

• December 2020 & January 2021 •

THE PINK SHEET

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS

GATES MILLS NEWS



Thank you, Garden Club!

• Inside This Issue: •

Menorah Lighting in the Garden on Thursday, December 10th
Olivia's Dream Toy Drive at Community House—until Dec. 11th

Reimagined Christmas Eve Bonfire & Food Drive!

Carillon Concerts Return! The Friends of the Library Cocoa!

The Future Fox !

Santa's Mailbox at The Post Office

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Gates Mills Community Calendar



Thank you to Lou Butz whose beautiful wreaths grace the doors of the Community House.
The wreaths are a gift in memory of her mother, Helen Lample.

Tuesday, December 1	10:00 a.m. reserve.	Garden Club Board Meeting, Zoom Greens Workshop, Garden Club, The Barn Planning and Zoning Meeting, See village website
Wednesday, December 2		
Thursday, December 3	5:00 p.m.	Architectural Board Meeting, Community House with social distancing
Friday, December 4		
Saturday, December 5		
Sunday, December 6		
Monday, December 7		
Tuesday, December 8	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting, See village website for link to YouTube channel
Wednesday, December 9		
Thursday, December 10	5:30 p.m.	Menorah Lighting, Park next to the Library
Friday, December 11		
Saturday, December 12		
Sunday, December 13		
Monday, December 14		
Tuesday, December 15		
Wednesday, December 16		Community Club Book Group
Thursday, December 17		
Friday, December 18		
Saturday, December 19		
Sunday, December 20		
Monday, December 21		
Tuesday, December 22		
Wednesday, December 23		
Thursday, December 24	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Santa Arrives at the Traditional Christmas Tree Celebration and Bonfire, Polo Field. Everyone is welcome! Social Distancing & Masks required Santa's helpers are collecting items for The Cleveland Food Bank, too!
Friday, December 25		MERRY CHRISTMAS
Saturday, December 26		
Sunday, December 27		
Monday, December 28		
Tuesday, December 29		
Wednesday, December 30		
Thursday, December 31		NEW YEAR'S EVE HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Friday, January 1		
Saturday, January 2		
Sunday, January 3		
Monday, January 4		
Tuesday, January 5	5:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Meeting, See Village Website
Wednesday, January 6		
Thursday, January 7	5:00 p.m.	Architectural Board Meeting, Community House with social distancing
Friday, January 8		
Saturday, January 9		
Sunday, January 10		
Monday, January 11		
Tuesday, January 12	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting, See village website for link to YouTube channel
Wednesday, January 13		
Thursday, January 14	6:00 p.m.	John Tuckerman Movie Night, Garden Club, The Barn
Friday, January 15		
Saturday, January 16		
Sunday, January 17		MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Monday, January 18		
Tuesday, January 19		
Wednesday, January 20	5:00 p.m.	Historical District Subcommittee Meeting of the Architectural Review Board, Community House with Social Distancing
Thursday, January 21	10:00 a.m.	Community Club Board Meeting, Community House
Friday, January 22		
Saturday, January 23		
Sunday, January 24		
Monday, January 25		
Tuesday, January 26		
Wednesday, January 27		
Thursday, January 28	1:00 p.m.	Winter Event, Community Club, Marston Park
Friday, January 29		
Saturday, January 30		
Sunday, January 31		

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Dear Villagers,



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Congratulations to our villagers who successfully reimagined the Thanksgiving holiday. Very soon, we get to do it all over again. While not an ideal way to celebrate the season, a small holiday dinner at home honors the health professionals by keeping their Covid-19 patient numbers low. And of course, no one wants to be sick at all—especially around the holidays.

Night falls so early this time of year, and lucky for us, our Service Department has beautifully decorated the Village with hundreds of twinkling lights. The Garden Club has filled the bridge boxes on the North and South Bridges with evergreens and berry branches. Thank you to Agnes Lane and her committee for installing the fresh greenery and the gorgeous designs all year long. Hopefully villagers will deck their homes with lights and “boughs of holly” for the season, too, so fellow residents can be cheered driving around the valley.

The Improvement Society has been organizing for its annual Christmas Employee Fund, a perfect way for Villagers to show their appreciation for the fine, professional services we receive throughout the year. Village lore has it that the Society began the fund to replace the overly abundant haul of scotch, bourbon and rye received by various Village employees as spirited expressions of gratitude. One supposes that the custom of such stimulating gift giving must have begun during Prohibition and simply had continued long after the ratification of the Twenty-first Amendment. Today the tradition of quality professional service endures, though now The Improvement Society spreads its own version of cheer by equitably distributing the fund among police, fire, service and administrative departmental employees. Our Village has never looked more beautiful, and the holiday season is a perfect opportunity to express your appreciation. Look inside for The Improvement Society’s page.

Online shopping has blossomed during the pandemic, but one still can shop local and patronize the advertisers in *The Pink Sheet*. *Imagery* in Chagrin Falls is a beautiful fine arts gallery, frame and gift shop on North Main Street. *Imagery* used to be in the heart of the Village before the new library and Sara’s were built. Right around the corner from *Imagery* is LEMON FALLS, a fabulous gourmet café and market offering catering, gift baskets and dine-in-or-out and pick up options. As we stay home and contemplate our humble abodes, might there not be a wing chair or loveseat that looks a little tired and in need of refreshing? Donna at *AMO Upholstery* can make the revamp happen. And, who isn’t dreaming of a new kitchen or new built-in cabinetry? *Somrak Kitchens* can make that dream come true. Some of our advertisers are village residents so do tell them you saw their ad in *The Pink Sheet*.

2020 has been a challenging year, and we are fortunate to have so many individuals who persevere during the pandemic and share their time and talents to sustain the quality of life we value. Thank you to all our Village officials and community leaders, as well as everyone who comes together for *The Pink Sheet*. 2021 promises to be a better year!

Have a happy and healthy holiday season! *The Pink Sheet* returns in February.

Gail Palmer
December 2020



Ho! Ho! Ho!
Let's wish for
SNOW!



A Christmas Eve Gathering and Food Drive at the Polo Field Tree For Gates Mills Residents (Masks Required)

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CHRISTMAS EVE 4 – 5:30 p.m.  
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- Santa arrives at 4:15 to visit with children from a safe distance
- Santa will be in a roped off area; children and families may line up (*keeping 6 feet apart*) at “Reindeer Stations” which will be marked
- Kids: Bring your Wish List - Santa will be collecting your letters!
- Due to Covid-19 we are unable to serve any refreshments this year.
- Please help Santa collect food for those relying on The Cleveland Food Bank
– Place your donation in the Red Tubs!

Thank You!



Gather around the roaring bonfire and wish your neighbors
a Merry Christmas!

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*This village tradition (since 1926) is funded by voluntary contributions of current and past residents.*

*Please send your donation payable to:*

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

*The Judy Bell Christmas Tree Committee*

*(Susan Daugherty, Suzanne Snelson, Laurie Muskara, Sue Marston, Sally Burke, Leah Whidden, Barb Catalano, Jan  
Carlisle\*, Ann Feller\*, Joanne O'Malley\*, Rindy Collister\*)*

*\*Honorary member*



# Village of Gates Mills



December 2020

Dear Villagers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving in these very trying times. We have so many things in our Village to be thankful for each and every day.

I thank everyone who voted for our renewal levy, which was not a tax increase. All of the money from the levy stays in the Village. Gates Mills levies are a major source of revenue in covering the operation of our Village. We really appreciate your support.

Our Police Department keeps us safe and informed. They are always looking for new ways to help us stay safe. They work diligently for us 24/7, a very big job.

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

Our Service Department does a beautiful job all year in keeping us looking good with roads open and maintained through our nice weather, rain and snow. 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 and Town Hall staff members are always ready to help you. All of our Gates Mills employees are there to help, just ask us.

Our annual **Hanukkah Celebration and Menorah Lighting** ceremony will take place on Thursday, **December 10th at 5:30 p.m.** in the park across the street from Town Hall, next to the library. Bring your masks and plan on social distancing. There will be no refreshments this year as we continue practicing safe health protocols.

**Christmas Eve** with Santa is provided by the Judy Bell Christmas Tree Committee at the Polo Field. The event runs from **4-5:30PM with necessary safety protocols...**masks must be worn and plan on social distancing. There will be no refreshments this year, but in the spirit of the season, we will be collecting food for the Cleveland Food Drive and encourage your generous participation. Details are in this Pink Sheet.

Our Village is a treasure and I thank all of our residents and volunteers who make it such a jewel. Let's hope the vaccines come soon so we can all get back to our normal wonderful Village life.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year 2021 to everyone!

**Karen Schneider, Mayor**  
440-423-4405 ext. 122  
[Mayor@gatemillsvillage.com](mailto:Mayor@gatemillsvillage.com)

# CHANNUKAH

## “The Festival of Lights”



### Gates Mills Channukah Celebration

Covid-19 Gathering guidelines have caused alteration of Village plans for this year's celebration.

The traditional first night ceremony and offering of prayers will be held

5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in the garden opposite Village Hall.

Mask wearing and social distancing will be observed during the brief lighting ceremony.

Our traditional gathering for refreshments following the ceremony will not be held.

All Villagers and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend the ceremony initiating the  
Festival of Lights.

We hope to see you there.

GATES MILLS CHANNUKAH OBSERVATION COMMITTEE

# THE GATES MILLS IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

P. O. Box 354 Gates Mills, Ohio 44040

WEBSITE: GATESMILLSIMPROVEMENTSOCIETY.ORG

EMAIL: GATESMILLSIMPROVEMENT@GMAIL.COM

November 2020

## TRUSTEES

JAY P. AUWERTER  
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**PLEASE GIVE TO THIS YEAR'S  
VILLAGE EMPLOYEE  
CHRISTMAS FUND**

Dear Villager,

In these unusual times of Covid, we want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. In keeping with the season, 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.

