



CITY OF WHITEHALL

Our City, Our News

APRIL 2025



IMPORTANT TENTATIVE DATES:

- **Leaf Pickup:**
April 13-27, 2025
- **Brush Pickup:**
May 5, 2025
- **Election:**
May 6, 2025
- **Pride Day:**
May 17, 2025
- **Community Wide Garage Sale:**
June 21, 2025



City Council Members

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

“The Blue Bird”

From the Mayor



I recently attended the Great Lakes Water Day in Washington DC. I was there with a delegation of over 30 US and Canadian Mayors as members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. It was a whirlwind of meetings, luncheons, and dinners. The highlight for me was the breakfast at the French ambassador’s residence discussing the need to work together to address the issues of plastic pollution worldwide in our waters. I was also able to meet with Michigan lawmakers and urge them to support the re-authorization of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2025. This act helps preserve and protect the Great Lakes.

There are some great things coming to our area this spring and summer:

- The installation of the amphitheater at Lake and Colby Streets.
- The completion of the restroom facilities between Bells Furniture and Catchmark.
- The spring installation of the XP200 data buoy on White Lake which will be placed by the White Lake Association. The buoy will give real time data on dissolved oxygen levels, chlorophyll-A and phosphorus which are indicative of the health of White Lake. Finally, please remember to clean out any storm drains near your property. It’s Spring!

NEW! Auto Pay Available for Water/Sewer Bills



Residents can now sign up for automatic payments for their water/sewer bills! To sign up, please complete the enclosed ACH form, and return to City Hall by mail, the drop-box, in-person or by fax. More info at <https://cityofwhitehall.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/ACH.pdf>

Meet Your Local Treasurer - Tax Education Evening

Mark your calendars for April 24th, 5:30-6:30PM. Meet Your Treasurer at the Whitehall City Hall, 405 E Colby St, for a short presentation on all things Property Tax. Wondering how to read your assessment notice or tax bill, what millages mean, how to calculate your property tax, what is Board of Review, and more will be covered.

Planning a move? We can help you understand what to expect when it comes to property taxes. Two Assessors from Muskegon County Equalization, City of Whitehall, Whitehall Township, and City of Montague Treasurers will be present for questions. Light refreshments will be served.



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...



John Candy

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

"Just around the Corner"

Leaf Pick-up

The Spring Leaf Removal Program is scheduled to begin **April 13th** and go through **April 27th**. Guidelines 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.



Brush Pick-up

Spring brush pick-up is scheduled to begin **May 5th**. Please stack neatly at the curb or street edge, 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, please have your brush out by **May 4th**.



- Make sure sticks are not mixed in with the leaves because they clog and damage 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.

Hydrant Flushing



The Department of Public Works will be flushing water mains, through fire hydrants, **March 31 - April 11** between the

hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There may be some discoloration in your tap water during this time. If this occurs, open your bathtub tap until the discolored water and/or air clears the lines.

"The Little Princess"

DEER HUNTING ON CITY PROPERTY

The Whitehall City Council is considering expanding bowhunting on private property to include bowhunting on designated city-owned property, which may include parks and the cemetery. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

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

Thank you.

_____ **I SUPPORT** hunting on city property.

_____ **I OPPOSE** hunting on city property.



“Dimples”



walk the beat™

Fourth Annual Walk the Beat

Saturday, July 19

1:00PM-5:00PM

FREE EVENT

Join your friends, family, and neighbors for the fourth Annual Walk the Beat—White Lake Area Music Festival. There will be 10 different venues in Whitehall and Montague, with a total of 20 musical acts. There will be a \$5,000 Grand Prize Raffle plus \$2,000 in FREE door prizes.

There will be an after party from 5:30-9:00PM at the North Mears Promenade, next to Fetch Brewing Co. This will feature the *Post Fontaine Band*, door prizes and a raffle drawing at 7:00PM.

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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Pride Day Update

Saturday, May 17th is Pride Day at The White Lake Solid Waste Authority! Passes for \$25 off a load of regular household trash are available at City Hall and are required to participate. The Transfer Station is now open and hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For further questions call the Transfer Station: 231-893-2405. Located at 2100 Holton-Whitehall Rd, Whitehall, MI 49461.

Special May Election



There will be a special election on May 6, 2025. Two proposals are on the ballot: Muskegon County Museum Millage and the Whitehall District Schools Operating Millage. 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 register to vote, see a sample ballot, or receive an absentee voter application, visit the Michigan’s Voter Information Center online at www.mi.gov/vote or contact your clerk.

In addition to regular business hours (Mon-Fri; 8am – 5pm), the City Clerk will be in the office on **Saturday, May 3rd from 8 am - 4 pm** to register voters and issue/receive absentee ballots.

Community-Wide Garage Sale

Mark your calendars for Whitehall’s Eleventh Annual Community-wide Garage Sale scheduled for **Saturday, June 21, 2025**. 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 13 to be included on the map of registered sales. Maps will be available to garage sale shoppers at City Hall, the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, and the White Lake Community Library, Wednesday, June 18th.

“Heidi”

Upcoming Events at The Playhouse at White Lake

Season Flex Passes

\$300—Full Flex Pass
Includes 12 full price tickets for the price of 10.

- These tickets may be used in any combination you choose.

\$150—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.

\$30 - Single evening Tickets

\$25-Matinee Tickets

\$12-Student Rush Tickets

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The ACWL Improv Festival

May 2 & 3

Show/Workshop-\$30. Add a second for only \$10
Workshops and live improv performances.



Michigan Mandolin Orchestra

Friday, May 17 at 7:30PM, Doors open at 7:00PM

\$15-Advance, \$20-At the door

The Michigan Mandolin Orchestra is led by Michigan’s mandoliner Brian Oberlin and founded in 2019. The 14 member, community orchestra plays an incredible line-up of music spanning the repertoire of concert music eras, Italian and English Folk, and rock music.



Taylor Hughes: The Feel Good Magic Tour

Sunday, June 1 at 7:30PM

\$25-Advance, \$30-At the door

Taylor Hughes, a two-time bestselling author and the creator of two comedy specials, discovered his passion for illusion as a child. Now, over 30 years later, has mastered the art, captivating audiences with his unique blend of magic and storytelling. As Ted Danson puts it, “This show has the perfect mixture of humor, sincerity, wonder, and charm.”



Kidz Science Safari

Open select hours during the month of June

\$5-Adults, \$2-Students

A fun and educational hands-on science exhibit in the Playhouse lobby for the kids! With over a dozen awesome activities to engage your child’s active mind. Some activities include robotics, airways, 3d printing, bike generator, and much more!

Summer Sneak Peek



Bon Appetit

(a Broadway cabaret)

July 11-13



White Lake Music Society’s

Peter and the Wolf

July 20 at 3:00PM



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

July 25-27 & August 1-3



Noises Off!

August 15-17 & August 22-24



Snow White Play Camp & Performance

June 23-27, 10AM-2:15PM. Performance June 27 at 3PM

The White Lake Youth Theatre welcomes the Missoula Children’s Theatre back to the Playhouse for a one-week Summer Musical Play Camp featuring Snow White. There will be a public performance after a week of rehearsals.