



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

WILLOUGHBY HILLS CITY COUNCIL UPDATE:

COUNCIL WILL BE ON AUGUST RECESS, WITH THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING BEFORE RECESS SET FOR THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING:

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

ORDINANCE 2021-048 – DECLARING WHPD FIREARMS SURPLUS

ORDINANCE 2021-049, 2021-050, 2021-051 – TO ACCEPT AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUNDING

MOTION TO CONFIRM MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF PT RECREATION COORDINATOR DIANA PARKER

MOTION TO ALLOW FOR GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR BODY-WORN CAMERAS

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

COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY PLANNING FOR DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.....MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS– COVID-19 PROTOCOL OBSERVED

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021

BUSINESS SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS– COVID-19 PROTOCOL OBSERVED

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – COVID-19 PROTOCOL OBSERVED

AND

ON ZOOM:

Zoom ID# 854 5331 7928 Zoom Password 647729

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – COVID-19 PROTOCOL OBSERVED

ACCESS LINKS MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY WEBSITE FOR ALL OF THESE MEETINGS.

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE NO LONGER ON ZOOM, ONLY IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

**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:**

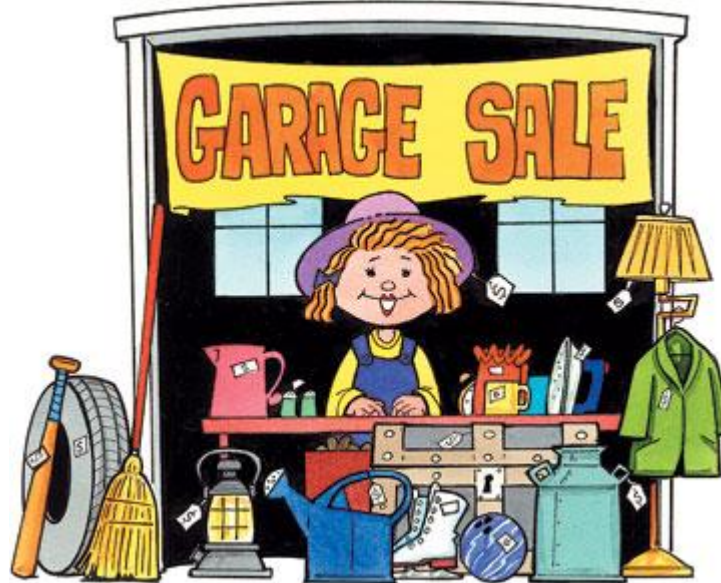
http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city_council/records/prior_years.php

**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 DUE ON JULY 31ST 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

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VENDOR FOR THE FALL CRAFT
SHOW, PLEASE EMAIL NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV AND
YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE REVIEWED ONCE OUR RETURNING VENDORS
HAVE BEEN PROCESSED!



WILLOUGHBY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT:

By Police Chief Matthew A. Naegele

For the residents and business community of Willoughby Hills, I want to provide you with some important Police Department updates that could benefit our neighborhoods and business community.

As part of our continued movement towards crime prevention and community engagement, the Police Department has recently certified a number of our officers as certified crime prevention specialists through the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. Established on the foundation that crime can be prevented, the Ohio Crime Prevention Association is committed to the development and advancement of a continuum of educational opportunities in crime prevention and community policing, to ultimately make your community a safer place to live, work, and play.

I would ask you to use our Police Department as the resource that it should be to our community. If your street, homeowner's association, community / church group or business is interested in meeting with one of our crime prevention specialists please contact us. We can be reached at (440)942-9148 or at police@willoughbyhillspolice.org. We can provide talks and town hall style gatherings on safety & crime prevention. These are simple things we can do to partner together in continuing to make Willoughby Hills a great place to live and visit. Looking forward to hearing from you.