Last year, 358 families contributed over \$52,000 to the Fund as a year-end bonus to our employees. Bonus monies were distributed pursuant to a formula based on both job position and years of service. Last year, 42 of our full and part time employees in our Police, Service, Fire and Administrative departments received gifts from the Employee Christmas Fund.

This year our goal is to raise \$55,000. 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 or if you are new to the village, please consider joining us in supporting the fund this year. You can make your **tax deductible** payment either by credit or debit card or by check (see instructions below), and please do so **no later than December 15**. Note that while the Improvement Society organizes this fund effort, all contributions to the annual Village Employee Christmas Fund are managed separately and dedicated solely to our village employees.

**Thank you for your consideration and best wishes for the holiday season,**

**THE GATES MILLS IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY**

## TRUSTEES EMERITI

WILLIAM BARNES  
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Steve Siemborski  
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*Charley*

Charley Marston  
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Secretary

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD RATHER THAN BY CHECK, PLEASE GO TO THE NEW IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY WEBSITE AT GATESMILLSIMPROVEMENTSOCIETY.ORG FOR INSTRUCTIONS.**

**IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO PAY BY CHECK, PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION MADE PAYABLE TO The Gates Mills Improvement Society (Note that banking regulations stipulate that the full name of our organization must be written on the check).**

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

Your 2020 Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Year's Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT THE GATES MILLS LIBRARY**



The library may be closed and our traditional cookies on hold, but the Friends would still like to thank you with a Holiday treat!

Beginning on December 7th, when you pick up your materials curbside we invite you to take home a jar of homemade hot cocoa mix to enjoy with your family!

One per family while supplies last.



## **OLIVIA'S DREAM TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE**

**NOVEMBER 20TH - DECEMBER 11TH**

Olivia's Dream Toys For Tots Toy Drive is back for year three and looking to build on the success from our previous years. Our goal this year is to collect 7,000 toys for children and families in need! By reaching this goal it will put our 3 year total at over 20,000 toys donated to Toys for Tots. Olivia always wanted to give back to others in need and this toy drive was her last wish before her life was tragically cut short. Please help make Olivia's Dream come true by helping children across Cleveland have a wonderful holiday season!

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 run through December 11th. Any questions please contact DeAnn Dominish 440-391-1112.

**GUIDELINES FOR BOX DROP OFFS AND PICKUPS..**

Facebook: @KindnessisYourRainbow  
**TOYS FOR TOTS**

## **Help Me, Help You & Gates Mills!**

Want to get rid of those old cardboard boxes or piles of magazines? I can help!

My name is Mackenzie Palinski. 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.

**Mackenzie Palinski**

**Phone: 216-280-5767**

**Email: [palinskim@gilmour.org](mailto:palinskim@gilmour.org)**

# GATES MILLS COMMUNITY CLUB

*"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake  
it is necessary to stand in the cold."*

*Aristotle*



## December

Happy Holidays Gates Mills Community Club!  
Due to the increase in numbers of cases of Covid-19  
and our concern for all our members, we made the  
decision to cancel the Holiday Luncheon Dine-in and  
Drive-Thru pick- Up. We plan to have a Christmas in  
July event. Thank You for your understanding.

Don't forget to donate an unwrapped toy to Olivia's  
Dream: Toys for Tots toy drive. There will be donation  
boxes at the Community House and Town Hall.  
Thank You for you support!

We wish to extend Peace and Hope to all this  
Holiday Season!  
Cathy & Jane

## January

### Happy New Year

### Gates Mills Community Club!

January 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 Event- eat your lunch at home,  
then come and join us for  
Conversation, Hot Chocolate, S'mores and extra  
goodies. Bundle up, bring your own chair and sit by  
a cozy Fire-Pit at Marston Park at 1:00 pm, weather  
permitting of course!

Check your emails for updates! Members only.  
RSVP: Cathy DiVincenzo (440-382-5200)  
by January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021.

Wishing Everyone, Good Health and Happiness in  
the New Year!

## LOOKING AHEAD:

November 23<sup>rd</sup>- December 11<sup>th</sup>-  
Olivia's Dream

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Luncheon scheduled  
for drive thru pick-up - Canceled

December 25<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas

January 1<sup>st</sup> Happy New Year

January 21<sup>st</sup> Community Club Board  
Meeting 10:00 am

January 28<sup>th</sup>. Winter Event at 1:00 pm,  
Marston Park

## Book Club:

Dec 16 " In Hoffa's Shadow" by Jack Goldsmith

January 20 - "Rust" by Eliese Goldbach

February 17 - "Ghosts of Harvard" by Francesca  
Serritella

March 17 - "Rodham" by Curtis Sittenfeld

April 21 - "From Scratch" by Tembi Locke

May 19- "Where'd you go Bernadette" by Maria  
Semple

June 16- "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett

Contact Lisa with any questions:

larworkerscomp@gmail.com





HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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

