



E-NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS!!!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE ISSUED ON FRIDAY, JULY 16TH!
ENJOY THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY!**

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

WILLOUGHBY HILLS CITY COUNCIL UPDATE:

OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY:

RESOLUTION 2021-007 – RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF LONG-TIME RESIDENT FLORINE O'RYAN
RESOLUTION 2021-009 – RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF LONG-TIME RESIDENT LARRY O'DONNELL
ORDINANCE 2021-041- TO CONTINUE ZONING ADMINISTRATION THRU BOWEN & ASSOCIATES THRU
DECEMBER 31, 2021

ORDINANCE 2021-042 – ESTABLISHING A SALARY FOR A PART-TIME RECREATION COORDINATOR AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER

ORDINANCE 2021-043 – APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE FOR 31 RADIOS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; THIS WAS PART OF A FEMA GRANT THAT WAS AWARDED TO OUR FIRE DEPT.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE FOLLOWING BEING ADOPTED AT AN UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING:

ORDINANCE 2021-044 – APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A SERVICE DEPARTMENT TRUCK F350

ORDINANCE 2021-046 – APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 30 PORTABLE RADIOS AND 13 MOBILE RADIOS FOR WH POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A PROVISION IN THE FEMA GRANT THAT ALLOWED FOR CONSIDERABLY DISCOUNTED PRICING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT ALSO ALLOWS US TO TRADE IN OUR OBSOLETE, UNSERVICEABLE EQUIPMENT.

ORDINANCE 2021-047 – PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF 9 CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO THE NOVEMBER BALLOT AS SUBMITTED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

PLEASE REACH ANY COUNCIL MEMBER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THESE OR ANY OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

CHRIS HALLUM, COUNCIL PRESIDENT, DISTRICT 3 (CENTRAL) 440-840-6710

MIKE KLINE, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT, DISTRICT 1 (EAST) 216-798-4771

JOE JARMUSZKIEWICZ, COUNCIL AT LARGE IV 440-840-5542

DAN KNECHT, COUNCIL AT LARGE III 440-336-1235

TANYA TAYLOR DRAPER, DISTRICT 2 (WEST) 440-382-4464

NANCY E. FELLOWS, COUNCIL AT LARGE II 216-952-3044

JULIE A. BELICH, COUNCIL AT LARGE I 440-487-8726

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021

JULY 4TH HOLIDAY OBSERVED – CITY HALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED!

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AND RULES & LEGISLATION MEETING

6:00 P.M.

Zoom ID# 825 7765 3647 Zoom Password 269733

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

2:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – COVID-19 PROTOCOL OBSERVED

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – COVID-19 PROTOCOL OBSERVED

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M.

Zoom ID# 840 1119 7755 Zoom Password 768442

ACCESS LINKS MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY WEBSITE FOR ALL OF THESE MEETINGS. THIS IS THE LAST WEEK THAT CITY COUNCIL WILL BE USING ZOOM. CITY COUNCIL WILL RESUME ALL MEETINGS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AFTER THIS WEEK. 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

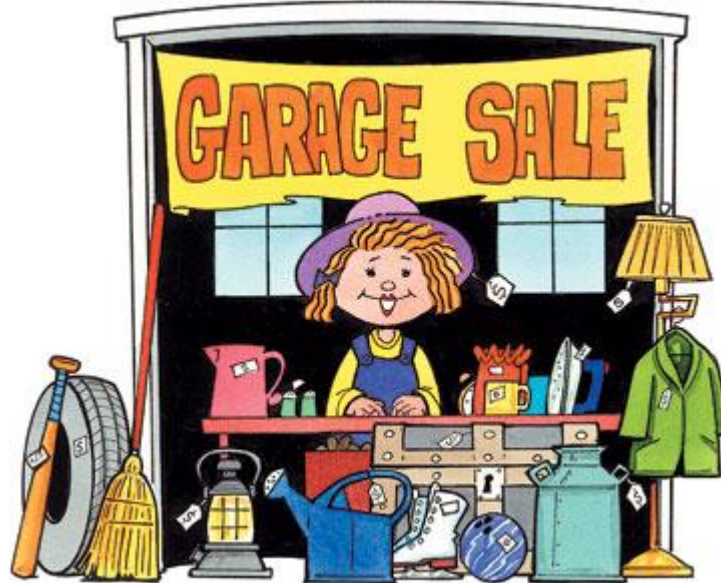
COUNCIL IS STILL LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO RUN THE NEW AUDIO/VISUAL SYSTEM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS. IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A STUDENT INTERESTED IN COMMUNICATIONS!

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!



WILLOUGHBY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT:

BLACK BEAR SIGHTINGS...

