



The ^{WH} Village Voice

Please Note: On May 11th, Hobart Road will be closed to regular vehicular traffic from Eagle Road to South Lane for a special event between the hours of 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Emergency vehicles and any resident that lives within the closure will have access.

From the Office of the Mayor

Greetings to all. With spring upon us, we have an opportunity to update our residents on the latest activities of the Village.

Road Assessment

Our Village Engineer has finalized its Pavement Evaluation. The Evaluation includes an assessment of the current condition of our roads, their expected remaining life and the expected annual cost to maintain, repair and replace them over the next ten years. The Evaluation also considers the capital costs that are incurred by the Village in maintaining the roads as a part of our annual maintenance program.

From a big picture perspective, the projected cost to repair, maintain and replace our roads over the next ten years is approximately \$3.23 million, or an annual average of \$323,000 per year.

We continually strive to stay on the front of road maintenance and repairs so that we can extend their lives to 15 years (and beyond) but as you can see, the projected expense is a substantial one. We are also looking at various material



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alternatives that might cut our costs without sacrificing functional quality or duration of road life. Our challenge now is to figure out how to fund those anticipated expenditures.

The Pavement Evaluation is posted on the Village website and we invite your review and comment. We are always looking for any thoughts or suggestions that you may have.

Road Projects

This summer, we will likely be involved in paving projects on sections of those roads in most need of repair. Fortunately, this past winter was milder than usual and did not take its customary toll on the roads.

Replacement of sections of Waite Hill Road and Metcalf Road is currently under active discussion, though no final decisions have been made. Consistent with past years, replacements will be supplemented by crack sealing and other maintenance work.

Bridge Update

We recently received our bridge inspection from the Lake County Engineer's Office. That office is the governmental entity responsible for oversight, testing, maintenance, repair and replacement of all bridges in the County. A copy of the report summarizing their findings is posted on the Village website.

As we have previously communicated, the Markell Road and Waite Hill Road bridges will need to be replaced. At this time, replacement of those bridges remains on schedule for 2020 and 2021. Fortunately, the Village will not have any funding responsibility for either of these replacements.

We will continue to keep you apprised of all scheduling matters and other relevant details as they are formalized.

Refurbished Signs

Many have commented on the newly restored signs on some of our main roads signifying entry into the Village of Waite Hill. These signs have been masterfully restored by our Service Department personnel and make a nice first impression to those passing through the Village. Make it a point the next time you drive by take note and thank the guys for their exceptional work on the signs. Some before and after pictures can be found on page 7.

Car Show and Village Picnic/Halloween

Last year's picnic and car show was such a success that we decided to do it again. This year's event will take place on August 17th from noon to 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and save the date. More details to follow.

Also mark your calendars for October 19th, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for our annual Halloween party. We are always looking for new ideas for the party, so if you are interested in being part of the event, please give us a call. More details will follow as October approaches.

Shredding

We will be holding our bi-annual shredding day at Village Hall on July 20th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The truck from “Shred It” will be located in the parking lot in front of Village Hall. Please pull up to the truck and you will be assisted. If you have any files or other documents that you wish to securely destroy, this will be a great opportunity.

Little Free Library

Those of you who have been to Village Hall over the past few months may have noticed the house of books that resides in just outside of the Council chambers. This house or “Little Free Library” is a project we are engaged in with the Kirtland Library to promote reading. Thank you to Lee Millis for introducing us to this nonprofit organization. Please stop by at any time and “take a book, share a book”. More information about Little Free Library can be found on page 8 or visit their website at www.littlefreelibrary.org.

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.

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 an alteration to the exterior physical appearance of an existing structure, prior approval from the Architectural Board of Review is required. Please call Robbi Laps at Village Hall who 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,



Robert A. Ranallo

The Waite Hill Police Beat



Hello to all residents.

Now that spring is here, we have to remember to take care with pedestrian traffic. Our Village has had an increase of bicyclists, walkers and joggers over the years. We have installed LED solar stop signs on Eagle Road at Hobart Road and Metcalf Road. We are trying to be diligent with the speeding vehicles on our roadways and vehicles that are not stopping at stop signs causing crashes. Recently, we investigated two serious crashes at the intersection of Eagle Road and Hobart Road. Due to the severity of both, we conducted a traffic survey to see if this intersection was in need of four-way stop signs. Our study, which includes requirements of the state, resulted in not meeting the elements so we decided to at least try and make both intersections more visible. We were able to utilize a grant for all the new signs.

I know I have been very redundant about the increase with residents receiving scam letters in the mail, via email, and by telephone. If you are the recipient of anything suspicious, please do not hesitate to contact the police department for help verifying the legitimacy of any communications. Again, one of the biggest scams is the threatening IRS calls. Also, there has been an increase of individuals posing as utility workers showing up at your door stating that they need to conduct as service at your residence and try to gain access to your home. If you have this happen, call us immediately.

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.

I would like to personally commend our service department personnel as they diligently work to keep Waite Hill what it is today. As you know, our service department members have many tasks which require them to be on the roadways so we need to remember to slow down and move over for them as you do with emergency vehicles.

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 always our concern!

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police

Service Department News

Hello to all Residents!

As we are heading into the spring season, we appreciate your patience with the various road projects that will be done this season. Please slow down and be aware of service personnel when you see us out and about.

Please remember to tie all garbage and recycling bags. Loose cardboard should be bagged so it does not come out of our trucks. Do not overload any bags so they can be easily lifted into the truck by our team. If any garbage or recycling does not meet these standards, we will leave it behind.

We enjoy serving you, the residents and look forward to seeing you this spring. Our goal continues to provide the residents the best service possible. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (440)942-2074 or stop up and say hello.

Regards,

Bob Haynik, Service Director

Book Club Anyone?

Do you love to read? When you finish a great book, do you wish you had some friends to break it all down with? If so, let's get a Waite Hill Book Club started.



Please join Marcia Merritt and Janet Schuster on May 22, 7:00 pm at Village Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to determine interest in the club and to make a plan for moving forward.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcia or Janet. We hope to see many of you on May 22!

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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.

Mike Sherwin 03/01/19





Jeffery & Amanda Collins – 7093 South Lane
Michael & Regina Gonzalez – 9968 Gardenside Drive
Nicholas & Alicia Heyward – 9495 Metcalf Road
Greg Sommers – 9760 Mountainview Drive



These signs have been posted at Waite Hill's boundaries since the 1940's. Thanks to the Service Department, they were able to be brought back to life.



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

May 2019

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 Mother's Day	13 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	14	15	16 Extra Pick Up	17 Trash	18
19	20 Planning and Zoning 8am	21	22 Book Club Meeting 7pm	23 Recycle Extra Pick Up	24 Trash	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 Extra Pick Up	31 Trash	

June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6 Recycle Extra Pick Up	7 Trash	8
9	10 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	11	12	13 Extra Pick Up	14 Trash	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20 Recycle Extra Pick Up	21 Trash	22
23	24 Planning and Zoning 8am	25	26	27 Extra Pick Up	28 Trash	29
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July 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Recycle Extra Pick Up	4 Independence Day	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 Shredding Day
21	22 Planning and Zoning 8am	23	24	25 Extra Pick Up	26 Trash	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2019

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