



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 IS BACK IN SESSION!
WELCOME BACK TEACHERS, AIDES, STAFF & BUS DRIVERS!



GARAGE SALE APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 16TH!

CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE DAY – SPRING CLEAN UP!

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021.

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

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



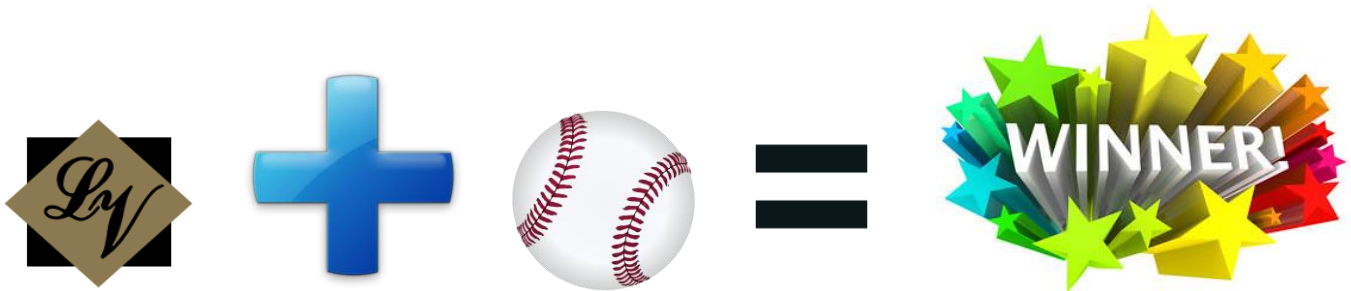
**WILLOUGHBY HILLS YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!!
\$15 FROM EACH LA-VERA MEAL ORDERED IS DONATED
TO OUR LEAGUE!!!**

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



FROM FIRE CHIEF GANDEE:

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO TWO CALLS LAST WEEKEND OF BRUSH FIRES! REMEMBER THAT BURNING BRUSH IS ILLEGAL IN OUR CITY AND CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS! CAMPFIRE RULES & OUTDOOR FIRE PIT RULES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED TO ENSURE THAT OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IS NOT CALLED TO YOUR HOME! BE SMART!



STAY SAFE!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

LEAF PICK UP THIS WEEK BY OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT!!!

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

1:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS MANDATORY

TOPIC: JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR ROAD CREW WORKER & PT ZONING INSPECTOR

PC-ABR MASTER PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

6:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID# 837 8519 2097

Zoom Password 066269

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

BZA MEETING

8:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID# 884 8988 3388

Zoom Password 796677

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

LAKE COUNTY SIREN TESTING

11:00 A.M.

PC-ABR MASTER PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

6:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID# 837 8519 2097

Zoom Password 066269

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 7:00 P.M

PC-ABR MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Zoom ID# 813 2132 5854

Zoom Password 967728

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

MASTER PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE 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 Pfizer 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.

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!



COVID VACCINE UPDATE:

THERE ARE PLENTY OF PLACES THAT HAVE OPENED UP TO RECEIVE YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE REGISTER WITH THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (WWW.ARMORVAX.COM) TO GET SCHEDULED ASAP! STAY SAFE!

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGNUPS:

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGNUPS HAVE BEGUN: LOOKING FOR
PLAYERS FOR 8U AND 10U TEAMS!

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO GET THE APPLICATIONS:

<http://cms2.revize.com/revize/willoughbyhills/departments/services/recreation/index.php>



UPDATE ON OUR "HOMETOWN HERO, AMERICAN IDOL CONTESTANT MARY JO YOUNG:

Mary Jo Young performed on Monday as a duet with recording artist,
Jewel with their duet of "Foolish Games."

"You're young, you're fresh, and you represented your generation," Lionel
Ritchie said. "Watching you with Jewel, you stepped into that moment of
your life."

Voting closed on Tuesday morning and now the 24 contestants will come
back on Monday night to see what 8 contestants will be eliminated!

THANKS TO ALL OUR FELLOW RESIDENTS
WHO VOTED FOR MARY JO!



BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Contractor and Permit Information to Protect Willoughby Hills Homeowners

Contractors performing work in the City of Willoughby Hills must be registered annually, and before applying for a permit. All contractors are required to have a \$20,000.00 bonding obligation and certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000/\$300,000 for bodily injury and \$50,000 for property damage (Willoughby Hills named as additionally insured).

Seek a referral from someone you know who is happy with his or her contractor's work. Solicit bids from at least three (3) contractors.

The Building Department is unable to recommend contractors, but can supply a list of registered contractors. Contact the Better Business Bureau for any complaints, etc. against the contractors.

Obtain a written contract which contains a complete scope of work description, drawings, all associated costs, start date and complete date. Obtain a written warranty on all work and materials.

Permits are issued to the person, owner or contractor who shall physically perform the work for which the permit was sought. Verify that the contractor(s) has obtained all necessary building permits before any work begins.

Permits are required for most home repairs and improvements, and help assure the homeowner that the work being done meets quality building standards.

Homeowners pulling permits and performing the work themselves will need to fill out the Homeowner's Permit Acknowledgement Statement in the Permit Application Packet.

Contact the Building Department for permitting requirements and to make sure the contractor (s) are registered to do work in the City of Willoughby Hills. This is for the protection of the property owner and the contractor.

The time needed to issue a permit varies based on what reviews need to be done by the department and boards.

The permit and inspection process is designed to aid residents in the building process.

Make sure the contractor(s) obtain all inspections. Confirm that a final inspection has been obtained before you make a final payment or sign off on the contractor's work.

Report any misrepresentation, shoddy work, failure to honor contracts, unlicensed contractors or other problems you have with a contractor to the Building Department, appropriate licensing board and/or the Better Business Bureau.

You are welcome to contact the Willoughby Hills Building Department at:

440-975-3550 or

building@willoughbyhills-oh.gov

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Chief Matthew A. Naegele

Orange barrel 2021 season is upon us! WHPD is projecting a major road project on I-271 to begin the first week of May. This project will involve intermittent overnight lane closures with the possibility of daytime changes as well. Upon completion you will have newly paved stretches of Interstate 271 North and South through the area of Wilson Mills. This project will also include the final stages to complete the 271 “high bridge” project. I wanted to take this time to provide you with some valuable reminders about traffic safety when traveling through work zones to ensure both your safety, the other motoring public, and our valued road crews.

Safety Tips for Driving in Work Zones

1. Plan ahead. Work zones account for an estimated 10 percent of overall congestion and nearly 24 percent of unexpected freeway delays. Expect delays, plan for them, and leave early to reach your destination on time. When you can, avoid work zones altogether by using alternate routes. You can find construction and traffic information at OHGO.com and with the OHGO app.
2. Obey road crews and signs. When approaching a work zone, watch for cones, barrels, signs, large vehicles, or workers in bright-colored vests to warn you and direct you where to go.
3. Slow down. Look for signs indicating the speed limit through the work zone. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead of you and follow the posted speed limit.
4. Move over. Ohio law mandates that you move over a lane when passing work crews, emergency vehicles, tow trucks, or any other vehicle parked on the shoulder with flashing warning lights.
5. Avoid distractions. Keep your eyes on the road and off your phone.
6. Watch for sudden stoppages. A large percentage of fatal work zone crashes in the U.S. involve rear-end collisions. Watch for large vehicles. Don't make sudden lane changes in front of trucks that are trying to slow down.



COUNCIL ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION LAST NIGHT:

**ORDINANCE 2021-017 – CODIFICATION OF CITY ORDINANCES
(RESIDENTS CAN NOW SEE THE UPDATED LEGISLATION ON THE CITY WEBSITE)**

ORDINANCE 2021-020- ACCEPTING THE ASPHALT BID FOR THE 2021 SEASON

ORDINANCE 2021-021- ACCEPTING THE LIMESTONE BID FOR THE 2021 SEASON

ORDINANCE 2021-022- ACCEPTING THE BID FOR 2021 SEWER REHAB

ORDINANCE 2021-023 – ACCEPTING THE BID FOR 2021 STREET REHAB

ORDINANCE 2021-024 – ACCEPTING THE BID FOR 2021 PAVEMENT MARKINGS

**WITH THE ADOPTION OF THESE ORDINANCES, THE CITY IS NOW ABLE TO BEGIN THE
SEWER AND STREET PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2021.**

**ALSO, AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING, DETECTIVE JAMIE ONION WAS PRESENTED WITH A
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR HIS 2020 PART-TIME
OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD WITH THE NORTHERN OHIO FUGITIVE TASK FORCE.
CONGRATULATIONS, OFFICER ONION!!**



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