“Leave Me Alone”

Fall Leaf Pickup

The Fall Leaf Pick-up Program will begin **Wednesday, November 1st**. Last day to have your leaves out for pick-up is **Wednesday, November 29th**. 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. The transfer station is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays year round from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone: 231-893-2405

REMINDER!

Water bills are mailed out quarterly on the 10th of January, April, July and October. Failure to receive your bill does not waive past due penalties. If you do not receive a bill, please call the City at 894-4048.
“Farewell My Summer Love”

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

“Remember the Time”

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 March 31 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 use the sidewalks.

Your help and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

“I Wanna Be Where You Are”

Winter is upon us and many of our residents will be heading to sunny warmer weather. Please make sure to contact Julie at the Department of Public Works for any water shut off needs. Phone number: 894-4157.
“Brand New Day”

Election: November 7, 2017

There will be a general election on November 7th, 2017. To see a sample ballot and find out if and where you are registered to vote, check out www.michigan.gov/vote. A sample ballot is also available for viewing at City Hall.

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.

Voter Registration - The last day to register to vote for the November 7th Election was October 10, 2017.

Absentee ballots are available for eligible residents: 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.

The City Clerk will be in the office on Saturday, November 4th 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.

“Money”

PAY YOUR TAXES AND UTILITY BILLS WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC CHECK—Pay at City Hall or online at www.cityofwhitehall.org

Accepted Payment Methods:
Credit cards: MasterCard, Visa, Discover & American Express.
Debit cards: must show MasterCard or Visa logo to be accepted.
E-checks: you will need your bank routing number and checking account number.

Convenience Fee: This service is offered as a convenience to residents. It is important to understand that payments made by credit or debit card will be charged a 3% fee ($2.00 minimum), E-check $3.00 (flat fee) up to $10,000, $10.00 (flat fee) for anything over $10,000. This fee is charged by the card processing company, Point & Pay. The City of Whitehall does not receive any portion of the convenience fee.

Payments made using this service will show up on your statement as two separate charges, one for the amount being paid to the City of Whitehall and one for the Point & Pay convenience fee.

The Convenience fees are collected by Point & Pay. If you have any concerns or questions in regards to the fee, please contact Point & Pay support at 1-888-891-6064 at extension 1.
After three years of planning and a successful capital campaign resulting in more than $3.6 million in donations and pledges, the plans to save our community playhouse are well underway. Plans are on display at Whitehall City Hall and we welcome you to come in and take a look and learn more about the future of the theater. For those unable to attend, here are a few facts:

- The design is the result of more than three years of planning with the input of theater experts, engineers, and designers. The interior of the theater will be re-done and the HVAC, plumbing, and electrical will be updated. New theatrical systems will also be installed. To address safety and accessibility issues, the lobby will be expanded and an addition will be added to the south and west sides of the building. The addition will house the box office, concessions, new bathrooms, a rehearsal space, performer restrooms, and dressing rooms. The parking lot will be paved to allow for barrier-free parking and safer access to the building.
- The front façade will be preserved and will be visible through the new, glass lobby. We located the original entry doors and one set of the transom windows from the original 1916 entrance and these will be restored and used for the new entrance to the auditorium.
- The Capital Campaign, led by the Friends of the Playhouse, a 501c3 non-profit, successfully raised more than $3.6 million in pledges and donations. Donors could fulfill their pledges over 10 years. Of the 360 donors, 31 of the 32 pledges at $25K or more came from donors outside of the City limits.
- The City Council approved bonding for the project allowing construction to move forward this year. The City’s contribution of $550K comes from the Industrial Park tax base, which can be used for marketing the community and other limited uses. Homeowner taxes will not be used to fund the building project.
- We have been awarded more than $300,000 in grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Frey Foundation in Grand Rapids, and other corporate foundations.
- Our goal is to have the theater re-opened summer 2018 for the Summer Theatre Festival. If the project is delayed, we will have performances elsewhere.

Managing Director Beth Beaman will be glad to take you through the plans and answer any questions you might have.