



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

The road construction on Chardon Road tends to still be the “hot” topic. I appreciate the patience I have seen with the motorists and I recognize it is inconvenient, but in the long run, we will be very happy when the project is completed and the “96 bumps” are gone. Please do not attempt to take a shortcut by going the wrong way. Please continue to read the signs which will get you where you need to go legally!

The Police Department's speed signs have been posted along the detour route of Eddy Road and River Road northbound as you leave the City and travel into Willoughby. These are a means to provide safe travel. Please adhere to the speed limits throughout the city, and particularly in these areas that have been identified as areas where motorists are exceeding the posted speeds.

Thanks to all who came to last weekend's Electronics Recycle Day at City Hall. This was the first time we had done it and it was a successful event. We will be having a second Electronics Recycle Day at City Hall in the fall, in case you missed this one or if you have unsold electronics at your fall garage sale. We will continue to post reminder dates in the newsletter so you can plan accordingly.

Special thanks to Mayor Kevin Potter of Kirtland and Mayor Joe Sakacs of Wickliffe who joined us for Trivia Night in Willoughby Hills on Tuesday. Our Mayor's Team placed “Second” to a very good Willoughby Hills team and we all had a great time. We will plan to invite the other mayors back perhaps once a year and will continue to strive for First Place! Thanks to all of the other players...I know you had fun!

Don't forget about Tuesday, May 24's Rock N Roll Day in Willoughby Hills Planning meeting. It will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Bring your great ideas to help plan our Saturday, August 13, 2022 one-day festival. We already have some great activities planned but welcome any new ideas.

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 or put in a can marked “Yardwaste” for that option. Updated Recycle Magnets will be coming out soon!

Finally, I would like to congratulate all school and college graduates! Best wishes on your future endeavors and congratulations on a “job well done.”

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Saturday, May 21, 2022

HACH OTIS NATURE WALK

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

Monday, May 23, 2022

CITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT LEAF PICK UP BEGINS THIS WEEK!

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WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL & RULES AND LEGISLATION MTG.

6:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

ROCK N ROLL DAY PLANNING MEETING

6:30 P.M. – Community Center

&

PC-ABR MASTER PLAN MEETING

7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Thursday, May 26, 2022

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Monday, May 30, 2022

VFW MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

11:00 A.M. – COMMUNITY CENTER GAZEBO

INFORMATION ON HACH-OTIS SANCTUARY LOCATIONS:

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.)

FYI – THE RIB COOK-OFF IN DOWNTOWN WILLOUGHBY IS SATURDAY 5/21 AND SUNDAY 5/22. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE ROAD CLOSURES DURING THIS TIME:

- Erie Street at Vine St./Mentor Avenue, Euclid Avenue at Sharpe Avenue, River Street to City Hall Parking Lot, East Spaulding Street, Glenn Avenue (Closed from SOL Parking lot apron to Erie Street), Third Street (Closed from apron of the mail carriers parking lot to Erie Street), Second Street (Closed from the apron of Texture Salon to Erie Street) and West Spaulding (Closed from apron of Willoughby Library to Erie Street).
- Use Clark Street from Vine Street to Sharpe Avenue to Euclid Avenue to bypass Downtown Willoughby!

MEMORIAL DAY UPDATE:

Don't forget about our 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!

To date, we have placed markers in honor of the following service members:

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| Mike Lombardo | Larry O'Donnell | William A. Majeski |
| Mary R. Majeski | Henry A. Rawa | John M. Lillich |
| Joseph Klunder | Don Trobenter | Tim O'Donnell |
| George Rodich | Robert Sacerich | Ted Vandemotter |
| Perry Hines | Albert Russ | Louis Prijatel |
| Jon Michael Zavodny | Richard R. Weaver | Karen A. Weaver |
| Frank Cihula Sr. | Fred Hoge | George A. Gardner |
| William Armstrong | Bill Shibley | Joe Osborne |
| Rudolph Taylor | Lawrence A. Hupertz | Ray L. Buzanski, Sr. |
| Hermie Wein | Matthew J. Dolence | William E. Hart |
| David Joseph Dolan | David James Dolan | Charles Francis Dolan |
| Lawrence John Dolan | William Edward Dolan | Breyant Kosek |
| Louis J. Aliberti | Daniel Tobin | Bruce Weber |
| Benjamin Cantrell | Michael A. Doley | James W. Graham |
| Mark W. Graham | Jack Armstrong | Donald Armstrong |
| Loyal Burke, Jr. | Joseph Burke | Thomas Burke |

This is a great tradition for our City and a great way to remember some special people in your life with all proceeds benefitting our local VFW!



