



# The <sup>WH</sup> Village Voice

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## *From the Office of the Mayor...*



Dear Waite Hill Residents,

It is hard to believe that the holidays have passed, January has come and gone and we are already into the month of February. Whoever coined the saying that “time marches on” sure had it right.

### Municipal Services Know No Holidays – A Tip of the Hat to Our Employees

When it comes to celebrating the holidays, it is easy to overlook the fact that services go on interrupted and if it snows, if there is some law enforcement need that arises, or if year-end reporting requirements and deadlines require timely attention and action, our employees are faithfully there to serve the Village’s needs. This past year, while many of us enjoyed Christmas with our families, members of the Service Department were here clearing snow so that we could get in and out of the Village. So I just wanted to give all of our employees a big shout out and say thanks for their efforts and dedication to the residents.

### Appointments

Thank you to Sam Knezevic, Joe Mahovlic and Tom Ruple for agreeing to serve on various Boards and Commissions in the Village.

Sam agreed to serve for another term on the Village’s Architectural Review Board and Planning and Zoning Commission. These are the boards that approve all architectural, planning and zoning matters on new construction projects.

Joe agreed to serve another term as chairman of the Village’s Board of Zoning Appeals (“BZA”) and Tom agreed to fill the vacancy that occurred when Pete O’Donnell passed away late last year. The BZA hears appeals from individuals who do not get the approvals they seek from either the Architectural Review Board or the Planning and Zoning Commission and then makes decisions based on the evidence presented.

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The Village Wine Club celebrated their first wine tasting on November 2nd at the home of Janet and Gary Schuster. A big thank you goes out to our gracious hosts! The event was a great success! It's never too late to join, so look for information about the next tasting coming this Spring in your mailboxes!

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## Village Spotlight...

### Sergeant Michael Walsh



Sergeant Michael Walsh grew up in the city of Mentor and is a 1996 Mentor High School graduate. He joined the United States Military, Army, and was a paratrooper in 82nd Airborne. Graduating from the Cleveland Heights Police Academy in January of 2000, he began his law enforcement career as a Deputy Sheriff for the Lake County Sheriff's Department. He is a ten year member of the Waite Hill Police Department, starting in April of 2003. He was promoted to Sergeant in October of 2012. Mike serves as the Department's Range Instructor and is a member of the West End SWAT team. Mike enjoys time at home with his wife and three year old son, plus fishing, hunting and camping in his free time.

## Welcome to Waite Hill!

Tammy McIntosh & Michael Hunter  
Metcalf Road

We'd like to hear from you! Is there a special birthday or anniversary you'd like to share? Any weddings, births or deaths that the village can join in recognizing? Please send your submissions to [villagevoice@waitehilloh.gov](mailto:villagevoice@waitehilloh.gov) or 7215 Eagle Road, Attn: Village Voice.

### Village Meeting Schedule:

**Council Meeting**  
2nd Monday of every month  
8:00 am

**Planning and Zoning Meeting**  
4th Monday of every month  
8:00 am

### News from the Service Department

The Service Department would like to hope everyone best wishes for 2013. This winter has been a little tougher than last, but hopefully we only have a couple more months of crazy winter weather. Once the weather starts to improve we will continue on with patching the roads that were hardest hit by the plows. The Service Department would also like to hear from the resident's if there is any concern in the Village from street signs to a particular road that may need attention. The Service Department will also be replacing street signs that are faded and have lost their reflectivity this spring as well. On a side note, we would like to congratulate Paul from Service on becoming a grandfather. His daughter had a baby girl in December.

### Recycle Update

The Village's recycling is done by Recycle Midwest who provides door-to-door pickup service for your convenience. The total tonnage that was collected in the Village for 2012 was 43.5 tons of recycling. According to the number of tons picked up, about 85% of the homes in the Village are recycling. For the residents that are not recycling and would like to, please call the Service Department at 942-2074 or email us at [gearl@waitehilloh.gov](mailto:gearl@waitehilloh.gov) and we will put you on the pickup schedule, which is every other Friday. It's as easy as setting it outside your garage door.

## Village Police Department Helps Us Avoid Becoming a Victim

### Solicitors:

Waite Hill residents should be aware that solicitors have been canvassing the Village attempting to sell their services or products. In addition to the product and sales people being of honest and/or having a quality reputation, the Village has an ordinance that requires all solicitors to register with the police department ... these individuals have not done that. Also, most of you have signed paperwork on file with the Village that you do not want to be solicited at your home. If you have not signed our paperwork, please contact us and we will bring the forms to you.

Individuals have been arrested and charged in the past few weeks with trespassing and soliciting without permits in other communities. There are strong indications that people who order services or products from these solicitors never receive what they are paying for. There are many complaints in numerous communities about their sales practices. Also, it is evident that homes are being cased and later burglarized. Our advice is to not engage any solicitor in conversation, certainly do not open your door to them, and call the police immediately. Let us determine their legitimacy and intentions.

