Joan Stephens and Jerri Gressle. It was later organized by Gloria Naji and Becky Smith. Barb Catalano now has the responsibility for organizing the children's ornamental efforts.

**YOGA**

**GATES MILLS COMMUNITY HOUSE**

**EVERY SATURDAY @ 10 AM**

<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>
2- LYNDY	6- JACLYN
9- JACLYN	13- SHANNON
16- SHANNON	20- BECCA
23- LYNDY	27- LYNDY
30- CHRISTINA	

**Recycle!**

- 1. Place used alkaline batteries in the box on the credenza in Town Hall.**
- 2. Place used eyeglasses in the basket in the night stand between to Council Chambers and Fire Chief Majewski's office in Town Hall.**

**The Community Club has recycled hundreds of used eyeglasses to the Cleveland Sight Center.**

# LIGHTS FOR LIONS



Season's Greetings Gates Mills Villagers! For the past two years, Gates Mills has participated in the Cleveland Zoo's Light for Lions program and as a result, we have been able to divert several hundred pounds of broken holiday lights and extension cords from the landfills to directly benefit the non-profit organization Lion Landscapes. Sadly, lion and cheetah populations have decreased by over 40% in the past two decades, partly due to human-animal conflict. And while Lion Landscapes has yet to fully evaluate strategies to assist its human counterparts from engaging in conflict with their in-laws over the holidays, they have found great success in developing long-term conservation programs to protect big cats in Tanzania.

Starting the first week in December through the end of January 2024, collection boxes will be available in the entrance way to Town Hall and the Community House. Broken and/or used holiday lights and extension cords can be placed in the boxes but **please do not include any packaging**. The Cleveland Zoo will recycle the material and the proceeds will be donated to Lion Landscapes. If you have questions, please contact Jen Pinto at [jenniferpinto7@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferpinto7@yahoo.com).

Happy Holidays!



# The Gates Mills Garden Club

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# DEC

# JAN

**December 5th Board Meeting**  
at the Barn and Zoom 4 PM  
(*Yep, same day as the Greens Workshop!!!!*)

## **DECEMBER POST OFFICE FLOWERS**

December 4 Agnes Lane  
December 11 Nancy McGuinness  
December 18 Barbara Schuh  
December 24 Eileen Pryatel

## *Greens Workshop*

**Tuesday, December 5th at 10:30 AM**

Louise from Auburn Pointe Greenhouse and Flowers will help us make holiday arrangements to take home. Please bring gloves and clippers to trim evergreens for arrangement in a rectangular box along with pine cones, cinnamon sticks, and other seasonal decorations. The box can be displayed indoors or outdoors. Snow date is Monday, December 11, at 10:30 am in the Barn.

A light lunch of pizza and salad greens will be served.

Direct questions to Jane Lindmark at [janelmk@gmail.com](mailto:janelmk@gmail.com) or 440-725-0587

Pay online or mail your check, payable to Gates Mills Garden Club and send to:  
Gates Mills Garden Club PO Box 216 Gates Mills, OH 44040  
Attn: Greens Workshop

Member Fee - \$40 Guest Fee - \$45

**Reservations now due by Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.**

## **December Library Flowers**

December 5 Mary Anne Liljedahl  
December 12 Marion Faubel  
December 19 Lucy Lytle  
December 26 Donna Scott Nursala

## **JANUARY POST OFFICE FLOWERS**

January 7 Karen Galloway  
January 14 Janet AuWerter  
January 21 Kathy Roesch  
January 28 Wendy Hyland

## **January Library Flowers**

January 2 Jan Bohinc  
January 9 Mary Joyce  
January 16 Jann Holzman  
January 23 Leah Whidden  
January 30 Mary Clough

## **Holiday Luncheon**

**Tuesday, December 12th**

11:30 am Holiday Cheer

12:00 pm Luncheon and Entertainment by the Nightingales

Chagrin Valley Hunt Club

Member Fee \$45, Guest Fee \$55, Cash Bar Available

Please bring a gift for a child, ages 2 to 5, wrapped and labeled with gender.

**Reservations must be made at [gmgcreservations@gmail.com](mailto:gmgcreservations@gmail.com) or 601-668-1776 on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m.**

**After making your reservation, please make payment online at [theGatesMillsGardenClub.com](http://theGatesMillsGardenClub.com) or by check payable to, GMGC, P.O. Box 216, Gates Mills 44040, by Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.**

*Host Committee:*

*Chair: Janet AuWerter*

*Co-Chairs: Peg Lencewicz,*

*Jennifer Collins, Jennifer Moeller*





## The Nature Camp in The Village of Gates Mills



**READY OR NOT...HERE COMES SUMMER 2024!**

The Nature Camps in The Village are sure to be the most popular educational and motivational summer camps in Northeast Ohio. The Nature CAMPS in The Village will daily incorporate the popular format of using hands-on and discovery learning methods to explore the many phenomena in nature, science, art, and physical education all while building self-esteem and positive character in each camper.

The Nature CAMP in the Village offers THREE CAMPS to meet the needs of all age groups.

**Preschool Nature Camp (3-4-year-olds), The Nature Camp, (K-5th Grade) and Extreme Teen Camp (6th-8th Grade).**

CAMP	<u>Preschool Nature Camp</u>	<u>The Nature Camp in The Village</u>	<u>Extreme Teen Camp...ETC</u>
AGES	<b>3- &amp; 4-Year Olds</b> (Must Be Potty Trained)	<b>Entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>Entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
DATES	<b>Week 1:</b> June 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>Week 2:</b> June 17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>Week 3:</b> June 24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> <b>Week 4:</b> July 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Week 5:</b> July 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Session I:</b> June 10 <sup>th</sup> - June 28 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Session II:</b> July 1 <sup>st</sup> - July 19 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Mini Camp A:</b> July 22 <sup>nd</sup> - July 26 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Mini Camp B:</b> July 29 <sup>th</sup> - August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Session I:</b> June 10 <sup>th</sup> - June 21 <sup>st</sup>  <b>Session II:</b> June 24 <sup>th</sup> - July 5 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Session III:</b> July 8 <sup>th</sup> - July 19 <sup>th</sup>
TIME	Half Day - 8:30am - 11:30am  All Day - 8:30am - 2:30pm	8:30am-3:00pm  Before Care - 7:30am-8:30am After Care- 3:00pm - 5:00pm (\$10 per hour)	Drop Off - 8:15am - 8:45am  Pick Up - 2:45pm - 3:15pm
LOCATIONS	Gates Mills Marston Park  GM Community House	Gates Mills Village outdoor areas, Elementary School, Community House & North Chagrin Metroparks	North Chagrin Metroparks  River Grove Picnic Area
FIELD TRIPS	n/a	1 Field Trip in Session I 1 Field Trip in Session II <b>No fieldtrips in Mini Camp</b>	1 Field Trip Every Week
COST	<b>Half-Day Session</b> \$225 Per Half Day Session (Camper to be picked up at 11:30am no lunch time or rest time)  <b>All Day Session</b> \$450 Per Full Day Session (Campers will have lunch time & rest time in ALL DAY SESSION)	\$750.00 Per Session  \$225.00 Per Mini Camp Week	\$575.00 Per 2 Week Session

To ensure the safety of all campers and employees, the Preschool Nature Camp, The Nature Camp in the Village, and Extreme Teen Camp reserve the right to reject the application of any camper who may require special services or accommodations whom the prior listed camps are not equipped for or trained to accommodate.

**Priority registration for Gates Mills Residents January 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>**

Visit [www.thenaturecamp.net](http://www.thenaturecamp.net) to register!

Contact us at [thenaturecamp@gmail.com](mailto:thenaturecamp@gmail.com) or 440-953-1524

## Mayfield Moments

Written by DeAnn Dominish and Meghan Perez



- The Mayfield High School girls' soccer team had a terrific season, going 12-2-2 before falling to Uniontown Lake in a tight double overtime match in the playoffs. The Wildcats' success was highlighted by a victory over state-ranked and previously undefeated Twinsburg, and an undefeated Western Reserve Conference championship, Mayfield's first since 2017. In addition to their on-field achievements, the girls' soccer team shone academically, with every Varsity player earning a conference Scholar-Athlete award. The team received the United Soccer Coaches Award for Team Academic Excellence for the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and had 7 seniors recognized as Academic All-Ohio players for achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher throughout their academic careers.

- Mayfield High School's World Affairs Club sent 26 students to the fall 2023 Model U.N. Conference at Case Western Reserve University. Students wrote position papers, collaborated with other students on pressing world issues, and practiced public speaking skills. Congratulations to the 3 pairs of MHS students who won awards for their position papers!
- Mayfield City Schools' strong fiscal management and innovation have been on display. For its annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022, the district earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting—the highest form of recognition state and local government financial reporting. District leaders also recently presented on how Mayfield's Portrait of a Wildcat is supporting 21<sup>st</sup> century learning at the EDLEADER21 Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.



- Mayfield Middle School students held their annual Day of Service. Students were out in force throughout the community raking leaves and painting picnic tables. Students also made cards and blankets for pediatric hospital patients. Volunteering their time and energy allowed students to develop empathy and compassion while making a positive impact on their community. The MMS community is continuing to give back with a Season of Giving campaign to support school families in need over the holidays. Donations can be made through the Parent Portal or dropped off at the middle school.

### Coming up:

- Come check out Mayfield's talented and award winning students as the Mayfield Vocal Boosters presents Rent, School Edition from December 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors, and \$12 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at [www.mayfieldvocalmusic.org](http://www.mayfieldvocalmusic.org)





# Holiday Happenings at Gates Mills Elementary

Written by: Erica Alemdar



Fall is coming to a close, and the holiday season has snuck up. There is much merriment in the air at Gates Mills Elementary as we have much to celebrate. In this season of gratitude and giving, we are thankful for all those who make Gates Mills Elementary the incredibly special place that it is.

To commemorate Veteran's Day, kindergarteners came together with their 5<sup>th</sup> grade buddies. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders shared with the youngest students their favorite part of the holiday, and they learned more about this important holiday together.



Election Day was hopping at the Gates Mills Community House. Our school's families and students were also busy working to prepare and sell delicious baked goods for voters with this important fundraiser setting a new record! Thank you to all the voters who supported us at the annual Election Day Bake Sale, continuing this awesome Village tradition! We couldn't do it without you, our family volunteers, and generous donations from our wonderful local businesses: 56 Kitchen, Addie's Cup, Aladdin's Eatery Mayfield, Avanti Salon, Bob Evans, Davis Bakery, First Watch, Geraci's, Giant Eagle, Heinen's, Krispie Kreme, Patterson's Fruit Farm, Sara's Place, Scramblers, Tavern on Mayfield, The Village Butcher, Versaré Café + Market, Winking Lizard, and Yours Truly. Our students are also looking forward to attending the Cleveland



Ballet's *Nutcracker* this month, thanks to the generosity of Addie's Cup owner, Laura Berge, and Village residents who contributed to the Coins for the Cause in support of our students.

However you celebrate, here's to a wonderful holiday season and start of the New Year from all of us over at your friendly, neighborhood Gates Mills Elementary School.



## 2023-2024 Gates Mills Elementary School Walkathon

Thank you to all of the families, friends, staff, and villagers that supported the Gates Mills Elementary School walkathon with Cheddar up, cash, or check donations. Also, a big thanks to Cardinal Credit Union for assisting with our Penny Wars competition. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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## HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO VOTE?

At St. Francis of Assisi we consider it very important. That is why our second graders learned how to vote as part of their Social Studies class. The students started the class by reading a book called VOTE. They then role played in which two students were running for Mayor. The students came to the teacher's polling place, signed in, and then cast their ballots with their very own handmade registration card. After all the votes were cast, they tallied them up and graphed the results. The second graders loved this experience and learned the importance of the voting process.





**Resident Information: There are TWO ways for you to receive notifications:**

- 1. Gates Mills Connect**
- 2. ReadyNotify (formerly CodeRed)**



**Gates Mills Connect** is an email news service that sends brief and timely updates about the **Village**, directly to your email box. Sign up [here](#).



**ReadyNotify** is a mass notification system used by the Village of Gates Mills to issue emergency notifications to the public. It is similar to the communications systems schools use to notify parents of closures or other time-sensitive information. The system delivers messages to residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, text message, or electronic mail. The system is capable of sending messages to specific communities or the entire county. Sign up to receive emergency notifications at [ReadyNotify.us](http://ReadyNotify.us)

**Public Safety**

In case of emergencies: 911

Fire, Police, Ambulance: (440) 423-4456

Non-emergency Police\Fire: (440) 423-4405 (M-F, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Non-emergency Police and Fire calls after hours: (440) 423-4456

The Police Department offers services to residents such as:

[Vacation Watch](#) - your property will be checked by officers while you are away

[Register Your Pet](#) - information will be available to police in case your pet is lost or stolen

Wellness Checks - Police are available to perform wellness checks on residents as needed

**Income Tax Collection: RITA**

The Regional Income Tax Collection Agency (RITA) is the agency that oversees income tax collection for the Village. For information call 800-860-7482 or visit [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com).