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 #3 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 AND EMPLOYEE NEWS...

Welcome to the following new residents:
Anthony & Tiffani Stryffeler of Hanna Road
Donald and Andrea Foust of Orchard Road

Welcome to our newest Part-time Firefighter Matthew Duplaga! Good luck on your new job!

Get well wishes to: Ira Lorber, Cecilia Passalacqua and Anna Stankovich!

Congratulations to Jack Elliott on his achievement as "The Best Home Run Hitter in Mercyhurst College history with 35 homers!" Great job, Jack! Guardian Bound?????

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!

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!)

A FEW MORE NOTES FOR OUR READERS:

Two flyers are being attached to today's E-newsletter to let our readers know about:

- 1) The Tom & Bea Horwatt Scholarship being offered to graduating seniors on behalf of the City's Youth Sports League, and
- 2) First Covenant Church of Willoughby Hills' Spring Concert (29400 Chardon Road) set for Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (featuring musicians from the Cleveland Institute of Music)
This is a free event. Come join the fun!

INFORMATION REGARDING CHARDON ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT:

The resurfacing of Chardon Road began on Monday, May 9. It has gone relatively well and we continue to monitor resident concerns. There was a minor issue this week with the trash collection along the Chardon Road stretch that was closed. Republic Services officials worked with ODOT to resolve the issues that prevented the ease of trash pick up that occurred earlier and the communication between the two entities will ensure that future trash pickups should go smoothly as the project progresses.

You may have noted that on Wednesday, 5/18/22, the north side of Chardon Road (Route 6) was closed and traffic was routed to use the south side of Chardon Road. The south side of Chardon Road has been paved and now Ronyak Paving will begin their work on the north side of Chardon Road. Chardon Road, between SOM Center (Route 91) and River Road (Route 174) remains "westbound only." The alternate route around remains to be Eddy Road and the detour is clearly marked for City Hall, the Community Center, Roemisch Fields and St. Noel Church. The work seems to be going pretty fast.

"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:

Team Formation for the City's Mind Challenge was held on Tuesday, May 17. We are happy to report that we will have one team representing our city this year with the following members:

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| Mary Melvin | Sandy Falck | Ira Lorber | Dave Reichelt |
| Denise Reichelt | Mike Kline | Gloria Majeski | Andy Gardner |

Our first challenge will be on May 23 at Willoughby, followed by a second round at Willoughby on May 31. If our team has the highest score over the two weeks, we will be eligible to proceed to the next round at Kirtland on June 10.

Keep our team in your thoughts and prayers as we attempt to earn money for our Senior Center. Last year we earned Second Place and won \$1500 for our Senior Center. You never know what questions will be asked, but we will work together to come up with the best answers to the trivia questions we are asked! We will update our progress in future issues of the E-newsletter. And don't forget....even if you are not on the Mind Challenge Team, you are always welcome to join us for Trivia Night in Willoughby Hills on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Hope to see you there!



PICKLE BALL COURTS ARE NOW OPEN:

Congratulations to Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz, Service Superintendent Mark Grubiss and the great group of volunteers who came together to convert some of the City's tennis courts to pickle ball courts. They will begin to get together a schedule for open play time, as well as a plan for teaching others how to play pickle ball. When that information becomes available, we will disseminate it to our readers! Great job!



TRY TO STAY POSITIVE:

**I JUST GOT A FULL
TANK OF GAS FOR \$22.
GRANTED, IT WAS FOR
MY LAWN MOWER, BUT
I AM TRYING TO STAY
POSITIVE.**

Long ago in a land far far
away!



**CALL CITY HALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT 440-946-1234
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV**