



City of Willoughby Hills

E-NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS!!!

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>



COLLEGE LOANS ARE THE TOPIC OF LEAF SESSION:

THE LAKE/GEAUGA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION (LEAF) WILL BE HOLDING AN UPCOMING SESSION VIRTUALLY ON A LEAF GOOGLE MEET. "MAKING SENSE OF COLLEGE LOANS OPTIONS" WILL BE OFFERED AT 6:30 P.M. ON MARCH 10TH. REGISTER AT [HTTPS://LEAF-OHIO.ORG/RESOURCE-CENTER-SESSIONS/](https://leaf-ohio.org/resource-center-sessions/) OR CALL 440-525-7095 TO RESERVE A SEAT! LEAF IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT DELIVERS CAREER & COLLEGE ACCESS ADVISORY PROGRAMS THAT CONNECT INDIVIDUALS TO THEIR BEST FIT CAREERS!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 6:00

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL & RULES & LEGISLATION MEETING VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID ~ 874 4011 7582 Zoom Password 537509

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 6:00 P.M.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID ~ 857 5403 5614 Zoom Password 330911

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 8:00 P.M.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA) MEETING VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID ~ 884 8988 3388 Zoom Password 796677

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 11:00 A.M.

LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY SIREN TESTING!

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID 829 4876 5506 ~ Zoom Password 275078

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

**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

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.

NOTICE FROM THE CITY ENGINEER:

EDDY ROAD CLOSURE BEGINNING ON MARCH 1, 2021

Willoughby Hills City Engineer DiFranco has notified the City of Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) plans to close Eddy Road (weather permitting) on March 1, 2021, to begin work on the deck replacement for Eddy Road bridge over I-271.

Traffic will be detoured via Chardon Road between Bishop and SR-91 while this closure is in place. The road will be closed for approximately 240 days, or an anticipated opening date of October 27, 2021. "Local Traffic Only" Signs will be placed at Bishop and Eddy Road, as well as Bishop and SOM Center (SR-91).

RESIDENT NEWS:

WELCOME RESIDENT VICKI MILLER TO THE CITY'S CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION! AS THE 9th MEMBER OF THE GROUP, WE KNOW YOU WILL WORK WELL WITH THE OTHER FINE INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE SURE OUR CHARTER IS UP TO DATE! THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO HELP OUT!

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO RESIDENT BERNIE MARINCIC WHO CELEBRATES HIS SPECIAL DAY ON MARCH 9TH!

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF MARA PERIC, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK. YOU REMAIN IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS.

BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO OUR CITY'S VERY OWN MICHAEL STANLEY (BEST KNOWN FOR MICHAEL STANLEY BAND AND AS A RADIO PERSONALITY ON WNCX 98.5 FM – CLEVELAND'S CLASSIC ROCK). LET'S PRAY FOR MICHAEL'S SPEEDY RECOVERY SO WE CAN CELEBRATE HIS 73RD BIRTHDAY IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS ON MARCH 23RD!



NEWS FROM MAYOR GARDNER'S OFFICE:

**CHANGES COMING TO THE 440 AREA CODE:
TEN DIGIT DIALING BEGINS ON APRIL 24, 2021
& WILL BE MANDATORY BY OCTOBER 24, 2021!**

THE CITY HAS BEEN MADE AWARE OF A NEW POLICY THAT WILL AFFECT OUR PERSONAL PHONES, EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS, AND OTHER ASPECTS WHEN DIALING ANY NUMBER IN THE 440 AREA CODE.

THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) HAS ADOPTED "988" AS A NEW THREE-DIGIT NUMBER TO BE USED NATIONWIDE TO REACH THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION & MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LIFELINE, STARTING JULY 16, 2022. IN ORDER FOR "988" TO WORK IN CERTAIN AREA CODES, 10-DIGIT LOCAL DIALING MUST FIRST BE IMPLEMENTED. THE 440 AREA CODE HERE IN OHIO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE TWO AREA CODES WHERE YOU WILL NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU DIAL LOCAL CALLS.

WHAT WILL BE THE NEW DIALING PROCEDURE?

TO COMPLETE ALL LOCAL CALLS, YOU WILL NOW NEED TO DIAL AREA CODE + TELEPHONE NUMBER. THIS APPLIES TO ALL CALLS WITHIN OUR 440 AREA CODE THAT ARE CURRENTLY DIALED WITH SEVEN DIGITS.

WHEN WILL THE CHANGE BEGIN?

BEGINNING APRIL 24, 2021, YOU SHOULD BEGIN DIALING 10 DIGITS (AREA CODE + TELEPHONE NUMBER) FOR ALL LOCAL CALLS. IF YOU FORGET AND DIAL JUST 7 DIGITS, YOUR CALL WILL STILL BE COMPLETED.

BEGINNING OCTOBER 24, 2021, YOU MUST DIAL 10-DIGITS (AREA CODE + TELEPHONE NUMBER) FOR ALL LOCAL CALLS. ON & AFTER THIS DATE, LOCAL CALLS WITH ONLY 7 DIGITS MAY NOT BE COMPLETED AND A RECORDING WILL INFORM YOU THAT YOUR CALL CANNOT BE COMPLETED AS DIALED!

GET READY FOR THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE!



NEW INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATION FOR COVID VACCINE:

How do I get an appointment?

On Friday mornings, vaccine appointments for the following week will be available in ArmorVax. Notice of available appointments will also be posted on the Lake County General Health District website (www.lcghd.org) on LCGHD's Facebook and Twitter accounts, and announced via LCGHD's weekly Situation Report. Lake County residents who currently qualify to receive the COVID-19 vaccine should create an account with the ArmorVax scheduling system by visiting www.armorvax.com. Once an account is created, eligible users will be able to search for available vaccine appointments.

- [ArmorVax Instruction Guide](#)
- [ArmorVax FAQ](#)
- Important tips for creating an ArmorVax account include the following:
 - Use a unique email address for each person creating an account.
 - Be certain to select your eligible occupation and/or condition when creating account.
 - You must first answer the screening questions before you will be able to schedule an appointment time.
 - Do not attempt to create an ArmorVax account until your eligibility is announced – you will not be able to schedule an appointment.
 - Individual identification and proof of occupation is required for all vaccine appts.

Those without email addresses, and/or needing assistance with making appointments may call (440) 350-2684 on Mondays and Tuesdays, between from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

What if I was already signed up on the 1A or 1B scheduling list?

Residents who have previously signed up for the scheduling list are encouraged to create an ArmorVax account, following the directions above. LCGHD will continue to notify you of available clinic opportunities.

What type of vaccine will I receive?

The vaccine type available (Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson) varies by provider. LCGHD & Lake Health clinics will administer whichever vaccine is available.

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, <https://www.lcghd.org/2019-novel-coronavirus-ncov/covid-19-vaccination>. 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 coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine. 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS FROM CHIEF NAEGELE:

It's getting close to that time of year when WHPD begins receiving reports of black bear and coyote sightings. Although this raises concerns for some, there is no immediate cause for alarm, as both species are completely normal for this area of Ohio. With that said, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is a great reference for education on both species (ohiodnr.gov). Below are some helpful tips in the event you spot or come into contact with one of these animals:

Black Bear

Black bears are usually afraid of people and bear attacks are extremely rare. If you happen to see a black bear remain calm. The ODNR Division of Wildlife recommends the AWARE method if you come in contact with a bear.

Act calm and do not run.

Warn the bear that you are near; talk in a firm, calm voice.

Allow space between you and the bear. Step aside and back slowly away. Do not make the bear feel trapped or threatened.

Raise your hands above your head to appear larger if the bear approaches. Clap your hands or shout to scare the bear away.

Exit the area.