A NOTE FROM MAYOR ANDY GARDNER:

FIRST ENERGY UPDATE:

I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT CITY REPRESENTATIVES AND FIRSTENERGEY REPRESENTATIVES MET ON FRIDAY, JULY 9. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS A SUMMARY OF THIS MEETING AND PROVIDES SOME HOPEFUL SOLUTIONS WITH FUTURE POWER OUTAGES:

On Friday, July 9th, representatives of the City met with Wendy Zele, FirstEnergy's Regional External Affairs Consultant for the City of Willoughby Hills to continue our discussions regarding power outages in the City, particularly the recent power outages on the East side of the City following weather events.

During the meeting, the City and FirstEnergy reviewed:

- the causes of outages during 2020 and 2021 to date,
- FirstEnergy's preventative maintenance procedures in the City, and
- what FirstEnergy and the City and its residents can do to attempt to minimize future outages.

Almost all of the significant outages in the City during 2020 and 2021 have been the result of storms damaging trees outside of the FirstEnergy right of way that fall and then break or damage distribution equipment, wires and poles within the FirstEnergy right of way. Of eight outages, all but three were caused by damage resulting from trees falling from outside the FirstEnergy right of way.

FirstEnergy has been diligently working to curtail these outages. Since February of 2020, FirstEnergy has completed the following upgrades and preventative maintenance actions in Willoughby Hills:

- (i) a full Circuit Patrol (where they physically walk the feed) (February 2020),
- (ii) a forestry patrol and tree trimming of all electric rights of way in the City (FirstEnergy's right of way is 10' on either side of their distribution lines, which are typically the highest set of lines on the utility poles, with cable, telephone and other communication lines lower on the poles) (July 2020),
- (iii) Public Utilities Company of Ohio (PUCO) required pole inspections throughout the City (August 2020), and
- (iv) additional forestry patrols and tree trimming on the East side of the City, at the request of City representatives.

What FirstEnergy is doing to help:

- (i) Continued Monitoring of Performance. FirstEnergy will continue monitoring their network performance and reliability to look for potential improvements (especially during the high demand summer months).
- (ii) Helping Educate Residents. FirstEnergy is providing its Vegetation Guidelines to help residents understand which trees are in the right of way and which are outside the right of way so that residents can help prevent trees/branches falling and causing outages.
- (iii) Additional Forestry Patrols. At the request of City officials, FirstEnergy is asking their forestry contractor to check several areas in the City where there may be additional trimming needed in their right of way (Chardon Road, River Road and Hanna Road areas).
- (iv) Installation of new Transformer. FirstEnergy is installing a new transformer at their substation that will help with reliability in the City.
- (v) Evaluating installation of additional re-routing equipment. FirstEnergy will be evaluating the feasibility of installing equipment that will re-route power in the event of outages to minimize the number of customers/residents affected by the outage.
- (vi) Continue Communication with the City. FirstEnergy is committed to continue to work with the City to evaluate the effectiveness of these steps and make future improvements to their distribution grid as needed.

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What Residents can do to help:

- (i) Report all outages directly to FirstEnergy at 1-888-544-4877. Do not call City Hall or 911! FirstEnergy tracks this data to investigate if additional upgrades are necessary.
- (ii) Review the Vegetation Guidelines and exercise as much preventative maintenance as possible with any dead, rotting or other trees that may threaten to fall and hit FirstEnergy equipment, wires or poles during violent winds or following heavy snow. The line coming from the right of way across your property to your home is the responsibility of the homeowner, not FirstEnergy. The Vegetation Guidelines provide a list of contractors that can safely work near power lines.
- (iii) Advise the City (440-975-3550) and FirstEnergy of any trees that appear to be threatening FirstEnergy equipment, wires or poles.
- (iv) For seniors or residents in need of electricity for medical purposes, the resident may want to consider the purchase of a generator and/or battery back up to assist when power outages interrupt the service of medical equipment or basement sump pumps. Also, those individuals who have large freezers for food storage may also choose to consider this option.

Finally, if you leave your home (or let your pets out) during an outage, especially at night, remember to exercise appropriate caution. Power lines can be difficult to see, especially at night and can be tangled up in downed foliage. If a tree is down near power lines, avoid the area until you can safely see and identify the location of the power line. If you see a downed power line, stay clear of the line and anything that it may be in contact with (including any large puddles, saturated ground, fences other structures, trees or vehicles) and call 911 to report the hazard.

Also, **please do not call 911 regarding the length of power outages**, only FirstEnergy will be able to provide that information.

We will continue to keep residents apprised as we work with FirstEnergy for improvement.

ROAD WORK UPDATE:

Our road work is nearing completion on Meadowbrook Drive, Alan Drive and Diana Court. It is a great improvement to our community.

CONDOLENCES:

Sympathy to the family of Rita Misich who passed away this week. Our thoughts and prayers remain with her and her family.

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS:

July 23 – Mind Challenge Practice Round – 9:00 a.m. WH Comm. Ctr. (call Gloria in my office if you are interested in being on the Willoughby Hills team!)

July 28 – Final Charter Review Commission meeting to review Charter Amendments for the November ballot – 7pm Council Chambers

July 29 – Master Plan meeting to discuss ideas for the Plan- 7pm – Chambers

August 7 – Garage Sale Day in Willoughby Hills – applications due 7/31

September 18 – Touch A Truck – to include a parade to kick off the event

MIND CHALLENGE IS COMING TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS....

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

DENISE REICHELT
ANDY GARDNER
SANDY FALCK

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!



SERVICE DEPARTMENT REMINDER:

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE CITY HAS AN ORDINANCE THAT PROHIBITS BLOWING GRASS CLIPPINGS IN TO THE STREET. PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THIS AS YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR LANDSCAPE.



CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION'S PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS:

ON JULY 8, 2021, THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION PRESENTS NINE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL. BY CHARTER, COUNCIL CANNOT ALTER THEIR REQUESTS IN ANY WAY, BUT MUST APPROVE SENDING THEIR SUGGESTIONS TO THE BALLOT. THE COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC FORUM TO REVIEW THESE CHANGES AT A COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING SET FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

HERE IS A RECAP OF THEIR CHANGES. PLEASE ATTEND THE UPCOMING MEETING TO LEARN MORE.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1 – ARTICLE 1 THE MUNICIPALITY – SECTION 1.5 INDEMNIFICATION:

INTENT: THAT PUBLIC OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY, WHILE ACTING FOR THE CITY SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY AN INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE, AS CURRENTLY PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE 2020-66. WHEN PLACED IN THE CHARTER, IT MAY NOT BE REVOKED BY COUNCIL WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2 – THE MAYOR – DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SECTION 2.2:

INTENT: CLARIFYING THAT THE MAYOR'S ABILITY TO CONTROL THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE UNDER HIS SUPERVISION. (THIS IS SUBMITTED TO CLARIFY THAT THE MAYOR IS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ALL CITY EMPLOYEES, BUT NOT COUNCIL).

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3 – THE MAYOR – ANNUAL BUDGET, SECTION 2.24:

INTENT: INCREASES THE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM 30 TO 60 FOR THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE ANNUAL BUDGET TO COUNCIL PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR THE BUDGET CERTIFICATION.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4 – THE COUNCIL – ORGANIZATION, SECTION 3.2

INTENT: ENSURES THAT IF A COUNCIL MEMBER LOSES AN ELECTION, RESIGNS OR IS REMOVED FROM COUNCIL, THE MEMBER WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE APPOINTED TO A DIFFERENT VACANT COUNCIL SEAT FOR AT LEAST 180 DAYS FROM THEIR LAST DAY IN OFFICE.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #5 – CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES, SECTION 5.52

INTENT: REMOVES THE DUTY OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REVIEWING NEW EMPLOYEE CREDENTIALS OF UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS, ONLY PERMITTING THEM TO REVIEW CLASSIFIED (FULL-TIME POLICE AND FULL-TIME FIRE EMPLOYEES, EXCEPT THE CHIEFS) POSITIONS.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #6 – ELECTORATE – POWERS OF THE ELECTORATE, SECTION 8.2

