



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 DAY UPDATE:

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2021 SPRING GARAGE SALE DAY IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS!

IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND GAVE OUR COMMUNITY A CHANCE TO GET OUT AND SOCIALIZE IN THE NICE WEATHER.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR RECREATION COMMISSION FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER AND TO MEMBERS SANDY GRUBISS AND JIM WALSH ON THEIR WORK TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

**LAKE COUNTY'S TIRE COLLECTION – 1301 MENTOR AVENUE, PAINESVILLE,
FROM 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
KENTUCKY DERBY DAY!!! GOOD LUCK TO ALL BETTERS!**

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

**WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY CLOSED UNTIL 3PM
FOR ELECTRICAL UPGRADE IN BUILDING**

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

**NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER'S DAY!!!
6:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM
MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

**RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

Zoom ID# 863 9158 8502 Zoom Password 380917

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

**PLANNING COMMISSION & ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW
7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

Zoom ID# 845 2932 6567 Zoom Password 816227

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

**LAKE COUNTY'S TV COLLECTION – 1301 MENTOR AVENUE, PAINESVILLE, FROM 8 A.M. TO
2 P.M.**

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

**HAPPY NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER'S DAY ON MAY 4TH TO THE GREAT
MEMBERS OF OUR WILLOUGHBY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

FIRE CHIEF ROBERT GANDEE

CAREER OFFICERS/PARAMEDICS:

LT LOU DI MATTIA LT PATRICIA HELLER LT TIM SERAZIN

CAREER FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS:

**DAN CLAYTON STEVE LUCIC JEFFREY PLANISEK
CINDY SABO BRIAN PALADINO ROBERT VENCLE
NATHAN HOFFMANN ZACHARI MARTIN WILLIAM DISTLER**

PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS:

**JAMES PERKOVICH DAVID BIGGERT BEN ROBINSON
DALE CUBRANICH GREGORY KESSLER JILL BAUS
KEITH KANNER TIMOTHY BECK DAVE DEGUTIS
WILLIAM ROGERS, JR. JONATHAN HAVEL JAKE FOSTER
LAWRENCE SMEDLEY STEVEN DROP JOHN COLAVECCHIO
JACOB STANEVICH**

& STEFANIE NERO, FIRE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY



GREAT JOB!!!!

EDITOR'S REFLECTION ON NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER'S DAY....

AS WE REFLECT ON THE ROLE OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS TODAY AS WE CELEBRATE "NATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY," I WANTED TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS ON THIS SPECIAL DAY.

AS A FIREFIGHTER'S WIFE, I KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW SPECIAL A FIREFIGHTER IS. HE OR SHE COMMITS THEMSELF TO THE FIRE SERVICE, KNOWING THE RISKS AND DANGERS OF THE JOB, YET WILLING TO MAKE THAT COMMITMENT OF SELF.

A FIREFIGHTER COMMITS TO A JOB WHEN THEY KNOW IT MAY MEAN THAT HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL EVENTS ARE ONES THAT THEY MAY HAVE TO LEAVE EARLY, ARRIVE LATE, OR NOT ATTEND AT ALL, GIVEN THE UNCERTAIN HOURS OF THEIR JOB.

A FIREFIGHTER COMMITS TO THE JOB OF FIRE SERVICE, RECOGNIZING THAT THIS IS OFTEN THOUGHT TO BE A "YOUNGER PERSON'S JOB," KNOWING THE STRESS ON THEIR BACKS, LIMBS AND JOINTS AS THEY AGE.

A FIREFIGHTER COMMITS TO BEING THE FIRST ONE ON-SCENE, KNOWING THAT THEY MUST SERVE THE PUBLIC WITHOUT FEAR AND BE READY TO FACE ANY OBSTACLE THAT LIES BEFORE THEM. THEY NEVER KNOW WHAT THEY WILL ENCOUNTER, BUT PROCEED WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF COMMITMENT AND SERVICE.

A FIREFIGHTER MUST COME HOME AFTER THAT AWFUL CALL AND EXPECT THAT HE/SHE WILL FALL ASLEEP, JUST LIKE ANY OTHER NIGHT.

A FIREFIGHTER'S LIFE BECOMES A BROTHERHOOD WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FIRE SERVICE AND THEY TRULY DO BECOME FRIENDS FOR LIFE.

A FIREFIGHTER RECOGNIZES THAT YOU CAN PLAN EVERYTHING OUT TO THE MINUTE AND THEN A MINUTE BEFORE THAT, EVERYTHING CHANGES.

FINALLY, I KNOW THAT FIREFIGHTING IS A SCIENCE AND A PASSION. FIREFIGHTER DO WHAT THEY DO BECAUSE THEY LOVE THEIR WORK. THEY ARE SOME OF THE MOST SELFLESS PUBLIC SERVANTS YOU WILL EVER ENCOUNTER.

