

E-NEWSLETTER VOLUME 15 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS. THIS WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION TO ITS READERS. PLEASE ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN BY SENDING AN EMAIL REQUEST TO: NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV

DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE CITY IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUE COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUR RESIDENTS WITH THE HELPFUL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND ON THE CITY WEBSITE: http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/index.php

SCHOOL NEWS:

WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE SCHOOLS CONTINUE VIRTUAL LEARNING:

CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK TO THE WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE SCHOOLS TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON LEARNING

https://www.weschools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GUPUYY&dasi=2G2



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 6:00 P.M. WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL, FINANCE MEETING AND RULES & LEGISLATION MEETING VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID 874 4011 7582 ~ Zoom Password 537509

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 7:00 P.M.* REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (*WITH A SPECIAL VOCAL PERFORMANCE BY EASTLAKE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL'S NORTHERN LIGHTS AT 6:45 P.M.) VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID 829 4876 5506 ~ Zoom Password 275078

AGENDAS ARE ON THE CITY WEBSITE:

Tune in to hear: Eastlake North High School's NORTHERN LIGHTS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 AT 6:45 P.M. (BEFORE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM)

This talented group of approximately fourteen singers are performing for Willoughby Hills City Council to promote community and fellowship during COVID-19. Plan to tune in early, sit back and enjoy the great sounds of our talented youth!



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY SIREN TESTING 11:00 A.M. **EDITOR EDITOR EDITOR**



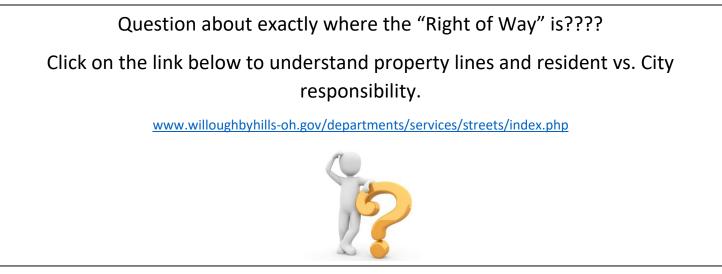
Don't forget to support our local restaurants for all of your SuperBowl needs!!!

Received this humor for your Super Bowl (Social Distanced, Family-Only Party):

"My cousin has two tickets for the 2021 Super Bowl, both box seats. He paid \$2,500 for each ticket, but he didn't realize when he bought them, it was going to be on the same day as his wedding. If you are interested, he is looking for someone to take his place...It's at St. Noel Church, at 3 p.m. Her name is Amanda. She's 5'2", about 130 lbs. She is a good cook, too. She will be the one in the white dress.



SERVICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:



BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

<u>SHRED DAY DATES HAVE BEEN SET FOR 2021:</u>

Saturday, June 12, 2021 9:00 a.m. till noon

Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:00 a.m. till noon

Located at: City Hall Front Parking Lot 35405 Chardon Road



FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO FOLLOW THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH GUIDELINES RELATED TO COVID-19 TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR THE LATEST UPDATES ON COVID FROM OUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT...

https://www.lcghd.org/

RESIDENT NEWS:

Sympathy to long-time resident, Pete Mortenson, whose wife June passed away earlier this week. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



REMINDERS FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

WE HAVE GOTTEN SEVERAL CALLS REGARDING OUR RESIDENTS BEING ABLE TO OBTAIN THE VACCINE FOR THE COVID-19 VIRUS. PLEASE VISIT THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT FOR ALL THE UPDATES, BUT HERE IS WHAT WE KNOW AS OF TODAY:

GROUP 1B CONSISTS OF: OHIOANS AGE 65 AND OLDER THOSE LIVING WITH SEVERE CONGENITAL, DEVELOPMENT OR EARLY-ONSET MEDICAL DISORDERS

This group is being instructed to sign up with the Lake County Health Department and then they will be scheduled as vaccine becomes available.

Click on the link below to submit your information (name, address, phone, date of birth and email address, if applicable):

https://www.lcghd.org/2019-novel-coronavirus-ncov/covid-19-vaccination/

PLEASE BE PATIENT! YOU WILL BE CALLED! MANY RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO GET AN APPOINTMENT AT THE PHARMACY – CHECK THE LIST ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR PHARMACIES THAT MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!