# Gates Mills Police and Auxiliary Staff

**Chief Gregg Minichello**

**Sgt Randy Savage**

**Sgt Mike Pollutro**

**Det Sgt Mike Day**

**Cpl John Richards**

**Officer Angela Suchetka**

**SRO Arch Kimbrew**

**Officer Dylan Hustosky**

**Officer Char Strasshofer**

**Officer Joe Godec**

**Officer Andrew McKillen**

**Officer Jessica Newsome**

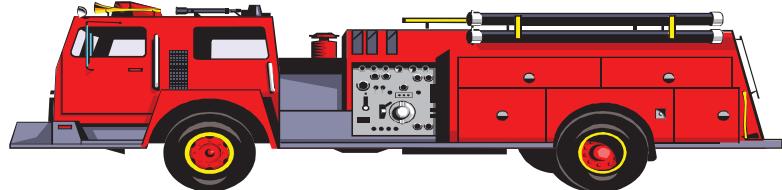
**Officer Anthony Rotunno**

**Officer Paul Pfiester**

**Officer Matt Dunn**

**Officer Daniel Berman**

**PTHC Dorothy Slunski**



# Happy Holidays!

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

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

Chief P. Thomas Robinson

Assistant Chief Tom Majeski

Captain Robert Jamieson

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

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Mike Feig

## **Firefighters:**

Tim Byrne

Jacob Conte

Armando Farinacci

Lee Klein

Jeff Mackie

Scott Magoch

Julian Mangelluzzi

Trevor Murfello

Nick Nemastil

John Pata

Ben Pesuit

Andrew Reda

Paul Sabataitis

Ken Simmons

Kevin Swiney

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**

Les Hazlett

Jeff Mackie

Ted Zalewski

Ben Pesuit

Ken Simmons

Armando Farinacci

### **Part-time Laborer**

Tim Byrne



**Gates Mills Land Conservancy**  
*Preserve Protect Together*

December 2020/ January 2021



*The GMLC board of  
directors thanks you  
for your support and  
wishes you and yours  
a warm and  
wonderful  
holiday season!*

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**Officers:** Rob Galloway, President; Cindy Altus, Secretary; Cynthia K. Zins, Treasurer  
**Directors:** Scott Broome, David A. Butz, Ira Greenberg, Joseph T. Joseph, John R. Kozak, John Kramer, Nancy McGuinnis, Linda M. Olejko, Nathaniel T. Smith, Sandra Turner, Leah Whidden  
**Honorary Directors:** Daniel R. Collister, Thomas A. Liederbach **Administrator:** Diane Kennedy

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440-423-0135 7580 Old Mill Road PO Box 13  
[gmlc44040@gmail.com](mailto:gmlc44040@gmail.com) [www.gatesmillslandconservancy.org](http://www.gatesmillslandconservancy.org)

## THE GATES MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# THIS YEAR: SHOP VERY LOCAL!



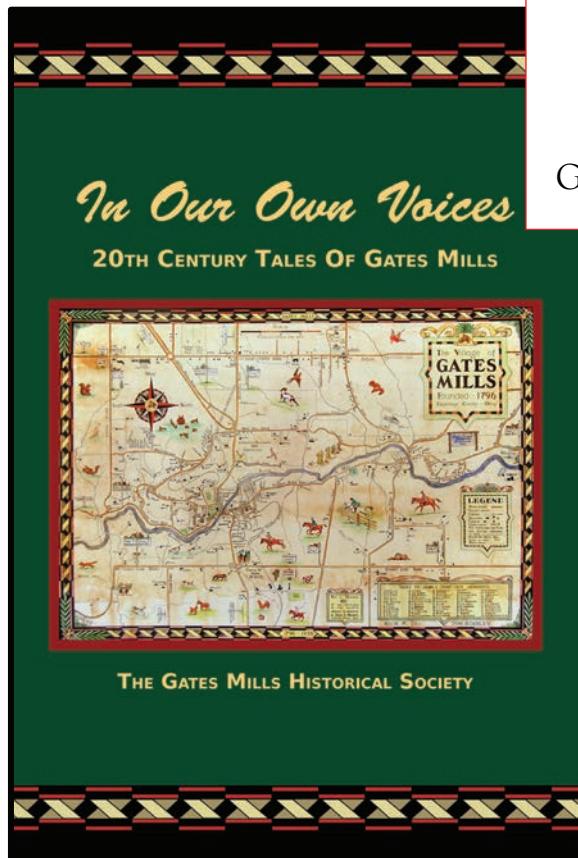
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Jim Stafford

LOOK AT ALL OUR PHOTOS OF GATES MILLS THROUGH THE YEARS AND OUR PREVIOUS PINK SHEET PAGES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

THE MUSEUM IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT:  
**440.423.1040**

NEED A GIFT? WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU SHOP! FLAGS! BOOKS!



The flags are similar to this drawing.

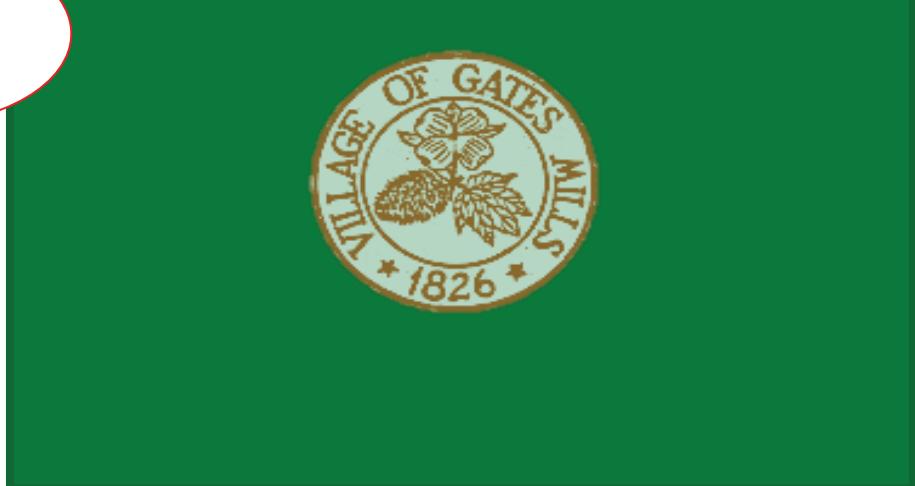
### *In Our Own Voices: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Tales of Gates Mills*

The newest book from the GMHS is available for \$25 each.

### GATES MILLS VILLAGE FLAGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

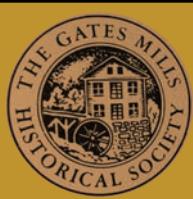
The flags are solid green with a golden seal of the Village in the center. You can see an example hanging of the flag pole by the door of The Southwick House Museum.

Call President Marcia Anselmo by Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> to arrange purchase on any of our items: 440.423.1040. Flags are \$40. each or 2 for \$70. These make great gifts and family treasures!



# THE GATES MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

[gatesmillshistoricalsociety.org](http://gatesmillshistoricalsociety.org)



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## This Holiday Season Give a Gift That Keeps on Giving: Honor a Friend or Loved One with a Donation to Our Endowment Fund

**2020** has been a challenging year for everyone, but this is one way to show your family and friends how much you care, keep a special person's memory alive, and continue their legacy for future generations.

Do you know people who have treasured their time in Gates Mills and want to preserve the unique legacy of our charming village for the next generation? Consider making a tax-deductible holiday donation in their honor to our new Endowment Fund.

We will promptly notify your honoree(s) of your gift and the ways it will help preserve the history of Gates Mills, share the story of its transition from a rural mill community to the delightful village we enjoy today, and maintain the historic Southwick House Museum as a three-story repository of local artifacts and antiques.

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Yes, I recognize the importance of preserving the history of Gates Mills, and I would like to contribute to the new Endowment Fund.

### DONOR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### RECIPIENT (check one) I/we make this gift

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

### *Please send a notice of my gift to:*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make checks payable to The Gates Mills Historical Society and mail to:

GM Historical Society  
PO Box 191  
Gates Mills, OH 44040

Please note "Endowment Fund" on your check. Thank you very much for your support!

# Halloween Pumpkin Contest Photos

Thank you to all entrants and Town Hall!



Grotesque: Einstein



Most Creative:  
Big Bad Wolf &  
Three Little Pigs



Most Heroic: Batman



Funniest:  
Glazed Doughnut



Cutest: Panda Pumpkin



Scariest!  
Jack Skellington



Best Adult Carving!



# Gates Mills Garden Club

TheGatesMillsGardenClub.com



Holiday Greetings Garden Friends,

It is hard to believe we are in the last month of 2020. What a year it has been! Despite the pandemic, Garden Club members have been busy with club activities, many of which benefit our community. I am humbled by their willingness to keep things going during an exceedingly difficult year. Gardening, flowers, and community outreach seemed to be the perfect therapy! Some of the highlights of 2020 include:

- **Arbor Day** - A White Oak was planted in front of the Post Office and dedicated in memory of our Club member and former Gates Mills Mayor, Connie White.
- **May Day Baskets** - With the help of members and the service department, we were able to continue the tradition of hanging baskets of daisies throughout the Village.
- **Bridge Box Planting** - Members continued the tradition of planting the summer and holiday bridge boxes.
- **Annual Plant Sale fundraiser** - We hosted the sale online this year and most of the plants sold within hours of opening.
- **National Garden Week**, June 7-13 - Special programs and community outreach were held each day to highlight the importance of gardening.
- **Scholarships** - Scholarships were given to students pursuing a degree related to horticulture or conservation.
- **Library & Post Office Flowers** - While the library was closed during the pandemic, members displayed weekly flower arrangements at the Post Office. We now provide flower arrangement to both the Library and the Post Office.
- **Petite Design Specialty Flower Show** - In September, we had an invitation only flower show to keep our members engaged and to enhance their creativity.
- **Youth & Senior Outreach** - Members helped youth plant Victory Gardens, wrote notes to seniors, and decorated pumpkins and mini-birdhouse plant stakes for Meals on Wheels.

For 2021, we will continue to plan our programs and events using social distancing guidelines while adhering to our Garden Club mission to stimulate interest in gardening, preserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Village of Gates Mills and promote charitable, educational, and scientific endeavors related to gardening.

