



The ^{WH} Village Voice

From the Office of the Mayor



Dear Residents:

It is very hard to believe that January 2020 is in the rear-view mirror, and February is upon us. We have been fortunate to have been spared (so far) from some of the extreme cold and excessive snow of past years, but who knows what lies ahead (it may have even hit as you are reading this newsletter). This letter is Service Department heavy, with a summary of some of our more significant activities summarized below.

Waite Hill Road and Markell Road Bridge Restrictions – An Update

The Lake County Engineer’s office remains on pace to replace the bridge at the base of Waite Hill Road this year, with the replacement of the Markell Road bridge still scheduled for 2021.

As previously communicated, funding for both of these projects will be underwritten entirely by the federal government, with the County having oversight for administration and management of the actual construction. Fortunately, there is no required financial participation by the Village.

The replacements will take an extended period to complete and will result in road closures and alternate routing of traffic patterns during the work duration.

Both the Willoughby-Eastlake and Kirtland school systems have been informed, as have the Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, and other neighboring police, fire and safety forces. In addition, those engaging in construction projects and their contractors will be notified of the need to re-route themselves to conform to the limitations and restrictions.

We will keep you informed of developments as they occur, and you will be notified of road closures and work commencement once those details have been finalized.

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Road and Construction Projects

We are evaluating the feasibility of paving projects for the summer and have submitted applications for state funding to defray the costs of those projects.

We have not undertaken any road projects over the past few years unless a substantial portion of the cost of those projects was subsidized by grants and loans from the State of Ohio. Tim Lannon, our Village engineer, has been both aggressive and instrumental in chasing and landing such funding opportunities.

The funding of road repairs and replacements continues to be our single biggest funding challenge moving forward. We will continue to keep you informed as plans are finalized.

Snow Removal

The one snowfall of substance that did occur in January, however briefly, managed to wreak its share of damage to some of the mailboxes along the route of the heaviest areas of snowfall. This was caused by the wet, heavy snow that fell, the type that made the roads extremely slippery, and was very heavy to remove. When the wet, heavy snow was thrown off the road by our plows, the mailboxes in the way did not always fare well.

The condition generated a handful of complaints that the Service Department is addressing. It also serves as a reminder to all that our Service Department workers are NOT trying to cause damage to any property in the Village. They are working at all hours, oftentimes through the night, to ensure that our roads are passable and safe in adverse weather conditions. They do their best, and sometimes unintended things happen because of conditions over which they have little or no control.

Please try to have some understanding and let us know if there is a problem. We will do our best to address it.

Recycling and Trash Pickup

Trash pickup has also given rise to a challenge here and there. We are here to serve. In that regard, please be reminded of the following rules and regulations that apply to both recycling and trash pickups:

1. All recyclables and trash left for pickup must be contained in bags that are securely tied closed.
2. If your recyclables or trash are left loose and not bagged, they will be left behind until the next regularly scheduled pickup date. Loose recyclables and waste will not be accumulated, bagged, or picked up.
3. Bagged recyclables and trash should not exceed more than 20 pounds. If your bags exceed 20 pounds in weight, please break them down into multiple bags as necessary. Otherwise, they will be left behind until the next regularly scheduled pickup date.

Public Notices

A lot is going on in the Village, and communications this year look to be frequent. To help stay in the know, please remember to turn in your email addresses to Robbi Laps at Village Hall so that all communications can be timely delivered. Alternatively, all public and meeting notices are routinely posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of Village Hall, and you are encouraged to stop by from time to time to get caught up on Village happenings.

Village Website

Remember to stay on top of all Village happenings by visiting our website, www.waitehilloh.gov. Please do not hesitate to call Village Hall or email 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.

As the snow starts flying again, we need to remember to slow down and take extra time to get to our destinations. The Service Department does a great job keeping our roads open, but they need our assistance. If you have someone plowing your driveway, please remind them not to push snow across the street. When snow is plowed across the roads, driving and plowing hazards can be created when the Village endures a high volume of snow.

Scam Alert!

