



# The <sup>WH</sup> Village Voice

## From the Office of the Mayor



Dear Residents:

Hello. It is very hard to believe that August is upon us and children will be returning to school this month, but time moves on and there is much action on which to report since our last communication in May. Here is a summary of some of the highlights over the past three months.

### Charter Levy – May Ballot

As Council, the Administration and I would like to offer sincere thanks for the overwhelmingly strong support of our Charter levy renewal in May. Funds from that levy are critical to preserving safety and service department services at current levels and represents approximately 21% of the Village’s annual operating expenses. The 80% affirmative vote for passage sends a strong message that our electors are committed to maintaining what we have and, as always, Council and the Administration will try to stretch and get the most from those dollars as possible. Once again, THANK YOU.

### Waite Hill Village Foundation

At our June Council meeting, the Waite Hill Village Foundation generously presented the Village with a check for \$24,500 as a contribution to help offset the cost of road improvements that were made by the Village in July. The Foundation was founded in 2015 by a group of dedicated residents who are committed to helping keep Waite Hill Waite Hill. The Foundation was chronicled by The News-Herald in an article featured in its June 11, 2018 edition, and I highly encourage you to click the link below or go on line for a more detailed discussion of its work to date. <http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20180611/waite-hill-foundation-awards-24500-endowment-to-village-for-road-projects>

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## **Reopening of Waite Hill Road Hill**

We are pleased to report that work was completed on the Waite Hill Road stabilization, drainage and road project and we are quite pleased with the results. Shortly after reopening, we experienced a small landslide on the west bank of the road down toward the middle of the hill necessitating a temporary closure. Our engineers have since determined that the work and landslide did not have a causal connection and that the road would be safe to reopen for continued vehicular passage. Our engineers will also continue to monitor the slope for changes and to ensure that it remains safe for vehicles.

## **Other Road Projects**

July brought to fruition the completion of three newly-paved roads. We were able to replace the entire road surface on South Lane and Mountainview Drive, along with the hill section of Markell Road. In addition, we have embarked upon an aggressive crack sealing program on our remaining roads to prolong their lives. This work will be followed by road striping which we anticipate will occur at the end of the month before the leaves start falling.

## **Village Car Show**

The Village will be hosting a car show behind Village Hall on August 18<sup>th</sup> between the hours of noon and 2:00 p.m. If you have some time, stop by to take in the autos on display and bring your own antique or collector vehicle for others to see. It will be a nice opportunity to share some fellowship, meet some fellow Villagers and make some new friends. We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs and invite you to bring your own pot luck dish to share with others. We hope to see you there.

## **Charter Review**

The Charter Review Commission has completed its work and has made one recommendation for change to the Village Charter to “clean up” an existing provision so that the Charter is in full conformity with changes that have taken place in the law. Council unanimously endorsed their findings and conclusions, and the recommended change will appear on the November ballot. Thank you to residents Kerri Bowden, Jim Gibbs, David Kurtz, Chris Mahovlic, Gary Schuster, Chris Sherwin, and Richard Steudel for your participation on the Commission and your commitment to the Village.

## **Lieutenant Brian Beaumier Graduates from FBI Academy**

Last but certainly not least, we extend congratulations and a hearty shout out to Lieutenant Brian Beaumier who graduated from the FBI National Academy as one of the 232 law enforcement officers in the Academy’s 272<sup>nd</sup> Session. Admission to the 10-week course is highly competitive and fully funded by the Federal government. I was privileged to attend Brian’s graduation in Washington D.C (along with Chief Keith DeWitt – a proud graduate of Session 216), where he was joined by

leaders and classmates from law enforcement agencies representing the District of Columbia, 48 states, 25 foreign countries, five military organizations and several federal civilian organizations. Please extend congratulations to Brian the next time you see him. His graduation is a great honor and accomplishment of which we are all very proud. Please also take a look at the article in The News-Herald featuring Brian, Chief DeWitt and the program. <http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20180728/waite-hill-officer-graduates-from-fbi-national-academy-program>

### Village Website

Remember to stay on top of all Village happenings by visiting our website, [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov), and give us your email address to receive occasional news and updates.

Please do not hesitate to call Village Hall or e-mail us with any questions, comments or concerns that you have. As always, we will do our best to address them. Again, thank you for your time and interest.

Very truly yours,

*Bob Ranallo*

Robert A. Ranallo

## The Waite Hill Police Beat



Hello to all residents.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Hopefully you have received the flyer for our summer picnic/car show scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a rain date of August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a dish to share. Please RSVP Robbi Laps, Clerk-Treasurer (942-1612) if you have not already done so.

Starting July 31<sup>st</sup>, Willoughby Hills will no longer be our dispatch center due to financial constraints on their end. We have contracted with Central Communications for our dispatch needs. Willoughby Hills Fire and Rescue will not change. This will be a very smooth transition; however, there will be a couple of changes on how dispatching works. For example, when you call the non-emergency line (942-1660), the dispatcher is going to answer, "*Central Dispatch, how can I help you?*", instead of "*Waite Hill Police*". If you need to speak to an officer, dispatch may ask you the reason for the call and then contact the officer with a request to call you or respond to your residence. There will be no changes with 9-1-1 calls. You still can call the police department directly (942-5015) to contact an officer for non-emergency issues. My office phone (942-6279) is available as well. If you have any questions, feel free to call us.

Deer season is approaching fast and they are already on the move throughout the Village. We also have had an influx of turkeys this year. Unfortunately, the deer and turkeys are not traffic savvy and think they own the roads. Please be extra careful when driving. While deer-involved crashes can occur anytime, most mishaps happen between the hours of 5 and 8 a.m. and 5 and 10 p.m. because deer are “crepuscular” — meaning that they are most active at dawn and dusk. Defensive driving is the best way to avoid hitting these animals.

We have a tentative date of October 20<sup>th</sup> for the Halloween party, so if you are interested with assisting with it please contact me or Robbi Laps.

Please remember, if you notice anything that does not look right, please contact us. The best way to reach an officer is through the dispatcher at (440)942-1660. If it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

**The Waite Hill Village Police Department, as always, looks forward to serving the community. Your safety and security are always our concern!**

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police

## Service Department News

Greetings too all.

As we are approaching fall, we appreciate your patience with the various road projects that have been going on. We have been crack sealing and still have quite a bit more to do before bad weather sets in. We please ask you to be patient and drive respectfully when you see us and our signs.

As a reminder, the service department has been doing the recycling for about a year. We have been enduring large loads and untied bags which allows the items to be scattered around the Village. Please don't forget to securely tie your bags. If you have large amounts of loose cardboard, please bag it so it does not come out of the trucks. As a last reminder, please do not overload any garbage or recycling bags so they can be safely lifted into the trucks.

We continue to strive to provide residents with the best service possible. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our department at (440)942-2074 or stop up to say hello.

Regards,

Bob Haynik, Service Director

# In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathies go out to anyone who has lost a loved one in recent months. We'd like to especially recognize members of our Waite Hill community that have passed away.



Peggy Parsons 6/16/18



Paul and Rosa Wilson 10045 Gardenside Drive

Drs. Jian-Yue Jin and Feng-Ming Kong 7586 Eagle Road

## Waite Hill Village Council and Administration



- Left:** (left to right) Rich Steudel, Law Director Steve Byron, Sam Knezevic, Marcia Merritt, Service Director Bob Haynik
- Back:** Bob Gale
- Front:** Courtenay Taplin
- Right:** (left to right) Karl Scheucher, Chief DeWitt, Bob Ranallo, Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Ryan Cox

JOIN US FOR A  
**SUMMER PICNIC**  
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**CAR SHOW**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018  
 (RAIN DATE AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>)

NOON - 2:00 P.M.

PLEASE RSVP OR CALL WITH QUESTIONS  
 ROBBIE 440-942-1612



SAVE THE DATE

**Village Halloween  
 Celebration**

**Saturday, October 20**

Have great ideas to share?  
 Want to help with the celebration?  
 Contact Village Hall  
 440-942-1612



august

2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
30 July	31	1 August	2 Recycle Extra Pick Up	3 Trash	4/5
6	7	8	9 Extra Pick Up	10 Trash	11/12
13 Council Meeting 8am	14	15	16 Recycle Extra Pick Up	17 Trash	18/19 Village Car Show & Picnic
20	21	22	23 Extra Pick Up	24 Trash	25/26
27 Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am	28	29	30 Recycle Extra Pick Up	31 Trash	1 September/2
3	4	5	6	7	8/9



# september

2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
27 August	28	29	30	31	1 September/2
3 <b>Labor Day</b>	4	5	6 <b>Extra Pick Up</b>	7 <b>Trash</b>	8/9
10 <b>Council Meeting 8am</b>	11	12	13 <b>Recycle Extra Pick Up</b>	14 <b>Trash</b>	15/16
17	18	19	20 <b>Extra Pick Up</b>	21 <b>Trash</b>	22/23
24 <b>Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am</b>	25	26	27 <b>Recycle Extra Pick Up</b>	28 <b>Trash</b>	29/30
1 October	2	3	4	5	6/7

# october

2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
24 September	25	26	27	28	29/30
1 October	2	3	4 <b>Extra Pick Up</b>	5 <b>Trash</b>	6/7
8 <b>Council Meeting 8am</b>	9	10	11 <b>Recycle Extra Pick Up</b>	12 <b>Trash</b>	13/14
15	16	17	18 <b>Extra Pick Up</b>	19 <b>Trash</b>	20/21 <b>Village Halloween Party</b>
22 <b>Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am</b>	23	24	25 <b>Recycle Extra Pick Up</b>	26 <b>Trash</b>	27/28
29	30	31	1 November	9	10/11

# november

2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
29 October	30	31	1 November Extra Pick Up	2 Trash	3/4
5	6	7	8 Recycle Extra Pick Up	9 Trash	10/11
12 Council Meeting 8am	13	14	15 Extra Pick Up	16 Trash	17/18
19	20	21 Recycle Extra Pick Up	22 Thanksgiving	23 Trash	24/25
26 Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am	27	28	29 Extra Pick Up	30 Trash	1 December/2
3	4	5	6	7	8/9

# december

2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
26 November	27	28	29	30	1 December/2
3	4	5	6 Recycle Extra Pick Up	7 Trash	8/9
10 Council Meeting	11	12	13 Extra Pick Up	14 Trash	15/16
17	18	19	20 Recycle Extra Pick Up	21 Trash	22/23
24 Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Extra Pick Up	28 Trash	29/30
31	1 January	2	3	4	5/6