



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:

Block Party applications are currently being accepted. This is a great way to get together with your neighbors and meet new people. Once you choose a date for your gathering, just fill out the Block Party Application, indicating the date and time of your Block Party. You can then select if you want blockade barriers (delivered by our Service Department), visits by our Police, Fire, Service Department (the kids love this!!), or visits by the Mayor and Council member(s). In addition, we have teamed up with our Willoughby Hills restaurants for some great food selections at great pricing. Don't miss out! Summer will be gone before you know it.

We welcomed six new part-time firefighters at last night's Council meeting. Congratulations and welcome to the following new employees: Sean Lawlor, Daniel Wheeler, Brendan Shelby, Nicholas Surckla, Nicholas Foard and Matthew Duplaga. I know they will do a great job for our City.

Thanks to Council members Jarmuszkiewicz, Taylor Draper, Miller, Belich and Kline and their helpers (Mrs. Knecht, Joelle, Karen, Mark and Judy) who worked last weekend to plant some beautiful flowers at the City Hall complex. It looks great and we look forward to replacing our front sign with an LED sign soon to complete the project.

Our City Engineer is taking bids for the City Hall front lot resurfacing, and our Service Department continues to fill potholes around the city caused by our winter weather. In addition, we are working on a plan to get some unsightly fire hydrants painted. Our Zoning Inspector Patrick Hopkins continues to cite property owners who have building/zoning violations on their property such as unlicensed vehicles and tall grass that exceeds our laws. All of these efforts should serve to ensure that our City has a nice aesthetic look to both our residents and visitors to our City.

We look forward to addressing some resident concerns about our deer population. Council is looking to invite representatives from ODNR to their July 11 Working Committee of Council meeting to discuss this concern. Mark your calendar now, but more information will follow as the date approaches.

In closing, don't forget about Shred Day on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 9am to noon at the City Hall front lot. Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Saturday, June 11, 2022

SHRED DAY

9AM TO NOON - CITY HALL PARKING LOT

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

BZA MEETING

8:00 P.M. - Council Chambers

Thursday, June 16, 2022

PC-ABR MASTER PLAN MEETING

6:00 P.M. - Council Chambers

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PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 P.M. - Council Chambers

Sunday, June 19, 2022

FATHER'S DAY

An early reminder to remember your special dad!

PLEASE NOTE:

The City of Willoughby Hills has been advised of a Road Closure in the City of Willoughby that may affect your travel beginning Monday, June 13th:

The railroad crossings on Beidler Road and on Pelton Road will be closed for a week.

Detours will be posted.

Don't forget to SAVE THE DATE:

Rock N Roll Day in Willoughby Hills

Saturday, August 13, 2022

10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Featuring food, bands, kids' games, memorabilia tables, classic cars, cornhole tournament and more.

See the flyer at the end of this E-newsletter for more details.

Volunteers are needed to make this a great event...please consider giving a few hours of your time on this date to help your community.

WILLOUGHBY HILLS BUSINESS NEWS:

The Mayor's Office has received many inquiries about the recent temporary closing of Foster's Ice Cream Store. We are happy to share the following photos with you, indicating that Foster's is set to re-open under new management on June 20th! We are happy to have them just in time for our hot summer months!! Stop by and tell them we are glad they are back!



At the Working Committee of Council meeting on Monday, June 5, 2022, representatives from a new business (INSA Willoughby Hills) made their presentation to Council to discuss their new business set to open on Chardon Road (the former Friendly's building). It is a medical cannabis dispensary facility.



UPDATES REPORTED BY OUR CITY ENGINEER:

The City Engineer has put out to bid the City Hall Parking lot project. He hopes to get the bids back and be able to begin the project to improve the parking lot soon. We will keep you posted as this progresses.

The Maypine Subdivision project will be on the next PC-ABR Agenda on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. It will then go to Council. The initial plan that was submitted has been amended and must be approved by our Planning Commission for compliance. Anyone interested in learning more about this subdivision on White Road is welcome to attend the meeting. A Public Portion is planned for residents to ask questions or voice their concerns.

The Planning Commission reviewed the concept for two LED signs for our City. One would replace the current City Hall sign and the second would replace the Community Center sign. It would give us a chance to display upcoming events and notifications and would serve to enhance the beauty of our City Hall and Community Center complex. Review of additional design is underway to ensure the best possible product since this will be something that the City will enjoy for a long time to come. We will keep you posted as plans progress.

RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE NEWS...

Welcome to our newest City employees:
Genevieve Aiello, Property Staff Member at the Community Center
Part-time Firefighters:

Sean Lawlor	Nicholas Foard	Matthew Duplaga
Brendan Shelby	Daniel Wheeler	Nicholas Surckla

Thanks to Council members and volunteers who did an awesome job in beautifying our City Hall complex with flowers last weekend. They look beautiful. The Committee will continue to work on the flower boxes throughout the City. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please reach out to Council Clerk Karen Mehollin at 440-975-3541.



DOUBLECHECK FOR NOPEC OPTIONS:

The May rates for NOPEC gas and electric follow on the next page (June rates are not yet posted, but should be available with our next newsletter!), 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 (JUNE RATES NOT YET POSTED!):

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 (JUNE RATES NOT YET POSTED):

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!)

INFORMATION REGARDING CHARDON ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT:

Phase II has begun and that means that Chardon Road will be closed westbound from River Road to Worrell Road. Motorists can only travel eastbound on this stretch of the road. Please pay particular attention to the Worrell & Chardon Road intersection since oncoming traffic from Kirtland may be trying to make their way on to Worrell Road as well. There is a “road closed” sign there, however, it is very hard to see the oncoming traffic and many think that the whole road is closed, not just the one lane. Be careful in this area as Phase II progresses.

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.



TALL TREE TRAIL EYESORE:

The Mayor’s Office and the City Zoning Inspector are working to help alleviate the eyesore at the corner of Tall Tree Trail and White Road. It is a Lake County Department of Utilities project which involves the installation of a new building and pump station for which the County is having difficulty with supply chain shortage issues and adequate manpower to get the project taken care of. We are working to help the residents in this area and will accelerate our efforts with the County to get this taken care of as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and understand your concern.



Rock N Roll Day in Willoughby Hills

Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 10:00 am-10 pm
Willoughby Hills Community Center,
35400 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills
FREE EVENT! COME TOGETHER & JOIN THE FUN!

10:00 A.M. - Tribute to Michael Stanley (at the Gazebo)

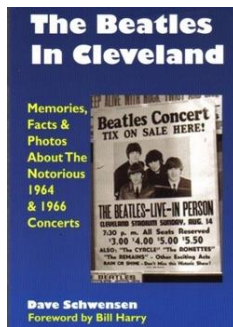


11:00 am - 8:00 pm - Food trucks open & fresh roasted sweet corn available!

11:00 am- 3:00 pm - Classic Car Show Display



1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Corn Hole Tournament (pre-registration required)



1:00 pm-3:00 pm Live Entertainment by Sumrada (Center Stage!)

4:00 pm - "The Beatles in Cleveland" video presentation by Dave Schwensen
(O'Ryan Room - Community Center, limited seating...come early!)

7:00 pm-9:00 pm Live Entertainment by Ricky & the Rockets (Center Stage!)

Other events:

Kids' Games Basket Raffles Souvenir Stand

Rock N Roll Memorabilia on Display

"My Ticket to Ride" Book signing by Janice Mitchell

"Rock This Town" Book signing by Fran Belkin



This event is sponsored by the City of Willoughby Hills and WH Fall Corn Fest LLC.
For more information, call Gloria in Mayor Gardner's office at 440-918-8730 or email:

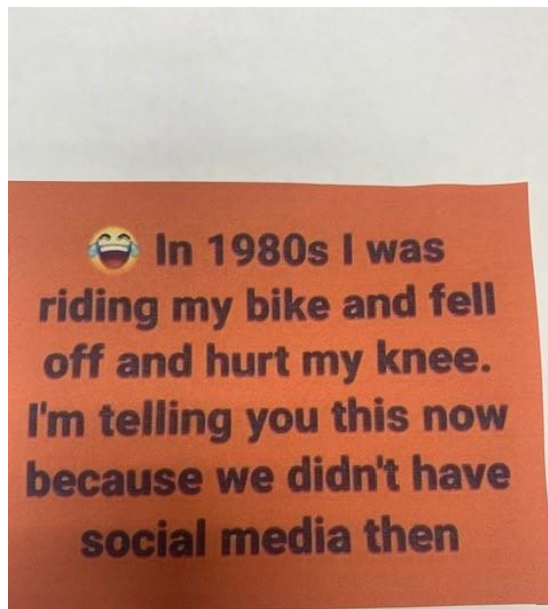
gloriamajeski@willoughbyhills-oh.gov. Come together! Join the fun!

PICKLE BALL COURTS ARE NOW OPEN:

The City received its pickle ball rackets and balls that are available to players. Please call or visit Diana in the Recreation Department at 440-975-3540 (8:00 a.m. to noon) to sign out your pickle ball equipment if you don't have your own to start playing this great game. Plans are currently underway to create a schedule for tournaments, open play and lessons on our new pickle ball courts. Call the Recreation Department to sign up for lessons and play time. The pickle ball courts are located behind City Hall as part of the tennis courts. You can enter either via Eddy Road (where there is a parking lot & you would walk through to the courts), or Chardon Road (by using the driveway between City Hall and the Fire Station to head back toward Campbell Park). Have fun!



SOCIAL MEDIA JOKE:



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