



The ^{WH} Village Voice

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From the Office of the Mayor...



Dear Waite Hill Residents,

Season's Greetings! The holiday season gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the past year and give thanks for the many good things that have happened in our lives. We are fortunate to live in a place like Waite Hill and be surrounded by family and friends. Count your blessings!

Though things in the Village have been relatively quiet over the past three months, our staff continues to attend to the ongoing day-to-day activities. Two items of particular note follow.

The Levy and Budget

As previously communicated, all of our Charter initiatives were approved by a majority of our electors, including the 6.2 mill tax increase. THANK YOU! Council, the administration and I are hard at work developing the 2014 budget. Our goal, of course, is to continue to better manage our expenses without compromising the level of services to which we are all accustomed. We work earnestly every day to ensure that our revenues are well spent and that unnecessary expenditures are avoided. This always involves exercises in judgment, but we continually strive to make sure that we are getting the very most out of your tax dollars.

We are always looking for creative, newer and better ways of doing things and we recognize that we do not have all the answers so, as always, we invite any suggestions for improvement that you may have.

New Addition to the Police Department

This past month we swore in a new part-time police officer, Chuck Cox. Chuck is also a full-time officer in the Mentor Police Department and came to us very highly recommended by all of his references.

Chuck is now our third part-time officer, and his presence gives us another resource to avoid and hopefully eliminate altogether the need to pay overtime for police services. Chuck's hiring is consistent with our long-term strategy of eliminating all overtime from the budget through the use of supplemental part-time personnel. His part-time status also eliminates the need to pay benefits, thereby saving additional dollars.

So if you get a chance, please give Chuck a warm welcome to the Village!

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Holiday Greetings from the Service Department

Winter is upon us and the snow has certainly arrived! Please remember to slow down when road conditions change due to snow or ice. The Service Department prides itself on making sure the roads are safe for travel. We ask for your patience when the village is faced with the dreaded heavy snow events!

Also, please remember plowing snow across the street from your drive is not permitted.

After the holidays, the Service Department will be happy to pick up and discard Christmas trees. Please call (440) 942-2074 for this service.

From all of us at the Service Department, have a safe and joyous holiday season!

Season's Greetings!
Mike, Paul, Brian and Bob



Congratulations!

Happy Birthday!
Tammy McIntosh 9/29
Michael Hunter 9/30

Wedding Bells!

Tammy and Michael were married at their home on Metcalf Road in a small ceremony on 10/01/13!

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.

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.

Don Dangler November 26, 2013
Gus Keyerleber October 13, 2013



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. For the most up to date information, please go to www.waitehilloh.gov.

During the month of October and November, 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 resident's 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. The following link can be copied to your internet browser for additional information on preventing identity theft.



www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications/Publications-for-Consumers/Consumer-Quick-Tips/Reduce-Your-Risk-of-Identity-Theft-Quick-Tip

Our department has hired another part-time officer to round out our roster of officers. His name is Chuck Cox who is full-time with Mentor Police Department. Chuck has sixteen years of full-time experience and he comes highly recommended to our department. He has started our field training program with Officer Beaumier and he will be introducing himself to each of you soon.

Once the snow starts flying, we need to remember to slow down and take extra time to get to our destinations. The Service Department does a great job keeping our roads open, but they need our assistance. If you have someone plowing your driveway, please remind them not to push snow across the road. When snow is plowed across the roads, driving and plowing hazards can be created when the Village endures a high volume of snow.



Village Update from the Mayor continued

On behalf of the Administration, Council and our employees, I would like to extend to you and your family a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and a happy and prosperous new year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you who selflessly contributed your time and efforts to the Village this past year, whether by serving on a Board or Commission, calling with ideas or suggestions, participating in our neighborhood meetings or just being available as a sounding board. I am grateful to live in a place where so many residents care so much about their community and I am humbled by the trust you have vested in me in overseeing our Village's affairs.

Season's Greetings,

Bob Ranallo

Robert A. Ranallo

Police Beat from Chief DeWitt continued

Have a great holiday season and stay safe. 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



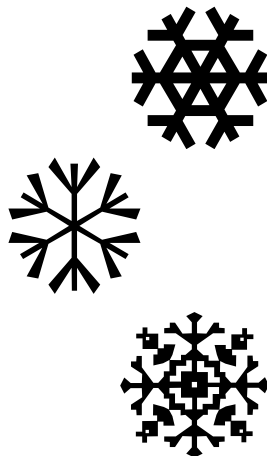
Patrolman Cox Comes Back to his Roots!

Patrolman Charles Cox is a Chardon resident and a 1988 graduate from Chardon High School. He graduated from the University of Toledo in 1993, then attended the Ohio Peace Officer Academy in Toledo immediately afterwards. He began his police officer career with the Put-in-Bay Police Department working there for two years. Then he obtained a position with the City of Mentor Police Department in 1995. He is still a full time police officer with the City of Mentor holding positions on the SWAT Team, Evidence Tech Team and Mentor Police Athletic Association. Lastly, Patrolman Cox has family roots in Waite Hill, in that his father grew up at the corner of Hobart Road and Eagle Road. Welcome to the Waite Hill Team, Patrolman Cox!

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



DECEMBER

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

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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