WE ARE SO LUCKY TO HAVE FIREFIGHTERS IN OUR LIVES!



A NOTE FROM MAYOR ANDY GARDNER:

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY ON FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH!

WITH COVID RESTRICTIONS TENDING TO EASE A BIT, NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN SOME FUN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

CAN YOU GUESS WHAT PERCENTAGE OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS IS PARKLAND?

I THINK YOU WILL BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT

23%

OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS IS PARKLAND. THAT MEANS THAT YOU CAN BE OUTDOORS CLOSE TO HOME AND ENJOY:

SQUIRE'S CASTLE (RIVER ROAD)

“THIS BEAUTIFUL OLD GATEHOUSE FROM THE 1890’S IS MODELED AFTER GERMAN AND ENGLISH BARONIAL CASTLES AND IS A UNIQUE FEATURE OF NORTH CHAGRIN THAT IS A POPULAR DESTINATION FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES. THE OPEN EXPANSES IN FRONT OF THE CASTLE ARE GREAT FOR GAMES AND PICNICS, AND THE CASTLE ITSELF IS A POPULAR SPOT FOR WEDDINGS OR AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE PAST.” PLAN TO TAKE SOME GREAT PHOTOS THAT YOU CAN SAVE TO ENTER IN THE CITY’S PHOTO CONTEST! LEARN THE HISTORY OF THE CASTLE BEFORE YOU GO BY CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK THEN MAKE IT A TRUE FAMILY ADVENTURE:

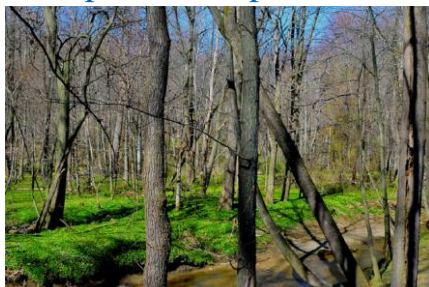
<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/parks/north-chagrin-reservation/squire-s-castle>

GULLY BROOK PARK (2100 RIVER ROAD)

“VISITORS CAN ENJOY MORE THAN A MILE OF IMPROVED TRAILS AND THE CHANCE TO RECONNECT WITH NATURE. EXPLORE GULLY BROOK AND LISTEN FOR THE SONGS OF WINTER WRENS OR CHICKADEES. WATCH FOR THE FOOTPRINTS OF RACCOONS, THE FLASH OF A DRAGONFLY OR ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF A YOUNG FOREST EVERCHANGING.”

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION TO PREPARE TO TAKE THIS GREAT ADVENTURE

<http://www.lakemetroparks.com/parks-trails/gully-brook-park>



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!



EMPLOYEE NEWS:

BEST WISHES TO JAMES OURS, WHO RESIGNED FROM OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 23RD TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE POLICE ACADEMY! BEST WISHES ON THIS HEROIC ENDEAVOR.

CONGRATULATIONS TO POLICE OFFICER MIKE JONES, CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SERVICE ON APRIL 28TH! GREAT JOB, MIKE!

RESIDENT NEWS:

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTS WHO PASSED AWAY SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER:

RANDOLPH PRIMOZIC, SR.

DONALD SNYDER

JOHN (J.C.) RENO

DONALD ZALUD (RESIDENTS GLORIA MAJESKI & ROBB NARDY WERE ESPECIALLY SAD TO LEARN OF MR. ZALUD'S PASSING. HE WAS THEIR PRINCIPAL FROM GRADES K THRU 6 AND ROBB WAS KNOWN TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE AND THEY REALLY GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER!)

FLORINE O'RYAN – FORMER FIRST LADY OF WH, RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN & MEMBER, WH QUILT GUILD MEMBER & SR. CENTER COORDINATOR. SHE WILL BE MISSED ON SO MANY LEVELS BY SO MANY PEOPLE.



THESE FINE RESIDENTS REMAIN IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

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!

BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

OUR RESIDENTS ARE HAPPY THAT THE BRUSH PICK UP THROUGH REPUBLIC SERVICES IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE SAME DAY AS THEIR TRASH PICKUP. JUST REMEMBER TO PUT THE YARD WASTE (IN BROWN BAGS OR BUNDLED IN 4 FOOT LENGTHS) OUT ON THE DAY OF YOUR NORMAL TRASH PICKUP (NO EARLIER, PLEASE!) AND REPUBLIC WILL PICK IT UP.

THERE WERE A FEW TIMES THIS MONTH (WITH THE INCREASE IN VOLUME OF RESIDENT CLEAN UP DUE TO NICE WEATHER AND ALSO DOWNED TREES FROM THE APRIL STORMS), THAT REPUBLIC ARRIVED A DAY LATER THAN EXPECTED, BUT REST ASSURED THAT THEY WILL BE BY TO PICK UP YOUR YARD WASTE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



POOL PASS UPDATE:

WITHOUT A PUBLIC POOL IN THE CITY, WE RELY ON OUR NEIGHBORS TO PROVIDE THAT PIECE OF RECREATION AND THEN OFFER A SUBSIDY OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUR RESIDENTS.

