



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS!!!**

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! JANUARY 1 WAS A GREAT DAY AS JUDGE JOHN P. O'DONNELL ADMINISTERED THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO COUNCILWOMAN JULIE BELICH, COUNCILWOMAN VICKI MILLER, COUNCILMAN JOE JARMUSZKIEWICZ AND COUNCILMAN DAN KNECHT. THEY ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY, ALONG WITH COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHRIS HALLUM, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT MIKE KLINE AND COUNCILWOMAN TANYA TAYLOR DRAPER. COUNCIL'S FIRST MEETING EARLIER THIS WEEK WAS AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, WHERE CHRIS AND MIKE WERE APPOINTED COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, RESPECTIVELY. COUNCILWOMAN BELICH WILL SERVE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, COUNCILMAN JARMUSZKIEWICZ WILL SERVE AS THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE RECREATION COMMISSION, COUNCILWOMAN TAYLOR DRAPER WILL SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND COUNCILWOMAN MILLER WILL SERVE ON THE WHISPER COMMITTEE. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM FOR A GREAT 2022.

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN PREPARING FOR OUR "MIND CHALLENGE" TRIVIA CONTEST AND INVITE ANYONE WHO IS FIFTY YEARS OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE. WE WILL HAVE A PRACTICE ROUND IN FEBRUARY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND INVITE EVERYONE TO COME AND SEE IF THIS IS SOMETHING THEY WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN. IT IS TRULY A LOT OF FUN AND A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND WORK YOUR BRAIN! MORE INFO TO FOLLOW IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS, BUT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO ONCE AGAIN BE A PART OF THE "MIND CHALLENGE," REPRESENTING THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

JUST A REMINDER TO RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVE THEIR BILL FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR TRASH & RECYCLE SERVICES....THE YARD WASTE BENEFIT IS PRORATED FOR THE WHOLE YEAR ON YOUR BILL SO THAT EACH QUARTERLY BILL YOU RECEIVE WILL BE BILLED FOR THE SAME AMOUNT; HOWEVER, THE YARD WASTE **SERVICE** RUNS FROM APRIL 1 THRU NOVEMBER 30.

FINALLY, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE TWO OF OUR POLICE OFFICERS, JOE FINK AND TAYA WORKUM BYERS, BOTH CELEBRATING TEN YEARS WITH THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS. WE APPRECIATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES. THANK YOU! GREAT JOB!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022**

**BOOSTER SHOTS AVAILABLE AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
9:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. (REGISTER WITH ARMORVAX )**

**CITY COUNCIL – WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING &  
RULES & LEGISLATION MEETING  
6:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

**BZA MEETING  
8:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022**

**11:00 A.M. LAKE COUNTY SIREN TEST  
  
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING  
1:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**JUST A REMINDER THAT ALL COUNCIL ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS  
MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT:**

**[http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city\\_council/records/prior\\_years.php](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city_council/records/prior_years.php)**

### **JANUARY DATES AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER HAVE JUST BEEN ANNOUNCED:**

**WE WILL NOTIFY YOU IF THESE ARE BY APPOINTMENT OR WALK-IN AS SOON AS WE ARE NOTIFIED  
BY LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 9AM TO 2:30PM (LIMITED WALK-INS)**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022 9AM TO 2:30PM**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 9AM TO 2:30PM**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022 9AM TO 2:30 PM**

### **COVID TESTING INFORMATION:**

The Mayor's Office has received several calls, asking for COVID testing kits/appointments. While we do not have testing kits at City Hall, you are advised to reach out to the libraries who get kits in randomly and distribute them until they are gone. Here are some library phone numbers that may help you in your quest to get a test kit:

Willoughby-Eastlake Library (WH Branch) 440-942-3362

Wickliffe Public Library 440-944-6010

Kirtland Public Library 440-256-7323

The actual COVID testing may also be obtained at the following drug stores: CVS, Walgreens, Rite-Aid. All take appointments as they are available and it is best to do this on-line using the appropriate drug store website.