Once you have safely exited the area call 1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543) or use the ODNR website to report the sighting. This will help to track the locations of the black bears and help to estimate the population in Ohio.

Coyote

Understand that coyotes are common throughout Ohio's 88 counties in both rural and urban settings. There are no wild wolves living in Ohio.

Identify that the canine is truly a coyote and not a stray dog. If you determine the animal is a stray dog, contact your county dog warden.

If you do have a coyote on your property, remove all "attractants" to possibly deter the coyote from returning. This includes removing garbage and pet food before nightfall and cleaning up around the grill.

Coyotes prey primarily on small mammals, such as rabbits and mice. Small pets may also be taken. Keep small dogs and cats inside. Coyotes are curious, but generally fearful of humans. Clap your hands and shout in a stern voice to scare off coyotes that are investigating your yard.

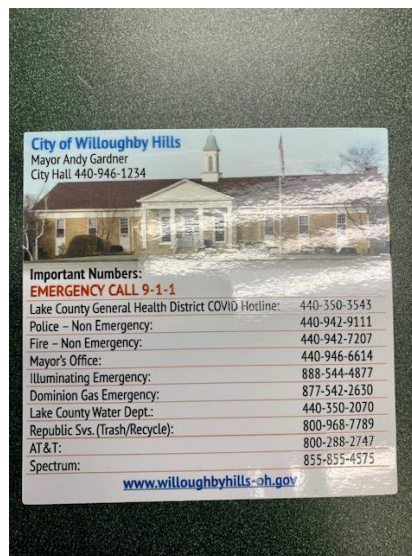


OOPS ON OUR MAGNET MAILING.....

**SO SORRY THAT THE PHONE NUMBER FOR THE
LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT WAS ERRONEOUSLY LISTED ON
OUR MAGNET AS 440-350-3543!
THE CORRECT NUMBER IS:**

440-350-2543

**PLEASE CORRECT THAT ON YOUR MAGNET SO YOU DIAL THE RIGHT
NUMBER IF YOU NEED COVID-19 UPDATES OR LAKE COUNTY GENERAL
HEALTH INFORMATION. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE!**



**PLEASE CONTACT MAYOR GARDNER'S OFFICE IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL MAGNETS OR
WANT TO SHARE WITH OTHERS!**

EMPLOYEE NEWS:

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to our Service Department employee Marty Gazdak. Hope you recover quickly from your recent surgery.

Congratulations to Clerk of Court Janeen Mullin on completing 13 years of service with the City of Willoughby Hills. Best wishes as you start Year 14!

WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER SERVES AS VACCINE POINT OF DISPENSARY:

ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD, THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS WELCOMED OVER 550 PEOPLE TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER, AS WELL AS A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, LAKE COUNTY EMS PROGRAM, AND VARIOUS AREA POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. THIS GROUP WAS ABLE TO ADMINISTER THE FIRST DOSE OF THE PHIZER VACCINE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD SIGNED UP THROUGH THE COUNTY (WWW.LCGHD.ORG). THANKS TO ALL OF THE CITY EMPLOYEES WHO HELPED MAKE THIS A SUCCESS AND MADE OUR CITY LOOK SO GOOD! THE CITY HAS BEEN ASKED TO HOST POINT OF DISPENSARIES (PODS) IN THE FUTURE, SO MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP THROUGH THE COUNTY TO GET YOUR VACCINE CLOSE TO HOME!



AARP TAX ASSISTANCE:

AARP ANNOUNCED THAT THEY NO LONGER HAVE IN-PERSON APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR TAX PREPARATION. WITH COVID-19, ALL ASSISTANCE WILL BE ON-LINE.

CALL 1-888-227-7669 OR VISIT THE AARP TAX ASSISTANCE WEBSITE AT:

WWW.AARPFUNDATION.ORG/TAXAIDE

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGNUPS:

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>



STAY SAFE!!! CALL CITY HALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

AT 440-946-1234

OR VISIT

OUR WEBSITE AT:

WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV