



# Whitehall

BOROUGH

**2020 FALL/WINTER REPORT**

A HOME RULE COMMUNITY FOUNDED 1948



**MAYOR  
JIM NOWALK**

**A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR NOWALK**

# **CONCERNING THE WHITEHALL POOL**

**S**outhwestern Pennsylvania is home to many wonderful communities, yet, all of us have chosen to reside in Whitehall Borough.

Among the many reasons for choosing Whitehall Borough is likely to be the municipal services and added amenities that Whitehall Borough has to offer. Our celebrated Public Safety Services, Police, Fire, Ambulance and Public Works Departments are outstanding. Our Public Library, meeting rooms, parks, recreational areas, playgrounds and swimming pool are amenities that serve to raise our quality of community life.

A quest for the best municipal services is what brought Whitehall Borough into existence in 1948. Whitehall Borough Council and I intend to work with you, our residents to maintain these high quality services and amenities not only for ourselves but for our children and future generations of Whitehall residents.

The amenity that needs the most attention at this time is our Borough Swimming Pool. When it was opened in 1965, it was celebrated as a unique and beautiful structure. Its architect, Herold Bradley, who had designed more than 100 municipal and private pools, remarked that the Whitehall Pool was “the one of which I am the proudest.” It is hard to believe that in its

inaugural year, the Whitehall Pool had 6,000 season-pass holders. After 55 years of use, our historic pool is in need of major structural repairs. Whitehall Borough Council is working hard to make the difficult decisions to assure that the Whitehall Pool continues to be a popular, premier community asset.

Please consider this message an invitation to join me in giving Whitehall Borough Council the input and support it needs to make the challenging and long-lasting decisions regarding our Swimming Pool. After considerable study and patchwork repairs, it appears that the only feasible solution is to replace the Pool. This means that the Swimming Pool will not be open next year. Additionally, the high cost of replacement will need to be spread out over an extended period of time, necessitating either a tax increase or a major municipal fundraising campaign (like Dormont Borough has done) or both.

Your ideas as to the design of the Pool and how your elected officials can finance the expense of replacement are most welcome. For instance, you may have a wealthy relative or work for a company that would like to sponsor a portion of the replacement and be recognized for their contribution. Perhaps you know of grant funding that could fund Swimming Pool construction.

**Please send your ideas to  
Whitehall Borough Council  
via email at:**

**[ourpool@whitehallboro.org](mailto:ourpool@whitehallboro.org)  
or send a letter to Council  
marked “Our Pool” to  
100 Borough Park Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236.**



# Council President's REPORT



**Glenn P. Nagy**  
*Council President*

## Dear Fellow Whitehall Residents

**It's been a challenging past several months for all of us.** Here in Whitehall, we've done our best to try to keep things as normal as possible. Our parks have been open since the onset of the virus. Our pool was open for several weeks during one of the hottest and certainly sunniest summers we can remember. We're seeing so many more people out walking with their children and dogs, trying to escape the doldrums of a limited everyday life. Hopefully, you have been able to spend some time with friends and family, safely of course, and perhaps get caught up with them and what is important in their lives.

Unfortunately, we had to curtail some of the things that are a part of a "normal" summer. Our celebrated summer recreation program had to be cancelled, but Recreation Director Hannah Vetere-Bower has done a great job attempting to host virtual events. Our Library closed for a period of time but worked through the virus to serve the needs of our residents with curbside pickups, and fortunately, re-opened on a limited basis in mid-September. Our Road Crew has done their usual great job of maintaining our streets and parks. The baseball associations were able to utilize our fields and provide some semblance of normalcy to our boys and girls (with hardly any rain-outs). Our Police Department, faced with some staffing challenges, has continued to make Whitehall one of the safest municipalities in the

region. Our volunteer boards have continued to meet and maintain the high standards we've come to expect. And, our administrative staff has worked hard to provide services to our residents as usual.

As you may have seen, our Fire Department recently engaged with Allegheny County 911 to provide dispatching services. Just a reminder that in the event of a fire, or medical emergency, please **call 911**, and not the 884-1100 number for the Police Department.

As always, we ask that you continue to support the Whitehall Fire Department with your once-a-year donations. The Borough funds the majority of their costs, but there is always money needed for new personal safety equipment and uniforms. We still have an all-volunteer department and are so grateful for the time and effort they all contribute for training and service.

Fellow Councilperson Kathy Depuy mentioned a great idea to me at our last Council meeting. Consider a donation jar in your home, and whenever you hear the fire whistle blowing, maybe throw a dollar or some change into it as an additional contribution to the Department. It'll make you feel good, and is a great example for our children.

Speaking for your Borough Council, we all wish you a safe, and hopefully soon, normal rest of the year.

Residents are encouraged to leave their porch lights on throughout the night - it is helpful for emergency services as the Borough does not have street lights. It is relatively cheap to run LED lights. Duquesne Light customers can apply for a FREE Energy Efficiency Kit that includes LED lights at [DuquesneLight.com/EnergyEfficiency](http://DuquesneLight.com/EnergyEfficiency)



# MANAGER'S 2020 REPORT

JAMES LEVENTRY

**I think we can all agree that 2020 has been a year unlike any that we've experienced before.** My wife and I were out of town for a few days, and when I returned the morning of March 17 amid the Governor's declaration of going to the "red" phase, the decision was made to close the municipal building to the public. That included administration offices, meeting rooms and the library. The red phase also directed that all employees who are able to work from home must do so. That resulted in the always awkward discussion of what is "essential" and who exactly that applies to. Ultimately, the decision was made that all employees other than myself would work from home to the best of their ability.

What an odd feeling it was when I came to work the next day knowing that, other than police, I would be the only one in the building. And it remained that way, with a few exceptions, until Pennsylvania entered the yellow phase. At that point, employees began coming into the office a bit more regularly. And then in June, when we entered the green phase, most things returned back to something resembling normal, although the building remained closed. Council continued to meet in person utilizing the large Community Room on the third floor, and had a separate phone system installed to allow public participation by phone. That configuration remains in effect to this day, and likely will continue to until there is a widely available vaccine or an effective therapeutic.

Obviously, doing your job a completely different way than what you are accustomed requires adjustment and modified practices and procedures. I'm proud of the way my staff quickly adjusted, and am pleased that resident issues and concerns continued to be addressed in a timely manner. I also sincerely appreciate all of the residents' patience during this time as we figured everything out. That was invaluable to us.

Unfortunately, the biggest casualty was our recreation program. Despite Hannah's repeated attempts to hold activities, there really wasn't a clear path forward, and all activities eventually were cancelled. We hope



to be able to get that program back functioning at some point in 2021.

To Council's credit, they felt deeply that they wanted to offer the residents some semblance of normalcy. To that end, they decided to keep the parks open, and to eventually open the swimming pool under directives from the commonwealth. The pool opened on July 6, but I think due to wariness of the virus and the mandated restrictions, attendance remained light and it closed for the season on August 16. There are some ongoing issues related to the pool going forward. Please be sure to read Mayor Nowalk's article on page 2.

Due to the financial uncertainties surrounding the virus, Council wisely elected to try and conserve every dollar and curtail some activities. The road paving program shrunk from the normal \$850,000 per year to just \$150,000 this year. Other projects were postponed, although the Streets Run Flood Control Project is getting ready to go, as is a repair project along McRoberts Road. The Borough is clearly going to have reduced revenues in 2020, and it will be a challenging budgeting process for 2021. I will say that Whitehall appears to be well situated to deal with the financial uncertainties moving forward, but I don't expect a "normal" 2021.

As we continue to move forward in these uncertain times, rest assured that the staff and I remain able and available to meet the needs of the community, although perhaps in a somewhat different manner. Our contact information is featured prominently in this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to use it.

**As we finally conclude 2020 and move into 2021, be healthy and be safe. Better days are ahead.**

**WE ARE ALL IN  
THIS TOGETHER**



# TAX COLLECTION

## Questions & Answers



**William J. Veith**  
Chair, Administrative Services

FROM **KELLY SGATTONI**  
YOUR PROPERTY TAX COLLECTOR

**Q: Kelly, what taxes do you collect?**

**A:** I collect current real estate taxes for Whitehall Borough and the Baldwin-Whitehall School District.

**Q: Where can I pay my taxes in person?**

**A:** Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, payments will only be accepted via mail at this time. Please mail your payments to 3584 Reiland Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. For in-person collection date updates please visit [www.whitehallboro.org](http://www.whitehallboro.org) OR [www.bwschools.net](http://www.bwschools.net)

**Q: Where would I mail my payment and how will I get a receipt?**

**A:** Mail your payments to 3584 Reiland Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. If you would like a receipt, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and a receipt will be mailed to you.

**Q: Do you accept credit cards?**

**A:** For Whitehall Borough – NO. For Baldwin Whitehall School District, online payments are now accepted (Third Party Fee) at [www.bwschools.net/taxpayment](http://www.bwschools.net/taxpayment).

*To contact me via email: [ksgattoni@bwschools.net](mailto:ksgattoni@bwschools.net) or phone 412-881-1644*

## YOUR WHITEHALL MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS are pleased to present the following Fall and Winter events and information.



Jim Nowalk  
Mayor



Glenn Nagy  
President



John Wotus  
Vice Pres.



William Veith



Robert McKown, CPA



Linda Book



Philip Lahr



Kathleen DePuy

James F. Nowalk . . . . . Mayor

### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Glenn P. Nagy . . . . . President of Council  
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William J. Veith . . . . . Chair - Administrative Services  
Robert J. McKown, CPA. . . . . Chair - Public Safety  
Linda J. Book . . . . . Chair - Public Works  
Philip J. Lahr. . . . . Chair - Library  
Kathleen N. DePuy. . . . . Chair - Recreation  
Irving Firman . . . . . Solicitor  
Scott Rusmiser . . . . . Engineer

### STAFF

James E. Leventry . . . . . Borough Manager  
Courtney M. Wertz. . . . . Assistant Manager  
Vincent G. Yevins. . . . . Finance Director  
Scott Dellett, AICP . . . . . Director of Planning, Zoning & Code Enforcement  
Marc Zeoli . . . . . Code Enforcement Officer  
Roxanne J. Dudjak. . . . . Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant  
Keith P. Henderson . . . . . Chief of Police  
Jason C. Gagorik . . . . . Deputy Chief of Police  
Eric Harris . . . . . Public Works Supervisor  
Eric Harris . . . . . Fire Chief  
Kelly Sgattoni . . . . . Property Tax Collector  
Paula Kelly . . . . . Library Director  
Hannah Vetere-Bower . . . . . Recreation Director



**Paula Kelly**  
Library Director

# WHITEHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

**HEART OF THE COMMUNITY**



**Phil Lahr**  
Chair, Library



## Greetings FROM THE LIBRARY!

**LIKE EVERYONE ELSE**, when we locked the doors back on March 14th, we here at the library never predicted that we'd be closing those doors for the next half-year! Yes, our physical doors closed, but the Whitehall Library remained open. We ramped up virtual services to meet a skyrocketing demand for e-resources. We purchased additional hot spots so that our community could stay connected, and we developed virtual content to inform and entertain all ages. When the county-wide system eventually reopened, we were thrilled to finally deliver those long-awaited books, DVDs and other resources to you personally during curbside hours. And finally, when it felt safe to do so, we took steps to gradually reopen those very same doors that closed so suddenly last March.

Traditionally at the library we strongly welcome and encourage physical gatherings and conversations, but we now have to connect in different ways. None of this has been easy; it goes against the very nature of who we are and

what we do as public servants. We are mission-driven to welcome all and serve, and doing that while maintaining an environment that ensures everyone's health and safety remains a challenging balancing act.

The pandemic's timing was such that our Friends of the Library's annual appeal was delayed by several months, followed closely by September's Love Your Library campaign. The timing was not ideal, it's been a whirlwind I know, but like everything else right now, circumstances were beyond our control.

I speak on behalf of everyone at the library when I thank each of you for your collective kindness, your patience, and your support. As always, this community has touched our hearts. And regardless of the circumstances that surround us, we remain dedicated to all of you.

The Whitehall Library is the heart of the community.

**#WPLisHere4U**



[www.whitehallpubliclibrary.org](http://www.whitehallpubliclibrary.org)

### LIBRARY HOURS

as of September 2020; subject to change

Monday, Tuesday	
Thursday, Friday	10 AM to 4 PM
Wednesday	10 AM to 8 PM
Saturday	10 AM to 12 PM
Sunday	Closed

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- November 26 - Closed
- November 27 - Closed
- December 24, 25, 31 - Closed
- January 1, 2021 - Closed



## Whitehall Public Library Board Message

The WPL Board of Directors is seeking a community volunteer to fill a board position beginning January 1, 2021. If you value the importance of the Library to our Whitehall community, and want to join an enthusiastic and civic-minded group of volunteers to help shape the future of the WPL, please consider applying! We are seeking diverse applicants with a range of backgrounds and perspectives. Please note that Whitehall residency is required. Kindly submit a letter of interest by November 6, 2020 to:

Tara Abbott  
President, Whitehall Public Library Board  
100 Borough Park Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236  
or via email at [whitehall@einetnetwork.net](mailto:whitehall@einetnetwork.net)

Questions about the position or the WPL Board of Directors? Please contact Tara Abbott at 814-404-2638 or via email at [taramabbott@gmail.com](mailto:taramabbott@gmail.com).

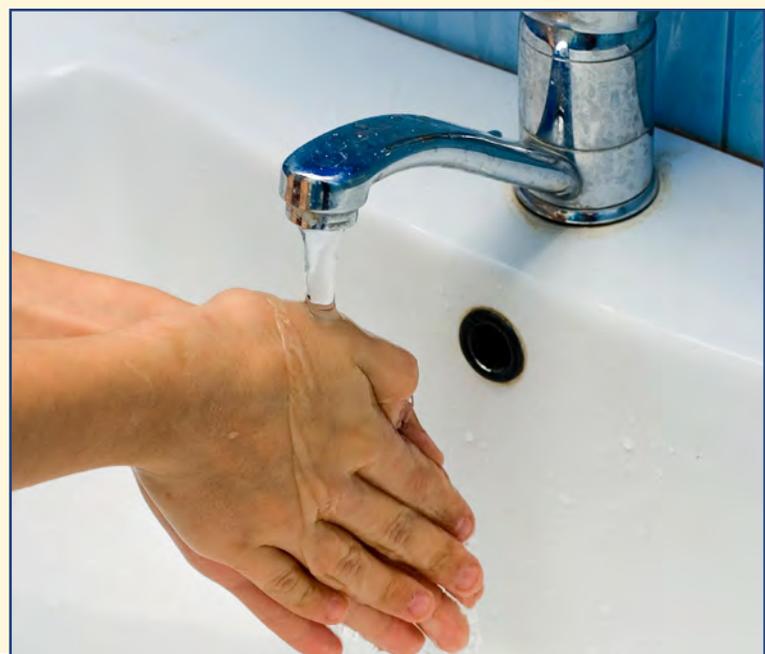


## Recommended Resources for COVID-19

There is a lot of information online about the Coronavirus, but not all of it is entirely trustworthy. Here are five librarian-approved websites for your search:

- **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:** Regular updates on all aspects of the virus. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>
- **Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center:** a continuously updated source of COVID-19 data and expert guidance. <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>
- **University of Pittsburgh Library System:** A central resource page for everyone in the Pittsburgh community currently feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://pitt.libguides.com/covid-19>
- **MedlinePlus:** A compilation of trustworthy medical resources from the U.S. National Library of Medicine <https://medlineplus.gov/covid19>
- **Snopes:** A nonpartisan, award-winning website monitoring the factual accuracy of information <https://www.snopes.com/collections/new-coronavirus-collection/>

**REMEMBER:** Wash your hands, wear a mask and always keep your distance!



Libraries  
connect  
us with  
each other

LOVE YOUR  
LIBRARY 

DONATE TODAY

Thank you for the library love! Once again, the Jack Buncher Foundation provided a generous grant for the fourth annual Love Your Library county-wide campaign during the month of September. Every dollar raised went even further with the prorated match. Thank you for all of your library-loving generosity! Love Your Library gifts will go to enhance programs, services and resources that serve our community.



## EXPERIENCE KITS

Our 2020 Experience Kits season is in full swing! Call us to reserve your Admission Passes to any one of these Western Pennsylvania historical destinations:

- Heinz History Center (includes admission to Fort Pitt Museum and Meadowcroft Rock Shelter)
- Air Heritage
- Lincoln Highway Experience
- McKeesport Regional History & Heritage Center
- Pennsylvania Trolley Museum (closed during winter)

Before you go, explore the museum's "virtual experience kit" to discover what you might see during your visit, learn more about the history of the site, and find other fun things to do in the area while you're there. **Visit our website to learn more.**

## SAVE YOUR SEEDS!



If you have any easy-to-grow, easy-to-care-for seeds, save them for our spring garden display and seed exchange! Check out our website for a seed donation form. Bring us your flower seeds, and we will hold on to them until spring. **For more information, contact Sarah Scott (scotts2@einetnetwork.net).**

## THERE'S A BOOK GROUP FOR YOU!

The library hosts a variety of book groups for a variety of tastes. Right now, our book groups are meeting virtually. **Check [whitehallpubliclibrary.org](http://whitehallpubliclibrary.org) for the Zoom link!**

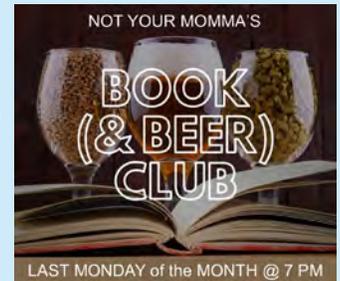
### EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Evening Book Discussion Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM to discuss a wide and eclectic variety of fiction and nonfiction. **Check [whitehallpubliclibrary.org](http://whitehallpubliclibrary.org) for the Zoom link!**

### Not Your Momma's Book (& Beer) Club

BYOB - our Book & Beer Club has temporarily moved online! Pour yourself a pint and join us over Zoom on the last Monday of the month at 7 PM.

For more information and to find out what book we are reading, join the group online at **[www.facebook.com/groups/WPLbookclub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WPLbookclub)**.



### Get a Life: The Biography and Memoir Book Club

A Virtual Program  
Second Tuesday of the Month  
11 AM - 12 PM

In this time of social distancing and self-isolation, it is very easy to feel disconnected from the lives and experiences of those outside our four walls.

Join us for a book club that seeks to close that gap by allowing you to walk in the shoes of someone else.

We'll concentrate on a different biography or memoir each month and peek behind the curtain of another person's choices, mistakes, regrets, and dreams. From gossipy tell-alls to poignant essays of self-reflection, we'll work together to prove Socrates right: the unexamined life isn't worth reading!

**Check [whitehallpubliclibrary.org](http://whitehallpubliclibrary.org) for the Zoom link!**

### Just My Type: A Magazine Group

A Virtual Program  
Fourth Friday of the Month  
11 AM - 12 PM

**Extra! Extra!** New group in Whitehall to mull over all the matters that merit mention!

Each month, we'll discuss a selected topic by reading a handful of writings from different magazines. The world can be a confusing and complex place. Let's try to make sense of it together, one byline at a time.

New topic each meeting! All magazines will be free to access online and through Flipster.

**Check [whitehallpubliclibrary.org](http://whitehallpubliclibrary.org) for the Zoom link!**

### Short and Sweet: The Bite-Size Book Club

A Virtual Program  
First Wednesday of the month  
7-8 PM

Sometimes less is more. Why clog your bookshelf with large tomes and heavy doorstopper novels? It's enough to scare the Dickens out of a reader!

Each month, we'll delve into a different short story or novella. Classic tales, modern yarns, anything under a hundred pages!

So come and dip your toes into the shallow end of the literary pool. The story's fine! **Check [whitehallpubliclibrary.org](http://whitehallpubliclibrary.org) for the Zoom link!**

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Chair Yoga with Cathy Tuttle *A Virtual Program* First & Third Mondays of the Month at 10 AM

Who says you can't work your chakras in a chair? Join specialist Cathy Tuttle for a gentler and kinder yoga series accessible to people of all ages and abilities. No mat? No problem! Just take a chair and we'll start from there!

This class offers yoga postures and gentle breathwork with a special focus on increased flexibility, strength, balance and guided relaxation. Everyone should experience a felt sense of joy in their day, so make the journey with us to a better, stronger, more flexible you!

Let's get it "om!" **Check [whitehallpubliclibrary.org](http://whitehallpubliclibrary.org) for the Zoom link!**



## Behind the Scenes: A Movie Club *A Virtual Program* Second & Fourth Mondays of the Month at 1 PM

More than entertaining stories to be viewed from a sofa and then benignly forgotten, cinema is an art form rich in expression and worthy of our time and attention.

Join Brandon for a fun discussion of a variety of films from John Wayne to Shirley Temple as we look "behind the scenes" to unpack each selection's historical significance, stylistic choices, and meanings.

You may laugh, you may cry, you may even raise an eyebrow and wonder "What was that?", but you'll certainly be affected. They don't call 'em moving pictures for nothing! **Check [whitehallpubliclibrary.org](http://whitehallpubliclibrary.org) for the Zoom link!**



# TECHNOLOGY

## TECH CLASSES *Virtual Tech Clinic* Wednesdays 1-2 PM

Need help downloading an ebook? Questions about setting up an online account? Other tech-related concerns and issues? Drop in for a Zoom consultation Wednesdays at 1 PM. A tech guru will assist you with your questions and schedule follow-up help, if necessary.

For more information, contact **Licia by email at [slimonl@einetwork.net](mailto:slimonl@einetwork.net)**. Join the Zoom meeting by visiting the link below (you may be prompted to download Zoom):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85231389916>  
Meeting ID: 852 3138 9916  
One tap mobile  
+16465588656,,85231389916# US (New York)  
Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
Contact: Licia at [slimonl@einetwork.net](mailto:slimonl@einetwork.net)



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Dear families,

Happy fall! The leaves are falling, the school year has begun and the holidays are quickly approaching. Our doors are open once again, and we have wonderful new books and resources for you. As a librarian, I believe that the most important thing that you can do with your child is to read. The greatest joy in my profession is fostering a love of books. Currently, we are not able to provide weekly story times. We as a staff truly miss it! With that in mind, our team of early-literacy instructors have been diligently working to create resources for your family. The children's staff has had many conversations regarding the challenges facing families this school year. The academic year looks very different and we have adapted our services to meet your needs. Librarians are available to assist with book selection, as well as homework and technology support. We have created grab-and-go activity bags, book bundles and virtual programs to promote learning at home. We want your child to succeed. Things may be a little different this fall, but one thing remains the same, the children's staff is here to help. I look forward to seeing you in person or curbside!

Join us for Virtual Fun at Whitehall Public Library!

Miss Denise



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS CONTINUED



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

# Google Classroom!

## STEAM Studio – Design Squad

Encourage your kids' STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) abilities and join our STEAM Studio. Hands-on activities, experiments, and projects will be posted on Fridays in October and November. Just a few examples of the Design Squad activities planned for this fall include building a treasure grab, an indoor slingshot and a robowheel! Any questions, please feel free to email Miss Cristen at [dandoc@einetnetwork.net](mailto:dandoc@einetnetwork.net).

## Explorium

Explore the outdoors this fall! Classes will include great ideas for outdoor activities and nature kits based on the PBS Kids Show, "Nature Cat." Activities will be posted in Google Classroom on Saturdays in October and November. Just a few examples of the activities planned for this fall include a sun print, a miniature garden and sponge sprouts. Any questions, please feel free to email Miss Cristen at [dandoc@einetnetwork.net](mailto:dandoc@einetnetwork.net).

## Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club

**Tuesdays:** Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 22 @ 7 PM

Each month, over Zoom, we will read aloud a book from the Choose Your Own Adventure series. As a group, we will decide which path to take! Nine books will be read throughout the course of the club. Participants will receive an Adventurers Passport and earn badges for a special prize pack! Each adventurer will receive a package of supplies to complete a fun activity during our meetings. Registration is required to receive materials and a Zoom code. For more information, contact Miss Denise at [ignaskyd@einetnetwork.net](mailto:ignaskyd@einetnetwork.net).



Join us for family friendly trivia! Test your knowledge about books, movies and more. In addition to bragging rights - we are offering a "fun family night basket" to the winning family. Participants will need the Kahoot app to play! Registration is required for this program. For more information, contact Miss Jennifer at [fraticellij@einetnetwork.net](mailto:fraticellij@einetnetwork.net).

- Halloween Happenings! October 16 @ 7 PM
- Let's Talk Turkey! November 13 @ 7 PM
- Holiday Trivia - Popular Movies! December 11 @ 7 PM

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

October 14, November 11 and December 9 @ 10 AM

Join Miss Jennifer for this fun virtual storytime on Zoom! We will sing, dance and read stories. Caregivers who register will be provided with props, craft materials and ideas to carry on the fun. Registration is required to receive Zoom code.

For more information, contact Miss Jennifer at [fraticellij@einetnetwork.net](mailto:fraticellij@einetnetwork.net).



## Storywalk in the Plaza

Enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time! Read a holiday-themed book as you walk along the path in Brennan Plaza (next to the pool). This is a self-led walk for families to enjoy while social distancing! Families will receive a take-home activity bag at the end of the walk based on themes from the featured book. Registration is not required.

- Halloween Story Walk with craft and treat bag  
October 24 @ 11 AM - 2 PM
- Turkey Trouble Story Walk with Scavenger Hunt and craft  
November 21 @ 11 AM - 2 PM.
- Winter Wonderland Story Walk with craft  
December 5 @ 11 AM - 2 PM

# 2020 HISTORICAL PROJECT

**Welcome to Whitehall Borough.** Do those signs ever cause you to wonder who started Whitehall Borough? How did it come about? Is anyone famous from Whitehall? Has anything important happened here? Many of those questions were answered by former Whitehall Mayor Edwin F. Brennan in his *A History of Whitehall Borough and Its Government*. While that book captured many of the official historical facts of Whitehall Borough's history, we believe there is so much more to share.

Recently, Councilman John Wotus, Mayor Jim Nowalk, and Library Director Paula Kelly met to discuss a new effort to collect items of historical value, personal or official mementos, photographs and other materials related to Whitehall Borough from its inception in 1948. These items will be used as a historical archive, and for an informational display that will be open to the public.

Your help is needed to make this project succeed. We are soliciting documents, newspaper clippings, photographs, or any other pieces that pertain to Borough government, businesses, residents, newsworthy events, or accomplished individuals who lived or worked in the Borough. As we collect these items, we will be seeking folks who would like to volunteer to establish a historical society to help organize, preserve, and catalog items, and create a display depicting the history, evolution and growth of the Borough.

If you have items that you would like to permanently donate, they can be dropped off at the library front desk. They should be clearly marked, "Whitehall Borough Archive Donation." If you have items that you would like to lend or be duplicated and returned, they too can be dropped off at the library front desk. They should be clearly marked, "Whitehall Borough Archive LOAN." Please include your name and contact information with all donations. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of our Historical Society, contact Paula Kelly at the Library (email: kellyp@einetnetwork.net).

We are looking forward to enriching our future through understanding our past.

**Councilman John Wotus**  
**Mayor Jim Nowalk**  
**Library Director Paula Kelly**



Fireplace provides pleasant atmosphere in magazine area of the Library.



Sturdy Public Works crewmen perform a great variety of work.



Proud of their new, but somewhat antiquated fire truck, are some of the original firefighters.



1955 photo of Whitehall Police Department, including the School Guards

Photos from  
*A History of Whitehall Borough and Its Government* by former Whitehall Mayor  
Edwin F. Brennan



**A REMINDER FROM THE  
WHITEHALL COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**



**IT IS ILLEGAL for a resident to invite  
RATS INTO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!**

**“NO MEANS NO”** is a phrase that has gained popularity in recent years, especially with regard to consent in interpersonal relationships. But it is no less meaningful when it relates to Ordinances enacted by Whitehall Borough Council.

Specifically, we would like to remind all residents that it is a violation of Chapter 75 of the Borough Code to create conditions attractive to nuisance animals.

Conditions known to be attractive to rats and other pests are prohibited, including but not limited to those created by the spreading of seed, food crumbs or other food materials onto the ground or the failure to prevent feed container materials from falling to the ground without immediate removal.

It has come to the attention of the elected

officials that wild animals are being fed in some neighborhoods in violation of Borough Code. This activity has two negative consequences: 1) it attracts rats and raccoons who may carry rabies; and 2) it increases the spread of chronic wasting disease among deer.

In the interest of public health and safety of our residents and visitors, we urge you to take action. If you are feeding deer or other wildlife, please stop. If you are aware of someone who is feeding deer or other wildlife in violation of the ordinance, please report the activity to the Code Enforcement Officer at (412) 884-1368 ext. 328. Your report will be kept confidential.

When it comes to feeding wildlife in Whitehall Borough, **“No means No.”**

**WHITEHALL COMMITTEE  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**

Contributed by Hal Plusa

DEER PHOTO COURTESY: ANNETTE HARRIS



Deer and other wildlife are a fact of life in our community. Controlling wildlife in our community through legal, ethical and viable means is an endeavor that requires the efforts and cooperation of all Whitehall residents to minimize the impact of deer, coyotes, raccoons, groundhogs, bears and vermin on property and, more importantly, to sustain our health and well-being and that of our pets.

- Use deer repellent or temporary fencing to protect your shrubs and young trees. After a particularly dry summer, deer are eating vegetation that they normally avoid.
- Please be careful when driving between dusk and dawn, especially during the October to December rut season. If you have a vehicular accident with a deer in the Borough of Whitehall, please notify the Whitehall Police Department (WPD) as soon as possible.
- Yes, there are coyotes in Whitehall. Hybridization with wolves has resulted in larger size and the tendency to hunt in packs or family units. Since they are nocturnal and generally timid around humans, you may never see them. If you are leaving food outside for your pets, you may be feeding them as well as raccoons and vermin. Leaving a pet outdoors at night also might be a food source for coyotes. Please note that coyotes can climb some fences!

- According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, black bears are spreading into the Pittsburgh area suburbs. They will eat anything including garbage, berries, fruit and vegetables, bird seed, pet food and even small pets. If you see one, do not confront it, notify the WPD immediately.
- Black legged ticks remain active in the fall. Protect yourself and your pets from Lyme disease. Use a suitable repellent when working in your yard or enjoying a walk in the woods and consider immunizing your pets. Rake your leaves and keep your property free of debris and high grass. Don't provide ticks and vermin with a refuge. If someone is not taking proper care of their property, please notify the Borough Code Enforcement Office.

Community efforts to educate and inform have had an impact. Residents have reported that changing their property's environment has decreased the number of deer and the presence of vermin on their property and lessened damage.



# THE BOROUGH BUILDING IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME.

## Whitehall Borough COVID 19 Operation Plan

Borough staff and Public Works are still working and can be contacted as follows:

Borough Manager, **James Leventry**  
412-884-0505 ext. 321  
jleventry@whitehallboro.org

Assistant Manager, **Courtney Wertz**  
412-884-0505 ext. 320  
cwertz@whitehallboro.org

Finance Director, **Vince Yevins**  
412-884-0505 ext. 323  
vyevins@whitehallboro.org

Director of Planning, Zoning &  
Code Enforcement,  
**Scott Dellett**

412-884-0505 ext. 522  
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Code Enforcement Officer,  
**Marc Zeoli**  
412-884-1368 ext. 328  
mzeoli@whitehallboro.org

Code Enforcement  
Administrative Assistant,  
**Roxanne Dudjak**  
412-884-1368 ext. 324  
rdudjak@whitehallboro.org

Public Works Supervisor,  
**Eric Harris**  
412-884-0505 ext. 311

*The Borough's mailing address is: 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236*

*The Borough's Fax Number is 412-884-1160.*

## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**Ambulance . . . . . 911**

www.mrtsa.com

**Police Department . . . . . 412-884-1100**

Administration@whitehallboropd.org

**Fire Department . . . . . 911**

Code Enforcement Office . . . . 412-884-1368

Other Borough Calls . . . . . 412-884-0505  
info@whitehallboro.org

Recreation Director . . . . . 412-304-8347

Library . . . . . 412-882-6622  
www.whitehallpubliclibrary.org

Property Tax Collector . . . . . 412-881-1644  
ksgattoni@bwschools.net

Earned Income Tax Collector . . 412-835-5243  
(Jordan Tax Services) . . . . . 724-731-2300  
www.JordanTax.com

Swimming Pool . . . . . 412-881-3314  
(seasonal)

Trash/Recycling Collector . . . . 1-866-258-1708  
(Waste Management)

The Borough's Telephone Information Line  
can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
by dialing 412-884-0505, ext. 1.

**PLEASE  
NOTE**

## BOROUGH MEETINGS

**Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and new state laws in effect, residents wishing to listen to or speak at public meetings MUST CALL IN to each meeting.**

There is not enough space in the meeting room to accommodate all the residents wishing to attend while still practicing social distancing. Under advisement of the Solicitor, the room must be open to all residents, or no residents.

The phone number and access code for COUNCIL MEETINGS is as follows:

**United States +1 (872) 240-3412**

**Access Code: 840-157-933**

For all other meetings, residents should call 412-884-0505 Ext. 309. Residents are reminded to MUTE their phones, unless they are called to speak, in order to avoid background noise.

All concerns will be addressed in this manner.

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

### Council

7:00 PM - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month

### Planning Commission

7:30 PM - 2nd Wednesday of every month

### Zoning Hearing Board

7:30 PM - 3rd Tuesday of every month as applicable

### Recreation Board

7:00 PM - 2nd Monday of every month

\*Cancelled until January 2021

### Library Board

7:00 PM - 2nd Wednesday of every month

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

**The Borough's Telephone Information Line can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**

**👉 412-884-0505, ext. 1**

**Borough Office Hours - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday - Friday**

**The Borough Building is closed to the public at this time. Staff is available via phone or email.**

**www.whitehallboro.org**

# Public SAFETY



CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY  
**ROBERT J.  
MCKOWN, CPA**



**Keith P. Henderson**  
Police Chief

**The Whitehall Borough Police Department** has always been cognizant of the changing needs in policing, especially when it comes to technology. That is why we are pleased to announce all Whitehall Borough Police Officers will soon be equipped with body worn cameras while on duty.

The Body Worn Camera Program began earlier this year with a grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). We are in the final approval stage of the grant process, which will provide federal funding in the amount of \$22,000 that will be matched by the Borough. Our plan is to have the Body Worn Camera Program operational by the end of this year.

Having our Officers deployed with cameras in the field is nothing new. Whitehall was one of the first South Hills police agencies to embrace the use of police in-car camera systems in the 1990s. Currently, we are on the 3rd generation of in-car camera technology and the new body worn cameras are just a natural extension of this time proven resource.

Whitehall Officers will be equipped with the Watch Guard Body Worn Camera System. The system was selected to allow integration with our existing in-car camera technology. Both cameras



Deputy Chief  
**Jason C. Gagorik**

work together seamlessly as a single system, capturing synchronized video from multiple vantage points. Integration permits the videos to be watched simultaneously, hearing audio from the body camera while viewing the overall third-person perspective from the in-car camera.

Research has shown improved police-citizen encounters when both sides know there is some level of accountability for their actions. The result is increased accountability and transparency, which enables us to provide the best possible service to the residents and visitors of Whitehall Borough.

Before being issued body worn cameras, Officers will have to undergo extensive training on their use, including the Department's policy on when and how they should be deployed. Deputy Chief Jason Gagorik and Sergeant Daniel Bowman have diligently worked to ensure this program is based on best practices provided by the Allegheny County Chiefs of Police Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and U.S. Department of Justice.

We would like to thank Mayor Nowalk and all members of Council for their continued support of the Police Department modernization and technology projects. We will be providing additional information about the body worn camera program in the coming months. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Deputy Chief Jason Gagorik at 412-884-1100 or [jgagorik@whitehallboropd.org](mailto:jgagorik@whitehallboropd.org).



# Police & Fire



President  
**Rob McHugh**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION Regarding Change in Dispatch

As of 8:00 AM August 4, 2020, the Whitehall Fire Company is being dispatched by Allegheny County 911. This means that anyone needing assistance from the Whitehall Fire Company should dial **911**. All commercial properties and residents who have a fire alarm system must call their alarm company to inform them to call Allegheny County 911 at **412-473-3370** for all fire alarm activations. Doing so will allow for the timely response of the fire company.

The Whitehall Police Dispatch will remain open and can still be reached 24/7 at **412-884-1100** for emergency and non-emergency police responses. Alarm companies calling in burglary alarm activation's should still call 412-884-1100. Call 911 if you need the fire company or EMS.

As of September, your volunteer firefighters have responded to over 300 emergency incidents this year.

**Whitehall  
Fire Company  
Thanks You  
for your  
Generous  
Donations**



## WE ARE READY TO HELP YOU



**whitehallfire301.com**



Photo courtesy of Jake Mysliwcyk



**Eric Harris,  
Fire Chief**



**Linda Book**  
 Chair, Public Works  
 Army Veteran,  
 Chairwoman,  
 Veteran Celebration



# GARBAGE REGULATIONS



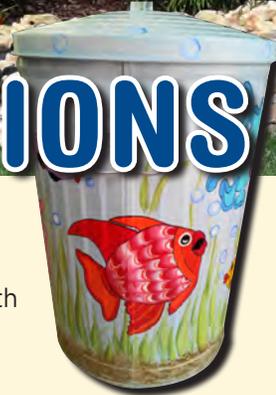
**The placement of garbage**, rubbish and recycling containers at curbside may be no earlier than 3:00 PM on the day prior to the designated collection day and must be removed from curbside to the storage area no later than 8:00 PM on the day of collection.

With the exception of pickup days when the containers are placed at curbside for collection, garbage, rubbish and recycling containers shall be properly stored behind the front face of the building and be screened from view from the street.

## Other Refuse Reminders

- Hours of collection — 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Please be considerate of your neighbors when putting out garbage on windy days.
- Garbage or recycling containers may not be placed at the curb prior to 3:00 PM the afternoon before collection day and must be removed before 8:00 PM on the day of collection. Refuse & recyclables must be placed within 5 feet of the curb.
- Paint — Mix leftover paint in a heavy plastic bag with kitty-litter until all the liquid is absorbed. Empty paint cans (with lids off) and the plastic bags containing the paint/litter mixture can then be placed at the curb.

- Carpet & pads: Five-foot width maximum, rolled and tied, bundles not to exceed 50 pounds.
- Shrubbery and branches: Three-foot length maximum, 3-inch diameter maximum, bundled and tied.
- Hypodermic needles must be placed in a sealed container (coffee can, etc.) or they will not be collected. Excluded items from collection: Ashes, construction materials, stones, concrete, auto parts, dirt and paint can - with liquid remaining.
- Scavenging of recyclables and refuse is prohibited. Call the police if you see scavengers.
- Residents may place no more than two (2) bulk items such as mattresses and box springs at the curb for pick up on their regular collection day.



Questions, comments or complaints may be directed to Waste Management at 1-866-258-1708 or to the Borough office at 412-884-0505.

# CANDLE SAFETY TIPS

- NEVER... LEAVE A CANDLE BURNING OUT OF SIGHT**
- NEVER... GO TO BED WITH A CANDLE LIT**
- NEVER... BURN A CANDLE DOWN TO IT'S BASE**
- NEVER... USE A CANDLE NEAR OXYGEN TANKS**
- REMEMBER... CANDLES ARE OPEN FLAMES**
- REMEMBER... CANDLES CAN EASILY IGNITE ANYTHING NEARBY**

- ALWAYS... KEEP CANDLES AT LEAST 12" AWAY FROM EVERYTHING**
- ALWAYS... USE SAFE AND STURDY CANDLE HOLDERS**
- ALWAYS... PLACE CANDLES ON FLAT, STURDY, OPEN SURFACES**
- ALWAYS... BE AWARE OF SURROUNDINGS WHEN LIGHTING CANDLES**



**SAFEST STRATEGY: USE FLAMELESS, BATTERY OPERATED CANDLES**

Please join Whitehall Borough on  
**VETERANS DAY**

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020  
to honor America's Veterans.**

**Our Ceremony begins at  
11:00 AM sharp at Brennan Plaza.**

Please contact Councilwoman Linda Book at [lbook5200@yahoo.com](mailto:lbook5200@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate.

*Hope to see you there.*

WHITEHALL BOROUGH

# MILITARY BANNER

PROGRAM

We have continued to accept applications for the Whitehall Military Banner Program. To preserve the banners during inclement weather, they are placed in storage the week following Veterans Day and re-installed sometime during the week prior to Memorial Day. You may access the application information on our Whitehall Borough website or by calling Elaine Frombach at 412-551-6374. Please note: with the volume of participants, **we cannot promise specific**

**locations for banners to be installed.**

The Whitehall Banner Program is for soldiers or veterans from Whitehall Borough or with family members living in Whitehall Borough only. We are proud that so many Whitehall residents have joined Whitehall Borough in saying "thank you!" to those who have served our country.



PHOTO BY RICH CASS

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3  
7 AM - 8 PM**

ANNUAL

# Christmas Decorations AWARDS

*Kathy DePuy Chair of Decoration Awards Committee*

As the days go darker in December, we look forward to seeing the efforts of our residents to light up Christmas. Once again, we will be having our Christmas Decorating Contest — awards are purely subjective. If you would like to help judge, let me know ([DePuyWhitehall@verizon.net](mailto:DePuyWhitehall@verizon.net)) and I will assign you streets to check on. You can nominate a home that brightens your day or night. Final judging will take place on

**Sunday, December 20, starting at 6:30 PM.**

*Decorate and be appreciated.*



# PLANNING & ZONING

John Wotus  
Chair

# South Hills Square Retirement Resort

PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Brought to you by Scott Dellett, AICP Director of Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement



The first residents of **South Hills Square Retirement Resort** have moved into the complex. Construction is complete on the 130-unit senior living apartment development at 3603 McRoberts Road and an occupancy permit was issued in late June. For more information on South Hills Square Retirement Resort, prospective residents may call 412-255-3670 or obtain more information at <http://rlcommunities.com>.



# Grove Pointe Residential Development



The first townhouse unit has been completed at **Grove Pointe Residential Development** off Hamilton Road. A five-unit townhouse building received occupancy permits in May. As of early September, the Borough has issued building permits for 30 of the development's 73 units.



# PLANNING AND ZONING

*The following are activities of the Planning Commission for the first eight months of 2020:*

## APPROVALS

The following applications were reviewed by the Planning Commission and approved by Borough Council:

- **2020-SLD-01 Grove Pointe First Amendment, 100-108 Providence Way**  
Approval for a subdivision of Lot 13 of the Grove Pointe Residential Land Development to establish property lines along party walls of five townhouse units under construction.
- **2020-SLD-02 Schaming Plan of Lots No. 2, 265 and 277 Streets Run Road**  
Approval for a lot-line revision of three parcels totaling 3.28 acres.
- **2020-SLD-03 Grove Pointe Second Amendment, 127-137 Providence Way**  
Approval for a subdivision of Lot 14 of the Grove Pointe Residential Land Development to establish property lines along party walls of six townhouse units under construction.
- **2020-SLD-04 Grove Pointe Third Amendment, 139-149 Providence Way**  
Approval for a subdivision of Lot 15 of the Grove Pointe Residential Land Development to establish property lines along party walls of six townhouse units under construction.
- **2020-SLD-05 Grove Pointe Fourth Amendment, 152-158 Providence Way**  
Approval for a subdivision of Lot 8 of the Grove Pointe Residential Land Development to establish property lines along party walls of four townhouses under construction.

- **2020-SLD-06 Grove Pointe Fifth Amendment, 192-200 Providence Way**  
Approval for a subdivision of Lot 3 of the Grove Point Residential Land Development to show property lines along party walls of five townhouses (192-200 Providence Way)
- **2020-SLD-07 Grove Pointe Residential Land Development Parcels A, B and C, Hamilton Road.**  
Approval for a subdivision to create three lots from an existing 10.03-acre parcel and to add property to existing Lots 1A and 2E of the Grove Pointe Residential Land Development.

## ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

*The following ordinance amendments were reviewed by the Planning Commission and adopted by Borough Council at its August 5, 2020 meeting:*

- **ORDINANCE NO. 1136 (ZONING ORDINANCE)**  
Added definitions for Kennel and Recycling Center; amended sections governing Residence Districts R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6 and R-7 and Commercial Districts C-1, C-2, C-3 and C-4 related to conditional uses; and inserted a new Article XXVII (Express Standards and Criteria for Conditional Uses and Special Exceptions).
- **ORDINANCE NO. 1137 (ZONING ORDINANCE)**  
Added definitions for Carport, Freestanding Deck, Gazebo, Greenhouse, Pavilion, Pergola and Sports Court, repealed and replaced definitions of Detached Garage and Structure; amended Residential Districts R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5 and R-7 to allow Accessory Structures as a permitted use; and repealed and replaced existing Article XXV (Accessory Use Building) with a new Article XXV (Accessory Structures).

## VACANCY

The Borough is seeking two qualified individuals to serve on the Planning Commission.

Founded alongside Whitehall Borough itself, the Planning Commission reviews "proposed Ordinances pertaining to the location of any public buildings or the location or relocation of any street, road, park, playground or parkway" in the Borough. The five members of the Planning Commission work closely with the Borough Director of Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement to scrutinize proposed Ordinances before making recommendations to Borough Council.

**Whitehall residents interested in volunteering are encouraged to send their resume to:**

**Borough Administrative Office  
Attn: James Leventry  
100 Borough Park Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236**

**You may also email your resume to  
jleventry@whitehallboro.org**

## HOUSE NUMBERS

The street address number for all residential and commercial buildings must be attached as close to the main door facing the street. The street number must be at least three inches in height and clearly identifiable from the curb. If a house is set back 75 feet, the street number shall be also posted in a clear manner within 20 feet of the curb.

*(Section 154.32.1 of the Borough Code, Streets and Sidewalks)*



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## DRAINAGE

Property Maintenance Code does not allow for property owners to intentionally direct water runoff from their property onto another property. All downspouts on a house must be properly maintained and directed as to not drain onto another property. Please be aware that if you are creating walls or slopes to direct water away from your property, you are most likely directing that water onto a neighboring property. Water can do

a lot of damage to a property so before you make any adjustments, make sure to look at where all that potential runoff is going. You might be keeping your property safe and dry, but you may be damaging your neighbor(s) in the process.



## WINTER SHOVELING

When shoveling or using a snowblower to remove snow, you must not push or blow snow out in to the street to remove it from your property. Doing so creates a very dangerous road hazard to both vehicles and people.



## REMINDER:

Whichever you may order, please be sure to Register your Container with the Borough by downloading the Bulk Container Registration Form from our website at [www.whitehallboro.org](http://www.whitehallboro.org)

**Please Remember: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES Can the Container be Left on the Street; It Has to Remain In Your Driveway or a Minimal Time Frame In Your Yard Area.**

Should you have questions regarding a Bulk Container, please contact Marc Zeoli, Code Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Whitehall at **(412) 884-1368 ext 328**.



**BULK CONTAINERS**  
AKA PODS, BAGSTERS,  
DUMPSTERS

Should you be ordering a Container for the purpose of a Construction Project, please be sure to contact Roxanne Dudjak, Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant at **(412) 884-1368 ext 324** for information on possible necessary Building Permits.

## A DYE TEST: REQUIREMENT WHEN SELLING YOUR HOUSE

**DYE TESTS** detect whether your home is properly connected to the sewer system. Dye Tests are required when selling your home.

**EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE** is a document supplied by the Borough to your closing company. A Certificate is a significant part to your closing and one cannot be processed without a completed, passed Dye Test submitted to the Borough.

### For a Dye Test:

A Certified Plumber of the sellers choice will come out to the property and introduce dye into the storm water collection system by placing a non-staining water soluble dye into the drain or downspout of the property and flush it with water to determine where it goes. The plumber will inspect for traces of the dyed water. A dye test fails when this dye enters into the sanitary sewer system.

Another common reason for the failure of a Dye Test are **FRESH AIR VENTS**. Buried Fresh Air Vents cannot function properly which can result in allowing ground water to enter the sanitary sewer. Keep in mind Fresh Air Vents are also the primary access point for a plumber should the sewer ever become clogged because they are located directly above the main house trap and therefore have to be visible and raised so as to not accept storm or surface water. If your plumber cannot find the Fresh Air Vent, that means it is not visible and must be located prior to closing so that the Borough can receive your passed dye test form.

### Please Note:

Camera (lateral) Dye Tests are not a requirement.  
Refinancing does not require a new dye test.  
No Occupancy Inspections required on Residential Sales.

## IMPORTANT

**BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED PASSED DYE TEST FORM TO THE BOROUGH AT LEAST TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO YOUR CLOSING TO ENSURE AMPLE TIME FOR PROCESSING.** Forms are found at [www.whitehallboro.org](http://www.whitehallboro.org) under "For the Residents", "Planning & Zoning", "Selling a Home", "Applications", "Plumbers Report"

**DYE TESTS ARE VALID FOR FIVE (5) YEARS IN THE BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL. IF YOU ARE SELLING YOUR HOME, PLEASE BE SURE TO CONTACT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE AT 412-884-1368 Ext 324 TO CHECK THE DATE OF YOUR LAST DYE TEST.**

**IT IS A REQUIREMENT TO HAVE A VALID DYE TEST AT THE TIME OF YOUR SALE UNDER THE BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL CODE, CHAPTER 147.36.**



**Kathleen DePuy**  
*Chair*

# RECREATION



**Hannah Vetere-Bower**  
*Recreation Director*

**Due to the ongoing uncertainty of COVID-19**, there are no recreation events currently planned. Please sign up for the Recreation newsletter to ensure you are always up to date on the latest Borough news. Residents may sign up for the newsletter on the Borough website by submitting their email address under the “Stay Connected” feature at the bottom of the homepage.

**PLEASE  
NOTE**

## FALL FOLIAGE

Trees are a part of nature's beauty. We all have them or have a neighbor with one. As beautiful the purpose they serve, they can create an ugly task come Fall.

When Fall arrives, it means cleaning up leaves and the last cuts of your lawn. The falling leaves create a beautiful scene in the coming months; however, they can also create many unwanted situations.

Leaves do not have to be the enemy this Autumn and can even be your friend. Here are some Fun Fall Foliage Facts and a few tips to rake in for thought this coming season:

- COVID-19 has been challenging for everyone. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR and reach out to help an elderly neighbor by offering to rake leaves away from the street and into a compostable bag or tarp. Remember to use a quality rake, take a 10-minute break every hour, wear comfy tennis shoes & stay hydrated.

- Did you know leaving some leaves on the ground creates a layer of protection and insulation for your plants throughout the winter months? The Borough cannot compel residents to pick up leaves on private property. It is not a Code violation to leave leaves on the ground.

- Protect the storm sewers by never blowing leaves onto the street; once flushed into the storm sewers, they will clog the sewer intake drains causing possible flood damage. It is against Borough Code to rake, sweep or blow leaves, grass clippings and yard waste into the street. Whitehall Borough does not have street sweepers. The Borough does however, periodically borrow the SHACOG VACTOR truck to clean leaves from the sewers.

- Did you know as leaves decompose their nutrients trickle into the soil providing healthy growth for

vegetables come Spring? Try mowing over a pile of leaves with your lawnmower and then mix them into the soil of your food garden beds.



- The Borough offers a 6-week curbside leaf collection every Fall. This year Leaf Waste Collection will run from the week of October 26th to the week of November 30th. Residents may place leaves in compostable bags at the curb on their regular collection day during this time for pickup.

- Did you know that leaves falling off trees lightens the tree load in the winter months so that they may withstand the weather; keeping them from falling or dying? When you see all the leaves falling so pretty before your eyes, they may be actually looking out for You! It is an essential part of nature.

- The storage of grass clippings or piling of leaves on a property (excluding proper compost bins) creates a nuisance and can lead to rodent harborage. If you are creating a place of harborage, all an animal needs is food and a water source nearby and your pile of grass/leaves becomes a potential home for an animal to live. Please be considerate of your neighbors and residents in the Borough.

Remember leaves are here to serve a purpose. They are a multi-colored beauty of Earth. Let them show you what beauty they have to offer this Fall as we all need a little of that in these times.

# Stormwater Pollution? Make A POINT – Don't Do It.

## What Are Sources of Pollution?

Pollution of our waterways comes from point and non-point sources. **Point sources** of pollution can be traced to a specific location. Typically this type of pollution can be tied to a defined source such as an industrial or sewage treatment plant. **Non-point** source pollution, by contrast, come from a wide range of sources. If it rained or snowed today in your community, runoff from this precipitation picked up several kinds of natural and human made pollutants, eventually depositing them into our three rivers. **Non-point source** pollution can include:

- excess fertilizers
- herbicides and insecticides from treating your lawn to make it healthier
- oil, grease and toxic chemicals from your vehicle and energy production
- viruses, bacteria and nutrients from pet waste
- road salts from treatments used to get rid of snow
- sediment from improperly managed construction sites, crop and forest lands, and
- eroding stream banks and
- acid drainage from abandoned mines



## Think Stormwater Pollution Doesn't Affect You? Think Again.

Sediment can cloud water, inhibiting growth of aquatic plants or destroying entire habitats.

Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose, removing oxygen from the water. Fish can't survive in water with low oxygen levels.

Bacteria and other pathogens that infiltrate into swimming areas, create public health hazards, forcing beach closures.

Debris such as plastic bags, cigarette butts, and bottles often gets washed into water bodies, threatening aquatic life.

Common household chemical waste such as paints, pesticides and motor oil can poison aquatic life.

Polluted storm water also negatively impacts drinking water sources, impacting human health and increasing the cost to treat it.



**Scott Rusmisl**  
Engineer



## Make A Point – Don't Do It!

Keep debris out of street gutters and storm drains.

Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and carefully follow the directions.

Dispose of used household chemicals properly not in storm sewers or drains. Check the DEP web site for information on household hazardous waste collection programs.

Immediately clean up spills.

Wash your car on the grass to prevent runoff, or better, take it to the car wash.

Use low-phosphate or phosphate free detergents.

Spread mulch on the bare ground to help prevent erosion and runoff.

Clean up after your pets.

Gutters and down spouts should drain onto vegetated or gravel-filled seepage areas.

Participate in clean-up activities in your community.

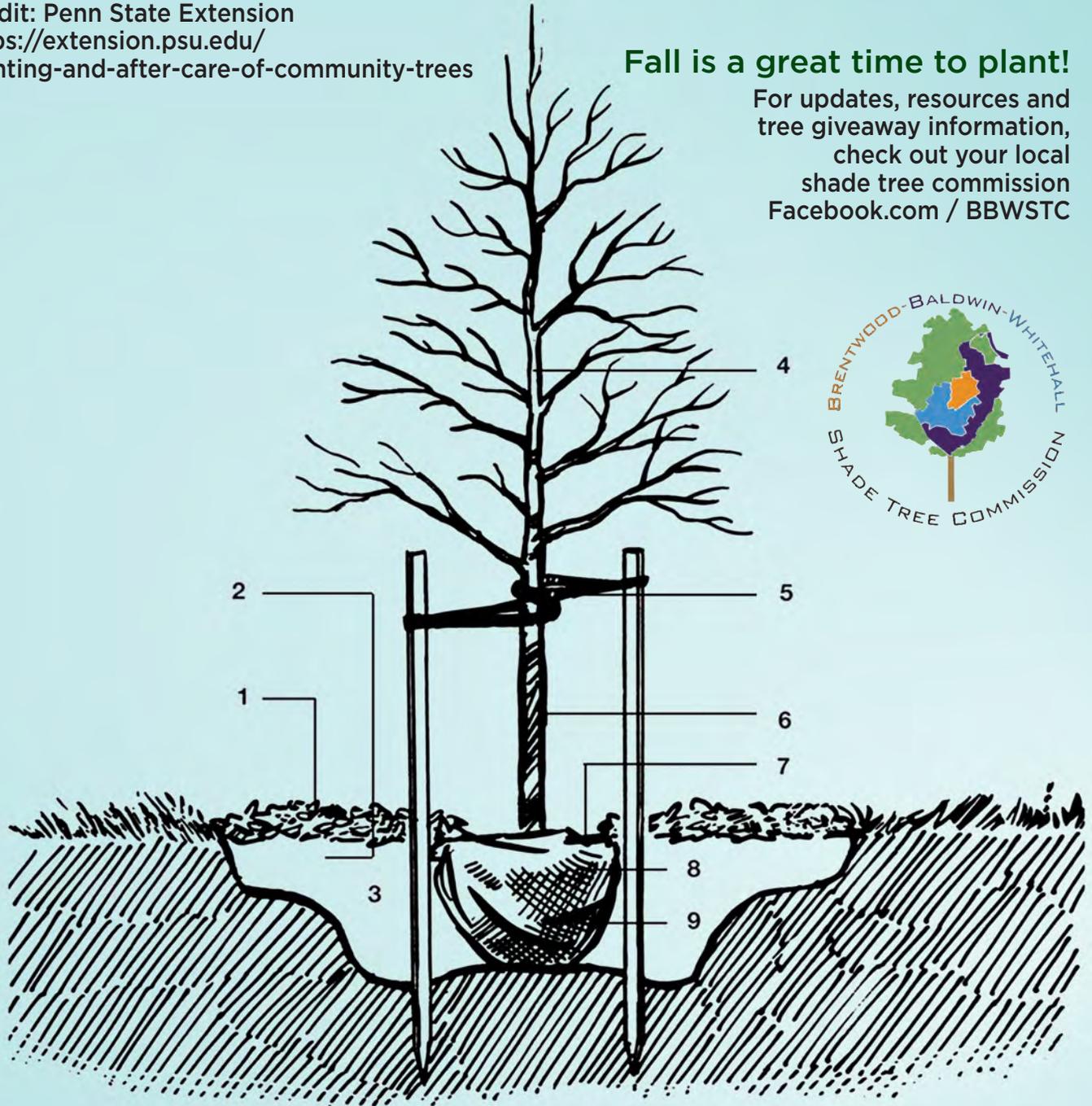
Source information for this article provided with permission by the EPA.

# Tree Planting and After Care

Credit: Penn State Extension  
<https://extension.psu.edu/planting-and-after-care-of-community-trees>

**Fall is a great time to plant!**

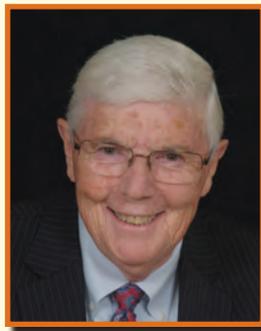
For updates, resources and tree giveaway information, check out your local shade tree commission  
Facebook.com / BBWSTC



1. 3" to 4" mulch of bark or wood chips
2. Wider hole if soil is compacted
3. Good native soil or topsoil
4. Single straight trunk
5. Slack rubber hose or strap
6. 1-1/2" to 2-1/2" caliper
7. Keep mulch away from root collar
8. Remove burlap or fold down burlap and wire basket
9. Root ball on undisturbed soil

***The long-term success of a tree in the landscape depends on numerous factors, but key to success is proper planting and establishment.***

The 1-hour webinar <https://extension.psu.edu/planting-landscape-trees> presents the appropriate techniques for planting ball and burlap (B&B) containerized and bare root trees in the landscape. Common planting mistakes and how to avoid them will be discussed, along with immediate aftercare to ensure newly planted trees successfully establish and thrive for years to come.



**PHILIP LAHR**

**ROBERT J. MCKOWN, CPA**

MRTSA Board Members



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Become a member.  
Support your community.

MRTSA (Medical Rescue Team South) is the second largest ambulance service in Allegheny County (Pittsburgh is number one). We are the training center for EMTs. Some of our staff teach paramedics at other facilities.



**PLEASE**

**Remember to**  
**test your smoke**  
**detectors**  
**every month —**  
**early warning**  
**provides the**  
**greatest**  
**opportunity**  
**to survive a fire.**



Refuse is collected on a five day a week schedule according to the A to Z street listing shown on the next page of this bulletin.

**2020** - refuse collections will be **delayed ONE DAY for Thanksgiving Day on November 26** and **ONE DAY for Christmas on December 25**.

**2021** - refuse collections will be **delayed ONE DAY for New Year's Day on January 1**; **one day the ENTIRE WEEK of May 31**; **one day the ENTIRE WEEK of September 6**; and **ONE DAY for Thanksgiving Day on November 25**.

## RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The weeks shaded in green on the 2020 calendars are the recycling collection weeks.

**2021** - recycling collections will be **delayed ONE DAY for New Year's Day on January 1**; **one day the ENTIRE WEEK of May 31**; and **one day the ENTIRE WEEK of September 6**.

Single Stream Recycling has been implemented in the Borough.

Recyclable items include - aluminum and tin cans, **PLASTICS 1 and 2 ONLY**, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, junk mail, envelopes, all color office paper, paper grocery bags, chipboard food boxes, newspapers and insert and cardboard boxes. Cardboard boxes must be flattened and cut in three-foot sections. All of the above items can be mixed together in a recycling bin for curbside collection. The following items are **NOT** able to be recycled: SHREDDED PAPER, GLASS, PLASTIC BAGS. All recyclable materials must be placed curbside in **BINS**. Recycling bins are available if needed, for \$8.00, at the Borough's Administration office during regular business hours.

## REMAINDER OF 2020

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

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## GREEN SHADED WEEKS = RECYCLING COLLECTION WEEKS

IF HOLIDAY OUTLINED IN GREEN BOLD BOX IS A WEEKDAY ON OR BEFORE YOUR PICKUP DAY, COLLECTION WILL BE ONE DAY LATER (*New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day*)

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# RECYCLING

## COLLECTION SCHEDULE

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING AS DESCRIBED ON PREVIOUS PAGE

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

M - MONDAY  
T - TUESDAY  
W - WEDNESDAY  
TH - THURSDAY  
F - FRIDAY



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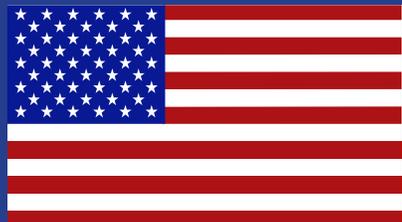


**DATES TO REMEMBER**



**Halloween**  
**Saturday, Oct. 31**  
 (Trick or Treat - 6:00 - 8:00 PM)

**General Election**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 3**  
 (Borough offices closed)



**Veteran's Day**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 11**

**Thanksgiving**  
**Thursday, Nov. 26**  
 (One day delay in  
 Thursday and Friday  
 refuse collections  
 (Borough offices closed  
 Nov. 26 and 27))



**Christmas**  
**Friday, Dec. 25**  
 (One day delay in Friday refuse  
 collection)  
 (Borough offices closed December 25)

**New Year's Day**  
**Friday, January 1, 2021**  
 (One day delay in Friday  
 refuse/recycling collections)  
 (Borough offices closed January 1)