



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

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**Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!**

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### **MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:**

The power outage on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, resulted in approximately 1065 customers primarily in the cities of Willoughby Hills and Wickliffe being without power for several hours. The power was eventually restored at approximately 10:00 p.m. and was the result of a pole fire and blown terminator per our First Energy representative Wendy Zele. It was a hot night to be without power but we appreciate the patience of the First Energy customers who were affected by this. I was proud that so many followed the protocol of contacting the Illuminating Company when the power went out. Good job!

My office has gotten a few calls about a few things related to Republic Services (trash and recycle). First, the new refrigerator magnets with the recycling calendar were approved by my office and should be out to residents in the next week or so. We added two enhancements to the magnets this year: 1) a reference code on the bottom of the magnet to identify that the highlighted weeks represent "recycle weeks" and 2) a reference code on the bottom of the magnet indicating weeks where service is delayed a day due to the Republic holiday schedule. This should save residents having to call Republic for advice about when to put out their trash and recycle. Secondly, my office has received calls asking if pricing will go up due to the increase in gas prices. The answer to that is "no." Our contract renews each April where you will see the normal price increasing that has been pre-determined by our negotiated contract through the year 2025. One of the provisions in the contract that was negotiated by the Mayor's Office includes "no fuel price increase" over the length of the contract. The initial contract was negotiated in 2010 for five years, then renewed for ten years in 2015. Who would have thought that putting in that provision for "no fuel price increase for the term of the contract" could have such a huge impact this many years later when the gas prices average \$5.026 for regular and \$6.00 for diesel, according to AAA Ohio's Average Gas Pricing Survey? I am happy to see that this was negotiated so our residents will not see price increases at this time.

I was pleased to be invited to the Loreto Block Party last weekend. It was great to meet so many nice people. Thanks to Kathleen Pulella who organized the event. There is information in this newsletter if you want to follow Kathleen's lead for your block.

In closing, I want to wish all fathers, grandfathers, fathers-in-law, stepfathers, foster fathers and godfathers a very Happy Father's Day this weekend. Dads are very special and use this weekend to let them know! Best wishes for a great day.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

**Saturday, June 18, 2022**

**PAUL MC CARTNEY'S 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Not everyone celebrates this, but since we are looking forward to celebrating Rock N Roll in Willoughby Hills very soon, this seemed to be appropriate!

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

**FATHER'S DAY**

Remember your special dad!

**Monday, June 20, 2022**

**WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING &  
RULES AND LEGISLATION MEETING**

6:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

**SENIOR POTLUCK LUNCH AT COMMUNITY CENTER**

11:00 A.M. Senior Room at Community Center

Bring a dish to share or brown bag it.

To RSVP, call Diana in Recreation 440-975-3540

**TRIVIA NIGHT IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS**

7:00 P.M. – Willoughby Hills Community Center

**Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

**PC-ABR MASTER PLAN MEETING**

6:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

**Thursday, June 23, 2022**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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 BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMIT NEWS:**

### **Contractor and Permit Information to Protect Willoughby Hills Homeowners:**

Contractors performing work in the City of Willoughby Hills must be registered annually, and before applying for a permit.

All contractors are required to have a \$20,000.00 bonding obligation and certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000/\$300,000 for bodily injury and \$50,000 for property damage (Willoughby Hills named as additionally insured).

Seek a referral from someone you know who is happy with his or her contractor's work. Solicit bids from at least three (3) contractors. The Building Department is unable to recommend contractors, but can supply a list of registered contractors.

Contact the Better Business Bureau for any complaints, etc. against the contractors. Obtain a written contract which contains a complete scope of work description, drawings, all associated costs, start date and complete date. Obtain a written warranty on all work and materials. Permits are issued to the person, owner or contractor who shall physically perform the work for which the permit was sought. Verify that the contractor(s) has obtained all necessary building permits before any work begins.

Permits are required for most home repairs and improvements, and help assure the homeowner that the work being done meets quality building standards.

Homeowners pulling permits and performing the work themselves will need to fill out the Homeowner's Permit Acknowledgement Statement in the Permit Application Packet.

Contact the Building Department for permitting requirements and to make sure the contractor (s) are registered to do work in the City of Willoughby Hills. This is for the protection of the property owner and the contractor. The time needed to issue a permit varies based on what reviews need to be done by the department and boards. The permit and inspection process is designed to aid residents in the building process.

Make sure the contractor(s) obtain all inspections. Confirm that a final inspection has been obtained before you make a final payment or sign off on the contractor's work.

Report any misrepresentation, shoddy work, failure to honor contracts, unlicensed contractors or other problems you have with a contractor to the Building Department, appropriate licensing board and/or the Better Business Bureau. You are welcome to contact the Willoughby Hills Building Department at: 440-975-3540.



