



CITY OF WHITEHALL

Our City, Our News

JULY 2024



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 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 our website at www.cityofwhitehall.org
- Tax Bills due July 31st.
- Summer Theatre is BACK! Performance information can be found on Page 4.

“A Perfect World”

From the Mayor’s Desk



Summer is here! Our parks are looking great, our parking lots have been repaved and the splash pad is a safe and cool oasis of fun. North Mears Street will be closed every Monday from 6:30 to 9:30PM to allow our own Tommy Foster’s Fan Club fans to spread out and enjoy an evening of family friendly music and fun. Bring your chair, join in the fun and meet people who love this community as much as I do!

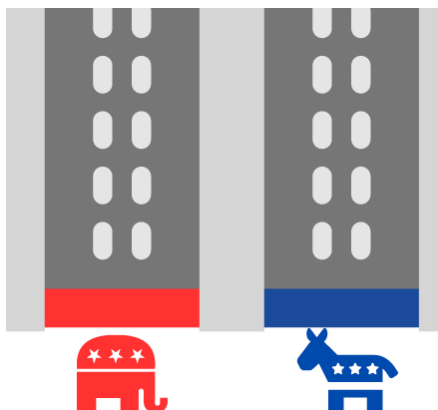
Don’t forget the annual Walk the Beat event on July 20th offering music throughout downtown Whitehall and Montague. This hugely popular event raises money to provide instruments and music lessons to kids of all ages in the White Lake Area. Its summer! Get out and have some fun!

“Swing Vote”

August Primary Election

There will be a Primary Election on August 6, 2024. 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. Also now available is early voting. Residents of Whitehall may vote early starting July 27th at the Muskegon County campus at 1905 Marquette Ave. Signs will direct you to the location in the student center.



Remember for the August Primary you need to “stay in your lane.” Voting across party lines on the primary election ballot will result in your vote not counting. Choose one party to ensure your vote counts!



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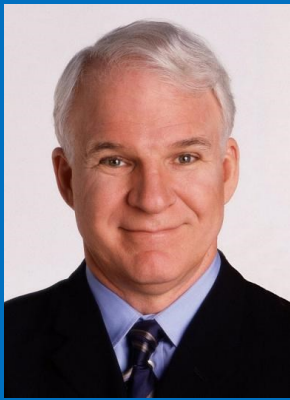
City Council Members

Mayor Steve Salter
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Holstrom
Scott Brown
Tanya Cabala
Debi Hillebrand
Steve Sikkenga
Tom Ziemer

Did You Know...

That we're now featuring different actors/actresses in each newsletter by using their movie titles as our article titles?

January's newsletter featured...



Steve Martin

Can you guess which actor /actress starred in the titles we're featuring in this newsletter?

“For Love of the Game”

Summer property taxes are due by July 31, 2024. Payment must be received on or before July 31 to avoid penalties — postmarks are NOT accepted. Applications for summer 2024 tax **deferments** are currently being accepted for the eligible taxpayers who are 62 years of age or older, paraplegic, quadriplegic, service person, veteran, widow or widower or

blind. To qualify, taxpayers must certify that their gross household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$40,000.

Forms are available at City Hall, 405 E. Colby Street in Whitehall.



“The Untouchables”

The City of Whitehall is excited to announce a new, smart communication service for residents called TextMyGov. We plan to launch the service mid-July.

Residents may sign up once the system is launched by texting WHITEHALLMI to 91896. After opting in, notifications may be received for city activities, street closures, public safety updates, etc.

On demand information will also be available 24/7 by texting keywords (BILL PAY, REPORT, etc) to the City's TextMyGov number 231.259.1900. Stay tuned for more information on how you can engage with TextMyGov.

TextMyGov

No Apps. Just Text Us!

COMING SOON!

Walk the Beat - White Lake Area

Saturday, July 20 1:00PM - 5:00PM FREE EVENT

Join your friends, family, and neighbors for the Third Annual Walk the Beat. There will be 19 different venues in Whitehall and Montague, with a total of 40 musical acts. There will be raffle prizes with values up to \$5,000 plus \$4,000 in FREE door prizes. Also feel free to stop by Goodrich Park to purchase some food from the various food trucks that will be stationed there.

The Playhouse will be one of the venues featuring Tommy Foster and Justin Avdek (1:00 PM-3:00 PM) then following that will be Karen and Eric Smith (3:00 PM-5:00 PM). Come by and listen to some great music, enter to win fabulous door prizes and buy your raffle tickets. The Playhouse keeps 50% of all raffle ticket sales, so your purchases help support your community theater.



walk the beat™

“Message in a Bottle”

Beware of Scams– Protecting Your Home from Fraudulent Practices



Dear Residents,

Lately, there has been a disturbing trend of fraudulent companies targeting individuals who are behind on property taxes or facing the threat of foreclosure. These companies prey on vulnerable homeowners, promising relief but delivering only further financial suffering and possible loss.

It's important to exercise caution and skepticism if you're approached by companies offering assistance with your property tax or foreclosure issues. Many of

these companies operate with the sole intention of scamming homeowners out of their homes and hard-earned money. It's crucial for all of us in the city to be aware of these scams and take proactive measures to protect our homes and our financial well-being. If you find yourself in a situation where you're struggling with property taxes or foreclosure, please know that there are legitimate avenues for assistance.

The Muskegon County Treasurer's office, reachable at (231)724-6261, can offer support and guidance to help you explore options to prevent tax foreclosure and find a way forward that works for you.

If you've already been contacted by such companies, please contact our police department or a trusted legal advisor before making any commitments. Understanding the potential consequences and verifying the legitimacy of these offers can save you from falling victim to fraud and protect the ownership of your home.

Together, let's remain vigilant and informed, ensuring that we don't become victims of deceptive practices. By knowing our options and seeking assistance from trusted sources like the Whitehall Police Department, the Muskegon County Treasurer's office and legal advisors, we can protect our homes and our community from fraud.

Sincerely,

Toby Fredericksen

Whitehall Rental Inspector



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
Robert Tufts

Electrical
Jeff Johnson

Plumbing/Mechanical
Jim Callender

Rental
Toby Fredericksen

894-4157

Meeting Dates

City Council
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
1st Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

BRA/LDFA/TIFA
2nd Thursday of January,
April, July & October
at Noon

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“Dances with Wolves” THE PLAYHOUSE

Upcoming Events at *at White Lake*

CMU



★ **Exit, Pursued by a Bear** (dark comedy)
Friday, July 12 at 7:30PM



★ **Nothin' But a Good Time — an 80s Revue**
Saturday, July 13 at 7:30PM

Season Flex Passes

\$270—Full Flex Pass
Includes 12 full price tickets for the price of 10.

- These tickets may be used in any combination you choose.
- No ticketing fees associated with single ticket purchases.

\$135—Mini Flex Pass
Includes 6 full price tickets for the price of 5.

- These tickets may be used in any combination you choose, plus one free ticket that can be used in any combination for the summer shows.
- No ticketing fees associated with single ticket purchases.

\$110—Matinee Only Pass

- 6 tickets for the price of 5 tickets.
- Valid for specific shows only.

Connect with us online through our website, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram!

playhouseatwhitelake.org



NUNSENSE!

July 19, 20, 26, 27 at 7:30PM & July 21, 27 and 28 at 2:00PM
(\$27 Evening Show, \$22 Matinee Show, \$12 Student)

Nonsense! Begins when the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters, and they are in dire need of funds for the burials. To raise money the sisters put on a variety show.

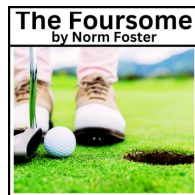


An Evening with the Legendary Peter Yarrow

Saturday, August 3 at 7:30PM

\$35 Tickets

A concert by Pete Yarrow, today, is exciting, moving, and also entertaining. His gift of songwriting has produced some of the most poignant songs Peter, Paul & Mary have recorded included Puff the Magic Dragon, Day is Gone and Light one Candle.



The Foursome

August 9 & 10 at 7:30PM, August 10 & 11 at 2:00PM

(\$27 Evening Performance, \$22 Matinee)

Rick, Ted, Donnie, and Cameron are home for their fifteen-year college reunion; a great time to go out for a game of golf and catch up on each other's lives. Unlike the college days, the conversation is now about colonoscopies, home security systems, alcoholism, Buddhism, and more.



Til Beth Do Us Part

August 16 & 18 at 7:30PM, August 17 & 18 at 2:00PM

(\$27 Evening Show, \$22 Matinee Show)

This is a hilarious comedy about marriage, careers, and someone coming in between. The play tells the story of a married couple, Suzannah and Gibby. As Suzannah has started to develop her career they hire a personal assistant to help with the household chores which is where the drama begins to unfold.



The Hobbit

Auditions: August 11 & 12, 2024
6:00PM to 8:00PM

Whitehall City Garden Room

Open to Ages 8-18

Workshop Fees Ages 8-10: \$75 and Ages 11 and UP: \$150
Performances: Sat/Sun, October 5 & 6 (matinees and evenings)

