

February 2024

# THE PINK SHEET

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Published by the Gates Mills Community Club

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**Reminder!** Recyclables (bottles, cans, jars, etc.) should be bagged in **large blue** recycling bags and placed **next to your trash cans** for pick-up by Rumpke on your regular trash day.

**PLEASE RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**



**Power Outages: Call First Energy / The Illuminating Co. & register your outage: 888.544.4877**

Thursday, February 1  
Friday, February 2



**GROUNDHOG'S DAY**

6:30 p.m. Movie Night, Community House

Saturday, February 3

Sunday, February 4

Monday, February 5

**GM Elementary School's Food Drive—ALL WEEK**

Tuesday, February 6

5:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Meeting, Council Chambers at Town Hall

Wednesday, February 7

7:00 p.m.

Ladies Night Out Book Group, Community House

Thursday, February 8

5:00 p.m.

Architectural Board Meeting, Council Chambers at Town Hall

Friday, February 9

Saturday, February 10

Sunday, February 11

Monday, February 12

Tuesday, February 13

6 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Paczki Day at Addie's Cup Coffee Shop**

Wednesday, February 14



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

Thursday, February 15

10:30 a.m.

Community Club Board Meeting, Community House

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

Sunday, February 18

Monday, February 19

**PRESIDENTS' DAY**

Tuesday, February 20

5:30 p.m.

**Council Meeting, Community House**

Wednesday, February 21

5:00 p.m.

Historical District Subcommittee Meeting of the Architectural Review Board, Council Chambers at Town Hall

Thursday, February 22

11:30 a.m.

Community Club Luncheon & Program, Community House

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

Sunday, February 25

Monday, February 26

Tuesday, February 27

Wednesday, February 28

Thursday, February 29

**LEAP DAY**

*Looking for Service Providers?*

*Check our ads, call, and tell them you saw their name in The Pink Sheet!*

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Dear Villagers,

**Happy New Year! Happy Leap Year! and Happy Birthday, Leaplings!** With four-fold fewer birthdays, leaplings remain forever young! Lucky Leaplings!

The **Christmas Eve Bonfire** was very well attended. Rides across the polo field on Santa's horse drawn wagon, courtesy of **The Improvement Society**, were a special treat for young and old. The handsome black Percheron horses looked gigantic to the preschool set, and the wagon rides will become a favorite holiday memory. Thank you to our **Service Department** for arranging the bonfire and turning the Village into a magical wonderland. It was a classic picture postcard of Gates Mills.

If ever there was a leap for teens to take, it's going off to college with all the fun, challenges and demands. **The Community Club** offers scholarships to high school seniors who have volunteered for Village events and have a successful academic record. The Community Club aims to acknowledge the spirit of volunteerism and instill the value of community service for a lifetime. Details and a scholarship application are within. Younger high school students may contact Nancy Wright about offering their volunteer services to the Village (required for application): [hellowright@gmail.com](mailto:hellowright@gmail.com).

**Laura Berge** of **Addie's Cup Coffee Shop** has a yummy way to mark Fat Tuesday or Paczki Day! Laura is offering prepackaged authentic paczki (**puhnch' kee**) pastries from legendary **Rudy's Bakery** in Parma. Drawing on her Polish heritage, Laura has planned a traditional celebration at Addie's Cup. The Paczki Day tradition dates back to the Middle Ages as a way to use up sugar, lard and eggs before Lent begins. Whether you call it Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday or Paczki Day, do stop by Addie's Cup early on February 13<sup>th</sup> before the paczki get sold out.

**The Historical Society** is moving forward as the **Kish Family Gallery** at the Southwick House Museum nears completion. The Society is grateful to longtime Village resident Dan Kish for his generous donation since additional display and storage space is sorely needed. Many Villagers recall that for decades the Gates Mills branch of the **Cuyahoga County Library** occupied two rooms on the main floor at the Southwick House. The brass plates denoting "Fiction" and "Reference" are vestiges of the building's past. The Society is planning an Open House in the spring to show off the new gallery.

As if the Historical Society's board members aren't busy enough with the Kish Family Gallery project, the **Walking Bridge Restoration** effort is ongoing. The current main thrust is researching grant money for the project. The iron crossing is a rare asymmetrical bridge over 100 years old, and may be the last example of its kind in Ohio. Since the Chagrin River runs below, the Ohio EPA will play a significant role and inform the Village how such a restoration should proceed.

Villager Patrick McLaughlin has written his first novel *Cheerful Obedience*. Having just finished reading it, I can agree with online reviewers in that it is an honest, gripping story of an infantry soldier in the 1960s Vietnam War. Based on his personal experiences, the story follows historical events and depicts the experiences of soldiers in that jungle war with the dangers, hardships and surprises. Main character Conor McKall soon learns to lead by example. Details on *Cheerful Obedience* are within.

**The Nature Camp in the Village** promises to be great fun for preschoolers, elementary age children and teens. Favorite cousins and best friends from beyond the Village may also enroll, but sign up soon as spots fill up quickly. Details are online: [thenaturecamp.net](http://thenaturecamp.net) and [gatesmillsvillage.com](http://gatesmillsvillage.com).

Happy New Leap Year Everyone!

February 2024

Gail Palmer



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NEIGHBORS!

# FOOD DRIVE

FEBRUARY  
5-9

## MACARONI MONDAY

BOXES OF PASTA, BOXED DINNERS, MAC & CHEESE

## TOILETRY TUESDAY

LOTION, SOAP, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS

## WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

APPLESAUCE, CANNED FRUITS, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED BEANS

## THIRSTY THURSDAY

BOTTLED JUICE, JUICE BOXES, BOXED MILK

## FAMILY FAVORITE FRIDAY

FOOD ITEMS YOUR FAMILY LOVE!

## CENTER & LANDER VS GATES MILLS & MILLRIDGE

FUN CHARITABLE COMPETITION TO SEE WHICH PAIR OF SCHOOLS CAN COLLECT THE MOST ITEMS! THE WINNERS WILL GET A SURPRISE FROM THE PRINCIPALS! THE DONATIONS WILL GO TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY. THIS IS THE ONLY PANTRY THAT SERVICES OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. ANY AND ALL NONPERISHABLE ITEMS ARE WELCOME.



# VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS



Hello Villagers,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. It is a special time to enjoy each other's company, retell stories from years past, and make New Year's resolutions for 2024. The Village Center was especially attractive with thousands of lights and decorations. And with calmer winds than last year, we were able to start the bonfire and gather around the tree, though in mud boots this year. Thanks to the village staff, organizations, donors and families who made the Christmas and Hanukkah season special for all of us in this beautiful Chagrin Valley.

We have been busy at village hall getting organized for 2024. We are excited to start evaluating the recommendations of the citizen-led Comprehensive Plan. Recall there were 21 major objectives and strategies, and over a hundred recommendations and actions. Council and I will work through them, using the plan as a guide for the village future. We'll likely undertake this in a workshop setting, and plan to open that to the public.

Several items are underway. The coffee shop has been open since June and is delivering an attractive menu and a warm place to gather and engage. We have finalized the specs to repair, resurface and repaint the tennis courts into two tennis courts and four pickleball courts. That work will be completed in the Spring. We had a great meeting today in forming a tree committee between the Village, the GM Land Conservancy and residents. The goal is to start with education to our villagers about tree health, create a tree plan, and execute the plan over the years with the ultimate goal of healthier trees, increased tree canopy and intentional use of levy proceeds.

In February, we plan to create and deliver a summary of 2023 and a view of priorities for 2024. Karen Schneider has left us a wonderful Village with a plan to guide our future, a strong financial picture, a dedicated staff, and most importantly, 2,000 engaged residents who want the best for Gates Mills. That's a pretty good situation to have inherited.

I look forward to collaborating with you and the various village organizations to move the Village forward into our third century.

Steven L Siemborski, Mayor  
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## Paczki Day at Addie's Cup Coffee Shop!

(pronounced poonch-key)

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

A Fun and Celebratory Day!

Legendary Rudy's Strudel and Bakery of Parma will supply Addie's Cup with pre-packaged by the dozen assorted Paczki. Available starting at 6:00 AM till sold out!



"Join us for a fun, festive celebration done Polish style!"

Laura Berge, proprietor

## SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY MARCH 3 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:00am - 1:30pm

\$10.00/Adult

\$ 5.00/Children ages 5-10



Open to the Public

### GATES MILLS COMMUNITY HOUSE

Gates Mills Community Club will host an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast featuring all your favorites! Mark your calendar now!

Takeout & gluten-free options will be available.

Proceeds will support annual scholarships & civic projects.

Stay Tuned. More details to come in the March Pink Sheet.

# *Gates Mills Police Department*

## *Proud to Serve...Sworn to Protect*

**From Your Police Department:** On behalf of the men and women of the Police Department, I would like to thank all those who contributed to the Village Employee Christmas Fund. I would also like to thank everyone who kept the Town Hall supplied with delicious holiday food items. Your thoughtful expressions of support for the Police Department are greatly appreciated. Below are some highlights from 2023:

-In 2023, we had a total of 7,273 calls for service. This number is up about 2% from 2022 when we had 7,083. These calls are primarily radioed from dispatch to our police officers. The most common call for service is burglar alarms. Generally speaking, the summer months are the busiest for us. More traffic is on the roadway, several community events in the village, and many residents are summer vacationing which leads to more house checks.

In 2023, approximately 30,000 vacation house checks were conducted by our patrol division. Further, our officers conducted another 15,000 checks of schools, churches, and businesses. We patrolled a total of 81,817 miles, of which about 15,000 is from our Tesla police car. We used approximately 6,130 gallons of fuel for our four Ford Explorers.

All of our police officers completed and are in compliance with the 24 hours of Continued Professional Training (CPT) that is required by the State of Ohio. This training includes legal updates, de-escalation, mental health training, etc. We will begin our mandated 24 hours for 2024 training shortly.

-Our GMPD Facebook page that launched has been very well received and now has over 2500 likes and followers! I encourage you to check it out and follow us for department updates.

-Our Mayfield Road Sped Camera Program launched in mid-August. From inception through the end of the year, approximately 10,000 speeding notices were issued. As a result of the program, speeds have dramatically decreased not only on Mayfield Road, but also on other roads in the village. The program is definitely changing driving behavior. A reminder that the program is in addition to traditional speed enforcement by our officers. In addition, our officers issued 794 handwritten citations to violators throughout the year. We are really working hard to keep our roadways as safe as possible. I would also like to report that we only had 40 traffic accidents in 2023, compared to 85 in 2022. Traffic issues are very important to our residents, and we work hard to be responsive to the needs of the community. I am absolutely thrilled to report that we had no traffic fatalities in 2023, thanks to the hardworking efforts of our police officers!

*Gregg Minichello*

Chief of Police

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# Gates Mills Community Club

## Easy Organizing for 2024

With our winter season in full swing, this is the perfect time to declutter and organize your home. Alyssa Blitzer, Owner of Lovely Spaces Home Organizing, will give us tips and strategies on how to get started when it seems like an overwhelming task. She'll also give us tips on how to declutter and reorganize / label what you want to keep so you can maintain your clutter free home. She'll give us tools to set realistic goals and help determine what to keep and what to give away, donate, or discard. Join us for this informative presentation to kick start your home organizing project.



**Thursday, February 22**

**11:30 a.m. - Community House**

*RSVP by Noon on Friday, February 16*

*gmccclunch@gmail.com or text/call Joan Lamprecht at 440/915-1017*

*\$10 Guest Fee*

### Upcoming Events

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

**February 15 at 10:30** - Board Meeting at the Community House.

**March 6 at 7:00 p.m.** - Book Club at the Community House: "The Best Assassination in the Nation" by Joshua Cohen.



### 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:

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

### Interested in joining our club?

*We'd love to include you in our future events and activities!*

Please call Suzanne Snelson at 216/346-7927 or DeAnn Dominish at 440/391-1112 for information.

