



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

Please encourage others to join by sending an email request to:

NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV

MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

The long-awaited road construction on Route 6 (Chardon Road) has begun. Many residents have had questions and concerns that we have tried to assist with by providing information on how the traffic patterns will be set up and how detours will help them get to where they need to be. Check the City website regularly as we will update the website as soon as the City Engineer, contractor or ODOT provides information to us. Thank you for your patience during this project. The Police Department has added speed signs throughout the city at various points around the construction detour to remind vehicles to "slow down." Please heed these warnings. Violators will be ticketed by the Police Department.

Planning for our Rock N Roll Day in Willoughby Hills (our City Festival due to take place on Saturday, August 13, 2022): **The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Willoughby Hills Community Center** when we look to our residents for more input to finalize the exciting day of events. (More information to follow in future E-newsletters!)

Our Service Department will be picking up leaves beginning on Monday, May 23, through Friday, May 27, 2022, for a one-time pass. Please have your leaves at the edge of your property if you want them picked up (leaves only please, no sticks, yard waste, etc.). Don't forget that after that date, you still have the opportunity for leaf pick up by way of Republic Services' Yard Waste program. They must be bagged or bundled for that option.

Congratulations to former Mayor Robert Weger and former Council members Frank Germano, Christopher Biro, Jennifer Greer and Michael Germano on their recognition at the May 12, 2022, Council meeting. They were recognized for their past achievements in our city while they served as Elected Officials. Special thanks, too, to former Council President Ray Somich for sending along a very thoughtful letter of the groups' commendations that was read to the group.

I wanted to commend our Fire Department on a great "stop" at the recent fire on White Road. Without their prompt response and excellent execution of their fire knowledge, this situation could have been much worse. Congratulations on a job well done!

Best wishes for a great week! Don't forget about Electronics Recycling on Saturday!

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

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Saturday, May 14, 2022

ELECTRONICS RECYCLE COLLECTION DAY

9:00 A.M. - NOON - City Hall Front Parking Lot
and

HACH OTIS NATURE WALK

1:00-2:30 P.M. - Hach Otis Sanctuary*** see below

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

MIND CHALLENGE TEAM FORMATION

9:00 A.M. - Community Center

&

SENIOR LUNCH Cancelled due to Road Construction

&

TRIVIA NIGHT

7:00 P.M. - Community Center

Thursday, May 19, 2022

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 P.M. - Council Chambers

Saturday, May 21, 2022

HACH OTIS NATURE WALK

10:00 - 11:30 A.M. - Hach Otis Sanctuary***see below

INFORMATION ON HACH-OTIS SANCTUARY LOCATIONS:

Saturday May 14th @ Hach-Otis Sanctuary – John & Carol Lillich
Meadows, 2685 Dodd Road.

1:00 to 2:30 PM

Saturday May 21st @ Hach-Otis Sanctuary, 37198 Skyline Drive.

10:00 to 11:30 AM

We go rain or shine.

**OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED LEAF PICK UP FROM
MONDAY, MAY 23 THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022. PLAN TO HAVE YOUR LEAVES
TO THE EDGE OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR PICKUP
DURING THIS ONE-TIME PASS. (LEAVES ONLY PLEASE, NO STICKS, ETC.)**

**The Cuyahoga County Airport advised the City that they will be conducting Bomb Squad
Training on Thursday, 5/12 and Friday, 5/13/22 from 2 to 4pm in the event our
residents near the airport hear strange noises!**

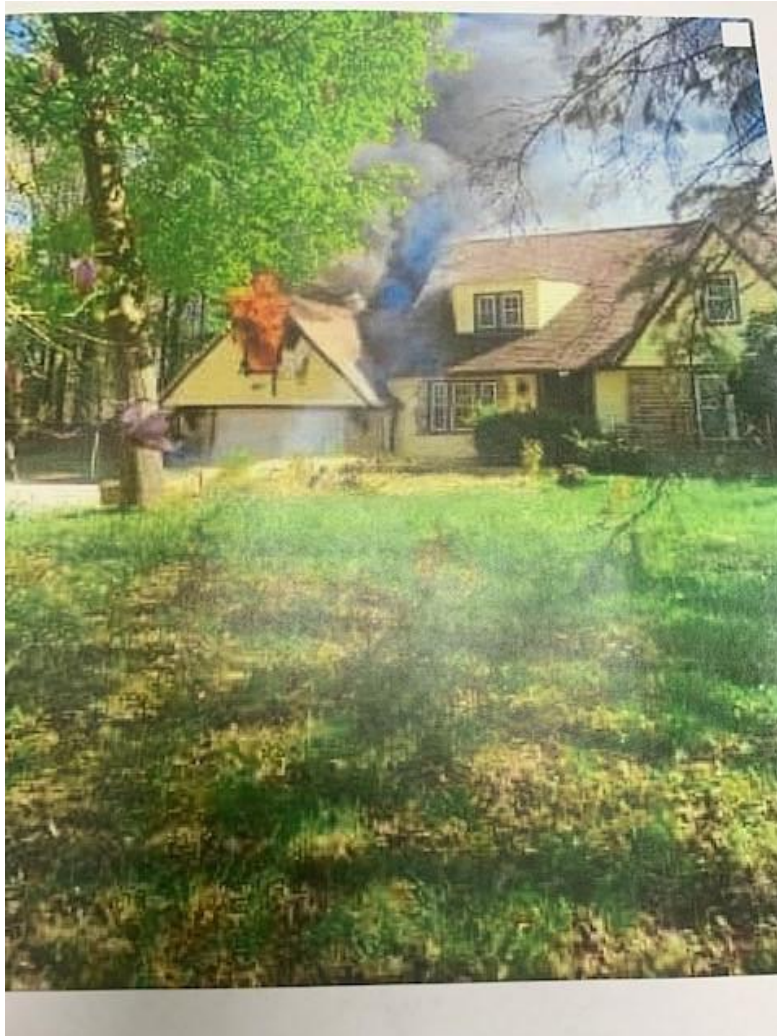
FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

