

WHITEHALL

BOROUGH

NEW
**Refuse/
Recycling
Contract**

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION!**

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FALL/WINTER 2023

MAYOR

James F. Nowalk



THERE IS NO PLANET “B”

Hardly a day goes by that there is not a news report that reminds us that the Earth is warming and changing our climate, with catastrophic effects. There are now more powerful hurricanes, more severe droughts, dangerously higher temperatures and rising sea levels, among other devastating global weather conditions. The overwhelming opinion of scientists around the world is that human activity generating greenhouse gases is a significant factor in the warming of the earth. People of the world are being forced to come to grips with the reality that there is no Planet “B” and it is incumbent on all of us to save the one that we have.

Whitehall Borough, through the Office of Mayor, has for 30 years observed “Earth Day” with a cleanup of litter in the Borough. Since 2019, the Office of Mayor’s Whitehall Committee for Environmental Action (WCEA) has been taking a leadership role in addressing environmental concerns at the local level. Because of a research study by committee member, Jack McCrea, Whitehall Borough is investigating placing solar panels on the roofs of several Borough buildings. WCEA is also working with the Whitehall Lions Club to promote the recycling of plastic film. This program is open to all to deposit your plastic bags and wrappings in the container outside the Borough’s Administrative offices entrance. There are many more projects that are underway or being planned. If you are interested in participating in the Committee, please email Tricia at mpnowalk@verizon.net.

If you want to know what you can do at your homes to be environmentally responsible, it is “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.”

“Reduce” means lessening the amount of goods and materials that you consume with a special emphasis on those that contribute to the production of greenhouse gases such

as gasoline and electricity produced by coal-burning plants, or that use an essential resource such as water. Taking public transportation, turning off lights, fixing leaky faucets, taking your own shopping bags to all stores are just some of the ways to “reduce.” Generally speaking, determine your true needs and avoid impulse buying. A beneficial consequence of reducing consumption is that you will save money, as well as help the environment.

“Reuse” is taking items that you are considering trashing and finding a new use for them. The new use could be within your own house such as using glass jars for storage containers. Organizations such as Goodwill, the Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul and veterans’ groups may be willing to take your rejected items and put them back into service. Why not reuse items in your own neighborhood by joining the Brentwood-Baldwin-Whitehall “Buy Nothing” Facebook Group through which you can both donate and request items that you need and would be given to you for free instead of buying new.

“Recycling” has two aspects to it. The commonly understood aspect is to give plastics, paper, cardboard, glass, metals and other recyclable products to companies such as Waste Management, Michael Brothers and Construction Junction who will use them to produce other products. Composting food is arguably a form of recycling that will reduce a large volume of trash going to the landfill and provide fertilizer for vegetable and flower gardens. The other aspect is to help to foster the market for recycled goods by purchasing them yourselves. There are all types of products made from recyclable and recycled material that are equally as utilitarian as new products.

Time is running out to save our Earth for ourselves and generations to come. Let’s **“Reduce, Reuse and Recycle”** now before it is too late.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Kathleen N. DePuy



Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the new Swimming Pool such a magical place this Summer. Although the Pool was delayed in opening this year, the Swimming Pool averaged 400 Whitehall Residents and Guests a day! If you received a Pool Pass this Season, your Pool Patron profile is already saved in the system. This will ensure a swift process for Residents to purchase Pool Passes next year. **If you chose to obtain a physical pass, hang on to it!** This will be your pool pass number for future Seasons. The addition of Electronic Passes was very popular this year, as passes were delivered right to Residents' email addresses — and it was as simple as a scan on your phone! An email reminder will be sent to all Pool Patrons in the system when it is time to reactivate Pool Passes.

A special thank you to Walt Milinski, Pool Manager, and Cory Fitzharris, Assistant Pool Manager. Not only did they learn how to operate all new equipment and a new admittance procedure, but they also figured out where to place guards and walked miles around the Pool every day answering people's questions and problem solving. The operations of the Pool were new to all of us and we appreciate your patience as we navigated those changes. The Borough solicited Residents feedback through an "End of Season Survey" on the Borough Website that Staff will review for the 2024 Season. Staff looks forward to bringing back water aerobics, swimming lessons and private parties for a full Summer of fun. The Recreation Director is excited to host Dive in Movies, Teens Night Out and Night Swimming events!

Personally, I enjoyed sitting by the Baby Pool watching the little ones enjoy learning. I also got to meet parents who were new to Whitehall Borough, restore acquaintances with friends I haven't seen in years and enjoy the tranquility that water brings.

Borough Elected Officials, Staff and Pool Crew look forward to seeing all of you in Whitehall's Summer Eden next year!

Annual Christmas House Decorating Contest



Do you have the most festive house in the neighborhood?

Whitehall Borough invites Residents to light up Christmas once again! Nominate a neighbor or your favorite decorative house in the Borough by emailing depuywhitehall@verizon.net or by calling the Administration Offices at 412-884-0505. Awards are purely subjective.

Interested in being a Christmas House judge? Email the aforementioned email address to be assigned streets for judging!

**Final judging will take place
on December 17, 2023.**

Decorate and be appreciated!

BOROUGH MEETINGS

Residents are welcome to attend all public meetings of Council and the Boards and Commissions of Whitehall Borough. All meetings are held at the Borough Building.

Council — 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM

Planning Commission — 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM

Zoning Hearing Board — 3rd Tuesday of every month as applicable at 7:30 PM

Recreation Board — 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 PM

Library Board — 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM

The Civil Service Commission and the UCC Appeals Board meet as needed; times and dates will be announced.

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

COURTNEY M. WERTZ

Hello Autumn

As Summer comes to an end, the Whitehall Borough Swimming Pool has closed after the highest attended season in recent years (almost hitting capacity a few times!), Public Works finished painting fresh crosswalks for the start of the 2023-2024 school year, the 2023 Road Program is wrapping up and Staff is already working on next year's Borough Budget.

The Borough is not immune to the current challenging economic environment, but rest assured, Staff is looking for savings wherever possible and shopping services when contractually permitted. A major budgetary item on the horizon is the new **Refuse & Recycling Contract**. Details on the changes coming in 2024 can be found on subsequent pages of this magazine.

Staff is also working with WesBanco to implement acceptance of certain payments online and via credit card with the goal of offering a more convenient payment method for Residents.

Construction on the dedicated **Fiber Internet** line I mentioned in the Spring started in September. Construction is projected to take up to 90 days and will result in faster, more reliable service at the Borough Building. This much needed upgrade to the Borough's internal infrastructure will accommodate future technology and security needs. Comcast Business is absorbing all costs associated with the external lines.

Staff continues to implement the **Borough Communication Plan** adopted last March in order to provide Residents with information about Borough activities and events. We're working to improve the communication assets we have and introduce new tools so we may continue to improve services for Residents. Recently, we've begun publishing Google Surveys to receive feedback directly from those we are here to serve — you! Please take the time to respond to these inquiries as the data is incredibly helpful for adjusting policy, procedure and developing new programming.

Please make sure to follow Borough communication channels for factual and accurate information. Whitehall Borough Administration, Whitehall Borough Police Department and Whitehall Borough Recreation all have Facebook Pages. These pages are not monitored 24 hours a day and content is posted for informational purposes only. Additionally, Borough Administrative Staff send out a monthly email newsletter the last Monday of every month. Sign up on the home page of the Borough Website to stay informed!

If you have a question that is not answered by the information posted on these channels, please do not hesitate to contact Staff via telephone or email. We also welcome Residents to drop in during regular business hours as well.

Happy Fall!



ELECTED OFFICIALS

James F. Nowalk, Mayor
Kathleen N. DePuy, President
Linda J. Book, Vice President
Philip J. Lahr
Robert J. McKown, CPA
Glenn P. Nagy
Stone Sobieralski
William J. Veith

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Courtney M. Wertz, Borough Manager
Alyssa M. Rogalla, Administrative Assistant
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Scott Dellett, AICP, Director of Planning, Zoning & Code
Marc Zeoli, Code Enforcement Officer
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Kurt L. Gaebel, Deputy Chief of Police
Nicholas Price, Fire Chief
Paula Kelly, Library Director
Irving Firman, Solicitor
Scott Rusmisl, Engineer

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Police Department — 412-884-1100
Recreation Director — 412-304-8347
Library — 412-882-6622
Property Tax Collector — 412-881-1644
Waste Management — 1-866-258-1708

BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM



www.facebook.com/boroughofwhitehall

WHITEHALL BOROUGH SHORTS



Community Day Pie a Police Officer

Thank you Whitehall Police Department for participating in Pie a Police Officer at Community Day. \$650.00 was raised to benefit the Officer Sluganski Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Credit Card Payments

Staff is working on acceptance of payments via Credit Card. Credit Cards may be used for Recreation Events, Parking Fines and Borough Issued Permits.

Words from Whitehall

Get Borough News delivered monthly right to your inbox! Sign-up with your email at the bottom of the homepage of the Borough Website.

Pickleball Court

Public Works completed measurements and painting for one additional Pickleball Court on the Basketball Court behind the Police Station. This court is bring your own net or a net is available for pickup at the Police Department for Residents to use.



Whitehall Borough Historical Society Street Sign Auction

The Whitehall Borough Historical Society sold 210 old street signs on the online auction raising \$14,000.00, that will support future events of the Society! Remaining street signs are available to purchase by contacting the WBHS via email at: whitehallhistory100@gmail.com. Thanks to the Borough's generosity, the WBHS has funds to allocate towards special programs, as well as appropriate archival materials and storage of Whitehall Borough's historical documents, photos and other artifacts.

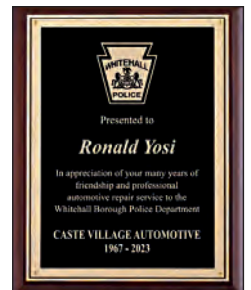
Community Day Awards

Congratulations to the 2023 Award Recipients!

Councilman **Philip J. Lahr** was named Person of the Year. Mr. Lahr is a 58-year member of the Whitehall Fire Company and has served 28 years on Borough Council. **John A. Wotus** received the Community Service Award for his work in establishing the Whitehall Borough Historical Society. Resident, **Ken Mann** from Cherryvale Drive received the Good Neighbor Award for always being ready and willing to help his neighbors in need.

Caste Village Automotive Service

At the August 16, 2023 Meeting, Council celebrated and recognized **Mr. Ron Yosi** for 56 years of commercial and public service to the people and businesses of Whitehall Borough. Enjoy your retirement, Ron!



Mid-Block Crosswalk

Public Works painted a new mid-block crosswalk on Weyman Road between Caste Village and Weyman Plaza Office Building in accordance with PennDOT regulations.



Staff Development Training

Administrative, Library and Public Works Staff participated in Staff Development Training instructed by **Whitehall Police Officer Robbie Smith**. Officer Smith is a certified ALICE Instructor. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. It's a training method that teaches techniques that can reduce injuries and casualties in the event of a violent encounter. The two-hour session provided Staff with the necessary skills and knowledge in case of emergency.

Military Banner Program

The Borough continues to accept Military Banner Applications. To preserve the banners during inclement weather, the banners are placed in storage the week following Veteran's Day and are re-installed the week before Memorial Day. Applications can be found on the Borough Website or by contacting Elaine Frombach at 412-551-6374.



NEW!

REFUSE & RECYCLING CONTRACT 2024-2028

Major changes have been occurring in the solid waste and recycling industry. Rising labor costs and fuel prices, coupled with a shortage of manpower have led waste haulers to significantly increase their prices nationwide.

At the same time, the scope of service is changing as companies move towards automated collection methods. Automated collection utilizes the “arm” of the truck to pick up and empty refuse and recycling totes. **Automation** is the goal for haulers to reduce their operating costs and the potential for injuries. It also allows for one employee per truck.

In June of this year, the **South Hills Area Council of Governments** (SHACOG) put out a joint bid for solid waste collection, removal and disposal services for 19 municipalities and 1 municipal authority. This joint bid allows the Borough to secure multi-year contracts at prices that would not be possible on our own. **Waste Management** was the lowest responsible bidder for the services utilized by Whitehall Borough. The new contract will begin **January 1, 2024**. The new contract reflects the industry changes previously mentioned in the Spring issue of the Borough Magazine.

The coming pages will review current practices and explain the new changes Residents can expect to see in the new year.

If you have a question about the new contract, please contact the Borough Administration Offices directly at 412-884-0505. Borough Staff will provide factual information.



FINANCES

The big question on everyone’s mind is **how will these changes be paid for?** Whitehall Borough pays for solid waste removal from the General Fund. While neighboring communities assess Residents monthly fees in addition to their taxes to pay for these services, that is **not** the case in Whitehall Borough.

Neighboring Council of Governments and municipalities that bid the services individually saw price increases of 70-100%. Whitehall Borough costs will increase 26% for refuse removal in 2024 and 7% each contract year after. Recycling costs will increase 55% in 2024 as the Borough moves to automated collection, compared to 110% if we had remained with manual collection. The Borough will see 8% increases for recycling each contract year after the move to automated collection.

Refuse and Recycling Collection is poised to be a significant budget item starting in 2024.



PLEASE NOTE:

The collection calendar will not change. Recycling collection will continue on a bi-weekly basis and will include the return of glass.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Residents will continue to use the **GREEN** trash totes they are currently utilizing.

All trash must be **BAGGED** and placed **INSIDE** the green toter for removal.

NO ITEMS PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE TOTER WILL BE COLLECTED.

Note: A 96-gallon toter holds the equivalent of 5 trash bags.

If Residents desire an additional toter, they may **purchase one directly from Waste Management** for an annually adjusted fee. Residents will be billed directly. The price structure is as follows:

2024 - \$110.00

2025 - \$117.70

2026 - \$125.94

2027 - \$134.76

2028 - \$144.19

Residents that need a replacement 96-gallon toter may call the Borough Administration Offices directly at 412-884-0505. Public Works will drop off a new toter at no cost.

Other Refuse Reminders:

- Hypodermic needles must be placed in a sealed container (coffee can, etc) before being placed in the trash toter.
- Paint should be mixed in a heavy plastic bag with kitty-litter until all the liquid is absorbed. Empty paint cans can be placed directly in a trash toter.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

Next year, the Borough will move to **automated Recycling collection.**

Residents will start the year utilizing their current Recycling bins until a distribution date is confirmed.

BLUE 65-gallon totes will be delivered to Residents in early Spring (**tentatively March**). Please keep an eye on the Borough website and social media sites for a more concrete delivery date as distribution details are finalized.

The new Recycle toter should be placed curbside with the lift bar facing the street. The Recycling toter and Trash toter should be placed three (3) feet apart on collection day to ensure the trucks can pick them up.



GLASS recycling is back beginning in 2024!

As a reminder, the Borough has implemented Single Stream Recycling. Recyclable Items include the following:

- GLASS
- Aluminum and Tin Cans
- Plastics 1 & 2 ONLY
- Paper and Cardboard — Magazine, Catalogs, Telephone Books, Junk Mail, Envelopes, All Color Office Paper, Paper Grocery Bags, Newspapers and Cardboard Boxes (Cardboard Boxes must be flattened and placed **INSIDE** the blue toter for removal).

NOTE: Per Waste Management, Residential streets (Shadow Drive, Shadowlawn Drive & Shadowlawn Circle) that are currently exempt from automated refuse collection will also be exempt from automated recycling collection. They will continue to utilize manual collection.

STORAGE OF REFUSE & RECYCLING CONTAINERS

In preparation for automated collection of refuse & recycling, Borough Council amended the storage regulations of trash and recycling containers as follows:

104.4.5.6. With the exception of pickup days when the containers are placed for collection, garbage, rubbish and recycling containers shall be properly stored behind the front face of the building and shall be screened from view from the street. **Borough-issued refuse and recycling containers may be placed against the building for storage as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer if physical conditions, including irregularity, narrowness or shallowness of lot size or shape or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions to the property makes it impossible to meet location and screening requirements.**

NOTE: Proper placement in the front of the property is determined by the Code Enforcement Officer based on his determination if conditions of the property create difficulty meeting the location and screen requirements. Please call Marc Zeoli at 412-884-0505 ext. 328 to discuss your individual lot.

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS — ELDERLY & DISABLED RESIDENTS

Medical exemptions from using a toter (refuse or recycling) are permitted. For information on this process, please contact Borough Administration Offices at 412-884-0505 and Staff will assist you.

If you currently have a medical exemption from using a Trash toter, that will apply to the new Recycling toter as well. **There is no need to reapply.** We ask that Residents with existing medical exemptions, call the Borough Administration Offices to confirm they still reside in the Borough at the address on file.

Residents that wish to establish **Private Backyard Collection** may do so by directly contracting with Waste Management for a fee. The Borough is not involved in the billing for these services. 1-866-258-1708.

ELECTRONIC WASTE

The Borough will continue to host an E-Waste Event in the Summer. Items accepted at these events include the following:

- Televisions
- Computers
- Printers
- Phones
- Window AC Units
- Laptops
- Gaming Devices
- Electronic Devices with a Cord, Screen or Circuit Board



NOTE: These events are facilitated by a Third-Party Company and there are fees associated with removal of the above items. More details will be provided in the Spring Magazine.

LEAF WASTE

The existing Leaf Waste Collection program will continue. Please see the six (6) weeks marked on the calendar for Fall collection dates.

- Leaf Waste shall be placed in biodegradable paper bags for collection.
- Shrubbery and branches may be placed at the curb for collection, provided they are no longer than 4 feet in length or 40 pounds in weight. Items must be bundled and tied together.



BULK ITEM PICK-UP

Q: What is considered a Bulk Item?

- Household Furniture
- Mattress & Box Spring
- Carpet – Cut into 4-foot sections, rolled and tied/taped into bundles weighing no more than 40 pounds in weight
- Large Appliances (i.e. washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, bicycles, microwaves, toilets, hot water heaters, etc...)
- Refrigerators & Freezers with doors removed and tagged by a Certified Technician that the FREON has been removed.
- Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers & Water Coolers tagged by a Certified Technician that the FREON has been removed.
- Children's Swing Sets and similar Play Items
- Furnace and Metal Pipes not exceeding 36 inches in length

NOTE: Construction Debris is NOT a bulky item and will not be taken curbside. Please contact Waste Management at 1-866-258-1708 to make arrangements for its removal.



Q: When can I place Bulk Items at the curb for pickup?

A: Residents may place up to two (2) Bulk Items at the curb **once a month**. The Collection of Bulk Waste shall be on the same day as your regular collection. The Borough's designated Bulk Waste Collection Week is the **3RD WEEK OF THE MONTH**.

NOTE: The Borough will continue to host two **"Hard to Dispose of Items Days"** each year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall, for items that Waste Management will not collect curbside. Proof of residency is required to drop off items and can include a state issued photo ID or utility bill to your current Whitehall address.

With the change in Bulk Item Collection — these are great **free** events for Residents to take advantage of.

YARD WASTE

Q: What is considered Yard Waste?



- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Garden Residue (branches, brush, flowers, roots, wood waste)
- Tree Trimmings
- Plant Material



- Loose Soils
- Sod
- Food Waste from gardens or orchards
- Food Compost
- Lumber/Wood
- Tree Limbs over 4 inches in diameter
- Animal Excrement
- Noxious Weeds
- Contaminated Soils

Q: How can Residents dispose of Yard Waste?

A: The Borough provides a dumpster in the upper lot entrance to Prospect Park from April 1 to October 31 for residents to discard their Yard Waste for composting. Yard Waste should be dumped directly into the dumpster **without** plastic bags. **PLEASE NOTE:** Contaminated items in the Yard Waste dumpster trigger the driver to take it to the landfill. This costs the Borough significantly more to dispose of than if it is taken for composting as intended. The increased disposal costs have lead neighboring communities to limiting access to yard waste dumpsters during business hours only.

Directions to Prospect Park

- At five-way intersection of East Willock Road, Prospect Road and Radford Road turn onto Radford Road
- Straight ahead to Parkline Drive
- Right on Maple Drive
- Park driveway is on left past Skyline Drive

NOTE: Yard Waste that is placed in trash bags in a Refuse Toter will be taken to the **landfill**. Bags containing Yard Waste shall not exceed 50 pounds in weight.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Glenn P. Nagy, Chair



Millage Math

What is a “mill?” Derived from the Latin word millesimum, meaning thousandth, a mill is essentially 1/1000th of a currency unit. When it comes to property taxes, 1 mill equates to \$1.00 in property taxes levied per \$1,000.00 of a property's assessed value.

$$\frac{[\text{Assessed Value} \times \text{Millage Rate}]}{1,000} = \text{Property Taxes Owed}$$

Assessed Values are determined by Allegheny County. While Municipalities and School Districts are not involved in the assessment process, they do have the ability to appeal these assessed values. Whitehall Borough **does not** appeal assessments.

Whitehall Borough's millage rate is 4.42 mills. That means a property assessed by Allegheny County for \$100,000.00 will pay \$442.00 in Borough Real Estate Taxes as the example below shows:

$$[\$100,000.00 \times 4.42] = \$442,000.00$$
$$\$442,000.00 / 1,000 = \$442.00$$

Residents can determine their Allegheny County and Baldwin-Whitehall School District property taxes using the same formula. Currently, Allegheny County's millage rate is 4.73 and the Baldwin-Whitehall School District millage rate is 23.85.

For more information on taxes, please visit the Borough website at www.whitehallboro.org/finance-tax

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Municipality Monday



Whitehall Borough

September 18 at 3:54 PM

Thank you Allegheny County for highlighting our wonderful Community!

Whitehall Borough was featured as part of Allegheny County Government's #MunicipalityMonday! The County showcased the new Swimming Pool, Municipal Building, Baldwin-Whitehall School District, Parks, Playgrounds, Neighborhoods and Caste Village. Check it out on Facebook!



Allegheny County Government

September 18 at 2:24 PM

#MunicipalityMonday Welcome to [Whitehall Borough](https://www.whitehallboro.org/)! A community with many amenities and activities for active families. They boast a large residential golf course and four parks with playgrounds, walking trails, pavilions, and baseball fields.

Whitehall recently completed the construction of a swimming pool that includes a double flume water slide, climbing wall, spray features, and a shaded baby pool for residents.

Learn more about Whitehall Borough: <https://whitehallboro.org/>

2023 FALL/WINTER DATES TO REMEMBER

Halloween **Tuesday, October 31**
(Trick or Treat - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

General Election **Tuesday, November 7**
(Borough offices closed) **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! 7:00AM - 8:00 PM**

Veteran's Day **Saturday, November 11**

Thanksgiving Day **Thursday, November 23**
(Thursday Refuse collection will be delayed one day)
(Borough Offices closed November 23 and 24)

Christmas Day **Monday, December 25**
(Refuse and Recycling will be delayed one day the entire week of December 25)
(Borough Offices closed December 25)

New Year's Day **Monday, January 1, 2024**
(Refuse will be delayed one day the entire week of January 1)
(Borough Offices closed January 1)



Kathleen N. DePuy,
Parks Committee Chair

An Update on Whitehall Borough's Neighborhood Parks

OVERLOOK PARK

On Wednesday, September 20, Borough Council voted to award the Overlook Park Rebid as follows:

- Contract No. 1 General Construction to Caliber Contracting in the amount of \$1,321,026.00
- Contract No. 2 Electrical Construction to Hanlon Electric in the amount of \$93,900.00
- Contract No. 3 Plumbing Construction to First American in the amount of \$159,000.00
- Contract No. 4 Mechanical Construction to Controlled Climate in the amount of \$21,700.00

In addition to the Base Bid, Add Alternate No. 2 for Poured-in-Place Rubber Surface at the playground was awarded.

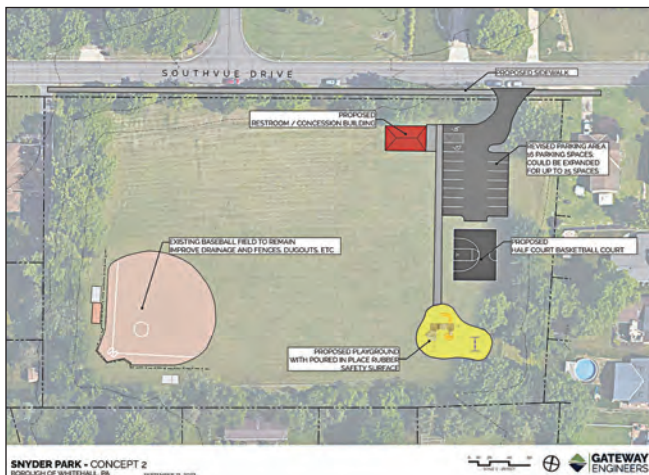
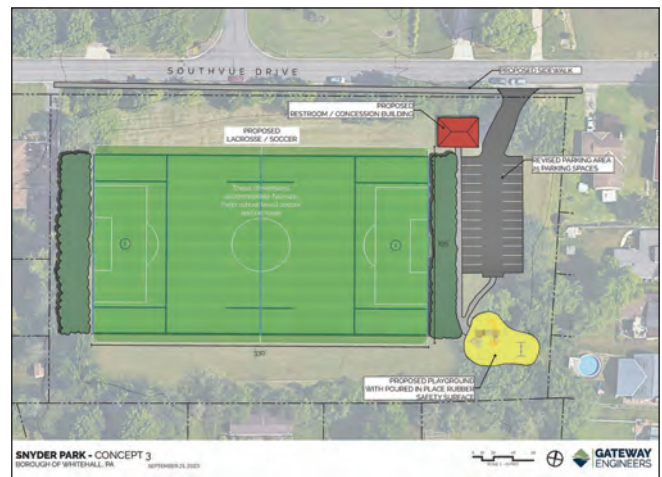
Phase I work includes replacement of the Orchard Hill Steps, installation of new playground equipment, demolition of the existing Shelter House and construction of a new Concessions & Restroom Building.

This project will be paid for utilizing funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. The playground set was purchased using a GameTime Playground Grant last Fall. The play unit will be a combination of Spring Green and Sky Blue based on the results of the poll conducted at last September's Design Unveiling.

SNYDER PARK

Many thanks to Residents that joined us on September 21 at the Snyder Park Design Meeting. It was a great example of civic engagement. The Borough received 94 written feedback forms. The quantitative and qualitative data was compiled by Staff and given to Borough Council for review. This data will help inform Borough Council in adopting a final design.

Once a design is selected, a cost estimated can be prepared and funding options will be reviewed.



PLANNING & ZONING

William J. Veith, Chair



Grove Pointe Development

The redevelopment of the former Sisters of St. Francis property is near completion! As of mid-September, nine of the ten townhouse buildings in the second phase of Grove Pointe are either under construction or completed. Once finished, the Grove Pointe development will have 109 townhouse units. The Borough expects to accept public improvements in Grove Pointe Phase One later this Fall. South Hills Square Retirement Resort is the other development on the property. Finished in 2020, the three-story senior apartment complex has 130 units.

Clean Express Auto Wash

Demolition of the former Marathon Gas Station and Convenience Store located at 2929 Clairton Boulevard is expected to take place later this Fall in preparation for construction of a Clean Express Auto Wash. Borough Council granted Land Development and Conditional Use approval for the 3,700-square-foot building in November 2022.



END OF YEAR SUMMARY

BUILDING PERMITS

	2022	January - August 2022	January - August 2023
Residential Permits	147	105	174
Residential Permit Value	\$1,804,861.00	\$1,052,117.60	\$1,533,552.00
Commercial Permits	9	8	12
Commercial Permit Value	\$4,996,371.00	\$4,514,555.00	\$1,327,000.00

NEW CONSTRUCTION

	2022	January - August 2022	January - August 2023
Residential Construction	0	0	34
Residential Construction Value	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,968,833.00
Commercial Construction	0	0	0
Commercial Construction Value	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

CODE CORNER

“BUILDING PERMIT APPROVALS” — KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The number one question asked when a Building Permit Application is submitted is “**When will the permit be ready?**” As we understand your eagerness to start your project, there is no definite answer that can be given at the time of drop off as many variables affect the answer to this question.

“What You Can Expect” through the review of your application from start to finish:

Application Submittal Day: Your application is taken in by the Administrative Assistant. Depending on the type of application, it may be immediately clear that a piece of information is missing. At which time, you will be contacted to collect said information. **It is important to note that your application does not begin the review process until all initial forms are received. Visit our website www.whitehallboro.org for more information.**

Application Review: ALL Applications undergo the Zoning Officers review regardless of the type of project. **The Zoning Officer** determines if placement/setbacks are within Code Regulations. Once the Zoning Officer approves your application, it will move on to the Building Inspector.

The Building Inspector must review all structural projects. The number one concern is safety; therefore, precise, detailed plans need to be submitted. You will be contacted should we need further details.

***A Survey is required to accompany every Application* The Borough is not responsible for supplying a survey.**

Once your Application has been approved; you will be contacted to pick up your Building Permit and will be informed at this time of the cost of the permit.

It is important to note that while the information you submit is an integral part of how fast turn-around time is; there are other factors that have to be taken into account as well. ***Each department is legally given up to fifteen (15) days, if needed, for full review***

It is encouraged that you as the Resident take every measure to prepare & submit your plans well ahead of your intended start date.

Once a Building Permit is granted, you have up to one (1) year to begin your project.

UPDATE FROM PENNDOT

The State Department of Transportation (PennDOT) reminds communities that under State Law, signs are not permitted in the right-of ways of state-maintained roads.

PennDOT controls the placement of outdoor advertising devices (OAD) along many roadways as required by State and Federal laws and regulations, which is overseen by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) based on the Highway Beautification Act of 1965. This operation helps keep highways safe for drivers and helps ensure Pennsylvania receives federal funding for road projects.

According to State Law:

- Only official traffic control signs may be placed inside the highway right-of-way; private signs (including political signs) are prohibited.

- Signs placed outside the right-of-way along a controlled route on a non-interstate must receive an outdoor advertising device permit if they are not on the same property as the advertised activity or more than 100 feet from that activity. The controlled routes can be identified on PennDOT's interactive map (gis.penndot.gov/HBMS).

Signs inside the highway right-of-way can be removed by PennDOT without notice. Signs outside the right-of-way that do not comply with requirements can also be removed. PennDOT will hold removed signs for at least 30 days after removal.

PennDOT has created a web page - www.penndot.pa.gov/outdooradvertising - to inform the public on signage types and requirements. The new site includes applicable laws and guidance on various sign types.



Paula Kelly
Director, Library

WHITEHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY



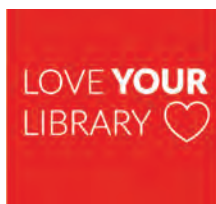
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Library Chair

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY 2023

The Whitehall Library's fall updates always begin with a huge thank you to our community, and I hope it always does!

Thank you so much for Loving Your Library in September. We had a great response to our mailing and a fantastic time at our Under the Sea fundraising event! Thanks for purchasing raffle basket tickets, donated books and tote bags. Thank you for dining at our Panera Bread fundraiser on September 21st. Every dollar raised was available for the prorated match!

Your library support makes so many things possible. Because of you we can put more books into the hands of curious young readers and purchase multiple copies of your favorite bestsellers. We can offer new and creative programs to seniors in the community who depend upon their library for opportunities to socialize. And we can sit down with more patrons at our computers, giving them the



critical technology support they need to navigate in the digital age.

This September marks the eighth year that the Jack Buncher Foundation has pledged matching funds to support all Allegheny County libraries. What an incredible gift.

The Whitehall Library is the heart of the community, and library support speaks volumes about your commitment to our mission as the Community Resource for Education, Exploration, Enrichment and Enjoyment.

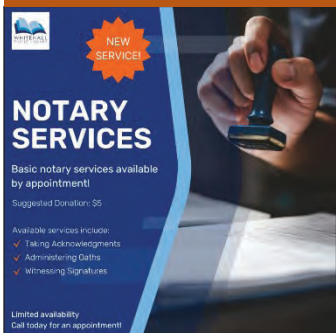
Thank you

AFTER HOURS: THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who attended our After Hours "Under the Sea" 21+ Fundraiser! We had a great time and are grateful for your continued support!

NOW OFFERING: NOTARY SERVICES!!



Our librarian, Sarah Scott, is able to perform basic notary services (taking acknowledgments, administering oaths and witnessing signatures). These services are by appointment only, with a suggested donation of \$5 per notarization.

Note: notaries are not able to give legal advice, explain or draft documents. For more information, visit our website.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday	10 AM to 8 PM
Friday	1 PM to 5 PM
Saturday	10 AM to 5 PM



www.whitehallpubliclibrary.org

NEED AN ITEM? WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

For those of you who come into the library to use our computers, send FAXES, make photocopies and/or work remotely, we are often asked at the front desk for a paper clip, a stapler, an envelope or a rubber band. Look no more! In response, we have made things more convenient by setting up a small office supply area at our computer table. Library patrons may feel free to respectfully use our supplies, which will hopefully keep your work more efficient and better organized.

We are here for you!



FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

We are so fortunate to have a cozy library reading space, complete with a working fireplace. Unfortunately, the fireplace stopped working just prior to the COVID pandemic. The good news is we recently installed a brand-new unit so folks can look forward to a nice warm fire on those damp chilly days. We've also made improvements in our Second Chapter Café and Family Place Children's Library, making sure our space is as welcoming, safe and accommodating as possible.



WELCOMING NEIGHBOR ALLIANCE

Get the facts about our local diversity by accessing the Welcoming Neighbor Alliance digital resource guide located at the bottom of our library homepage: <https://whitehallpubliclibrary.org>



ADULT PROGRAMS

Get the Picture: Classic Movie Matinee

Tuesdays @ 1 PM | No Registration Required

Need a classy way to avoid the autumn chills? Stay inside the library with some of the hottest company around – the movie stars of yesteryear!

Discover or get reacquainted with the films that made history and changed history – before they are history!

Each screening will be accompanied by refreshments as well as an optional discussion following the feature for those who wish to dish on all things movies! Make this season a classic one!



Animal Academy: Life on the Wild Side

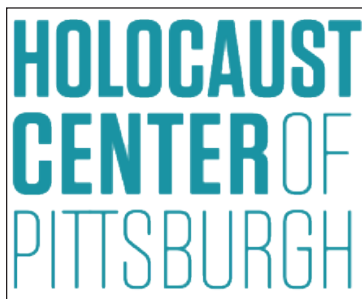
Get ready for a wild adventure!

We're partnering with Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh for a special three-part look at our furry and feathered friends. Each month will spotlight a different creature feature from body language to nocturnal navigation.

- Animal Behavior and Body Language **(Nov 9)**
- Winter Wildlife **(Dec 14)**
- Animals of the Night **(January 11)**



Register for one or all! In this academy, you're sure to pass with flying colors – or spots!