## COUNCIL NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO TOOK THEIR OATHS OF OFFICE ON JANUARY 1, 2022, ADMINISTERED BY JUDGE JOHN P. O'DONNELL OF LAKE COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT. HERE ARE A FEW PHOTOS FROM THE BRIEF CEREMONY FEATURING:

COUNCILWOMAN JULIE BELICH, COUNCILMAN DAN KNECHT,  
COUNCILMAN JOE JARMUSZKIEWICZ AND COUNCILWOMAN VICKI MILLER



## RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS:

WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS:

ALISON COLLIATIE  
NANCY ERICKSON

THEY WILL BE WORKING WITH THE OTHER RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS (LYNN HALLUM, MATT GRAY AND LAURA O'DONNELL) ON THE FOLLOWING EVENTS FOR 2022:

MARCH 6 – RECREATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
MARCH 13 – WH LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
MARCH 19 – SPRING CRAFT SHOW  
APRIL 9 – EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA  
APRIL 30 – SPRING GARAGE SALE DAY IN WH  
MAY 7 AND MAY 14 – NATURE WALK THRU HACH OTIS  
JULY 19-23 – SAFETY TOWN  
JULY (DATE TBA) – WH APPRECIATION DAY AT CLASSIC PARK WITH LC CAPTAINS  
AUGUST 6 – GARAGE SALE DAY IN WH  
AUGUST 13 – ROCK AND ROLL DAY  
SEPTEMBER 9 – QUILT GUILD EXHIBIT AT WHCC  
SEPTEMBER 17 – TOUCH A TRUCK  
OCTOBER 2 – 5K WELLNESS RUN WITH CLASSIC AUTO GROUP AND CCF WH FAMILY HEALTH CENTER  
OCTOBER 8 – FALL CRAFT SHOW  
OCTOBER 21 – HALLOWEEN PARTY  
NOVEMBER 11 – WH PHOTO CONTEST RECEPTION  
NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 17 – LETTERS TO SANTA  
DECEMBER 4 – WINTERFEST AND CHRISTMAS CARD LANE  
DECEMBER 10 – BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND SANTA SHOP  
DECEMBER (DATES TBD) – HOLIDAY LIGHTS SANTA PARADE  
DECEMBER 12-14 – HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! START TAKING PHOTOS FOR THE PHOTO CONTEST IN NOVEMBER!!!  
GET READY TO BE A VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF THE EVENTS. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN UP FOR THE EVENT YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR, WHAT YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR AND THE TIME YOU CAN VOLUNTEER! THIS FEATURE WILL BE COMING SOON TO OUR WEBSITE! RIGHT NOW...START THINKING PANCAKES....THAT IS OUR FIRST EVENT AND WE WILL NEED PLENTY OF VOLUNTEERS ON MARCH 6! THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





## RESIDENT CONCERNS TO MAYOR'S OFFICE THIS WEEK:

JUST WANTED TO SHARE A FEW THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT PROMPTED RESIDENTS TO CALL THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR ADVICE/RESOLUTION THIS WEEK:

1. **WHY DID THE POWER GO OUT ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5?**

AT ABOUT 2:30 P.M., CALLS WERE RECEIVED ABOUT POWER OUTAGES ON RIVER ROAD AND RIVER'S EDGE. THE POWER WAS RESTORED AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 P.M.

FIRSTENERGY REPRESENTATIVE WENDY ZELE WAS CONTACTED AFTER THE FIRST CALL CAME IN TO CITY HALL. THE CITY WAS ADVISED THAT 89 CUSTOMER WERE IMPACTED BY THE OUTAGE. THERE WAS A WINDSTORM, A TREE HAD COME DOWN IN THE AREA OF 2366 RIVER ROAD AND BROUGHT A PRIMARY WIRE DOWN. CREWS WERE DISPATCHED IMMEDIATELY AND THE EVENT WAS RESOLVED IN APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE WAS PLEASED THAT THE RESIDENTS MADE THE FIRST CALL TO FIRSTENERGY TO REPORT THE OUTAGE AT 1-888-544-4877. THAT HELPED EXPEDITE THINGS! THANK YOU!

