



# CITY OF WHITEHALL

## Our City, Our News



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Fall Leaf Pickup - October 28th - November 22nd
- 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](http://www.cityofwhitehall.org)
- Winter Tax Bills - coming to your mailbox December 1st

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## “The Post”

### Message from the Mayor

It has been a fantastic summer, but now it's over and time to start thinking of cooler, wet weather! If you have a storm drain near your home, please see that it is cleared so that it drains properly and the streets don't flood.

There are still plenty of fun activities in our area to enjoy. Pumpkifest being the premier fall event is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th (10:00AM-3:00PM). The annual Trunk or Treat at the White Lake Community Center at 541 E Slocum Street takes place on Friday, October 25th (6:00PM-8:00PM). Thank you to all the sponsors for making these events happen! To find more events in our area go to [whitelake.org](http://whitelake.org).

Some weather reports are saying above average snowfall this winter. Prepare now! Let's hope for lots of snow on Hanson Hill! Lastly, make sure to enjoy all the beauty this area has to offer this fall and winter!

### TextMyGov

Would you like to get instant updates from the City? Sign up for TextMyGov, our new text communications service and you will get updates regarding your bills, street closures, elections and more.

Sign up today by texting “WHITEHALLMI” to 91896.



## “That Thing You Do”

### 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 **Friday, November 22nd**. **Fall pickup does not include brush**. 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.

**Sidewalk Snow Removal:**

Sidewalk snow removal will be back this year. The priority will be routes leading to and from the schools and also downtown. Other sidewalks will be cleared subject to available funding and manpower. It is still, by local ordinance the adjacent property owner's responsibility to clear their sidewalk in a timely manner.



**REMINDER:**

There is no parking on any city street from 2:00 am - 6:00 am 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 Gillroy's.

Please do not park across sidewalks or block pedestrians and school children access to use the sidewalks.

Your help and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

# “Saving Mr.Banks”

## Winter Tax season is coming... December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please contact the City Treasurer's office if you believe your mailing address may be incorrect as failure to receive your tax bill, does not relieve you of the responsibility of on time payment. Post marks are not accepted so plan to mail your tax payment at least 10 days in advance of the due date to avoid penalties.

Property tax calculations can be confusing and we're here to help you make sense of the numbers on your bill. Property taxes are calculated based on the assessment at "Tax Day" December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Muskegon County mails an Assessment Notice to homeowners each year in early February to let you know where your taxable value will be set. The MI Constitution protects homeowners with limits on annual increases in taxable value.

Whitehall (2024) collected 27.3337 mills in the Summer: City Operating; State Education; and County Operating. Winter collection is estimated at, 34.3261 mills: Whitehall District Schools; MAISD; MCC; County Museums, Veterans, and Seniors; Central Dispatch; White Lake Fire Authority; and White Lake Library. These rates are based on passed millages from ballot proposals.

**Property Tax 101 - Calculation**

TO CALCULATE YOUR MULTIPLIER:  
TAXABLE VALUE \$178,000/1,000 = 178

TO CALCULATE SUMMER TAX:  
178 X 27.3337 = \$4,865.40\*

TO CALCULATE WINTER TAX W/HOMESTEAD (PRE 100%):  
178 X 16.3429 = \$2,909.04\*

TO CALCULATE WINTER TAX W/O HOMESTEAD (PRE 0%):  
178 X 34.3261 = \$6,110.05\*

**TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2024**  
SUMMER + WINTER - W/HOMESTEAD = \$7,774.44\*  
SUMMER + WINTER - W/O HOMESTEAD = \$10,975.45\*

\*CALCULATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE ADMINISTRATION FEE

To easily estimate your tax bill, take your "taxable value" and divide by 1000. This number is then multiplied by the millages for each season to get the base tax amount. Homeowners with a Homestead Exemption (100% PRE) reduce the Winter millages collected to 16.3429. When purchasing a new home your title company will often prorate the portion of taxes for the new owner based on the full year, amount due, and closing date.

See the example on how to estimate taxes on a home with taxable value of \$178,000.



## Deer Hunting Ordinance



An ordinance has been established that allows hunting within the City of Whitehall with an approved hunting permit. Hunting in the city is limited to bow, archery, or cross-bow ONLY during the regular DNR established bow hunting season.

The first step in obtaining a hunting permit is getting approval for an eligible property. Eligible property shall be located within the City on private property, and comprises no less than 3 contiguous acres. Adjacent landowners may jointly apply for designation as eligible property.

Once the eligible property has been approved for hunting, hunters may submit an application for a City hunting permit. Licensed bow, archery, or cross-bow hunters must meet the requirements established by the DNR and may apply annually to the City for a permit to deer hunt on eligible property.

For hunting permit application forms and information on hunting you may review **Ordinance - 51.10 Deer Control** which can be found online at [cityofwhitehall.org](http://cityofwhitehall.org) or at City Hall.

# “That Thing You Do”

## Voting Information

If you know anyone who has not registered to vote, would like to vote by mail or just has questions about voting, the **Michigan’s Voter Information Center** is filled with valuable resources [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote). From here you can:

- See if you’re registered
- Register to Vote
- Find your polling location
- See what’s on your ballot
- Apply for an absentee ballot
- See the status of your absentee ballot

# “You’ve Got Mail”

## General Election: November 5, 2024

There will be a General election on November 5, 2024. 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. All voters have the option to vote early by mail (absentee voting) or in person. The City of Whitehall voters along with most of the municipalities across Muskegon County may vote early at the County’s Clerk’s campus at 1903 Marquette Ave in the Student Center. Signage will guide you to the polling location from Marquette Avenue. Hours for the nine (9) days of early voting are listed below.

For the Nov. 5th election, the last day to register online or by mail is **October 21st**. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency at the Clerk’s office.

## General Election October/November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						26 8am - 4pm
27 10am - 6pm	28 9am - 5pm	29 9am - 5pm	30 9am - 5pm	31 11am - 7pm	1 9am - 5pm	2 8am - 4pm
3 10am - 6pm		5 Election Day 7am - 8pm				

*Location*  
 **1903 Marquette Ave  
Muskegon, MI**

**Did You Know...**  
That we’re now featuring different actors & actresses in each newsletter by using their movie titles as our article titles?

July’s newsletter featured...



**Kevin Costner**

Can you guess who’s movie titles we’re using this time?



**NO Fall brush pickup**

**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

**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

Visit The Playhouse  
website for more  
information  
and event  
ticketing.



[www.theplayhouseatwhitelake.org](http://www.theplayhouseatwhitelake.org)

**“News for the World”**

**Playhouse Events**



**The Reluctant Dragon-Puppet Show**

**Saturday, October 26th, 3:00PM & 7:00PM**

Have you ever been to a puppet show? If you answered NO, then it's time for you to experience the amazing experience of puppetry at this show. Puppet shows aren't just for kids. Joey Emory's adaptation of this show is sophisticated, creative, warm, and wonderfully engaging.

**Adults \$12 Kids 18 and under \$5**



**Full Cord Bluegrass (FIRST FRIDAYS)**

**November 1, 7:30PM**

When it comes to movers and shakers in the bluegrass world, Full Cord is a super-group on the rise. The band has won awards from the 2022 Telluride Bluegrass Band Competition to the "Momentum Award Band of the Year" from the International Bluegrass Music Association.

**\$20 in advance \$25 day of show**



**Peter Yarrow**  
with Mustard's Retreat

**Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul and Mary fame)**

**Saturday, November 2nd, 7:30PM**

A concert by Pete Yarrow, today, is exciting, moving, and entertaining. He intentionally uses his music to create a community of acceptance from the stage, an "oasis of peace" as he calls it.

**Tickets \$35**



**Circus POP! The Giant Bubble Show**

**Saturday, November 9, 6:30PM**

This thrilling one-man extravaganza combines world-class bubble artistry, magic, circus skills, and comedy, promising an unforgettable experience for children of all ages.

**\$15 Adults \$10 Students**



**Gentle Yoga**

**Mondays & Wednesdays at 9:30AM (Starting in November)**

Our yoga sessions welcome yogis of all levels, and are completely beginner friendly! Just bring \$10, a water bottle and your mat.