H A P P Y  
*Valentine's Day*



# Please join us with your family for **Gates Mills Village** **MOVIE NIGHT**

Featuring Elemental



**Movie starts at 6:30pm at the Community House.**  
**Come early with your pillows, sleeping bags, and blankets to get your spot and concessions!**

Pizza and concessions available and sold by Gates Mills Elementary School  
Free admission, please bring a canned or boxed food donation to support  
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Parent Teacher Club.





# Gates Mills Fire Department

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

Now that the holidays are behind us and the reality of cold winter days are upon us, let's review some safety items.

Make sure your heating system has been inspected and serviced for safe operation and efficiency.

If using a wood-burning fireplace, the chimney should be cleaned and inspected regularly. Also, double-check BEFORE you start your fire that your flue damper is open. Use only seasoned firewood to help prevent the buildup of creosote. Make sure all combustibles are away from the fireplace hearth. Use a fireplace screen to control any sparks that may emit from the fireplace. Add just enough logs to control the fire size and create the ambiance that you like. Fireplace ashes, no matter how cold they seem, should be put in a metal container, and disposed of properly.

If thawing frozen pipes, use heat sources that do not have an open flame. If using portable electric heaters, they require large amounts of electricity and the extension cords used should be heavy duty. Thin gauge extension cords tend to overheat over an extended period.

Never leave automobiles, generators, or snow removal equipment idling in the garage to warm up. Move the equipment outdoors to prevent carbon monoxide from accumulating.

It is always prudent to make sure that your life-safety equipment in your home is working properly. Smoke detectors, carbon monoxide monitors, and fire extinguishers are your family's first line of defense.

Yours in Safety,

*Chief Thomas Majeski*

# ***Retiring Mayor Karen Schneider Found Guilty!***

## **Retirement Party at The Community House Takes an Unexpected Twist!**

by James Stafford

**Friday, January 19, 2024, Gates Mills** It all started out like any other farewell party. Braving the frigid inclement weather, friends and neighbors came together in the Community House, 70+ strong, to enjoy delicious food prepared by the Community Club and to thank Karen Schneider for her 8 years as Mayor, 20 years as an engaged Village Council member and, before that, being an active volunteer with the PTA. Truly an unmatched record for one person to dedicate so many volunteer hours to the Village she loves so much!

As planned, a half hour into the festivities, Jim Stafford got up on stage to ask the audience, "Please find a nice comfortable seat since the Gates Mills Players have a very special treat for everyone." Jim then asked, "By a show of hands, how many of you truly enjoy a good Shakespeare play?" Many hands went up, and Jim then stated, "*Hamlet* has been widely accepted as Shakespeare's finest and possibly the longest play that he ever wrote. Literally, the play has 30,557 words in it—making it a very long play. Some theater groups have been known to take as long as 4 hours to perform this 5-act tragedy, others for about 2 hours. But the Gates Mills Players are very proud to dedicate our version of *Hamlet* to Karen which should only be a robust 3 hours."

Just as the audience started to realize that they would have to sit there unexpectedly for the next 3 hours, Jim was rudely interrupted by a Public Announcement read by Beth DeCapite who stated, "We interrupt this celebration to bring you BREAKING NEWS!! Our Worldwide reporter, Lindsey Steinbrink, is on the scene! Lindsey, what's the latest!"

Lindsey came up on stage, grabbed the mike from Jim, bumped him out of the way, and completely unbeknownst to Karen Schneider, Lindsey stated, "I'm here in Gates Mills where the much-loved Mayor Schneider, is being summoned to appear in court on charges of doing an extraordinary job as mayor." Lindsey went on to say, "Things are not looking good for the mayor since the very well-known grumpy Judge, who loves to wear a hangman's noose for a tie, Charley Marston, would be presiding over the trial!"

The curtains then opened, and instead of a stage set for *Hamlet*, much to the chagrin of Jim, a courtroom was ready for the trial! At that very moment, cranky Judge Marston entered the courtroom with Bailiff Marcia Anselmo officially starting the proceeding in a very legal fashion, with Cathy DiVincenzo as the court stenographer ready to record every word that was said. The Judge asked the Bailiff what was on today's docket, and Bailiff Marcia replied, "Mayor Schneider is suspected of doing an extraordinary job as mayor, and we will hear the prosecution and defense plead their case."

At this point, police sirens could be heard, and the Gates Mills Police Chief Gregg Minichello came in with his back-up, Sergeant Randy Savage, just in case things got out of hand. They were searching with their flashlights, looking all over for Mayor Schneider in the audience. At first, the Mayor's surprised look did not match her description, but eventually she was identified. And even though she did not put up any resistance, as with any potential felon like this, the protocol of handcuffing the suspect was carried out expeditiously! The two officers then escorted her to sit center stage next to her Defense Team of Janet Mulh, Jean Misch and Dorothy Slunski.

The Defense felt that they had a rock-solid case of proving that she was innocent of doing a very good job. One of the examples given was of Karen baking cookies for Villagers who were spending the holidays alone, proving that she was not in the office doing her mayoral duties.

A very good case, but not strong enough to overcome the Prosecution led by Sandra Turner! Sandra asked Villagers, Clark Langmack, Bob Reitman and Tim Richardson to give damning testimony of multiple examples of how the mayor brought volunteers together, kept things moving during Covid, sought outside funding for many improvements to the Village and even acquired a gift of a large boulder from Tim Richardson's son who said, "Sure take it!" The boulder was later used for The Daniel R. Collister Polo Field dedication. All of this proved, without a reasonable doubt, that Karen Schneider should be found GUILTY of being an extraordinary Mayor.

Judge Marston, who is not known for being objective, then called upon the audience/jury to raise their hands to vote for a guilty verdict. As he pounded his gavel, he proclaimed, "Karen Schneider is GUILTY as charged of being one of our very best and most extraordinary mayors in our Village history!"

