



CITY OF WHITEHALL

Our City, Our News

APRIL 2026



IMPORTANT TENTATIVE DATES:

- **Leaf Pickup:**
April 13-27, 2026
- **Brush Pickup:**
May 4, 2026
- **Election:**
August 4, 2026
- **Free Dump Day:**
May 16, 2026
- **Community Wide Garage Sale:**
June 20, 2026

“Field of Dreams”



From the Mayor

After several false alarms, I am pretty sure spring is finally here this time. It is time to get outside and start sprucing up the yard! Get some fresh air, start walking outside, and reconnect with your neighbors. You will start feeling better, both physically and mentally. If your neighbor physically struggles with yard work, offer to help them. Plan to plant flowers or start a garden. If you don't have room for a garden, plan to work on Whitehall's Community Garden which will be greatly expanded this year.

If you are looking for something fun to spend time on this spring and summer, consider volunteering for one of our community's great events. Call the city offices or Chamber of Commerce and ask who to contact to volunteer for Walk-the-Beat, the Maritime Festival, etc. You will have fun while meeting new friends. Stepping out of your comfort zone will help to make this year memorable.

“The Untouchables”

we've moved!

The Department of Public Works offices are now located inside City Hall. The DPW building located at 2055 Warner Street is now closed to the public, so please stop by or give us a call at City Hall for any help you need. We look forward to seeing you!



New Location: 405 E. Colby Street, Whitehall, MI 49461

Phone: (231)894-4048



CITY OF WHITEHALL

City Council Members

Mayor Tom Ziemer
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Holmstrom
Scott Brown
Tanya Cabala
Debi Hillebrand
Brian Mahan
Roger Squiers

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...



Martin Short

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



"Draft Day"

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.
- 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.

Brush Pick-up



Spring brush pick-up is scheduled to begin **May 4th**. 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 3rd**.

Important: Irrigation Meter Requirements

Before requesting your irrigation meter to be turned on this spring, please note that **state regulations require an updated backflow prevention test to be on file** in order for the Public Works Department to activate your service. If a current test is not on file when you make your request, you will be notified.

Testing Requirements

- Residential Accounts: Must be tested every 5 years.
- Commercial Accounts: Must be tested every year.

Next Steps

1. Schedule a test: Contact a local plumber or irrigation company to perform the required backflow test.
2. Submit results: Send completed tests or any related questions to Visger@cityofwhitehall.org

Please note: If you request a turn-on and we do not have a test on file, we will notify you by phone or mail.

Community-Wide Garage Sale

Mark your calendars for Whitehall's Eleventh Annual Community-wide Garage Sale scheduled for **Saturday, June 20, 2026**. 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 17th.



“Swing Vote”



walk the beat.™

Fifth Annual Walk the Beat

Saturday, July 18

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.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE PLAYHOUSE

Buy your raffle tickets through The Playhouse and support your local theatre—50% of every ticket sold goes right back to them. Thank you for your support!

Free Dump Day Update

Saturday, May 16th is the Free Dump 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.

ELECTION UPDATE NO MAY ELECTION

The next scheduled election will be the
PRIMARY ELECTION
on
AUGUST 4

Information about voter registration, absentee voting, and early voting polling locations will be shared as the election approaches.

For more information or to check your voter registration status, visit:

MI.gov/vote

or contact the City Clerk's Office

Office Hours

City Hall

405 E. Colby Street
894-4048

Monday - Thursday
7:30 am to 5:30 pm
Friday

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

DPW

2055 Warner Street
NOW CLOSED TO PUBLIC
All services are located at
City Hall

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

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“Dances with Wolves”

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

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



Peter Antoniou— Psychic Comedian

Friday, April 24 at 7:30 pm

\$25 - Advance, \$30 – At the door

Combining razor-sharp British wit and a stunning ability to know exactly what you are thinking, Peter’s shows are interactive and unforgettable. Join him as he reads minds and tickles funny bones, telling jokes and fortunes live onstage.



Musical Theatre Dance: A Friend Like Me

Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am—12:00 pm (Ages 5-16)

\$20 - Fee

The winter of Disney in Musical Theatre Dance workshops with Sam Farrar continue with the April edition. Join us for a week of fun in June for a full musical!



HELP WANTED-SCENE SHOP SERVICE DAY



Calling all volunteers! Our scene shop has been the heart of so many great productions and now it is time to give it some TLC! We’re hosting a Service Day to clear out the shop and we’d love your company. Whether you can stay for an hour or whole afternoon, your hands make the work light (and way more fun).

When: Saturday, May 9, 12:00 pm—4:00 pm

RSVP: Beaman@cityofwhitehall.org

Helen Welch—First Ladies of Song

Friday, June 12 at 7:30 pm

\$15 - Students, \$30 - Adults, \$50 - Adults Two Show Pass

Join international vocalist Helen Welch for an unforgettable musical journey through the timeless hits and stories of legends like Streisand, Whitney Houston, and Ella Fitzgerald. This spectacular tribute show celebrates the trailblazing women who shaped music history with stunning performances of classics.



Carpenters. The Songs. The Stories.

Saturday, June 13 at 7:30 pm

\$15 - Students, \$30 - Adults, \$50 - Adults Two Show Pass

Experience the timeless magic of The Carpenters in the captivating show featuring international vocalist Helen Welch. This unforgettable production masterfully weaves together the duo’s classic songs with fascinating back-stage stories and anecdotes, offering a fresh and contemporary tribute to their enduring musical legacy.



Disney’s Dare to Dream JR

White Lake Youth Theatre Summer Musical Camp

June 15-19, 11:00 am—3:00 pm, Ages 6-18 (\$200)

June 20 Performance - Pay What You Can

Experience the magic of Disney’s Dare to Dream JR, a high-energy 60-minute musical revue featuring hits from Encanto, Coco, and Frozen II alongside hands-on technical theatre tracks. Guided by a professional artistic team, students will celebrate a century of Disney through song, dance, and behind-the-scenes creativity in this ultimate summer camp experience. Don’t wait for a star to wish on — secure your spot in the Imagineering Studio today!

