



The ^{WH} Village Voice

From the Office of the Mayor

Greetings.

If I had to capture the past year’s activities as succinctly as possible, it would be summed up in the following oft-heard refrain: “What a difference a year makes.”



The contrast between where we were a year ago and where we are now is nothing short of stunning. The news on what came to be known as the Coronavirus disease that was happening in China had just begun to emerge, the thought of a global pandemic was a foreign concept to the masses, and the notion that the world would be walking around in masks a year later was simply unfathomable. But here we are, one year later, scrambling to get enough vaccine out to the public before new strains of the virus grow out of control. Little did we know the force that was about to be unleashed here at home and throughout the world. What a difference a year makes.

Pandemic notwithstanding, the business of the Village continues to be conducted, albeit virtually in many ways, and activities are ongoing. Here are some of the highlights and notes of interest.

COVID-19 Update

We have received a handful of calls regarding COVID-19 and the vaccine. In short, there is an acute imbalance between the supply of vaccine to date, and the demand by those who want to receive it. Distribution is being administered at the county level throughout the State, with the Lake County General Health District handling all facets of the vaccine distribution locally. I encourage you to visit the Department’s website frequently, www.lcghd.org, for updates as this is the most centralized source of information pertaining to the virus and the vaccine.

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New Faces and Positions

The past several months have seen a number of new faces in the Village's ranks.

First and most significantly, the end of 2020 brought with it Bob Gale's retirement from Village Council. Bob has been an invaluable contributor to the Village throughout his 23-year tenure in that position. He is a shining example of what it means to be a public servant, always leading by example, and always there to offer assistance or counsel whenever the need arose. Bob led by his actions, never seeking attention or credit. We are all better off because of his efforts and contributions, and Bob's leadership will be missed. Please thank him if you get the opportunity.

Bob's vacancy on Village Council has been filled by Abby Hiltzley. Abby has also served the Village for several years as its public representative on the Waite Hill Planning and Zoning Commission and its Architectural Review Board. Abby has made many contributions to those bodies and will continue her service to them, albeit now in the role of Council's representative.

Our new public representative to P&Z and ARB will be Brian Doty. Many of you know Brian through his work in conjunction with the Waite Hill Foundation. We look forward to Brian's contributions.

Sam Knezevic, who prior to this year was Council's representative on P&Z and ARB, has taken on the role of Vice President of Council and chair of the Safety Committee. Courtenay Taplin, the former head of that Committee, has moved to our Finance Committee, and Marcia Merritt has stepped into the position of head of the Council's Service Committee.

We also have two new officers who have joined the Waite Hill Police Department. Carl Dondorfer was sworn in as Lieutenant of the department in December. Carl has had a long and distinguished career in law enforcement, having served in various roles (including Operations Captain, SWAT Team Commander, Road Patrol Division Commander, Detective Bureau Commander, Deputy Sheriff Sergeant and Executive Lieutenant) during his 26-year term with the Lake County Sheriff's Department, and positions as Lieutenant for the Lake Metroparks Ranger Department, and Head of Security/Chief Bailiff for the Willoughby Municipal Court. Carl is also a graduate of the FBI Academy, and we are fortunate to have him join the department.

Also joining the department last fall was Patrolman Brett Beckwith. Brett comes from a family of law enforcement officers and joined us from the Police Academy. We look forward to his contributions as well.

Service Department Duties

There have been several calls from residents after storms have damaged mailboxes and trees along the roadside. The Service Department is responsible for the streets and public property. On private property, they may be able to assist in clearing a path on a driveway so that it is accessible for emergencies, but they cannot cut down trees, clean yards, repair mailboxes, or haul away debris. The

Illuminating Company also expects residents to call about their power outages rather than Village staff. Unfortunately, the Village has no special clout in getting power restored any quicker than our residents.

Walking the Village Roads

A number of drivers have called to express their concerns about near misses with pedestrians walking along the Village's roads. While we encourage walking and exercise, we also want to make sure that our pedestrians remain safe. To that end, we are strongly asking that if you are walking on our roads, please wear light or reflective clothing and carry a flashlight if necessary, particularly near dusk and as darkness falls, so you are conspicuous to passing drivers. Drivers have enough distractions behind the wheel these days, so please take the steps necessary to make yourself safe and avoid being the victim of an unsuspecting or distracted driver.

One Bridge Down, One to Go

As everybody knows by now, the Waite Hill Road bridge work was completed this past November. That's the good news. The not-so-good news is that work on Markell Road bridge is scheduled to begin this spring. This work will result in road closures and alternate routing of traffic patterns while the work is being done.

The Kirtland school system will be kept informed, as will 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 informed of road closures and work commencement once those details have been finalized. Sharing your e-mail address with Village Hall will ensure you receive those updates as soon as they become available.

Public Notices

There is a lot going on in the Village and communications this year look to be frequent. To help stay in the know, please make sure to furnish 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 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 and above all, BE SMART, STAY SAFE AND REMEMBER THAT LIFE IS SHORT.

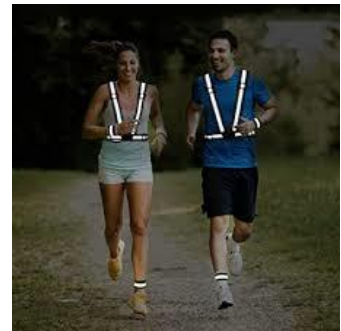
Best Regards,

Bob Ranallo

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Safety Gear Ideas

Many manufacturers offer a myriad of safety gear options for walkers, runners and bikers. Wearing bright-colored clothes or safety gear specially made for these exercise enthusiasts is critical, especially in areas such as Waite Hill where sidewalks and bike lanes are not available. Please keep yourself and your loved ones safe by checking out some options at amazon.com or your favorite retail outlet. Use the search phrase “safety gear for walkers”.



Save the Date

Waite Hill Paper Shredding Event

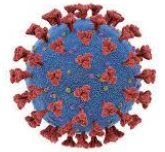
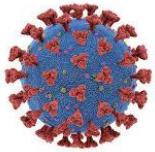
Saturday, July 17 9:00 – 11:00 am

Waite Hill will host the Village paper shredding event in July. The truck will be located in the front parking lot of Village Hall. It will be a drive-thru event with company representatives removing boxes from your car. There will be no need to exit your vehicle. Paper documents, DVD's and credit cards can all be shredded. Paper should be removed from binders but there is no need to remove staples or paper clips. See you in July!

COVID-19 Data, Vaccine Updates and Resources available through

Lake County General Health District

www.lcghd.org



Elyse & Kenneth Gustafson – 9760 Smith Road
Brendan & Kim Slabe – 9555 Creawood Forest
Dr. Mike & Carol Leonis – 6791 Eagle Road
Robert Ruse – 9400 Smith Road

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.

June Baxter 11/30/2020



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.

February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 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 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents' Day	16	17	18 Extra Pick Up	19 Trash	20
21	22 Planning and Zoning 8am	23	24	25 Extra Pick Up	26 Trash	27
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March 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 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 Daylight Savings Starts	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Extra Pick Up	19 Trash	20
21	22 Planning and Zoning 8am	23	24	25 Extra Pick Up	26 Trash	27
28	29	30	31			

April 2021

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

May 2021

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

June 2021

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

July 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Extra Pick Up	2 Trash	3
4 Independence Day	5 Independence Day Observed	6	7	8 Extra Pick Up	9 Trash	10
11	12 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	13	14	15 Extra Pick Up	16 Trash	17 9-11 am Paper Shredding Event
18	19	20	21	22 Extra Pick Up	23 Trash	
25	26 Planning and Zoning 8am	27	28	29 Extra Pick Up	30 Trash	31