



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

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**Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!**

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### **MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:**

The holiday season continues to be exciting in Willoughby Hills. Last Saturday was our annual Breakfast with Santa, which was very well attended. I hope that everyone who had a chance to join us had a great time. My thanks to event coordinators Laura O'Donnell and Matt Gray from our Recreation Commission, Recreation Coordinator Diana Parker and the many volunteers who helped make the event possible.

It was exciting to see so many people out to meet us on the 2022 Holiday Parade of Lights with Santa and the Grinch. This event continues to grow in popularity every year. This year Santa gave out 100 more gift bags than last year and we had record turnouts at our condos and apartment buildings. I am sorry that Tuesday night's fire caused us to run late on Wednesday. We appreciate everyone's understanding.

Holiday Light Contest judging will take place this weekend, so, if the weather cooperates, it will be a great time for residents to drive around and see some of the wonderful displays (the winners from the last few years on Loreto and Beech Hills continue to have great displays). Thanks to all that have decorated for the season, the City is beautiful. Thanks to our Beautification Team (Councilwomen Belich, Taylor-Draper and Miller) and Supt. Grubiss for the decorations at City Hall.

Don't forget Tuesday will be the last Trivia Night in Willoughby Hills of 2022. We continue to set new attendance records every month and I hope you can attend.

As reported in the News-Herald earlier this week, last Thursday Council approved purchasing new Iworq software for the Building Department. This is a big step toward improving our ability to track projects in the City. Thanks to City Engineer Pete DiFranco and Service Supt. Mark Grubiss for their work in choosing this program. Council also passed a temporary appropriation for next year's budget. We expect the City's 2023 Budget to be available in the next few weeks. There will be meetings with Council to discuss it in January.

As we have been publicizing in the last few newsletters, we have vacancies available on the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals and Recreation Commission. Please consider applying and getting involved in the City!

We will have a short newsletter on Thursday of next week, it will be coming out early as City Hall will be closed on Friday.

**Please note that Republic Services be observing the holidays on the Sundays and will be running on a regular schedule for both the weeks of December 26th and January 2nd.**

# CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Friday, December 16, 2022- Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST JUDGING-HAVE YOUR LIGHTS ON THIS WEEKEND!**

**Monday, December 19, 2022 and Thursday, December 22, 2022**

**CITY COUNCIL WORKING COMMITTEE AND REGULAR MEETINGS **CANCELLED****

**Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

**TRIVIA NIGHT IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS**

**7:00 P.M. O’Ryan Room of the Community Center**

**Friday, December 23, 2022 and Monday, December 26, 2022**

**CITY HALL CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

**Friday, December 30, 2022 and Monday, January 2, 2023**

**CITY HALL CLOSED FOR THE NEW YEAR’S HOLIDAY**

**Wednesday, January 4, 2023**

**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. Council Chambers**

**Thursday, January 5, 2023**

**PLANNING COMMISSION/ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW**

**7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

**Monday, January 9, 2023**

**WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

**6:00 P.M. Council Chambers**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

**BOARD OF BUILDING AND ZONING APPEALS**

**8:00 P.M. Council Chambers**

**Thursday, January 12, 2023**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

**Monday, January 23, 2023**

**WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING**

**6:00 P.M. Council Chambers**

**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

**PLANNING COMMISSION/ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW**

**7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

**Thursday, January 26, 2023**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA HIGHLIGHTS!



**SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS WERE READY FOR A FULL HOUSE LAST WEEK!**





## HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS!









# COMMISSION MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2023

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.

The Board of Building and Zoning Appeals is seeking a new member for a five (5) year term beginning on January 1, 2023. If there is an appeal, the Board of Zoning Appeals currently meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers. For more information about the BZA, on the City's Website simply select the "Government" Tab, then drop down to "Boards and Commissions" and select "Board of Building and Zoning Appeals."

Applications for both positions 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 BZA and Recreation Commission's past meetings.



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**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.**

WILLOUGHBY HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS

Sunday December 11, 2022 11am  
Friday Dec 16, 7pm & Saturday Dec 17, 7pm

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*The Spirit*  
— of —  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Sights and Sounds of the Season*

*Created by*  
**PHIL BARFOOT & LARI GOSS**

*Arranged and Orchestrated by*  
**LARI GOSS**

***Free Admission!***

***Childcare Will be Provided - Share with Family & Friends***