



City of Willoughby Hills

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## 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.

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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:

AS THE SCHOOL YEAR WINDS DOWN, LET'S GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO ALL OF THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WHO WORKED SO HARD TO ADAPT TO OUR EVER-CHANGING EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WITH REMOTE LEARNING, SANITIZATION OF CLASSROOMS, COVID DIAGNOSES AND MANY OTHER OBSTACLES THAT THEY HAVE OVERCOME.

MANY STUDENTS WILL BE CELEBRATING GRADUATION DAY OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND ARE CERTAINLY DESERVING OF A "JOB WELL DONE!" CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND THANKS TO THE TEACHERS WHO LED THEM TO THIS SPECIAL DAY.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

**MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**(TO INTERVIEW COUNCIL CANDIDATES IN EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

**5:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

***Zoom ID# 814 9140 7348    Zoom Password 819160***

**TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**(TO INTERVIEW COUNCIL CANDIDATES IN EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

**6:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

***Zoom ID# 827 3191 9765    Zoom Password 24478***

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021**

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

***Zoom ID# 854 5331 7928    Zoom Password 647729***

**THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021**

**PC-ABR MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. 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](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city_council/records/prior_years.php)

Thanks to all of the fine individuals who submitted a resume to be considered for the open Council position. Council President Hallum has called for two Special Meetings of Council on Monday, May 17 and Tuesday 18 via Zoom (Executive Session) to interview the candidates. Council hopes to announce their new member very soon. Thank you!

## **RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS:**

**THE COMMISSION IS STILL LOOKING FOR TWO GREAT VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN RECREATION TO BE ON THE COMMISSION TO HELP WITH THE PLANNING OF THIS YEAR'S EVENTS, TO INCLUDE:**

**TOUCH A TRUCK**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY/TRUNK OR TREAT**

**FALL CRAFT SHOW**

**PHOTO CONTEST**

**WINTER FEST**

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA/HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

**PICKLE BALL COURT CONSTRUCTION**

**AS WE EASE BACK INTO SOME EVENTS POST COVID, THE COMMISSION TRULY NEEDS YOUR HELP. CAN YOU SPARE SOME OF YOUR TIME TO KEEP THESE EVENTS AVAILABLE TO OUR WILLOUGHBY HILLS FAMILIES? VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR AN APPLICATION TO BECOME PART OF THE TEAM.**



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## **SPORTS UPDATE:**

HOME GAMES AT ROEMISCH FIELD THIS WEEK:

**10U (ON ROEMISCH FIELD C):**

MAY 21



COME TO WATCH OUR KIDS PLAY!

### **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.

## A NOTE FROM MAYOR ANDY GARDNER:

May 16 to May 23 marks “National Public Works Week”, which includes such services as street maintenance, snow removal, sewer utilities, recycling, refuse, forestry and other services that are so vital to our municipality.

And it is so fitting that Monday, May 17 marks the beginning of our road striping program, which is city-wide and will take a few weeks to complete, with crews working at night to reduce traffic disturbance. They will be using cones and signage to control traffic.

The fourth and final phase of the painting of the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge is underway, and hopefully finished by the weekend.

The City has been given the dates of early June and lasting until late July (barring any delays from weather or unforeseen circumstances) to begin the asphalt pavement project on Alan Drive, Diane Court and Meadowbrook Drive. We look forward to this project that should help the residents and motorists in that area.

Council Ordinance 2021-35 will allow the City to move forward with the Dodd Road slope repair project. We will report updates on this project as they are relayed to us by the contractor.

Republic Services, our trash and recycle contractor, has reminded us that Republic Services will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. Services will resume on Tuesday, June 1 and will be running one day behind for the rest of the week.

Finally, our Service Department needs to be recognized for the fine job they do all year. They are the ones you can count on to make sure your street is plowed, the roads are nice and the City is a great place to call home. Thanks to our current crew:

Mark Grubiss, Road Superintendent

Matt Kahley   Bob Moore   Marty Gazdak   Jonathon Racic

Bobby Henderson   Brian Kaston   Mark Radebaugh

Tom Abate, City Mechanic



**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS:  
FROM Police Chief Matt Naegele**

It is with great sadness that we share the news that retired former Chief of Police George Malec passed away in the early morning hours of May 11th in the presence of loved ones. Chief Malec honorably served the City of Willoughby Hills from 1965-2000 as a Patrolman, Sergeant & his last 13 years of service as Chief of Police. He was 86 years old at the time of his passing. When George Malec started with the police department times were very different. In fact, in the early days of his career George drove the ambulance on night shift (which was really just a station wagon). The city, as well as the police department, went through a massive transition over the course of George's 34 years on the job. Willoughby Hills transitioned from a small country town to a bustling suburb, and George was there to see it all through. Through the course of his career as Chief, George served in several capacities to include:

Vice-President & President - Lake County Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio Chiefs of Police Ethics Board, and the Lake County Narcotics Executive Board. The Willoughby Hills Police Department extends our deepest sympathies to George's family, and offer our thanks for his years of honorable service to this community. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9)



**HAPPY EMS WEEK MAY 16 TO MAY 22, 2021**

DON'T FORGET YOUR FAVORITE EMS WORKER DURING THIS WEEK...OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WORKERS  
DO A GREAT JOB IN SAVING SO MANY LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
THANK THEM FOR A CHOOSING A GREAT PROFESSION!



**SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**  
**By: Road Superintendent Mark Grubiss**

The fourth and final phase of the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge painting is underway and should be completed by the weekend. Here are some photos which show the work that is being completed:



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# **Governor DeWine Announces Vaccine Incentives, End Date for Health Orders is June 2, 2021**

## **May 12, 2021**

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine on Wednesday announced a series of statewide drawings to provide incentives to Ohioans to get a COVID-19 vaccination. With wide access to the life-saving vaccine to help Ohioans safe, Governor DeWine also announced that most COVID-19 health orders would be removed on June 2nd. DeWine made the announcements during a statewide address to Ohioans Wednesday evening.

"For a year, Ohioans have made sacrifices to save lives and keep our state moving forward. What you have done has really worked! And now, we have a powerful weapon that is almost 100 percent effective in beating the virus," Governor DeWine said in his remarks. "Simply put, the vaccine is stronger and better than medical experts ever imagined. And now, everyone 12 and over can use it to protect themselves -- to put an invisible shield of protection around themselves. Everyone can now control their own health—their own destiny."

### **Expiration of Health Orders**

Governor DeWine also announced that he has asked the Ohio Department of Health to remove most pandemic health orders on June 2nd. The timeline will allow any Ohioan who has not yet received a COVID-19 vaccine to obtain one to protect themselves and others before the lifting of coronavirus mitigation protocols.

"It is time to end the health orders. It's been a year. You've followed the protocols. You've done what we've asked. You've bravely fought this virus," said Governor DeWine. "And now, our cases are down, and we have a tested and proven weapon with the vaccine that all Ohioans 12 and over can utilize."

**Measures being removed will include facial covering protocols, social distancing guidelines, and capacity restrictions for indoor and outdoor events.**

Governor DeWine announced that any pandemic health orders that would remain solely relate to either 1.) nursing homes and assisted living facilities, which will also to have federal safety protocols, and 2.) data collection related to the pandemic.

### **Vaccine Incentives/Statewide Drawings**

In an effort to increase the number of Ohioans who currently have not taken a COVID-19 vaccine to get vaccinated, Governor DeWine announced a series of statewide drawings to help incentivize vaccinations.

Ohioans under the age of 18 who are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine will be entered into a drawing for a four-year full scholarship to any of Ohio's state colleges and universities, including full tuition, room, and board.

Ohioans aged 18 and older will be entered into a weekly drawing with a prize of up to \$1 million.

A total of five weekly drawings for each prize will take place, with the first winners being announced on May 26th. Winners must have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by the date of the respective drawing.

The drawings will be administered by the Ohio Department of Health, with technical assistance from the Ohio Lottery Commission, and will be funded through existing allocations to the Ohio Department of Health of unexpended coronavirus relief funds. Further details & contest rules forthcoming.