INTENT: INCREASES THE NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES ON A PETITION FOR A MAYORAL CANDIDATE: AT LEAST 1% FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND AT LEAST 4% FOR MAYORAL CANDIDATES OF THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS VOTING IN THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #7 – ELECTORATE – POWERS OF THE ELECTORATE, SECTION 8.2

INTENT: DECREASES THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES NEEDED FOR RECALL OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL FOUND GUILTY OF MISFEASANCE, MALFEASANCE OR NONFEASANCE IN OFFICE TO 20% OF NUMBER OF ELECTORS VOTING IN THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #8 – ELECTORATE – PROCEDURES, SECTION 8.3

INTENT: REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT FOR A MAYORAL CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE A MAJORITY SO THAT A RUNOFF IS NOT NECESSARY.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #9 – PERSONNEL – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, SECTION 9.3

INTENT: CLARIFIES THAT THE MAYOR IS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ALL CITY EMPLOYEES, BUT HE IS NOT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF COUNCIL.

FOR A COMPLETE VERSION OF THESE AMENDMENTS, SEE ORDINANCE 2021-047 ON THE CITY WEBSITE, COUNCIL SECTION.

MILK & HONEY WEEKEND SET AT LAKE METROPARKS

LAKE METROPARKS IS PREPARING FOR MILK & HONEY WEEKEND FROM 9AM TO 5PM ON JULY 17 AND JULY 18 AT LAKE FARM PARK, 8800 EUCLID CHARDON ROAD IN KIRTLAND.

ATTENDEES CAN LEARN HOW MILK BECOMES CHEESE, BUTTER OR ICE CREAM, WATCH THE PROCESS AND SAMPLE THE PRODUCTS. ATTENDEES CAN ALSO LEARN ABOUT BEES AND THEIR ROLE IN POLLINATION.

FARMPARK ADMISSION (\$6-\$8) APPLIES FOR AGES 2 AND OLDER.

THE EVENT IS PRESENTED BY WILLOUGHBY FINE ARTS.



CITY SURPLUS ITEMS ON GOVDEALS INTERNET AUCTION

Throughout the year the City disposes of City property that is no longer needed once Council declares it surplus. The following items are now being offered on the internet auction through July 21:

150 red banquet chairs (formerly used at WH Community Center) – reserve set at \$450.

2 red conference chairs – reserve set at \$200.

33 computers (no hard drives), various models including Dell, HP, Gateway & Power Spec – These were the City Hall & PD computers that were replaced, but the hard drives must be removed for security reasons - reserve set at \$350.

1 Zimmerman piano – 4'8" Grand Piano –reserve set at \$600.

2012 Case 52 FXT loader – runs well but ride control not working; has some hydraulic leaks; this was replaced earlier this year in our Service Department – reserve set at \$50,000

If you are interested in viewing or bidding any of these items, please visit:
www.govdeals.com

SENIOR ACTIVITIES AT WH COMMUNITY CENTER:

Bridge Club – Wednesdays, 11:45 am to 4pm – Call Pat 440-220-0345 or Dorothy 440-449-5285

Book Club – 4th Monday of each Month at 10 am – Call Kathy 440-942-2964

Crochet and Knitting – Thursdays from 10 am to noon – Call Maria 440-946-6697

Mahjogg – Fridays at 1:00 pm – Call Janet 440-943-2251

Pinochle – Fridays and Saturdays at 6:00 pm – Call Shirley at 440-942-4697

Podiatry – Thursdays by appointment (by Dr. Kelly Whaley) at 216-229-0292

MORE ACTIVITIES FORTHCOMING!!!

THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND:

WILLOUGHBY ARTSFEST – SATURDAY, JULY 17 FROM 10 AM TO 6PM IN DOWNTOWN WILLOUGHBY

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH 2021 OKTOBERFEST IN JULY –

FRIDAY, JULY 16 5PM TO 11PM SATURDAY, JULY 17 4PM TO 11PM SUNDAY, JULY 18 NOON-10PM

HEADLANDS BEACH FEST – SATURDAY, JULY 17 FROM 11AM TO 7PM

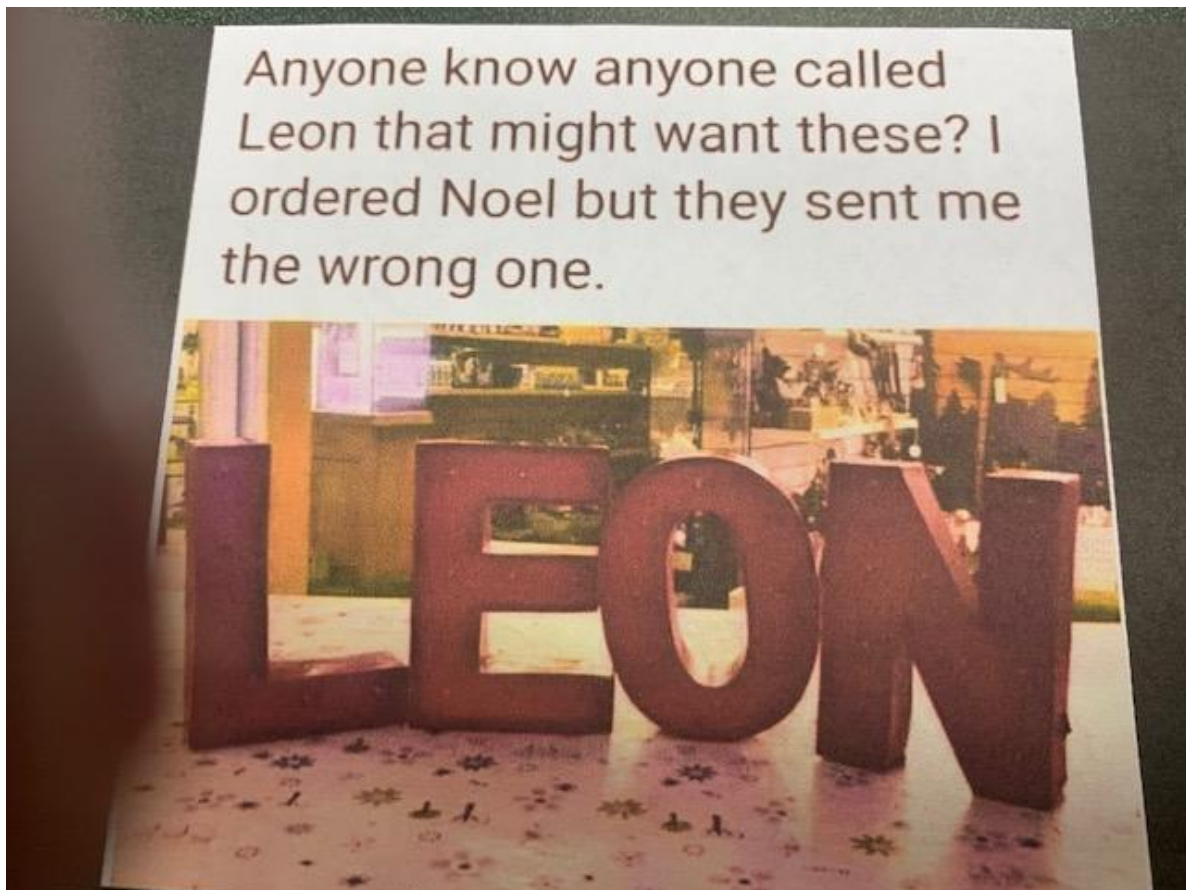
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THE JOHN GLENN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (TO CELEBRATE THE LATE JOHN GLENN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY) RUNNING FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT THE JOHN & ANNIE GLENN MUSEUM IN NEW CONCORD, OH. WHAT A GREAT TRIBUTE TO OUR VERY OWN OHIO ASTRONAUT!

AND IF YOU ARE CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS IN JULY, LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT.....



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