

November 2023

THE PINK SHEET

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS.

# GATES MILLS NEWS



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**SPECIAL! NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**DINNER THEATER AT 6 PM**

**PERFORMANCES AT 7:30 PM**



**NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM**



**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>,**

**MATINEE AT 2 PM**



**NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM**

## Inside This Issue:

November 7<sup>th</sup> is Election Day: Vote Downstairs at the Community House  
Elementary School Bake Sale on Election Day  
Upstairs at Community House

Land Conservancy Dinner: Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>      Yoga in the Park—Now Indoors

Family Movie Night is Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>: *The Grinch*

LNO Wine Dinner      Christmas Employee Fund      Fraud Seminar

Published by the Gates Mills Community Club

# GATES MILLS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunbeam Holiday Boutique at The Country Club: Opening Night Party November 8<sup>th</sup>  
Shopping November 9<sup>th</sup>—10<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, November 1	7:00 p.m.	LNO Book Club, Community House
Thursday, November 2	5:00 p.m.	Architectural Review Board Meeting, Council Chambers, Town Hall
Friday, November 3		
Saturday, November 4		
Sunday, November 5	2:00 a.m.	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</b>
Monday, November 6		
Tuesday, November 7		<b>ELECTION DAY: Vote Downstairs at The Community House Gates Mills Elementary School Bake Sale is Upstairs at the Community House</b>
		
	4:00 p.m.	Garden Club Board Meeting, The Barn
	5:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Meeting, Council Chambers, Town Hall & YouTube
Wednesday, November 8	11:30 – 1 p.m.	Service Department Luncheon, Community House
Thursday, November 9	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Night Out Wine Dinner, Old Mill Room, Sara's Place
Friday, November 10	6:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner Theater--<i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i></b> , Community House, The Players (For tickets see: gatesmillsplayers.com)
Saturday, November 11		<b>VETERANS DAY</b>
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i> , Community House, The Players
Sunday, November 12	2:00 p.m.	<i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i> , Community House, The Players
Monday, November 13		
Tuesday, November 14	10:30 a.m.	Garden Club Meeting, The Barn
Wednesday, November 15	5:00 p.m.	Historical District Subcommittee Meeting of the Architectural Review Board, Council Chambers, Town Hall
	6-7:30 p.m.	<b>Phantom Hacker Schemes: Fraud Seminar, Community House</b>
Thursday, November 16	10:30 a.m.	Community Club Board Meeting, Community House
	4:00 p.m.	Special Council Workshop Meeting on Broadband, Community House
Friday, November 17	10:00 a.m.	Bridge Box Planting, Garden Club; start at South Bridge
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i> , Community House, The Players
Saturday, November 18	7:30 p.m.	<i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i> , Community House, The Players
Sunday, November 19		
Monday, November 20		
Tuesday, November 21	5:30 p.m.	<b>Council Meeting, Community House &amp; YouTube Channel</b>
Wednesday, November 22		
Thursday, November 23		<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>
Friday, November 24		
Saturday, November 25		
Sunday, November 26		
Monday, November 27		
Tuesday, November 28		
Wednesday, November 29		
Thursday, November 30		

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# The Pink Sheet

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Dear Villagers,

November is here, and I am thankful for many things, especially for the gift of an extra hour on the first Sunday of this month. Greedy me would like every Sunday to have an extra hour, and I'm willing to bet I am not alone. After all the Halloween decorations are boxed up for next year, the hoses and patio furniture stored away, and the remaining spring bulbs planted in the ground, that extra hour promises to be a small luxury.

The Village trees seem to be wearing their autumn glory a little later this year. I nominate Gates Road, off of Mayfield, as having the prettiest array of fall colors. Random layers of gold against green against orange and red suggest which trees to plant for future autumnal displays, and November is the perfect time to add some trees to the landscape. These past few weeks Chagrin Valley Nursery's trees have been presenting their fall colors to make selections easier. CVN sells to homeowners as well as landscapers. Take the long drive back towards the river, and make the bend off to the right to find the "store". The Mastrangelo family has been in the nursery business for generations. See their Facebook page to learn about varieties of trees and shrubs.

Thank goodness for Addie's Cup! Shop owner Laura Berge donates tip money to support Village entities like the school, St. Christopher's, and the Judy Bell fund among others, and residents now can grab a bit of breakfast or a quick lunch right here in the Village. As I overheard someone say, "It used to be you couldn't buy a Twinkie in Gates Mills." But then, who would want to? Laura's pastries are vastly superior to the sponge cakes of yesteryear. Blueberry muffins are my favorite—or maybe it's the chocolate ones? Coffee or tea are the ideal accompaniments. Stop in the cheery shop with the mid-century Saarinen tulip chairs and tables. Addie's Cup is tucked in between Sara's and Cindy Halle's.



