



The ^{WH} Village Voice

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The Village Voice Goes Digital!

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From the Office of the Mayor...

Hello and a Happy Spring to All:

Much has happened and is happening in and around the Village. We continue to deal with the daily challenges facing municipalities and we prepare for new projects that will be undertaken this summer and fall. A summary of our activities follows.



Village Cellular Service

The Administration and Council are revisiting the issue of inconsistent and erratic coverage that continues to impede cellular communications in the Village. Our challenges have multiplied over the past couple of years as advances in technology have led to increased reliance on cellular data transmission for a wide variety of needs. We continue to encounter interruptions as Village residents become increasingly reliant on cellular coverage not only for basic voice calling, but also 911 safety calls, real time medical data transmissions, police communications, public safety radio system backup and other applications that have become more mainstream with advances in technology.

To best deal with these rapid changes, we are re-examining the current cellular transmission landscape in an effort to find a solution to our challenges. Council will be issuing a request for proposals in an effort to learn about and better understand the current state of cellular communications and various technologies and alternatives that are available in the marketplace. Only then will we be in a position to have a meaningful discussion on how best to proceed.

Once we have secured and discussed the relevant information, we will then be in a position to act in a more considered fashion with any proposed or recommended course of action. We will not act unilaterally. To the contrary, any course of action that the Village ultimately embarks upon will be decided by our residents through the ballot process. We will keep you informed via the website as things develop.

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Memorial Day Service

The Village will conduct its annual Memorial Day service at the Village cemetery on May 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. This service is our yearly opportunity to pay respects to those who have lost their lives while defending our freedoms. We hope you will attend.

Sgt. Brian Beaumier is assisting with the planning of this event. Please contact him at bbeaumier@WaiteHillOH.gov or by phone at (440) 942-5015 if you served our country or have any other questions.

Road and Construction Projects

This summer and fall will be a busy one for projects around the Village. There will be extensive work done on the Waite Hill Road hill, as drainage and slope stabilization issues have begun to undermine the structural integrity of the road. We anticipate that the work will take place in July and August, and that the road will be closed while the work is being completed. Half of the project is being funded by a grant from the State of Ohio, with the remaining half being funded by a 20-year interest free loan for which the Village is responsible.

In addition, we are evaluating our paving needs and anticipate that those areas of the Village in greatest need may see some repaving in late summer or early fall. Those determinations are currently being studied by the Village's engineer and service department.

Increased Pedestrian Traffic

Spring customarily brings a noticeable increase of walkers, 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.

New Clerk-Treasurer

The Village has a new smiling face to greet you at the front desk. Robbi Laps assumed the responsibilities of the Clerk-Treasurer at the start of the new year after going through a training period with Bernice Schreiber (who left to take a full-time position in another municipality). Robbi comes to us with a strong financial background and a good bit of familiarity with the Village and the position, having done some work for the Village and its residents in the past. Robbi herself is a former resident and is off to a fast start over the first four months of this year. If you have not yet had a chance to meet her, feel free to drop in to Village Hall to introduce yourself.

Police and Safety

The Police Department has added a new member to the force, Officer Tyler Lillash. Officer Lillash was sworn in at our March Council meeting. I did want to mention that Officer Lillash's swearing in was a particularly memorable one. He comes from a family with an extensive background in law enforcement, and was joined by over thirty family members and friends who took time out of their schedules to witness him take the oath of office. Please welcome Officer Lillash to the Village when you meet him.

The Waite Hill Police Beat



Hello to all Residents!

Once again, we will host Shred It for your document shredding needs. The event will occur June 17, 9:00 a.m. – noon in the front parking lot of Village Hall. Please pull up to the Shred It truck and you will be assisted.

As a reminder, our surrounding communities are experiencing multiple thefts and break-ins. 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. A big reason for the increase in 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.

A few residents have been reporting coyote sightings during the middle of the day and are concerned for their safety. A representative from Ohio Department of Natural Resources shared with us the following:

Coyotes are rarely dangerous to people. The key to living with coyotes is remembering that they are naturally afraid of people. The most effective way to prevent a bad encounter with a coyote is to reinforce this natural fear through your behavior. If a coyote is seen in its natural habitat, it is fine to watch it from a distance. Coyotes are often seen in neighborhoods near natural areas. Never approach a coyote, let your dog approach it, or feed it. If you are approached by a coyote, or it comes into your yard, scare it away by shouting at it and waving your arms over your head. Using an air horn or whistle will also help scare coyotes away. These actions will reinforce the coyote's natural fear of people and teach it that your yard is not available territory.

The coyote population in the Village is under control and we are keeping a close eye on it. Please consult the following website for further information on coyotes.

<http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/species-and-habitats/species-guide-index/mammals/coyote>

Please be aware of the ongoing IRS Imposter Scam. This phone scam involves a caller claiming to be an IRS employee. The fake employee will inform you that you owe taxes and threaten to arrest or deport you for lack of payment. This scam is very sophisticated in that the caller may:

- Know all or part of your Social Security number
- Rig the caller ID to make it look like the call is from the IRS
- Tell you to put the owed money on a prepaid debit card and share the card number with the caller

To prevent yourself from falling victim to this scam, know that the IRS does NOT:

- Call to demand immediate payment for taxes owed without first sending you notification by mail
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement to arrest you for nonpayment.

If you have any doubts, call the IRS directly at (800) 829-1040. If you think you have been scammed, call the IRS helpline at (800) 908-3360 for advice and guidance.

Please remember, if you notice anything in the Village 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 is always our concern!

Respectfully submitted,
Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police

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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 before starting any project that will alter the exterior physical appearance of an existing structure, prior approval from the Architectural Board of Review is required. Before starting any such projects, please call Village Hall and Robbi Laps, our Clerk-Treasurer, who will outline the approval procedure for you.

Village Website

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

Please do not hesitate to call Village Hall or email 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,

Bob Ranallo

Robert A. Ranallo

Waite Hill Gardening Club



Sharon Cox is taking the lead in rekindling the Waite Hill Gardening Club, which was last in existence many years ago. The Gardening Club will help maintain flowerbeds at the Village Hall and around our street signs as well as a small amount of planting when needed. If interested, please contact her at sharoncox8975@icloud.com or (216) 548-4651.

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.

Richard White December 31, 2016

Frances Gale January 28, 2017

Joan Steudel March 19, 2017



Waite Hill Village Council

Left side: (left to right) Rich Steudel, Steve Byron, Sam Knezevic, Marcia Merritt, Bob Haynik
Back: Bob Gale
Front: Courtenay Taplin
Right side: (left to right) Karl Scheucher, Chief DeWitt, Bob Ranallo, Robbi Laps, Ryan Cox

Service Department Update

Hello from the Service Department! We have two announcements and several reminders to share.

Please welcome our newest member of the Service Department team, James Riddle. He joined us effective May 16 and looks forward to meeting each of you.

Recycle Midwest will no longer be picking up your recycling items. The Service Department will now be picking up your recycling on every other Thursday beginning May 25 (extra pickups will still occur every Thursday). Only regular garbage pickups will occur on Friday. This decision has been made in an effort to reduce costs to the Village while not compromising the service we provide all residents.

Please remember, extra pickups CANNOT include any of the following: paint, fluorescent bulbs, tires, yard waste or large construction debris. We can take large appliances such as refrigerators, freezers and televisions with prior notice.

Due to the limited size of the Village garbage container, we must ask that you dispose of your own debris when doing home renovations.

Kindly tie your garbage bags and keep them to a respectable weight so they can be easily lifted into the truck.

We are always here for all Waite Hill residents. If you need something, feel free to give us a call or stop by Village Hall and say "hello". We will try our best to help or possibly make a recommendation for you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Service Department at (440) 942-2074.

Bob Haynik
Service Director



The Waite Hill Village Foundation Established 2015

The Waite Hill Village Foundation was founded in 2015 with the purpose to raise funds to support the long-term financial needs of the Village. Funded by residents for residents, all donations are 100% tax deductible. Visit waitehillfoundation.org for more information.

Please join us on Sunday, June 4 for a winetasting at M Cellars. Owned by Waite Hill residents Tara and Matt Meineke, we will enjoy M Cellars wines, tour the winery and visit neighbors and friends. Details are listed on the foundation website.



Hope to see you there!



Welcome to Waite Hill!








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David & Jean Robertson
9918 Gardenside Drive














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9932 Gardenside Drive















Kurt & Lorianne Schoeppler
7088 South Lane















-  Council Meeting 8am
-  Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am
-  Trash Only
-  Recycle
-  Extra Pick-up
-  Memorial Day
-  M Cellars Wine Tasting
-  Shredding Day
-  Independence Day
-  Labor Day

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