



City of Willoughby Hills

## 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.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN BY SENDING AN EMAIL REQUEST TO:

[NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV](mailto:NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV)

**ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS TO SIGN UP FOR THE E-NEWSLETTER!!! THEY CAN SHARE IN ALL OF THE GREAT THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR CITY!**

### WILLOUGHBY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

WILLOUGHBY HILLS EXTENDED A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE AGENCIES THAT HELPED ASSIST IN THE DOUBLE EXTRICATION ACCIDENT ON I-90 ON JUNE 15 AT THE HEART OF RUSH HOUR. THE ASSISTANCE FROM MULTIPLE AGENCIES RESULTED IN A PROMPT RESPONSE AND QUICK CARE FOR THE INJURED. **COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION ARE WONDERFUL THINGS!**



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021**

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING**

**7:00 P.M.**

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021**

**PC-ABR MEETING**

**7:00 P.M.**

***Zoom ID# 845 2932 6567    Zoom Password   816227***

**SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021**

**HAPPY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>! BE SAFE!**

**MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021**

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> HOLIDAY OBSERVED – CITY HALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED!**

**ACCESS LINKS MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY WEBSITE FOR ALL OF THESE MEETINGS. AFTER THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY, CITY COUNCIL WILL RESUME ALL MEETINGS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND WILL NOT BE USING ZOOM. AS THE DECISION IS MADE BY OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, THIS INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE CITY WEBSITE AND INCLUDED IN FUTURE E-NEWSLETTERS.**

**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)



## **WASTE SERVICE INFORMATION**

**Service will continue as normal the week before and the week of the holiday**

**and no customer routes will be delayed.**

**Please call Customer Service at 216-441-6300 for more info**

## RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS:

### WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR THE FALL GARAGE SALE SET FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 7. CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO GET YOUR APPLICATION AND GET READY FOR YOUR FALL CLEAN UP!

<http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/departments/services/recreation/index.php>



**FALL CRAFT SHOW – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**

**WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER**

THE INITIAL LETTERS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO RETURNING VENDORS FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL CRAFT SHOW. OUR LAST SHOW WAS IN OCTOBER 2019. WE WILL OPEN IT TO NEW VENDORS ONCE WE HAVE A COUNT OF HOW MANY VENDORS WILL BE RETURNING. UPDATES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CITY WEBSITE. PUT THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW TO BROWSE SOME FINE CRAFTS AT OUR ANNUAL SHOW!





## SPORTS UPDATE:

THANKS TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO STOPPED BY ROEMISCH FIELD TO WATCH OUR KIDS PLAY!



THE KIDS EACH GOT A COUPON FOR A SLUSHIE FROM THE OFFICERS, TOO! THEY ENJOYED THAT AFTER A HARD-PLAYED GAME! THANKS, GUYS!



## A NOTE FROM MAYOR ANDY GARDNER:

### **COVID update**

Congratulations to this Wednesday's winners in the Ohio Vax-a-Million Lottery: Esperanz Diaz from the Cincinnati area won the \$1 million prize and Sydney Daum from Brecksville won the college scholarship. That was the final drawing for the Vax-a-Million but we were all truly winners by having the vaccination and feeling safer than we did this time last year!

### **ROGERS ROAD CONCERNS:**

**Large dump trucks:** We have received several calls from concerned residents regarding dump trucks going from River Road east on Rogers Road, some at a faster rate than our speed limits allow. We have reviewed this concern and found that the landscape companies are doing landscaping at a Sleepy Hollow residence. It is believed that this work will soon be done and residents in this area will no longer see the heavy flow of traffic from these dump trucks very soon. The Police Department has monitored the speed of the vehicles to ensure resident safety during this project.

**Power outages:** We are currently gathering information and plan to meet with First Energy soon to discuss the frequent power outages in this area. Residents are reminded to call the Illuminating Company to report outages, as well as maintain the trees on their property to ensure that they are not in the way of power lines. We are discussing the transformers and feeders with First Energy to see if there is any alternate plan for distribution that would reduce the number of residents affected by an outage in the future. We will continue to provide information to you as we receive it.

### **EMPLOYEE NEWS:**

**Welcome** to Karen Haberecht who will be assuming the role of Mayor's Clerk of Courts upon the departure of our long-time Clerk of Courts, Janeen Mullin. Janeen will be moving to Florida at the beginning of next month & will be greatly missed.

**Welcome back** to Service Department worker Bob Moore who returned this week from medical leave due to an illness. We are glad to have him back and are grateful for his quick recovery.

**Congratulations** to Firefighter/Paramedic Bob Vencl, who celebrates 15 years with the City of Willoughby Hills on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Condolences**

Thanks to a kind resident who reported that his neighbor Philip Shupe had passed away but had not been mentioned in our E-newsletter. So sorry for this oversight, but was happy to read Phil's beautiful obituary which paid tribute to the wonderful life he enjoyed in Willoughby Hills. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and all those (including his fine neighbors on Eddy) who will feel a void with his passing.

Also, sympathies to the families of Tina Caniglia, LuAnn Nash Key and Lauren Landraf (the sister of our Assistant Law Director), who passed away this week as well. Our thoughts and prayers remain with these members and their families.

## MIND CHALLENGE IS COMING TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS....

WE ARE STILL SEEKING MEMBERS TO JOIN THE TRIVIA TEAM REPRESENTING THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS! THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS OVER AGE 50....

“THE MIND CHALLENGE” BEGINS WITH TEAM FORMATION ROUNDS FRIDAY, JULY 23 AT 9:00 A.M. AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER

EACH TEAM CONSISTS OF 4 TO 6 MEMBERS.

THE TEAM FORMATION ROUND WILL INCLUDE A PRACTICE ROUND TO PREPARE FOR THE JULY 30, 2021 COMPETITION AT WILLOUGHBY SENIOR CENTER.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO GLORIA IN THE MAYOR’S OFFICE AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE APPLICATION AND WAIVER.

([GLORIAMAJESKI@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV](mailto:GLORIAMAJESKI@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV)).

Come join the fun!



## EXCITING GRANT NEWS FOR WILLOUGHBY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SIX OTHER AREA DEPARTMENTS HAS RESULTED IN THE CITY RECEIVING A FEMA FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT ALLOCATION OF \$163,227.61 FOR THIRTY-ONE PORTABLE RADIOS (& ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT). CHESTER TWP. FIRE CHIEF JOHN WARGELIN SUBMITTED THE GRANT ON BEHALF OF CHESTER TWP., WILLOUGHBY HILLS, KIRTLAND, MUNSON, PEPPER PIKE, RUSSELL TWP. AND HAMDEN, WHICH WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$890,774.55 IN FEDERAL FUNDING.

THIS COLLABORATION RESULTED IN A SIGNIFICANT COST SAVINGS ON THE PRICE PER RADIO AND THE CITY’S MATCH IS \$14,436.52. THE RADIOS WERE A MUCH-NEEDED ITEM FOR OUR DEPARTMENT AS THEY WILL NOW REPLACE OBSOLETE ITEMS THAT WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN AN EXPENDITURE THAT THE CITY BUDGET WOULD HAVE ABSORBED.

IT IS ALWAYS GREAT TO GET THIS KIND OF ASSISTANCE FOR OUR SAFETY FORCES! CONGRATS AND THANKS TO CHIEF WARGELIN FOR LEADING THE CHARGE!





## **EMERGENCY NUMBERS:**

THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT NUMBERS ARE LISTED ON THE CITY HALL EMERGENCY MAGNET:

POLICE – NON EMERGENCY – 440-942-9111

FIRE - NON EMERGENCY – 440-942-7207

ILLUMINATING COMPANY EMERGENCY (TO REPORT OUTAGE) – 1-888-544-4877

DOMINION GAS EMERGENCY – 1-877-542-2630

LAKE COUNTY WATER DEPARTMENT – 440-350-2070

AT&T – 1-800-288-2747                      SPECTRUM – 1-855-855-4575

REPUBLIC SERVICES (TRASH/RECYCLE) – 1-800-968-7789

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO USE THESE IMPORTANT NUMBERS. IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF AN EMERGENCY MAGNET FOR YOUR REFRIGERATOR, PLEASE CALL MAYOR GARDNER'S OFFICE AT 440-946-6614.

## **WITH SYMPATHY:**

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTS WHO PASSED AWAY:

PHILIP SHUPE              TINA CANIGLIA              LU ANN NASH KEY

LAUREN LANDGRAF

THE FAMILIES REMAIN IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.



## **A QUICK REMINDER ABOUT FIREWORKS FROM POLICE CHIEF NAEGELE.....**

The Police Department is sending out a friendly and timely reminder as we quickly approach the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Please refer to Chapter 3743 of the Ohio Revised Code for guidance on the legal constraints on the use of fireworks in the State of Ohio. You can purchase consumer-grade fireworks in Ohio, but you can't legally discharge them. We receive many complaints on and around the 4<sup>th</sup>, and we take these complaints very seriously. They are both illegal to discharge and can be extremely dangerous to bystanders. We appreciate your support and consideration as we work hard this summer to keep your city safe!

### **SERVICE DEPARTMENT STORM PHOTOS:**

**THANKS TO OUR GREAT SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR WORK DURING THIS WEEK'S STORM. THESE PICTURES SHOW SOME OF THE JOBS THEY WERE CALLED TO, INCLUDING THE BIG TREE THAT CAME DOWN ACROSS TRAILARD! THEY DID A GREAT JOB & WE APPRECIATE THEIR HARD WORK!!**



### **Road Project Alert:**

**Interstate 271 ramp re-alignment is underway to replace & re-align the ramp from 1-271 northbound to 1-90 westbound and replace 2 bridges on I-271 between Eddy Road & I-90 in Willoughby Hills. Estimated Completion date is September 2021. I-271 express lanes (both north & south bound) between just south of Eddy Road & I-90 are shifted to the right. Be prepared for this change & allow yourself extra travel time.**



## **ROAD RESURFACING 2021 UPDATE:**

**OUR ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER KEVIN TREPAL REPORTS THAT THE 2021 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM IS MAKING SOME PROGRESS ON MEADOWBROOK, ALAN DRIVE AND DIANE COURT. THE EXISTING ASPHALT SURFACE LAYERS HAVE BEEN MILLED OFF AND HAULED AWAY. THE NEXT STEP IS TO MAKE BASE REPAIRS BEFORE ADJUSTING THE STRUCTURE CASTINGS AND PLACING THE NEW ASPHALT.**

**THANKS TO THE RESIDENTS AND MOTORISTS IN THIS AREA FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND PATIENCE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMPLETING THIS PROJECT FROM OUR 2021 STREET REHABILITATION FUNDING.**



## **A REMINDER TO SLOW DOWN DURING THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND!!! BE SAFE!**

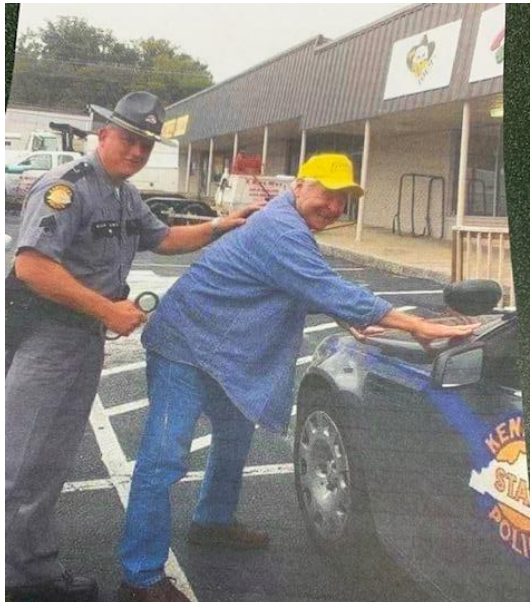
A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. Amazing, he thought as he flew down I-90, pushing the pedal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this!" and he pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.



**STAY SAFE!!! CALL CITY HALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS  
AT 440-946-1234**

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