



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

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



Dear Waite Hill Residents,

WOW! What a winter it has been! It is with some trepidation that I talk about winter in the past tense because the way the past five months have gone I do not want to jinx us with another blast of snow and cold. Hopefully, we are now finally beyond that point. Here's hoping for a long, sunny, warm spring and summer.

### A Tale of Snow and Winter

Our Service Department was challenged like never before in what seemed like a never-ending effort to keep up with the removal of snow from our roads. We averaged over 120 hours per month on plowing and salting this winter, over one and a half times more than the average time we devoted to those activities in past years. We used over 700 tons of salt and, thanks to good planning and much persistence by Mike McClain, had sufficient reserves to last us through the season. Somehow, we were able to keep out in front of what seemed like an endless amount of snow thanks to the good efforts of our Service Department. And, we were able to schedule the work without incurring any overtime. So if you get a chance, please make it a point to thank Mike McClain, Paul deWit, Brian Miller and Bob Haynik for their hard work and good efforts over the past five months. They sure deserve it.

Winter and the severe temperatures that we encountered also wreaked havoc on area roads. The Service Department is currently formulating a plan for the repair and preservation of our roads so that we can extend their useful lives for as long as reasonably possible.

### Memorial Day Service

Once again, the Village will conduct a Memorial Day service to recognize and honor our veterans. This year's program will be held on **Monday, May 26, 2014 at 9:00 a.m in the Village Cemetery**. This is a great opportunity to give pause and recognize the many veterans including many Villagers - who have fought for and paid the ultimate price for the many liberties we enjoy as a free society. The program will run for approximately a half hour. We hope you will be able to join us.

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# Service Department News...

Hopefully it is safe to say we have seen the last of the snow and spring is here to stay. As the weather improves, the Service Department will be out trying to catch up on much needed road repairs. Please remember to drive slowly and provide ample clearance when you see us on the roads, for our safety and yours. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at (440) 942-2074.

Happy Spring! Mike McClain, Foreman

**There will not be a shredding service visiting the Village this summer. We will plan to provide this service every other year.**

**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

Lake County Solid Waste District Special Collections -  
Lake County Fairgrounds  
**Scrap Tires:**  
Saturday, May 10 8:00am - 1:00pm  
Limit 6 free - no rims. Additional tires, tires with rims, oversized tires will be accepted for a nominal charge.  
**Household Hazardous Waste:**  
Saturday, June 7 9:00am - 3:00pm

## Did you know...

The Administration of our Village are working hard everyday to find ways to reduce Village expenses. Two such reductions are for the Village Hall's natural gas and phone service. Recent changes in these utilities have realized a savings of almost \$3,000 per year for the Village's expenses. We are fortunate to have this administrative team on our side!

# The Waite Hill Police Beat



Hello to all Residents!

We are hopefully heading into springtime and warmer weather very soon after enduring a very cold, snowy winter.

Our new part-time officer, Chuck Cox, is now working the road on his own. Chuck brings a lot of experience from the Mentor Police Department, which is certainly an asset. He has had a smooth transition into our community policing program from the field training program.

As a reminder, our surrounding communities are experiencing multiple thefts and break-ins, so please be diligent in keeping your vehicle and home locked. The best deterrents are alarm systems and well-lit properties. Motion lights seem to help when you have them at the four corners of your home. A big reason for the increase in this type of criminal activity is related to drug use. Heroin is turning into an epidemic problem and people are becoming very desperate when finding ways to continue their addiction. These individuals are doing whatever it takes to feed the addiction.

A few residents have been reporting coyote sightings during the middle of the day and are concerned for their safety. I spoke with a representative from Ohio Department of Natural Resources who responded with the following:

"Coyotes are rarely dangerous to people. The key to living with coyotes is remembering that they are naturally afraid of people. The most effective way to prevent a bad encounter with a coyote is to reinforce this natural fear through your behavior. If a coyote is seen in its natural habitat, it is fine to watch it from a distance. Coyotes are often seen in neighborhoods near natural areas. Never approach a coyote, let your dog approach it, or feed it. If you are approached by a coyote, or it comes into your yard, scare it away by shouting at it and waving your arms over your head. Using an air horn or whistle will also help scare coyotes away. These actions will reinforce the coyote's natural fear of people and teach it that your yard is not available territory."

## Did you know...

Waite Hill is home to much-sought-after costume designer Greg Poplyk. He was the costume designer for the Broadway theatrical hit "Scandalous". Other shows he has worked on in various parts of the U.S. have been "My Fair Lady", "The Music Man", "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "A Christmas Carol". His current focus is on "Frozen", which Disney is bringing from animated film to live action on ice. Mr. Poplyk is also contracted with Ringling Brothers and Barnum Bailey Circus. He designs costumes for all the performers and members of the orchestra.

To read Newsnet5/Leon Bibb's full article about our neighbor and friend, please visit <http://bit.ly/1fSQd7c>.

## Village Update from the Mayor continued

Every year we like to remind our residents that anybody undertaking a building, remodeling or grading project should first check with Village Hall to make sure the necessary approvals are secured **prior to proceeding with any work**. Though some may think otherwise, our intent is **not** to create unnecessary red tape, delay or other problems. We simply want to ensure that all projects are undertaken in conformity with our existing zoning regulations which are intended to preserve the beauty and fabric of our Village, assets which all residents value.

### Summer Celebration

Council and I have decided to forego this year's annual summer celebration. After a good deal of discussion, we decided to consider making this a bi-annual event and will revisit the issue next year.

### Village Website

Remember to stay on top of all Village happenings by visiting our website, [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov) or use the QR code below.

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 continued

I have also included the following website for further information on coyotes (or use the QR code below). <http://ohioline.osu.edu/b929/pdf/b929.pdf>

Our coyote population is under control and we are keeping a close eye on it.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police



### Congratulations!

In January, Karoline Schenosky of Reserve Drive was nominated to the Naval Academy. Karoline, her family and 39 other 2014 Service Academy nominees were honored at a reception hosted by U.S. Senator Rob

Portman (R-OH).  
Best wishes Karoline!

### Welcome to Waite Hill!

Michael O'Donnell & Emily Kohn - Metcalf Rd.

Jim & Darlene Brown - Waite Hill Rd.

Jason Eubanks - Waite Hill Rd.

Arturo Morales & Alicia Rodriguez - Hobart Rd.

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- Council Meeting 8am
- Planning and Zoning Meeting 8am
- Trash Only
- Trash and Recycle
- Extra Pick-ups
- Memorial Day Service - 9am, Village Cemetery

The monthly calendar can also be found online at [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov).

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