

WHAT KNOTS OF WHITEHALL

Get in the Sesquicentennial Swing!

Whitehall City

Council Members

Mayor Emery "Mac" Hatch
 Mayor Pro Tem Edd Whalen
 James Bartholomew
 Tanya Cabala
 Jeff Holmstrom
 Orville Smith
 Steve Sikkenga

Administrative Officers

Brian Armstrong,
 Public Works Director
 Laurie Audo,
 Finance Officer/Treasurer
 Cindy Beth Davis,
 Playhouse Manager
 Karen Helmlinger,
 City Clerk, Planner, Editor
 Scott Huebler, City Manager
 Donald Hulbert, Chief of Police

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 - Rod Siegel
 Electrical - Tim Chorney
 Plumbing/Mechanical -
 - Jim Shereda

894-4157
 2055 Warner Street
 Thursdays
 Noon to 2 p.m.

The party has begun! Whitehall's 150-year birthday celebration kicked off January 11 with a memorable event at the historic Nufer home (now owned by Julie Ostrander). It was standing-room only, as was the February presentation on the equally historic Lewis house at the White Lake Community Library.

And that's just the beginning of the year-long celebration. The next monthly Sesquicentennial presentation on March 10 is "Whitehall and the Civil War," presented by John H. McGarry III, Executive Director of the Lakeshore Museum Center, at the White Lake Community Library at 6:30 p.m. Also scheduled throughout 2010 are a style show, community picnic, birthday party with fireworks, a time capsule project, oral interviews, a photography exhibit, story telling, historical cruise, receptions and more.

Sesquicentennial memorabilia, including caps, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, calendars, mugs, medallions and lapel pins can be purchased at Whitehall City Hall and area gift shops.

For a complete schedule of Sesquicentennial events and places to purchase memorabilia, go to www.cityofwhitehall.org and check out the Sesquicentennial Celebration page. Join in this historical celebration!

Let's Reward Curb Appeal!

The beautiful City of Whitehall is just that, thanks to the pride and efforts of its home and business owners. These folks go the extra mile to maintain and enhance their homes, businesses and landscaping. They create the curb appeal that appeals to all of us who walk or drive by their properties. Why not recognize these residences, businesses and local organizations that enhance our city?

The Community Pride Program recognizes and encourages beautification efforts. Through this program, the City Council honors those residents, businesses and local organizations that care for and maintain their property. Award winners will be acknowledged on the city's website and in the city newsletter. They also will be honored at a City Council meeting and receive a Certificate of Award.

Why not nominate a residence, business or local organization today? You may also nominate yourself. Nominees will be visited and judged by the Community Pride Program committee. Entries will not be selected solely on lavish architecture or professional landscaping. Rather, criteria used in judging will be based on the overall general appearance including exterior upkeep, maintenance of planting areas and all visible yard, and absence of debris. Also, native plant species are encouraged.

Nominees must reside in or be located within the Whitehall city limits. Nominations must be received by Sept. 10, 2010. Applications are available at Whitehall City Hall, 405 E. Colby St., or at www.cityofwhitehall.org. For additional information, call 231-894-4048.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

The following are areas of concern that have been expressed to City staff and Council Members by local residents:

- ⇒ Abandoned or junk vehicles are prohibited within the City. An unlicensed vehicle is by definition "inoperable" and likewise prohibited.
- ⇒ Trash containers can only be placed near the roadway for a period of 24 hours to provide for pick up.
- ⇒ These ordinances along with general nuisance ordinances pertaining to blight and rubbish are available for review at City Hall.
- ⇒ When mowing your grass, please take pride in our community by spending a few extra minutes mowing the terrace between the sidewalk and the road.

Notes from the South Campus (DPW)

Brush pick up: Spring Brush pick up will be May 3. Please put brush at the curb by 7:30 the morning of the 3rd, butt ends to street, no longer than 4 feet, and no larger than 3 inches in diameter. Please stack neatly at the street edge. All brush should otherwise be disposed of properly and can be taken to the White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority's Transfer Station at 2100 W. Holton Whitehall Road. **There will NOT be a Fall brush pick up.**

Water bills: Remember!! Water and Sewer bills are mailed quarterly. They are mailed on the 10th of January due by the 10th of February; mailed on the 10th of April due by the 10th of May; mailed on July 10th due by August 10th; and mailed on October 10th due by November 10th.

Water and Sewer Emergencies: If you have a water or sewer emergency please call the Department of Public Works office at 894-4157 Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For after hours and weekend emergencies call 911 and dispatch will contact our on call person.

Building Permit: Remember to obtain the necessary permits **BEFORE** you begin any project. Call Karen Helmlinger, Zoning Administrator at 894-4048 for Zoning Permits and Pam Atchison, DPW Office Coordinator at 894-4157 for your Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Mechanical Permits.

LEAF REMOVAL PROGRAM

The spring leaf pick up will be April 15 to May 15. 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.

Every effort will be made to pick up leaves once per week depending on the weather, amount of leaves, and holidays. The pickup will begin at the north end of the City and then work south.

2010 "PRIDE WEEK"

MAY 26 AND 29

The City will be participating in "Pride Week" at the White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority's transfer station this year. Citizens can take unwanted clutter to the Transfer Station at 2100 W. Holton-Whitehall Road free of charge. The Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vouchers are required and may be picked up at City Hall after May 1. The loads are limited to a full size pick up truck per household. Appliances with Freon such as refrigerators and freezers will be charged additional fees. Items that will not be accepted at the transfer station include tree stumps, cement blocks, and hazardous waste materials.

Remember: - the city is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2010 with a lot of events that will bring families, visitors, and tourists to our community to help us celebrate. Let's take great pride in our community and make it look its best.

DO YOU WANT SNOWMOBILES IN WHITEHALL?

Ordinance 71.03 was adopted in 1968 which regulated the use of snowmobiles within city limits and required registration and lights; regulated speeds, times of use, and operation on private property; prohibited operation while under the influence, excessive noise, and smoke; established parental responsibility; and prohibited operation except by permit and permission granted by the Council. The ordinance in its entirety is available at City Hall.

Proposals were voted on by the people in 1976, 1982 and 2005 to amend the ordinance. The ballot language varied from specifying streets and routes where snowmobiles would be permitted to allowing direct ingress and egress to the city only. Voters rejected expanding the use of snowmobiles at all three elections.

City Council members are interested in finding out if there is an increased interest in allowing snowmobiles operate within the city limits. **Please take the time to fill out this brief survey and either mail it to or drop it off at City Hall, 405 E. Colby Street, Whitehall MI 49461.**

SNOWMOBILE SURVEY

I am submitting this survey as a:

_____ RESIDENT _____ BUSINESS OWNER _____ PROPERTY OWNER

_____ OTHER: _____

_____ I support the use of snowmobiles in the city of Whitehall on public streets and alleys.

_____ I support the use of snowmobiles within the city limits only on designated routes.

_____ I do not support the use of snowmobiles within the city limits of Whitehall.

COMMENTS: _____



Home Improvement Funds Available

Neighborhood Investment Corporation (NIC) would like to announce the availability of home improvement funds for City of Whitehall residents.

The PIP+ Program allows for up to \$10,000 in matching, forgivable grant funds for families applying for home improvement loans through MSHDA. Families must make less than 80% area median income (e.g. less than \$49,700 for a family of four), have acceptable credit, and the ability to afford a loan.

Call 231-727-0809 for eligibility and more details.

NIC also provides homeownership education and credit counseling, home improvement loans, and foreclosure counseling services to qualifying families throughout Muskegon County.

SHOP LOCAL

Local businesses invite and encourage you to shop local. Support your friends, neighbors, and little league sponsor by spending in town.

Visit the350project.net and learn how to help save our local economy...three stores at a time.

UNITED STATES CENSUS 2010

10 QUESTIONS MINUTES

The Census: A Snapshot

- ◆ **What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- ◆ **Who:** All United States residents must be counted – both citizens and non citizens.
- ◆ **When:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U. S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.
- ◆ **Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- ◆ **How:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2010

CENSUS GO TO

WWW.2010CENSUS.GOV

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CITYOFWHITEHALL.ORG

The City of Whitehall has a website that hosts pertinent information useful to residents and visitors. You can find the names of City Council members, council meeting agendas, departments and contact email addresses, zoning ordinances, municipal marina information, details regarding the Sesquicentennial celebration and much more.

The City of Whitehall also has a page on



Facebook that provides a fun way to find out what is happening in Whitehall as well as keeping in touch with other fans of our community.

Howmet Playhouse



304 South Mears Ave
Whitehall, Michigan 49461
231•894•4048

Whitehall's Historic Theatre

Spring Events

More events posted soon, so please check out
www.howmetplayhouse.org or

Become our friend on **FACEBOOK!**

MARCH, 2010

March 4, FREE FILM: *Dr No* at 7 p.m.

Harbor Light Movie Night

March 5, First Friday Musical Concert!

CD RELEASE CONCERT: Max & Ruth Bloomquist, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL, 2010

April 1, FREE FILM: *Harvey* at 7 p.m.

Harbor Light Movie Night

April 2, First Friday Musical Concert: Jen Sygit & Sam Corbin, 7:30 p.m.

www.myspace.com/jensygit or www.samcorbin.com

April 5-8, Youth Theatre Performing Arts Workshop

Register at the Nuveen Center (231-894-2787) at the Arts Council of White Lake

April 8, International Bat Conference, "Live Nocturnal Animals-Bats & Owls!" 6 p.m.

www.macd.org

April 15, Sesquicentennial Celebration on Film:

Big screening of 1960 Centennial Parade with Backstage Tours, 6 p.m.

April 22, Earth Day: Ben Bedford and Kari Abate-Bedford in Concert, 7:30 p.m.

www.benbedford.com

MAY, 2010

May 1, 3rd Annual White Lake Blues Festival! 7:30 p.m.

www.billlupkin.com or www.killerblues.net

May 6, FREE FILM: *Lost Treasure of Sawtooth Island*, 7 pm

Harbor Light Movie Night

May 7, First Friday Musical Concert: TBA! 7:30 p.m.

June 3, Outdoor Taste of White Lake, 4-7 p.m.

Rachael Davis Band, immediately following! 7:30 p.m.

www.rachaeldavis.com

PERMIT NO. 1
WHITEHALL, MI
PAID
U.S. POSTAGE
STANDARD
PRE SORT

CITY OF WHITEHALL
405 E. COLBY ST
WHITEHALL, MI 49461

**RIVERVIEW MARKET—NORTH MEARS AVENUE
SATURDAYS 9 AM TO 2 PM
BEGINNING MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND/ENDING LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you Dave Silk for 5 years of service with the City of Whitehall.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ⇒ **SPRING BRUSH PICKUP!** Brush pick up will be May 3. Brush can also be taken to the White Lake Area Solid Waste Authority's transfer station at 2100 W. Holton Whitehall Road.
- ⇒ **Leaf Pick up is April 15 through May 15.** The contractor will only make one round through the City per week.
- ⇒ **Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.**
- ⇒ **Planning Commission meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**
- ⇒ **BRA/LDFA/TIFA regular meetings are scheduled quarterly, the next meeting will be Thursday, April 8 at noon.**