Current Mayor, Steve Siemborski then read and gave Karen a Village Proclamation attesting to the same. Then Karen was presented with a stunning fireplace Fender gift

courtesy of all of the Village organizations. This gift was made from two iron Gates Mills Broadhead street signs merged together by artisan Ken Roby of The Village Blacksmith. Thank you to Gates Mills Fire Department Captain, Mike Feig and Fire Chief, Tom Majeski for helping so much in preparing the Community House for our celebration needs, and to Rich Eichenberg, our outstanding photographer. Without everyone's involvement, this fun celebration could never have happened! Thank you to all.



Office of the Mayor  
Village of Gates Mills

# Proclamation

## Honoring Mayor Karen E. Schneider, Upon Her Retirement as the Village of Gates Mills Mayor

- Whereas,** The Honorable Karen E. Schneider has lived in the Village of Gates Mills for 42 Years; and
- Whereas,** During these years she has been an active member of numerous Village organizations and chaired many of them; and
- Whereas,** She has especially devoted her time to serve as the Mayor and a Council member spanning a record-setting twenty-eight years and attended almost all of the 336 council meetings during her tenure; and
- Whereas,** She has been instrumental in conceptualizing, planning and executing revitalization projects throughout the Village especially our business district, street signs, fire equipment and the community house; and
- Whereas,** She has set records in reaching out to state and local authorities and individuals to help finance these improvements thereby avoiding the need to raise taxes; and
- Whereas,** We further recognize her devotion to attract a new generation of young people to our Village via her vivacious activities with our elementary school, Easter egg hunt, Halloween parties (yes, even as a clown), numerous parades and the development of Marston Park; and
- Whereas,** She has performed all of these activities without compensation thereby creating a tremendous example of volunteerism;

**Therefore, I,** along with representatives of the Village administration, the Gates Mills Improvement Society, The Community Club, The Garden Club, The Historical Society, The Land Conservancy, Friends of the Library, The Players and, on behalf of all villagers, do hereby express sincere gratitude and request that the southeast corner of the village green surrounding "The Volunteers Clock" be embellished and named to properly acknowledge her extraordinary contributions.

**In witness whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio to be affixed this 19th day of January in the year 2024.

  
Steven L. Siemborski, Mayor



# THE GATES MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

gatesmillshistoricalsociety.org



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Gates Mills through  
the years and  
our previous  
Pink Sheet pages  
on our  
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The Museum is open  
by Appointment:

440.423.1040

## AUTHENTIC INTERURBAN TRACK AND TIES AT THE SOUTHWICK HOUSE MUSEUM

Where did the Cleveland and Eastern Railway run? The Historical Society has a new outdoor exhibit to show where the C&E ran through the Village courtesy of Dr. Dan Rager who donated original iron rails and spikes. To draw attention to the tracks, over the holidays Jim Stafford and Marcia Anselmo put up a cheerful Christmas train decoration.

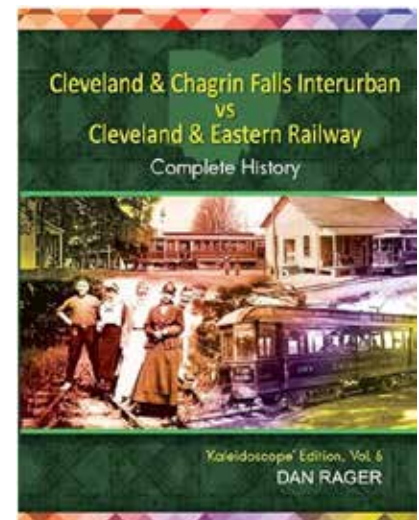
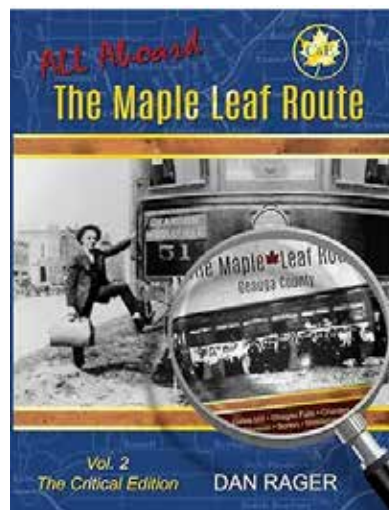
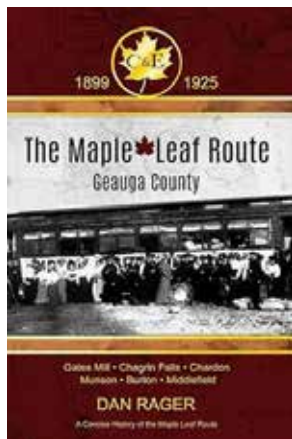
From 1899 to 1925, the C&E Maple Leaf Route carried passengers from Cleveland to Gates Mills and beyond through Chesterland's Scotland Station, then on to either Chardon or Middlefield, Ohio.

The old iron Walking Bridge shows where the route crossed the Chagrin River. Heading northeast it crossed over River Road, through the dispatcher's office, then behind Sara's rear parking area and onward in a diagonal line towards Old Cord Lane before heading to Scotland Corners Station. Going in the opposite direction towards Cleveland, the tracks went along Main Street veering south making a large switchback turn at the back of Daniel Collister Polo Field and then upward along Berkshire Road to wind up on the property now occupied by St. Francis Church to go into Cleveland.

Thank you to Dr. Rager and Bill Ward who installed the historic display as a gift to the Historical Society. Three of Dr. Rager's books on the electric Interurban railways (shown below) are available through the Historical Society's gift shop and online at Amazon.com. Amazon carries all of his books on the interurbans of that era. The gift shop at the Southwick House is open by appointment: 440.423.1040.



Dr. Rager's website : <https://www.facebook.com/MapleLeafRoute>



**THE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE GENEROUS DONORS TO THE EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS FUND!**

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Little Church in the Vale	Stuart and Sally Neidus	Frank Roddy	Shaylor and Hema Steele
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Amiee McKibben and Greg Lovins	Chuck O'Malley	Ingrid Ruppe	Vikram and Whitney Swamy
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Edward and Lisa Mamone	Pat and Colleen Perrino	Marilyn and Uwe Schmidt	Sreeharsha and Harika Tirumani
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Paula Matejka	Michael and Jennifer Pinto	Jim and Judy Shan	Paul and Jeannine Voinovich
Holly Mathews	MaryLou VerMerris and Jim Pivarski, Jr	Michael Shaughnessy	Kurt and Marti Von Boeselager
Nicole Mawby	Eric and Robin Polack	Tim and Elizabeth Sheeler	Marie Tani and Leonard Weinberger
Lloyd and Noreen Mazur	Deborah Humbert and Allen M Powell	James and Stephanie Shook	Jean Weitzel
Emily McCartney	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Press	Addie's Cup Coffee Shop	Edward Welsh III
Vicky McCrone	John Quagliata	Tejbir and Rani Sidhu	Blair and Leah Whidden
Timothy and Moira McErlean	Patrick and Mary Quinn	Steve and Kelly Siemborski	Dick and Ann Whitney
James and Kathleen McHale	Kathy Rabin	Renee Singley	Dr. Peter and Linda Wiest
Patrick and Christine McLaughlin	Roger and Alison Rankin	Thomas and Veronica Slavin	Steve and Judy Willensky
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Andrew and Mary Merchant	Clara Rankin	Marty and Libby Slunski	Martin and Lynne Wiseman
Bill and Linda Miller	Bob and Sylvia Reitman	Nancy Davis and Scott Smith	Edward and Cindy Wong
Christopher and Jamie Monaco	Scott Reitman	Marc and Suzanne Snelson	Drs. Kathleen Lamping and Gary Woznicki
Gail Palmer and Michael Monroe	Daniel and Marlane Renner	Nancy Sogg	Chad and Holly Yotter
Warren and Betsi Morris	Tim and Mary Reynolds	Kim Brustoski and Richard Solwitz	Judith and David Young
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# The Butler Did It

By Tim Kelly



Directed by  
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**Tickets: \$15**

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**March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 2024**

**7:30pm Fridays & Saturdays**

**2:00pm Sunday**

**Gates Mills Community House**

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"The Butler Did It (Kelly)" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

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## New Local Author Patrick McLaughlin and **CHEERFUL OBEDIENCE**

This is a work of fiction. Yet, anyone who served in Vietnam will recognize the authenticity of the book. If you paid your dues as an infantry grunt you may feel that you are looking into a mirror. Whether you served or not, know someone that did, are curious about the Vietnam War, or you just want to read a book that strives to story-tell then read *Cheerful Obedience*.

While the book's characters are fictional, some of the battles that are described took place on the dates set forth. The pivotal battles fought near Loc Ninh in late October and early November 1967, Ong Thanh on October 17, Dai Yeu on October 6, and Xom Bo II (LZ X-Ray) on June 17, are a matter of history. The author's writings were informed by after action reports of the battles, public source materials and, for some, his own memories.

Patrick is writing a sequel to *Cheerful Obedience* so main character Conor Patrick and others serving with him will be back.

the author in Vietnam at left



This is *CHEERFUL OBEDIENCE*:

Navigating the stormy seas of the 1960s wasn't easy, especially if Vietnam was on your horizon. Ignoring his 2-S selective service deferment, Conor Patrick McKall volunteers for the draft, and Uncle Sam promptly deposits him in the Big Green Machine. Six months later McKall is walking point in jungles, rice paddies, and rubber plantations. In nine short months, he's made an infantry squad leader responsible for a dozen other grunts. In the "boonies," life is lived one day at a time.

Joining McKall's squad is Jack "Red" Sheridan whose near-death encounter with a black panther presents challenges to his credibility from other members of Lima Platoon. When McKall stands with Sheridan, an unbreakable bond develops. They meet Red Cross Donut Dollies and together experience the infamous Black Virgin Mountain where the good guys control the top and the bad guys the rest.

Patrick McLaughlin:

*"The year of 2023 has been a fantastic debut year for Cheerful Obedience and its author. Wanting to test my debut novel against others in the genre of Fiction, War and Military, I entered the book in some award contests. Pleased to report that we have won awards! Take a look:"*

- Global Book Awards for War and Military (Bronze Medal 2023)
- The BookFest First Place Award, Fiction: Historical—Nautical, War and Military (Fall 2023)
- The BookFest Second Place Award, Artistic & Technical: Website—Overall Design (Fall 2023)
- Firebird Book Awards, Book Cover Design Fiction (Third Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter)
- American Writing Awards 2023, Finalist—Best New (Debut) Fiction
- BREW Fiction Book Excellence Award Category Winner: War Fiction of the Year 2023
- Outstanding Creator Awards (Summer/Fall 2023)

1. Award for Best Fiction Book of Clash of Champions 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)
2. Award for Military Fiction (1<sup>st</sup> Place)
3. Award for Historical Fiction (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)
4. Award for "Best Character:" Honorary Mention—Conor Patrick McKall from *Cheerful Obedience*

**Available at Amazon, Apple, Barnes & Noble, Kobo, BookBaby**

**Visit the author's website: [pmmclaughlin.com](http://pmmclaughlin.com)**





## Gates Mills Land Conservancy

Preserve Protect Together  
February 2024

### ***STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION & PUBLIC NOTICE***

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The Land Trust Accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. The Gates Mills Land Conservancy is pleased to announce it is applying for renewal of accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. Although the Gates Mills Land Conservancy is small in comparison to many other land trusts, directors feel that adherence to national standards is a basic tenet of responsible, long-term land management. The Gates Mills Land Conservancy is an independent non-profit, local membership organization dedicated to preserving the natural, recreational and scenic resources of the Village, by acquiring land or restricting development through restrictions or conservation easements either by gifts or purchases. Since 1988, the GMLC has preserved nearly 750 acres in Gates Mills.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how the Gates Mills Land Conservancy complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices>.

To learn more about the accreditation program or to submit a comment, visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org), or email your comment to [info@landtrustaccreditation.org](mailto:info@landtrustaccreditation.org). Comments should be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Please submit comments on the Gates Mills Land Conservancy's application by May 3, 2024.