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable and healthy holiday season!

Mary Schmidt, Gates Mills Garden Club President



## Holiday Greens Workshop

**Tuesday, December 1st**  
**3 - 5 pm**  
**at the Barn**

Members who RSVP'd by the November 13th deadline will watch as Maggie Fusco of New Growth Landscaping and Wood Road Salad Farm demonstrates how to create a beautiful swag on a 12" base. Participants will then be provided with all the necessary supplies to create a swag in the comfort of his/her home. Snacks and wine will be provided. Groups will meet from 3 - 3:30, 3:30 - 4, 4 - 4:30, and 4:30 - 5.

At all Garden Club events social distancing guidelines will be followed and masks required.

## VIRTUAL Board Meeting

**December 1st**  
**10 am**  
**Details to Follow**



## Library and Post Office Flowers

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| December 7  | Leah Whidden    |
| December 14 | Martha Robbins  |
| December 21 | Beth Jacobs     |
| December 28 | Beatrix Hegedus |



**The Holiday Luncheon**  
 scheduled for  
 Tuesday, December 8th  
 has been cancelled due to COVID-19

## Congratulations!

One of our youth, Geneva, (age 12 years) won an Honorable Mention in the Central Atlantic Region of Garden Clubs (includes Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia) for her "Adventures in the Garden" poem. She received a special certificate for this accomplishment. Congratulations Geneva!!

## Save the Date

### Movie Night

The 3rd annual John Tuckerman Movie Night will be tentatively held on Thursday, January 14th at 6 pm in the Barn. Movie and more information to be announced.

# Future Fox asks:



## Is Remote Learning working for American schools?

With everything the world has gone through in 2020, there might be one thing that has changed the most: education. In America, we have observed some ups-and-downs in the education system, including academics, social interaction, and even lunch nutrition. It seemed as if we had gone through it all, yet here we are, the next generations' school experience thoroughly lacking. Students often blame this lack on "Remote Learning". Across America, school districts have been required to keep their students and staff in quarantine due to the coronavirus. Students have been stripped from social interaction with their friends, and most importantly, their teachers. However, it has been nine months since Covid-19 was formally acknowledged in March, and the real question is: how have American schools contributed towards improving this crisis?

The epidemic was an enormous wall that local schools had to face to ensure the safety of their students and staff. In our area, the Mayfield City School District had to react both smartly and quickly. Jefferey Legan, principal of Mayfield High School, explains, "Last spring, I refer to the learning as "emergency learning.". We were literally given one week to prepare for a full quarter. We had to decide on learning practices, assessments, a grading policy, social-emotional support...and the wellbeing of our families." Back in March, the first COVID case had arrived in America, and families were concerned about their children and their education.

Soon enough, the term "Remote Learning" came to be a common phrase, essentially used to describe school at home. Teachers began to use popular video chat apps, such as Zoom or Google Duo, to communicate with their students. Additionally, websites such as Schoology and Google Classroom were more utilized for the teachers to connect with their students at home. Moreover, Mayfield Middle School social studies teacher, Jodi Pretnar, states, "This fall we have a schedule that kids follow each day. If you are in school or remote, we see the kids on a daily basis. I know it works well for the parents and kids because they have a daily schedule to follow." All the different levels of schools have been utilizing

different ways to provide a great learning environment for their students.

But of course, remote learning has been quite the switch from before, and some students have encountered difficulties in this "new" way of learning. A high school student reveals, "I feel like engagement and communication is missing the most during remote learning." This struggle appears in a majority of students having a loss of understanding in their class, confusing students, and ultimately affecting grades. Although teachers try their best to explain learning material, during these times, it is particularly strenuous to recreate the student-teacher bond. In fact, a student explains, "During Remote Learning, the thing that I was missing the most was getting help from teachers right away when I needed it."

Furthermore, a larger issue with parents is the amount of screen time. Students from elementary school to high school have to go through an extensive amount of screen time to simply get their homework done, and that leads to eye-strain or headaches.

Yet, schools have started improving their learning environment; recently, schools started opening for students who required more face-to-face classes. Schools have also encouraged teachers to ask their students about any recommendations or preferences they have to learn to their best possible capability. This strategy allows classes to be "personalized" in a sense, which students are enjoying. A sophomore at Mayfield High School details, "I think if this is going to be the time to cater to everyone's needs, students should have more input to figure out how they learn best." Not only will this allow the student to work at their own pace, but also to cut back on screen time and headaches.

To end, although Remote Learning might not be perfect, it gives students and teachers hope for school. School districts across the country, such as Mayfield, have been trying their best to encourage students to learn to their best ability. Even during the global pandemic, they listen to the families to help them achieve a slightly more normal education for their children, if not anything else. So thank the teachers for all they have done for schools; they made sure that even in a pandemic, the doors of education wouldn't close.

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**Note:** Jenny Sarkar is a sophomore at Mayfield High School and wants to pursue a career in technological engineering.



As with most of you, our December may look a little different this year, but we are still steeped with tradition and giving to others at Gates Mills Elementary School.