2. **WHY WAS A SMALL TRUCK USED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, TO PICK UP THE TRASH ROUTE ON HEMLOCK?**

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM A HEMLOCK RESIDENT WHO STATED HIS TRASH HAD NOT YET BEEN PICKED UP. A CALL TO REPUBLIC SERVICES BY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE REPORTED THE HEMLOCK ISSUE; HOWEVER, THE REGULAR DRIVER ON THE ROUTE HAD ALREADY PROBLEM SOLVED TO TAKE CARE OF THIS ISSUE. AS IT TURNS OUT, THERE WAS A LOW-HANGING WIRE ON HEMLOCK WHICH PREVENTED THE LARGE GARBAGE TRUCK FROM GOING DOING THE STREET SAFELY. THE DRIVER THEN RETURNED TO THE REPUBLIC FACILITY TO COMPLETE THIS STREET WITH A SMALL TRUCK. THERE WERE CONCERNS ABOUT "GARBAGE FLYING ALL OVER" HOWEVER, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT GRUBISS SURVEYED THE AREA AND FOUND NOTHING LEFT BY THE REPUBLIC DRIVER.

FOLLOWING OUR CONCERN ABOUT THIS INCIDENT, REPUBLIC PROVIDED OUR OFFICE WITH THE FOLLOWING, WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE CITY WEBSITE TO HELP RESIDENTS WITH TRASH/RECYCLE CONCERNS:

***If you have questions about trash or recycle pick-up, please do not call Willoughby Hills. Instead, please call our local Operations Supervisor at Republic Services. Mike Fedor can be reached at 216-416-7902 office 216-304-9702 mobile or [fedormi@republicservices.com](mailto:fedormi@republicservices.com).***

3. **IS AARP COMING TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS FOR TAX ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR?**

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH AARP TO GET DATES AND TIMES AT OUR COMMUNITY CENTER; HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME NOTHING IS YET SCHEDULED. AARP TAX ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE AT WILLOUGHBY SENIOR CENTER, 36939 RIDGE ROAD, BY CALLING 440-951-2832 FOR AN APPOINTMENT. (60 AND OLDER PLEASE); WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUBLISH ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR READERS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.



## SNOW WATCH....

AS WE PREPARE FOR THE PREDICTED SNOW STORM OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, JUST A FEW REMINDERS TO OUR RESIDENTS:

**DRIVE SAFELY!!** TAKE YOUR TIME TO GET WHERE YOU NEED TO GO.

**PRACTICE SNOW SHOVELLING COURTESY**...DO NOT PLOW YOUR SNOW INTO YOUR NEIGHBOR'S DITCH OR YARD. DO NOT PILE THE SNOW SO HIGH THAT YOU CANNOT SEE OVER IT AS YOU ENTER OR LEAVE YOUR DRIVEWAY. KEEP YOUR DRIVEWAY CLEAN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FOR POLICE, FIRE OR DELIVERY DRIVERS.

**MAKE YOUR HOME WARMER WITH THESE WINTERIZING TIPS** –

Provided by Fair Housing Resource Center (FHRC):

1. CHANGE YOUR FURNACE FILTER.
2. ELIMINATE DOOR DRAFTS.
3. SEAL ALL OUTLETS.
4. INSULATE WINDOWS.
5. WEATHER STRIP YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS.
6. REMOVE OR TARP WINDOW AIR CONDITIONERS.
7. CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF CEILING FANS (If the air in your home feels hot and trapped, you can simply reverse the ceiling fans to push the warm air back down. Don't worry, it won't add a breeze! This simple trick can save you 10% on your heating bill.)
8. Control your thermostat. (Set your thermostat lower when you go to bed or work. Turning down your thermostat 10 degrees for eight hours a day can save around 10% on your energy bill. You can also purchase a programmable thermostat to do the work for you.)
9. Seal up any holes in exterior walls.
10. Use heavy drapes and area rugs.

