



CITY OF WHITEHALL

Our City, Our News



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Hydrant Flushing—October 5-16
- Fall Leaf Pickup - October 26th - November 27th
- 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
- Winter Tax Bills - coming to your mailbox December 1st

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"The Answer Man"

Message from the Mayor



I love the different seasons we experience in West Michigan. Summer is great, but once again it is already past and there were just too many commitments to enjoy much of it.

Fall might be my favorite season, however. Being out in the woods in October and November recharges my batteries, so I am excited to see the colors starting to change. Like summer, autumn never lasts long enough. Fresh apples, the sounds and smell of harvest, leaves falling, and Pumpkin Fest (October 10) are just some of what make the season enjoyable.

Fall is also the time to complete the projects that were put off during summer. Your neighbors may be out working on projects too. When your work is finished, be friendly and ask your neighbor if they need help. Then go out and buy some apples or cider at the farmers' market. Go on a color tour. Take a walk in the woods. Watch a football game. Go to the Lake Michigan shore to watch the waves. Sit around a campfire on a cool evening. Take in all the wonderful features we have here that most people in our country don't get to experience. We have it so good here in our White Lake area!

CITY OF WHITEHALL & WHITE LAKE SENIOR CENTER HOST A

Free Senior Dinner

RSVP required by November 2, 2026

Call White Lake Senior Center (231) 894-9493

Monday, November 16, 2026

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the

White Lake Senior Center

8741 Ferry St, Montague, MI

Whitehall Residents Age 60+

FREE (funded by senior millage)

Non-seniors: \$10

"No Place Like Home"

Fall Leaf Pickup

The Fall Leaf Pick-up Program will begin **Monday, October 26th**. The last day to have your leaves out for pick-up is **Friday, November 27th**. **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.

"101 Dalmations"

Winter Tax season is coming... December 1st

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 31st 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 Michigan Constitution protects homeowners with limits on annual increases in taxable value.

In 2025, Whitehall collected 27.2469 mills in the Summer: City Operating; State Education; and County Operating. Winter collection is estimated at, 33.3054 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 27.2769 = \$4,855.29*

TO CALCULATE WINTER TAX W/HOMESTEAD (PRE 100%):
178 X 15.3054 = \$2,724.36*

TO CALCULATE WINTER TAX W/O HOMESTEAD (PRE 0%):
178 X 33.3054 = \$5,928.36*

TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2025

SUMMER + WINTER - W/HOMESTEAD = \$7,579.65*

SUMMER + WINTER - W/O HOMESTEAD = \$10,783.65*

*CALCULATIONS FOR
ESTIMATION PURPOSES ONLY
& 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 15.3054. 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

The City has adopted an amended deer ordinance to help manage the urban deer population, allowing limited, controlled bow, archery, and crossbow hunting during the State-designated season beginning October 1. Eligible private property owners may apply to have their land considered, and certain City-owned parcels were made available through a lottery held on September 14. Hunters drawn in the lottery received permits in two-week blocks throughout the season. Next year, the lottery will take place on the second Monday in September. Applications are available at City Hall and on our website: www.cityofwhitehall.org.



"The Newsroom"

General Election: November 3, 2026

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**. All registered voters in the City of Whitehall vote at **City Hall, 405 E. Colby Street**. Polls will be open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

As a statewide General Election, there will be a variety of races and proposals on the ballot, including **federal, state, county, judicial, school board and proposals**. You can check your sample ballot ahead of time at **Michigan.gov/Vote**.

Don't want to wait until Election Day? You have options! Michigan voters can vote by **absentee ballot** or take advantage of **early in-person voting from October 24 through November 1**. See below for the schedule.

The City Clerk's Office will also be open on **Saturday, October 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** to help with voter registration and absentee voting.

Not registered yet? You can still register to vote through Election Day. If you register in person within the 14-day period before the election, you will need to provide proof of residency.

Voting Tip: Straight, Split or Mixed Ticket?

When voting for partisan offices, you can:

Straight Ticket – Select one political party to vote for that party's candidates for partisan offices.

Split Ticket – Select a party, then choose individual candidates from another party in specific races.

Mixed Ticket – Choose individual candidates race-by-race without selecting a straight-ticket option.

Remember: Your individual candidate selections override a straight-ticket selection for those races. Nonpartisan races and ballot proposals must be voted on separately.

Questions about voting, absentee ballots or your registration? Give the City Clerk's Office a call at **231-894-4048**. You can also visit **MI.gov/Vote** to check your registration, view your sample ballot and track your absentee ballot.

However you choose to vote, we hope you'll make a plan and participate in the November 3 election.

Early Voting Info



Muskegon County

1903 Marquette Ave
The Student Center, Door #18
Muskegon, MI 49442



State General—November 3

Early Voting Schedule

Saturday	Oct. 24	8 am - 4 pm
Sunday	Oct. 25	10 am - 6 pm
Monday	Oct. 26	9 am - 5 pm
Tuesday	Oct. 27	9 am - 5 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 28	9 am - 5 pm
Thursday	Oct. 29	11 am - 7 pm
Friday	Oct. 30	9 am - 5 pm
Saturday	Oct. 31	8 am - 4 pm
Sunday	Nov. 1	10 am - 6 pm

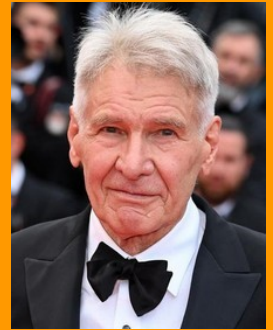


Did You Know...

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

July's newsletter featured...

Harrison Ford



Can you guess who's movie and show titles we're using this time?



NO Fall brush pickup

Check your April Newsletter for Spring pickup dates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

at

THE PLAYHOUSE

of White Lake



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Another A.W.F.U.L. Show

Saturday, October 17, 7:30PM

For the third consecutive year, local musicians Justin Avdek, Justin Wierenga, and Tommy Foster are bringing their improvisational talents to the Playhouse. This uniquely absurd and interactive performance blends humor and rich melodies into an unpredictably delightful evening.

\$20-Advance Tickets \$25-Day of Show



A Tribute to Bob Seger

Saturday, October 24, 7:30PM

Experience a powerhouse night of classic American rock as the tribute band Against The Wind brings the legendary music of Bob Seger to The Playhouse. Audiences will be transported through decades of timeless anthems and soulful ballads, featuring fan favorites like "Old Time Rock & Roll".

\$29-\$60 Tickets



A Tribute Night to The Eagles

Saturday, November 7, 7:30PM

If you missed the September tribute concert, join us for this return engagement with the replicated music and vocal harmonies of The Eagles, including legendary Don Henley and Joe Walsh. All of The Eagles classic songs are performed with amazing talent, drive, and skill.

\$29-\$60 Tickets



Legends of Rock—A Tribute to the '80s

Saturday, November 14, 7:30PM

Get ready for a high-octane, full-throttle night of legendary '80s arena rock as The Legends of Rock brings massive energy to the stage. This nonstop celebration delivers the screaming guitars, soaring vocals, and stadium-shaking anthems of iconic bands like AC/DC, Bon Jovi, and Guns N' Roses.

\$30-Advance Tickets \$35-Day of Show



An Evening with Jeff Daniels

Wednesday, December 9, 2026, 7:30PM

Join Emmy Award-winning actor Jeff Daniels for an intimate, unforgettable evening of live music, masterful storytelling, and razor-sharp humor. Armed with his acoustic guitar, he shares a deep personal collection of original folk songs and fascinating behind-the-scenes stories from his legendary career on stage and screen.

\$55-\$95 Tickets

Classes - Register Online



Motion Makers Choreography Lab

Tuesdays, October 13-November 17

Bring your creative child to explore independent expression! Instead of just memorizing steps, students will collaborate with classmates to co-create their own unique dance!

- **Ages 6-9: 4:30-5:15 PM**
- **Ages 10-13: 5:15-6:00 PM**



Songwriting Workshop Series

Saturdays (11AM-1PM)

Discover the power of music and lyrics! Led by Shelby Mason, these creative workshops guide students through the art of crafting songs.

- **October 24: (Ages 8-12)**
- **December 5: (Ages 13-18)**
- **January 9: (Ages 8-18)**
- **February 6: Performance**



★ **Get Your Tickets Today!** ★

Advance Tickets available for select shows.
See event listings for details.