This was a busy week for our Fire Department. In addition to the normal workload of calls, on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at approximately 4:32 p.m., the Fire Department was dispatched to the 27000 block of White Road for a house fire. A neighbor called 911 reporting flames and light gray smoke coming from the house on White Road. WHFD arrived within six minutes to find an attached garage fire that was extending into the house. The fire was under control at 5:09 p.m. There were no reported injuries to civilians or firefighters.

Fire departments from Chester Twp., Gates Mills, Highland Heights, Kirtland, Mayfield Village, Richmond Heights, Wickliffe, Willowick and Willoughby responded to assist.

Investigators with the Western Lake County Fire Investigation Unit and the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office are investigating this incident as an arson with multiple fires set throughout the house.

Anyone with information should contact the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office at 1-1-800-589-2728 or the Willoughby Hills Police Department at 440-942-9111.



UNITED WAY OF LAKE COUNTY'S "COMMUNITY HERO RAFFLE":

United Way of Lake County benefits Lake County children, families and seniors in need. The annual United Way of Lake County "Community Hero Raffle" is back and has some great prize opportunities, with 100% of the proceeds staying local. There are three weekly raffles:

Raffle #2 is currently underway and has some great prizes:

Visit <https://go.rallyup.com/win1>

or visit uwlc.org/raffle22 to learn more about helping others



RESIDENT NEWS...

Welcome to the following new residents:

Aaron Porter & Kayla Huff of Cricket Lane

Starling Lateon of Chardon Road

Fangzhou Al and Weng Shu of Istra Lane

Welcome

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLOWER PLANTING AT CITY HALL:

Volunteers are being sought to plant flowers at City Hall and around the City. No date has been set yet as we are waiting for the weather to cooperate with this venture. Please call City Hall (Council Office) at 440-975-3541 if you are interested in putting your "green thumb" to work!

DOUBLECHECK FOR NOPEC OPTIONS:

The May rates for NOPEC gas and electric follow on the next page, but please take a moment to check your bills to see what option you have chosen and if may be time to review for a cheaper plan. Some of the options had increased considerably since the April numbers and it is good to keep an eye out for the best pricing. The following rate page is a good start.

NOPEC RATES:

NOPEC RATES FOR GAS FOR MAY 2022:

Standard Plan
\$6.750 per mcf

Monthly Variable Plan
\$7.427 per mcf

12-mo. Fixed Rate
\$6.950 per mcf

24-mo. Fixed
Rate \$6.250

NOPEC RATES FOR ELECTRIC FOR MAY 2022):

Standard Plan
8.700 cents per kWh

Monthly Variable Plan
5.048 cents per kWh

12-mo. Fixed Rate
8.900 cents per kWh

24-mo. Fixed Rate
8.800 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!

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 | \$20.00 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/541614327671353>

INFORMATION REGARDING CHARDON ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT:

The resurfacing of Chardon Road began on Monday, May 9. Motorists are asked to conform to the detour signs at Eddy Road (or reroute via Maple Grove or the park off SOM Center when open) and not try to go the wrong way down Chardon Road to their destination. As reported earlier, the first phase will involve Chardon Road from Route 91 (SOM Center) to Route 174 (River Road). Republic Services did an outstanding job in picking up the trash and recycle on both the north and south sides of Chardon Road around the construction. Delivery trucks, too, have been very respectful of the closure and the City appreciates their cooperation. The City website will be updated as the City receives updates from the contractor. Check the tabs "City News" and/or "Road Construction" on the City website for updates.

This is what is currently displayed there:

"Phase 1 will be between Routes 91 and 174. The westbound lane will remain open. The eastbound lane will be detoured around to Eddy Road. This Phase is expected to last approximately 30 days."

"Phase 2 will be between Route 174 (River Road) and Worrell Road. The eastbound lane will remain open. The westbound lane will be detoured around to Rogers Road. This Phase is expected to last approximately 30 days."

"Any driveway entrances (business and residential) will remain open throughout the construction."

"You can expect delays. Your patience is appreciated. Please direct all complaints/inquiries to ODOT's Public Information Line at 216-584-2005."



TRIVIA NIGHT/MIND CHALLENGE TEAM:

Trivia Night in Willoughby Hills continues on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 7 to 9pm at Willoughby Hills Community Center. The winning team will receive gift certificates to Firehouse Grille & Pub, compliments of Fall Corn Fest, LLC. Come join us (age 50 and over please). We will make sure you get on a team of six and all answers are team collaborative, so don't be afraid that you won't "know the answers." It is all for fun and socialization!

Anyone (age 50 and over) who is interested in being on the City's Mind Challenge team (you may remember that we placed 2nd last year, earning \$1500 for our Senior Center), is invited to attend the Team Formation, as listed below with the other tournament times and dates:

May 17 @ 9:00AM. Team Formation at Willoughby Hills

May 23 @ 1:00PM. Knockout Round at Willoughby

May 31 @ 1:00PM. Smart 16 Round at Willoughby

June 10 @ 9:30AM Elevated 8 Round (if qualified) at Kirtland

June 14 @ 9:30AM or 1:00PM Semi Final (if qualified) at Solon

June 15 @ 11:00 AM Championship at Solon



MEMORIAL DAY UPDATE:

VFW Post Commander Dave Broadwater and Veterans Memorial Commission member Mike D'Amico met with Administration this week to plan the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial gazebo on Monday, May 30, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. While the Post has taken a little hiatus during COVID-19, we welcome them back to host a nice patriotic ceremony for our residents and veterans.

The City continues to place flags and markers at the gazebo to honor our favorite military service members. If you are interested in making a donation (of any denomination) to name a service member, please complete the attached application. Remember that checks (made payable to VFW Post 4358) or cash are being given directly to our Willoughby Hills VFW Post at 29412 White Road to help serve our veterans and will be presented at the May 30 ceremony.

Not only will it be a great tribute but also the array of flags and markers by our memorial is truly breathtaking as you drive by. Thank you for remembering our military service members!



PAPER SHREDDING DATES & RECYCLING RESOURCES:

Saturday, June 11, 2022 and Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9 a.m. to noon at City Hall front parking lot. No limit! No fees! Rain or shine!



Just a reminder, too, that the following items can also be recycled by taking them to the appropriate places listed below:

Pop Tabs - Ronald McDonald House (can at City Hall)

Eyeglasses - Lions Club (bin at City Hall)

Pop Cans - WH Fire Department (to benefit the Burn Unit)

Old Flags - VFW or the Scout Troops (at the Grange Building or City Hall)

(Thanks to resident Cheri Desotell for this helpful reminder!)

LET'S NOT FORGET SOME SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

May is National Lupus Awareness Month - a time to reflect on the chronic autoimmune disease that is the leading cause of premature cardiovascular disease, kidney disease and stroke among young women.

May 15-21 - National EMS Week

May 15-21 - Public Works Week

May 21 - Armed Forces Day

May 16 - "Do Something Good for your Neighbor Day" (wait..isn't this every day????)

May 18 - "National Visit your Relatives Day"

May 20 - "National Rescue Dog Day" (Dogs make great friends)

"National Bike to Work Day" (Postponed in WH this year due to construction!!LOL)

"National Be a Millionaire Day" - Dynamic Duo awaits you with great lotto tickets!



TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY:

Not being a pet owner, I don't know if these items are true, but I thought appropriate for "National Pet Rescue Day", whether it be a cat or dog or any other pet you choose!

Top Ten Reasons Why Dogs Are Better Pets Than Cats:

1. Dogs will tilt their heads and try to understand every word you say. Cats will ignore you and take a nap.
2. Cats look silly on a leash.
3. When you come home from work, your dog will be happy and lick your face. Cats will still be mad at you for leaving in the first place.
4. Dogs will give you unconditional love until the day they die. Cats will make you pay for every mistake you've ever made since the day you were born.
5. A dog knows when you're sad and he'll try to comfort you. Cats don't care how you feel, as long as you remember where the can opener is.
6. Dogs will bring you your slippers. Cats will drop a dead mouse in your slippers.
7. When you take them for a ride, dogs will sit on the seat next to you. Cats have to have their own private basket, or they won't go at all.
8. Dogs will come when you call them and they'll be happy. Cats will have someone take a message and get back to you.
9. Dogs will play fetch with you all day long. The only thing cats will play with all day long are small rodents or bugs, preferably ones that look like they're in pain.
10. Dogs will wake you up if the house is on fire. Cats will quietly sneak out the back door.