



# 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 summer has come and gone but as the leaves begin to turn and college football begins another season, the swift passage of time cannot be ignored. A number of activities have taken place in the Village since our last newsletter so an update is timely.

### Memorial Day Service

The Village held its annual Memorial Day program in May to recognize and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our nation. Many thanks to Dan Sussen, Mike Tabor, Alan Wright, Mark Gardner and Karl Scheucher for their comments. The ceremony was well received by all in attendance and served as a reminder of the price that is paid for the many personal freedoms we all enjoy.

### Charter Review

The Charter Review Commission completed its work on the Village's Charter and came up with some recommendations to improve our governance. Those issues will be on the November ballot for your consideration. Please join me in thanking Dennis DiPalma, Lauren Gardner, Chris LeGros, Ralph Lustri, Denise Merritt, Clara Sherwin and Rich Steudel for their dedicated service to the Village on this project. The proposed changes to the Charter can be reviewed on the Village website, [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov).

### Village Finances

Most of you know about and many of you attended one of the five meetings that we conducted in June regarding the state of the Village's finances. We sincerely appreciated the many fine comments, observations and suggestions we received from residents at and as a result of those meetings.

We are trying to be as transparent as possible because there are no secrets here. As we indicated, the Village faces immediate financial challenges due primarily to projected reductions in our annual revenues of approximately 40%, or \$600,000. We project that unless action is taken our average operating deficits will be approximately \$500,000 per year between now and 2016 if we do not take action. In the most simple of terms, additional taxes are necessary to continue providing services at existing levels.

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	Flu Shots Available at Village Hall! Friday, October 11th, 7a-10a \$20 Please call Village Hall for more details or to reserve your spot!	
	Hazardous Waste Collection 9/28 Lake County Fairgrounds	 <b>SAVE THE DATE!</b> Halloween Party 10/26 More info soon!
	Election Day 11/5 Village Hall 6:30a - 7:30p	

The WH Village Voice is published quarterly for the residents of Waite Hill Village by Village Council. It is also available online at [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov). Please submit any updates on births, deaths, weddings and other news to share with fellow residents to [villagevoice@waitehilloh.gov](mailto:villagevoice@waitehilloh.gov) or by mail at 7215 Eagle Road, Attn: Village Voice.

# News from the Service Department



## Welcome!

The Service Department would like to welcome Bob Haynik to the team! Bob is a Riverside High School graduate. He is married with two girls. Bob brings a wealth of knowledge to the Service

Department from past employment and fits in great with the rest of the employees.

## Hazardous Waste Collection

The Lake County Solid Waste Management will be hosting its last Household Hazardous Waste Collection of the year on September 28th from 9am - 3pm at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

## Extra Trash Pickup

If you have more than normal garbage, please call the Service Department before 10am on Thursday to schedule a pickup. The department can be reached by phone at (440) 942-2074 or email at [service@waitehilloh.gov](mailto:service@waitehilloh.gov).

## Congratulations!

Tim and Stephanie Misny

They welcomed twins, son Augustus Valentine and daughter, Ruby Veronica, into the world August 21, 2013. They join 3 1/2 year old brother Max at home.

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.

## The Waite Hill Police Beat



Hello to all Residents!

I will be communicating a newsletter each month so each of you are up to date with what is going on within the police department as well as with the community. I will include information about criminal activity, hopefully none that is taking place here, but activity that may be happening within our surrounding communities.

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. 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 at dusk and dawn when deer are the most active.



## 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.

Eileen Latimer September 1, 2013  
Patrick Rhoa August 30, 2013  
Ralph Parsons August 14, 2013  
Albert A. Augustus II July 19, 2013  
Patterson Barnes July 16, 2013



## School Year 2013

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 and be aware that the yellow flashing lights mean the bus is coming to a stop, while the red flashing lights mean children are getting on and off that big yellow taxi.

## A New Concern to Be On-the-Lookout For!

There's a new purse snatching trend hitting gas stations nationwide. It's called "theft by sliding." The burglars, called "sliders," pull up to a car they've observed to be unlocked at a gas station, open their door and the passenger door of the victim's car, slide in and steal something valuable, slide back into their car, and drive off. Unfortunately, society today is what it is and now we have to lock all of our doors no matter where we are.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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# Village Update from the Mayor continued

At our July and August Council meetings, we thoroughly discussed what we believed to be the best course of action at this time. After much deliberation, all council members concluded that we will seek your approval on the November ballot of additional millage of 6.2 mills. Though the best projection of our actual needs is 12.5 mills, we concluded that such an increase would be too severe at this time. If we are successful in our request for 6.2 mills, we will have an additional period of time to continue to monitor revenues, work on decreasing expenses and search for additional solutions. One other point of note at this time is that the November ballot issue has been drafted in such a way that if it is passed (a) all revenues have been earmarked for police, fire, EMS and public services, and (b) the issue will have a life of five years, after

which the voters will get a chance to determine if they want to renew it.

There are many additional details and factors that we considered and we will share those with you in communications between now and Election Day. At the same time, we encourage you to visit [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov) to review the presentation made during our June meetings and to gain additional facts and information concerning the ballot issue. We also invite you to call us with your thoughts, questions and concerns.

### Summer Celebration

Our second annual Summer Celebration took place behind Village Hall in July. The ice cream truck showed up this year and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Marcia

Merritt and our Service Department for pulling this effort together.

### 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,

*Bob Ranallo*

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**Village Meeting Schedule:**  
(all meetings held at Village Hall)

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

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



Kirtlandale Park Reserve Corporation, established 1951, held its 2013 annual meeting at the Waite Hill Village Hall Thursday, August 29th. Everyone appreciated having the comfortable and convenient facilities available for the meeting.

## Technology News...

Have you seen strange looking black and white patterned squares, like the one to the right popping up all over the place these days? Magazines, advertisements, signs, web page, even someone's t-shirt? This patterned square is actually called a QR Code. QR is short for "quick response". Oxford Dictionary defines a QR Code as "a machine-readable code consisting of an array of black and white squares, typically used for storing URL's or other information for reading by the camera of a smartphone." A QR code is similar to a barcode in that it can be quickly scanned to generate information. But the similarity stops there. QR codes can link the user to much more data; anything from the URL of a website, a movie trailer or even a coupon for a store. The other key difference is that a QR code can be scanned by a person's smartphone. No special equipment is needed. The QR code to the right will link you to the Village website. So, download a QR reader to your smartphone and scan this code to see what's happening at [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov).



# Choking Hazard! Ivy is a Threat to Our Trees

Waite Hill Resident Dave Kurtz wants to remind his neighbors that while ivy growing on area trees can look lovely, this nuisance species can actually damage or kill the tree it climbs. The ivy can smother the tree, attract pests and disease and cause mature trees to fall down during storms. For more information about this innocent looking plant and how to remove it, please visit [www.treestewards.org/take-ivy-off-trees](http://www.treestewards.org/take-ivy-off-trees) or use the QR code to the right!



Many thanks to Judith Gruber for hosting the last village wine tasting back in June! It was a beautiful evening enjoyed by all that attended. Look for details about the next tasting in your mailbox. If you would be interested in hosting a wine tasting at your home, please contact The Village Voice at [villagevoice@waitehilloh.gov](mailto:villagevoice@waitehilloh.gov).

Some residents are still interested in starting a Book Club or Bridge Group. If you would like to join these groups or help get them started email [villagevoice@waitehilloh.gov](mailto:villagevoice@waitehilloh.gov).

-  Council Meeting 8am
-  Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am
-  Trash Only
-  Trash and Recycle
-  Extra Pick-ups
-  Hazardous Waste Collection
-  Election Day
-  Halloween Party
-  Flu Shots

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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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