Come into the Village proper for Dinner Theater on November 10<sup>th</sup> at The Community House. Sara's Place is catering dinner at 6 PM followed by The Gates Mills Players performance of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. If you missed it on Broadway in 1941, make a point to see it this month in the Village. It's a screwball comedy and promises to be a treat. Then when the snow flies—and you know it will—snuggle up and watch Cary Grant in Frank Capra's film of the same name.

Over these past few months The Historical Society has been thinking about the Walking Bridge alongside St. Christopher's Church. Many residents have enjoyed reading about adventures on the old iron structure that will have served as the vital walkway between the north and south parts of the Village for 100 years come 2025. It is quite an impressive structure. Marcia Anselmo and Diane Hladky are consulting bridge experts and are looking into restoring the bridge that is a testament to Village history and the last remaining one of its kind in Ohio. Whatever the weather, standing on the bridge, watching the river currents rush by below never gets old. The Walking Bridge is one more part of the Village for which to be thankful. And aren't we all.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

November 2023

Gail Palmer



**A NEW TRADITION IN THE VILLAGE!**

# **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)**

Several ways to register your home for judging by  
Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</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 December 21<sup>st</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. 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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

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

# Village of Gates Mills



November 2023

Dear Villagers,

Our green trees have turned to beautiful shades of Fall reds and oranges. Autumn is here as is **Daylight Savings Time**. Make sure to change your clocks on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> when we fall back an hour.

Please remember that Tuesday **November 7<sup>th</sup> is Election Day**. We have 5 candidates running for 3 seats on Council. I encourage each of you to do your homework on all the candidates to make as educated a decision as possible. Bios and platforms on all candidates are available at the Town Hall and on the Village website. You can gain further insight into the 3 incumbents by watching videos of all the Council meetings that are also on the website. **Please vote!**

October was a very busy month. Events for recycling televisions, electronics, and hazardous waste were held. We also offered shredding services. It was indeed a productive month for helping our environment! I want to thank the many helpers that have picked up roadside trash as they enjoy their daily walks with their dogs. We can all be very proud of how attractive our community is.

Thank you to everyone who helped with and attended our **Annual Halloween Party** on October 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a great event with lots of costumes, fun things and goblins!

We are having our third "**Holiday Decorating Contest**". Prizes will be awarded in several categories with pictures taken. We encourage you to enter. A registration form is in the Pink Sheet, or you can call Jean or Dorothy at Town Hall (440-423-4405) to register. Registration will run through December 20<sup>th</sup> with judging to follow. Also, Jennifer Pinto will have **Lights for Lions** boxes out in Town Hall to collect broken holiday lights. It's part of the **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's Lights for Lions Initiative**. The lights that are collected are recycled for a profit which is provided to conservation partners **Ruaha Carnivore Project** and **Lion Landscapes**.

Please check that your house numbers are visible from the street in **BOTH DIRECTIONS**. Some houses have no numbers or only one side, yet emergency vehicles need visibility from both sides in case of an emergency at your location.

Gates Mills is extremely proud to be a part of the Mayfield City Schools. Mayfield is one of the largest and most diverse among the 13 districts in the county that earned a 5 star rating. Gates Mills Elementary was in the top 2% among 2000 elementary schools in the state of Ohio. Only 4 schools out of 164 received a 5 star rating and 2 were ours—Center and Gates Mills Schools!

I want to bring you up to date on our traffic cameras on Mayfield Road which have received a great deal of press, some not very accurate. It took over 1 ½ years to get everything up and running. The primary goal was to slow down traffic and avoid accidents in a very dangerous area...and so far, so good. Pre-Covid Mayfield Road had 18,000 cars per day. That number has dropped to 15,000-16,000. Our cameras went online 8/17 along with warning signs at all Village entrances. On day one over 400 cars were going over 60MPH in a 45MPH zone. Now speeders account for about 125 cars per day—a huge improvement. The signs at all entrances to the Village have also slowed down traffic on side streets. After an initial grace period, citations were sent out for speeding over 60MPH. The highest speed being 91MPH. There are 8 other local communities with cameras, and in comparison, we are issuing fewer citations and lower fines. Drivers are slowing down. There are 3 tiers of fines: 80% are for speeds from 60-64MPH, 15% for speeds 65-74MPH and 5% for speeds above 75MPH.

Finally I want to wish all of you and your families a Very Happy Thanksgiving. I am thankful for all the community support in the Village and for the beautiful Village we call home.

**Karen E. Schneider, Mayor**

(440) 423-4405 Ext. 122

[Mayor@gatesmillsvillage.com](mailto:Mayor@gatesmillsvillage.com)

# **DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN...**

## **Join the Community Club!!**

The Community Club, founded in 1930 remains a vital and active organization in Gates Mills that brings together residents through community activities, civic, charitable and public projects to benefit the residents of the Village. Whether it's attending a luncheon lecture, volunteering for the Fourth of July parade, or hitting the town for Ladies Night Out there is something for everyone!

### **Why Join the Community Club?**

- Connect with other Villagers/make new friends
- Support Village Projects
- Help with the Pink Sheet
- Join our Book Club

### **Yes! I'd like to join the Community Club**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Your check for \$60 made payable to Gates Mills Community Club, includes all the benefits of the club ( including monthly luncheons and programs) through August 2024

Mail form and check to:

Community Club P.O. Box 372 G.M. OH 44040

Any questions? Call Suzanne Snelson 216.346.7937

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## Upcoming Events

### Village Service Luncheon

Wednesday, November 8  
11:30-1:00 Food Truck

Many thanks to our village employees for their work throughout the year.

### Ladies Night Out Wine Dinner at Sara's Place

Thursday, November 9  
6:30 p.m.

RSVP to [kwbroome@me.com](mailto:kwbroome@me.com)

### Board Meeting

Thursday, November 16  
10:30 a.m.  
Community House



## Follow us on Facebook

Log into Facebook and enter @gatesmillscommunityclub into the search box.

Click on the "follow" button to see dates and new posts. Then hit the "like" button to help others find us.

Please send club photos and information to Laura Cotton for our Facebook Page:

[GMCCFB@gmail.com](mailto:GMCCFB@gmail.com)

## Book Club



7:00 p.m.  
Community House Parlor

### Weds Nov 1

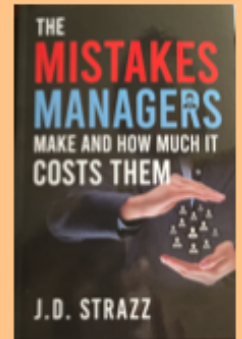
"Black Cake" by Charmaine Wilkerson

### Weds Dec 6

"Symphony of Secrets" by Brendan Slocum

### Weds January 3

*"The Mistakes Managers Make and How Much it Costs Them."* Don't miss this special opportunity to discuss the book and get insights from the author! Gates Mills Resident John D. Strazzanti, will join us for the discussion.



Contact Lisa at [larworkerscomp@gmail.com](mailto:larworkerscomp@gmail.com) for more information.

## Save the Date!

Thursday, December 7

Don't miss our spectacular annual Holiday Luncheon with musical entertainment. Watch for details in the December Pink Sheet.



Gates Mills Players, Inc  
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

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STUDENTS (K-12) - \$10.00

GROUPS (10 OR MORE) - \$10.00

GATES MILLS COMMUNITY HOUSE

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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**

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**PLEASE DETACH AND SEND TO: THE GATES MILLS IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY**

Box 354, Gates Mills, OH 44040

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

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

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FBI's Cleveland Field Office and  
The Gates Mills Police Department present:



# How to avoid "PHANTOM HACKER SCAMS" and the latest fraud trends and schemes



**Wednesday**  
**November 15, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Gates Mills Community House**  
**1460 Chagrin River Road**  
**Gates Mills, OH 44040**

## **AVOID BEING DEFRAUDED**

for more information visit:  
[www.GatesMillsVillage.com](http://www.GatesMillsVillage.com)



Report  
**Internet Crime to the FBI**  
**ic3.gov**



# *Gates Mills Police Department*

*Proud to Serve...Sworn to Protect*

## **From Your Police Department:**

Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. We would like to thank four members of the Gates Mills Police Department for their service.

- Officer Arch Kimbrew, United States Navy.
- Officer Paul Pfiester, United States Navy.
- Officer James Chura, United States Marine Corps.
- Officer Daniel Berman, United States Army.

We have officially turned the calendar to Autumn which brings its own set of hazards. Do not make the mistake of thinking that this is an easy time for driving. Typically, this time of year has the highest number of traffic accidents based on miles driven. An increase in traffic accidents is in large part due to deer. Autumn marks the beginning of deer breeding season. They can often be seen near the edge of the road. Keep a sharp eye out for deer crossings, and remember that deer are most active around sunrise and sunset. Also, rain during the season combined with fallen leaves can make roadways slippery. Leave additional distance between cars when it is raining to ensure adequate time for braking.

Unfortunately, once again, we have seen an increase in fraud reports filed by our residents. As a result, On Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the community house, we will be hosting a Fraud Seminar. Our presenter will be Cleveland FBI Supervisory Special Agent Pat Koeth, of the white-collar crime squad unit. Special Agent Koeth will speak about Elder Fraud, current scams, ways to protect your passwords, etc. He will also talk about the IC3 (Internet Crime Complaint Center). Please plan on attending this important informational seminar.

And finally, I would like to extend a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

As always, please contact me if you need any assistance.

Yours in Service,

*Gregg Minichello*

Chief of Police

(440) 423-4405 ext. 112

[gminichello@gatesmillsvillage.com](mailto:gminichello@gatesmillsvillage.com)

# Gates Mills Yoga in the Park

## - now inside in The Community House!

Yoga in the Park was founded in the Village in 2022 by Gates Mills resident, Lyndy Rutkowski. This program offers exceptional yoga classes by a team of experienced teachers. Yoga in the Park brings our community together every Saturday from 10 am-11am. During the warm months it takes place on the Town Hall lawn. We had a great turnout every Saturday this summer, and every week it was beautiful weather - we never once had to cancel for rain!