REMEMBER TO ANSWER YOUR PHONE AS IT MAY COME UP "UNITED WAY LAKE COUNTY" TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT!



BE SAFE!

MORE COVID VACCINE INFORMATION:

To support the response, Lake County is also utilizing the WENS system which has the ability to send out text notifications to update residents about important changes to the LCGHD's COVID-19 Vaccine website, <u>https://www.lcghd.org/2019-novel-coronavirus-ncov/covid-19-vaccination</u>. This system will be one of several resources available for residents to have easy access to the most up-to-date information. Residents are invited to text the keyword **LAKEOHVAX** to **69310** to sign-up to receive messages from the WENS system. This is an optional service, and residents do not need to sign up for this service to be receive notifications when vaccine is available.

Signature Health

https://www.signaturehealthinc.org/

(440) 440-578-8203

The following Lake County retail pharmacies are also receiving doses the week of January 18.

Discount Drug Mart

34100 Vine Street, Eastlake (440) 942-3330

8500 Mentor Avenue, Mentor (440) 255-0040

8023 Crile Road, Concord Township (440) 853-2542

Discount Drug Mart will have appointment windows that align with their normal pharmacy hours, seven days a week. Patients should call the store, and press "1" for the pharmacy to schedule an appointment.

Giant Eagle Pharmacy

36475 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby (440) 946-7714

6556 N. Ridge Road, Madison (440) 428-6111

30320 Lakeshore Boulevard, Willowick (440) 944-6963

8383 Tyler Boulevard, Mentor (440) 701-1004

1201 Mentor Avenue, Painesville (440) 358-7769

6079 Andrews Road, Mentor-on-the-Lake (440) 306-0011

Marc's Pharmacy

9700 Lakeshore Boulevard, Willowick (440) 944-2801

7353 Mentor Avenue, Mentor (440) 951-1721

Beginning January 14, a statewide vaccine provider search is available at <u>coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine</u>. This search feature will identify vaccine providers in each Ohio county, as well as the number of doses allocated to each location. Residents are encouraged to check both websites frequently as information continues to develop.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES DURING THIS PANDEMIC. MAKE IT YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO MAKE REGULAR DINNER PLANS AT ONE OF OUR LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS. MANY OFFER TAKE-OUT OPTIONS WITH THE SAME GREAT FOOD! USE THE FINE SERVICES OF THE DENTISTS, DOCTORS, HAIRSTYLISTS AND BARBERS, AND ALL OF THE OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY! THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

EMPLOYEE NEWS:



CONGRATULATIONS TO MAYOR ANDY GARDNER WHO PROUDLY PRESENTED OUR CITY AT THIS YEAR'S WILLOUGHBY WESTERN LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS.

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE CITY WEBSITE TO HEAR THE ZOOM PRESENTATION AS SOON AS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROVIDES IT TO THE CITY.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD ASSISTANCE

By: Chief Matthew A. Naegele

In today's modern environment, fraud poses a significant problem to all of us in terms of its monetary losses and the devastating impact on victims. It also poses significant challenges to law enforcement agencies, regarding their ability to investigate crimes which are complex, oftentimes occur in a virtual environment, incorporate multiple (often international) jurisdictions, and have a very low reporting rate. With that said, there are certain things that we can do to ensure that we are protecting ourselves and our loved ones from fraud related crimes; especially during a pandemic when victimization is at an all-time high.

The Ohio Attorney General's office website recently uploaded important information to the Coronavirus Resources and Guidance webpage that addresses unemployment fraud help. Upon visiting the below link, you will find answers on what to do if one suspects that someone has fraudulently filed for unemployment benefits in their name (contact ODJFS immediately) and other related information on identity theft.

https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Media/Coronavirus-Resources-Guidance#faq

We are also including the below link to the Fraud Reporting Portal at the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services(ODJFS).

https://odjfs2.secure.force.com/OUIOFraudReportingPortal



DIRECT DIAL: 1-833-658-0394



CITY COUNCIL NEWS:

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

AT THE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING, THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WILL BE PRESENTED:

