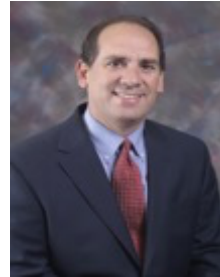




The ^{WH} Village Voice

From the Office of the Mayor

Greetings residents. As I write this column, our children have returned to school, September is here with autumn leaves and football weekends are upon us. Can somebody please tell me what happened to summer?? Here and gone in what seems like the blink of an eye.



It has been an exceptionally busy summer at Village Hall. Here are some of the highlights.

Power Distribution on Metcalf Road

None of us like the inconveniences that come along with power outages. We recently learned from First Energy that the residents on Metcalf Road experience those outages more frequently and for longer durations than about anywhere else in Lake County.

First Energy is working on a plan to strengthen its power distribution resources for Metcalf Road residents by installing a backup system for electricity generation. This should result in a reduced number of future outages and a shortened duration of those outages that do occur. Engineering work is being done now, with the hope that the new distribution facilities will be completed by year-end.

Road Projects

There were no road projects undertaken or contemplated by the Village this summer or fall. Council and the administration have made a policy decision that unless we receive a substantial funding subsidy from the State of Ohio for such projects, we will not resurface or replace existing roads unless safety is compromised.

We applied for resurfacing money this past fall on a very aggressive basis and sought a disproportionately large subsidy. Unfortunately, our bid was not accepted, and we were not awarded the requested funding. We will continue to

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aggressively seek funding subsidies for our roads from the State of Ohio, but it is unlikely we will undertake further road resurfacing or replacement unless the funding covers a substantial portion of the cost.

Waite Hill Village Foundation

Speaking of road funding, the Waite Hill Foundation again came through with a huge financial boost to the Village. The Foundation generously presented the Village with a check for \$45,439.57 at our July Council meeting as a contribution to help offset the cost of future road improvements. The Foundation was founded in 2015 by a group of dedicated residents who are committed to helping keep Waite Hill, Waite Hill. Council and the administration are grateful for the many contributions the Foundation has made historically and continues to make to help keep our Village a special place to live.

Charter Amendment – November Ballot

Waite Hill's Charter currently provides that once every five years the Village shall commission a panel of residents to review the Charter and make recommendations for proposed future improvements. The Commission's recommendations are added to the November ballot and our residents vote to either approve or reject the Commission's recommendations. In the past decade, all of the Commission's recommendations have been adopted by the voters.

This year, Council decided to evaluate whether the empaneling of a Charter Review Commission every five years was too frequent and whether we would be better served by extending the review to every 10 years. Councilman Rich Steudel has led each of the past three Commissions and recommended that a review every 10 years would be more than sufficient. In addition, a look at the proposed Charter changes that appeared on the November 2013 and November 2018 ballot were consistent with that conclusion.

As a result, Council will propose a change to the Village Charter on the November 2023 ballot that changes the commissioning of a Charter Review Commission from every five years to every 10 years. It is Council's recommendation that this proposed Charter Amendment be approved.

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.

Best Regards,



Robert A. Ranallo



From the Office of the Chief of Police Carl H. Dondorfer

Greetings, Residents of Waite Hill!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and a successful start to the school year. Just a quick reminder to be observant of school busses in the area. The Police Department has received numerous complaints regarding “Stop Arm Violations”. When a school bus stops to let children on/off, an arm automatically extends a “stop” sign and red flashing lights are automated. Vehicles behind the bus and coming towards the bus must immediately come to a full stop. Violations are recorded via cameras mounted on the school busses and violations will be enforced.

We have also had some recent complaints of loud noises occurring later in the evenings that sound like fireworks or possibly a goose cannon. Our officers have heard the noises and believe they are originating over the river in Willoughby Hills, however we still have not been able to identify the source. As a reminder, fireworks are prohibited by law within the Village. Please make sure you do not discharge fireworks within the Village limits.

Within Lake County, there has been an increase in theft of mail and packages. Here are a few tips so you do not become the next victim:

- Pay your bills online instead of sending checks through the mail
- If you choose to mail checks, deposit the mail inside your local post office
- Closely monitor your bank accounts
- Send money orders
- Consider having your mail certified/registered

Thieves that take checks will “wash” the check. This process allows them to re-write the check and attempt to cash it.

Packages have also been taken from outside of residences. Always maintain vigilance. If you see a suspicious person and/or vehicle in your area, please report it immediately so that law enforcement has

the opportunity to locate the suspect or suspect's vehicle and determine whether or not they are involved in criminal activity.

The Waite Hill Police Departments prides itself in excellence in public service and service to the community. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our officers with any questions or concerns.

Thank you and stay safe.

Respectfully,

Carl H. Dondorfer

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Chief of Police



Left: (back to front) Karl Scheucher, Marcia Merritt, Sam Knezevic, Brian Doty, Rich Steudel

Right: (back to front) Service Director Bob Haynik, Chief Carl Dondorfer, Abby Hiltzley, Mayor Bob Ranallo, Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Ryan Cox, Law Director Stephen Byron



Service Department News

Greetings to all.

