



The ^{WH} Village Voice

From the Office of the Mayor

Greetings.

Another four months have transpired and with it the coming and going of summer and the start of fall. Time passes quickly and events of the last four months have in many respects been unprecedented. The one constant during that time is change, some expected and other unforeseeable. Our country and institutions continue to endure the effects of a pandemic, and our economy, state and local governments, schools, small businesses, individuals, parents and children continue to be challenged as the world charts a path not previously encountered during our lifetimes. As I mentioned in my May newsletter, we continue to be in uncertain times.



Through all of this, the business of Ohio, Lake County and the Village continues to move on from the pressing issues of four months ago – how do we safely and prudently reopen our communities and businesses – to the issues of today – how do we safely reopen our schools. Decisions are challenging but must be made because time marches on.

COVID-19 and Our Village

As I mentioned when I last wrote, the mobilization and coordination of efforts by Lake County leaders, agencies and municipalities was simply extraordinary. That activity has continued, with weekly Zoom calls spearheaded by the Lake County Health District and the Lake County Emergency Operations Center. Developments and information continue to flow through extensive daily communications and updates that cover everything from State of Ohio directives, executive orders, legislative updates, case counts, hospitalizations, deaths and other related matters.

Unfortunately, we have also encountered our first reported instances of Village residents who have tested positive for the virus. On the bright side, all reported cases involving Village residents appear to be mild and without adverse long-term consequences.

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With one exception, Village Hall continues to be closed but fully functioning and operational. We continue to conduct by Zoom technology our regularly scheduled Council and Finance Committee meetings. The exception is that our Architectural Board of Review and Planning and Zoning meetings began meeting in person in July because of the challenges related to reviewing plans, building designs and the like through Zoom technology and the robust amount of activity occurring throughout the Village. Those meetings have all been conducted with a mandatory mask policy, social distancing and specifically scheduled time slots so that safety considerations remain at the fore.

Other happenings of the Village are mentioned below.

Halloween Party

Out of an abundance of caution, the Village Halloween celebration has been cancelled. Please tell your ghouls and goblins to work on their costumes as we can't wait to see them next year!

Paving Projects

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we no longer do undertake paving projects unless we receive a major funding contribution from the Ohio Public Works Commission. We did receive a significant grant and interest-free loan from OPWC pre-COVID, but funding remained uncertain. Funding of the grant and loan came through and this enabled us to pave Waite Hill Road along with deteriorated sections of Smith, Markell and Hobart Roads. The mentioned sections were paved at this time because the low cost of petroleum resulted in substantial savings from our engineer's estimate to complete Waite Hill Road and gave us what we believe is a one-time opportunity to prolong road lives at historically low costs.

We remain concerned about the impact that the financial fallout from COVID-19 could have on our share of the State's Local Government Fund, a critical component of the Village's operating budget.

Waite Hill Road Bridge

Work on the Waite Hill Road bridge has progressed and is on schedule. The old bridge structure was removed in its entirety, and a new structural column was poured in place to support the new bridge. The twelve spans for the new bridge are all precast concrete supported with tension cables. The spans were set in early September and are now being readied for a concrete base course and asphalt finishing course. We expect the work to be completed by the end of November.

Building Projects

An abnormally large number of new homes and major renovations to existing homes in the Village have been proposed and are underway. 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 and, above all, **STAY SAFE**.

Very truly yours,

Bob Ranallo

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ELECTION DAY
IS
NOV 3RD

REGISTER BY
OCT 5TH

ABSENTEE AND IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING STARTS OCT 6TH

WAITE HILL VILLAGE HALL POLLING LOCATION HOURS

6:30 AM – 7:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WWW.VOTEOHIO.GOV

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
(440)350-2700

The Waite Hill Police Beat



Hello to all residents.

I hope everyone is safe and healthy especially during these trying times with Covid-19. I am sorry to say that we have decided to cancel the Halloween Party for this year due to the Covid-19 issues.

Police Department

Lt. Brian Beaumier is no longer with the department. We have hired a full-time officer, Brett Beckwith, who also works part-time with Kirtland Hills PD. Currently, he is in our training program and progressing well.

Road Safety

The school year has started, which means school buses are out on the roads. Drivers need to be aware of children at bus stops. When you are heading out for work in the mornings, be aware of school bus activity and children crossing the roads. Drivers should also maintain a safe distance when driving behind school buses.

We have received a few complaints of golf carts being operated on the roadways with children driving them. These types of vehicles are NOT permitted to be operated on our roadways. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or anyone else at the police department.

Deer season is approaching fast and they are already on move throughout the Village. Unfortunately, the deer are not too traffic “savvy” and think they own the roads. So please be extra careful when driving. Also, we are aware of the coyote issues and I am working with our hunters to assist us with keeping the population down.

Now that summer is about gone and the dreaded winter season is just around the corner, we have to remember to take care with pedestrian traffic. Residents, please remind your snowplow operators to not push snow across the street when plowing your driveway. This causes hazardous driving conditions. We will be citing the operators if our officers observe this activity.

Vehicle Theft

There has been an increase of motor vehicle thefts throughout Lake County. Please make sure you are locking your vehicles and not leaving your personal items in plain view. If you park your vehicles in your garage, do not leave the keys in them as thefts have occurred while people have left their garage doors open.

Unwanted Visitors

The Village offers each resident the opportunity to sign a form that will indicate whether or not they wish to allow uninvited visitors on their property. Residents who sign the form will have their names placed on a list of persons who do not wish to have any uninvited visitors. Those who do not sign the form will be placed on a list of persons who do not object to uninvited visitors coming on to their property for canvassing purposes.

This list is issued to persons who wish to canvass Village residents. Those canvassing commercially must register with the Village. *Canvassers who wish to speak on non-commercial matters (candidates for political office, ballot issues, religion, etc.) are not required to register.*

Our officers have been visiting new residents to obtain signatures for our “Unwanted Visitors” list. If you want your name included, please contact Village Hall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police

Service Department News

Greetings to all.

We at the service department would like to welcome all the new residents to the Village. It's been a pleasure to see so many new faces!

We are doing extra pickups on every Thursday and garbage every Friday. All garbage should be outside by 8:00 am. We can take almost anything except paint, chemicals and tires. If you have a large number of boxes, please call us for a Thursday pickup. Please tie your garbage bags and do not to overfill the bags as we have to lift them by hand.

By early November, the Waite Hill Road bridge should be completed. The Markell Road bridge replacement will start in the late spring of 2021.



Unfortunately, winter snow will be upon us soon. When you see our plow trucks on the roads, please give them a little room.

We all hope everyone stays safe!! Providing the best service possible to all residents continues to be our goal. 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



Thomas & Marina Arko – 9639 Creawood Forest

John & Judith Gialamas – 9685 Creawood Forest

Barbara Gratry – 7090 Waite Hill Road

Sean & Leslie Logan – 10078 Gardenside Drive

Peter & Rosi Sussen – 9492 Creawood Forest

Chris & Lisa Wright – 9520 Metcalf 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.

Dorothy Dow 06/09/2020

Ronald Hertzog 08/04/2020



Book Club Anyone?



Join the Waite Hill Village Book Club at Village Hall!

Thursday, October 22, 2020

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Masks and Social Distancing Required

Book Discussion: *The Guest List* by Lisa Foley

The bride · The plus one · The best man · The wedding planner · The bridesmaid · The body

On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. The groom: handsome and charming, a rising television star. The bride: smart and ambitious, a magazine publisher. It's a wedding for a magazine, or for a celebrity: the designer dress, the remote location, the luxe party favors, the boutique whiskey. The cell phone service may be spotty and the waves may be rough, but every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed.

But perfection is for plans, and people are all too human.

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

October 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 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 Extra Pick Up	16 Trash	17
18	19	20	21	22 Extra Pick Up Book Club 6:30pm	23 Trash	24
25	26 Planning and Zoning 8am	27	28	29 Extra Pick Up	30 Trash	31

November 2020

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

December 2020

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	21	22	23 Extra Pick Up	24 Trash Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28 Planning and Zoning 8am	29	30 Extra Pick Up	31 Trash New Year's Eve		

January 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7 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 Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21 Extra Pick Up	22 Trash	23
24	25 Planning and Zoning 8am	26	27	28 Extra Pick Up	29 Trash	30
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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
28						