The annual ornament making for the Judy Bell Christmas Tree is in process this year under the close guidance of Gates Mills Elementary staff member, Michele Ambrogio. Our thanks to Barb Catalano, for her wonderful coordination efforts of the ornament making activity from afar this year. This year's theme is celebrating the historic buildings in the Village of Gates Mills. We hope you will stop by the Gates Mills Community House and admire the beautifully decorated Christmas tree this month!



Our students will also participate in Olivia's Dream Toys for Tot's Toy Drive, where students are invited to help provide gifts for children in the Cleveland area. Please join us in the collection by dropping a new, unwrapped gift at the Community House through December 11.

From our families to yours, we wish you a blessed Christmas season.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Polack

# Thank you!

A special thank you to everyone who purchased items at the election day "mystery sale" in support of the Gates Mills School. We greatly appreciate all the love and support for our school. We hope to bring back the annual bake sale tradition next year!

## The Service Department Luncheon: 100 Year Anniversary

Thank you to Ann Jackson & Jim Negrelli and The Community Club and Garden Club!  
Everyone loved the **SMOKIN' Rock N'ROLL** food truck and picnicking in the fresh air.



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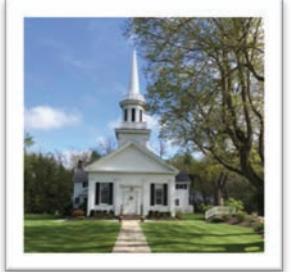
Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season,  
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## CARILLON CONCERTS ARE BACK!

Becky Everett will be giving carillon concerts during the season of Advent/Christmas! The concerts will be Sundays from 10:30 – 11:00am.

November 29<sup>th</sup>



December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Due to the rise in Covid 19 cases, we ask that you park by the church and stay in your cars for the duration of each concert.

There will also be a concert of Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve from 4:00 – 4:30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you again as we, hopefully, get some comfort, hope, peace and happiness from listening to these wonderful Advent and Christmas hymns!

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#### St. Francis of Assisi Celebrates Veterans Day!

The eighth classes at St. Francis of Assisi School in Gates Mills hosted members of their parish, community, and faith family on Veterans Day this year. Those who have fought for the United States in the branches of the U. S. Services came to celebrate Mass with the students and the Veterans' families. Following Mass, a special assembly highlighted the career of each of the Veterans. During their time together, students shared essays they had written on "*What the United States Means to Me*"

The whole celebration was live-streamed on the St. Francis parish YouTube channel.

The Veterans Day celebration can be enjoyed at:

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# 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

BEST WISHES FOR A QUIET AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON.

## WE HAVE LOST SOME DEAR FRIENDS



**KATHLEEN RODDY**, 81, devoted wife of 60 years to Frank J. Roddy. Loving mother of Frank Roddy, Jr. (Patty), John Roddy (Karen), William Roddy (Karen), Kathleen Baden (John), Timothy Roddy (Victoria) and Mary Stretar (Jason). Loving grandmother to Frank, Sean, Seamus (Jennifer), William, James, John, Joseph, Jack (deceased), Robert, Caroline, Timothy, Ryan, Timothy, John, Elizabeth, Kathleen, Anne and David. Sister of Earl Thomas, Marian Nabbs (deceased), aunt of many. Kathleen passed away peacefully in her home Friday, November 6, 2020. Kathleen was deeply devoted to her faith, her family and supportive friend of many. Private Funeral Mass at Our Lady Chapel at Gilmour Academy for immediate family and private interment at All Souls Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Gilmour Montessori, 34001 Cedar Road Gates Mills, OH 44040.

**RUDOLPH F. BRUNDULA**, age 93, born April 30, 1927, passed away at his home with his loving wife Marian by his side on November 8th 2020. Rudy was proud of his naval service in the Seabees during World War Two. Rudy enjoyed many summers going to Canada with his wife and two children, James and Susan, where they would fish on Stoney Lake. He loved his woodworking shop where he custom made "his" bar as well as the wood trim for his recreational room. Rudy was an avid vegetable gardener. He so enjoyed his bounty of fresh lettuces, peppers and tomatoes he proudly shared with others. His entire extended family looked forward to many summer evenings coming to his Gates Mills home and playing Bocce a game he played often and well. Although an average player, Rudy had a real passion for Pinochle playing frequently and thankfully winning the last game he ever played with his son-in-law Don as his partner. He also picked up the game of golf later in life.



Rudy was a humble, generous, simple man well loved by many. He was always eager to lend a helping hand to about anyone. And to our amusement and his curiosity, he would always find out your age, nationality and birth place with-in minutes of meeting you. He was most proud of the manufacturing company he purchased early in life. Rudy transformed this small local vacuum cleaner brush making company into a major and profitable player in the industry. He would actually help competitors with engineering problems of their brushes to the amazement of some. Rudy did not like to brag. BUT when it came to his only grandchild Chris (son to Susan and Don) he could not be stopped. He was grateful that he was in a position to help Chris with medical school expenses and was so proud to live long enough to witness his beloved grandson become a physician. He could clamor on and on of stories about him growing up. He adored him. Rudy, Dad, Pops, Grandpa you will truly be missed. As a man of faith, your spirit lives on within us. We Love You.



