



## City of Willoughby Hills

### **E-NEWSLETTER**

VOLUME 60 FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022 (NEXT LETTER OUT ON JANUARY 28!)  
**WELCOME TO OUR NEW E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS!!!**

PLEASE ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN BY SENDING AN EMAIL REQUEST TO:

[NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV](mailto:NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV)

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

THANKS TO OUR CUYAHOGA COUNTY AIRPORT NOISE ABATEMENT COUNCIL (NAC) REPRESENTATIVE GARY PRATT FOR ATTENDING THIS QUARTER'S NAC MEETING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022. HE HAS PROVIDED ME A COMPLETE REPORT AND PACKET WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING LINK TO THE CITY'S WEBSITE:

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/NAC%20report%20011322.pdf>

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/NAC%20MEETING%20PACKET%20011322.pdf>

IT WAS NICE TO READ THAT NO COMPLAINTS WERE REPORTED FROM WILLOUGHBY HILLS DURING THIS QUARTER AND THAT AIRPORT ACTIVITY LOOKS TO BE COMING BACK A BIT FROM COVID WITH AN INCREASE OF 11% IN FLIGHT ACTIVITY. PLEASE READ THE REPORT FOR THESE AND OTHER INTERESTING FACTS FROM THE AIRPORT.

FIRSTENERGY IS PREPARING A REPORT ON THE RECENT OUTAGE AFFECTING RIVER ROAD AND RIVERS' EDGE. I WILL RELAY THAT INFORMATION TO OUR RESIDENTS AS SOON AS I RECEIVE IT FROM FIRST ENERGY.

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST WITH THE COVID BOOSTERS BY PROVIDING A POINT OF DISPENSARY (POD) THROUGH APRIL. WE ARE HAPPY TO ACCOMMODATE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER EACH MONDAY. HOPEFULLY, THE CONVENIENCE OF PROVIDING THE BOOSTER WILL ENABLE OUR RESIDENTS TO GET THE BOOSTER CLOSE TO HOME IN AN EFFORT TO STAY SAFE. MORE INFORMATION ON BOOSTER DATES AND TIMES IS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

IN CLOSING, PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE MINDFUL OF COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS AS YOU GATHER WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT AT [WWW.LCGHD.ORG](http://WWW.LCGHD.ORG).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OBSERVED  
CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED.**

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022**

**COVID BOOSTERS AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
9:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. – MAKE APPOINTMENT THRU [WWW.ARMORVAX.COM](http://WWW.ARMORVAX.COM)  
&  
PC-ABR MEETING  
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022**

**COUNCIL & MAYOR RETREAT  
8:30 A.M. TO APPROXIMATELY 2:30 P.M.  
WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER**

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022**

**COVID BOOSTERS AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
9:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. – MAKE APPOINTMENT THRU [WWW.ARMORVAX.COM](http://WWW.ARMORVAX.COM)  
WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING & RULES AND LEGISLATION MEETING  
6:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 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 BEEN ANNOUNCED:**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022 9AM TO 2:30PM (LIMITED WALK-INS)**

**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

## AARP TAX AIDE SERVICES, LAKE COUNTY, OHIO:

TaxAide provides tax counseling for taxpayers who cannot afford to pay for professional tax preparation and those 60 years of age and older. TaxAide is a free service of the AARP Foundation with the cooperation and approval of the Internal Revenue Service and will be available January 31 to April 15, 2022, at the following locations, dates and times in Lake County. Taxes prepared by appointment. Please call the listed number to schedule and make an appointment:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Dates/Times</u>
Eastlake Sr. Ctr.	600 E. 349 St.	Eastlake	440-975-4268	Tuesdays 9am-2:30pm
Mentor Sr. Ctr.	8484 Munson	Mentor	440-974-5725	Thursdays 9am-2pm
Willoughby Sr. Ctr.	36939 Ridge Road	Willoughby	440-951-2832	Mondays 9am-2pm
Willowick Library	263 E. 305 St.	Willowick	440-943-4151	Wednesdays 5-7:30pm & Fridays 10am-2:30pm
Wickliffe Library	1713 Lincoln Ave.	Wickliffe	440-944-6010	Mondays 9am-2pm
Mentor Library	8215 Mentor Ave.	Mentor	440-255-8811	Tuesdays 10am-2pm
Morley Library	184 Phelps St.	Painesville	440-352-3383	Fridays 10am-2pm

## RECREATION NEWS REGARDING BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGNUPS:



Registration is open for the Willoughby Hills Youth Sports League for Boys Baseball and Girls Softball, ages 5-18. Our home field games are played at Roemisch Park, with other games played in surrounding communities. The 5-6 year-olds play in a co-ed instructional league that focuses on learning the basic fundamentals of the game. Early registration is encouraged and will end **February 28, 2022**. The link to sign up is [www.whblsports.com](http://www.whblsports.com).

The League is looking for volunteers to join the league in a variety of roles, not all related to having to coach baseball. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Lynn Hallum at 440-715-5275. The Youth Sports League's next meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Willoughby Hills Community Center.

# CITY HALL UPDATES.....

## **Willoughby Hills Service Department**

Direct Line to the Service Department Clerk: 440-975-3550

If you get voicemail, please leave us your name, number, address and a message.

You may also email us at: [service@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:service@willoughbyhills-oh.gov)

### **SNOW PLOWING:**

- All primary and secondary roads are highlighted on the four (4) snowplow route maps (click below).  
<http://cms2.revize.com/revize/willoughbyhills/departments/services/streets/index.php>
- All state routes and main thoroughfares are considered primary roads and are the #1 priority. These roads include SR 91 (SOM Center Road), SR 6 (Chardon Road), SR 174 (River Road), Worrell Road, Rogers Road, White Road, Eddy Road, Rockefeller Road, SR 84 (Bishop Road), and Maplegrove Road.
- The secondary roads (side streets) will be taken care of when the snow lets up or weathers permits.
- Please be sure to tell your snowplow contractor to not push snow across any street, or leave snow in the street.
- During heavy snowfall events, please try to avoid going out. Increased traffic adds a significant amount of time to completing the route.

### **SNOW PLOW DAMAGE:**

- If the City plow hits a mailbox, we will fix it. Please contact us right away. If the post is rotted & falls over from snow, we will not replace the mailbox or post. This will be determined by the Road Supervisor. It is the resident's responsibility to check their mailbox on an annual basis. Snow plow shields can be installed by the resident.  
**\*\*\*CALL US FIRST TO MAKE THE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF THE MAILBOX. WE WILL NOT REIMBURSE FOR ANY PURCHASES/REPAIRS THAT ARE DONE BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.**
- Should you have damage to your property from the City plows, please contact us. Some damage can be repaired immediately. Others may require us to put you on our "Spring Clean-up" List. Once topsoil is available, we can do the proper repairs to put your lawn back in place.

### **CLEVELAND METROPARKS DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

CLEVELAND METROPARKS WILL BE CONTINUING THEIR DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THIS WINTER TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A BALANCED ECOSYSTEM. A PORTION OF NORTH CHAGRIN RESERVATION IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS IS PLANNED FOR THIS PROGRAM. 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 18 THROUGH MARCH 17, 2022.

THE SAFETY PROTOCOL THAT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY UTILIZED BY CLEVELAND METROPARKS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE. THE 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. RESIDENTS WHO OWN PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY WILL BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE VIA LETTER. SPECIFIC CLOSURES WILL BE POSTED ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:

[HTTPS://CLEVELANDMETROPARKS.COM/PARKS/VISIT/ALERTS-CLOSURES](https://clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/alerts-closures)

## **ROAD SUPERINTENDENT – 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS....**

**MARK GRUBISS PERFORMS A VERY DIVERSE ROLE AS ROAD SUPERINTENDENT, GROUNDS AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR AND DIRECTOR FOR CITY SERVICES. WHILE THERE WERE SO MANY 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS THAT PROVE TO THE RESIDENTS WHAT A FINE JOB WAS DONE IN OUR BUILDING/SERVICE DEPARTMENTS:**

- **COMPLETED THE CITY-WIDE HVAC EVALUATION & REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE.**
- **OVERSAW THE INSTALLATION OF WHCC HVAC UNIT.**
- **WORK FOR WH SPORTS LEAGUE TO INCLUDE: NEW BLEACHERS AT BALL FIELDS, REROOFING OF FIELD F DUGOUT, REPLACEMENT OF HOT WATER TANK AT THE SNACK BAR, PAINTING OF THE ENTIRE SNACK BAR, FIELD PREPARATION AND CONVERSION OF TWO TENNIS COURTS TO PICKLE BALL COURTS.**
- **OVERSAW THE REPAIRS OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER DECK.**
- **INSTALLED NEW FLOORING IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.**
- **WORKED IN PD FACILITIES TO INSTALL TOUCHLESS FAUCETS AND FLOORING IN THE PD LOCKER ROOMS, NEW CAMERAS AT THE POLICE SUBSTATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL FOR THE FLOCK CAMERA SYSTEM.**
- **INSTALLATION OF THE NEW CAMERAS IN THE CITY COMPLEX.**
- **INSTALLATION OF A NEW GAS LINE FROM THE SERVICE DEPT. TO BUILDING/SERVICE OFFICES.**
- **GRANGE – INSTALLED A NEW HOT WATER TANK**
- **CRACK SEALED ALL OF ROUTE 91, AND MANY OTHER STREETS, INCLUDING MAPLE HILL, MAPLEVIEW, EDDY, AND PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD.**
- **REMOVED DEAD TREES THROUGHOUT THE CITY IN THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR STORM SAFETY.**
- **PERFORMED REPAIRS AND TREE TRIMMING AT BOTH WH CEMETERIES.**
- **ASSISTED IN THE SEWER, STREET AND MARKINGS REHAB PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.**
- **WORKED WITH FIRSTENERGY TO ASSIST RESIDENTS IN RESTORING POWER/CLEARING ROADS.**
- **PREPARED, COMMUNICATED AND COMPLETED TWO LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS TO INCLUDE EDDY/RIVER CROSSOVER AND THE DIXON/FOREST DITCH ENCLOSURE.**
- **DEVELOPED COVID PREPAREDNESS/PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES, PARKS & BUILDINGS.**
- **INSTITUTED CELL PHONE POLICY FOR SERVICE DEPARTMENT.**
- **INSTALLED A NEW FORCE MAIN AT CORPORATE 90.**
- **INSPECTED AND CLEANED PUMP STATIONS MONTHLY.**
- **ASSISTED WHFD WITH TRENCH RESCUE TRAINING BY DIGGING THE TRENCH FOR USE.**
- **DEVELOPED “GRINCH TRUCK” FOR HOLIDAY PARADE.**
- **FIXED/REPLACED MAILBOXES FOR RESIDENTS.**
- **WORKED WITH ADMINISTRATION ON GRANTS FOR SAFETY CONES, HVAC REPLACEMENT AT GRANGE AND WH COMMUNITY CENTER.**
- **PURCHASED/INSTALLED ITEMS FOR HANDS-FREE TOWEL DISPENSERS, SOAP DISPENSERS, SWITCHES AND FLUSH VALVES THROUGHOUT THE CITY HALL COMPLEX & PD SUBSTATION.**
- **CONTINUED ZONING PERMIT INSPECTIONS & RESEARCHED PROPERTY VIOLATIONS.**
- **& MUCH MORE!**

## RESIDENT NEWS....

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

WELCOME CHAGRIN RIVER WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

BOB BARTOLOTTA

JIM GARRETT

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF:

JEANNE REICHARD

JEAN HART

THESE LADIES WERE LIFELONG RESIDENTS OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND THEIR FAMILIES REMAIN IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

GET WELL WISHES TO TOM KICHER AND DAVE LIGGETT UPON THEIR HOSPITAL DISCHARGES!



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO HONOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY ON  
JANUARY 17, 2022!**



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)**