ORDINANCE 2021-007 NOPEC NEC (ENERGY CONSERVATION) GRANT

ORDINANCE 2021-008 PURCHASE OF 4 POLICE VEHICLES

ORDINANCE 2021-009 ODOT CHARDON ROAD PROJECT

RESOLUTION 2021-001 NOPEC EVENT SPONSORSHIP GRANT

DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CAN VIEW THE ZOOM MEETINGS ON WHTV CABLE CHANNEL 1024 SPECTRUM OR CHANNEL 99 AT&T UVERSE.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER (PERHAPS A STUDENT MAJORING IN AUDIO VISUAL OR COMPUTER SCIENCE OR A RETIRED INDIVIDUAL LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND TALENT) TO:

• OPERATE THE CAMERA SYSTEM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS DURING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND BOARDS & COMMISSION MEETINGS

ONCE IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO USE OUR NEWLY INSTALLED AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEM WHICH PROVIDES ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CAMERA SYSTEM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BETTER CAMERA VIEW OF THE PERSON SPEAKING, AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO REVIEW MAPS AND IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS ONSCREEN DURING THE MEETINGS.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW MAY BE INTERESTED IN OPERATING THIS SYSTEM DURING MEETINGS, PLEASE CONTACT COUNCIL PRESIDENT HALLUM AT 440-840-6710. THANK YOU.

THE RECREATION COMMISSON IS CURRENTLY SEEKING MEMBERS TO JOIN THEIR TEAM. THE COMMISSION MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH (VIRTUALLY NOW) AND PLANS THE RECREATION EVENTS FOR THE CITY.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE (UNDER "BOARDS & COMMISSIONS" TAB).

THE COMMISSION IS CURRENTLY FINALIZING EVENT DATES FOR 2021.



BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGNUPS HAVE BEGUN: CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO GET THE APPLICATIONS:

http://cms2.revize.com/revize/willoughbyhills/departments/services/recreation/index.php



CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH.....

https://www.wkyc.com/article/news/local/black-history/black-history-month-northeastohio/95-d22968cf-0356-4aa7-a122-67b7585679f3

Black History Month is upon us, and Destination Cleveland has outlined a number of different ways you can celebrate throughout the month of February in NE Ohio. The above link includes information from Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland History Center, Cleveland Museum of Art, The Rise of Black Glenville, The Karamu House, Playhouse Square and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Check it out!

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

JOIN IN!

Public Hearings of the Charter Review Commission

The Charter Review Commission, consisting of nine residents, have met to discuss the plan to review our current City Charter. Our City Charter is like a blueprint for how the City is run, and who runs it. The Charter document can be found on the City's website.

The Charter Review Commission has planned Public Hearings to give their fellow residents an opportunity to weigh in on amendments they would like to see to the Charter. These meetings are set for Tuesday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. They will provide residents a chance to speak for up to four (maximum) 7-minute times to convey their thoughts to the Commission.

Zoom details can be found on the City of Willoughby Hills Website: www.willoughbyhills-oh

You may also email your thoughts to the Commission at the following email address: <u>CharterReviewCommission@WilloughbyHills-OH.gov</u>



AARP TAX ASSISTANCE UPDATE!!!!

AARP IS SET TO ANNOUNCE AVAILABLE AARP TAX SITES FOR SENIORS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH. CALL 1-888-227-7669 OR VISIT THE AARP TAX ASSISTANCE WEBSITE AT: WWW.AARPFOUNDATION.ORG/TAXAIDE

YOU WILL THEN BE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE SITES; HOWEVER, PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT SITES ARE DRAMATICALLY DECREASED DUE TO COVID SPREAD AND A LIMITED NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS THIS YEAR.



WHISPER NEWS: <u>SIGN UP NOW TO BE A WHISPER VOLUNTEER! WHISPER IS THE CITY'S</u> <u>PROGRAM TO HELP SENIOR CITIZENS IN OUR COMMUNITY.</u> <u>WHISPER IS AN ACRONYM FOR "WILLOUGHBY HILLS ISOLATED SENIOR</u> <u>PROGRAM FOR EVERYDAY RELIEF"</u> <u>CHECK OUT THE LINK BELOW FOR YOUR APPLICATION:</u>

http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/departments/services/whisper/index.php



STAY SAFE!!! CALL CITY HALL IF YOUR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT 440-946-1234 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV