



City of Willoughby Hills

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

Last night marked Council's first meeting of 2023, so it seems appropriate to spend a few minutes outlining some of the legislative items that will be coming before Council as we start the year. The Administration's proposed budget for the year will be presented to Council in the next few weeks. Once submitted, Council has told me that they anticipate holding budget meetings with myself, Chief Naegele, Chief Gandee and Road Supt. Grubiss. I hope that we will be able to schedule these prior to the end of the month. Included in the budget will be a number of new safety initiatives including: (i) the addition of 2 new full-time police officer positions (increasing our night shift staffing to 5 officers when fully staffed); (ii) increasing the staffing at the Fire Department to 6 firefighters per shift, (iii) funding to add a new ambulance to the Fire Department fleet (replacing our current 2006 reserve ambulance) and funding for 4 new police vehicles (to be ordered in 2023 for delivery in 2024). Council's agenda last night included the first reading of the ordinance to expand the number of police positions for the first initiative.

On the infrastructure side, Council's agenda last night included legislation to start the necessary engineering services for the 2023 sewer rehabilitation and street maintenance programs. The sewer rehabilitation will continue the program that we have undertaken for the last several years to inspect and seal the sewers to prevent water intrusion. For the road program, this year, we are planning to resurface Pleasant Valley Road (West of the single lane bridge), undertake a rejuvenation of the new pavement on Legend Lane and paint new markings on our City streets. Additionally, the City will be funding the required engineering and paying the City's "local share" contribution for the resurfacing of Chardon Road (west of SOM Center Road) in 2024. Also at last night's meeting, Council authorized the Administration to start obtaining bids for road salt, asphalt and limestone to be used this year and into next.

At the Council meeting in 2 weeks, we will be recognizing the contributions of 2 former City employees: Police Officer Jim Vitale, who recently retired from our Police Department and Denise Edwards, our long-time recreation co-coordinator and Building and Service Department Clerk. Council passed resolutions honoring these employees and their dedication to the residents of the City last night. We hope to present the resolutions, as well as a proclamation from the Mayor's Office, to them at the January 26th Council Meeting.

Council has also expressed interest in examining a number of issues this year. First, the Deer Management Committee, chaired by Councilwoman Belich will be continuing to review the potential of creating a deer management program in the City. A new Committee to be chaired by Councilman Knecht will be evaluating our Charter's current "referendum zoning" requirement. Councilwoman Taylor Draper is continuing to move forward with the creation of a new ordinance to set forth requirements to post signs informing the public of new subdivisions or projects. The Law Department continues to monitor the General Assembly's legislation that would prohibit local regulation of short-term property rentals.

All City Council meetings can be viewed on the City of Willoughby Hills Facebook Page and on the City's community access channels. Have a great week!

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Monday, January 16, 2023

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

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

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSED ALL DAY
Library will be curbside service only

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

RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS:



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!~

Because they were so well received last year, the City is also working to add a couple of Paper Shredding Days and Electronic Recycling Days into the 2023 schedule. We will publish those dates once they're set!

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 or by clicking [here](#).

FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS:



Cleveland Metroparks will be continuing their deer management program this winter to establish and maintain a balanced ecosystem. From noon to 6:00 a.m. the following morning, portions or all of North Chagrin Reservation will be closed to the public on several days from January 17th through March 16th, 2023.

Safety remains the number one goal of the Metroparks' natural resource management team and their highly skilled and trained marksmen. The Willoughby Hills Police Department will be notified prior to the initiation of management within North Chagrin Reservation. The reservation will be posted/signed and closed completely during the management program. All shots will be fired from elevated positions using noise-suppressed rifles.

Specific closures will be posted on [Cleveland Metroparks Alerts and Closures page](#) by 6 p.m. on the evening prior to an area's closure. This announcement will give details about reservations and sections of the parkway that will be closed between noon and 6 a.m. the following morning.

Cleveland Metroparks has worked hard to ensure that the deer management program is safe, humane and effective. As in past years, venison will be donated to a local food bank.



LAKE COUNTY NEWS:

Lake County is covered by an emergency alert outdoor siren system which may be used to alert citizens of possible dangers such as chemical emergencies, natural and man-made disasters, and national security issues. These sirens are designed to be heard outdoors to advise residents to go inside and seek additional information.

The Lake County sirens are tested quarterly at 11:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday in January (11th), April (12th), July (12th), and October (11th). This test will be a single-three-minute sounding, separated by a 30-second break.



On that note, don't forget to sign up for Lake County's **Wireless Emergency Notification System** (WENS). This system was created to help notify citizens (via automated voice calls, text messages, and e-mails) during times of emergency. In order to receive these notifications, click [here](#) to complete the form and sign up (all information provided is confidential and will not be shared with anyone for any reason). It's truly a *very* simple process to receive such valuable information in emergency situations.



The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is offering Free Legal Advice through their Volunteer Lawyers Program. Legal Aid will provide services in the areas of:

Consumer rights	Disability
Domestic violence	Education
Employment	Family law
Health	Housing
Foreclosure	Immigration
Public benefits	Utilities
Tax	

Clinic locations are listed [here](#). Some are by appointment only. Please bring all important paperwork with you. *Masks are recommended.* If you have any questions, please call 888-817-3777 or visit their website at laslev.org.

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

Mahjonn: Every Friday at 1PM

Yoga: Every Wednesday at 11AM

Stretching Class: Friday at 11AM



Happy
Birthday

To everyone born in January!!!

RESIDENT REMINDERS:



Please note that the Republic Services magnet is incorrect for recycle weeks *in January only*. The remainder of the year is correct (with 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.

****The Community Center will be closed all day on Tuesday, January 24th.
The Library will have curbside service only that day.****

****Please note that City Hall be be closed on Monday, January 16th
in observance of Martin Luther King Day.****

Have a wonderful week!