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## Gates Mills Land Conservancy

Preserve Protect Together

February 2024

### Happy New Year!

Thank you for your generous support and participation in 2023. We hope that your holidays were joyful and wish you a new year filled with promise.

Last year GMLC engaged with the community to preserve and protect our environment like never before. We...

- Partnered with certified botanists, arborists and ecologists to hold a series of Naturalist Walks and Talks on our Sherman Road Preserve.
- Sent out three informative Newsletters focused on our mission, initiatives, community history and conservation/preservation techniques.
- Passed out 100 white pine trees during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade to help the tree canopy.
- Held a Fall Seminar focused on the archeological history of our river valley, tree diseases and health of the tree canopy, and riparian reconstruction efforts underway along the Chagrin River.
- Celebrated our members and the holidays at our Annual Meeting, with a “country boil” dinner and lecture by Penitentiary Glen’s Wildlife Center Manager along with some of the animals they rescued.
- Began our re-accreditation process for the National Land Trust Alliance.
- Strengthened and expanded our outreach with the many organizations and like-minded partners with whom we work. We are enormously grateful for their partnerships in environmental stewardship.
- Received a donation of a small parcel of land from Cuyahoga Land Bank.
- And received our largest ever donation from longtime Gates Mills resident Mr. Dan E. Kish. We are very honored by Mr. Kish’s generosity and the opportunity it provides to expand our stewardship of the environment.

As we head into 2024, we invite you to join GMLC in our new exciting learning opportunities and planned events. Beginning next month, please look for the March issue of our Newsletter.

**Join us in celebrating our environment in 2024!**

## Mayfield Moments

Written by: Meghan Perez

- Mayfield High School Seniors are in the midst of conducting Honors Capstone Projects. One Capstone is tackling tough issues like student mental health—an area of emphasis for students and staff from the Focus Forward comprehensive planning process. Students spent their first semester researching mental health at MHS and ways to better support students and staff, and will devote their second semester to identifying and implementing solutions.



- Successful business and community engagement was at play when MHS students interested in manufacturing career paths had the chance to visit the HEH Group to learn about how robotics and CNC machines are being used in the industry.

- Mayfield High School was presented with multiple Dazzle Awards for last year's production of Ragtime. Accolades included "Best High School Musical," and three MHS students received Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, and Spirit of the Dazzle Awards for their performances.



- Mayfield Middle School was recognized as a 2023 Association for Middle Level Education School of Distinction for its use of exemplary middle learning practices. These practices include: fostering purposeful learning through creative scheduling and team learning models that promote collaboration and provide time for teachers to flex the traditional school schedule to encourage interdisciplinary learning; providing challenging, exploratory, and diverse curriculum options; collaborating with community and business partners on events like Career Day or Science Showcase; and providing comprehensive counseling services to support adolescent needs.
- The MMS Student Council organized a fun and festive Holiday Spirit Week to wrap up the 2023 school year. Activities included the annual Staff vs. Student basketball game and raising funds for Providence House, one of the nation's longest operating crisis nurseries, which helps to protect children through age 12 living in situations that place them at risk for abuse or neglect.



# GMES Says Goodbye to 2023 and Hello to 2024

Written by: Meghan Perez



GMES students wrapped up 2023 with loads of holiday fun and learning. Second through fifth grade students had an amazing time attending the Cleveland Ballet's *Nutcracker* in December.

Thanks again to the generosity of Addie's Cup owner, Laura Berge, and Village residents who contributed to the June Coins for a Cause. We really appreciate the community's support of our students learning about the arts!

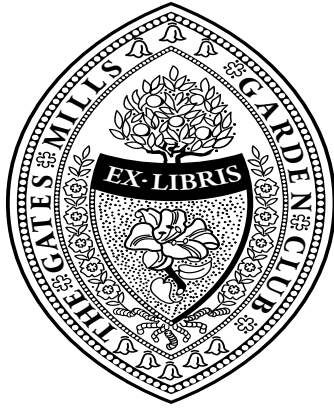


First and fourth grade students combined the fun of making gingerbread houses with the opportunity to learn key math concepts. After completing their gingerbread houses, first graders measured their house's height and width, and counted the total pieces of candy used during construction. Fourth graders took their gingerbread houses to the next level, developing detailed blue prints to calculate the area and perimeter of their houses, presenting their designs to the class, and then using their floor plans to make their creations.



GMES students celebrated the last day of school at the "Starbooks Café," where they learned about different book genres, and shared their favorite books with their classmates. After their literary learning, staff set up a café where students were able to order hot chocolates with all the fixings and other treats to celebrate the end of the year and student's positive achievements in reading, sportsmanship, school pride, math, and kindness. Thank you to the Starbucks at Target in Mayfield Heights for donating cups and supplies to the café!

Looking ahead, we're excited to give back to our community with our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual elementary school food drive. The food drive will run from February 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, and donation bins will be placed at the Community House and GMES side entrance (door 1). All donations will go to support Our Savior Lutheran, a food pantry that supports families in the four municipalities that make up the Mayfield School District. Please contact Meghan Perez at [Cameron.meg@gmail.com](mailto:Cameron.meg@gmail.com) for any questions about donating. We hope to have your community support to make the food drive an even bigger success than last year!



## **Gates Mills Garden Club Scholarship 2024 Application**

The Gates Mills Garden Club is proud to offer its scholarship program to high school graduating seniors. The Scholarship Award can be as much as \$2500 to a selected applicant. The number and quality of applicants will determine the number and the amount of each award.

Applicants should have demonstrated a strong interest in one of the areas of Environmental/Horticulture Studies and the desire to pursue these interests in their secondary education, 2 or 4 year Program. Areas of further study could include Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Forestry, Agronomy, Conservation, Plant Pathology, Environmental Concerns and/or other related subjects.