NOW I KNOW WHY MAYOR GARDNER INSISTS THAT EVERYTHING IS SPELLED RIGHT....



## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

PRODUCE PLACE  
2730 SOM CENTER ROAD  
WILLOUGHBY HILLS 440-382-7186

WE LOVE THE STORY OF THE TERIACA BROTHERS (NICK AND FRANK) WHO TELL HOW, AS TWO COLLEGE GRADUATES WITH A VISION, TURNED A ROADSIDE VEGETABLE AND FRUIT STAND (“SUN PLUM MARKET”) INTO TODAY’S “PRODUCE PLACE.”

THE COLLEGE GRADS WERE JUST 19 AND 21 YEARS OLD WHEN THEY PUT A 60 x 40 FOOT TENT (AS OUR READERS MAY REMEMBER) ON GALES GARDEN CENTER LOT. THE REST, AS THEY SAY, IS HISTORY. THE BROTHERS EXPANDED TO FULFILL THEIR BUSINESS PLAN TO BECOME WHAT PRODUCE PLACE IS TODAY.

WHILE THEY SAY THEY OWE A LOT TO GALES GARDEN CENTER OWNERS JERRY SILVER AND SAM DONZELL, THE TRUTH IS THAT THESE “KIDS” WORKED HARD AND HAD THE SUPPORT OF THEIR FAMILIES TO MAKE THEIR DREAM COME TRUE.

WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE PRODUCE PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT IS REFRESHING TO SEE YOUNG PEOPLE SUCH AS NICK AND FRANK DOING SUCH POSITIVE THINGS.

HOPEFULLY, YOU HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO VISIT PRODUCE PLACE, WHICH HAS EXPANDED TO MUCH MORE THAN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, NOW FEATURING A FULL BAKERY AND DELI, AND OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS PASTA, SALAD DRESSING, AND DIPS THAT COMPLEMENT THE FRUIT AND DELI DEPARTMENTS.

IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO VISIT PRODUCE PLACE, PUT IT ON YOUR “TO DO” LIST....DEFINITELY WORTH THE TRIP.



## RESIDENT NEWS....

We love that we asked for volunteers and our residents stepped up!!!!

WELCOME CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS:

STEVE NASH      DAVE LIGGETT      MICHAEL TOBIN

THESE THREE MEMBERS WILL BE MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2022 AT 1PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO SET A PLAN TO CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK OF OUR CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION!

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

WELCOME TO DR. DOUG MOUL WHO VOLUNTEERED TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR BOARD AND ZONING APPEALS (BZA). HE WILL ATTEND HIS FIRST MEETING NEXT WEEK!  
HE WILL DO A GREAT JOB WITH THIS BOARD!

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF DONALD MCCUNE WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK!

GET WELL WISHES TO BARBARA BAIRD...JUST HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL!



## ALWAYS THINKING....

AN OLD FARMER WRITES TO HIS SON IN PRISON:

"DEAR SON: THIS YEAR, I WON'T BE ABLE TO PLANT POTATOES BECAUSE I CAN'T DIG THE FIELD BY MYSELF. I KNOW IF YOU WERE HERE, YOU WOULD HELP ME."

THE SON WRITES BACK:

"DAD: DON'T EVEN THINK OF DIGGING THE FIELD BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE I BURIED THE MONEY I STOLE."

THE POLICE READ THE LETTER AND THE NEXT DAY, THE WHOLE FIELD WAS DUG BY POLICE LOOKING FOR THE MONEY, BUT FOUND NONE.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE SON WROTE AGAIN:

"NOW PLANT YOUR POTATOES, DAD. IT'S THE BEST I CAN DO FROM HERE."



REMINDER...CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL IS AVAILABLE AT GULLYBROOK PARK,  
2100 RIVER ROAD!

**STAY SAFE! CALL CITY HALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT 440-946-1234 OR  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV](http://WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV)**