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, but 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.
“Come Together”

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 Buress 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

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.
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.

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

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.

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“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”

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.

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