



WHITEHALL

Our City, Our News

APRIL 2014

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Need your input—** Planning for the Future. See page 4.
- **For daytime sewer or water emergencies** call 894-4157. After hours call 911.
- **Utility bills are mailed quarterly.**
- **Building and zoning permits are available** at the Department of Public Works.

City of Whitehall

City Council Members

Mayor Mac Hatch

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“Here, There and Everywhere”

Community-Wide Garage Sale

Mark your calendars for Whitehall’s Fourth Annual Community-wide Garage Sale scheduled for Saturday, June 21. All city residents can hold a garage sale on this day, anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The normal \$1

fee is waived and signing up is not required, but residents are asked to register their sale at city hall by June 13 so they can be included on a map that shows the location of all registered sales. The

maps will be available to garage sale shoppers at City Hall, the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, the White Lake Beacon, the White Lake Community Library, and possibly at some other local businesses beginning Monday, June 16.



“Yes It Is”

Bike to Work Week

Whitehall Mayor Emery “Mac” Hatch has joined Ride On Muskegon and national endeavors by proclaiming **May 12-16, 2014** as “Bike to Work Week.” This national endeavor is to teach the benefits of bicycling and increase awareness of and respect for bicyclists.

Citizens are encouraged to ride their bicycles to work, to the store, to the park, around their neighborhoods and with friends and family to promote the personal and societal benefits achieved from bicycling. Benefits of these endeavors are bicycling for exercise; decreasing

air pollution, traffic congestion, and noise pollution; conserving fuel; and improving the health of citizens.





“I Want to Tell You”

Leaf Pick-up

The Spring Leaf Removal Program will run **April 15th** through **April 30th**. Guidelines to follow are:

✂ Leaves cannot be bagged. Please rake them to the edge of the pavement where they will be collected.

✂ If you have a curb and gutter, leaves must be raked over the curb into the street.

✂ Make sure sticks are not mixed in with the leaves because they clog the vacuum machine and may

cause the entire pile to be left behind.

Every effort will be made to pick up leaves once per week depending on the weather, amount of leaves, and holidays.

Brush Pick-up

Spring brush pick-up will begin **May 5th** and will end **May 9th**. Please stack neatly at the curb or street edge by 7:30 the morning of the 5th, butt ends to the street, no

longer than 4 feet in length, and no larger than 3 inches in diameter. There will be only **one pass** through the city so brush put out late may not be picked up. All brush can be disposed of at

the White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority’s Transfer Station at 2100 W. Holton Whitehall Road on Wednesdays and Saturdays year round.

“Help”

Spring and summer allow us to open our doors and windows to let in the fresh air and sunshine. Our open doors are also an open invitation to criminals. Many crimes are crimes of opportunity and occur when we let down our guards and don’t take basic security precautions. Warm summer nights are also more hospitable to criminals that use the darkness to hide their activity. So what can you do?

The Whitehall Police Department has a few

suggestions and some information. The first, most important and easiest thing to do is to **LOCK YOUR DOORS**. While we live in a relatively safe community the opportunity of an unlocked door has resulted in thefts from homes and autos, and auto thefts on several occasions in town. Be sure to lock your home and car whenever you’re away from them for even a short time. The few seconds to lock and unlock them will cost much less time than one theft loss.

We also have a helpful book available called “Is Your Home Safe?” from the National Child Safety Council. You can pick one up at our office any time during business hours and there are several suggestions for keeping you and your family safe. It includes tips on landscaping and lighting to prevent crime, what to do when vacationing and even what to do if you are victimized.

Stop by and see us any time. We’re here to help.

Lock your homes and autos to help prevent theft.



