



The ^{WH} Village Voice

October 2012, Issue 2

From the Office of the Mayor...



Dear Waite Hill Residents,

As I sit here and write about the current happenings in the Village, I refuse to believe that since last writing, summer has come and gone and that October is upon us. The beautiful trees and colors quickly bring me to the realization that fall is in full bloom and winter will be here before we know it. Life is going by way too quickly and there has been no shortage of activity in the Village that seems to accelerate the pace.

Police Department Promotion

Since becoming Chief of the Police Department, Keith DeWitt has been evaluating the vacancy in the office of Sergeant that was created when he was promoted. We are happy and pleased to announce that effective October 1st, Patrolman Mike Walsh has been promoted to the position of Sergeant. Mike has worked hard in his (almost) ten years of service to the Village and as an active member of the Lake County SWAT Team, he is highly thought of in law enforcement circles. We are fortunate to have him. Please extend your congratulations the next time you see Mike.

Planning & Zoning Changes

The Village's Planning & Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review received some bad news and some good news over the past couple of months. The bad news is that after 30+ years of exemplary service to the Village, Anne Barnes decided to retire and resigned her position from the Commission and Board. She was recognized by Council which passed a resolution honoring her for her years of service at its September meeting. The next time you see her, try to think of all the building projects that have taken place in the Village over the past thirty years, remember that she was involved in all of them, and thank her for her service.

The silver lining is that Gary Schuster has agreed to succeed to Anne's seat on the Commission and the Board. Gary moved into the Village about five years ago and learned first-hand the valuable role that Planning & Zoning plays. It was not a year or two after moving in that Gary was before those bodies seeking approval on an addition and renovations to his residence that have since been completed. We are confident he will be a valuable contributor on future building projects that take place in the Village.

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 <p>Flu Shot Program Friday, October 19th 7-9am at Village Hall Please RSVP!</p>	 <p>Village Halloween Party Saturday, October 20th 6-9pm at Village Hall Please RSVP!</p>	 <p>Election Day Tuesday, November 6th Polls Open: 6:30a - 7:30p</p>
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Village Spotlight...

Chief Keith A. DeWitt



Chief DeWitt has served the Waite Hill Police Department since 1995. His professional experience in corrections, fire and EMT, and patrol and operations aspects of police work provide superb foundations for his role as Chief. With a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice/Administration, Chief DeWitt has further distinguished himself completing Police Executive Leadership College as well as the FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA. Along with ongoing Leadership/Management schools and seminars, Chief DeWitt continues to champion the values of empathy, professionalism, excellence, and justice, throughout the Department, community, and region.

He is a lifelong resident of Painesville Township, graduating from Riverside High School, Lakeland Community College and Myers University. He recently bought a home with his fiancée, Suzanne. Between both of them, they have a 15 year old son, John and a daughter, Taylor.

Chief DeWitt enjoys spending time with his family, working in the yard, any sporting activities especially shooting sports, and anything to do with being outside.

He feels he has wonderful parents; Roger and Bonnie DeWitt. Chief DeWitt says, "I have learned a lot from my parents, especially when it comes to family values and morals. I continue to learn from each of them. I consider each of them to be my first mentors who shaped my direction of being responsible and respectful to others."

Citizen Committee

Mission

As a vehicle to further enhance communication within the village, the Citizen Committee was formed by former Mayor Baldwin. The committee has scheduled regular quarterly meetings as well as confirmed the group's mission. Please feel free to contact any of the committee's members with any ideas or questions you may have about the Village. As always, the Mayor and Council are only a phone call or email away!

Citizen Committee Members:

John Bauer/Rollin Road
Lauren Gardner/Gardenside Drive
Lisa Habe/Eagle Road
Dave Kurtz/Gardenside Drive
Gary Schuster/Rollin Road

Mission Statement:

To update and communicate to members of this committee the issues and actions of the Mayor and Village Council, Safety Department, Service Department, Clerk Treasurer, Finance Committee, Planning & Zoning, and any other material events. The committee will provide their feedback and opinions to provide guidance for the Mayor and Council on these matters. The members of this committee will also be another channel for residents to express their views and outlook on the goings-on in the Village.

Welcome to Waite Hill!

Mr. and Mrs. Zovko/Gardenside Drive
Mr. and Mrs. Drazetic/Creawood Forest

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 or 7215 Eagle Road, Attn: Village Voice.

Service Focuses on Road Work

The Village will be having the roads striped sometime in the next month. Service is awaiting confirmation from the striping companies.

The Service Department is wrapping up its work on road repairs by the end of October, if not earlier.

With the winter season approaching, please remember to leave space between your vehicle and the plow trucks. It is not always easy for any truck driver to see if they are being followed.

Police Department Updates

- * Our officers are continuing to be diligent with speeding vehicles on our roadways.
- * As fall and winter approach, please remember that when leaves start to fall and mix with rain, the road can become slick. Also, deer are becoming more active, so stay alert when driving.
- * The Flu Shot program is being offered Friday, October 19th from 7-9 am. Please RSVP with the Village Hall.
- * If you notice anything that doesn't look right or looks suspicious, please contact the Police Department by calling dispatch at 440-942-1660. If it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

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

Citizens' Committee
Quarterly
October 15, 2012, 8:00 am

Village Update from the Mayor continued

Waite Hill Road Water Penetration

Several of you inquired earlier in the summer about the cause of the water penetration near the top of the Waite Hill Road hill. We were concerned because the condition would have made for a real adventure once winter arrived and the water turned to ice. The condition required us to conduct an investigation and, ultimately, to open the road (which is why it was closed for three days) so that the necessary repairs could be made. We learned that the base of the sewer running beneath and alongside the hill was failing and the base needed to be rebuilt which it was.

I would be remiss if I did not publicly recognize and thank the City of Willoughby and its Sewer Department on behalf of the entire Village for their invaluable assistance, both in terms of diagnosing the problem and completing the work necessary to make the required corrections. Willoughby gave us unlimited use of its sewer televising equipment (which is both extensive and expensive) and sent its Sewer Department personnel out to help us identify the problem, diagnose the condition and come up with the right fix. Two weeks later, they sent their sewer personnel to Waite Hill a second time to work side by side with our Service Department for two days in the pouring rain so that the work could be done properly and as expeditiously as possible, all at no cost to the Village. We all owe them a debt of gratitude. **THANK YOU WILLOUGHBY!**

Village Hall

Landscaping for the Village Hall has been contracted and work has already started, with completion slated before the end of the month.

Many have noticed that the pine trees formerly in front of the building have been removed. This action was taken at the urging of more than one landscape designer and arborist who, during our development of the job specifications, advised us the trees were sick and failing and should be taken down. The good news is that the work was bid out to five different landscape contractors and we received more than one bid below our budget.

Summer Celebration

For those of you who attended, I hope you will agree with Council and me that our first annual summer celebration was a resounding success. Over a hundred residents spanning eight decades of age attended and took the opportunity to picnic with their neighbors to the backdrop of the classic rock sound of Villager Keith Merritt's band *Faith & Whiskey*. We hope that this picnic will become an annual Waite Hill tradition and that those unable to attend this year's event will be there to join in the 2013 festivities.

Art Baldwin Reception

Art Baldwin was honored for his over forty-six years of service to the Village as its Mayor at a well-attended reception at Village Hall on September 26th. Thank you to all who attended. For those of you unable to make it, please try to remember to give a word of thanks to Art the next time you bump into him. It is largely because of his leadership that Waite Hill is the community that we all enjoy today. Thanks Art!

Village Finances

This will be brief because I have droned on about it enough in past newsletters. Council's Finance Committee and I have

have finalized our forecast through 2016. I expect that the details concerning our operating budget and finances will be circulated to all residents by the end of the month.

Election Day

Election Day is November 6th, with the polls opening at 6:30 a.m. and closing at 7:30 p.m. We hope that you will find some time to make it to the polls or have your voice heard by absentee ballot.

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 better yet, 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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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.

Nicholas Cymbal August 6, 2012

Helena McDaniel July 30, 2012

Faith Swanson July 12, 2012





Waite Hill's First Social Club to Start in November



Many residents have expressed an interest in forming various social groups within the Village. The first group to take off is the Waite Hill Village Wine Tasting Group. The group is open to all residents. The first wine tasting is November 2nd and due to space constraints, the number of people is limited. Please visit the Village website at www.waitehilloh.gov for a copy of the invitation. You may also contact Village Hall for a copy. All reservations are due no later than October 26th.

An email will go out this week to all residents showing an interest in any of the remaining groups. If you would like your name added to the list of any group listed below, please contact Marcia Merritt by email at mmerritt@waitehilloh.gov or by phone at (440) 391-8334. We look forward to hearing from you!

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| * Walking Group | * Hospitality Group - This group would help welcome new families to Waite Hill and recognize major life events on behalf of all Waite Hill residents. | * Senior Club |
| * Garden Club | | * Mom and Tots Group |
| * Wine Tasting Group | | * Bridge Group |
| * Book Club | | * Tweens and Teens Group |

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- Council Meeting 8am
- Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am
- Citizen Committee Meeting 8am
- Trash Only
- Trash and Recycle
- Extra Pick-ups
- Flu Shot Program (Please RSVP)
- Village Halloween Party (Please RSVP)
- Village Wine Tasting Party (Please RSVP)
- Election Day 6:30a - 7:30p

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.

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