Ilsa's Story: A Personal History of the Holocaust

Tuesday, November 14 | Registration Required

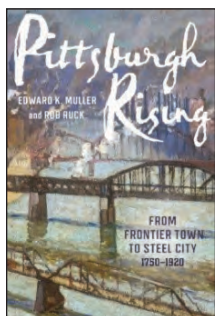
The library is honored to host Emily Loeb of the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh for a special presentation about her grandmother's experience as a Holocaust survivor. As Director of Programs and Education of HCPgh, Ms. Loeb will answer questions about the organization, the type of work they do and how the tragedies of the Holocaust are still felt in communities today.



Zentangle | First Saturday of the month @ 10:30 AM

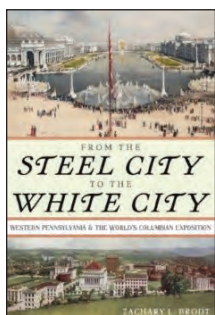
Join Certified Zentangle® teacher Donna Scharding for a morning of creativity and relaxation through structured pattern drawing! Ideally, participants will bring their own supplies — but if you are new to Zentangle, we can provide them for you. No formal art training is required; however, a sense of curiosity, an open mind and appreciation will enhance your experience. As you practice this method, you may experience increased focus and sense of well-being!

Author Talks Coming Soon — *Watch for details!*



Pittsburgh Rising: From Frontier Town to Steel Town

As Pittsburgh blossomed into one of the largest cities in the country and became a center of industry, it generated great wealth for industrial and banking leaders — but not all residents were to share in the rewards of growth. In *Pittsburgh Rising*, Edward K. Muller and Rob Ruck trace the lives of individuals and families who lived and worked in this early industrial city, jammed into unhealthy housing in overcrowded neighborhoods near the mills.



From the Steel City to the White City: Western PA and the World's Fair

In this brand-new book, Zachary Brodt explores Western Pennsylvania's representation at Chicago's famed Columbian Exposition, the first major step in demonstrating that Pittsburgh was more than simply America's crucible. While Pittsburgh's most famous contributions to the 1893 World's Fair — alternating current electricity and the Ferris wheel — had a lasting impact on the United States and the world, other exhibits provided a snapshot of the area's industries, natural resources and inventions!

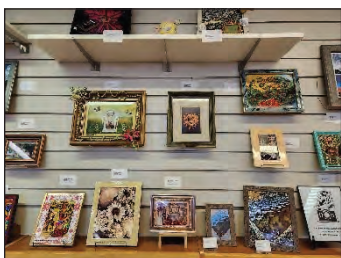
**Coming
Spring 2024!**

We will be hosting another free craft swap in the spring! Exact details will be announced in early 2024. Sign up for our Crafternoon eNewsletter to stay updated. <http://eepurl.com/cVSluz>



WE ARE SEEKING SEEDS!

We are looking for easy-to-grow, easy-to-care-for seeds that we will use in a spring garden display and seed exchange! Bring us your flower seeds and we will hold on to them until spring. Seeds can be dropped off at our front desk at any time.



ART WALL: Request for Artists

Calling all artists! We are seeking artwork for our community gallery space. Art may be hung or displayed on modular shelves. Displays last for one month at a time; for more information, contact Sarah Scott (scotts2@whitehallpubliclibrary.org)

TECHNOLOGY

Virtual Tech Clinic | Wednesdays 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Need face-to-face help using your device or with other tech-related issues? Join me on Zoom for a virtual tech clinic. Email ahead or just "click in" to the Zoom meeting. We meet every Wednesday at 1 PM!

For more information, contact Licia by email at slimonl@einetnetwork.net.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BIRTH-PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES | No Registration Required



Preschool

Tuesdays • 10:30 AM

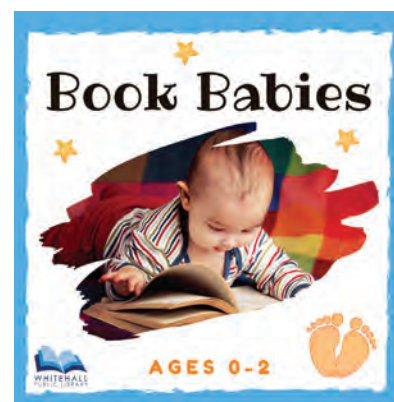
Library storytimes present a unique opportunity to introduce your child to essential pre-reading skills with stories, songs, rhymes and more. Join us for this early literacy class designed especially for preschoolers ages 3-5 with a caregiver.



Toddler Time

Wednesday • 10:30 AM

This early literacy class will include stories, rhymes, flannel board activities, music, movement and an art activity for ages 2-3 with a caregiver.



Book Babies

Thursday • 10:30 AM

Spend some time bonding with baby during this interactive storytime focusing on rhymes, songs, fingerplays and more. This class is for children ages 0-2 with a caregiver.

PRESCHOOL PLAY AND LEARN

Play is key to children's learning, development, confidence and wellbeing. Families will enjoy a morning of free play and activities provided by the library and recreation department. We will have sensory bins, playdough, art, blocks and plenty of toys.

October 13 • 10:30 AM
Autumn Activities

November 10 • 10:30 AM
Music and Movement

December 8 • 10:30 AM
Holiday fun

Preschool Holiday Movement Class

December 1 • 10:30 AM

Registration Required

Join Miss Shari from Dance Workshop for a free movement class with some holiday cheer.

Family Movie Night

November 17 • 6:00 PM

Registration Required

Super Mario Bros. The Movie (PG)

Doors open at 6:00 PM. Join us for a special pre-movie craft. Movie begins at 6:30 PM. Blankets, pillows and jammies welcome. Snacks and popcorn will be provided.



FAMILY NIGHTS All Programs Require Registration

Halloween Spooktacular

October 23 • 6:30 PM

Join us for a not so-spooky, family-friendly event! Wear your costume and come for tricks and treats, games, stories and crafts.

Family Book Bingo

November 13 • 6:30 PM

B-I-N-G-O! Play bingo to win books! Snacks provided.

Turkey Trouble

November 20 • 6:30 PM

Gobble, gobble, gobble! Get ready for some turkey trouble and thankful fun. We will have stories, games, crafts and a snack.

Holiday Storytime

**December 4
6:30 PM**

It's Christmas Eve and Santa & his reindeer are preparing for their festive flight to deliver toys. But wait! Rudy the red-nosed reindeer is way



off Santa's radar! He's lost and it's getting closer and closer to "Go Time". Watch what happens when a bunch of well-meaning merry makers, send Rudy everywhere but the North Pole! Holiday tunes from around the world, jolly jokes and mini-skits will keep everyone entertained, as Rudy travels the globe trying to find his way home. Will he get there in time for Christmas? Will Santa have to fly without him? Fasten your seatbelts for the most festive journey of the season!

Family Ornament Night Gingerbread Workshop

December 11 • 6:30 PM

Add some sparkle to your holidays and gift giving. Families will work together to create beautiful ornaments.

Gingerbread Workshop

December 18 • 6:30 PM

'Tis the season...for gingerbread! Join us for some creative fun and make your own gingerbread house. Supplies will be provided. Please bring a container or a box to take your project home.

BOOK CLUBS

Pages-Turners Book Club | Grades 3-4

**Wednesday, November 8 and
December 13 • 6:30 PM**

This book club is for kids who enjoy reading chapter books. Each month we will discuss a new book and complete a fun book-themed activity. We will have games and snacks. This group meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

Cliff-Hangers Book Club | Grades 5-8

**Wednesday, November 15 and
December 20 • 6:30 PM**

This book club is for middle-grade students. Each month we will discuss a new book, enjoy snacks and a fun book-themed activity. This group meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

MAKER MONDAY

Kids in grades 3 and up are invited to join us in the Whitehall community room at 6:30 PM for a Maker Monday! A makerspace is a place where you can make things and kids will be able to keep what they make. It's a place for hands-on learning with all the tools for creativity. Every month will have a different theme and different tools for the kids to use. Examples include robotics, 3D pens, circuits and more! Projects will be hands-on, open-ended and encourage inventiveness and problem-solving skills.

October 30 - Black Light Program

We are turning off the lights and breaking out the glow sticks! Join us for fun glow-in-the-dark and blacklight activities including making a terror-arium, glow in the dark art and jewelry making and invisible ink. Participants are encouraged to wear white or black-light reactive clothing.

November 27 - Music Maker Monday

Combine technology, like Makey Makey and everyday objects, like bananas, to make music. Or combine a variety of items to design your own instrument!

TEENS AND TWEENS

Teen Advisory Board

**October 25, November 29, December 27
6:00 PM**

Get involved by joining the Teen Advisory Board. Teens are invited to earn community service hours by planning, organizing and participating in teen programs. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer hours and members of TAB will be considered first for volunteer opportunities. Join us for pizza, make new friends and have some fun!

Registration recommended, walk-ins welcome!



Teen Game Night

November 9 • 6:30 PM

Meet some new friends, play games and enjoy pizza. Bring your favorite game or play one of ours. Join us for an evening of fun.

Registration recommended.



DIY Holiday Gifts

December 7 • 6:30 PM

Need a gift idea for a friend, Mom, Dad or Grandma? Stop by the library and create a DIY peppermint bowl and candy sleigh. We will even have the supplies to wrap!

Registration required.



WHITEHALL BOROUGH RECREATION

LOOKING BACK...



Whitehall Borough **Kids of Steel** is a movement group that meets for FREE practices during the Winter/Spring season to prepare you to MOVE and complete a WHOLE marathon over several weeks! - Practices begin in January. Details can be found on Eventbrite.

Mark your
Calendar for the
2024 Easter
Egg Hunt!

March 23, 2024



Easter Egg Hunt at Frank Park!



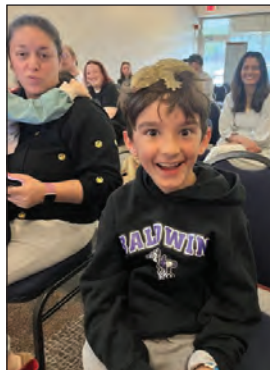
Residents loved Rocking by the Pool at the **Yacht Rock Event!** We have so many exciting things being planned for a full season of fun at the pool!

Our 6-Week **Summer Camp** was a hit! Campers were able to play sports, attend field trips, participate in water days, anything goes day, cook out day, enjoy ice cream, pizza and more! **Registration for camp begins in April.**



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!

Residents of Cannongate and MaidenBridge participated in a floral arrangement class.



Reptile Show with Icesman Reptiles
Residents were able to get up close and personal with a variety of reptiles.



Introduction to **Pre-K Karate** at Premier Martial Arts
Reserve your spot for the next class on October 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM. Pre-registration is required on Eventbrite.



Residents enjoyed the newly renovated Brennan Plaza with **Free Concerts in the Park!** Check out the Spring/Summer Magazine for a list of the 2024 Concerts and Food Trucks in the Park!



Community Day was bigger and better than ever! The newly added attractions such as petting zoo, carnival games, adult beverages and axe throwing were a huge success! We can't wait for next year **August 10-11, 2024.**

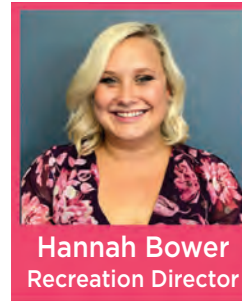
The **Pickleball Tournament** continues to grow each and every year. Thank you to everyone who participated.

1st Place: Bryan & Brianna Corder
2nd Place: Ben & Alex Ehrman

UPCOMING EVENTS



Linda J. Book
Recreation Chair



Hannah Bower
Recreation Director

Sign up for events
on EventBrite!



BINGO

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED by contacting the Recreation Director at 412-304-8347. \$10.00 includes Lunch, Bottle of Water, Dessert and 20 games of Bingo.

October 26, 2023	February 29, 2024
November 30, 2023	March 28, 2024
December 28, 2023	April 25, 2024
January 25, 2024	May 30, 2024



PRE-K KARATE

Join us at Premier Martial Arts on **October 19, 2023** for an introductory class geared toward toddlers ages 3+. In our Pre-K class, we work on fundamentals including: coordination, focus, listening skills, balance, socialization and fun! Parent/guardian must be in attendance. Register for \$5.00 on EventBrite.

NATIONAL TRIVIA NIGHT

The Borough would like to celebrate National Trivia Night with you on **January 4, 2024!** Trivia begins at 6:30 PM in the Whitehall Community Room. 3 persons to a team, with prizes to first and second place. Sign your team up on EventBrite!

SOUP COOK OFF

Calling all soup lovers! The Recreation Department is partnering with the Library for a Soup Cook Off on **January 14, 2024** in the Whitehall Community Room. Participants will get a spoon and voting card at the registration table. Contestants will serve up their best soups, chowders and bisques! Interested in entering your soup? Sign-up using the Google Doc on the Borough Website.



POLAR PLUNGE

Whitehall Police Department and Staff will be taking the plunge at the **2024 Special Olympics Pittsburgh Polar Plunge** this February! Help us raise money and awareness for Special Olympics athletes in the Three Rivers Region. Use the QR Code below to donate and support our team!



BUNCO GAME NIGHT

Get the dice rolling on **February 1, 2024** at 6:30 PM in the Whitehall Community Room! Prizes will be awarded to the winner and the most buncos! Register on EventBrite.

ALL AGES VALENTINE'S DAY BINGO

Feel the love on **February 11, 2024** at the all ages Valentine's Day Bingo! Join us in the Whitehall Community Room at 1:00 PM. \$5.00 includes 10 games of Bingo. Prizes per game and additional side raffles. Register on EventBrite

ST. PATRICK'S CRAFT DAY



Feeling a little green? You're just in luck! Join us for a craft night on **March 4, 2024** in the Whitehall Community Room at 6:30 PM. Create a beautiful St. Patrick's Day wreath. Register on EventBrite for \$10.00.

COMEDY SHOW

**FEBRUARY 17,
2024!**

Salvatore's Event Center

\$55.00 includes Beer, Dinner and a Show! Doors open at 6:00 PM; Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM; The Show begins at 8:00 PM. Must be 21+ years of age. Door Prizes, 50/50 and Basket Raffles! 8 seats per table. This Event sells out fast! Get your tickets now!

KIDS OF STEEL

Join Team Whitehall Recreation Board for FREE in-person practices this Winter/Spring Season to prepare you MOVE and complete a marathon over time! All practices are at the Baldwin High School Small Gym.

Saturday, January 6:	9:00AM - 10:00AM
Saturday, February 3:	9:00AM - 10:00AM
Saturday, March 2:	9:00AM - 10:00AM
Saturday, April 6:	9:00AM - 10:00AM
Pittsburgh Kids Marathon	May 4, 2024



21+ HALLOWEEN PARTY!



**\$40/PER PERSON
DRAFT BEER,
DINNER & DANCING!**

**OCTOBER
27
2023**

**7:00 PM
SALVATORE'S
5001 CURRY ROAD, PGH,
PA 15236**

COSTUME CONTEST

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**BEST OVERALL COSTUME
BEST COUPLES COSTUME
MOST CREATIVE COSTUME**

***COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT NOT REQUIRED.**

REGISTER IF YOU DARE!



SEASON OF GIVING

Beginning November 1 - December 22, Whitehall Borough Recreation and Community Clothes Exchange are partnering for a clothing drive that benefits 230 families in the Baldwin-Whitehall Community!

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

	GIRLS	BOYS	WOMEN	MEN
Socks (New)	Small, Medium, Large Highest Demand: MEDIUM	Small, Medium, Large Highest Demand: LARGE	Ankle High & Winter Weight	Large
Underwear (New)	Size 4-16 Highest Demand: Size 8, 10, 12	Boxers and Briefs Size 2-16 Highest Demand: Size 8 & 10	Medium & Large	Boxers and Briefs Small & Medium
Bras (New)	Bralettes Highest Demand: LARGE	N/A	Soft, Stretchy Pull Over Highest Demand: Large & XL	N/A
General Clothes Items (Gently Used)	ALL SIZES	ALL SIZES	ALL SIZES	ALL SIZES



DROP OFF LOCATIONS:
Administration Lobby
Police Department Lobby
Library Lobby

"Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give."

— Ben Carson



www.facebook.com/communityclothesexchange



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 16, 2023

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Salvatore's

Registration required on EventBrite.



Tickets on Sale

November 1

WHITEHALL BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT



Robert J. Mckown, CPA
Public Safety Chair

YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE...

Whitehall Borough has seen its fair share of road and utility improvement projects this year. These projects not only disrupt our daily routines, but they can also increase traffic volumes in neighborhoods as motorists seek alternative routes due to road closures and active work zones.

As a result, traffic calming devices (i.e. speed humps) seem to be the new "buzz word" around town. Many believe the installation of these devices will lessen traffic volume and speeding in their neighborhood.

Traffic calming devices can be an effective method for improving traffic issues in neighborhoods. However, if not planned properly, they can also have the opposite effect and create additional traffic issues such as:

- Increase speed before and after the device to make up for the reduced speed zone.
- Increase traffic congestion leading up to the device or surrounding streets.
- Reduce on-street parking in the area surrounding device.
- Increase response times for emergency vehicles.
- Hinder public works ability to remove snow and ice.
- Change draining patterns on selected roadways.

The Police Department has been working with the Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor to develop policy and procedures for a **Traffic Calming Program**. An effective program is one that includes three key elements - education, enforcement and engineering.

- **Education** involves the use of brochures, newsletters and social media to spread traffic safety tips, or the placement of portable radar speed signs to alert motorists of their speed.
- **Enforcement** involves a more intensive Police presence to enforce speed limits and other traffic laws in a given area during peak hours.
- **Engineering** involves the placement of signs and pavement markings, or installation of permanent traffic calming measure on the roadway.

Engineering is the biggest challenge. It requires buy-in from community stakeholders, a formal traffic study, funding source and adequate space. PennDOT provides a comprehensive manual for municipalities that defines the eligibility criteria to justify the installation of traffic calming measures on a given roadway.

Our goal is to present a traffic calming policy for Borough Council consideration in 2024. The policy will be designed to provide guidance on the application process, required studies and criteria for approval. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns about traffic issues in your neighborhood, please contact us at 412-884-1100 or administration@whitehallboropd.org.



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OUR TEAM



Chief of Police
Jason C. Gagorik



Deputy Chief
Kurt L. Gaebel

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Korey Hinkle
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Marie Schwartzmeier
Matthew Mabon
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Jaclyn Polky
Anthony Szalla
Tracy Murrello

Volunteer FIRE COMPANY



LOOKING FOR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

At the beginning of the year, the Fire Company was looking forward to a very productive year and productive it has been. The Company now has staffing during daylight hours. This has shown to dramatically reduce response times throughout our first due response area. This directly benefits Residents and will help lower our ISO score which in turn helps lower insurance rates. Having a staffed station allows members to spend their free time staffing the station. Because of this, our daylight crew count for calls is often double what it used to be just last year. Currently, the crew operates out of Station 2, located on Weyman Road. This has pushed members to begin working on improvements to the aging station. These improvements include renovating the bathroom with new flooring, drop ceiling and lighting; upgrading our Radio Room equipment to allow for more functionality; removal of the old boiler and equipment to free up needed space; new LED lighting and replacing older florescent fixtures. Improvements to our buildings are made possible by the donations we receive from the Residents that support us!

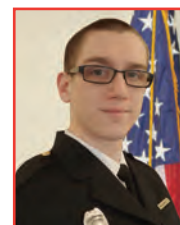
A recent change in our By-Laws now allows members to join even if they live outside the 1 air mile. There is a prerequisite of certified training to join in this case, but this has already proven fruitful for the Company. New members have joined, bringing with them their skills, knowledge and experience that we did not have the opportunity to have just last year. The Company is still looking for dedicated volunteers to fill our ranks. No training is required if you live within 1 air mile of the Borough. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, visit our website for all the details.

When it comes to training, we are happy to announce that we recently achieved **75% Recognition Level** for membership training in accordance with nationally recognized Professional Qualification Standards. This recognition comes from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner and the evaluation happens at least every 3 years. In the last year, 5 members have achieved their Fire Fighter II certification with a few more preparing for their Fire Fighter I certification test. Other training completed by our members includes Emergency Vehicle Operators Course, Basic Vehicle Rescue Technician classes and several Structural Burn Sessions. This dedication by our membership to continue their education directly benefits our Community and certainly has not gone unnoticed.

Some more big and exciting news, the Borough and Fire Company once again worked together for the purchase of a new **Sutphen SPH 95 Aerial Platform** coming in at \$1.7 million. This new truck is expected to be delivered in the coming years and will replace our current truck which is beginning to show its age. While this is considered an early replacement for this specific apparatus by a few years, numbers and estimates were ran on the costs associated with waiting. It was found that placing the order for the aerial now will save the borough almost \$2 million as prices for fire apparatuses continue to rise.

As a small group of volunteers by the Community, for the Community, the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company is dedicated to providing our Residents with the best fire and rescue services at any time of the day, in any part of the year. It is one thing to have outstanding equipment and training, but it does not mean a thing without a volunteer with the heart and passion to serve the Community, such as our members have.

OUR TEAM



President
Will Hoagland V



Fire Chief
Nicholas Price

LINE OFFICERS

Nick Price - Chief

Bryan Pearson - Assistant Chief

William "BZ" Marcus - Deputy Chief

Paul "PJ" Bruschi - Lieutenant 1

Robert "Goob" Gruber - Lieutenant 2



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*The Whitehall Fire Company is
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PUBLIC WORKS

Philip J. Lahr, Chair



Honor Roll

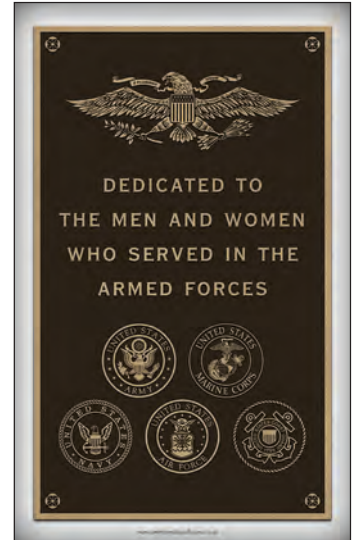
Earlier this year, Public Works identified the Veteran's Honor Roll Memorial on Baptist Road as being in need of renovation. Councilwoman Linda Book and Borough Manager, Courtney M. Wertz have been working with Representative Nick Pisciotto to secure funding for refurbishment of the Honor Roll Project. Representative Pisciotto facilitated a \$5,000 donation from UPMC that the Borough has used to purchase a new plaque for the monument. A Grant is in the works for the second phase of the project. The Honor Roll Project will be completed in-house by the Public Works Department. The project will be broken into two phases.

Phase I includes:

- Remove wood trim and current Memorial Plaque
- Install smooth stone to enclose the monument
- Install a custom-made Bronze Plaque to honor all Veteran's who have served in the Armed Forces

Phase II includes:

- 2 self-illuminated flag poles
- Landscaping



Woodchipper Grant

Last year, the Borough applied for the Local Share Account — PA Racehorse Development & Gaming Act Grant and was successful! This Grant money was used to purchase a backhoe for the Public Works Department. The Borough Manager has applied for the same Grant this year, in hopes of purchasing a **woodchipper**. If the Borough is successful, the purchase of a woodchipper would enable the Borough to continue to offer valuable services to our Residents, while saving tax dollars by performing tasks in-house.

Public Works Crews are ready for this Winter Season!

Over 3,000 tons of salt was delivered to the Salt Dome.



Touch-A-Truck 2023

The Public Works Department allowed attendees at this year's Touch-A-Truck Event to sign their names on the snowplow. Crews can't wait to take the kiddos along for the ride this Winter Season! See you next year at Touch-A-Truck!



Many thanks to the Public Works Department for all they do around the Borough!



Linda Book
Chairwoman,
Veteran Celebration

WHITEHALL BOROUGH VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Please join us on **Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 2023,**
at 11:00 AM in the Whitehall Borough Community Room
to honor America's Veterans!

Complimentary refreshments served at 10:30 AM.

If you would like to participate please contact
Councilwoman Linda J. Book at lbook5200@yahoo.com

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★

VETERANS

day

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!

Trees boost our mental health while raising our physical health

From a city park to a vast forest, trees deliver for us when we help them thrive.

A study by a TNC scientist [The Nature Conservancy] shows that time in nature — like a walk among the trees in a city park — correlates with a drop in anxiety and depression. The good news: it doesn't take a lot of time in nature for these soothing powers to kick in. You may have felt the benefits from a short walk or hike in your neighborhood. We're drawn to green spaces, and for good reason.

Trees are more than just trees.

www.nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/build-healthy-cities/cities-stories/benefits-of-trees-forests/

A growing body of research shows that regularly spending time around trees provides a wide range of human health benefits, from lowering stress to improving cognition to boosting longevity, according to experts.

In a September 8, 2021, interview on WBUR's Radio Boston, Peter James, assistant professor in Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health's Department of Environmental Health, said that trees' effects on us "translate into long-term changes in the incidence of depression, anxiety, cognitive decline and chronic diseases including cardiovascular disease and cancer."

www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/hsph-in-the-news/the-health-benefits-of-trees/



Connect with your local
BBW Shade Tree Commission

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Monthly meetings held virtually
1st Monday of each month.
Please email us to join!

Whitehall Borough Historical Society



The Whitehall Borough Historical Society was incorporated in June 2022 with the mission to preserve and promote the history and foster knowledge of our Borough. To accomplish this mission, the Society's officers, trustees and members engage in research; preserve documents, photos and artifacts; and provide presentations and publications for the benefit of residents, businesses and the general public. These efforts are planned and executed in coordination with our Library and Recreation Department.

The Society actively seeks photos, documents, publications and memorabilia relevant to the history of our Borough and its residents and businesses. If you have such items and would like to donate or loan them for future displays and presentations, please contact the Society. All objects are stored and secured properly.

We encourage all Residents and local businesses to become Whitehall Borough Historical Society members. Members are notified about scheduled meetings, planned events and enjoy complimentary admission to Heinz History Museum facilities.

Annual membership fees are \$10.00 per individual, \$20.00 for a family and \$50.00 for a business/organization. Please make checks payable to Whitehall Borough Historical Society. Access our website for more information.



Upcoming presentations include Andy Masich, President and CEO of the Heinz History Center. The Society will recognize its History Student of the Year. This event will be held at our annual members meeting on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 PM in the Whitehall Community Room at 100 Borough Park Drive. All interested Residents are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by email - whitehallhistory100@gmail.com

Whitehall Borough Historical Society 2024 calendars which feature classic photos of Whitehall Borough's past are now available at Whitehall Public Library for \$5.00. If you order by mail, the cost is \$7.50 to cover postage and handling. Please make checks payable to: Whitehall Borough Historical Society and mail to the above P.O. Box address.

Whitehall Borough History Fact!

As Whitehall Borough celebrates its 75th Anniversary, we look at the many accomplishments not only of the Borough Administrators but of its dedicated Residents.

In 1985-1986 Whitehall Borough Resident, State Representative Raymond T. Book, introduced House Bill 90 and successfully

passed this legislation placing the Organ Donor sticker on PA driver's licenses. This procedure is made easier today with online registration at donatelifepea.org or adding this designation when you apply for your PA Driver's License.



CAR WASHING POLLUTION PREVENTION

Protecting fish and other aquatic life from harmful pollutants



Oil, grease, salt, soap, and sediment are just a few of the pollutants that you wash off from your car.

These pollutants typically drain into the storm sewer system and are untreated when entering our waterways. Fish and other aquatic life are harmed by the harsh chemicals from detergents. The phosphates from soap can cause excess algae to grow which makes water cloudy, green, smelly and unhealthy for recreational use and aquatic life. As the algae decays, large amounts of oxygen are consumed, leaving very little oxygen available for fish. Detergents also contain a surfactant in order for the cleaner to rinse off easily with water. Surfactants harm fish by destroying layers that protect them from bacteria and parasites, resulting in severe damage to a fish's gills. Fish eggs are also killed even in low concentrations of surfactants. Lastly, detergents in the waterways allow for pesticides and phenols to be more easily absorbed by fish. So how can you help protect fish and other aquatic life? Here are some tips for minimizing or eliminating pollution caused by washing your car:

Commercial Car Wash

- Self-serve or machine car washes are great alternatives as the water drains to the sanitary sewers where it will be treated.
- Depending on the equipment, commercial car washes can use substantially less water (up to 60% compared to washing at home).
- Some car washes also recycle and reuse the water before draining to the sanitary sewers.

Residential Car Washing

- Washing on a gravel or grassy area will allow for the water to infiltrate into the ground instead of draining into the storm sewer system.
- If those areas are not an option, before washing your car in the driveway, sweep and dispose of any trash or debris that would be carried to the storm drain.
- Try washing without soaps, using a pressure washer typically removes all the dirt and grime from a car.
- Phosphate-free and biodegradable soaps are safer alternatives to the typical detergents used in car washing. Products from Simple Green, Eco Touch, and Chemical Guys are examples of environmentally friendly soaps.

Charity Car Washes

- Try a “fish friendly” car wash by using phosphate-free and biodegradable soaps.
- Control water by using a spray nozzle.
- Determine if water can be diverted to a grassy area instead of draining directly to an inlet. Using rolled up towels is an easy way to divert water.
- Check with your local municipality on options for protecting nearby inlets.
- Discuss with owners at self-serve car washes about donating their space(s) to use for the fundraising event.

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Engineer

2023 REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2024

Please keep this Collection Calendar handy to remind you that your recycling will be picked up on your regular green recycling collection day.

2024 Holidays

Please note: If your service day falls on or follows one of these observed holidays, your service will be delayed by one day for that week only.

New Years Day: January 1, 2024

Memorial Day: May 27, 2024

Independence Day: July 4, 2024

Labor Day: September 2, 2024

Thanksgiving Day: November 28, 2024

Christmas Day: December 26, 2024

REMAINDER OF 2023

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GREEN SHADED WEEKS =
RECYCLING COLLECTION WEEKS
WEEKS WITH STARS =
LEAF COLLECTION WEEKS

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 Bulk Collection Week  Recycling Collection  Observed Holidays

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MONDAY-THURSDAY REFUSE/RECYCLING STREET LIST A-Z

Abbey Lane	M	Frank Street	T	Parkvue Drive	TH
Abbott Drive	W	Frich Drive	W	Parkvue Drive Ext.	W
Aldred Lane	W	Gardenville Road.	TH	Parliament Place (pvt).	M
Audbert Drive	TH	Giese Drive	W	Peach Drive	W
Augusta Way	TH	Girard Road	W	Plymouth Road	TH
Azalea Drive.	M	Glen Robin Drive.	M	Portview Circle	W
Baldwin Manor Road	T	Glen Elm Drive.	W	Prospect Road.	W
Baptist Road	TH	Glenallen Drive	TH	Providence Way	M
Barlind Drive, E&W	T	Glowood Drive.	T	Provost Road.	T
Barone Drive	W	Greenlee Road.	T	Radford Road	W
Bauman Avenue	W	Greenridge Drive.	M	Raintree Road	M
Beall Drive	W	Grove Road	M	Ranger Drive	TH
Bel-Air Drive.	T	Hamilton Road.	M	Reece Drive	T
Belmont Lane	M	Harter Circle.	W	Reiland Street	T
Benson Circle.	W	Heinen Street.	T	Rhodes Avenue.	W
Bevan Road	W	Hennig Drive	M	Roberta Drive	TH
Borough Park Drive	TH	Highgrove Road	M	Rolling Hills Road	TH
Brant Drive.	TH	Hollyrood Drive.	W	Salem Drive	TH
Brightview Avenue, E&W	T	Jewel Drive.	TH	Seton Street.	T
Brownsville Road	TH	Jill Drive	W	Shadow Drive	T
Carlyn Drive	TH	Kay Drive	T	Shadowlawn Drive	T
Carriage Drive	TH	Lachman Drive	TH	Shadowlawn Circle.	T
Caste Drive.	M	Lantern Hill - Drive & Ext.	M	Sheila Court	T
Cecelia Drive	W	Lawnview Drive, E&W	T	Sherwood Drive	TH
Cherryvale Drive	M	Leona Drive	W	Short Street	TH
Chesna Drive	M	Lewis Court	TH	Skyline Drive	W
Child Drive	TH	Locust Drive.	TH	Skyvue Drive	T
Clairton Boulevard	W	Longwood Drive	TH	Snyder Drive	TH
Club Drive, E & W	TH	Lucy Drive	T	South Passage Drive	M
Clubvue Drive	W	Maple Drive	W	Southvue Drive	TH
Colonial Park Drive.	T	Margaret Street.	T	Spring Valley Drive	M
Colter Drive	W	Maryal Drive.	TH	Springmeadow Court	M
Colteryahn Drive.	W	Marylea Avenue.	T	Steeplechase Court	M
Cook Avenue	TH	Maxwell Drive & Ext.	TH	Stilley Road	W
Country Club Drive.	W	Mayflower Drive	T	Streets Run Road	W
Curry Road.	TH	McAnulty Road	TH	Teal Drive	TH
Dallett Road.	W	McKee Drive.	M	Thomas Drive.	W
Daube Drive.	M	McRoberts Road.	T	Thurner Drive.	TH
Deemer Drive.	T	Meadow Park Drive	TH	Tomfran Drive	TH
Del Rio Drive	TH	Meadowgreen Drive	TH	Varner Road.	W
Delma Drive	TH	Mooreridge Drive	W	Veman Avenue	W
Divine Drive	TH	Morningrise Drive	M	Villaview Drive.	M
Dolores Drive.	W	Mulberry Court	T	Wainwright Avenue	W
Doris Drive	T	Niblick Way	W	Wakefield Drive.	W
Doverdell Drive	TH	Norwin Road	TH	Wallace Park Drive	W
Doyle Road.	W	Nurnberger Drive	W	Wedgewood Drive	W
Duncan Lane	M	Oakridge Drive	W	Weyman Road.	M
Dunluce Drive	W	Old Boston Road	T	Wheaton Drive	TH
Dunn Drive	T	Old Clairton Road.	W	White Hill Circle.	T
Earlford Drive	W	Orchard Hill Drive	M	Wilburke Avenue.	TH
Earlsdale Road	T	Overlook Glen Drive.	M	Willow Drive.	TH
East Willock Road.	W	Paddock Lane	M	Windvale Drive	TH
Echo Glen Drive	W	Panama Lodge Drive	TH	Woodridge Drive	T
Edge Road	W	Par Drive.	TH	Woodvue Drive	T
Emblem Avenue, N & S	W	Parkline Drive.	W	Woody Crest Drive.	T
Felix Drive	TH	Parkside Lane	M		
Fieldcrest Drive.	M				
Flamingo Drive	TH				

**M - MONDAY; T - TUESDAY;
W - WEDNESDAY; TH - THURSDAY**



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