



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

In an effort to continue to keep our community safe and in response to residents' requests, speed signs have been purchased to place throughout the community to slow motorists down through our City streets. You may have noticed the current speed signs at SOM Center by Willoughby Hills Friends Church/Cornerstone Christian Academy School. Until our permanent school zone flashing sign is up and running again, this seemed like a good option to ensure safety in that area. In addition, a speed zone sign has been placed on Maple Grove Road, near the Parsons intersection. Again, an area where we tend to see motorists exceeding the posted speed limit and posing an unsafe condition in that area. We will be moving these signs around throughout the community and wanted to make sure to notify you to heed the signs to slow down. Once snow/salt season begins, we will not be able to utilize these signs due to weather restrictions; however, they will be used prior to then in the hopes that we can slow motorists down to a safe speed. Our Police Department will be issuing tickets in the future to those who do not obey the speed limits.



Lake County General Health District will be back at the Community Center on Monday, April 25, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to administer the second booster. If you qualify (by way of age/medical condition recommendations), visit www.armorvax.com to make your appointment. Please call Gloria in my office at 440-918-8730 if you have trouble registering. We are happy to help.

Don't forget to sign up for Trivia Night set for Tuesday, April 19 at 7pm in Willoughby Hills Community Center. There are some great questions that will be a lot of fun! We look forward to more members on our Mind Challenge team to represent Willoughby Hills! Don't be shy - come out and try!

Best wishes for a great week!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Monday, April 11, 2022

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL & RULES AND LEGISLATION MEETING

6:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Wednesday April 13, 2022

National Child Abuse Prevention Day – Remember to wear blue today!

LAKE COUNTY SIREN TESTING

11:00 A.M.

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COUNCIL DISTRICT III MEETING

7:00 P.M. – Willoughby Hills Community Center

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Regular Council Meeting

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 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: (see the special article in this edition regarding allowable items)

Saturday, May 14 and Saturday, September 10, 2022

Mark your calendars now!

**DON'T FORGET YARD WASTE THROUGH REPUBLIC SERVICES
RESUMES ON APRIL 1ST with the first full week of service starting
Monday, April 4, 2022!**

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 15th, 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) News:

The Willoughby Hills Youth baseball and softball programs are looking for umpires for the 2022 season. If you have a knowledge of the rules of the game and are interested in making some extra money outdoors in the summer, please consider helping out. The invitation is open to adults and qualified middle school and high school students for the lower level leagues (10 and under), and the league will provide basic umpire training. Games are played during the week early May through mid-July, usually 1 or 2 per week.

Please reach out to Lynn Hallum, 440-655-1199 if you are interested or for more information.

And don't forget about the WHYSL Fundraiser:

On Wednesday, April 13 (pickup 4:00-5:30 p.m.), you can pick up a great La-Vera 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! Order your meal at: www.la-vera.com by 10:00 p.m. on 4/12/22!

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 and we will be happy to share it with others!

St. Noel Church - pick up only! 4:30 p.m. - 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.

WHPD UPDATES....

Congratulations to SGT Greg Leonbruno who has been promoted to Police Captain. His oath will be administered at the April 14th Council meeting.



Welcome to Police Officer Thomas McNamara who started with WHPD on April 4, 2022. We welcome Tom to the Department!



Sympathy to the Mino & WHPD families on the loss of our retired canine, Cooper. K-9 Cooper worked for WHPD from 2015 before retiring in 2019. Cooper specialized in narcotics and suspect apprehension tracking, building search and article location. K-9 Cooper and his handler, Officer Mino, made many misdemeanor and felony arrests during his career. Cooper, we thank you for your service to our community.



A TIP FROM POLICE CHIEF NAEGELE:

Police Department Update

Chief Matthew A. Naegele



The Lake County area continues to see vehicle break-ins and vehicle thefts. **Each and every** stolen vehicle incident involved cars being unlocked and keys left inside. The same holds true for the break-ins; the doors were left unlocked. The Police Department cannot stress enough the importance of assisting us in crime prevention efforts. Our officers continue to vigilantly patrol your neighborhoods, but we need your help. Thieves are extremely brazen and will check all of the vehicles in your driveway and/or unlocked garages. Here are some helpful tips that may serve as a reminder to stay vigilant in protecting your property.

1. LOCK YOUR DOORS

Keeping your doors locked is the first step in deterring a thief. It's good to get into the habit of checking your car doors.

2. REMOVE YOUR KEYS FROM THE VEHICLE

Never leave your keys in the ignition or anywhere else in your vehicle. If a key is present in the vehicle, a thief can simply drive off.

3. DO NOT LEAVE A SPARE KEY NEAR YOUR VEHICLE

Some people keep a spare key in the console or glove box, just in case they get locked out — but thieves know where to check for an extra key. While getting locked out of your car is a pain, think about the potential hassle of your car getting stolen.

4. CLOSE THE WINDOWS

Keep your windows closed completely. A thief can simply reach into your car through an open window — taking what they can reach or unlocking the door to gain full access to your vehicle and everything in it.

5. PARK IN WELL-LIT AREAS

Maintain sufficient security lighting at your residence.

6. DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR

One way to attract a thief is to leave a purse, cell phone or another high-value item in a highly visible area of your car. It's best to leave anything of value in your home. If you feel that you must keep any valuables in your car, lock them in the trunk – secure and out of view.

NOPEC RATES:

NOPEC RATES FOR GAS FOR APRIL 2022:

Standard Plan
\$5.230 per mcf

Monthly Variable Plan
\$4.698 per mcf

12-mo. Fixed Rate
\$5.750 per mcf

24-mo. Fixed
Rate \$5.250

NOPEC RATES FOR ELECTRIC FOR APRIL 2022:

Standard Plan
7.180 cents per kWh

Monthly Variable Plan
5.048 cents per kWh

12-mo. Fixed Rate
7.440 cents per kWh

24-mo. Fixed Rate
7.610 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!!

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/>.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS AND SENIOR CORNER:

Best wishes to Matt Diaz as he leaves his first job as Property Staff Member in the City of Willoughby Hills for another position. He takes with him many good memories from our community.

Don't forget about the Senior Luncheon set for Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Call Diana Parker in Recreation Office at 440-975-3540 for details.

Stop by the Community Center foyer to pick up flyers on upcoming Recreation events, including the upcoming April 30th Garage Sale!



TIPS FOR OUR UPCOMING ELECTRONICS RECYCLING ON MAY 14:

This is the first year that the City has contracted with GreenBoard IT to provide an electronics recycling day for our residents and we wanted to let you know the guidelines in our contract with GreenBoard IT:

GreenBoard IT accepts the following material free of charge. However, please inquire if you have questions about specific items.

Material Accepted Free of Charge:

PCs	Laptops	Phones	Cameras
Scanners	Hard Drives	Servers	Unused Printer Cartridges/Toner
Cell Phones	Stereos	VCR/DVD Players	Routers
MP3 Players	Keyboards	Tablets	Game Consoles/Accessories
Paper Shredders	Mice	Speakers	Networking Equipment
UPS			

The following items are accepted at charge. Final weights and counts will be provided with a cost for the items being collected (cash or credit card only please!):

Material Accepted with Charge to Resident:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Printers	\$5.00 per unit
Copiers	\$0.50 per lb
CRT Monitors (greater than 27")	\$10.00 per unit
CRT TVs (greater than 27")	\$10.00 per unit
Hard Drive Shredding	\$4.00 per drive
Monitored Hard Drive Shredding	\$5.00 per drive

The Electronics Recycling Day is set for Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the City Hall front parking lot, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

We look forward to seeing you there.

TRIVIA NIGHT IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS:

Here is a Trivia Question for you.....

Category: TV shows

Name the six Brady Bunch kids (by their character names)

Answer will appear in the next E-newsletter! On Trivia Night, your team would get 2 minutes to answer this!! See if you can do it.

Don't forget.....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, May17	Tuesday, June 21
Tuesday, July 19	Tuesday, August 16	Tuesday, September 20
Tuesday, October 18	Tuesday, November 15	

COVID 19 – 2ND BOOSTER INFORMATION:

The Medicare Team has provided the following information regarding recommendations: If you or a loved one are 50 or older, or are moderately or severely immunocompromised, you can get an additional Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 booster shot at no cost to you.

The CDC recommends an additional booster vaccine for certain individuals to increase protection from severe disease from COVID-19. People over the age of 50, or who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, can get an additional booster of Pfizer or Moderna 4 months after their last dose. This is especially important for those 65 and older who are at higher risk from severe disease and most likely to benefit from getting an additional booster.

Remember: Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine, including booster shots, at no cost to you.

The Lake County General Health District(LCGHD) has just reserved Willoughby Hills Community Center for Monday, April 25, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to administer the second Booster vaccine to those individuals who meet the criteria listed above. You must register online at www.armorvax.com. Check the LCGHD website (www.lcghd.org) for updates on the vaccine. Please call Gloria in Mayor Gardner's Office 440-918-8730 if you need help registering.

EASTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE KIDS:

Mayor's Office has received inquiries regarding area Easter Hunt or Easter Activities. Here are two suggestions:

Harvest Community Church, 36400 Maple Grove Road, Willoughby Hills is sponsoring a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 10am to noon.

Grant Elementary School PTO is offering their annual "Egg My House" fundraiser where you can order your candy-filled eggs to be hidden in your yard for Easter morning fun. Cost is: 25 eggs for \$13, 50 eggs for \$25 and 100 eggs for \$45. Please make checks payable to Grant PTO. All proceeds benefit Grant Community Outreach. Click on the link below for the form, or call Mayor Gardner's Office at 440-918-8730.

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/GRANT%20PTO%20EGG%20MY%20HOUSE%20FORM%202022.PDF>

Have fun!



POOL PASS SUBSIDY UPDATE:

At the April 6, 2022 Recreation Commission meeting, the following rates for Pool Pass Subsidy at the City of Willoughby Pool were approved:

\$40 for individuals

\$50 for seniors (age 55 and over)

Willoughby's pool pass price at \$130 (for both individuals and seniors), will then be discounted as follows:

\$90 for individuals

\$80 for seniors (age 55 and over)

Willoughby will then invoice the City of Willoughby Hills for the difference (\$130-90 or \$130-80) for each pass purchased. Please call the Mayor's Office at 440-918-8730 if you have any questions regarding this program.

PRIMARY ELECTION – MAY 3, 2022 – VOTER ASSISTANCE:

Don't forget that Primary Voting Day is Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Plan to go to the normal voting sites in Willoughby Hills (Willoughby Hills Community Center, Calvary Assembly of God Church and Pine Ridge Apartments). For the primary, please remember that you will need to declare a party (Republican or Democrat) and will have a ballot only with those candidates who have that party affiliation. If you do not declare a party or choose "Independent," you will get a ballot only with Issue 1 on, which is the Willoughby-Eastlake City School District proposed tax levy renewal. Click on the links below for sample ballots to help you through this process:

Sample Ballot for Democratic Party

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/SAMPLE%20DEMOCRAT%20BALLOT%20050322%20PRIMARY.PDF>

Sample Ballot for Republican Party

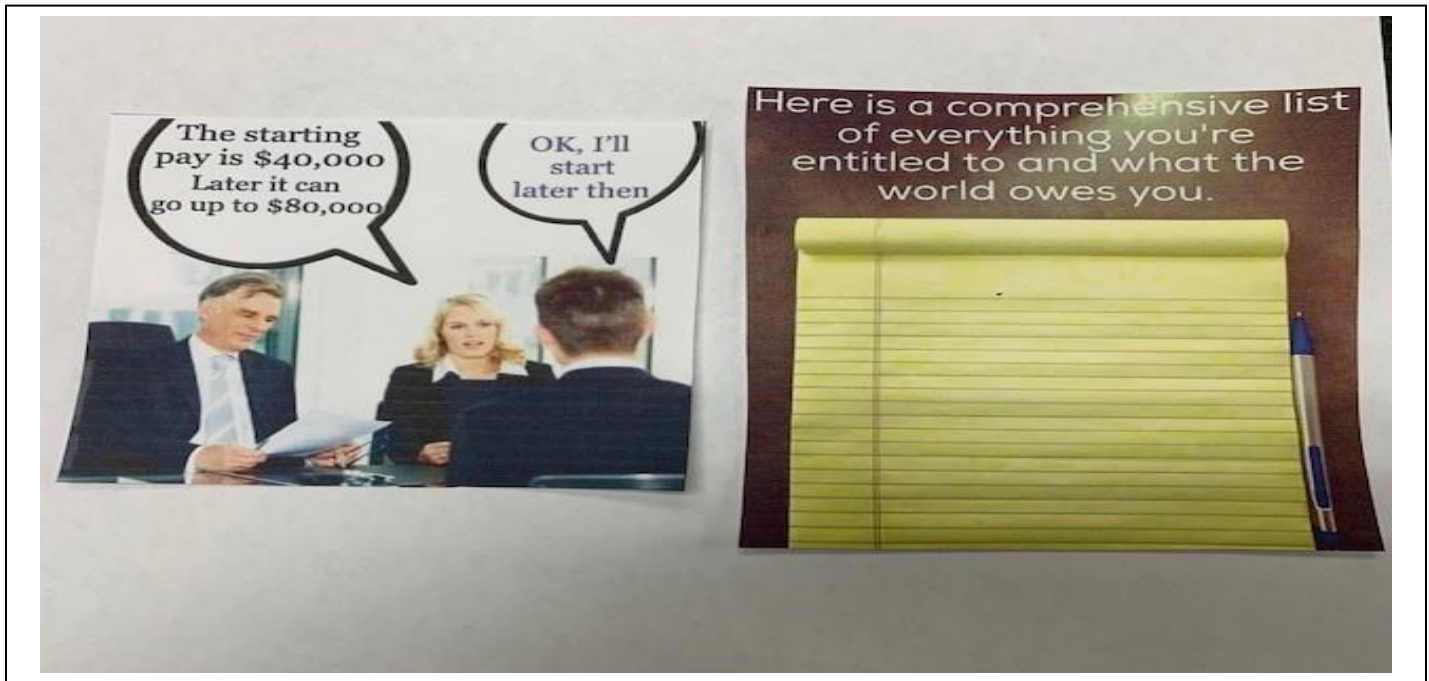
<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/SAMPLE%20REPUBLICAN%20BALLOT%20050322%20PRIMARY.PDF>

Sample Ballot for "Issue Only"

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/SAMPLE%20ISSUES%20ONLY%20BALLOT%20050322%20PRIMARY.PDF>

I hope this helps you through the election process this year.

SOME THOUGHTS IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB:



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

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