

E-NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 23 FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021
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 IS BACK IN SESSION!
WELCOME BACK TEACHERS, AIDES, STAFF & BUS DRIVERS!



INCOME TAX NEWS:

TAX DAY FOR INDIVIDUALS EXTENDED TO MAY 17, 2021!

THE IRS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX FILING DUE DATE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH THE 2020 TAX YEAR WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED FROM APRIL 15, 2021 TO MAY 17, 2021. EVEN WITH THE NEW DEADLINE, IRS URGES TAXPAYES TO CONSIDER FILING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE OWED REFUNDS. FILING ELECTRONICALLY WITH DIRECT DEPOSIT IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO GET REFUNDS. INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS DO NOT NEED TO FILE ANY FORMS OR CALL THE IRS TO QUALIFY FOR THIS AUTOMATIC FEDERAL TAX FILING AND PAYMENT RELIEF. THE STATE AND CITY INCOME TAX HAS NOT YET MADE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT A CHANGE IN THEIR FILING DEADLINES.

RECREATION:

CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE DAY – SPRING CLEAN UP! **SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021.**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN ADDITIONAL WILLOUGHBY HILL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE DAY (WE WILL STILL BE HAVING OUR AUGUST SALE)! WE WILL HELP PROMOTE YOUR SALE THROUGHT THE COMMUNITY CHANNEL, WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, FLYERS AND RADIO. GET EVERYTHING TURNED IN BEFORE THE DEADLINE SO YOUR GARAGE SALE CAN BE PROMOTED AS PART OF THIS SPECIAL DAY!

HURRY.....REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 16, 2021.

VISIT THE CITY WEBSITE AT <u>WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV</u> FOR A FILLABLE APPLICATION, OR CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:

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



SUPPORT WILLOUGHBY HILLS YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE:

THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION (WHYSA) (FORMERLY WILLOUGHBY HILLS BOYS LEAGUE) INVITES YOU TO ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL FROM LA-VERA PARTY CENTER

AND SUPPORT THE LEAGUE AT THE SAME TIME!

LA-VERA WILL DONATE \$15 TO THE WHYSA FOR EVERY PACKAGE PURCHASED ON APRIL 15!!

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021- PICKUP 4:00-5:30 P.M.

LA-VERA PARTY CENTER, 32200 CHARDON ROAD, WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OH LA-VERA.COM/WHILLS MEAL FOR 4 TO 6 PEOPLE INCLUDES:

TOSSED GARDEN SALAD W/ HOUSE DRESSING

CHICKEN CUTLETS

CAVATELLI, GREEN BEANS AND DINNER ROLLS & BUTTER

\$52.00

PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE AT LA-VERA.COM/WHILLS





UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021 HAPPY 4-3-21!!!

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021 HAPPY EASTER!

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 6:00 P.M.
WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AND RULES & LEGISLATION MEETING
VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID# 874 4011 7582

Zoom Password 537509

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 7:00 P.M.
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID# 863 9158 8502

Zoom Password 380917

ACCESS THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR ZOOM:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86391588502?pwd=Q1hhYU9saFRGT3BLbkxRelZybkFKZz09

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 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 – CAN YOU HELP?????.....

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.

YARD WASTE NOTICE BEGINS APRIL 1ST:

Yard waste service in Willoughby Hills starts again on April 1st 2021.

REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:

Your Yard Waste is picked up on the same day as your normal trash day, on a weekly basis.

Grass clippings must be in a brown kraft bag or personal container marked YW.

Branches must be tied/bundled and no longer than 4ft. Please contact Republic Services at 216-441-6300 with any questions.



CITY SPRING LEAF PICK UP

THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS SERVICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PICKING UP LEAVES TO HELP WITH YOUR SPRIING CLEAN UP.

LEAVES WILL BE PICKED UP **ONE WEEK ONLY** – APRIL 12 THROUGH APRIL 16, 2021.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR LEAVES ARE AT THE EDGE OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR EASY PICKUP, YET NOT BLOCKING CULVERT OR DRAINAGE PIPES.

THIS WILL BE ONE PASS THROUGH ONLY, SO MAKE SURE THE LEAVES ARE OUT FOR PICKUP!









EMPLOYEE NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO POLICE OFFICER RANDY MULLENAX ON 20 YEARS OF SERVICE ON APRIL 8TH!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SERVICE DEPARTMENT WORKER BOB MOORE ON 20 YEARS OF SERVICE ON APRIL 9TH!

WOW! THAT IS AMAZING!!



MASTER PLAN SUBCOMMITEE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE CITY?

PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE PLANNED FOR: MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

PLAN TO ATTEND THE ZOOM MEETING (MEETING ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS ARE ON THE CITY WEBSITE) & LET THE COMMITTEE KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

????SIDEWALKS ????MORE SHOPPING OR DINING OPPORTUNITIES ????PARK ACCESS ????ZONING CHANGES

If you do not "Zoom" please send your written comments to:

PC-ABR@WilloughbyHills-OH.gov

Your voice counts!!!



A NOTE FROM MAYOR ANDY GARDNER:

The following was an article in the Lake County Council on Aging's Bridge publication that our residents may find very helpful:

YOU'VE RECEIVED YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE. NOW WHAT?

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic. Because we are still learning how vaccines will affect the spread of COVID-19, you should keep taking precautions in public places like wearing a mask, staying six feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces until we know more.

People are considered fully vaccinated:

Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, like Phizer or Moderna.

Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson Janssen vaccine.

If it has been less than two weeks since your shot, or if you still need to get your second dose, you are NOT fully vaccinated.

Once you have been fully vaccinated, there are more activities you can do safely. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention has provided the following guidelines:

- You can gather indoors with other fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.
- You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (i.e. visiting relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms. (Group home guidelines are different).

There are some things that have not changed just yet, even if you are fully vaccinated:

You should still take steps to protect yourself and others, like wearing a mask, staying at least six feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Take these precautions whenever you are:

- In public.
- Gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household.
- Visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 or who lives with a person at increased risk.
- You should still avoid medium-or large-sized gatherings at this time.
- You should still delay domestic and international travel. If you do travel, follow all appropriate safety guidelines.
- You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you have been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.
- You will still need to follow guidelines at your workplace.

We are still learning how well COVID-19 vaccines keep people from spreading the disease. Early reports are optimistic. For more information, call LCGHD at 440-350-2684 on Mon. & Tuesdays.

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!



LOST & FOUND:

A RESIDENT CALLED CITY HALL THIS WEEK TO REPORT THAT A PAIR OF PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES HAD BEEN FOUND ON DODD ROAD. IF THESE BELONG TO YOU, PLEASE CALL GLORIA IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AT 440-918-8730 AND WE WILL GET THEM RETURNED TO YOU!

CAMPBELL PARK UPDATE:

WITH THE RECENT GUIDELINES PUBLISHED BY THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT AND CDC, THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING POLICY UPDATES FOR PARKS & RECREATION:

BASKETBALL COURTS - CLOSED (DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING CONCERNS)

TENNIS COURTS - NOW OPEN

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – NOW OPEN, WITH SIGNAGE THAT THE EQUIPMENT IS NOT SANITIZED ON A REGULAR BASIS

OUTDOOR RESTROOMS – OPENING SOON, WITH SIGNAGE THAT THE RESTROOMS ARE MAINTAINED ONCE DAILY BY OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

PAVILIONS – NOT YET AVAILABLE FOR RENT. THEY WILL BE ROPED OFF TO AVOID UNSCHEDULED EVENTS UNTIL THE LCGHD AND CDC GUIDELINES PERMIT PUBLIC PICNICS. IN THE MEANTIME, RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENJOY FAMILY PICNICS AT HOME.

BASEBALL FIELDS – AVAILABLE FOR WILLOUGHBY HILLS YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE TEAMS ONLY, WHERE COACHES HAVE BEEN ADVISED ON COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES.

AS THESE GUIDELINES CHANGE, WE WILL PUBLISH THEM IN OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER. STAY SAFE!



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



THE MIND CHALLENGE IS COMING TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS!

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS OVER AGE 50....

INTERESTED IN TRIVIA?

THE CITY IS PUTTING TOGETHER TEAMS FOR "THE MIND CHALLENGE" WHICH BEGINS WITH TEAM FORMATON ROUNDS ON JULY 12 AND JULY 19.

EACH TEAM CONSISTS OF 4 TO 6 MEMBERS.

TEAMS FROM LAKE AND CUYAHOGA COUNTIES COMPETE FOR PRIZES.
START THINKING ABOUT THIS FUN ACTIVITY...MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS!



ONE FINAL SHOUT OUT.....

CONGRATULATIONS TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS NATIVE MARY JO YOUNG....
AMERICAN IDOL CONTESTANT WHO HAS MADE IT IN THE TOP 24 TO BE NAMED THE
NEXT AMERICAN IDOL! WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED AS TO HOW THIS YOUNG LADY
(SOUTH HIGH CLASS OF 2019) PROGRESSES!



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