Starting October 14th, we are practicing in the Community House to extend our program year round! We gather on the lower level of the Community House located at 1460 Chagrin River Road. There are six teachers who lead the classes - each one is highly experienced and offers his or her own unique style. Come practice with us - you will feel both relaxed and energized. It's what makes yoga so special.

No experience necessary. All ages and levels welcome. Bring a mat! Donations are welcomed.

Lyndy Rutkowski, Founder  
**Yoga in the Park**



### 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 will kick off November 17<sup>th</sup> and run through December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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



# Gates Mills Fire Department

Thomas Majeski, Chief Office: 440-423-1580 email: [firechief@gatesmillsvillage.com](mailto:firechief@gatesmillsvillage.com)

No matter what type of disaster strikes our town there is a high probability that electrical power may be interrupted. These interruptions usually last only a few hours. However, we have experienced interruptions for many days. Although the area affected may be large it is always a good idea to report the outage to the power company. This will help the power company to make a more efficient assessment to allocate resources in a timely manner.

Your disaster plan should include preparations for power interruptions. This might include flashlights, battery-operated smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and other battery backups to maintain internet and internet phone service. Other backup systems include stationary generators, portable generators, or solar backup systems.

Stationary generators are usually sized to operate an entire household and run off of the natural gas or propane that is used to heat your home. When having these units installed, give special attention so that engine exhaust is directed away from the house. These systems usually have an automatic transfer switching system that turns on the emergency power when the normal power is interrupted and switches the power back when the normal power is restored.

Portable generators are usually used to run individual circuits in the home that are necessary for emergency operations. These include furnaces, lighting, refrigerators, etc., and usually, must be set up manually. When using this equipment NEVER run it in your house or garage. The generator must be set up outside and any extension cords used must be of the heavy-duty type to carry the rated electrical load. Also, never refuel a running generator, shut it down and let it cool.

Always have your carbon monoxide detector working in your home when using both stationary and portable generating equipment, it is your safeguard.

The last backup system is a solar panel system with a battery storage bank. This system relies on the sun's energy to recharge the battery storage bank.

In summary, plan to use all systems as safely as possible.

*Chief Thomas Majeski*



# THE GATES MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESERVING HISTORY FOR 77 YEARS

## **The Bridge**

Written by Sterling W. Hubbard, Jr.  
on the occasion of its restoration, October, 1980

The third and last in a series of articles on the Walking Bridge in the Village

I left and went over to the bridge once more before starting up the east hill and home. I was in time to see the six geese fly off over the high girders. I was thinking of another dash across the valley and thunder over the bridge. An episode to which Sam never alluded to although his memory was excellent. This was the case of the early morning, backward riding, newspaper reading lone passenger.

It seems that the “Bankers Express” was well up the west hill that morning when the power failed and it slowed to a stop. The motorman set the brakes and he and the conductor climbed down onto the tracks to see if the trolley was off the wire or if there was some other malfunction of the car. They could find nothing wrong, so they strolled off a short distance for a smoke and waited for the power to come back on. Hearing a slight rumble they turned in time to see their morning express start off backward down the hill with its single passenger absorbed in his morning

paper. The air had leaked out of the brakes. Down the hill raced the car with the motorman and conductor in hot pursuit.

After a series of passes over the bridge and several crossings of the polo field, the Bankers Express gave up near the Maple Leaf Inn at stop twenty-one where the library now stands. [The Southwick House Museum served as the Village library in 1980.] The panting crew rejoined it there as the passenger climbed down folding his newspaper. He consulted his watch and addressed the conductor. “What are we doing here, Sam?”

Riding her bicycle shakily a pretty young girl came up to me on the bridge. As she passed she raised a quick shaky hand in salute and gave me a nice shaky smile. But the bridge didn’t shake, and the distant honking of Canada geese is hardly in a class with thunder.



**THE GATES MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PATCH BEARS THE IMAGE OF  
THE WALKING BRIDGE.  
THE NEWEST VERSION HAS  
UPDATED COLORS.**

# THE GATES MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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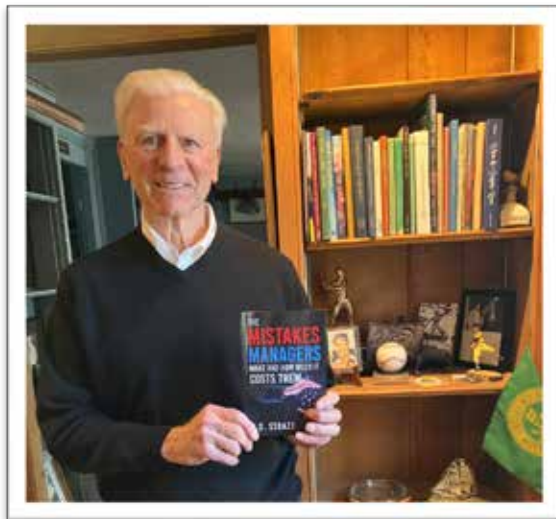
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Gates Mills through  
the years and  
our previous  
Pink Sheet pages  
on our  
Facebook page.

The Museum is open  
by Appointment:

440.423.1040

## AUTHORS' SHELF



Longtime Village resident, John Strazzanti, adds his newly published book, *The Mistakes Managers Make and How Much It Costs Them* to the Gates Mills Authors Shelf at Southwick House Museum.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT 25 YEARS SERVICE PLAQUE



In a small ceremony at Town Hall on October 19<sup>th</sup>, President Marcia Anselmo acknowledged 25 years of service for Sgt. Randy Savage and Lt. Michael Polluto. Congratulations and thank you to both men!



## GATES MILLS STREET SIGN FINAL SALE: 50% OFF

### Rescue Village Signs!

Not kittens or puppies—only weathered ironwork and street signs.

The remaining old street signs are going on sale!

Villagers may call Town Hall to buy a piece of Village history: 440.423.4405.

Thank you to everyone who supported the sale this summer.



Gates Mills Land Conservancy invites all Villagers to our...

## ***2023 Annual Meeting***

**Monday, December 4, 2023**

**Gates Mills Community House 6:00pm**

*(Light dinner and beverages served)*

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*Program Includes:*

- Report from our President and a review of GMLC's 2023 Activities.
- Election of Directors by the Members
- Presentation by Tammy O'Neil, Wildlife Center Care Manager, Penitentiary Glen

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### **“Sharing Our Home with Ohio’s Native Wildlife.”**

Since 1983 Penitentiary Glen has been a vital resource of proper care and protection of our local native wildlife. In connection with Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center, Penitentiary Glen works to relieve the stress of human impact on wildlife populations through human education and wildlife rehabilitation.

This presentation discusses our local animals whose populations are in decline, their habitat loss, protection of their lands, and what we can do as a community to provide a safe home for our native wildlife to thrive. And, one of their 20 different native Animal Ambassadors will be along for the fun.

Tammy O'Neil has a Bachelors in Zoology, and a Masters in Environmental Management. She has worked for the Wildlife Center for 29 years, and is a Board Member of Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and the Midwest Bat Working Group.

We hope to see you there!

The GMLC Board

**Please RSVP to 440-423-0135 or email [GMLC44040@gmail.com](mailto:GMLC44040@gmail.com)**





## Fall in love with Trees!

Fall has arrived! The leaves are changing color and stores are selling pumpkin spice everything! For many of us, the season is defined by falling leaves, and the task of cleaning up after them. Did you know that a medium-sized tree can capture as much as 2,300 gallons of rainfall every year! Fall is also a great time to plant trees and shrubs. Read on to learn how trees can help keep local water bodies and learn how to plant a tree in your yard this season!

### Why Plant a tree in the fall?



There are many benefits to planting trees or shrubs in the fall. The cooler temperatures and autumn rain help trees to establish their roots because roots grow best in cool soil. Fall rain and cooler temperatures mean less watering than in spring because of warmer temperatures. This allows the trees to handle drought and heat of summer months.

### Proper Tree Planting Techniques

Still worried about your tree not making it? There are things to do to ensure your tree has the best chance possible to grow strong and healthy! The top four reasons why trees do not survive are:

- The hole that the tree was planted in was too small.
- The hole was too deep.
- The root ball was not loosened when planting.
- Curious deer

All four are preventable. Follow the link to learn more tree planting techniques: <https://holdenfg.org/resources/tree-care-toolkit-how-to-plant-a-tree/>. After a tree is planted it is best to protect it from deer. Male deer can easily kill a young tree via buck rub, when a male deer rubs his antlers against the base of the tree, to mark it with his scent. It is important to use either a trunk guard or caging for the first few years of growing. Caging also protects against lawn maintenance.



### Trees, Stormwater, and Other Benefits

Did you know that tree roots promote infiltration of stormwater into soil, which leads to less water ponding on your lawn and reduces stormwater flowing into storm sewer systems and downstream areas! Infiltration helps replenish groundwater supply, which many streams in the Chagrin River Watershed are fed by. Roots also help stabilize the soil and landscape. Trees can also help increase property value, provide habitat for wildlife, reduce local temperatures in the summer, improve air quality, and add aesthetic & recreational value.

#### **Note for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Phase II Communities:**



CRWP can provide annual walk-throughs of municipal facilities and provide recommendations for implementing Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) to assist with meeting permit requirements. CRWP can assist with compliance with Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) implementation and NPDES permit requirements. CRWP has developed a virtual staff training on Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for our members' use which can be used to meet the member's annual MCM6 requirement. Additional information and the training video can be found here: [www.crwp.org/staff-training-video-mcm-6](http://www.crwp.org/staff-training-video-mcm-6)



# The Gates Mills Garden Club

[TheGatesMillsGardenClub.com](http://TheGatesMillsGardenClub.com)

Celebrating 92 Years

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2023

## November Program and Luncheon

Tuesday, November 14  
10:30 AM at the Barn

### Main Methods of Propagation:

**'Making even more plants than you really need'**

Presented by Tim Malinich, retired faculty at OSU Extension - Plant propagation does not have to be expensive, difficult or time consuming. Here, we will take a close look at a few methods of plant propagation for outdoor and indoor plants for sale, gift giving, or to satisfy your own curiosity. You will also leave with all you need to plant Monarch-attracting milkweed seeds in your spring garden.

Luncheon Committee

Chair: Laura Cotton

Co-Chairs: Barbara Schuh, Sue Marston, Anne Steele, Sandra Turner

Guest Fee \$10 - RSVP Deadline Friday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 PM

Please indicate if you will not be staying for luncheon.

Alison Phillips [gmgcReservations@gmail.com](mailto:gmgcReservations@gmail.com) or

601-668-1776

**BOARD Meeting, Tuesday, November 7th  
@4:00 PM In the Barn and zoom**

#### Library Fowers

November 6- Terry Mitchell

November 13- Wendy Hyland

November 20 - Sue Marston

November 27 - Sudie Bercheck

#### Post Office Flowers

Carol Holder

Jane Mitchell

Chris Kramer

Betsi Morris

## December Greens Workshop

Tuesday, December 5th at 10:30 am in the Barn.

We will 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. The make-up day, in the event of snow, is Monday, December 11, at 10:30 am in the Barn. A light lunch of pizza and salad greens will be served.

**RSVP by November 24<sup>TH</sup>**

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

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Attn: Greens Workshop

Member Fee - \$40

Guest Fee - \$45

## Save The Date

Please Join Us for Our Annual Holiday Luncheon  
Chagrin Valley Hunt Club

Tuesday, December 12th @ 11:30 A.M.

Please watch your inbox for your email invitation.

Friday, November 17

## Holiday Bridge Box Planting

Meet at the South Bridge @ 10 A.M.

When finished, meet back at the Barn for delicious hot soup.

The Gates Mills Garden Club decorates the North and South bridges that cross over the Chagrin River.

For the winter holidays, the boxes are once again filled with evergreen boughs and cheerful holiday decorations.

Rain Date - Monday, November 20th

For questions or to volunteer contact

Linda Wiest @ [lindawee17@gmail.com](mailto:lindawee17@gmail.com) 216-407-6747

Please remember to bring your gloves & clippers!

We wish to thank the estate of Marcia Haffey for the generous donation to the GMGC Vintage Boutique.

Service Department Luncheon  
Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>  
@ 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
For more information, contact  
Anne Steele  
at [11mimi9@gmail.com](mailto:11mimi9@gmail.com) or  
(440) 226-1332

November 9th  
GCO Holiday North Show  
St. Michael's Woodside, 5025  
Mill Rd, Broadview Heights  
Contact Janet Kirschenbaum  
[janetkirschenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:janetkirschenbaum@gmail.com)  
For carpool info.

# FROST

**"Welcome to the Frost Forest"**

This year's GMGC contribution to the Cleveland Botanical Garden Holiday Show was created and installed by our GMGC New Members as their New Member Project.

For more information contact Pegg Lencewicz at

[pegwicz@aol.com](mailto:pegwicz@aol.com) or go to [holdenfg.org](http://holdenfg.org)

A completely new holiday experience is coming to the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Winter botanical displays, holiday lights and immersive, themed rooms will transport you to an enchanting world.

# Cuyahoga County Public Library



## **GATES MILLS BRANCH LIBRARY**

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Acting Branch Manager: Brenna Becker  
GATmgr@cuyahogalibrary.org  
www.cuyahogalibrary.org

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

**Holiday Hours:** The library will close at 5:30pm on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be closed on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> for Thanksgiving.

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:**

**Family Storytime** – Thursdays, 10:00-10:30 am

All ages with a caregiver: Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays!

### **Teens:**

**VolunTeens** – Thursday, Nov 9: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Help us create thank-you cards for our Gates Mills community service members.

**Yoga for Teens** – Thursday, November 16: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Grades 6-12: Unwind at our beginner's yoga series.

**Homeschool Time Travelers** – Wednesday, Nov 29, 10:00-11:00 am

Ages 11-18: Time travelers: Let's meet to discover what happened on this date.

### **Adults:**

**Friends of the Gates Mills Library Book Sale** – November 3-5

Friday, Nov 3: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Saturday, Nov 4: 9:30am – 5:00pm

Sunday, Nov 5: 1:30pm – 4:30pm

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

Nov 14: Discussion of *Atomic Habits* by James Clear

**Wednesday Evening Book Discussion** – Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm

Nov 8: Discussion of *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson

**Coffee and Coloring** – Saturday, November 18: 11:00am – 12:00pm

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



# **GATES MILLS ELECTION DAY**

## *Bake Sale*

November 7, 2023  
6:30am until sold out

First Floor of the Gates  
Mills Community House  
All proceeds go to support  
Gates Mills Elementary

Organized by the Gates Mills  
Elementary School PTC

## Meet Mayfield High School

Written by: Sean O'Hagan



**Mayfield City Schools**

EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY.

