



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

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

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

As July winds down, the City continues to focus on many of the projects for street and sewer rehabilitation that were finalized earlier this year:

The City Engineer has advised me that Chagrin Valley Paving began their work on Legend Lane on Wednesday, July 20. They milled the pavement surface on Wednesday. Our City Engineer and Road Superintendent marked areas for the base repairs on Thursday morning. Chagrin Valley plans to perform base repairs on Friday and install the chip seal layer on Saturday, and the intermediate and final courses of asphalt during the week of July 25. This 2022 Street Rehabilitation project is progressing nicely for our Legend Lane residents.

The City has also been advised that the 2022 Sewer Rehabilitation project has begun with sanitary sewer lining in various locations along Kristen Court and Gatsby Lane being taken care of by United Survey during the week of July 25. They presented the Mayor's Office with a 24-hour notice notification letter which all of the affected residents in this area will receive as advance notice for the project. Kristin Court will be first on July 25, with the remainder of Gatsby to follow in four phases beginning July 26 and ending July 29. I hope this E-newsletter notice will have you totally prepared for this work in your area.

I wanted to take a moment to thank the Stark Road residents for their patience on Sunday, July 17, when Willoughby Hills Friends Church used Stark Drive as a way out of the church lot following their special outside service. With the non-stop rain, it was nice to have one less thing to worry about. Your cooperation was greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to this year's Garage Sale Day in Willoughby Hills on Saturday, August 6. This is a great opportunity to get rid of some things that have piled up over the summer before the kids go back to school. Get your application in now so you can be included on the City's advertisements and maps.

We continue our planning for Rock N Roll Day in Willoughby Hills set for Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 10am to 10pm. Many great events are in store from all ages. We are looking for about 5 more classic cars to enter our Classic Car show and about 10 more cornhole teams. A \$100 Amazon gift card has been added as an additional prize to the winners of the cornhole tournament, in addition to the already great cash prize! The tournament begins at 1pm and is double elimination. Sure to be great fun!

We are also seeking volunteers, even for 2 hours to sell tickets, work at the Kids' Games tent, etc. Call my office at 440-918-8730 if you want to be a part of this great day!

Best wishes for a great week!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

**Monday, July 25, 2022**

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

**6:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

**Tuesday, July 26, 2022**

**ROCK N ROLL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Senior Room (lower level at Community Center)**

**Thursday, July 28, 2022**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Willoughby Hills End of Summer Garage Sale Day**

**Saturday, August 6, 2022**

**Applications must be received by July 31.**

**Click on the link below to get your application!**

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/SUMMER%20GARAGE%20SALE%20APP%202022.PDF>

**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 (link to register is:

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/CAR%20SHOW%20APPLICATION%202022.pdf>

(limited # of cars accepted), cornhole tournament and more.

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

We are still looking for participants for the Corn Hole Tournament, Car Show Display and volunteers. Please reach out to Gloria in the Mayor's Office or sign up on our Signupgenius.com app

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA9AF29A1F9C34-willoughby2>

**PRIMARY ELECTION INFO:**

A Primary Election is set for Tuesday, August 2, 2022. For this Primary, remember you must declare your party and then your ballot will be strictly based on that selection. The only items on the ballots this Primary are for State Central Committee (Men & Women) (18<sup>th</sup> District) representatives and State Representative for 23<sup>rd</sup> District. Plan to visit your local polling place on Tuesday, August 2, or obtain your ballot from the Lake County Board of Elections:

For Democratic Sample Ballot – page 1 only:

<https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/boe/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2022/06/2022-August-Primary-Election-Dem-Sample.pdf>

For Republican Sample Ballot – page 1 only:

<https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/boe/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2022/06/2022-August-Primary-Election-Rep-Sample.pdf>

## **CITY NEWS:**

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS:**

THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED CALLS RECENTLY REGARDING INVOICES THAT RESIDENTS WITH SEPTIC TANKS ARE RECEIVING. THE CALLERS WANT TO VERIFY THAT IT IS A LEGITIMATE INVOICE AND NOT A SCAM.

THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE INVOICES ARE LEGITIMATE. MOST OF THESE INVOICES ARE \$100, WHICH COVERS A TOTAL OF FIVE YEARS (\$20/YEAR). THE RESIDENT NEEDS TO SUBMIT THE \$100 WITH A CERTIFICATE FROM A LEGITIMATE SEPTIC COMPANY SHOWING THAT THEY HAVE HAD THE SYSTEM PUMPED/SERVICED IN ORDER FOR THE PERMIT TO BE GOOD FOR FIVE YEARS. THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED WITH THE INVOICE, PER THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT. PLEASE CHECK THE CITY WEBSITE REGARDING THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT'S ROLE IN OVERSEEING SEPTIC SYSTEMS AT:

<http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/SEPTIC%20OPERATIONAL%20PERMIT%20INFO%202018.pdf>

### **POWER OUTAGE UPDATE:**

Residents in the area of River Road recently experienced two outages that will be the topic of discussion at the City's August 2 meeting with First Energy, where a representative of the community from the affected area will also be present. A future newsletter will give an update on this meeting.

### **NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) NEWS:**

The NEORS has notified the City of resources being offered to help lower sewer bills. Such programs include:

- 1) Crisis Assistance for life events like job loss or medical expenses, and
- 2) Homestead\* or Affordability program 40% discount for qualified customers.

\*Property must be owner-occupied.

If you are a renter having difficulty making payments due to COVID-19, Northeast Ohio Rent Help is available thanks to CHN Housing Partners at 833-377-7368.

To see if you qualify for any of these programs, please contact NEORS Customer Service at 216-881-8247.



## SNOW PLOW CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION:

We are still working on an informational booklet for snow plow contractors which will help in their compliance with Council's recent ordinance 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 in an upcoming newsletter. Thank you.



## RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE NEWS...

Sympathy to the family of long-time resident Doug Nash who passed away on June 26, 2022. Doug was a member of Willoughby Hills United Methodist Church. He enjoyed working on his River Road farm, fishing and making maple syrup. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves and as a director on the Lake County Fair Board for many years. Mr. Nash will certainly be missed for all he did for our community. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Get Well wishes to SOM Center resident Irene Mascaro. Best wishes for a speedy recovery!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCOUT MAX CULP OF TROOP 280 OUT OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS  
MAPLE GROVE GRANGE WHO HAD HIS EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW THIS WEEK!  
LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING IT OFFICIAL VERY SOON!





## DOUBLECHECK FOR NOPEC OPTIONS:

An interesting thing happened at this year's NOPEC picnic on Sunday, July 17! When the City's representatives attended, NOPEC's representative advised them of a new rate that could greatly help some of our residents (through May 2023). Here is what we have to share:

### NOPEC Electric Customers:

"NOPEC recently informed us that their electric price is more than the current utility "PRICE TO COMPARE (PTC)". The current PTC is low because the utility began purchasing the power more than 11 months ago when prices were much lower. This difference will continue until May 2023 when the utility's pricing is expected to adjust to the current market and will likely increase. Until then, residents may select to move to the PTC rate of \$0.678 per kWh by calling NOPEC's Customer Care Center at 1-855-667-3201 and ask specifically to be dropped to the utility's default service at no charge, but not to "opt out." Residents who leave a NOPEC plan now can always rejoin when the markets normalize. The NOPEC customer service team will be ready to receive these calls and will explain the process and the consequences of "opting out" instead of "dropping" in this temporary fashion."

While it is said that NOPEC will remind you (come May 2023) that the low rate is now changed to be most likely higher than NOPEC plan rates, mark your calendar that you will want to check out rates again then to most likely get back in to one of the plan options for electric rates. If you have noticed that your electric bill has gotten significantly higher, this may be a good option for the next few months to save you some money.

Special thanks to our NOPEC representatives for bringing this new option to our attention!

### NOPEC RATES:

#### NOPEC RATES FOR GAS FOR JULY 2022:

Standard Plan  
\$5.990 per mcf

Monthly Variable Plan  
\$6.711 mcf

12-mo. Fixed Rate  
\$8.650 per mcf

24-mo. Fixed Rate  
\$7.750 per mcf

#### NOPEC RATES FOR ELECTRIC FOR JULY 2022:\*\*\*\*\*

Standard Plan  
12.000 cents per kWh

Monthly Variable Plan  
Closed to new enrollment

12-mo. Fixed Rate  
11.900 cents per kWh

24-mo. Fixed Rate  
10.900 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!

\*\*\*\*\*CHECK OUT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE CONCERNING CALLING NOPEC TO CHANGE TO THE "PTC" RATE THROUGH MAY 2023 AT 1-855-667-3201 FOR DISCOUNTED ELECTRIC RATES!

## 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)

## SAFETY TOWN – SMALL ENROLLMENT BUT BIG REWARDS!

While it was a small enrollment with only six children enrolled in the Safety Town Class this year, it brought big rewards as these pre-kindergarten students learned many aspects of safety with the help of Willoughby Hills Police and Fire Departments. The class was conducted by Julie Lisi and Officers Jim Vitale and Sal Continenza, with the help of volunteers including Tillie and Laura O'Donnell, and the financial sponsorship of Elaine Crane! The week flew by for the kids and we were so happy that they participated in this fine program.



## **CITY MAKES APPLICATION FOR SIDEWALKS ON CHARDON ROAD FROM THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS BORDER TO BISHOP ROAD :**

### **FOLLOW UP TO REQUEST FOR RESIDENT INPUT TO LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON CDBG GRANT OR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING FOR SIDEWALK PROJECT ON WEST END OF THE CITY:**

Thanks to all of our great residents who reached out to the three Lake County Commissioners to request a review of the application for funding sidewalks on the West end of our City to eliminate the danger of people walking in the street and parking lot, as well as a means for economic development in that area. Many residents reached out with letters and emails and we can continue this effort to seek funding from the county to make this dream a reality. Commissioner Plecnik indicated in a response to one resident that *"Whoever wrote our City newsletter must have missed the relevant part of Commissioner's meeting, because it was explained that in addition to the millions in American Rescue Plan money already allocated to Willoughby Hills, the County is actively supporting HB 377 to gain additional funds for Willoughby Hills right now. In other words, Lake County is already doing everything it can. HB 377 has already passed the Statehouse, and is pending in the State Senate. If passed, it will allocate an additional \$500,000 to Willoughby Hills and more than cover the roughly \$450,000 cost of the sidewalk project. Lake County continues to push, and our lobbyist informs me the likelihood is extremely high that HB 377 will pass this year. It is my honest opinion that there is a 99% chance this passes this year."*

The City has, however, been in contact with State Representative Dan Troy's office who has advised the City that *"The only remaining American Rescue Plan money that Willoughby Hills is to receive is the 2nd half from the amount determined a year ago, approximately \$500,000. There is no more that is earmarked for Willoughby Hills direct. House Bill 377 is just a formality needed to allocate the 2nd half payments to the smaller communities."*

This means then that we ARE relying on County funds to help us with this project and appreciate our residents letting the County leaders know what we need in the City of Willoughby Hills to make our community safer and economically healthier.

If residents want to weigh in on this suggestion, please feel free to reach out to:

Lake County Commissioners, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077, or via email at  
[john.hamercheck@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:john.hamercheck@lakecountyohio.gov) (Phone: 440-350-2754),  
[john.plecnik@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:john.plecnik@lakecountyohio.gov) (Phone 440-350-2882) and  
[mark.tyler@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:mark.tyler@lakecountyohio.gov) (Phone: 440-350-5812)

With your help perhaps we can make this project a reality! Thanks for your help!!

## **Republic Services Recap:**

Just a brief clarification of our contract with Republic Services for trash (weekly), recycle and yard waste (every other week) collection:

2022-2023 fee for full services is: \$67.41 per quarter, or \$64.41 per quarter for seniors. Yellow bag fee is \$39.50 for a roll of 10 bags, but you do not receive a quarterly bill and you do not qualify for yard waste or free large item pickup.

Republic does not allow residents to "opt out" of the yard waste option. It is worked into the quarterly fee and is picked up with a separate truck from the trash/recycle, but should be on the same day as recycle as staffing permits.

Questions should be directed to Republic Services at 1-800-968-7789.



# 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

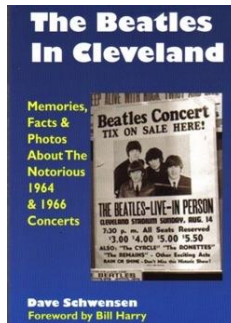


11:00 am – 8:00 pm – Food trucks open & fresh roasted sweet corn available!

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:

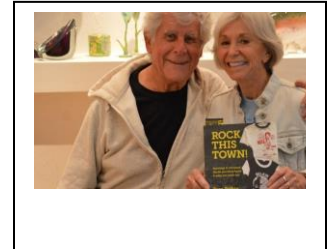
Kids’ Games Basket Raffles Souvenir Stand Beer

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

“Cleveland Rock N Roll Roots” program/book signing by Deanna Adams



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!



# WILLOUGHBY HILLS YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE FUNDRAISER:



## WILLOUGHBY HILLS YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION

### ATTENTION All Baseball and Memorabilia Fans

The Willoughby Hills Youth Sports Association is having a Fundraising Raffle:  
A Chance to Win a Signed Shane Bieber Jersey, or a Roger Dorn Jersey Signed by Corbin Bernsen

Order Your Tickets by Scanning the QR Code with your cell phone below  
or use the link for Your Chance to WIN:

<https://whysa.ticketspice.com/summer-2022>

Winners will be Drawn on August 13th, 2022 at the Willoughby Hills Rock N Roll Day City Festival  
(Willoughby Hills Community Center)

SCAN HERE



TO ENTER

\$10 = 1 Entry  
\$25 = 3 Entries

Ticket Sales will Close at 8:pm, August 13, 2022

SCAN HERE



TO ENTER



Signed Shane Bieber Jersey



Signed Roger Dorn Jersey  
by Corbin Benson



*Our Youth of Today are Our Leaders of Tomorrow*

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

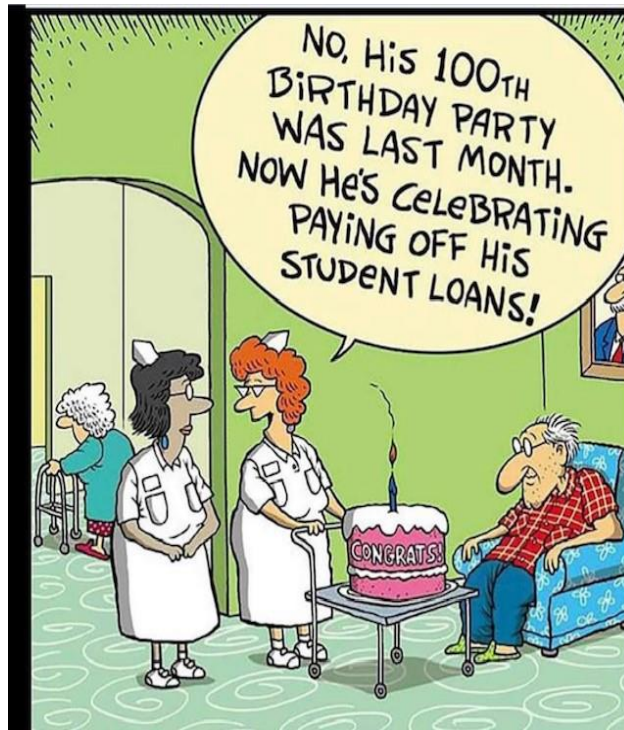
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS....



**I MADE A HUGE TO  
DO LIST TODAY.  
I JUST CAN'T  
FIGURE OUT WHO'S  
GOING TO DO IT.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out:

City of Willoughby Hills, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

440-918-8730 Mayor Gardner's Office