“Come Together”



HOWMET PLAYHOUSE

Howmet Playhouse Spring Schedule

- March 31— Apr 3 Spring Break Broadway Bootcamp, Grades 3-8
- April 4, 7:30 pm First Fridays Concert Series—Stella! with Elaina Bures and Friends
- April 18, 7:30 pm Gold Coast Entertainment Presents—Paul Hoffman with Special Guest Joe Sturgill
- May 2, 7:30 pm Karisa Wilson Band with Kelsey Rottiers
- May 3, 7:30 pm 7th Annual White Lake Blues Festival
- May 10, 7:00 pm Spring Fling—a Tribute to Moms Fundraiser for the Howmet Playhouse
- May 30, 7:30 pm Arts Council of White Lake Presents the Grand Rapids Guitar Quartet
- June 12-14, 7:30 pm Nuveen Center Youth Theatre Presents “A Four Letter Word (that changed the world)”

Youth Theatre Auditions

- Monday, April 14, 4-7 pm: White Lake Youth Theatre Show, East of the Sun, West of the Moon, ages 10 and up.
- April 16 (6-9pm) and April 17 (4-9pm): Nuveen Center Show, “A Four Letter Word (that changed the world)”

For ticket and show information on all of the events visit www.howmetplayhouse.org or by calling Playhouse Manager Beth Beaman at 231-894-4048.

Howmet Playhouse Summer Schedule

- July 10-12 Motherhood Out Loud
- July 17 The Smell of the Kill
- July 18 Murder by Natural Causes
- July 19 The Complete World of Sport (abridged)
- July 24-26 East of the Sun, West of the Moon—Presented by the White Lake Youth Theatre program
- July 31, Aug 1-2 The Mousetrap
- August 7-9, 14-16 Leading Ladies
- August 21-23 Hospitality Suite

July 17-19: The talented students of CMU’s Summer Theatre touring company will return to the Playhouse stage with three performances that will knock your socks off!



Taste of White Lake

Thursday June 5, 5:00-8:00 pm

Tickets go on sale May 8 | \$15 advance, \$20 at gate, kids 7 & under are free!
 Tickets include entry and food; beverages sold separately.



Office Hours

City Hall

405 E. Colby Street
894-4048
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DPW

2055 Warner Street
894-4157
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Inspections

Building—Chris Hall
Electrical—Tim Chorney
Plumbing/Mechanical—Jim
Shereda
894-4157

2055 Warner Street

Meeting Dates

City Council

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at
7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

BRA/LDFA/TIFA

2nd Thursday of
January, April, July and
October at Noon

“Junk”

Pride Week

May 21 & 24, 2014 The city will be participating in "Pride Week" at the White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority's Transfer Station this year. Citizens can take unwanted clutter to the Transfer Station at 2100 W. Holton-Whitehall Road free of charge. The Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vouchers are required and may be picked up at City Hall after May 5. The loads are limited to one full-size pickup truck per household. Appliances with Freon such as refrigerators and freezers will be charged additional fees. Items that will not be accepted at the transfer station include tree stumps, cement blocks, and hazardous waste materials.

“How Do You Do It”

Notes from the DPW



Whitehall 2030— Planning for the Future

The city needs your input! The planning commission is updating the “Whitehall 2030—Planning for the Future” formally known as “The Master Plan.” Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/whitehall2030> to fill out a survey. The survey link can also be found on our [Facebook](#) page. Also, if you are willing to volunteer some time please, contact the Zoning Admin., Brian Armstrong, for details.

Building & Zoning Permits

Do you have a deck to build? A fence to put up? Need a new roof? Need to replace your water heater or furnace? Or going to start a new business? Remember these are just a few of the projects that need zoning approval or building permits so be sure to obtain the necessary permits **BEFORE** you begin any project. Call Brian Armstrong, Zoning Admin. for zoning permits and Pam Atchison, DPW Office Coordinator for your building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical permits. Both can be reached at 894-4157 and are located at 2055 Warner Street.

REMEMBER!

Water and Sewer bills are mailed quarterly and are now in full-page format. They are generally mailed by January 10th/due by February 10th; mailed by April 10th/due by May 10th; mailed by July 10th/due by August 10th; and mailed by October 10th/due by November 10th.

Water and Sewer Emergencies

If you have a water or sewer emergency please call the Department of Public Works office at 894-4157 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For after hours and weekend emergencies, call 911 and Dispatch will contact the individual on call to assist you.



Election Workers Needed

Interested in helping with elections? Contact Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk, at 894-4048.