As our local public school children complete Mayfield Middle School, the next stop is the **Mayfield High School** serving 1,350+ students in grades nine to 12. Continuing our series of school profiles at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, we wanted to share a few ABC-oriented data points on the things to love about our Mayfield High School!

**Advanced Placement** – One of the benefits of a high school the size of Mayfield is expanded course offerings. The school offers 28 AP courses, which is among the most in Cuyahoga County. AP courses across six departments provide students the opportunity to take college level courses and earn college credits and/or advanced placement for their performance on year-end exams. Last year the College Board celebrated 115 Wildcats as AP Scholars in recognition of their achievement on multiple AP exams, including 19 AP Scholars with Honors and 52 AP Scholars with Distinction.

**Bears and Benefitting Others** – From the annual Teddy Bear Clinic—where Excel TECC Medical Technology students visit with kindergarteners and their teddy bears to share healthy habits and build a sense of comfort in medical settings—to a weeklong immersive service experience working with homeless individuals, among other projects, Mayfield Wildcats contribute to our community.

**Culture of Innovation** – The faculty (78.9% of which have at least a master's degree), fosters a culture of innovation by implementing leading evidence-based learning approaches. The high school has been recognized by state and national associations for providing a rich educational experience complete with options for scholars of varying interests and aptitudes, including self-directed learning, connections to high-impact internships, and an exciting innovation center providing hands-on learning opportunities. Students engage with cross-curricular project-based learning, capstone projects and other applied settings to use their creativity, collaborate, and grow their problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication skills so they are prepared for life post-graduation.

**Diversity** – The school enjoys a diverse community comprised of students that identify as Asian or Pacific Islander (6.5%), Black (20.7%), Hispanic (4.5%), Multiracial (5.2%) and White (63%).

**Excellence** – Students in Mayfield High School demonstrate excellence across a variety of disciplines. The Wildcats placed sixth in the Ohio Science Olympiad. The theatre department's production of *Ragtime* won the Best Musical at the Dazzle Awards, which celebrate arts education within the Northeast Ohio community. A team of Excel TECC students were State champions in the Skills USA competition and qualified for the National Championship. A small sample of other individual achievements includes: 15 students being honored at the Scholastic Writing and Art competition; three students being named National Merit Finalists and seven being named National Commended Scholars; and one student scoring a perfect 36 on the ACT and being honored as a U.S. Presidential Scholar (one of only three such students in Ohio and 161 nationally).

Want to know more about Gates Mills Elementary, Mayfield Middle, or Mayfield High School? **Reach out to the Gates Mills Village Town Hall** to be put in contact with Gates Mills families that have students there!

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# Fall into Learning: Fantastic Fall Festivities

Written by: Erica Alemdar



What do you remember when you think of fall at your elementary school? The leaves are decorating the ground, the smell of roasted pumpkin seeds are in the air, and all sorts of fantastic fall festivities are in full swing. Spooky, scary skeletons for the month of October? Not here at Gates Mills Elementary, only fun fall activities! Just a few of this month's highlights include hosting the Board of Education meeting, a special visit from the Mayfield Heights High School football team and band, the Fall Fest, and a walk-a-thon fundraiser.



Principal Ravida, shares that, "Gates Mills Elementary students worked hard this month by setting classroom goals in sportsmanship, reading, math, kindness and school pride. Each classroom earned all of their goals and they were able to participate in a flag football game with some special guests. Each class had the opportunity to play against our very own Mayfield High School football players while our Mayfield band cheered us on!" Thanks go out to Coach Bandiera, Mr. Treiber and Principal Linn for their support. The achievement of these goals was further recognized as Gates Mills was proud to host and be highlighted at the September Board of Education Meeting. Three outstanding students and two incredible staff members were recognized for their citizenship, hard work and positive attitudes at the school. Go Gates Mills Foxes!



Fall would not be complete at Gates Mills Elementary without our fantastic Fall Fest. It seems to be growing every year. This year's festivities included pumpkin painting, hay rides, face painting, games, and an incredible community all coming together to welcome in the fall. Thank you to the following supporters for their work in helping to make this event a success: Wenger Orthodontics Mayfield Heights; Eddy Fruit Farm; Master Pizza; Abates Florist, Greenhouses, and Landscaping; Mayfield City Schools and the Gates Mills Elementary School PTC and families.



# 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

**WILLIAM STUART BATES**, Stuart to his friends and family, passed away peacefully at his home in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Friday, October 13th, 2023. He was ninety-five.

