**I Like the Sound of That**

**Fall Leaf Pickup**

The Fall Leaf Pick-up Program will begin **Monday, October 28th**. The last day to have your leaves out for pick-up is **Saturday, 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. The transfer station is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays year round from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone: 231-893-2405

**Please Note Important Info on Your Water Bill**

As you take a look at your water bill, we would like to highlight some **important** information that’s included. In an effort to better serve you, we’re requesting your **contact information** to improve communication. In many cases, the only information we have is your address. In emergency situations, we would like to be able to contact you more efficiently, so we’re asking for your **phone number and email address** on the reverse side of the bill. Please take a moment to jot down your information so we may better serve you.

We are also in the process of investigating more payment options such as **automatic bill pay and paperless billing**. Something we’re very excited about! Stay tuned for more information in the future. Having your email address can streamline this future feature.

Also on your bill, we include important **announcements** under the water usage chart. This quarter’s bill provides the dates for leaf pickup.

Don’t forget we provide the ability to **pay your bill online** with a credit card, so note your account number under your address on your bill; you’ll use the account number with the dashes to look up your payment and pay online from our website: www.cityofwhitehall.org. Don’t hesitate to call if you have any questions: 231.894.4048.
“Back to Us”

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.

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.

“Why”

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.

“Why Wait”

ELECTION: NOV. 5, 2019

There will be a city general election on November 5th, 2019. 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 see a sample ballot, find out if and where you are registered to vote, obtain a registration form or even download an absentee ballot application, check out www.mi.gov/vote. All of these may also be achieved by visiting the City Clerk.

For the Nov. 5th election, the last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the city clerk is Monday, October 21, 2019. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency at the Clerk’s office.

Absentee Voting. All registered voters may vote from home. To request an absent voter ballot you may send a signed request in writing to the Clerk, request an application from the Clerk, or obtain one online at www.mi.gov/vote. The City Clerk will be in the office on Saturday, November 3rd from 8 a.m.—4 p.m to register voters and issue/receive absentee ballots.

“Take Me There”

An Evening with the Legendary Peter Yarrow October 26

W/M Rotary Presents

Matt Williams: November 2

WLYT Presents

The Velveteen Rabbit: November 8 & 9

Upcoming Events you won’t want to miss!

Full Cord in Concert: November 16

Shoreline Symphony: November 24

An Irish Christmas in America: December 2

Tickets are available online at www.theplayhouseatwhitelake.org, at City Hall, and at the door.
“Things That Matter”

The US 2020 Census is gearing up and your response matters!

The census can shape many different aspects of our community. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. The results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets. It's mandated by the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2: The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.

Your privacy matters. When you respond to the census, your answers are kept anonymous. They are used only to produce statistics. The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. The law ensures that your private information is never published and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

By April 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding:

- Online
- By phone
- By mail

The 2020 Census marks the first time you'll have the option to respond online. You can even respond on your mobile device.

The Census Bureau will ask:

- How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020.
- Whether the home is owned or rented.
- About the sex of each person in your home.
- About the age of each person in your home.
- About the race of each person in your home.
- About whether a person in your home is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.
- About the relationship of each person in your home.

The Census Bureau will NEVER ask you for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Your bank or credit card account numbers.
- If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau asks you for one of these things, it's a scam, and you should not cooperate.

2020 Census Timeline

January 2020—Advertising begins
March 12-20—First Census Postcard arrives in the mail
March 16-24—Invite for online form
March 26-April 3—Reminder postcard
April 8-16—Reminder letter and paper form
April 20-27—Final postcard
May-July—Door to door canvassers

For more information on the Census or if you're interested in a Census job, visit https://2020census.gov/
“My Wish”

**REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS**
City Ordinance 96.28 makes it the duty of a property owner to promptly remove snow and ice from public sidewalks abutting their property. If the owner fails, the City can bill the owner for the removal along with fines up to $100 for each violation. The Police Department has very rarely issued any tickets, preferring to seek compliance rather than enforcement.

The City Council is considering taking on the primary responsibility for clearing all sidewalks. City staff has estimated that this will cost $50,000 per year and require hiring one additional full time employee.

Please check one option below, cut out this survey, and return it with your utility payment. Thank you.

- I SUPPORT DIVERTING REVENUES from other programs so that the City would be primarily responsible for the removal of snow and ice from all public sidewalks.
- I SUPPORT INCREASING TAXES so that the City would be primarily responsible for the removal of snow and ice from all public sidewalks.
- I SUPPORT AGGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT of the existing ordinances making it the duty of the property owner to remove snow and ice from all public sidewalks and ticketing those that fail to comply.
- I SUPPORT COOPERATIVE ENFORCEMENT of the existing ordinances making it the duty of the property owner to remove snow and ice from all public sidewalks seeking compliance over enforcement as much as possible.

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**SINGLE WASTE HAULER**
The City Council is exploring the option of franchising a single waste hauler for curbside residential solid waste removal. A multi-year contract could include bagged leaf removal, recycling, brush pickup, and large item disposal. Many communities that have done this have seen significant savings for residential customers. A single hauler would also reduce the volume and frequency of garbage trucks in residential neighborhoods. Billing for these services would be included on the quarterly sewer & water bills.

Please check one option, cut out this survey, and return it with your utility payment. Thank you.

- I SUPPORT a single waste hauler.
- I OPPOSE a single waste hauler.