The selection process requires **an application, a short essay, a letter in support of the applicant** from a non-family member, and **an interview** by a member(s) of the scholarship committee. Applications are due by **March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be contacted to set up an interview with a Gates Mills Garden Club Scholarship Committee member during the last part of March into mid April. The application can be found on the Club's website: <https://www.thegatesmillsgardenclub.com>. Recipients of the scholarships will be notified by **April 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please mail or email completed application to:

Margaret Lencewicz c/o The Gates Mills Garden Club Scholarship  
PO Box 216, Gates Mills, OH 44040 or email: [Pegwicz@aol.com](mailto:Pegwicz@aol.com)



# The Gates Mills Garden Club

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February



## ANNOUNCING OUR OUTSTANDING PROGRAM LINEUP FOR MARCH – JUNE, 2024

March 12th Designing with Dwarf Conifers  
MaryAnn Thesing, Holden Forests and Gardens  
Dwarf conifers are low-maintenance, four-season plants that complement any garden design. With decades of experience in garden design and horticulture, Holden Arboretum's MaryAnn Thesing will provide tips and tricks for incorporating these charming plants into your own garden through the use of form, color, and texture.

10:30 in the Barn and via Zoom.

Please RSVP to Jennifer Moeller by March 10th at 5 pm via [gmgcReservations@gmail.com](mailto:gmgcReservations@gmail.com). Please indicate if you will be staying for lunch.

April 9th. Bumblebees of Ohio,  
Randy Mitchell, Professor of Biology, University of Akron.

May 14th. Garden History: Thomas Jefferson, Landscape Architect,  
Greg Cada, Master Gardener.

June 11th. Meet the Wild Ones, the national non-profit that promotes landscape biodiversity.  
Janice Arch, Wild Ones Board Member.

In a way winter is the real spring - the time when inner things happen, the resurgence of nature.

-Henry David Thoreau



## Board Meeting - March 5th 4:00 at the Barn and virtually

### 2024 GMGC OFFICERS

**Co-Presidents:**  
Janet AuWerter, Linda Wiest

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Jane Lindmark, Sandy Welches

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Nancy North

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**Recording Secretary:** Jane Thornburg

**Corresponding Secretary:** Pegg Lencewicz

**HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY**



### LIBRARY FLOWERS

February 4	Terry Ivancic
February 11	Cheri Saurwein
February 18	Alex Brenner
February 25	Wendy Hyland

### POST OFFIC FLOWERS

February 4	Paula Matejka
February 11	Lisa Swinarski
February 18	Lou Ann Lebovitz
February 25	Marilyn Raishart



# THE 2023 HOLIDAY LIGHTS DECORATING CONTEST

Thank you to Dave & Mary Gromelski for donating five \$50 gift certificates to Sara's Place to our top five Winners!



**Most Beautiful**—The Callam Family on Dorchester Road



**Most Creative**  
**BARBIELAND**  
The Legan Family on  
Timberidge Road.



**Brightest in the Village**—The John Spirk Family on Brigham Road



**Judges Award**—The Greco Family on Hillcrest Lane



**People's Choice**—The Majoros Family on Berkshire Road

## Honorable Mentions



The Lamprecht Family on Brigham Road



The Kalaycio Family on River Road



The Nagoda Family on Hillcreek Lane



The Valerian Family on Hillcreek Lane



The Woodhouse Family on Hillcreek Lane



The Evan Spirk Family on Brigham Road

More Honorable Mentions: The Westover Family on Gates Road, The DiVita Family on River Road, The Conklin Family on Timberidge, The Mayer Family on Timberidge Road, The Champ Family on Timberidge Road, The Tirumani Family on Norvale Circle West, The Holman Family on Chartley Road, The Krause Family on Robinwood Lane, The Blake Family on County Line Road, The Langmack Family on Gates Road

# CHAGRIN HUNTER JUMPER CLASSIC ANNOUNCES 2024 DATE



The popular Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic will return to Northeast Ohio in 2024. Hosted at Chagrin Valley Farms in Bainbridge, the event will run in **July with the opening unrated competition July 5-7, Riders with Disabilities competition on July 8, and the expanded rated week July 10-14, 2024.** The nationally A-rated week will host a full roster of divisions including a \$9,999 Jumper Classic and the \$5,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby.

The nonprofit 501c3 Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic is run by the volunteer board whose mission is to host a first-class equestrian event, support local charities and educate the public about equestrian sports. Due to its growing attendance and improved financial stability after relocating to Chagrin Valley Farms, the horse show saw a profit in 2023 for the first time in several years. At its December 18 board meeting, donations from the horse show were announced and benefited area nonprofits including Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center, Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field Fund, Ronald McDonald House, Rescue Village, Cleveland APL, PetFix Northeast Ohio, Angels Haven Horse Rescue, In Step With Horses, Tri-State Region Pony Club, and Ohio Professional Horseman's Assn. (OPHA) Scholarship Fund.

The 2024 volunteer Board will be co-chaired by Rebecca Brayton McNish of Newbury and returning co-chair Karen

Schneider of Gates Mills. Schneider, who has served the board since 1974, chaired it from 1996 to 2015, and is the retired Mayor of Gates Mills.

## Background

The Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic is recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation as a Heritage Competition, having originally launched at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field in 1948 under the organization of the Chagrin Trails and Riding Club. After management was assumed by the Chagrin Valley PHA, the horse show became internationally renowned for hosting and organizing the first show jumping grand prix in North America, the Cleveland Grand Prix, in 1965.

Following the pandemic shut down, diminished sponsorship and rising costs led to the event settling into its new home at Chagrin Valley Farms in 2021. Chagrin Valley Farms has made significant improvements to its facility to create a top equestrian venue and accommodate the national competition, including state-of-the-art footing, which has become a standard at top shows across the country. The Classic also continues a 24-year tradition of hosting the Riders with Disabilities Horse Show in partnership with Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center. Visit [www.chagrinhunterjumperclassic.org](http://www.chagrinhunterjumperclassic.org).



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



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

## Public Safety

In case of emergencies: 911

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

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

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

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Thank you to The Judy Bell Committee,  
The Improvement Society and  
Our Services Department.

