



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

The City held a Bid Opening on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 for 2022 Asphalt and Limestone. The results were as follows:

Asphalt successful bidder:

Grand River: \$65.30 for Type 1, \$54.00 for Type 2 and \$53.00 for Type 301.

Limestone successful bidder:

Osborne: \$19.90 (500 tons) for Type 304, \$22.15 (600 tons) for Type 411,
\$25.20 (800 tons) for Type 57 and \$26.25 for Type 1's and 2's.

We look forward to beginning road projects with the pricing awarded by these contractors.

I had the pleasure of honoring Al Juker of Republic Services for his outstanding service to our residents. Please join me in congratulating him as he attempts to be named "Republic's Driver of the Year." A photo of his coin presentation is provided in this newsletter, along with information for you to voice your support for this outstanding worker.

I presented a Mayoral Proclamation to the Paralyzed Veterans of America Buckeye Chapter to congratulate them on fifty years as an organization. We are anxious that this great group of people will be moving to Willoughby Hills next month. They have a great mission and help many deserving people. I look forward to introducing them to our community very soon.

Now that we know that the warmer weather is coming, it is a reminder of our Annual Pancake Breakfast. We are all set to go with the breakfasts on Sunday, March 6 and Sunday, March 13, with "to go" orders available both days. The breakfasts will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Willoughby Hills Community Center, 35400 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills. Pre-sale tickets for this event are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5-12. Children 4 and under are free. Tickets are \$1 more if purchased at the door. "To Go" orders are available and will provide for a great Sunday morning breakfast. We are looking for more volunteers to give a few hours of their time on either date. Please call my office at 440-918-8730 and Gloria will be happy to sign you up for the time and job you want to help with.

Tickets may be purchased from any Recreation Commission member or at City Hall, 35405 Chardon Road on Mondays thru Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Let this be volunteer opportunity be your first step back into "normalcy." See you there!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

Thursday, March 3, 2022

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

ACCESS LINKS MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY WEBSITE FOR ALL OF THESE MEETINGS.

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE NO LONGER ON ZOOM, ONLY IN 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

AARP TAX ASSISTANCE SITES FOR SENIORS:

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

SNOW EMERGENCY GUIDELINES FROM WH SERVICE DEPT.

Chapter 351.16 Snow Emergency of the Codified Ordinances govern the City's policy:

- (a) Snow Emergency Defined.
- (b) No Parking During Snow Emergency
- (c) Removal of Vehicles Parking During Emergency

Please visit the following link for the complete ordinance:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/willoughbyhills/latest/willoughbyhills_oh/0-0-0-28453#JD_351.16

RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Annual Pancake Breakfasts:

**FEATURING “TO GO” BREAKFASTS – JUST PULL UP UNDER THE OVERHANG AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND WE WILL BRING YOUR BREAKFAST TO YOU TO TAKE HOME TO ENJOY!
YOU CAN EITHER PURCHASE TICKETS AHEAD OF TIME (\$7 PRE-SALE FOR ADULTS) OR PAY \$8 AT THE DOOR (CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS RECREATION ONLY PLEASE!)**

Sunday, March 6, 2022 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Recreation)

And

Sunday, March 13, 2022 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (WH Lions Club)

At Willoughby Hills Community Center

Come to enjoy “All You Can Eat” pancakes and french toast (breakfasts also include sausage, applesauce, juice & coffee).

Price: \$7.00 pre-sale (at City Hall, Community Center, or from any Recreation Commission or WH Lions Club member), or \$8.00 at the door.

Children ages 5 to 12 = \$4

Children ages 4 and under = free

To-Go Breakfasts are available, too!



Spring Craft Show:

Saturday, March 19, 2022 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Returning vendor applications are complete. If you are interested in becoming a vendor for the Spring Craft Show, please call 440-975-3540 for an application.

Put it on your calendar now!

Lots of great crafts.

Click on the link below to sign up to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4da9af29a1f9c34-willoughby1>



Baseball and Softball Signups:

Baseball and softball registration is open through the Willoughby Hills Youth Sports Association. Please register at www.whblsports.com. **Early registration closes February 28th**, so please register early and join our pre-season indoor workouts. The league is also looking for volunteers to help with coaching, sponsorship, the concession stand, and other items. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Hallum at 440-833-4444.



SPECIAL SHRED & DATES:

With residents staying home, it appears that there is a lot of cleanup being done, both records-wise and with computer equipment. The City has scheduled the following dates for residents to come to City Hall from 9am to noon for recycling of paper and computers:

SHRED DAY:

Saturday, June 11 and Saturday, October 15, 2022

ELECTRONICS RECYCLE DAY:

Saturday, May 14 and Saturday, September 10, 2022

Mark your calendars now!



AIRPORT NOISE UPDATE:

On Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at approximately 6:35 p.m., a loud noise coming from Cuyahoga County Airport prompted many residents to reach out to City Hall and the Police Department to investigate. After conferring with Gary Pratt (the City's Noise Abatement Council or NAC representative) who spoke with Airport officials, the noise was that of "engine testing" at the airport. It lasted until approximately 8:00 p.m. and was most likely magnified by the strong winds that evening, as well as the lack of snow on the ground to filter the sound. Gary advised the "Joint Statement of the Cuyahoga County Airport" was not violated with this incident in that the govt. entities, airport tenants & users that are represented on the NAC mutually agreed, "to discontinue aircraft engine maintenance run-ups between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m." Residents are encouraged to refer to the City website to voice their complaints/concerns directly to the Airport to be discussed at their quarterly meetings.

http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/community/cuyahoga_county_airport/index.php

COUNCIL UPDATE:

Council adopted Resolution 2022-001 on January 13, 2022 and then made a formal presentation on February 10, 2022, to:

The Law Firm of Davis & Young

(Founded in 1922 by law school classmates Reese David, Sr. & Fred J. Young)

- Celebrating 100 years in business
- Established roots in Willoughby Hills in 2017
- Provide the highest quality legal representation to individuals & businesses throughout Ohio

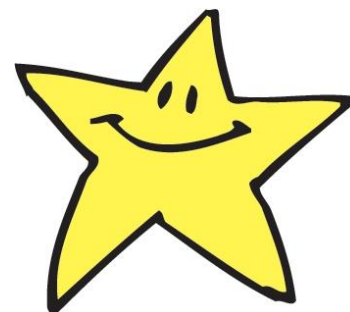
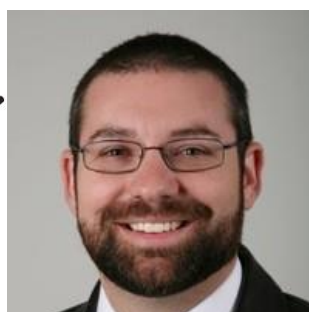
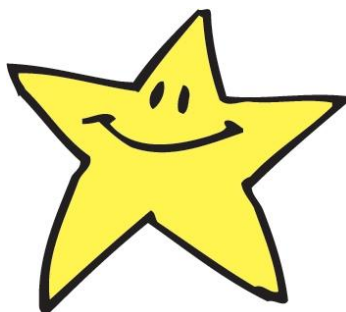
To read the Resolution in its entirety, please click on the Council link below:

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/RES%202022-001%20DAVIS%20&%20YOUNG%20100%20YRS%20-%20SIGNED.pdf>

The photo below shows the group accepting their Resolution from Mayor and Council:



Council also adopted Resolution 2022-005 recognizing the efforts of Lake County Health Commissioner Ron Graham. Mayor Gardner looks forward to presenting Ron with his Mayoral Proclamation to accompany Council's Resolution in the future to honor the fine work he did during the pandemic. We would love to have the public join us when the presentation is made (date to be determined) to let Ron know how the City of Willoughby Hills appreciates the work he did to provide for and coordinate the Lake County communities during the health crisis. It is appropriate to award a "job well done" and we plan to do this in the next few weeks. We will keep you posted!



REPUBLIC SERVICES DRIVER RECOGNIZED....

Many residents have probably had the pleasure of meeting Alan Juker of Republic Services who is responsible for their trash and recycle collection. Alan has been a Republic employee for 23 years and was recently given the “Mayor’s Special Recognition” commemorative coin for outstanding service. Many residents have expressed good things about Alan, who has been nominated for “Driver of the Year,” among fourteen other top drivers throughout the U.S. The Mayor’s Office passed along many accolades when Alan was presented with his Mayor’s recognition, but if you want to share your story or support for Alan for this nationwide award, please feel free to email Alan’s supervisor, Mike Fedor at the following email:

FEDORMI@republicservices.com



TRIVIA NIGHT RECAP....

Our first Trivia Night in Willoughby Hills was a huge success on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 from 7 to 9 p.m. We were able to form five teams of six players, some who had played before and others who just loved trivia or wanted to get out to meet new people. Team 5 was in the lead (coached by Mind Challenge 2nd place Champion Mary Melvin) going into the Final Round. Team 1, however, a new team consisting of the Hallums, Folckemers and Manfredis pulled ahead to win the game when they got the final question correct, but Team 5 missed. The Final Question was: “How many U.S. states end in the letter O?” The answer is “4 (Ohio, Idaho, Colorado and New Mexico!” Teams 2, 3, and 4 were not far behind the other two teams either. Everyone seemed to give a little bit of what they knew to make this a successful evening. The winners each took home a \$20 gift card to Dynamic Duo, a lottery ticket and a \$1,000,000 candy bar! Our next Trivia Night in WH is set for Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from 7 to 9pm at the Community Center. Plan to come. If you don’t have a full team of six, you will be assigned to others to make up a team. Join the fun!



FIRSTENERGY UPDATE:

In response to resident concerns about recurrent power outages in the River Road area, the Mayor's Office received a response from the FirstEnergy representative, Wendy Zele, following a Forestry Supervisor reviewing the vegetation with the area of River Road, specific to 2342 River Road. Because of the patrol, it was identified that two additional trees will be topped off and a tree limb will be removed that is currently hanging over a primary electrical tap. This work will be completed within the next thirty days.

It should also be noted that prior to the above finding, FirstEnergy completed the four-year vegetation inspection in 2020 within right of way issues to be free of incompatible trees and other vegetation. There were pine trees in this area that were "topped off."

There are currently no safety issues, but there are still some dead trees out of the right of way that remain homeowner responsibility. They did not appear to pose a hazard at this time, however.

Below is the link to the FirstEnergy Vegetation Program which details maintenance policies and provides the names of contractors who can safely provide the service to remove or trim trees around electrical lines.

www.firstenergycorp.com

FirstEnergy will continue to monitor the reliability of service to your home and communicate with the City of Willoughby Hills.

Just a reminder...if you experience a loss of electrical power, please contact the Illuminating Company direct line at 1-888-544-4877.



NOPEC RATES:

NOPEC RATES FOR GAS FOR FEBRUARY 2022:

Standard Plan
\$5.230 per mcf

Monthly Variable Plan
\$6.395 per mcf

12-mo. Fixed Rate
\$4.440 per mcf

24-mo. Fixed
Rate \$4.250

NOPEC RATES FOR ELECTRIC FOR FEBRUARY 2022:

Standard Plan
6.95 cents per kWh

Monthly Variable Plan
4.778 cents per kWh

12-mo. Fixed Rate
6.540 cents per kWh

24-mo. Fixed Rate
6.490 cents per kWh

Standard Plan - Automatically enrolled unless you pick another option or opt out totally.
Monthly Variable - Guaranteed \$0.02/mcf less than Standard Option. To enroll call 1-855-667-3201
12 & 24-month Fixed Term Products. To enroll call 1-855-667-3201.

Resident, Employee & Boards/Commission Members News

Sympathy to the family of former Civil Service member, Tom Kicher of Canterbury Court. His wife Jan and his family remain in our thoughts and prayers. Tom's deeds as Vice Chairman of our Civil Service Commission for twelve years will always be remembered and his civic spirit will never be forgotten.

Sympathy to Michael and Laura Pizmoht and family on the passing of Michael's father, Ralph. They remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Welcome to our newest Property Staff Member at the Community Center, Rhianna Kubish! Glad to have you on board! You will do great!



Congratulations to Police Officer Jim Vitale on his 20th Anniversary with the City of Willoughby Hills. Many of our readers may recognize Jim by his work out in the community, working with the kids at Safety Town, Touch-A-Truck, or doing community service work or community education programs. We are proud to have Jim on our Department and congratulate him on 20 years of service. Thank you, Jim. Great job!

HOW WORDS CAN HAVE MORE THAN ONE MEANING....

Doug lived all his life in the Florida Keys and is on his deathbed, knowing the end is near. His wife, his daughter and his two sons and his doctor are with him. He asks for two witnesses to be present and a lawyer be in place to record his last wishes, and when all is ready, he begins to speak:

"My son, Andy, you take the Ocean Reef houses."

"My daughter, Denise, take the apartments between mile markers 100 and Tavernier."

"My son, Devin, I want you to take the offices over in the Marathon Government Center."

"Sharen, my dear wife, please take all of the residential buildings on the bayside on Blackwater Sound."

The lawyer and the witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings.

Doug slips away and the lawyer says, "Mrs. Bender, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all of this property."

The wife replies, "He does not own those properties. Those are the properties on his paper route!"



CALL CITY HALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT 440-946-1234

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV

