LAKE STREET aka THE GREEN STREET

The recently completed portion of Lake Street included bioswales, naturalized detention, filter strips, treatment wetlands, and porous concrete and pavers designed to improve storm water quality by reducing sediments, nutrients, and other contaminants from entering the Lake. This was made possible with funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Alcoa Foundation. According to the Muskegon Conservation District, these enhanced features will reduce contaminant loading from 75% to 95%. We are confident in claiming this to be the first fully integrated green street in the State.
NOTES FROM THE DPW

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.

Brush pick up: The next brush pick up will be May 6, 2013. All brush can be disposed of by taking it to the White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority’s Transfer Station at 2100 W. Holton Whitehall Road on Wednesdays and Saturdays year round.

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

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 Administrator 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.

Sidewalk Snow Removal: In the past, city crews have been able to remove snow from the sidewalks, especially the school routes, as a courtesy to the residents of the City. Budget cuts have eliminated funds for this courtesy, therefore we ask that property owners clear the snow from their sidewalks to enable safe walking for pedestrians.

Please Help! Report any vandalism to the Whitehall Police Department as soon as possible so that an accurate report can be filed and the vandalism can be cleaned up in a timely manner.

SNOW REMOVAL

It is once again 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.

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.

REMINDER – NO PARKING

Just a reminder since we are in 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 so that pedestrians and school children can utilize the sidewalks.

Your help and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

City of Whitehall
Department of Public Works

LEAF REMOVAL PROGRAM

The Spring Leaf Removal Program will begin April 15 and will end May 1. 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.