SEVERAL BLACK BEAR SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN RECENTLY DOCUMENTED IN THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS AREA, ACCORDING TO POLICE CHIEF MATT NAEGELE. "NO REASON TO PANIC THOUGH," HE SAYS, "AS LAKE COUNTY IS ONE OF THE COMMON PLACES IN OHIO TO SPOT A BLACK BEAR." WHPD REMINDS EVERYONE WHO IS LUCKY ENOUGH TO SPOT A BLACK BEAR TO ALWAYS LEAVE THE ANIMAL ALONE AND BE CAUTIOUS IN VICINITIES WHERE BEARS HAVE BEEN SITED. BLACK BEARS ARE OMNIVORES AND OPPORTUNISTIC EATERS, WHICH MEANS THEY CONSUME JUST ABOUT ANYTHING. WHILE THEY PRIMARILY EAT GRASSES, BERRIES AND INSECTS, THEY WILL VENTURE INTO UNSECURED GARBAGE CANS AND BIRD FEEDERS. IF YOU COME ACROSS A BEAR, YOU SHOULD NEVER CORNER IT AND SHOULD LEAVE A PATH FOR IT TO GET AWAY. BLACK BEARS TEND TO BE SKITTISH AND WANT AS LITTLE CONTACT WITH YOU AS YOU DO WITH THEM...SO AVOID ANY CLOSE UP PHOTO OPS! TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF A BLACK BEAR VISITING YOUR YARD, WE ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO:

- SECURE GARBAGE CANS IN A GARAGE OR SHED

- DON'T LEAVE SMALL PETS ALONE AND UNMONITORED OUTSIDE

- RETHINK YOUR BIRDFEEDER LOCATION

- KEEP YOUR BBQ GRILL CLEAN AND FREE OF DRIPPINGS.

IF YOU DO ENCOUNTER A BEAR, REMAIN CALM AND REMEMBER THAT THE BEAR IS LIKELY MORE SCARED OF YOU THAN YOU ARE OF HIM. ATTACKS BY BLACK BEARS ON PEOPLE ARE VERY RARE AND MOST BLACK BEARS CAN BE EASILY SCARED AWAY. TIPS FROM THE OH DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A BLACK BEAR ENCOUNTER INCLUDE:

- ACT CALM AND DO NOT RUN

- WARN THE BEAR THAT YOU ARE NEAR; TALK IN A FIRM, CALM VOICE

- ALLOW SPACE BETWEEN YOU AND THE BEAR. STEP ASIDE AND BACK SLOWLY AWAY.

- RAISE YOUR HANDS ABOVE YOUR HEAD TO APPEAR LARGER IF THE BEAR APPROACHES.

- EXIT THE AREA.

TO REPORT OBSERVATIONS OF BLACK BEARS, CONTACT ODNR DISTRICT WILDLIFE OFFICE OR VISIT OHIODNR.GOV. YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THE WH POLICE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY PHONE AT 440-942-9111 WITH ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR COMMENTS.



A NOTE FROM MAYOR ANDY GARDNER:

FIRST ENERGY UPDATE:

Power outages: We are currently gathering information and plan to meet with First Energy on Friday, July 9 to discuss the frequent power outages in Willoughby Hills. Their first report to us addresses their concerns about residential properties with trees touching the wires, some with trees that are ready to fall at any future storm. These trees are not in the right of way for the City or First Energy to take care of, but rather are the responsibility of the home owner. Please check your property to make sure that your trees are not near the lines. Residents are reminded to call the Illuminating Company to report outages, in addition to maintaining the trees on their property to ensure that they are not in the way of power lines. The transformer that is due in August should serve to shift power during periods of high energy usage on air conditioners, etc. during heat waves. We are discussing 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.

GAS AND ELECTRIC SERVICES NEWS:

My office has received many calls about increases in their gas and electric bills. Many of these increases seem to have been a result of the resident “opting out” of the NOPEC aggregation plan that the City has provided to seek services for another vendor. Residents often choose to do this when the other vendor offers a low rate when The resident first subscribes, but then that rate increases to a rate that is higher than the NOPEC rate that is offered to Willoughby Hills residents. To get out of the plan then, there is usually an early termination fee of approximately \$100. Our current supplier thru the NOPEC plan is Next Era Energy, which you would see on either your gas or electric bill, along with the current rate. If you need assistance with this, please call Gloria in my office at 440-918-8730 and she can help you through this process. Before making any move to “opt out”, however, please make sure to ask about future rates and early termination fees.

ROAD WORK:

The road resurfacing continues on Meadowbrook, Alan and Diane Court. Thanks to the residents and motorists in this area for their patience and cooperation.

CONDOLENCES:

Sympathy to the family of Robert Henderson, father of our Service Department worker, Bobby Henderson, who passed away this week. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Bobby and his family.

MIND CHALLENGE IS COMING TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS....

OUR FIRST MIND CHALLENGE TEAM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

DENISE REICHELT
ANDY GARDNER

GLORIA MAJESKI
MIKE KLINE

MARY MELVIN
EILEEN RITCHIE

OTHER INDIVIDUALS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AND MORE TEAMS WILL BE FORMED....

“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).

Come join the fun!

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS OVER AGE 50! THANKS TO MARAH MORRISSON OF THE NEWS HERALD WHO PROMOTED OUR EFFORTS FOR THIS NEW ADVENTURE IN THE JUNE 27TH EDITION OF THE NEWS-HERALD!



WITH SYMPATHY:

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBER OF OUR “WILLOUGHBY HILLS FAMILY” WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK:

ROBERT HENDERSON (FATHER OF OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT WORKER BOBBY HENDERSON)

BOBBY & HIS FAMILY REMAIN IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER....

CONGRATULATIONS TO RESIDENT ANGELA CIRINO'S FAMILY MEMBER, CELIA MANZIE CIRINO, WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FROM LAKE COUNTY FOR THE WORK SHE DID DURING WORLD WAR II. CELIA WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 1, 1927, IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, GROWING UP IN "LITTLE ITALY" WITH HER 4 BROTHERS AND 3 SISTERS. DURING WORLD WAR II, CELIA JOINED MILLIONS OF AMERICAN WOMEN AND ASSISTED THE WAR EFFORT BY WORKING AS A "ROSIE THE RIVETER" AT WEATHERHEAD MAKING AIRCRAFT PARTS. CELIA AND ALL OF THE "ROSIES" WORKING IN THESE FACTORIES EXHIBITED PATRIOTISM BY HELPING THEIR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY ATTAIN VICTORY. IT IS GOOD TO REMEMBER GOOD PATRIOTS, SUCH AS CELIA, DURING THIS FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY! CONGRATULATIONS TO CELIA! HER FAMILY SHOULD BE PROUD!



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

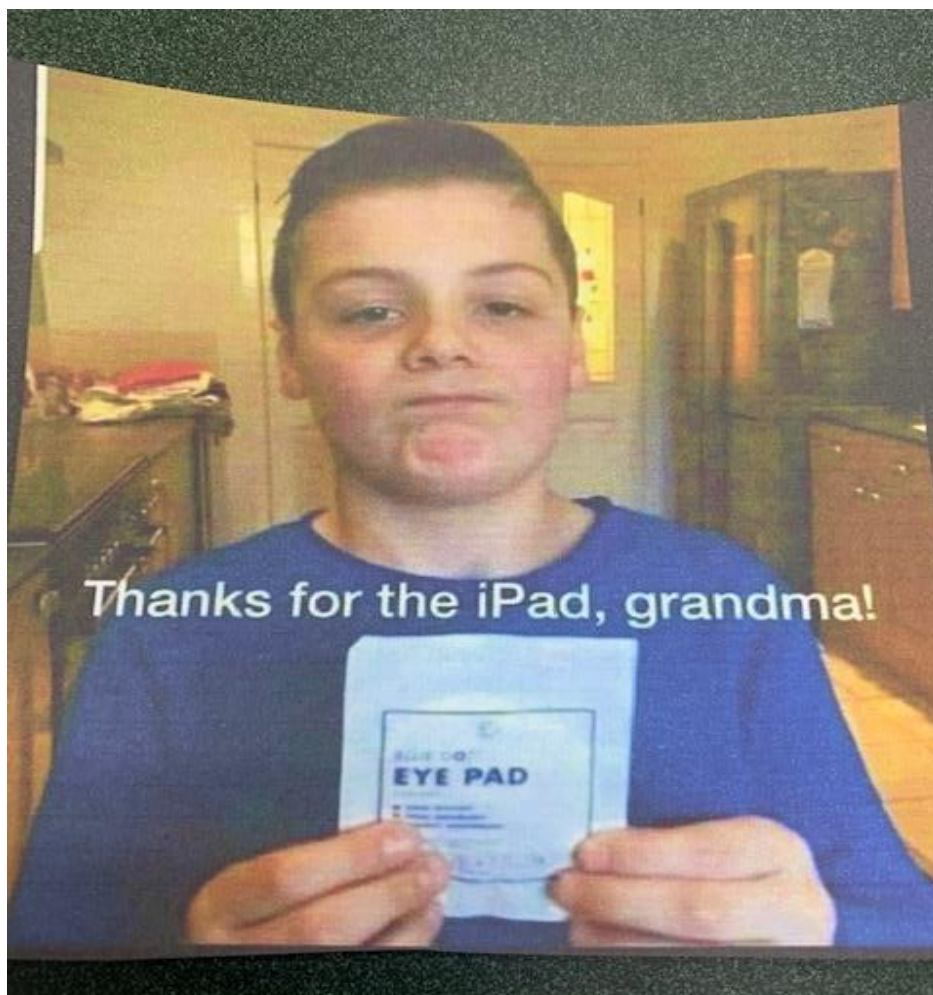
The Police Department is sending out a friendly and timely reminder as we quickly approach the July 4th celebration. Please refer to Chapter 3743 of the Ohio Revised Code for guidance on the legal constraints on the use of fireworks in the State of Ohio. You can purchase consumer-grade fireworks in Ohio, but you can't legally discharge them. We receive many complaints on and around the 4th, 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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BARB MAHOVLIC – OUR 800TH E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBER

BARB MAHOVLIC IS OUR 800TH E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBER AND THE WINNER OF A WONDERFUL WILLOUGHBY HILLS TREAT BAG! CONGRATULATIONS, BARB! OUR NEXT MILESTONE SUBSCRIBER IS SET FOR 1000!! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO SUBSCRIBE TO WIN!



As you gather with family and friends this holiday weekend, I wanted to share these few generational images with you...



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

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV