

E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

Thanks to everyone that attended Touch-A-Truck 2022. As expected, we had beautiful weather. It is always great to see a community come together! The event gave our residents and guests the chance to meet many of our police officers, firefighters and representatives from other area safety forces. Visitors had a chance to see:

- Helicopters from both UH and MetroHealth land and take-off;
- A demonstration of the extrication tools used by the Fire Department as they simulated the rescue of an automobile accident victim;
- The tools used by the Sheriff's Department SWAT team and Western Lake County Emergency Response Team;
- The Bomb Squad robot and so much more!

Thanks to our Police Department, almost 100 children were issued KidsPrint cards to help identify them in an emergency.

On Monday afternoon, Fire Chief Gandee, Lt. DiMattia and I had a discussion with the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding the recent severe head-on accidents on I-90 between Bishop Road and the I-271 interchange. While the area fully meets all ODOT standards and requirements, in light of the recent crashes and changing motorist behaviors (primarily the increased speeds of motorists) on the Interstate, ODOT has agreed to conduct a safety study of the area and the advisability of making additional safety improvements.

Grinding was completed Wednesday and the pavement was put down on Thursday in the City Hall front Parking Lot. The line striping was done today. We will be coordinating the installation of the new lighting fixtures in the coming weeks to complete the front parking phase of the project. Replacement of the East driveway (between City Hall and the Fire Station) and completion of the new salt storage facility will be taking place in the upcoming weeks with the goal of these projects being completed by Halloween. I appreciate everyone's patience while we undertake these important improvements.

City Event Update: The Fall Craft Show has reached its limit for vendors. Please plan to attend as there will be a great variety of arts and crafts available. See Page 5. The Classic 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, October 9 at 9:00 A.M. (registration starts at 8:00 A.M.) at Classic Lexus. See Page 9. I hope that many of you will come to Gloria's retirement reception tomorrow! Have a great weekend.

Saturday, September 24, 2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. at the Lake County Fair Grounds-Details on Page 10

Saturday, September 24, 2022 HAPPY RETIREMENT GLORIA!

1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the O'Ryan Room of the Willoughby Hills Community Center We will recognize Gloria Majeski's many years of service and celebrate her retirement!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAGE 4 BELOW

Tuesday, September 27, 2022
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 MEETING
7:00 P.M. O'Ryan Room of the Willoughby Hills Community Center

Wednesday, September 28, 2022
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 MEETING
7:00 P.M. O'Ryan Room of the Willoughby Hills Community Center

Thursday, September 29, 2022
CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 MEETING
7:00 P.M. O'Ryan Room of the Willoughby Hills Community Center

Thursday, October 6, 2022
PLANNING COMMISSION/ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE WHITE PINES CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT ON
SOM CENTER ROAD WILL BE ON THE AGENDA
7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Saturday, October 8, 2022 FALL CRAFT SHOW 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Willoughby Hills Community Center

> Sunday October 9, 2022 CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK SEE ATTACHED FLYER ON PAGE 9 CLASSIC LEXUS/BMW SOM CENTER ROAD

Monday, October 10, 2022
WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M. Council Chambers

Thursday, October 13, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M. Council Chambers

Saturday, October 15, 2022 SHREDDING DAY 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON City Hall Front Parking Lot

NOPEC - IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!

The City received an important notification from NOPEC regarding their program as it relates to our residents' electric rates. The following bullet points from the notification is provided:

- The energy markets have been experiencing unprecedented inflation due to international tension and hotter than normal weather this year.
- Unfortunately, NOPEC is not immune to this current inflationary spike.
- NOPEC is taking immediate proactive steps to put all of its customers in a position to save significant money on their electric bills during these economically challenging times.
- NOPEC will be temporarily transitioning their 550,000 electric customers enrolled in the Standard Program Price option back to the utility default service for the remainder of this year and into the Spring of 2023 so they may take advantage of significantly lower pricing until the market stabilizes. (This is the Illuminating Company's "Price to Compare" or "PTC" option that has been advertised in the last few newsletters, where residents were advised to call NOPEC to get into this plan immediately!). (Now they are automatically putting you in that plan if you are on the Standard Price Program, but if you are in one of the 12 or 24 month "fixed rate" plans, you will not be affected).
- NOPEC electric customers do not have to do anything to start getting the lower rates and will not be charged any fee to transfer. NOPEC will immediately notify the electric utilities to return its Standard Program Price accounts to the default service. Depending on each customer's meter read date, it may take one to two billing cycles for the transfer to take effect.
- Customers will receive a letter from NOPEC detailing the reason for the change and direction regarding where they can go for more information.
- Customers who are returned to the utility's default service will remain eligible for NOPEC's aggregation program in the future. By Spring 2023, NOPEC is forecasting that energy markets will normalize and its electric rates will be in line with the utilities' newly established "Price to Compare" and all eligible customers in NOPEC member communities will be notified via mail that they will be automatically reenrolled in NOPEC at that time, unless they notify NOPEC that they wish to opt out.
- NOPEC's natural gas aggregation is unaffected and will continue uninterrupted. NOPEC's current natural gas price is still lower than other retail offers as well as the current Dominion East Ohio default service rates.

We will continue to disseminate information as it becomes available to us.



The City of Willoughby Hills
will say so long to its beloved citizen and employee

Gloria Majeski

Saturday September 24 from 1-4pm * Willoughby Hills Community
Center

Plan to drop in and wish her well!!!

Bring photos, letters, cards that you'd like to contribute toward the gift

"Book of Love and Memories"

You will also be able to record a 30 second video message to Gloria that will be added to the book.

-Unable to attend, please email Karen at <u>council@willoughbyhills-oh.gov</u> for more information.-

Light Refreshments served

















FIRSTENERGY TRANSMISSION LINE HELICOPTER PATROL

We have received notice from FirstEnergy that beginning today, September 23, 2022, and continuing for about three weeks, they will be conducting helicopter patrols of their transmission lines. They have noted that the patrol will cover transmission circuits in their entirety (i.e. "breaker-to-breaker"), so patrols on certain lines may therefore extend into the neighboring areas. The helicopter pictured below is scheduled to be the aircraft conducting the patrols if you see or hear a low-flying helicopter in the area.



HELP WANTED

The Recreation Commission is seeking new members to assist with the planning and implementation of City recreation events including: Pancake Breakfasts, the Easter Scavenger Hunt, Fall and Spring Craft Shows, the City Halloween Party, Winterfest, Christmas Card Lane, the Holiday Lights Contest, the City Photo Contest and Breakfast with Santa. The Commission is also evaluating a potential all day City event (similar to Rock and Roll Day in 2022). Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of the Commission can fill out an application and deliver it to City Hall. Applications are available on the City's Website. Simply select the "Government" Tab, then drop down to "Boards and Commissions" and select "Become a Member of a Board or Commission" from the menu on the Left. From the Boards and Commissions Page, you can also review minutes of the Recreation Commission's past meetings.



Classic Lexus, Willoughby Hills Family Health Center & the City of Willoughby Hills present the 8th Annual

Classic Willoughby Hills 5K Run/Walk

Sunday, October 9th, 2022 · A special event for the whole family

PLACE

The run and walk will depart from: Classic Lexus 2551 SOM Center Road Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44094

Family activities!

PARKING

Willoughby Hills Family Health Center 2570 SOM Center Road Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44094

Walk across the street to Classic Lexus

TIME

8am - Registration and check-in 9am - Run begins, followed by walk 5K run or walk 1 mile walk

5K Run/Walk: \$20 registration for each individual participating

1 Mile Walk:

\$20 registration for each individual participating, no charge for any pets!

Register:

In person at Classic Lexus or online at: www.greaterclevelandXC.com/classic or www.classiclexus.com

Prize Contest for best dog costumes!

Proceeds to benefit: Harvest for Hunger/St. Noel's Food Pantry & Velosano

Everyone who brings a canned good on race day will receive a FREE GIFT and help the fight against hunger!

Awards provided to top overall female and male runners. Runners in the top three in each of the following age groups (male and female): 15 and under**, 16-22, 23-30, 31-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+ **(children must have adult supervision at all times)

T-Shirts guaranteed for the first 200 registrants. Refreshments will be available for the walkers & runners at the end of the event.



City of Willoughby Hills

Name		□ M □ F Age
Address		☐ 5K Run ☐ 1-Mile Walk
City	State Zip	T-shirt size size (adult):
Home Phone		**
E-mail Address		SEND ENTRY FORM &
In consideration of your accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators,		MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO

waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Cleveland Clinic. Classic Lexus, Second Sole, and the City of Willoughby Hills, their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event or in transit to and from said event. I further attest that I am physically fit and have sufficiently prepared for this event. I will additionally permit the use of my name and/or pictures in the Cleveland Clinic's publications.

O: CLASSIC LEXUS

SECOND SOLE 8791 Mentor Avenue Mentor Ohio 44060 440-290-0185



Signature

CITY NEWS

Lake County Household Hazardous Waste Collection 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Saturday, September 24, 2022

There are no fees associated with this collection. Keeping substances in their original containers or marking them, if possible, is recommended to shorten the processing times. At the event, the Collection Team will unload your vehicle. The Lake County Fairgrounds is located at 1301 Mentor Ave., Painesville Twp., enter only from Mentor Ave. Hazardous waste accepted at this event includes most automotive, household cleaners, lawn, pool, and unknown chemicals. Bulbs and batteries. Aerosols, empty propane tanks, kerosene, mercury, paints (oil-based), polyurethanes, primers, and grout. Roofing tars, shellacs, stains, thinners, turpentine, and varnish. The following items are prohibited at the collection event and at the Landfill and Recycling Center: Ammunition, explosives, latex paint (dry it & toss it), medical waste, prescription medicines, and smoke alarms (mail to manufacturer). For a complete listing of all prohibited items, please visit accepted and https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/utilities/special-collections/ or call (440) 350-2645 during standard business hours.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out:

City of Willoughby Hills, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

440-946-1234 and ask for Mayor Gardner's Office