# Cuyahoga County Public Library



## **GATES MILLS BRANCH LIBRARY**

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

Branch Manager: Maryanne Haller

GATmgr@cuyahogalibrary.org

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

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

**Holiday Hours:** The library will be open regular hours throughout the month of February.

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 Story Time** – Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00am

Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays. All ages with caregiver.

February 6, 13, 20, and 27

**Kindergarten Countdown: Art of Celebration** – Monday, February 26, 6:00–7:00pm

Join us as we help your child build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. For children entering kindergarten this fall and their caregiver

**Valentines STEAM Fun!**– Saturday, February 3, 10:30 – 11:45am

Have fun with STEAM-based Valentines fun! Recommended for Grades 1–6.

### **TEENS**

**Homeschool Time Travelers** – Wednesday, February 28, 10:00–11:00am

Time travelers: Let's meet to discover what happened on this date.

### **ADULTS**

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

Feb 13: Discussion of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

**Coffee and Coloring** – Saturday, Feb 24: 11:00am–12:00pm

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

## ***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 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**

**PAULA A. NOCK** age 64, beloved wife of Howard; loving mother of Jennifer (Russell) Brock, Kate (Joseph) Keck, Stephen (Tony) Manes, Daniel Nock, Gabriel (Shawnee) Nock, Howard (Mirna) Nock, and Sean (Kim) Nock; devoted grandmother of Amber, Nathan, Ella, Paige, Brantley, Oliver, Howey, Caleigh, Ethan, and Gabe; daughter of the late Stephen and Glenna (nee Payne) Manes; sister of Sharon (Al, deceased) Faranda, Richard (Sylvia) Manes, and Linda Colosi; dear aunt and great-aunt of many.



Paula was born in Iaeger, West Virginia, and made Chesterland, Ohio home the last 20 years of her life. She graduated from Villa Angela High School and dedicated more than 30 years with the United States Postal Service. She worked as a window clerk, for both Middlefield and Gate Mills Post Office, and loved everyone she met along the way. Paula knew no stranger. She wore her heart on her sleeve and cared deeply for her family, including the pets that never failed to make their way inside her home. She enjoyed thrift shopping, reading, and trips to The Great Geauga County Fair with her children and grandchildren. She was very passionate and supportive of her children's arts and athletic endeavors. Paula earned her rest on December 3, 2023, after a short and brave battle with cancer. She leaves her family missing her great sense of humor and effortless way of making you feel loved.



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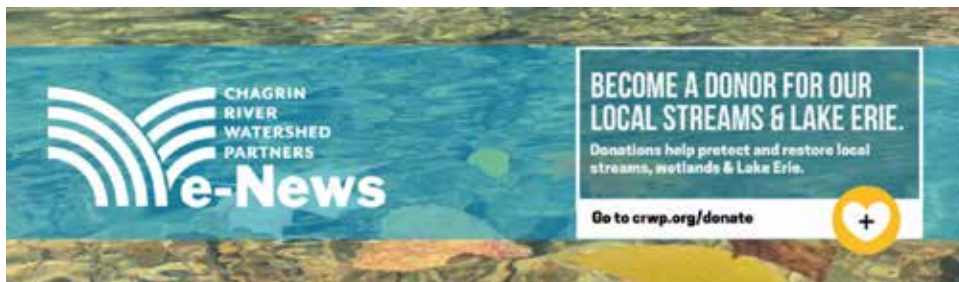
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# The Gates Mills Community Club 2024 Scholarship Award Program

## Attention Graduating High School Seniors!



The Community Club is proud to sponsor a yearly scholarship competition open to college bound high school seniors who are current residents of Gates Mills. These scholarship awards are based on scholastic achievement and demonstrated community service. To be eligible for a scholarship, students must submit evidence of the following qualifications:

- ★ Be a current Gates Mills resident for at least two years.
- ★ Have a 3.00 GPA or higher.
- ★ Must volunteer for service within Gates Mills  
(16 hour minimum for students graduating in 2024).
- ★ Provide two letters of recommendation from individuals for whom community service has been performed.
- ★ Write an essay detailing:
  1. the amount of your community service by organization
  2. a description of volunteering activities outside of Gates Mills
  3. an explanation of what influence the service has had or will have on your future plans

**IMPORTANT: Allow enough advance time for individuals to write the letters of recommendation. Hours must be documented and approved by Nancy Wright.**

Submit completed application, letters of recommendation and essay to:

**Scholarship Committee  
Gates Mills Community Club  
P.O. Box 372  
Gates Mills, OH 44040**

Completed applications, recommendations and essay must be  
**received by March 30, 2024.**

Applications are in *The Pink Sheet* and available at the Gates Mills Library.

Students with questions on volunteering and scholarship should call:

Ann Jackson at (216) 381-1500 [wishjackson@aol.com](mailto:wishjackson@aol.com) or  
Nancy Wright (440) 423-0222 or email: [hellowright@aol.com](mailto:hellowright@aol.com)

# Gates Mills Community Club 2024 College Scholarship Application



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Gates Mills Resident since \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
(minimum two years residency required; must be a current resident)

Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Hours of Community Service during High School Years \_\_\_\_\_

Hours/Projects performed in Gates Mills \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities

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Community Service Activities; Including Service in Gates Mills (attach paper if necessary)

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Employment

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Please attach an essay elaborating on your community service, describing the amount of time spent volunteering and a description of work performed. The essay should include an explanation of what influence your civic efforts have had or will have in your future plans.

Please attach a copy of your school transcript and two letters of recommendations from individuals where community service was performed. Do not submit recommendations from school guidance counselors to fulfill this requirement.

**Important: Allow enough advance time for the organizations to write the recommendations.**

Please direct questions to:

- ★ Ann Jackson Scholarship Committee (216) 509-6294 cell wishjackson@aol.com
- ★ Nancy Wright Scholarship Committee at (440) 423-0222

**The application deadline is March 31, 2024.**

The application and attachments should be sent to:

The Gates Mills Community Club Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 372, Gates Mills, OH 44040.

*I grant approval for the release of transcripts and winners' publicity by signing.*

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_