Please send submissions on births, deaths, weddings and other news to share with fellow Villagers to Susie Thorpe:  
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- |    |                                                             |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Shopping for gifts online                                   |
| 1  | Doing a virtual turkey trot or holiday run                  |
| 1  | Watching holiday movies at home with your household         |
| 1  | Viewing holiday lights with your family in your car         |
| 1  | Building a snowman with your household                      |
| 1  | Mailing a letter to Santa                                   |
| 1  | Donating canned food                                        |
| 2  | Joining a physically distanced outdoor scavenger hunt       |
| 3  | Having Thanksgiving dinner with family or household members |
| 3  | Traveling by car to visit family or friends                 |
| 4  | Doing an in-person turkey trot or holiday run (outdoors)    |
| 4  | Decorating a gingerbread house with another household       |
| 4  | Attending an outdoor public tree lighting ceremony          |
| 4  | Ice skating at an outdoor rink                              |
| 5  | Attending an outdoor sports event                           |
| 5  | Going on a hayride                                          |
| 5  | Attending an outdoor cultural or religious celebration      |
| 5  | Traveling by plane to visit family or friends               |
| 6  | Attending a holiday parade                                  |
| 6  | Ice skating at a public rink indoors                        |
| 6  | Watching a public fireworks display                         |
| 6  | Visiting someone in assisted living                         |
| 7  | Taking photos with Santa                                    |
| 7  | Attending an indoor holiday craft fair or market            |
| 8  | Attending an indoor sports event                            |
| 8  | Attending a Super Bowl party                                |
| 8  | Shopping in-person on Black Friday                          |
| 8  | Caroling with a group                                       |
| 8  | Hosting a holiday party with friends and family             |
| 8  | Attending an indoor cultural or religious event             |
| 9  | Attending a homecoming dance                                |
| 10 | Attending a college house party                             |
| 10 | Attending a large indoor celebration with singing           |
| 10 | Celebrating New Year's Eve at a bar or nightclub            |

Please assume participants in these activities are following currently recommended safety protocols, including social distancing, mask wearing, and washing hands frequently. The more people, the closer together, the fewer the masks, the more mingling indoors, the longer the time, the more singing and voice projection, and the more alcohol – the greater the risk.

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- Week #3- July 5- 9

#### **Village Camp- K-5<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Mini Camp- June 7-11
- Session #1-June 14- July 2
- Session #2 – July 5 - July 23

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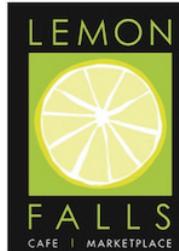


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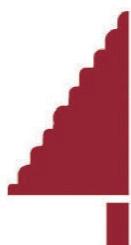
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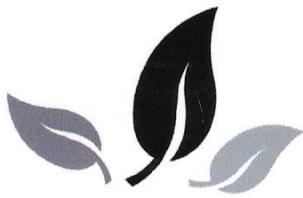


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**What set you on the path to culinary arts?** My Grandmas Kerns and Cotton and my Mom were amazing cooks. In my 20s started a Gourmet Club. A friend shared a newspaper article about the personal chef concept and I was sold! I went through training/certification and became active in a National Professional organization for personal chefs.

**What has been your favorite experience in these pandemic times?** A private donor helped support me providing over 80 meals to Cleveland Clinic Main Campus/night cleaning staff and a Hillcrest Hospital COVID step down unit.

**Is it harder to obtain ingredients since March and what are some items you'd have had to substitute?** Yes! Chicken options were limited. Pork Tenderloin vs. other pork options. Organic ground turkey. Risotto disappeared for a LONG time. The dried grain/legume sections have not returned to normal.

**What is the most unusual dish you have been asked to prepare?** Too many to count. Vegan with no oil, no salt, no avocado, limited beans/corn; no white potato, rice, pasta, bread.

**What do you like best about being a Chef?** I love the personal contact, connecting with people, getting to know their immediate and extended families + their pets. People comment about how cozy it is to have me spend an afternoon in their kitchens – filling it with delicious aromas.

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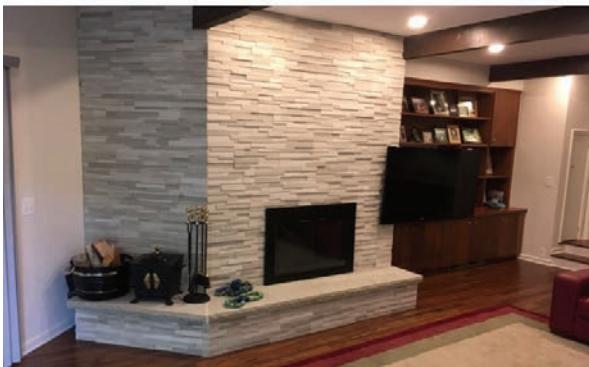
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