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY RECREATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

OSBORNE POOL WILL BE THE POOL AVAILABLE TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS RESIDENTS, OPENING ON SATURDAY, MAY 29 UNTIL AUGUST 15. AFTER THAT DATE, THE POOL WILL BE OPEN ON WEEKENDS ONLY (NOON TO 5PM) UNTIL LABOR DAY. POOL PASSES WILL COST \$125 PER PERSON AND WILLOUGHBY HILLS WILL OFFER A REFUND OF \$25 PER PASS TO INDIVIDUALS, OR \$35 PER PASS TO SENIORS (AGE 60 AND OVER). RESIDENTS SIMPLY PROVIDE A COPY OF THE RECEIPT PAID TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY AND WILL RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT, AS NOTED.

WE ARE STILL ATTEMPTING TO WORK WITH THE YMCA FOR POOL PRIVILEGES AND WILL KEEP YOU POSTED AS THAT INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE. IF AVAILABLE, RESIDENTS HAVE THE REIMBURSEMENT OPTION FOR ONLY ONE OF TWO POOL OPTIONS.

HONOR A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER:

HERE IS A LIST TO DATE OF THE SERVICE MEMBERS WE WILL BE HONORING WITH MARKERS AND FLAGS AT THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS VETERANS MEMORIAL DURING THE MONTH OF MAY:

LARRY O'DONNELL, USAF RICHARD KOSTELNIK, USA LAWRENCE A. HUPERTZ, USN
MICHAEL CHOSICH, USN ROBERT SACERICH, USMC LTC DAVID P. NICHING, USA
BREYANT KOSEK, USAF JOHN M. LILICH, USAF JOSEPH KLUNDER, USN
RYAN RACIC, USAF LCL JAMES REGNIER, USMC RAYMOND TYCZKOWSKI, USN
RICHARD BROCK, USMC TED VANDEMOTTER, USA DANIEL DHONDT, USA
TOM SHIMROCK, USA STANLEY J. BYKIEWICZ, USA RAYMOND H. JENKINS, USN
PERRY HINES, USAF JOSEPH LUZAR, USA ALBERT A. RUSS, USA (WWII)
JACK H. FELLOWS, USA CHARLES EUBANKS, USN JACK T. BAIRD, USAF
LOUIS PRIJATEL, USA DONALD ARMSTRONG, USA JACK ARMSTRONG, USN
GEORGE A. GARDNER, USAF WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, USA WILLIAM A. MAJESKI, USN
MARY R. MAJESKI, USA HENRY A. RAWA, USA MIKE LOMBARDO, USA
TERRY J. NEGARD, USA HERMIE WEIN, USA MATTHEW DOLENCE, USA
JON MICHAEL ZAVODNY, USA RICHARD R. WEAVER, USAF KAREN A. WEAVER, USA
ROCCO FATICA, USMC JOHN J. RACIC, USA CHUCK GLINSKI, USA
ANDREW JAMES RACIC (AFNG), USAF MILAN ZEGARAC (IWO JIMA), USMC
LARRY GRADY, USA JOYCE GRADY, USA JOE OSBORNE, USN
LARRY O'DONNELL (SECOND HONOR), USAF BOB SACERICH (SECOND HONOR), USMC
RAY BUZANSKI, SR., USA FRED HOGE, USA DAVID JOSEPH DOLAN, USMC
DAVID JAMES DOLAN, USN CHARLES FRANCIS DOLAN, USAF

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO HONOR YOUR SPECIAL MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER BEFORE THE FLAGS AND MARKERS ARE PUT UP FOR THE MONTH OF MAY! PICK UP AN APPLICATION AT CITY HALL OR THE CITY WEBSITE TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT PROGRAM, WITH ALL FUNDS GOING TO OUR VFW POST 4358 IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS!



COUNCIL NEWS:

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021, COUNCIL-AT-LARGE I DAN ZEGARAC RESIGNED HIS POSITION AS ONE OF OUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES. WE ARE SORRY TO SEE DAN GO. HE WAS A BIG HELP WITH THE GRANTS TO HELP OUR SMALL BUSINESSES LAST YEAR. HIS EXPERIENCE AS A FORMER CITY OF AVON COUNCIL MEMBER HELPED OUR CITY COUNCIL THROUGH SOME OF THE SAME CONCERNS. WE WISH DAN THE BEST ON HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS!



COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL-AT-LARGE I POSITION. INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR THE POSITION IS AVAILABLE ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT:

WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV

APPLICATIONS WITH RESUMES ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021.

ALONG THOSE SAME LINES, ONE FINAL THOUGHT.....

TIME AND FRIENDS ARE TWO THINGS THAT BECOME MORE VALUABLE, THE OLDER YOU GET.



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