## **FIREWORKS UPDATE BY POLICE CHIEF NAEGELE:**

Fourth of July is quickly approaching, and the Willoughby Hills Police Department wants to put out this friendly reminder to all residents and visitors. In 2021, Governor Mike Dewine signed legislation, which as of July 1st provides for purchasing and discharging of certain fireworks in the State of Ohio. However, cities still have the local authority to opt out and continue with any and all restrictions previously put in place. The City of Willoughby Hills opted out, and most fireworks are still illegal to discharge within the City. Current Ohio law provides for the sale and use of trick and novelty fireworks (anything that goes snap, crackle or pop - including sparklers) that are widely available in grocery and department stores. Outside of that, we ask that our residents understand the City's position on this safety matter and our duty to enforce when necessary.

Oftentimes, when a particular act is legal (i.e. discharging fireworks), people think it's safe. That's why you see small children given sparklers which burn at 1800 degrees Fahrenheit - hot enough to melt gold, blind a playmate or set their clothes aflame. There is no safe way to use fireworks and no backyard fireworks are inherently safe. The instructions on the package read - "Light fuse and run in other direction." If there was a safe way to use these explosives, there wouldn't be so many tragic accidents. We need to remember that nearly 50% of fireworks injuries are to innocent bystanders.



### **RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE NEWS...**

Get Well Soon to Bob Bartolotta of Trabar as he recuperates from a recent illness.  
Our thoughts and prayers remain with you.



Sympathy to the family of Mildred Shumar who passed away this week. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Mildred's family.

Thanks to the 150 or so residents who came out last Saturday to get rid of their old papers at our Shred Day. It was a huge success and we will be doing it again on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9 to noon. Special thanks to our Service Department workers Bobby Henderson and Mark Radebaugh who helped our residents unload their shred materials into the shred truck. Also, thanks to Council members Kline, Taylor Draper, Miller and Jarmuszkiewicz who helped with the event and provided a calendar of City events to all attendees.

Great job everybody!

### **DOUBLECHECK FOR NOPEC OPTIONS:**

The June 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 JUNE 2022:

Standard Plan  
\$7.960 per mcf

Monthly Variable Plan  
\$9.070 mcf

12-mo. Fixed Rate  
\$6.950 per mcf

24-mo. Fixed Rate  
\$6.250

### NOPEC RATES FOR ELECTRIC FOR JUNE 2022:

Standard Plan  
9.900 cents per kWh

Monthly Variable Plan  
6.189 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:

**Electronics Recycling Day:** Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 9 a.m. to noon at City Hall front parking lot. Rain or shine!

**Paper Shredding:** 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)

## SENIOR CENTER POTLUCK REMINDER:

By Diana Parker, Recreation Coordinator:

Senior Luncheon: Potluck or Brown Bag

Save the Date: Tuesday June 21,<sup>st</sup> 11:00am. Please RSVP to: 440-975-3540

Holly's Hearing will be providing Free Hearing Screenings for Members of the Senior Center on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, There are limited time slots, so please call the Recreation Office at 440-975-3540 and reserve a time for a hearing test.

Chief Robert Gandee will be guest speaker for the June Potluck.

He will be at the Potluck around 11:30am. And provide a small presentation. With a Q & A after.





## **BLOCK PARTY ON LORETO:**

Congratulations to the residents of Loreto & Florence who hosted a wonderful Block Party last weekend. Thanks to Kathleen Pullella for the planning of this great event to bring the neighbors together and make new friends. Here is a photo taken at the event:



You can do this on your block, too! Just fill out the Block Party application and get ready for some fun! Click on the link below to get started:

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/BLOCK%20PARTY%20APPLICATION.pdf>

## **SNOW PLOW CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION:**

In our next newsletter, we will be providing information to our residents about the recent Ordinance passed by Council that provides for all snow plow contractors who will be working in our City to be registered. There is a process through our Building Department that will have to be followed to get registered before they can work in our City. As a resident, please pass this information on to your contractor so it won't be a surprise once the snow flies. We will provide more information next week. Thank you.



## WILLOUGHBY HILLS BUSINESS NEWS:

Wright Place Tavern, 34300 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, is currently hiring Kitchen Manager and General Manager for anyone who may be interested. They are currently accepting applications for restaurant hospitality managers. Full time, salary with benefits and bonus. They have been serving Lake County for 35 years!

Milestone Athletic Club, 27845 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, invites you to "Jump into Summer" with no contracts or fees, nationally accredited trainers, a family oriented environment and 40,000 sq. feet of space to get you fit! Check them out!

Welcome back to Foster's (OFFICIAL RE-OPENING) on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. We are happy to hear you will once again be serving up some great treats for us to get us through this hot summer!

Don't forget Gaetano's Restaurant, 2747 SOM Ctr. has their Friday night pizza specials - small traditional pizzas are just \$7.75, toppings \$1.25 each. Dine in or order online at: <https://order.gaetanos.net/>



## WILLOUGHBY HILLS LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

Congratulations to the following students who received Willoughby Hills Lions Club Scholarships this year:

Anja Rowane of Legend Lane, Willoughby Hills      Zachary Martin of Willoughby  
Madalyn Mehollin of Willoughby      Brianna Brumley of Eastlake  
Josephine DiDona of Loreto Drive, Willoughby Hills  
Sophia Jarc of Willow Lane, Willoughby Hills  
Great job and best of luck as you prepare for your college life!



Josephine DiDona



Zachary Martin



Brianna Brumley



# 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) with a special MSB memorabilia booth

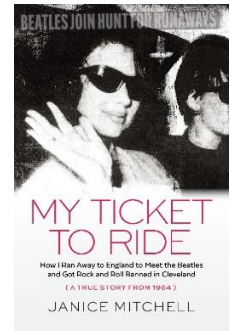
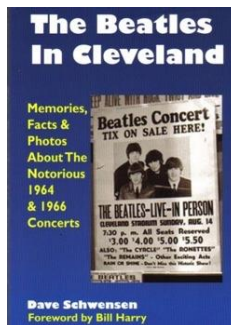


11:00 am – 8:00 pm – Food trucks open & fresh roasted sweet corn available!

11:00 am- 3:00 pm – Classic Car Show Display (Registration required if displaying a vehicle!)



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



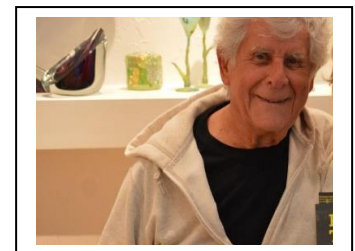
1:00 pm-3:00 pm Live Entertainment by Sumrada (Center Stage!)

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 Beer  
Rock N Roll Memorabilia on Display Rock N Roll Trivia Game  
“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](mailto:gloriamajeski@willoughbyhills-oh.gov). Come together! Join the fun!



**A REMINDER TO ALWAYS ANSWER YOUR PHONE:**

Doctor: I have some bad news and some very bad news.

Patient: Well, might as well give me the bad news first.

Doctor: The lab called with your test results. They said you have 24 hours to live.

Patient: 24 HOURS! That's terrible! WHAT could be WORSE? What's the very bad news?

Doctor: I've been trying to reach you since yesterday.



**A FEW MORE LIONS SCHOLARSHIP PHOTOS FROM TODAY:**



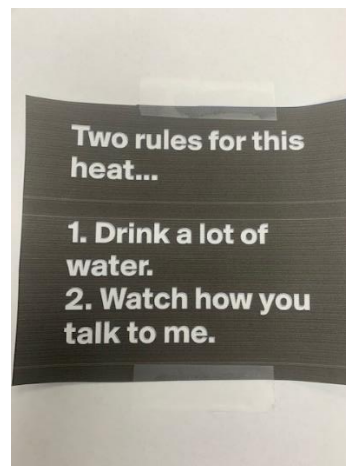
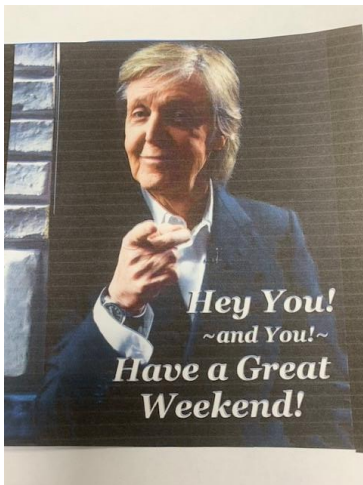
Sophia Jarc



Anja Rowane



Madalyn Mehollin



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

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV](http://WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV)

# ROCK & ROLL DAY IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS



## CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

**Sponsored by Fall Corn Fest, LLC**

**Saturday, August 13, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Our Rock N Corn Hole Tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m. **Teams should pre-register by completing the following application by mail prior to the event.** If over 24 teams apply, single elimination will be played. If less than 24 teams apply, double elimination will be played. Entrance fee is \$25 per team. The prize money (100% back to participants) is as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 50%,

2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 25%, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 15% and 4<sup>th</sup> Place = 10%.

Please return the Corn Hole Tournament Application form at the bottom of this page by July 13, 2022, to the following address: Willoughby Hills City Hall, Rock N Roll Day, 35405 Chardon Road,

Willoughby Hills, OH 44094. Complete details will be sent to all participants during the first week of August.

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### Rock N Corn Hole Tournament Application

2022 Willoughby Hills Fall Corn Fest

Team Name (It's okay to get creative here!): \_\_\_\_\_

Members of Team \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee is \$25. Please make check payable to: Willoughby Hills Fall Corn Fest, LLC, ATTN: Rock N Roll Day, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094. Entry is limited to a first come, first served basis. We reserve the right to refuse applications and return entrance fees once all slots have been filled.