On trash day, the Service Department continues to find overloaded trash bags and bags not securely tied. As a reminder, trash bags are thrown into our trucks by hand. Please fill them to a manageable weight and make sure they are secure. Large quantities of cardboard should also be bagged. *Any bags that are too heavy or not securely tied will be left behind.*

Please take advantage of the Recycling Station behind Village Hall. A few reminders for you are listed below.

If you happen to forget to put out your trash on Friday, please call us on Monday. We will be happy to come out and get it for you. Our goal continues to provide the residents with the best service we can! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at 440-942-2074 or stop up and say hello.

Regards,

Bob Haynik
Service Director

Recycling Reminders:

- All of your paper, aluminum cans and glass can be recycled in the marked containers behind Village Hall
- All items to be recycled must be loose and not in any type of bag
- All items must be dry and free from any leftover food or other contaminants

Acceptable Items for Recycling:

- **Paper:** newspaper, phone books, office/school paper, magazines, mail, hard/soft bound books, catalogs, brown paper bags, flattened cardboard
- **Aluminum cans:** beverage cans – if a magnet does NOT stick to the can, it is aluminum
- **Glass:** beverage containers (beer bottles), food containers (pickle jars), candle jars, perfume and cologne bottles



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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.

Alan Wright 3/16/23






Vial of Life

The Vial of Life provides emergency personnel with your vital medical information at the time of crisis. All of Lake County's emergency medical responders are familiar with the Vial of Life and look for it when responding to a 911 call. The Council on Aging will assist you in completing the Vial of Life as well as provide you with the necessary materials and placement instructions. You can then feel secure that your medical conditions, medication locations, physician's information, and emergency contacts will be available.

Please call the Council on Aging, Lake County for more information 440.205.8111



Safe Disposal of Older/Unused/Expired Rx Medications

Why:

Getting rid of older, unused and/or expired Rx medications from your home helps ensure they won't find their way into the hands of abusers, addicts or children. So please dispose of your older, unused and/or expired Rx medications responsibly.

More information:
www.lakeopiatetaskforce.org

How & What:

Flushing your meds can cause serious negative environmental impacts. Instead, take them to one of our secure collection bins. Use a felt-tipped marker to obscure any personal information on the labels.

YES!

Prescription drugs	Vitamins
Cold/Flu meds	Creams
Pain relievers	Cough syrup
Pet meds	NO!
	Needles or syringes

Where: M-F 7a-8p, Sat. 9a-5p, Sun. 1p-5p*

- Lake County Sheriff's Office
104 E. Erie St. Painesville
- Eastlake Police Department
35150 Lakeshore Blvd.
- Mentor Police Department
8500 Civic Center Blvd.
- Willoughby Police Department
36700 Euclid Avenue
- Willoughby Hills Police Department
35405 Chardon Road
- Madison Township Police Department
2065 Hubbard Road
- Lakeland Community College Police
7700 Clocktower Drive, Building A, lower level
Kirtland (*Closed Sundays)

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It's Halloween!!!

**Join us for the Waite Hill Halloween Party
at Village Hall**

**Saturday, October 21, 2023
5:00 – 7:00pm**

Jungle Terry and Friends will entertain us
from 5:30 – 6:30pm

Hotdogs, chili, chicken, pizza,
doughnuts and more!

Please call or email Village Hall and let us know how many
adults and children you will bring

Clerk Treasurer 440.942.1612
rlaps@waitehilloh.gov

If you would like to make a donation for the party,
please make your check payable to the Village of Waite Hill

September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Recycling 8:00am - Noon
3	4 Labor Day	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 Recycling 8:00am - Noon
17	18	19	20	21 Extra Pick Up	22 Trash	23
24	25 Planning and Zoning 8am	26	27	28 Extra Pick Up	29 Trash	30

October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Extra Pick Up	6 Trash	7 Recycling 8:00am - Noon
8	9 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	10	11	12 Extra Pick Up	13 Trash	14
15	16	17	18	19 Extra Pick Up	20 Trash	21 Halloween Party Recycling
22	23 Planning and Zoning 8am	24	25	26 Extra Pick Up	27 Trash	28
29	30	31				

November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Extra Pick Up	3 Trash	4 Recycling 8:00am - Noon
5	6	7 Election Day	8	9 Extra Pick Up	10 Trash	11
12	13 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	14	15	16 Extra Pick Up	17 Trash	18 Recycling 8:00am - Noon
19	20	21	22 Extra Pick Up	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Trash	25
26	27 Planning and Zoning 8am	28	29	30 Extra Pick Up		

December 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Trash	2 Recycling 8:00am - Noon
3	4	5	6	7 Extra Pick Up	8 Trash	9
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17	18	19	20	21 Extra Pick Up	22 Trash	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Planning and Zoning 8am	27	28 Extra Pick Up	29 Trash	30
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