



The ^{WH} Village Voice

From the Office of the Mayor



Dear Resident:

Season's Greetings! It is hard to comprehend that another year has passed and we find the holiday season upon us. This season gives us all an opportunity to reflect on the past year and give thanks for the many good things that have happened in our lives. We are fortunate to live in a place like Waite Hill and be surrounded by family and friends. Count your blessings!

Though things in the Village have been relatively quiet over the past four months, our staff continues to attend to the ongoing day-to-day activities. A summary of some of the past months' activities follow.

The Levy and Budget

As previously communicated, all of our Charter initiatives were approved by a majority of our electors, including the 6.2 mill tax increase. THANK YOU! Council, the administration and I are hard at work developing the 2019 budget. Our goal, of course, is to continue to better manage our expenses without compromising the level of services to which we are all accustomed. We work earnestly every day to ensure that our revenues are well spent and that unnecessary expenditures are avoided. This always involves exercises in judgment, but we continually strive to make sure that we are getting the very most out of your tax dollars.

We are always looking for creative, newer and better ways of doing things and we recognize that we do not have all the answers so, as always, we invite any suggestions for improvement that you may have.

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Annual Budget

The administration, Council's Finance Committee and I have been diligently working on our budget for the 2019 calendar year. The good news is that we have been able to continue to manage our operating expenses so that they remain in line with our recurring revenues.

The less favorable news is that we have ongoing capital needs for roads, equipment and other capital assets, but no source of revenue other than our existing capital account balance to fund such expenditures. As I have repeatedly indicated, there is no easy solution as we continue to try to be creative and find outside resources and funding sources to supplement the Village's operating revenues. Ultimately, more revenues will be necessary, but the best way to get them has been an ongoing topic of discussion at our monthly Council meetings.

Village Road Assessment

Our Village Engineer recently furnished us with an updated Pavement Evaluation Report so that we can better plan and project future road repairs and replacements. Council and I will be meeting with our engineer to refine the Report so that the attendant costs of those improvements can be properly budgeted on a long-term basis. Again, funding for these improvements over the long-term will be a challenge that needs to be met.

Waite Hill Village Foundation

The Waite Hill Village Foundation hosted a very interesting and informative presentation on the history of the Village and how it was settled. A shout out to Deanna and Brian Doty who graciously opened their home and hosted the event.

As I wrote in our last newsletter, the Village was the beneficiary of a substantial donation of \$24,500 from the Foundation in June. The donation was used to help defray the cost of the road improvements that were made this summer.

The Foundation was founded in 2015 by a group of dedicated residents who are committed to helping retain many of the services and benefits that we all enjoy as residents of Waite Hill. The Foundation's mission is to fund an endowment that provides an annual return to the Village to help offset its funding challenges.

The Foundation's endowment continues to grow and over a quarter of our households have made contributions since its inception. It is worthy of your consideration if you are interested in preserving the existing fabric of the Village, and as an added benefit all contributions are tax deductible. We hope you will consider it in your future plans.

Village Website

Remember to stay on top of all Village happenings by visiting our website, www.waitehilloh.gov.

On behalf of the Administration, Council and our employees, I would like to extend to you and your family a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and a happy and prosperous new year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you who selflessly contributed your time and efforts to the Village this past year, whether by serving on a Board or Commission, calling with ideas or suggestions, participating in our neighborhood meetings or just being available as a sounding board. I am grateful to live in a place where so many residents care so much about their community.

Season's Greetings,

Bob Ranallo

Robert A. Ranallo

The Waite Hill Police Beat



Hello to all residents:

As the snow starts flying again, we need to remember to slow down and take extra time to get to our destinations. The Service Department does a great job keeping our roads open, but they need our assistance. If you have someone plowing your driveway, please remind them not to push snow across the road. When snow is plowed across the roads, driving and plowing hazards can be created when the Village endures a high volume of snow.

Deer season is in effect now until February 3rd and they are already on the move throughout the Village. Unfortunately, deer are not too traffic "savvy" and think they own the roads. So please be extra careful when driving. While such deer-involved crashes can occur anytime, most mishaps happen between the hours of 5 and 10 p.m. and 5 and 8 a.m. because deer are "crepuscular" — meaning that they are most active at dawn and dusk. Defensive driving is the best way to avoid hitting these animals. Be particularly cautious when one deer runs across the road since usually there will be another following.

With some recent storms comes the possibility for power outages. Call 1 888 LIGHTSS (544-4877) or report online at https://www.firstenergycorp.com/outages_help/Report_Power_Outages.html. Please keep the dispatchers free to handle emergencies!

As a reminder, our surrounding communities are experiencing multiple thefts and break-ins, so please be diligent 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. A big reason for the increase of this type of criminal activity is related to drug use. Heroin is turning into an epidemic problem and people are becoming very desperate when finding ways to continue their addiction. These individuals are doing whatever it takes to feed the addiction.

Recently we have received complaints regarding possible scams. As always do not provide any personal information over the phone if you suspect you are being scammed. A recent scam targeting the elderly has been making its way through our area. In this scam, a person posing as a “family member” will state that he/she has been arrested and requires bail money by way of prepaid Visa gift cards. They often will use “spoofed” or fake phone numbers that appear to be coming from a jail or a police department. Other scams are still involving IRS calls and being threatening in nature. To prevent yourself from falling victim to this scam, know that the IRS does **NOT: Call to demand immediate payment about taxes owed without first sending you notification by mail; ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone; or threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement to arrest you for nonpayment.** Again, remember to ***never*** give out personal information to phone solicitors. If anyone receives a call or shows up at your door, please call our department at the non-emergency number (440)942-1660 or 9-1-1 if you feel it is necessary.

We will be working on a Facebook Page for 2019 for the department as another resource for you and the general public. As you well know, social media has certainly played a big part of information sharing over the years. If you have not already done so, please forward your e-mail address to Robbi, our Village Clerk-Treasurer (rlaps@waitehilloh.gov) so we can add you to our list for information. We will not overload you with unnecessary information.

I would like to remind all residents who walk on our roadways to be remain diligent with traffic safety. Our officers are continuously monitoring vehicular and pedestrian traffic for safety concerns. If you have any questions or concerns about traffic safety, please contact our department.

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!

Have a safe new year!

Respectfully submitted,
Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police

Service Department News

Greetings too all!

As we are heading into the winter season, we appreciate your patience with the various road projects that were done this season. As always with the winter setting in, please give our plow trucks a little courtesy when you see us out and about.

Also, as a reminder, the service department has been doing the recycling now for about 2 years and we have been enduring large loads and untied bags which allows garbage items to be scattered around the Village. We please ask you to tie your bags and if you have large amounts of loose cardboard, please bag it so it does not come out of our trucks. Please try not to overload the bags of normal garbage so we can lift them in the trucks. If there are large loads of loose boxes and untied bags, we will not be taking it from your home.

As 2018 comes to a close, we had a great year with the summer car show and the annual Halloween party. We enjoyed serving you, the residents and look forward to 2019.

Our goal continues 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

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.

Bob Wigton 11/08/18





Michael and Cheryl Hogg 10074 Gardenside Drive

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 DeWitt, Bob Ranallo, Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Ryan Cox

January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Happy New Year!	2	3 Recycle 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 Recycle Extra Pick Up	18 Trash	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24 Extra Pick Up	25 Trash	26
27	28 Planning and Zoning 8am	29	30	31 Recycle Extra Pick Up		

February 2019

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

March 2019

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

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 Recycle Extra Pick Up	12 Trash	13
14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18 Extra Pick Up	19 Trash	20
21 Easter Sunday	22 Planning and Zoning 8am	23	24	25 Recycle Extra Pick Up	26 Trash	27
28	29	30				