



# WHITEHALL

## Our City, Our News

OCTOBER 2014



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 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.

### “I Want to Tell You”

Did you notice our article titles were a little different?  
 Congratulations to you if you recognized that they are Beatles song titles!

### City of Whitehall

#### City Council Members

- Mayor Mac Hatch
- Mayor Pro Tem Edd Whalen
- James Bartholomew
- Tanya Cabala
- Jeff Holmstrom
- Steve Sikkenga
- Orville Smith

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## “There’s a Place”

### Leaf Pick-up

The Fall Leaf Pick-up Program will begin October 27th. Last day to have your leaves out for pick-up is Sunday, November 23rd. Some 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 will be left behind.

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

and holidays. The pickup will begin at the north end of the City and then work south.



**Brush Pick Up: There will be no Fall brush pickup.** 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.

## “I’ve Just Seen a Face”

### New City Employees

Introducing our newest City employees . . .



**Beth Beaman**  
 Playhouse Manager  
 Started January, 2014



**Tom Bisson**  
 DPW Crew  
 Started February, 2014



**Brenda Bourdon**  
 City Clerk  
 Started February, 2014



**Alyssa Seaver**  
 Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
 Started May, 2014



## “How Do You Do It”

### Election Information

#### General Election: November 4, 2014

All registered voters for the City of Whitehall vote at City Hall, 405 E. Colby Street. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. To find out if and where you are registered to vote, or to see a sample ballot, check out [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote). You may also view a sample ballot at City Hall.

**Voter Registration** - The last day to register to vote for the November 4 General Election was October 6, 2014.

Absentee ballots are available for persons: who are college students or anyone planning on being out of town on Election Day; physically unable to attend the polls without assistance; 60 years or over; appointed as election inspectors in a precinct other than where they vote; confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial; with religious tenets that prohibit one from attending the polls. Ballots can be

mailed to the voter’s registered address, college address, or another location if specified on the application up until 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election. The City Clerk will be in the office on Saturday, November 1 to issue and receive absentee ballots. Absentee ballots must be returned to the City Clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

And remember, as always, picture identification is required for someone to vote without signing an affidavit. Voters can satisfy the picture identification requirement by showing a Michigan driver’s license or a Michigan personal identification card. Other forms of identification may be used, check with your local clerk for a list of accepted documents.



### Signs:

Temporary signs, in all zoning districts, such as election, informational, real estate and yard sale signs can not be located in the public right-of-way or be a hindrance to vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

### Sidewalk Snow Removal:

City sidewalk snow removal will be back this year. The priority will be routes leading to and from the schools and also downtown. Other sidewalks will be cleared subject to available funding and manpower. It is still, by local ordinance the adjacent property owner’s responsibility to clear their sidewalk in a timely manner.

## “Dig It”

### Snow Removal

It is once again approaching the snow season. Remember that when removing snow from private property it is unlawful to deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice, or slush on any roadway or highway. Traffic Codes may be viewed in their entirety at City Hall.

The Fire Authority asks that property owners keep fire hydrants clear of snow to assist them in accessing the hydrants during an emergency.

Please make sure that your mailbox and post are in sound order. **IF** the City’s plow truck physically hits the box or post

the City will make repairs or replace it. However, **IF** the snow load damages the box or post it will be the responsibility of the property owner to repair or replace it.



# “Come Together”

## FALL & WINTER AT THE HOWMET PLAYHOUSE

### *I Want to Be An Astronaut*

A documentary film by David Ruck  
October 13 @ 7:30pm

### *The Crane Wives with The Carboys*

October 25 @ 7:30pm

### *Ben Bedford with Katie Beaman*

November 1 @ 7:30pm

### *Pilot Error*

A Michigan Film with Actor/Filmmaker Talkback  
November 13 @ 7:30pm

### *New Beginnings Movie Night*

November 5 @ 6:00pm

### *Comedy Night* (mature audiences)

Benefit for the White Lake Fire Authority  
December 6 @ 7:30pm

### Tom Harryman’s

### *One Man Christmas Carol*

December 7 @ 3:00pm

### Holiday Concert

### *Max & Ruth Bloomquist and Friends*



[www.howmetplayhouse.org](http://www.howmetplayhouse.org)  
231.894.4048



# “Two of Us”

## Whitehall Police Hires New Officers

The police department has recently hired two new part time officers. Part time officers are critical to the mission by filling in when full time officers are off on vacation or in training. The police department often hires people that have just finished their academy training and then trains them hundreds of hours more in the field where the new officer works side by side with a regular officer until they are ready to be on their own. The Whitehall Police Department takes great pride as being the

place where several successful police officers began their career.

Kevin Nummerdor had spent 10 years in the Army as a military police officer and attended the academy through a new Michigan program that gives credit to the officer’s military experience. Officer Nummerdor is a graduate of Fremont High School and attended the police academy at Grand Valley State University. He still lives in the Fremont area.

Brent Bomers is a “local” and



graduated from Whitehall High School before attending Lake Superior State University where he received a bachelor degree and academy training. Officer Bomers also did his college internship with the Whitehall Police and worked as an Auxiliary Officer with the Sault Ste. Marie Police Department.

Both officers should finish their field training this fall and hopefully remain with the police department for some time.



**Water/Sewer bills:** Water and Sewer bills are mailed quarterly. They are mailed on January 10<sup>th</sup> and due by February 10<sup>th</sup>; mailed on April 10<sup>th</sup> and due by May 10<sup>th</sup>; mailed on July 10<sup>th</sup> and due by August 10<sup>th</sup>; and mailed on October 10<sup>th</sup> and due by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

To get your payment to us outside of our business hours, feel free to use our convenient drop box located at the southeast corner of the building near the "old library" entrance. Having trouble paying the bill? Call us at 894-4048.

### 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 Chorny  
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



## “What Goes On”

### Reminder—No Parking

Just a reminder since we are coming into the snow removal season. There is no parking on any city street from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 15 to April 30 regardless of snow fall. This is for snowplowing city streets and parking lots.

Downtown residents may park overnight on the south side of Lot #5 which is located behind Hunt’s Do It Center.

Please do not park across sidewalks to allow pedestrians and school children access to utilize the sidewalks.

Your help and cooperation are greatly appreciated.



## “Glad All Over”

**Congratulations** to our valuable employees! This year we celebrated the following service anniversaries.

Travis Bolles—10 years

David Silk—10 years

Derek Sova—15 years

Pam Atchison—25 years