Stuart was born on April 14th, 1928, to William and Ada Bates in Lincolnshire, England. After earning his degree in mechanical engineering, he immigrated with several friends, first to Hamilton, Ontario, and then to Cleveland, Ohio, where he found work in the iron and steel industry. Not long afterward, he met his wife, Sheila Elster, and they settled down to raise a family in the Cleveland suburb of Gates Mills. A resident of the village for more than 50 years, he was active in St. Christopher's-by-the-River Episcopal Church and loved the beauty of the Chagrin Valley. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and photography.



He is remembered by his three children, Ian Bates (Jackie), Susan Bates (Jeff), Brian Bates (Dara), and his beloved granddaughter, Reagan, as well as the many friends he made over the years. He was predeceased by his wife, Sheila. Donations may be given in his memory to <https://donate.ducks.org> or via Phone at 800-453-8257.



**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.

As we plan our Thanksgiving menus, many families in Ohio are not so fortunate as to have amply stocked larders and freezers. Food for both people and pets can be hard to afford. Local food pantries often are at churches and accept donations of shelf stable goods, as does the Cleveland Foodbank which serves six counties in Northeast Ohio with several outreach programs: 216.738.2265 or [clevelandfoodbank.org](http://clevelandfoodbank.org).

Furniture and household goods can have a second life through the **Cleveland Furniture Bank**.  
Kind donations can make a big difference for other families.  
Donations by check are always welcome.

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

7601 Old Mill Road, Gates Mills, OH



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!

**440-423--4451**

Thank you, in advance, for your support!



# Your Official Election Information November 7, 2023 General Election

## Important Election Information

### General Election

- The Secretary of State is not mailing Vote-by-Mail applications to voters for this election. A new application is needed for each election.
- If you choose to Vote-by-Mail for this election, check the "November General Election" box on the application.
- For important election updates, follow us on social media @CuyahogaBoE.

Please review the most current election law changes at [www.443vote.us](http://www.443vote.us)



## Voting Before Election Day

### Vote-by-Mail

#### All voters can vote from home!

Avoid the lines, take your time to research what is on your ballot, and vote from the comfort of your home.



#### Voting from home is easy!

- 1 Submit a ballot application to vote from home. You can print or request a ballot application online at [www.443vote.us](http://www.443vote.us) or by calling **216-443-VOTE (8683)**.
  - 2 We will mail your ballot to you with a return envelope.
  - 3 Vote and return your signed ballot envelope before Election Day.
- \* Use the **Track Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot** tool on our website to track your ballot throughout the process!

### Voting at the Board of Elections

We are located at 2925 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. Voting dates and hours below:



<b>Weekdays*</b>	<b>October 11-27</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 30</b>	<b>7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 31</b>	<b>7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Weekdays*</b>	<b>November 1-3</b>	<b>7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 4</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 5</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b>

\*Weekdays denotes Monday through Friday\*



## Dates, Deadlines and New Rules for Voting

**October 11th:** The Board of Elections will begin mailing ballots to voters who have submitted Vote-by-Mail ballot applications.

**New Rule:** the deadline to submit Vote-by-Mail ballot applications has changed. Vote-by-Mail ballot applications must be received by the Board of Elections on or before **October 31st**.

Vote-by-Mail ballots must be postmarked on or before **November 6th**. Hand delivered ballots may be dropped off at the Board of Elections until 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

**Voting Location Changes:** Your voting location may have been changed for the November 7, 2023 General Election. Voters are encouraged to confirm their voting location when making their voting plans. Confirm your voting location at [www.443vote.us](http://www.443vote.us) or by calling **216-443-VOTE (8683)**.

**New Rules for Early In-Person Voting:** Photo identification is required when Early In-Person Voting. The identification requirements for Early In-Person Voting are now the same as when voting on Election Day.

## Voting On Election Day

**Voting hours:** Your polling location will be open on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### What ID should I bring?

Acceptable forms of unexpired photo ID include:

- ✓ An Ohio Driver License
- ✓ An Ohio State ID Card
- ✓ An Ohio Interim ID form issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles
- ✓ A U.S. passport or passport card
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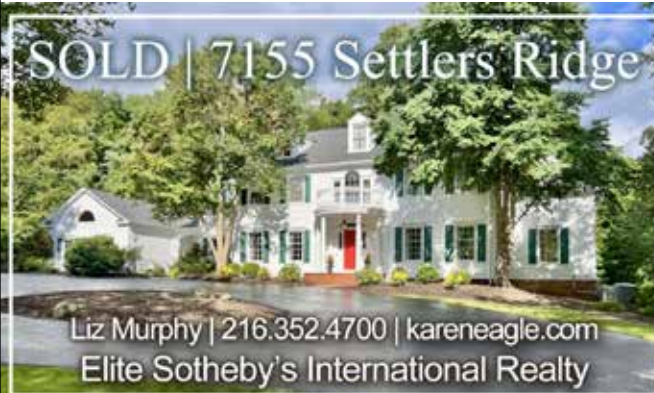
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