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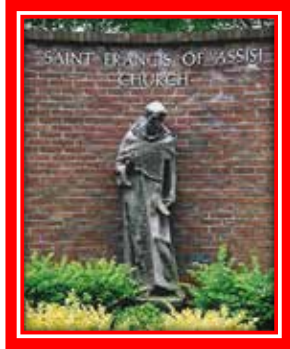
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Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Blue Christmas service 5:00 PM

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Family Vespers Service 3:30 PM

Holy Eucharist 9:00 PM

\*Prelude begins at 8:30 PM



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WEEKLY ADVENT SERVICES WILL BE HELD EACH SUNDAY AT 10:45 AM

## *“Christmas from a New Perspective”*

Join us for Sunday service at 10:45am

**Dec. 3** Christmas from the Perspective of the Son

**Dec. 10** Christmas from the Perspective of the Father

**Dec. 17** Christmas from the Perspective of King Herod

**Dec. 24** Christmas from the Perspective of Joseph

**Dec. 24** Christmas from the Perspective of the Shepherds\*

*\*(7:00pm Christmas Eve candlelight service)*

More info online at: [www.little.church](http://www.little.church).

# Gates Mills Grapevine

A PAGE TO SHARE NEWS ABOUT FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE IN THE VILLAGE OR WHO HAVE MOVED AWAY.

By Susie Thorpe

## WE HAVE LOST SOME DEAR FRIENDS

**LORINDA (RINDY) NASH COLLISTER** was born on December 5, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio and peacefully passed at the age of 83 on November 3, 2023. Rindy grew up in Gates Mills and was the devoted daughter of John Franklin Nash (deceased) and Barbara Bruch Nash (deceased) and the loving sister of John Franklin Nash, Jr. (deceased).

Rindy shared 52 joyful years in Gates Mills with her beloved husband, Daniel Russell Collister. She is survived by her four children, Lucy Nash Lytle, Becky Lytle Everett (Chandler), John Reading Lytle (Lee), and David Franklin Lytle, and two step-children, Laurie Collister and Peter Collister (Rebecca). Rindy was the adored grandmother of seven: Katie Everett (Jacob Hailperin-Lausch), Andrew Everett, Jake Lytle, Tucker Lytle, Tori Lytle, Georgie Collister, and Lizzie Collister.



Rindy graduated from Hathaway Brown School in 1958 and from Skidmore College in 1962. She was a past president of The Gates Mills Garden Club, a founding board member of The Gates Mills Land Conservancy, and a former board member of the Central School of Practical Nursing. With her husband, Dan, she actively participated in many community theater productions of The Gates Mills Players, where they formed several lifelong friendships.

On Saturday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m., a Celebration of Life service was held at St. Christopher by-the-River Episcopal Church followed by a reception at the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club. Memorial donations may be made to The Gates Mills Players, 1460 Chagrin River Road, Gates Mills, Ohio 44040. Please write "Rindy Collister" on the memo line of the check.



**Please send submissions on births, deaths, weddings and other news to share with fellow Villagers to Susie Thorpe:**

[SueThorpe695@yahoo.com](mailto:SueThorpe695@yahoo.com) or call 423-4743.

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## St. Christopher's by-the-River, Episcopal Church

7601 Old Mill Road, Gates Mills, OH

440.423.4451



St. Christopher's will be selling **2024 Day-By-Day Calendars**. 100% of the proceeds go to purchasing daily RTA bus passes for the residents from the Men's shelter at 2100 Lakeside.

Last Fall, the parishioners at St. Christopher's collected their favorite quotes which make up the 2024 calendar! Please consider purchasing one of these calendars and make a difference in the lives of the shelter residents!

Each calendar is \$20 which covers the cost of producing it. Call the church to buy some calendars for your Thanksgiving guests! Thank you, in advance, for your support!

# To You & Yours



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THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND  
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