Special Points of Interest:

- Pride Week Voucher enclosed!
- For daytime sewer or water emergencies call 894-4157. After hours call 911.
- Utility bills are mailed quarterly.
- Building and zoning permits are available on the City’s website: www.cityofwhitehall.org

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“I’m Lovin It”

Leaf Pick-up

The Spring Leaf Removal Program will run April 15th through April 29th. 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.

“Man of the Woods”

Brush Pick-up

Spring brush pick-up will begin May 6th. Please stack neatly at the curb or street edge by 7:30 the morning of the 6th, butt ends to the street, no longer than four feet in length, and no larger than three inches in diameter. There will be only one pass through the city so brush put out late may not be picked up. To ensure pickup, you may want to have your brush out by May 5th. 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.

Pride Week Voucher Enclosed

It’s Spring time, which means the City of Whitehall Public Works Department will be sending letters to water customers who will be required to have backflow prevention tests done this year. If you have any questions please contact the Public Works Department Office at 231-894-4157.
To protect sewer systems, the City would like to remind residents of the only three things that should be flushed through the sewer system: #1, #2, and toilet paper.

Some items are marketed as “flushable,” however, they actually become a threat to residential and municipal sewer systems causing expensive clogs and messy sewage back up in homes and businesses.

If you use a wet wipe instead of toilet paper, please dispose of it in the garbage and remember no wipes down the pipes.

Other items not to flush:
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, “flushable”)
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, or any non-organic material
- Fats, oils, and grease
- Dental floss, Q-tips, and cotton balls
- “Swiffers” toilet bowl scrub pads
- Napkins (paper or cloth), paper towels, facial tissues
- Seeds, peelings, egg shells, nutshells, and coffee grounds
- Bandages and bandage wrappings
- Clothing, wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)
- Plastic of any kind
- Medicines/pharmaceuticals
- Harmful chemicals such as solvent-based glue, paint, strippers, wood preservatives, nail polish, antifreeze, engine cleaners/degreasers, gasoline, motor oil, fertilizers, pesticides, and pool/spa chemicals

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January’s newsletter

Backstreet Boys

Can you guess who we’re featuring in this newsletter?

May 22nd and 25th, 2019
The city will be participating in "Pride Week" at the White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority’s Transfer Station this year. Residents 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 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vouchers are required and are included with this mailing. 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. Transfer Station ph. 231-893-2405

“Community-Wide Garage Sale”
Mark your calendars for Whitehall’s Seventh Annual Community-wide Garage Sale scheduled for Saturday, June 22. 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 14 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 Tuesday, June 18.

“Not a Bad Thing”

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Howmet Playhouse Construction Update

Work on installing the structural steel is progressing well. Crews were able to get the large steel beam in place underneath the north truss and have installed the structural steel around the south truss. This is an arduous process and the Winberg crews are doing a great job. The footings underneath the stage and at the back of the auditorium are completed and the additional steel beams have arrived and are being installed. This has been a difficult process, but these improvements will ensure the longevity and stability of the theatre. The interior of the addition has been painted; countertops and cabinets installed; the bench in the lobby is complete; lighting in the addition is 90% complete, including the lobby marquee-style lighting. Floors in the box office/concession and green room are installed. Tile is being installed in the bathrooms. Beth Beaman, Managing Director, has been working closely with Paul Klinefelter to create the murals depicting the history of the Playhouse; this is being funded by a grant from Consumers Energy. We are re-branding the theatre with the new name: The Playhouse at White Lake. More information on this change is on the website: theplayhouseatwhitelake.org.

Proposal 3 State’s Voting Policy Changes

Proposal 3 added several voting policies to the Michigan Constitution. Some of these voting policies existed in state statute, but not the state constitution, while others were modified policies or new policies. The new policies that were added to the state constitution include straight-ticket voting; automatic voter registration; same-day voter registration; and no-reason absentee voting. Proposal 3 allowed eligible persons to register to vote by mail until 15 days before an election, whereas 2018 law allowed them to register to vote by mail until 30 days before an election.

The City of Whitehall maintains a Permanent Absentee Voter list. Registered voters can sign up to be on this list and will be sent an application to request an absentee voter ballot prior to each election. If you are interested in being placed on the City’s Permanent AV ballot list, contact the Clerk by phone at 894-4048 or email at cityclerk@cityofwhitehall.org.

Per-Polyfluoroalkyl Substances are a group of chemicals that are resistant to heat, water, and oil. The EPA has classified PFAS as an emerging contaminant on the national landscape. For decades it has been used in carpeting, waterproofing, clothing, upholstery, food paper wrappings and firefighting foams; they are still being used today.

On July 5th of 2018 the City of Whitehall’s five water wells were extracted and analyzed for a selected list of 14 PFAS using an EPA method. The sample results were sent to the city on August 1st 2018; all site sample results were ND (not detected).

For more information on PFAS including health outcomes, you may visit these websites: https://www.epa.gov/pfas; https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas; http://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse.
“Tunnel Vision”

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 Scott Huebler, Zoning Administrator for zoning permits (894-4048) and Julie Davis, DPW Office Coordinator for your building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical permits (894-4157). Building and zoning permits can be found on our website at www.cityofwhitehall.org.

“Suit and Tie”

Celebrating Anniversaries!

The following employees are celebrating anniversaries this year.

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| 5     | Beth Beaman, Playhouse Managing Director  
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                Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk  
                Alyssa Seaver, Deputy Treasurer/Clerk |
| 15    | Travis Bolles, Police Officer  
                Dave Silk, Department of Public Works |
| 20    | Derek Sova, Police Officer |

Hydrant Flushing

The City of Whitehall will be flushing water mains, through fire hydrants, April 15th through April 26th, 2019 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

There may be some water discoloration in your tap water during this time. If this occurs, open your water taps until the discolored water and/or air clears the lines. Your help and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

May 7th Special Election

On Saturday, May 4th from 8 am to 4 pm, the clerk will be in the office to process absentee applications/ballots prior to the May 7th special election. Absentee ballots must be returned to the City Clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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.