



# The <sup>WH</sup> Village Voice

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## *From the Office of the Mayor...*



Dear Waite Hill Residents,

As we enjoy spring and move toward summer, business at Village Hall is brisk and we continue to move forward on pending issues and challenges.

### Memorial Day Service

As many of you know and some probably do not, the Village sponsors an annual Memorial Day program at Village Hall to recognize and honor our veterans. This is an opportunity to give pause and recognize the many veterans who have fought for and paid the ultimate price for the many liberties

we enjoy as a free society. This year's program will take place at 9:00 a.m. on May 27<sup>th</sup> and will run for approximately a half hour. We hope you will be able to join us.

### Charter Review

The Charter Review Commission is hard at work evaluating the Village's Charter and studying ways that our governance might be improved. We invite any suggestions you may have for improvement of the Charter which is available on the Village website, [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov). By the same token, if you have any thoughts or suggestions for how the Charter might be improved, please drop us an email at Village Hall so that your thoughts are heard.

### Village Finances

A letter giving a brief overview of the Village's historical and projected revenues and expenses was distributed to all residents in the last week of February. Since then, an extensive amount of work has been done by the Council, Administration and me to refine our projected revenues and expenses as accurately as possible for presentation at a series of resident meetings that have been scheduled for June. The schedule can be found on page 3.

Our goal is to educate and inform you as transparently as possible of the Village's financial state of affairs because of material revenue reductions that we will experience in the immediate and foreseeable future. Things in this area continue to be fluid and change daily but we remain committed to giving you the most accurate and up to date information available so that considered decisions can be made.

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 <p>Memorial Day Service May 27th 9:00am Village Hall</p>	 <p>Paper Shredding June 8th 12-4pm Village Hall</p>	 <p>WIne Tasting June 28th RSVP required See insert.</p>
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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.

## Village Spotlight...

### Officer Erik Quintillo



Officer Erik Quintillo is a Lake County native and graduate of Wickliffe High School. He is also a graduate and received his OPOTA certification from Lakeland Community College's Basic Police Academy. Officer Quintillo was sworn in to his part time position April 9, 2012. He is thrilled to now be a full time officer and dedicated to be serving the Village and its residents. Prior to joining the Department, he spent close to 20 years in the Information Technology field and held positions ranging from technician to network design engineer. When not on duty, he enjoys time with his family and physical fitness. Next time you see Officer Quintillo on patrol, please say "hi" and congratulate him on his promotion to full time status!

### Welcome to Waite Hill!

Dr. Howard and Eva Hirsch/Eagle Road

### Congratulations!

Abby and Wendell Hiltley  
on the birth of their daughter, Isla!

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.

### 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.

Emile Legros April 27, 2013  
James Keebler March 15, 2013  
John Latimer March 9, 2013  
John Newell February 14, 2013



## Police Department Updates

### Memorial Day Tribute

On May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., there is going to be a Memorial Day Tribute to veterans at Village Hall. Sgt. Mike Walsh is assisting with the planning of this event. He is contacting last year's speakers and is attempting to contact Village residents who served in the Armed Forces. Officer Walsh may be contacted by e-mail [mwalsh@waitehilloh.gov](mailto:mwalsh@waitehilloh.gov) or by phone at (440) 942-5015 if a resident served our country or has any other questions. The invitation to this event is open to all residents as our veterans are honoured. Please park your vehicles in the service drive or in the rear area of the police department, so the front parking area can be kept open.

### Be Careful on the Roadways

Now that spring is here, please remember to take care with pedestrian traffic. The Village has had an increase of bicyclists and joggers over the years. There have been a few incidents with bicycle crashes and near misses of pedestrians versus vehicles. The Police Department is trying to be diligent with speeding vehicles on the roadways. Please contact them with any areas of concern that you may have.

### Prescription Drug Program

Unfortunately, the department was unable to set up the program this year for the opportunity of residents to safely dispose their unwanted, unused prescription drugs. Chief DeWitt will set this program up for the village next year.

### Protect Yourself from Scams

An area of concern that the Police Department has mentioned a few times is still haunting the community along with all other communities. This concern is the continued pattern of scams that are out there. Communities are battling multiple types of scams, such as telephone scams, credit card scams, website scams, mail and newspaper scams, as well as, people impersonating utility workers and coming to your residence unannounced. Craig's List and eBay are attempting to warn everyone about the scams by putting disclaimers on their sites. If you utilize either of these websites, use a PayPal account which assists you in protecting your money.

Please remember, if you notice anything that does not look right or looks suspicious, please contact the Police Department. 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.

# Village Update from the Mayor continued

## For Sale Signs

We have received a number of inquiries over the past several months regarding For Sale signs that seem to be appearing with increasing regularity around the Village. As much as I personally would like to ban them, the Council and I have been informed by our law director that such signs are protected as free speech and cannot be banned under the Constitution. So while I respect the rights of those trying to market their property, our strong preference is that that marketing take place as it historically has without the presence of such signage.

## Police Department

Mike Sevel has left the Department to take a position with the Willoughby Police Department where he will be reunited with his dad. In his brief tenure with us, Mike did an outstanding job and will be missed. Just prior to his resignation, Mike was honored by the Lake County Police Chiefs' Association for his outstanding work in connection with

the homicide that took place in Willoughby Hills late last year.

The good news in this story is that part-time officer Erik Quintillo has been promoted to full-time duty to fill Mike's vacancy. Erik performed admirably while serving the Village as a part-time officer and his promotion is well deserved.

Finally, a new part-time officer, Thomas Swaidner, was sworn in at our May Council Meeting. Officer Swaidner is currently a full-time officer in Russell and is anxious to take on additional work with Waite Hill as a part-timer. He will begin his training on May 15, 2013.

## Summer Celebration

Our second annual Summer Celebration will take place behind Village Hall from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 21st. Those of you who attended last year can attest that it is an enjoyable event and opportunity to promote

our sense of community. Marcia Merritt promises that there will be ice cream this year! So we hope you can attend.

## 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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## **Shredding Day - June 8th, 12-4pm**

Shredding Network will again bring their shredding truck to Village Hall on June 8th. Residents have the ability to watch their confidential documents being shred on-site. Shredding Network will then shred all material a second time at their facility prior to recycling in-house.

### **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  
(May's Meeting will be held 5/28/13)

#### Citizens' Committee

Quarterly  
May 29, 2013 - 8:00 am



**Recognize this building?**  
Visit [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov) to enter the "Picture of the Week" contest!

## Service News

The service department is in the process of looking at all aspects of the department to increase efficiency. Responsibilities have been realigned and Paul deWit will be overseeing operations as Service Foreman.

Paul and the service team ask that you make sure all trash bags are tied and please keep them at an approximate weight of 50 lbs or less. If you have more than a normal amount of garbage, please call for an extra pick-up before 10am on Thursday of that week at (440) 942-2074 or email at [service@waitehilloh.gov](mailto:service@waitehilloh.gov).

### Resident Meetings Regarding Village Finances

June 11th	7:00pm	Mountainview Drive, Gardenside Drive, Rollin Road
June 12th	7:00pm	Markell Road, Waite Hill Road, South Lane
June 13th	8:00pm	Hobart Road, Smith Road, Chapin Ledges
June 18th	7:00pm	Metcalf Road, Creawood Forest
June 19th	7:00pm	Eagle Road, Reserve Drive

## Waite Hill's Social Clubs Off to a Good Start!

Two of the Village's newly formed social clubs are having great success. The Hospitality Committee worked hard over the winter months to put together a new resident packet. The book includes everything from important phone numbers to a brief Village history. A big thank you goes out to all the committee members for a job well done!

The Wine Tasting Group will be having their 2nd event on June 28th. This event will be catered by Erie St. Wine Market at the home of Judith Gruber. Please see the invitation included in this newsletter. Spaces filled quickly for the first tasting so RSVP early!

Three other groups that residents have expressed the most interest in are a Book Club, Walking Club and Bridge Club. If you would like to help get any of these groups up and running, please contact Marcia Merritt by email at [mmerritt@waitehilloh.gov](mailto:mmerritt@waitehilloh.gov) or by phone at (440) 391-8334. We look forward to hearing from you!

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- Council Meeting 8am
- Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am
- Citizen Committee Meeting 8am
- Trash Only
- Trash and Recycle
- Extra Pick-ups
- Shredding Day
- Village Wine Tasting Party (Please RSVP)
- Summer Celebration

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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