### Cyber Fraud:

Here are some tips you can use to avoid becoming a victim of cyber fraud:

- Do not respond to unsolicited (spam) e-mail.
- Do not click on links contained within an unsolicited e-mail.
- Be cautious of e-mail claiming to contain pictures in attached files, as the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders. Scan the attachments for viruses if possible.
- Avoid filling out forms contained in e-mail messages that ask for personal information.
- Always compare the link in the e-mail with the link to which you are directed and determine if they match and will lead you to a legitimate site.
- Log directly onto the official website for the business identified in the e-mail, instead of "linking" to it from an unsolicited e-mail. If the e-mail appears to be from your bank, credit card issuer, or other company you deal with frequently, your statements or official correspondence from the business will provide the proper contact information.
- Contact the actual business that supposedly sent the e-mail to verify if the e-mail is genuine.
- If you are asked to act quickly, or there is an emergency, it may be a scam. Fraudsters create a sense of urgency to get you to act quickly.
- Verify any requests for personal information from any business or financial institution by contacting them using the main contact information.
- Remember if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

# Village Update from the Mayor continued

These Boards and Commissions are vital to the ongoing development of the Village and are necessary to ensure that the existing fabric of the Village is preserved.

## Charter Review

Waite Hill's Charter is an 18-page document that establishes how the Village is governed. By its terms, it requires that a group of seven residents convene every five years to review the Village's Charter of governance and make recommendations for improvement. The significance of the Charter became quite evident this past year when Council was confronted with the challenge of filling a vacancy in the office of Mayor. As you know, Council proposed two Charter amendments to improve that process that were submitted to and approved by the voters on the November ballot.

The significance of the Charter Review Commission is that it has the power, independent of any approval by Council, the Administration or anybody else, to review the Charter and put before the residents on the November ballot any proposed changes or improvements to the way the Village is governed. 2013 is a Charter review year and the following seven residents have agreed to serve on the Commission: Dennis DiPalma, Lauren Gardner, Chris Legros, Ralph Lustri, Denise Merritt, Clara Sherwin and Rich Steudel.

If anybody would like a copy of the Charter it is available on the Village website, [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov). By the same token, if you have any thoughts or suggestions for how the Charter might be improved, please let one of the Commission members know so that your thoughts are heard.

## Waite Hill Land Conservancy

All of you should have received a letter in late December pertaining to the Waite Hill Land Conservancy ("WHLC"). WHLC owned 297 acres of land in the Village and was committed to maintaining and preserving that acreage in its natural state for many, many years. In an effort to continue this stewardship, and after much thought and deliberation, the trustees of that organization thought that the best chance of preserving WHLC's legacy of stewardship and the preservation of its lands into the future was to merge with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, which it did at the end of last year. Conservation easements prohibiting any future development on those lands were filed as a part of the transition and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy will assume stewardship of the property into the future. Information on the Western Reserve Land Conservancy can be found on its website at [www.wrlandconservancy.org](http://www.wrlandconservancy.org).

## Village Finances

A letter giving a brief overview of the Village's historical and projected revenues and expenses will be distributed to all residents in the last week of February, after the Citizens Committee and Council have had an opportunity to give their input. That letter will be followed up with a series of meetings in the spring/summer time frame during which Council's Finance Committee and I will present a more comprehensive picture of our finances and some of the challenges we face due to material revenue reductions outside of our control. Things in this area are very fluid and changing daily but we are committed to giving you the most accurate and up to date information available so that considered choices can be made.

## Call for Volunteers

The backbone of this Village is the countless hours of service that is unselfishly and graciously offered to us by so many residents who serve on our Boards, Commissions and in other capacities. We are always looking for more good people who want to contribute and be involved. If you are such a person, please let us know!

## Village Website

Remember to stay on top of all Village happenings by visiting our website, [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://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,

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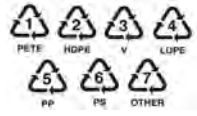
## **In Memorium...**

**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.**

John E. Roberts January 29, 2013  
Peter O'Donnell November 20, 2012  
Anne Wolf November 15, 2012



# Tips from Village Recycling Partner, Recycle Midwest, Inc.

Glass	Metal Cans	Plastics	Paper
<p><u>Do Recycle:</u> all <b>empty</b> glass containers.</p> <p><u>Preparation:</u> <b>wash out</b> containers, remove caps, lids, rings, and foil. Labels are ok.</p> <p><u>Do Not Recycle:</u> Pyrex, broken glass, light bulbs, window glass, mirrors, ceramics, etc.</p>	<p><u>Do Recycle:</u> all <b>empty</b> cans and lids, whether aluminum, bi-metal or steel. Pie pans and foil are also recyclable.</p> <p><u>Preparation:</u> <b>rinse out</b> beverage cans and <b>wash out</b> all others. Flatten cans if possible.</p> <p><u>Do Not Recycle:</u> paint cans, aerosol cans, cans that are not empty, furniture and car parts.</p>	<p><u>Do Recycle:</u> all <b>empty</b> containers with symbol #1-7 on the bottom. Wash out, remove caps and flatten if possible.</p> <p>Plastic flower pots and trays should be rinsed and placed in a separate blue or clear bag.</p> 	<p><u>Bundle and tie with string or place in brown paper bag:</u> newspaper magazines/telephone books office paper/junk mail old books</p> <p><u>Flatten, stack &amp; tie with string or place in brown paper bag:</u> Cardboard, cereal and food boxes, tissue boxes, centers of paper towel/toliet paper rolls</p>

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- Council Meeting 8am
- Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am
- Citizen Committee Meeting 8am
- Trash Only
- Trash and Recycle
- Extra Pick-ups

The monthly calendar will no longer be distributed by the service department. Please use this calendar in its place. The monthly calendar can also be found online at [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov).

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