We are receiving complaints of an individual claiming to be a representative from the Social Security Administration (SSA) requesting personal information from the complainant due to an alleged ongoing fraud investigation. When questioned about the personal details, the caller advised the complainant that they would call them back. Upon callback, the caller referred the complainant to the SSA website to confirm the caller ID number to a number on the SSA website in an attempt to validate their identity. The complainant refused to provide their personal information and advised the caller that they would be notifying the police which caller discouraged them from doing. The complainant received several additional calls from the original phone number and was advised not to answer the calls. Should you receive such a phone call, do not provide any personal identifiers that would allow anyone to access your financial information. It is recommended that you contact the police department to document the incident and file an online scam report with the SSA. Individuals can also contact their local SSA office to determine if there are issues involving their SSA benefits or services.

Lastly, other communities are experiencing so-called technicians who are dressed in safety vests and ID badges that look real. They arrive at your door and ask to make entry to your home and check your meters. They are aggressive in making entry. **DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE IN YOUR HOME** and call us if you experience this. Willoughby Hills PD has received multiple calls on this very thing.

Again, remember **NEVER** to give out personal information to phone solicitors. If anyone receives a call or shows up at your door like this, please call our department at the non-emergency number 440-942-1660 or 9-1-1 if you feel it is necessary.

As a reminder, our surrounding communities are experiencing multiple thefts and break-ins, so please be diligent in keeping your vehicle and home locked. The best deterrents are alarm systems and well-lit properties. Motion lights seem to help when you have them at the four corners of your home.

Traffic Safety

I want to remind all residents who walk on our roadways to remain diligent with traffic safety. Our officers are continuously monitoring vehicular and pedestrian traffic for safety concerns. If you have any questions or concerns about traffic safety, please contact our department.

Please remember, if you notice anything that does not look right or looks suspicious, 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 our top concern!

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police

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.

Richard Meister 01/28/2020





Mark Adamic – 6915 Eagle Road
Jonathan Fuller – 7660 Eagle Road
John & Christina Hollis – 7070 South Lane
Deviani Kuhar – 6924 South Lane
Gregory Sanker & Mistur Rahel – 9445 Metcalf Road

Book Club Anyone?



The next Book Club meeting will be held at Village Hall on Thursday, February 27 at 6:30pm. The book to be discussed is Confederates in the Attic by Tony Horwitz. Hope to see many of you there!

If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Merritt or Janet Schuster.

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Come visit Waite Hill Village's Little Free Library located in the Village Hall lobby.

“Take A Book – Share A Book”



Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. There are more than 80,000 registered Little Free Libraries in all 50 states and over 90 countries.

Through these Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

Little Free Library has received recognition from the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, *Library Journal*, the Women's National Book Association, and more.

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 Keith DeWitt, Mayor Bob Ranallo, Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Ryan Cox

February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6 Extra Pick Up	7 Trash	8
9	10 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	11	12	13 Recycle Extra Pick Up	14 Trash Valentine's Day	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20 Extra Pick Up	21 Trash	22
23	24 Planning and Zoning 8am	25	26	27 Recycle Extra Pick Up Book Club 6:30pm	28 Trash	29

March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Extra Pick Up	6 Trash	7
8 Daylight Savings	9 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	10	11	12 Recycle Extra Pick Up	13 Trash	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Extra Pick Up	20 Trash	21
22	23 Planning and Zoning 8am	24	25	26 Recycle Extra Pick Up	27 Trash	28
29	30	31				

April 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Extra Pick Up	3 Trash	4
5	6	7	8	9 Recycle Extra Pick Up	10 Trash	11
12 Easter	13 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	14	15	16 Extra Pick Up	17 Trash	18
19	20	21	22	23 Recycle Extra Pick Up	24 Trash	25
26	27 Planning and Zoning 8am	28	29	30 Extra Pick Up		

May 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Trash	2
3	4	5	6	7 Recycle Extra Pick Up	8 Trash	9
10	11 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	12	13	14 Extra Pick Up	15 Trash	16
17	18 Planning and Zoning 8am	19	20	21 Recycle Extra Pick Up	22 Trash	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 Extra Pick Up	29 Trash	30
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June 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Recycle Extra Pick Up	5 Trash	6
7	8 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	9	10	11 Extra Pick Up	12 Trash	13
14	15	16	17	18 Recycle Extra Pick Up	19 Trash	20
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