



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

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Happy April Fool's Day!

**Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!**

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

Council has announced a change in dates of their District meetings (which are noted in this E-newsletter). Please take time to drop Council a line if you have anything you would like to see discussed at their meetings. I understand they are preparing a PowerPoint presentation to review some of the things accomplished over the past year and some plans for future projects.

I encourage our residents to review the Police Departments SCRAM Program, which stands for Surveillance Camera Registration and Mapping. Once a resident or business registers their home or business security camera, the Police Department is then able to use the video to assist in a crime that may occur in the area. With the recent car break-ins in our City, it would be nice to let the criminals know that they are on camera if they come through Willoughby Hills. As a reminder to all residents, however, your best course of action to prevent the car break-in is to lock your vehicle at all times. It appears that the thieves are just looking for an easy way to grab cash and valuables by entering an unlocked car. Information concerning the program was featured in the last few E-newsletters and is available on the City website Police page.

Don't forget to register your Garage Sale with the Recreation Department to get on the list of Garage Sales in Willoughby Hills on Saturday, April 30. It is a great opportunity to do your spring cleaning and make some money doing it!

Thanks to Recreation Commission member Lynn Hallum for developing the "Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt." It has served to be a great way for the Easter holiday to be recognized by the Commission and get the family out to have a good time solving the clues. The response has been great and the Commission has enjoyed giving out Malley's chocolate bunnies as prizes. This contest continues for a few more weeks. Join in on the fun.

PC-ABR will be having a Master Plan meeting on Monday to discuss the City's Master Plan. As we seem to be in the homestretch of this project, please be sure to reach out if you have anything you want to see in our City that has not previously been presented to the group.

Finally, I missed Pastor Mike Currier's award ceremony by Willoughby Rotary but truly wish him the best on behalf of the City of Willoughby Hills, where he certainly left a positive influence and legacy. Congratulations!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

**Monday, April 4, 2022**

**PC-ABR MASTER PLAN REVISION MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

**RECREATION COMMISSION – PICKLEBALL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**6:00 P.M. – Community Center**

**Wednesday April 6, 2022**

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING**

**1:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

**&**

**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

**PC-ABR MEETING with Public Hearing**

**7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

### **COUNCIL UPDATE:**

**Please note date change in Council District meetings!!!**

Planning is currently underway for the three Council District Meetings, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates at Willoughby Hills Community Center:

**Wednesday, April 13 – District 3 (Central district)**

**Wednesday, April 20 - District 1 (Eastern district)**

**and Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – District 2 (Western district)**

If you have a question or concern for a Council member, please email [Council@WilloughbyHills-OH.gov](mailto:Council@WilloughbyHills-OH.gov) and Council will be prepared to address any of these resident questions or concerns at the meetings. This is a great way to keep up to date on what is going on in the community.

### **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!**

# RECREATION COMMISSION EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT:



City of Willoughby Hills Recreation Commission

## Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt!

There are 12 clues below to different locations in the City of Willoughby Hills. Look for an egg with a number on it at the location that corresponds to each clue and write the number on this paper next to that clue. Turn in your completed entry at the Community Center between 9am-12 noon by April 14th for a chocolate bunny. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the correct entries received will go into a drawing for an Easter surprise!

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Tennis or Pickleball anyone?
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ The only W-E public school in Willoughby Hills
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ A corner store to pick up your fruit and veggies
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Get candy & a drink here after your baseball / softball game
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ The Mayor's office is inside
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ Clean, fresh, and bubbly, and all made naturally
- G. \_\_\_\_\_ This crew hosts the Touch a Truck event
- H. \_\_\_\_\_ Don't judge a book by its cover
- I. \_\_\_\_\_ Batman & Robin's favorite place for pizza and ice cream
- J. \_\_\_\_\_ If I want to play on a playground I'd go here
- K. \_\_\_\_\_ A store to find supplies to PaintCLE
- L. \_\_\_\_\_ An outdoor concert will be held here this summer

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

- If you are not able to drop off the entry between 9am-12pm, you can still drop the paper in the box at the Community center to be entered in the drawing. We will try to set up another time to pick up the chocolate bunnies.

## Willoughby Hills Youth Sports League (WHYSL) Fundraiser:

The kids (just like the Cleveland Guardians!) are getting ready to play baseball. They are looking for your help to support their fundraiser which LaVera Party Center Curbside is graciously helping with.

On Wednesday, April 13 (pickup 4:00-5:30 p.m.), you can pick up a great meal for \$42 which feeds 4 to 6 people to help the kids and honor the Home Opener!

