



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

On Tuesday, March 8, at 8:00 a.m. at Normandy Party Center in Wickliffe, I will present the "State of the Cities" which is sponsored by the Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce. Special thanks to Executive Director Karen Tercek for allowing me and the other area mayors to speak briefly on our communities. I will share my thoughts with you in the next E-newsletter but I plan to deliver a very positive message for the City of Willoughby Hills.

As we prepare to turn our clocks ahead on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 2:00 a.m., it is a reminder to check our smoke detectors and begin to think about spring safety. With that in mind, I have asked Fire Chief Gandee to prepare an article for our next newsletter which will outline such items as spring severe weather safety, avoiding downed power wires, careless smoking and wild fires. With Republic Services yard waste benefit beginning again on April 1, it is a great time (as weather permits) to start gathering those twigs and branches and prepare for our long-awaited spring. I continually check out the long-term weather predictions as my office would like to plan for an "Earth Day" clean up around our City, with a focus on some of our businesses who may need a hand to get rid of litter when their staffing has been reduced. Earth day is April 22, but we may decide to gather before then if the weather cooperates. It is on my radar and if you come across any sites that you think could use our help, please feel free to email newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov and we will begin to compile a list. After that, of course, we will be looking for interested volunteers to complete our project. I am confident that many of our fine residents will step up to help beautify our community.

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." I have signed up to cook the pancakes!!! See you there!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Monday, March 7, 2022

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL & RULES AND LEGISLATION MEETING

6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

BUSINESS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 p.m. (to discuss Short Term Rentals)

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Lake County Siren Testing at 11:00 a.m.

And

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

1:00 p.m. Council Chambers

Thursday, March 10, 2022

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING (Join us for the presentation to Health Commissioner Ron Graham)

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>
<u>CALL TO BE PUT ON WAIT LIST AT MENTOR SENIOR CENTER:</u>				
Mentor Sr. Ctr.	8484 Munson	Mentor	440-974-5725	Thursdays 9am-2pm

ALL OTHER LOCATIONS ARE FULL AND ARE NOT TAKING APPOINTMENTS; HOWEVER, YOU CAN DIAL 2-1-1 AND ASKED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PAINESVILLE TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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-

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>



St. Patrick's Day Opportunities:

Two fine opportunities to enjoy for St. Patrick's Day:

First: VFW, 29412 White Road, Willoughby Hills March 17, 2022 noon to 6pm
Call 440-944-1642 to order; pre-order by March 8, 2022
Corned beef sandwich with Swiss cheese, potato salad & pickle \$14
Add ons: Brownies, cheesecake or Irish bread pudding w/ Bourbon sauce \$3 ea.
Cake pops \$1 and a whole cake \$25

Delivery upon request (for large orders, disabled vets & homebound seniors).

Second: First Covenant Church, 29400 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills Saturday, March 18, 12:30 lunch - Call 440-781-1555 Vicki, or email vlojo11301@me.com by March 15.

Menu includes A St. Patrick's Day Irish themed lunch & dessert for \$7.

Music provided by "No Strangers Here Irish Band"



SPECIAL SHRED & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING 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!



FISH FRY SEASON HAS BEGUN:

La-Vera Party Center, (32200 Chardon Road) has announced that their Lenten Fish Fries are now available:

Fridays, from March 5, to April 15 - for pickup between 4pm and 6:30 p.m.

\$15.00 per dinner - Deadline to order is 10:00 p.m. on the Thursday before.

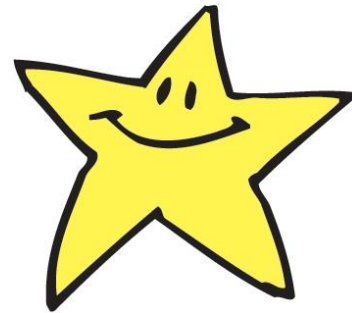
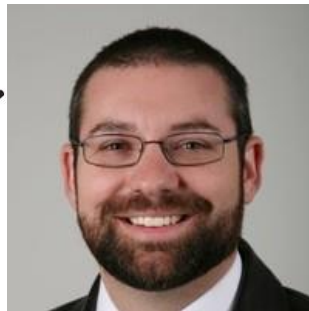
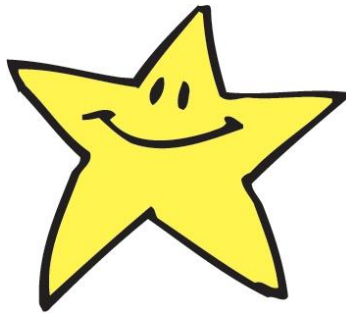
Call 440-943-0087 or visit: <https://www.la-vera.com/seasonal/fish-fry>

If you have a favorite fish fry you would like us to tell the other readers about, please email newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov and we will be happy to share it with others!



COUNCIL UPDATE:

Council 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 to honor the fine work he did during the pandemic. We would love to have the public join us on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 7:00 when the presentation is made 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 Mayor Gardner will also provide a Mayoral Proclamation to Ron Graham's staff at the Health Department for the role they played in keeping Willoughby Hills up to date on COVID-19 precautions, restrictions and vaccine administration. Let's plan to "pack Council Chambers" at 7pm on Thursday, March 10 (you will not need to stay for the entire Council meeting, just come for the first 10 minutes so we can show Health Commissioner Graham our appreciation!)



Council's Agenda for 3/10/22 includes a Resolution to honor the career of retiring Police Officer Frank Bordelon. Frank has been with the Department over twenty years and has had a great career serving our residents and businesses. Plan to show Frank your appreciation at an upcoming Council meeting when he will be presented with the Council Resolution and the Mayoral Proclamation. More details to follow!



REPUBLIC SERVICES DRIVER UPDATE....

In our last E-newsletter, we provided the great news that Republic Services driver, Alan Juker, was one of 15 drivers nominated for "Driver of the Year" at Republic. The City asked our readers to reach out to Alan's supervisor (Mike Fedor) to let him know of their appreciation for the fine work he does for trash and recycle collection in the City of Willoughby Hills. You did not let us down!!! Mike was flooded with emails that told of some great things that Alan has done and he will be sharing them with the judges. In addition, News-Herald reporter Marah Morrison reached out to Mike to do a story as well. Now all we can do is sit back and hope that the Republic Services judges will vote for Alan to win this prestigious award.

If you have not had an opportunity to reach out to Mike and want to share some kind words about Alan for this nationwide award, please feel free to email Alan's supervisor, Mike Fedor at the following email:

FEDORMI@republicservices.com



TRIVIA NIGHT – PREPARED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 15....

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. It looks like all of our players from February 15th will be coming back! They are prepared to challenge any new players and just look forward to meeting new people and getting out of the house for a bit!

If you are interested, please email Gloria Majeski at GloriaMajeski@WilloughbyHills-OH.gov by March 11, 2022. Come join the fun!



FIRSTENERGY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

FirstEnergy is reminding customers of available assistance programs to help with winter electric bills:

Individuals interested in learning more about utility assistance programs can do so in several ways:

- Visit FirstEnergy's newly-designed Bill Assistance web page at www.firstenergycorp.com/billassist and to see available programs based on income and household size
- Fill out a form to contact a customer service representative with any questions or concerns
- Contact the customer service team Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at 1-800-589-3101

Resident, Employee & Boards/Commission Members News

Get well wishes to Maria Adam of Chardon Road and Norma O'Connor of Lynn Drive as they recover from recent illnesses and to Denise Reichelt of Pebblebrook on her upcoming foot surgery. Get well soon!

Welcome to our newest Grange Caretaker, Susan Culp. We are happy to have you on board to help with Grange activities.

Special thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Ukraine as we pray for peace in the region.

