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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

Happy New Year to all! I am very excited about everything that will be happening in Willoughby Hills in 2023.

As you will see in the following pages, the Recreation Commission has already started planning a full slate of activities for the new year. Please be sure to mark Sunday, March 5th on your calendar for the City's annual Pancake Breakfast. Also, the 2023 Photo Contest categories have been announced and are as follows: *Working in Willoughby Hills, Go Green, Windows and Glass, and Fundamentally Family.*

In addition to the Recreation Commission programs, the Mayor's office will be continuing our Trivia Night in Willoughby Hills program (3rd Tuesday of every month) and, once again, we are planning to compete in the Mind Challenge Trivia competition for those 50 and over against teams from other area communities. Anyone that is interested in participating in our trivia programs should contact the Mayor's office for details.

Although not on the calendar yet, the City will be hosting shredding days and electronics recycling days. We are coordinating the dates for these events with the vendors and we will let you know the dates and times as soon as they have been scheduled.

The Police and Fire departments will be presenting programs throughout the year for our residents and businesses including Safety Town, Touch-a-Truck, and crime prevention programs.

Last week, the Fire Department took delivery of its new Command Truck/EMS Chase Vehicle. This Vehicle responds to almost every incident in the City and is a critical part of the Department's operations. Over the next several weeks it will be up-fitted with its radios, electronics, emergency lights and other equipment. We plan to have it on the road serving you by the end of February. In addition, we have been told the construction of our new first-out fire engine will be starting in the coming months. We expect delivery by the end of the summer and that you will be able to see it at Touch-a-Truck in September.

Finally, if you need to start looking forward to Spring: the Willoughby Hills Youth Sports League is accepting registration for the 2023 Softball and Baseball seasons. Team practices will begin early/mid April and games start in May. Here is the link to register:

<https://whblsports.sportngin.com/register/form/677497828>

For more info, see the Willoughby Hills Youth Sports League website: <http://www.whblsports.com/>

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday, January 9, 2023

**WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
6:00 P.M. Council Chambers**

Thursday, January 12, 2023

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

**WILLOUGHBY HILLS TRIVIA NIGHT
7:00 P.M. – Community Center**

Thursday, January 19, 2023

**PLANNING COMMISSION/ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW
7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

Monday, January 23, 2023

**WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M. Council Chambers**

Thursday, January 26, 2023

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
7:00 P.M. Council Chambers**

Thursday, February 2, 2023

**PLANNING COMMISSION/ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW
7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

Monday, February 6, 2023

**WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M. Council Chambers**

Thursday, February 9, 2023

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**BZA MEETING
8:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

Thursday, February 16, 2023

**PLANNING COMMISSION/ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW
7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBER!

DAVID WALTERS

In addition to Mr. Walters joining the Commission, current member Matt Gray has stepped up as Chair of the Commission while Laura O'Donnell has accepted her nomination as Vice Chair. We know you will all do an amazing job with this year's events!

On that note, the 2023 Event Schedule is in the works! Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:



Sunday, March 5th - Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 18th - Spring Craft Show

March 24th – April 7th - Hoppy Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, April 29th - Spring Garage Sale Day

~Stay tuned for more events to be added!~

As you can imagine, it takes a lot of work for our City events to take place. If you'd like to volunteer for any of the events listed above or would even like to become a member of the Recreation Commission, please send an email to Recreation@willoughbyhills-oh.gov We'd love to have you onboard!





WELCOME TO OUR NEW FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

GARRETT LEONBRUNO!

Officer Leonbruno joins the department with 10 years of police experience, most recently as a full time police officer in Madison Township.

Willoughby Hills Fire Rescue took delivery of a 2022 Ford F-250 crew cab pickup truck. The vehicle was actually ordered over a year ago in October of 2021. It was slated for delivery in February of 2022, but did not arrive until December 29th of 2022. This will replace our 2012 Ford Expedition that just hit over 100,000 miles. It is expected to be in service in about two months after an array of equipment, accessories, warning lights, graphics and radios are installed. The pickup truck concept for command vehicles has been gaining popularity over the years throughout the U.S. It allows for better isolation of potentially carcinogen contaminated gear and equipment to be isolated from the occupants of the vehicle.

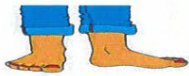


SENIOR CENTER NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 2023, Willoughby Hills Senior Center
1-440-975-3540

JANUARY 2023 SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Willoughby Hills Senior Center
35400 Chardon Rd.
Lower Level



Podiatrist Dr. Kelley Whaley will be in the Senior Room on Thursday, January 5th, From 9:00am-11:30am in the Senior Room. Please schedule any future appointments with her.

Senior Luncheons: Potluck or Brown Bag

Save the Date: Thursday, January 17th, 2023, 11:30am .

Save the date:

*The Community Center will be closed on Sunday 1/01/23 and Monday 1/02/23

And Martin Luther King Day-
Monday January 16, 2023

Happy New Year!!!!

Recreation Coordinator: Diana Parker
Staff Monitor: Sylvia Carter-Naylor

Joke of the Month:

Q: What cartoon mouse walks on two feet?

A: Mickey Mouse

Q: What duck walks on two feet?

A: Donald Duck

Real answer: No, all ducks do!



"January 1st is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one." — Brad Paisley

Activities:

BRIDGE: Every Wednesday 12:30pm until 3PM Bring your cards

Pinochle Group: First 2 Fridays And every Saturday at 6PM

Mahjongg: Every Friday at 1PM

Yoga: Every Wednesday at 11AM

Stretching Class: Friday at 11AM



Happy
Birthday

To everyone born in January!!!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City is seeking to fill both the Finance Director position as well as the Part-time Clerk of Council position. If you or someone you know would like to begin 2023 working with an amazing group of people here at City Hall, this is your chance!

Click [here](#) for more details on the Finance Director position. If interested, please email your resume and [application](#) to: asstfinancedirector@willoughbyhills-oh.gov

Click [here](#) for more details on the Part-time Clerk of Council position. If interested, please email your resume and [application](#) to: chrishallum@willoughbyhills-oh.gov and council@willoughbyhills-oh.gov



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.

RESIDENT REMINDERS:



Please note that the Republic Services magnet is incorrect for recycle weeks *in January only*. The remainder of the year is correct (pick up every other week).

Recycle pickup weeks in January will be as follows:

January 1st – January 7th

January 15th – January 21st

January 29th – February 4th

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.

Have a wonderful week!

