



The ^{WH} Village Voice

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From the Office of the Mayor...

Dear Residents:

The past three months have brought a flurry of activity to the Village. Here is a summary of the happenings.

Village Cellular Service - An Update

The Administration and Council have continued to pursue improved cellular and broadband coverage in the Village. As mentioned in my last newsletter, rapid changes and advancements in technology have led to increased reliance on cellular coverage as a primary mode of voice and data transmission for safety, medical and many other concerns. This need for dependable cellular and data transmission has led to a sharpened focus on how to improve some of the communication deficiencies we encounter in the Village.

At its May meeting, Council authorized a Request for Proposals seeking solutions to our cellular and broadband challenges. One proposal was received, and that proposal contemplated the erection of a cell tower. While the request for proposals invited other solutions to the Village's communications difficulties, no proposals for any technologies other than a tower have been received.

On July 31, 2017, Village Council conducted a special meeting. At that time, the Council conducted a public hearing to discuss and consider the adoption of legislation to place a referendum on the November 7, 2017 ballot. If adopted by the voters, the legislation would authorize the construction of a tower on the Village Hall property (behind the salt barn) to improve cellular and broadband communications throughout the Village. Each of the 33 attendees was given the opportunity to present their views, and 15 attendees spoke, both in favor of and opposition to the legislation. At the conclusion of the public hearing, Council discussed the matter and unanimously voted to pass the legislation. As a result, the issue will appear on the November ballot so that all residents are given the opportunity to vote on the matter.

It is important to understand that Council and the Administration continue to remain open to consideration of technologies other than a cell tower. To this end, we are appointing a Citizens' Committee to further study the matter. The charge to the Committee will be to find the best solution to our communication problems. To that end, if the Committee identifies a solution that (a) provides equal or better cellular and broadband capabilities throughout the Village than would a cell tower,



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The WH Village Voice is emailed to the residents of Waite Hill Village and is also available online at WaiteHillOH.gov. Paper copies can be obtained at Village Hall. Please submit any updates on births, deaths, weddings and other news to share with fellow residents to VillageVoice@WaiteHillOH.gov or contact Village Hall.

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Village Cell Service cont.

(b) would result in no out-of-pocket cost to the Village, and (c) is less intrusive than a cell tower, that solution will be thoroughly evaluated before any final decision is made on how to best to proceed. To that end, the Committee's work will run on a parallel path with the ballot issue and, as noted above, approval of the ballot issue will not preclude us from taking the time needed to consider alternative technologies.

Waite Hill Road and Markell Road Bridge Restrictions

In late July, we learned that the bridges at the base of Waite Hill Road and Markell Road will be restricted in passage to one lane and in load weight to 11 tons. Correspondence from the Lake County Engineer explaining the restrictions was emailed to all residents who have left their email addresses with the Clerk-Treasurer.

The bridge load restrictions took us all by surprise. Since learning of them, we have had meetings with our Village Engineer and with representatives from the Engineer's office to better understand how this arose so suddenly, what the plan of action is and what the timing for remedial action looks like.

I will be communicating all relevant details in a separate letter to residents via email and on the website in the next week or two, so please be on the lookout. In the meantime, all schools, neighboring police and safety forces, contractors and others have been notified of the restrictions and alternate routing. In addition, we expect signage to be posted by the Engineer's office very soon.

Road and Construction Projects

We are awaiting the bid opening for the drainage, slope stabilization and paving work to be done on the Waite Hill Road hill. Depending on the bid results, we hope to have the work completed by late fall. This will necessitate a road closure while construction is taking place.

In addition, we recently received a road pavement evaluation from our Village Engineer. We subsequently met to review the analysis, asked for some adjustments, and will adopt a course of action once the evaluation and recommendations are finalized.

Police Department News

Officer Art Lagerstedt is celebrating 20 years of service to the Village of Waite Hill. We are very grateful for his commitment to our community. Please congratulate Officer Lagerstedt next time you see him.

Public Notices

Please remember to turn in your email addresses to Robbi Laps at Village Hall so that all communications can be timely delivered to you. Alternatively, all public and meeting notices are routinely posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of Village Hall, and you are encouraged to stop by from time to time to get caught up on Village happenings.

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 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

Robert A. Ranallo

The Waite Hill Police Beat



Hello to all residents.

Now that summer is about gone and the dreaded winter is just around the corner, we have to remember to take care with pedestrian traffic and school buses. Our Village has had an increase of traffic over the years. There have been a few incidents with crashes and near misses of pedestrians versus vehicles. We are trying to be diligent with the speeding vehicles on our roadways, so please contact us with any areas of concern that you may have.

Deer season is approaching fast and they are already on the move throughout the Village. Unfortunately, the deer are not too traffic “savvy” and think they own the roads. Please be extra careful when driving. While 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.

During the last couple of months, we had three residents that were possible victims of identity theft. Fortunately, the suspects were not able to obtain credit after fraudulently filling out credit applications out-of-state with the residents’ information. As a reminder, you should shred your documents that have any personal identification on them. This includes the mailings you may receive offering credit cards or loans that are already started in your name or other family members and are just waiting for activation. The criminals are using your name after they find your date of birth online and then changing the address to a false location they choose. Please visit the Attorney General’s website, OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov, for additional information on preventing identity theft.

We have tentatively set October 21 as the date for the Halloween Party this year. We are working out the details for this year’s party and will communicate specifics at a later date.

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 is always our concern!

Respectfully submitted,
Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police

Service Department Update

Hello from the Service Department!

As a reminder, the Service Department will be picking up your recycling every other Thursday. We please ask you to bag any large amounts of loose cardboard and tie all bags. Helping us in these two ways will prevent trash from coming out of the truck. Another way you can assist us is by not overloading any garbage bags so they can be easily lifted into the truck.

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

Bob Haynik
Service Director

Save the Date!

Please mark your calendar for October 21 as the tentative date for our Annual Halloween Party. More details will be emailed and posted on the Village website as plans are finalized.



Welcome to Waite Hill!

Dan & Stacey DeVault
6791 Eagle Road



Please remind your neighbors to share their email address with Village Hall. All Village communications, including the Village Voice will be sent via email. All public and meeting notices are routinely posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of Village Hall. Photocopies of the Village Voice will be available at Village Hall as well.

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.



The Waite Hill Village Foundation Established 2015

The Waite Hill Village Foundation is partnering with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy for a guided tour of the Sherwin preserve on Sunday, October 15 from 1-3pm. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the tour. The goal of the two groups is similar - protecting the quality of life and "Keeping Waite Hill, Waite Hill." More info will be available on the foundation website.

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.








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

-  Council Meeting 8am
-  Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am
-  Trash Only
-  Recycle
-  Extra Pick-up



Labor Day



Waite Hill Halloween Party



Daylight Savings Time Begins

















Election Day
































Thanksgiving





























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