Meal includes: 8 cheeseburger sliders, 6 stadium hotdogs, Italian sausage/pepper/onions and tater tots. For an add'l \$10, you can add ½ sheet cheese pizza!

Get out your new Guardian jersey (or even an old Thome or Alomar shirt!) and get the party started! Thank you for your support of our sports league.



## Great Fish Fries Continue in Willoughby Hills:

**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>

**Gaetano's Restaurant**, 2747C SOM Ctr. (440-943-6666) also serves up a fantastic fish sandwich if you are practicing Lent and want a delicious meal.

**Firehouse, Wright Place & Mario Fazio's** - great fish dinners/no disappointments!

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

**St. Noel Church** - pick up only! 4:30 pm. - 6:30 p.m. 35200 Chardon Road, WH

## Fire Hydrant Flushing News:

The Lake County Department of Utilities will be conducting unidirectional fire hydrant flushing in the cities Wickliffe and Willoughby Hills. The areas to be flushed in Wickliffe will be on Rt. 84 to Rt. 90 & Rockefeller & Rt. 84 South to Nehls Park Dr. In Willoughby Hills flushing will be Rt. 91 south to White Rd and Eddy Rd, Rt.6 east to River Rd and all adjacent streets. Flushing will begin on 4/04/22 and continue through the 5/27/22. Signs will be posted in the areas that are to be flushed. Please refer to our website in the public announcement section for areas to be flushed and schedule updates.

<http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/utilities/Announcements.aspx>

Residents are warned not to do laundry on days that hydrants are to be flushed. Discolored water may occur, and can be flushed from the cold-water tap.

## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER....

Former St. Noel Pastor (& now current Body of Christ Community Church in Willoughby pastor) was recently honored by the Rotary Club of Willoughby as the "Citizen of the Year," as well as McKinley's Outreach Center's "End 68 Hours of Hunger Program" being honored as the Rotary's "Civic Organization of the Year for 2022."

Pastor Mike and the McKinley Program were recently honored by a special program held at La-Vera Party Center on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you missed the event but want to acknowledge Pastor Mike, please feel free to address mail to him at : Body of Christ Community Church, 38057 Erie Road, Willoughby, OH 44094.

For as much as he did for the City of Willoughby Hills, it is nice to let him know he is not forgotten as a very special human being! Congratulations to Pastor Mike and the excellent "End 68 Hours of Hunger Program.!"

Also, two Painesville Police Officers were honored this week by the Lake County Blue Coats with the Jorge Medina Distinguished Service Award. SGT Matt Tycast and Officer Dan Thompson were recognized for their heroic efforts of finding and saving a four-year-old boy after a drowning incident. Wow! That's fantastic! Police Officers sure are special people!



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Applications are currently being taken (until May 1, 2022) by Willoughby Hills Lions Club for scholarships for graduating high school students, both Willoughby Hills residents and non-residents, as well as for college or trade school goals. Please visit the High School Guidance Counselor or click on the link below for an application:

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/LIONS%20Sch%20Award%20Application-rev%201-2022.pdf>

Lake County is also offering the "Believe in Ohio STEM \$1,000 Scholarships" in recognition for students contributions to the STEM field. To learn more and apply, visit:

<http://believeinohio.org/scholarships/>.

## UPDATE FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Correction to the Senior Newsletter....The podiatrist will be in the building on April 14<sup>th</sup>, not the date previously listed on the Senior Newsletter. Please make this correction so you can book your appointment accordingly to see Dr. Whaley at 216-229-0292. Thank you!





## NOPEC RATES:

### NOPEC RATES FOR GAS FOR MARCH 2022:

Standard Plan  
\$5.230 per mcf

Monthly Variable Plan  
\$4.698 per mcf

12-mo. Fixed Rate  
\$4.440 per mcf

24-mo. Fixed  
Rate \$4.250

### NOPEC RATES FOR ELECTRIC FOR MARCH 2022):

Standard Plan  
7.180 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.

Maple Hill Road residents please note: You are not able to enroll in NOPEC since NEOGAS is the unique supplier to your street only, based upon the gas line installation that occurred when the Maple Hill Development was put in! Thanks to the great E-newsletter reader who helped locate this information to help his neighbors!!

## SPOTLIGHT ON BUILDING & SERVICE CLERK DENISE EDWARDS:

Congratulations to Building and Service Department Clerk Denise Edwards, who celebrates ten years of service with the City of Willoughby Hills on April 9, 2022. Denise will receive her commemorative service coin from Mayor Gardner next week and, I am sure, will be recalling all of the special memories she has with the City as she begins year eleven!

Denise began her career with the City in our Recreation Department. Many readers probably remember how pleasant and efficient she was to deal with when they needed to book a room or participate in one of the City's Recreation events. She always did an outstanding job with Recreation, but when the full-time position in the City's Building and Service Department became available, she applied for the position and transitioned without a hitch. She continues to provide excellent and pleasant service when residents call with a call related to building and zoning. In addition, any service concern that residents may have goes directly to Denise to prepare a Work Order and get the matter handled efficiently. You can always count that she will handle your concern and is a great asset to the City of Willoughby Hills. Please congratulate Denise on a job well done and let her know how we look forward to celebrating another ten years with her in 2032!!! Congrats, Denise!



## ROCK N ROLL DAY IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS....MEETING UPDATE:

A meeting was held on Tuesday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center to discuss plans for the City's Rock N Roll Day in Willoughby Hills set for Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 10am to 10pm.

The group reviewed the draft program of events, all related to the theme of Rock N Roll. The bands (Sumrada and Ricky N the Rockets) are booked to perform on stage in the tents on the Roemisch ball fields, where there will also be a tent for attendees to sit and enjoy the music and food. The gazebo will be occupied for the day by our DJ (and emcee for the event), who will start at 10:00 a.m. with a special tribute to the late former Willoughby Hills resident and Rock N Roll icon, Michael Stanley. We talked about the hope to bring in the late musician's family to say a few words before the dedication of a huge memorabilia showcase will be presented and which will remain in the Community Center to honor his memory for years to come. Once the dedication is complete, we will move into kids' games in that area, featuring such things as coloring contest, musical chairs, Rock N Roll Bingo, corn hole, lucky wheel game, and more. These game ideas will be left to the discretion of the group (hopefully Willoughby Hills Recreation Commission) to take on this role. They will then be able to reach out to other groups (such as National Honor Society, AFS, Key Club or residents who would be willing to volunteer a few hours for the day).

The group discussed memorabilia to be housed within the Community Center, along with a basket raffle and a souvenir stand where attendees can bring home some great memories. We will also reach out to some local authors who may be interested in coming to sign and sell their books related to Rock N Roll. Jan Brody brought up the name "Janice Mitchell" who wrote a book called "My Ticket to Ride" which tells her story as a fifteen-year-old girl who hopped a plane with her girlfriend in the 1960's to go see a Beatles concert. (Surprised she lived to tell that story, right??) We have reached out to her to invite her to come. David Schwensen will be doing a special program at 5:00 p.m. called "The Beatles in Cleveland" and has actual footage of the concert. It is ironic that this concert was held August 14, 1966, which is literally 56 years ago from our event! We will plan to sell tickets, perhaps in a package with other items for this program, since only there is only a capacity of 150 in the O'Ryan Room for this program.

The group talked about business sponsorships and the hope to be able to purchase some nice prizes for the kids' games.

It appears that the WH Youth Sports League will provide the beer and wine tent and is working to get the temporary licensing in place. Various food trucks will be contacted to fill in the food gap, perhaps mirroring Willoughby's Friday Food Trucks event and perhaps adding some of our local businesses who may have an interest in participating.

One other contest that was discussed was a celebrity look-alike contest where attendees would dress up as their favorite Rock N Roll celebrity...so Elvis may be in the building! The event will also feature a display of classic cars.

We are planning to meet again in a few weeks and are anxious to get other groups and residents involved. If you are interested, plan to come to a future meeting. It will be fun.

When the meeting ended, Councilman Mike Kline and I made a plan to dress up as Sonny and Cher. I was really disappointed though when he called me later to tell me that he changed his mind and had to back out of our plan...he plans to go as "Mike Jagger!" April Fool's!!!



## **TRIVIA NIGHT IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS:**

March 15<sup>th</sup> was a great night as we brought out seniors (50 and over) to enjoy the fun of our Monthly Trivia Night. There is still room for more teams and we are happy to bring out even more people to enjoy an evening in Willoughby Hills. Put the following dates on your calendar now so you can plan to attend (all at 7:00 p.m. at Willoughby Hills Community Center, 35400 Chardon Road):

Tuesday, April 19

Tuesday, May 17

Tuesday, June 21

Tuesday, July 19

Tuesday, August 16

Tuesday, September 20

Tuesday, October 18

Tuesday, November 15



## **LEAVING YOU WITH THIS FOR YOUR APRIL FOOLS' DAY.....**

A preacher was completing an abstinence sermon and with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I would take it and throw it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I would take it and throw it into the river. "

And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I would take it and throw it into the river."

He sat down. The choir leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 423: "Shall We Gather at the River."



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