



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

Special thanks to Recreation Commission members Matt Gray and Laura O'Donnell for organizing this year's Summer Garage Sale Day in Willoughby Hills. There are over forty residents who will be having garage sales, some started Thursday, some Friday and into Sunday. Click on the link below for the complete list of streets and map.

https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/2022%20Summer%20Garage%20Sale%20HZ%20Map_v4.pdf

The Recreation Commission is also responsible for the Kids Games tent at the upcoming Rock N Roll Day in Willoughby Hills on Saturday, August 13. They are planning for musical chairs, kids corn hole, fishing pond, spin the wheel, ring toss, connect four and many others that will make for a great day for the kids. The Coloring Contest is already underway and the winners will be announced at 10:30 a.m. at the event on 8/13/22. You can turn in your entry prior to the event at City Hall or just bring it to the event prior to the 10:30 a.m. announcement. The link below will take you to the coloring page:

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/coloring%20contest%20-%20final%20page.pdf>

Work is continuing on the roads throughout the City, with Legend Lane needing a little more time than we originally expected. There was additional work on the base that needed to be done before the final coat could be completed. We appreciate the patience of the residents as we complete this Road Levy project this year.

The City Hall parking lot project is underway and the Service Department has removed the island and elongated the parking lot a bit to allow for more room to park safely. We look forward to completing this and then starting work on the salt dome that we would like to complete before the winter weather arrives.

The City met with First Energy to discuss some recurrent outages on River's Edge and will continue discussions with them to seek resolution. We are also discussing Rogers Road where similar concerns about recurrent outages exist. A brief summary of this meeting is contained in this E-newsletter and we will continue to keep you updated as things progress. Yesterday's outage at approximately 2:30 p.m. which was restored by 5:30 p.m. reportedly was due to a "phase riser burning," causing widespread outages along Chardon Road and affecting many of our residents. We worked with First Energy immediately and many residents reported it, which is the correct step when outages occur. Thank you!

Again, don't forget to take advantage of the garage sales this weekend. Have fun!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Saturday, August 6, 2022

GARAGE SALE DAY IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Sale times vary. Click on the link below to access the list and map of all sales:

https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/2022%20Summer%20Garage%20Sale%20HZ%20Map_v4.pdf

Monday, August 8, 2022

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Check the City website for discussion items:

http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city_council/records/2022_-_ordinances_and_resolutions.php

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

LAKE COUNTY SIREN TESTING

10:00 A.M.

Saturday, August 13, 2022

ROCK N ROLL DAY IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS

10:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M. – Willoughby Hills Community Center

Click on the link below for a complete schedule of all events:

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/SCHEDULE%20OF%20EVENTS%20-%20FINAL%20-%201%20TO%20A%20PAGE.pdf>

Corn Hole Tournament Application

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/CORN%20HOLE%20APPLICATION%202022-rev%201.pdf>

Car Show Application

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

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First Covenant Church Movie Night

8:30 P.M. – First Covenant Church, 29400 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills

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>

CITY NEWS:

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)

Prescription Drugs – Willoughby Hills Police Department (No needles please!)

FIRST ENERGY MEETING UPDATE

A meeting between two First Energy representatives, Mayor Gardner, Executive Assistant Gloria Majeski, Service Superintendent Mark Grubiss, Councilman Mike Kline and two residents representing River's Edge HOA (Keith Brandt and Ray Wymer) was held on August 2, 2022. The dates of recent outages were discussed with the cause of each identified. While many seemed related to tree issues, there were definitely some things that were brought up that we hope to address in the future. The River's Edge residents had prepared a presentation (including multiple resident emails entailing the inconvenience and the cost of inconvenience) that the City found helpful in understanding their frustration. The frustration of the nearby Pine Valley development not being affected by power outages that affect River's Edge was discussed. First Energy will review the outages at both developments and work with their Engineering Department to review the Pine Valley distribution. They will look into the possibility of an alternate feeder and will check where the reclosures are set up. Reclosure units have saved sustained outages but may be the source of "momentary outages" when the unit is opening and closing. In 2020, one additional disconnect was put in to shorten the number of residents impacted by an outage. Service Superintendent Grubiss suggested the installation of a fuse before the River's Edge develop that may prevent outages on River's Edge, which First Energy will review.

When the one-hour meeting concluded, First Energy had proposed the following:

- 1) Review of the 3-day outage of November 2020 and 7/31/22 momentary outage,
- 2) Review of the possibility of fuse relocation,
- 3) Review of possibility of alternate Pine Valley line (to include Pine Valley history),
- 4) Resident complaint review,
- 5) Supervisor who works in the area will work with the Engineering Department and Service Superintendent to review best plan to resolve these concerns,
- 6) City will encourage residents to sign up for "online reporting map" through First Energy which tracks the outages and is a good tool (with registration required), and
- 7) First Energy will provide a Status Update Report by August 12.

Mayor Gardner asked that First Energy plan to meet back again to discuss ongoing concerns on Rogers Road, many that are similar to what was discussed at this River's Edge meeting.

RESIDENT NEWS:

Sympathy to Barb Panesky and Family on the loss of her mother, longtime Willoughby Hills resident Mabel Moses. Please keep Barb and the Moses family in your thoughts and prayers.



EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION AND RETIREMENT NEWS:

Best wishes to Part-time Firefighter Dalton Bode as he leaves WHFD for other firefighter duties. Thanks for your service to the City of Willoughby Hills.

Part-time Finance Director Frank Brichacek submitted his notice to retire at the end of the year this week to Mayor Gardner. Frank has been with the City since 2008 (first as a Part-Time Auditor, then assuming the Part-Time Finance Director role with the retirement of former Director Joe Mirtel. Frank is the Director who is responsible for the City budget and has been the key reason for the City's numerous State Auditor awards. Frank will be around for a few more months, but we wish him well on this tough decision to retire.



On June 6, 2022, Mayor's Executive Assistant Gloria Majeski submitted her notice to retire, with her last day to work being September 2, 2022. Gloria has been with the City since 2008 (working for Mayor Weger for 12 years and then Mayor Gardner since 2020). Gloria looks forward to enjoying retirement life and will certainly miss her friends at City Hall and the numerous residents she has gotten to know over the years.



Residents Receive A+ in Emergency Preparedness:

Residents in the area of Eagle Road and Red Fox Pass were notified last week that their water would be shut off for an indeterminate length of time while the contractor for Lake County Department of Utilities worked to repair a problem. Residents were notified that this could take all day Monday, and perhaps into Tuesday while the repair was being made. They were told to prepare their water supply and meals accordingly. Well these residents sure did their best to make sure they were prepared and the City wants to offer them an “A+ for Emergency Preparedness.” One resident called City Hall to ask about usage of the City Hall bathroom facilities and if we would be able to leave a key under the front mat! Seriously though, everyone sure was happy when the repair took only about three hours, with many homes only seeing “cloudy” water! Thank you all for doing your due diligence to avoid any problems.

The “Best Residents Award”, however, clearly goes to Bob and Babs Gubanc on Kennelly who sent me this photo to show how prepared they were:



Even though I was on track to deliver milk every morning for their cereal because they did not have a place to put it, it was all fine! Way to go Willoughby Hills residents! A+!

SALES TAX-FREE WEEKEND

Just a reminder that Ohio's sales tax-free weekend for school supplies will take place from midnight August 5 to 11:59 p.m. August 7 this year. Consumers can purchase clothing, school supplies and instructional materials free of sales tax during this time, according to a news release from Better Business Bureau. The News-Herald reports that specifically, this covers individual purchases such as: 1) An item of clothing priced at \$75 or less, 2) An item of school supplies priced at \$20 or less, and 3) An item of school instructional material priced at \$20 or less. Good luck as you seek some great bargains before the kids go back to school!

Volunteers needed (2 hour shifts only!) for Rock N Roll Day:

CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY (Show is from 11am to 3pm)

Two Volunteers: 10:45am – 12:45pm and 12:45pm -3:00pm

Job: Coordinate the cars that have preregistered for their placement by the concession stand area; distribute their participation bags; coordinate with Mayor for “Best of Show” trophy.

HANDICAPPED PARKING ATTENDANTS

Two Volunteers: 9:30am-11:30 am, 11:30am-1:30pm, 3:30pm-5:30pm, 5:30pm-7:30pm, 7:30pm-9:30pm

Job: There are 2 handicapped parking areas (one by the VFW memorial at the Community Center and one at the first row of parking spots at City Hall). Flag handicapped visitors to open spots or spot them when they are ready to leave. Make sure handicapped signage is put up and, if full, indicate as such. You will be provided with a safety vest and flag.

WATER/POP BOOTH: (booth open 9:30am – 9:30pm)

Two Volunteers for each tent: every two hours from 9:30am – 9:00pm

Job: Set up Booth, ensure pricing is visible, get/manage cash box; secure cash as instructed.

PARKING ATTENDANTS

Volunteers: 9:30am – 9:30pm

Job: We have acquired parking at the Chagrin North Medical Buildings (Route 6 & 91). We will be roping off Route 6 so that attendees can walk safely along Route 6 to get to the event. This will serve as our main parking area. There are 60 parking spaces at St. Noel (perimeter). If weather permits, we will use the soccer field at the back of the Community Center lot. There is parking at City Hall, most likely consumed by many of the volunteers. Vests and flags will be provided to ensure parking goes smoothly.

Please reach out to Gloria in the Mayor’s Office at 440-918-8730 or sign up on our Signupgenius.com app

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

Recreation Updates:

Pickle Ball Subcommittee will meet at the end of August to discuss plans moving forward. It seemed that there was an immediate need for signage at the courts to indicate that courts are for pickle ball and tennis use only, not cricket. The loan of the paddles and balls will be discussed, as well as other amenities moving forward. At this point, there is no count of how often the courts are being used, or who is using the courts (residents vs. non-residents). This would be a good starting point so that the group can apply for grants and justify the funds being spent.

The Recreation Commission discussed upcoming programs to include the Fall Craft Show, Halloween Party, Photo Contest and Christmas Card Lane. More information on the planning of these activities will be forthcoming.

The Recreation Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to come to the meetings to learn more about recreation in our city.

ONE PAGE FLYER WITH ALL EVENTS FOR ROCK N ROLL DAY:

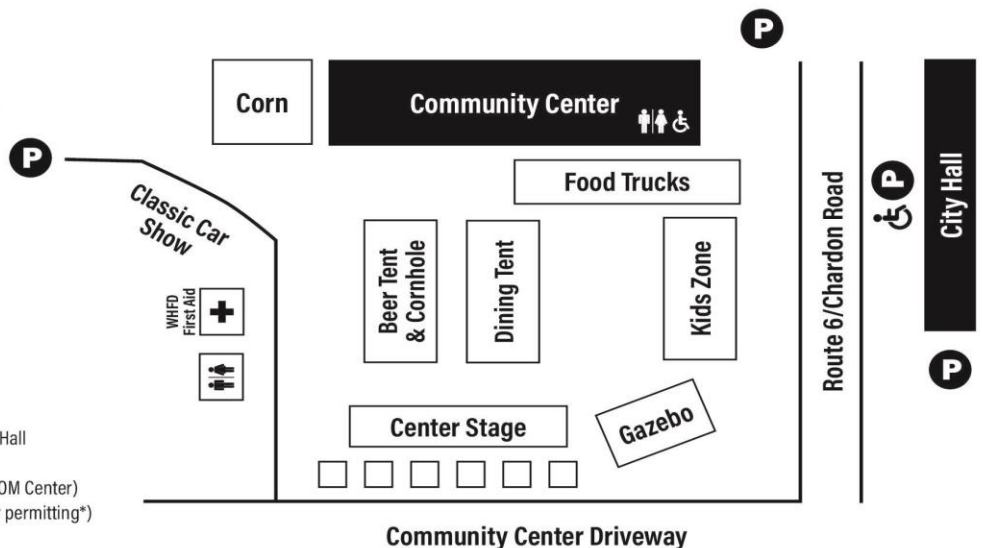
Schedule of Events

- 10:00 AM** **Tribute to Michael Stanley** (*Gazebo*)
with a special MSB memorabilia booth
- 10:30 AM** **Coloring Contest winners** announced (*Gazebo*)
- 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*)
- 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM** **Kids Zone** Stop by for games and prizes! (*musical chairs every 1/2 hour*)
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM** **"Cleveland's Rock N Roll Roots" Program**
by Deanna Adams of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM** **Corn Hole Tournament** (*pre-registration required*)
- 1:00 - 3:00 PM** **Live Entertainment by Sumrada** (*Center Stage*)
- 1:30 - 3:00 PM** **Rock N Roll Trivia** hosted by Mayor Gardner & former Council
President Dave Reichelt (*sponsored by W-E Public Library*)
- 4:00 PM** **"The Beatles in Cleveland"** video presentation by Dave Schwensen
(*O'Ryan Room - Community Center, limited seating...come early*)
- 7:00 - 9:00 PM** **Live Entertainment by Ricky & the Rockets** (*Center Stage*)



P Parking Options:

- Handicapped Parking (with permit) in front of City Hall
- Parking in rear of City Hall
- Business Parking Lot (Corner of Chardon Road & SOM Center)
- Soccer fields (back of Community Center *Weather permitting*)
- Limited parking at St. Noel
- Limited parking at Willo-Hill Dental



Today's event is sponsored by:

City of Willoughby Hills and WH Fall Corn Fest LLC. & Willoughby Hills Recreation

Thank you for coming and being part of our day!

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 Benson

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

DOUBLECHECK FOR NOPEC OPTIONS:

Congratulations to our residents who called NOPEC and asked for the “Price to Compare” (PTC) rate to get a reduction in electricity costs at least through May 2023. We had one resident call to report that the Customer Service Representative at the number provided in the E-newsletter was not aware of the PTC rate and we have reached out to our NOPEC representative to make sure your calls go smoothly. 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 \$0.00678 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.

NOPEC RATES FOR GAS FOR JULY 2022 (August rates not yet available):

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

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: 1st Place = 50%,

2nd Place = 25%, 3rd Place = 15% and 4th 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.

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....

SUPPLY CHANGE CONCERNS.....

**What if they close
grocery stores
and we have to
hunt for our food?**

**I don't even know
where Little
Debbie lives.**

**SOMETIMES WE JUST AREN'T ON THE SAME PAGE WITH PEOPLE WE LIVE OR WORK WITH,
RIGHT???**

*I got my wife to help
me put some posts in
the ground for our
new fence, I gave her
the new hammer and
I said, "When I nod
my head, you hit it." I
don't remember
much after that.*

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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