



The ^{WH} Village Voice

From the Office of the Mayor



Dear Residents:

Greetings to all. After a cold, gray and prolonged winter, it appears that at long last, spring and some sun are finally here to stay. Along with that comes an opportunity to bring all residents up do date on Village happenings, and a summary of some of the more significant activities follows.

Charter Levy – May Ballot

As Council, the Administration and I communicated in April, the May 8 election will include a ballot issue seeking the renewal for a term of five years the 6.2 mill charter levy originally passed by our electors in 2013. ALL of the proceeds from this levy are used to fund police, fire, EMS and public services, and renewal of the levy will not result in ANY increased taxes.

The charter levy is critical to the funding of our daily operations and enables us to continue to maintain safety and service department services at current levels. As mentioned in our April correspondence, proceeds from the levy in the four years following passage have funded approximately 21% of the Village’s annual operating expenses.

Passage of the charter levy is also necessary to preserve a since-eliminated state subsidy. Over the four-year period following the levy’s passage, the State of Ohio has remitted to the Village approximately \$32,000 per year (\$128,000 total) in the form of rebated rollback and primary residence property tax credits. Property tax rebates to municipalities were eliminated by the State legislature for all levies enacted after 2013. In contrast, the preservation of those rebates was grandfathered in and remains fully in place for all levies (including Waite Hill’s) passed before the end of 2013. We all benefit immensely from this grandfather provision that ensures the foregoing State subsidy will continue if the 2013 levy is renewed.

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We hope that you will continue to support the current levels of safety and services and thank you for your consideration and understanding of this issue. Please remember to vote on May 8, 2018.

Reopening of Waite Hill Road Hill

We are pleased to report that paving should be completed on Waite Hill Road by the middle of May. We recognize that this has inconvenienced residents, but work necessary to stabilize the road and the slopes on each, reinforce retaining walls and improve drainage was necessary to ensure that the road remained safe.

Other Road Projects

This summer we will undertake paving projects on sections of those roads in most need of repair. Winter's wrath has been particularly brutal this year. The Village's engineer and service department have done an extensive analysis of roads in an effort to prolong life and make repairs or replacements where and when necessary.

We anticipate that road replacements will take place in early to mid-summer on South Lane and the Markell Road hill. This will be supplemented by crack sealing. In addition, roads will undergo a striping by fall.

Increased Pedestrian Traffic

Every spring there is a perceptible increase in pedestrian traffic, runners and bicyclists throughout the Village. Please be mindful of our speed limits and exercise an extra degree of caution so that the safety of those enjoying the weather and our beautiful Village is not compromised. By the same token, if you are one of the pedestrians enjoying the beauty of the area, please dress so that you can be clearly seen by motorists.

Speaking of pedestrian traffic, there was an undercurrent of dialogue circulating through the Village earlier this year that pedestrian traffic on Village roads would be prohibited. Suffice to say, this is NOT the case. We do pay attention to safety concerns and post signage where appropriate, but there is no truth to the suggestion that pedestrian traffic in the Village would be banned.

Building Projects

Please remember that before undertaking any project that includes the building of a new structure (whether a primary residence or an accessory structure) or before starting any project that will alter the exterior physical appearance of an existing structure, prior approval from the Architectural Board of Review is required. Before starting any such projects, please call Village Hall and Robbi Laps, our Clerk-Treasurer, will outline the approval procedure for you.

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.

Very truly yours,

Bob Ranallo

Robert A. Ranallo

The Waite Hill Police Beat



Hello to all residents:

Now that spring is “almost” here, we have to remember to take care with pedestrian traffic. Our Village has had an increase of bicyclists and joggers over the years. There have been a few incidents with bicycle crashes and near misses of pedestrians versus vehicles. We are trying to be diligent with the speeding vehicles on our roadways. Please contact us with any areas of concern that you may have.

Lt. Brian Beaumier is currently attending the FBI National Academy for a ten week program which involves extensive academics and physical training. We are very fortunate to be able to have an officer attend this very prestigious training. Only one-and-a-half percent of officers from the United States and several other countries are able to attend. Brian is the second officer that has been able to attend from our department. I was able to attend back in 2004. The focus of this type of training involves leadership, management skills, and most importantly networking capabilities. The FBI does pay for all of the training.

Village Events

Unfortunately, we will not be having a Memorial Day Tribute this year due to many conflicts with scheduling.

We are currently planning a combination of a summer picnic and car show for this year. Any resident may come with a classic vehicle or motorcycle, sports car, hot rod, or whatever you may want to bring.

Of course, if you do not have a vehicle of this type you certainly are still welcome to come to the picnic. We are in the planning stages so if you have any suggestions, please contact me at (440) 942-6279.

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 to all:

As we are awaiting spring weather to arrive, we appreciate your patience with the Waite Hill Road closure. As mentioned in Mayor Ranallo's letter, the project will be wrapping up soon. There will also be other road projects and repairs slated for the summer where your patience and adherence to posted signs will be greatly appreciated.

Please help us do our best with recycling and garbage collection. Limit the weight of all individual bags and tie them securely so they can be safely and easily lifted into the trucks. Large loads and untied bags can also cause refuse to be scattered around the Village.

The service department is approaching the one-year mark for handling Village recycling. Please see the recycling tips from Waste Management on page 5.

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

WHAT CAN BE PLACED IN YOUR RECYCLE BAGS

ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN (One dirty product, or one with food waste still in it, can contaminate an entire bale containing thousands of pounds of collected plastics. This can cause thousands of recyclable items to go to a landfill instead of being recycled.) :

- ✓ ALUMINUM CANS
- ✓ ALUMINUM FOIL AND BAKEWARE
- ✓ STEEL CANS AND TIN CANS (SOUP CANS, VEGGIE CANS, COFFEE CANS, ETC.)
- ✓ CORRUGATED CARDBOARD
- ✓ MAGAZINES & NEWSPAPERS
- ✓ OFFICE PAPER
- ✓ PAPERBOARD (CEREAL BOXES, TISSUE BOXES, ETC.)
- ✓ PAPER CARDBOARD DAIRY AND JUICE CARTONS
- ✓ UNSOLICITED DIRECT MAIL
- ✓ PHONE BOOKS
- ✓ CLEAR (FLINT), BROWN (AMBER), GREEN (EMERALD) GLASS
- ✓ PLASTIC BOTTLES, JARS, AND JUGS (The code number on the bottom of your product is not a reliable indicator of whether something can get recycled. Recycle by shape!)

WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE

Not all glass and plastic should be placed into your recycling bin:

- Any glass contaminated with stones, dirt, and food waste
- Ceramics such as dishware, ovenware, and decorative items
- Heat-resistant glass such as Pyrex
- Mixed colors of broken glass
- Mirror or window glass
- Metal or plastic caps and lids
- Crystal
- Light bulbs
- Cathode-ray tubes (CRTs) found in some televisions and computer monitors
- Plastic grocery and produce sacks

For more information, visit <http://www.wm.com/thinkgreen> (Waste Management)



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Waite Hill Village Council and Administration



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- Right:** (left to right) Karl Scheucher, Chief DeWitt, Bob Ranallo, Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Ryan Cox

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2018

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

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28 May	29	30	31	1 June Trash	2/3
4	5	6	7 Recycle Extra Pick Up	8 Trash	9/10
11 Council Meeting 8am	12	13	14 Extra Pick Up	15 Trash	16/17
18	19	20	21 Recycle Extra Pick Up	22 Trash	23/24
25 Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am	26	27	28 Extra Pick Up	29 Trash	30/1 July
2	3	4	5	6	7/8

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

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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
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