Best wishes to Police Officer Frank Bordelon on his retirement effective March 5, 2022. Frank was a 20+ year Police Officer in our city and will be truly missed! Frank will be returning at a future Council meeting for his Council Resolution and Mayoral Proclamation to recognize the fine job he did while he was employed at the City of Willoughby Hills!

Congratulations to Michael Wagner and Athena Hocesvar, Youngstown State students who achieved a 4.0 Grade Point Average for the Fall semester 2021, granting them the privilege of being on the President's List! Good job, Students! Keep up the good work!

March 4 marks "National Employee Appreciation Day"

This gives us an opportunity to thank all of the people employed at the City of Willoughby Hills. In these day of being short staffed everywhere, it is reassuring to have a great group of people who you can count on! Thanks everyone!



NOPEC RATES:

NOPEC RATES FOR GAS FOR FEBRUARY 2022 (latest available):

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 (latest available):

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.

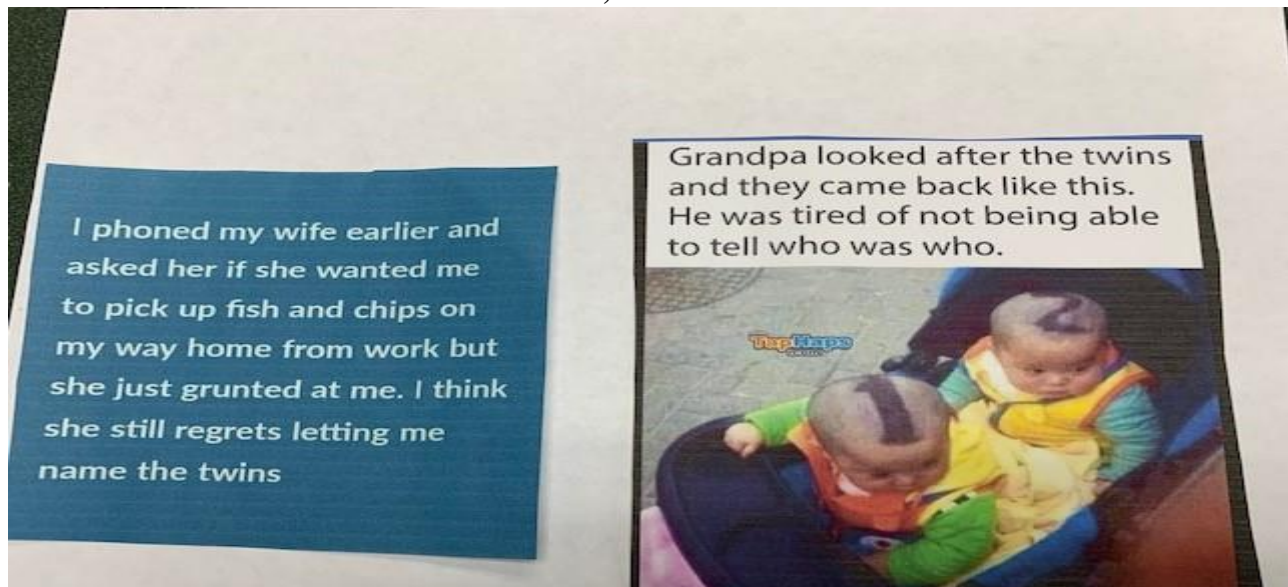
REASON TO CELEBRATE.....

MARCH 4 marks two more important things to celebrate:

- 1) National Hug A GI Day - Thinking of all of our service members today and thanking them for their service....
- 2) National Sons Day (along with September 28) - read this and wanted to share:
"Molding our sons into responsible men can either be seen as a perilous journey or an opportunity to grow as a human being. On National Sons Day, every March 4 and September 28, we think about our boys and the legacy we leave behind as parents. More than that, we take the time to listen to our boys — to hear their dreams or fears and thoughts on changing the world. We all have a role to play. Men and women. Educators. Professionals at all levels." Happy Son's Day to All!



RAN ACROSS THESE "TWINS" JOKES, ENJOYED THEM & WANTED TO SHARE....



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