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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

As a brief history, Willoughby Hills adopted its first zoning ordinance in 1954, based on the township zoning in effect at the time. In 1970, the voters adopted a City Charter. One of the Charter's requirements was for the City to adopt a comprehensive plan, with updates to occur at intervals not to exceed five years. The City adopted its first Comprehensive Land Use Plan in 1972. Subsequent updates highlighted the community's desire not to make broad sweeping changes that would change the character of the City, since residents were generally pleased with development in Willoughby Hills. This comprehensive planning process is intended to yield a more proactive approach to growth and development. A 1982 Charter Amendment requires that all currently authorized zoning uses to be reviewed every five years. This task is undertaken by the City's Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review with the development of a "Master Plan Committee." This committee consists of: Tom Elliott, John Lillich, Dan Biondillo, Ron Lewis, Tom Roseum, Councilwoman Taylor Draper, and myself," along with assistance from former BZA Chairman Frank Cihula, Clerk Katie Lloyd, and Lake County Planning and Development Representative David Radachy. I am happy to report that the Master Plan Committee is nearing the end of its task to present a Comprehensive Land Use Plan to the City, however, we must first hold a Public Hearing for public input. The Public Hearing is planned for Thursday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. We hope members of the public will take time to review the proposed plan and will feel free to comment during the Public Hearing so we can get feedback as to the residents' vision for the future of the City of Willoughby Hills. Click on the link below to get a copy of this proposal:

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/plan%20update%20-%20draft%20REVISED.pdf>

We are looking forward to a great weekend with Rock N Roll Day in Willoughby Hills. I have prepared some great trivia questions and hope you will come and let me challenge your knowledge of music. The Trivia Contest is scheduled in the Community Center at 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. and is sponsored by Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library. No age limit on this one....open to everyone! I am looking forward to the Michael Stanley tribute which will kick off the festivities at 10:00 a.m. I am anxious to present the beautiful showcase of his memorabilia that will be housed permanently at the Community Center. I invite everyone to make it a point to come and see this beautiful remembrance of our former resident, Michael Stanley, once the event is over. There is music, food, memorabilia, programs, corn hole, classic car show, beer, and, of course, our famous roasted sweet corn. The weather looks to be spectacular to be outside with friends and neighbors! Come join the fun.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

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 with a one-page flyer of all events

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

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First Covenant Church Movie Night

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

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

MONTHLY SENIOR LUNCHEON

11:00 A.M. – Senior Room at Community Center

Bring your own brown bag lunch or bring a dish to share.

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TRIVIA NIGHT

7:00 P.M. – Willoughby Hills Community Center

**No pre-registration needed. Free Event. Fifty and over please
Come join the fun!**

Thursday, August 18, 2022

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

(No pending business yet, however, at the time of this printing)



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!)

A FEW DETAILS ABOUT ROCK N ROLL DAY ON SATURDAY, 8/13/22:

WHERE TO PARK:

There will be a few different places to park and, of course, availability will depend upon what time you come. The first and closest spots will be parking across the street from the Community Center at City Hall. The first row is reserved for handicapped, but all other spaces in the front and around the back and sides of the building are available. You would then walk across the street to the event. Another option is that St. Noel has been gracious to provide sixty spaces around the perimeter of their lot...the inner spaces are reserved for their 5:30 p.m. mass and other event at the hall. If you enter St. Noel lot however, then turn left into the Community Center complex, we will be parking cars on the soccer field. Finally, the best spot (if you care to walk a bit) would be at the Chagrin North Medical buildings complex at the corner of Route 6 and 91. The City is cording off a section of Route 6 then to allow a path for walker to get to the complex. There is more than ample parking at this lot and will give you a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather we are anticipating.

WHAT BANDS ARE PLAYING?

Sumrada is playing from 1 to 3pm and Ricky and the Rockets are playing from 7 to 9pm.

WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS CAN I ENJOY?

10:00-11:00 am – Michael Stanley Tribute – At the Gazebo

11:30-12:30 pm – “Cleveland’s Rock N Roll Roots” Program – Deanna Adams- O’Ryan Room

1:30-3:00 pm – “Rock N Roll Trivia” – O’Ryan Room

4:00 pm “The Beatles in Cleveland” Program – Dave Schwensen – O’Ryan Room (great video of a special day in Rock N Roll!)

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO?

Enjoy the Food & Beer Trucks, Kids Games, Memorabilia Exhibits, Classic Car Show, Corn Hole Tournament, Eat Fresh Roasted Sweet Corn, and visit with all of your neighbors and friends!

CAN I USE CREDIT CARDS AT THE VARIOUS BOOTHS?

The food vendors will be equipped to take credit cards, as will most likely most of the memorabilia and book signing guests. There will be three booths (souvenir, basket raffle and water/pop booth) that are cash only, sponsored by Willoughby Hills Fall Corn Fest.

RESIDENT NEWS:

Welcome to the following new residents:

Joseph Belz of Fairview Drive

Patricia Fields of River Road

James & Denise Kaucic of Legend Lane

Eugene & Dominika Gritsenko of Eddy Road

Daniel & Molly Vincent of Canterbury Road

Matthew & Kathleen Dawson of Mill Gate



EMPLOYEE NEWS:

Welcome to the following Full-time Police Officers who were sworn in earlier this week:

ALYSHA FODOR

CHRISTOPHER AMATO

We are happy to have you join our Department!





7:00 - 9:00 PM Live Entertainment by Ricky & the Rockets (*Center Stage*)



The map shows the layout of the Community Center area. At the top is the **Community Center** building, which includes a wheelchair icon. To its left is a **Corn** area. Below the Community Center are the **Food Trucks**, **Beer Tent & Cornhole**, **Dining Tent**, and **Kids Zone**. At the bottom center is the **Center Stage**, and to its right is a **Gazebo**. Along the bottom edge are six small square tables. On the left side, there is a **Classic Car Show** area, a **WIRED First Aid** station with a cross icon, and a restroom icon. The area is bordered by **Route 6/Chardon Road** on the right and **Community Center Driveway** at the bottom. Three parking areas are marked with 'P' in a circle: one at the top right, one on the left, and one at the bottom right near the City Hall.

Thank you for coming and being part of our day!

DOUBLECHECK FOR NOPEC OPTIONS:

We continue to urge our residents to call NOPEC to ask for the “Price to Compare” (PTC) rate to get a reduction in electricity costs at least through May 2023. It appears that the electric rates for the 12 and 24-month fixed rates have come down since last month, but the PTC is still a better rate at this point at about seven cents. Here is what we have to share about the PTC option:

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.

GAS RATES – AS OF AUGUST 2022:

Standard Plan
\$7.800 per mcf

Monthly Variable
Plan \$8.847 mcf

12-mo. Fixed Rate
\$8.650 per mcf

24-mo. Fixed Rate
\$7.750 per mcf

ELECTRIC RATES – AS OF AUGUST 2022:

Standard Plan
12.000 cents per kWh

Monthly Variable Plan
Closed to new enrollment

12-mo. Fixed Rate
9.900 cents per kWh

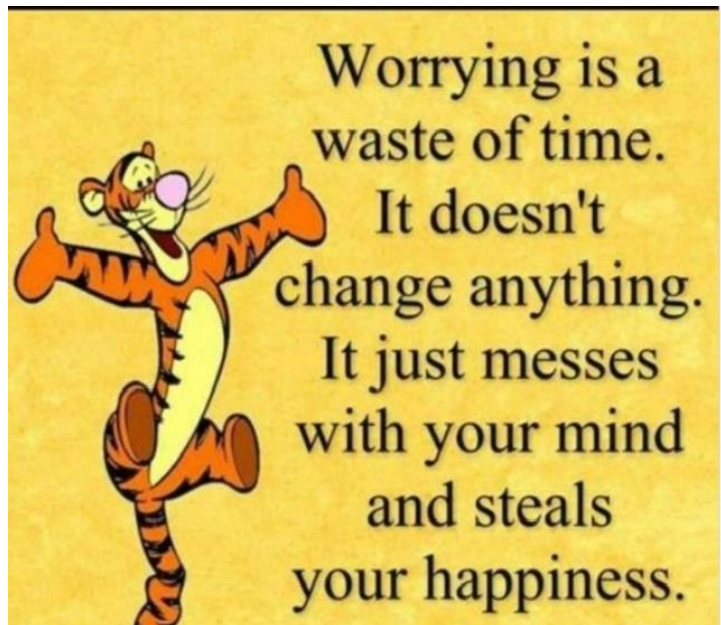
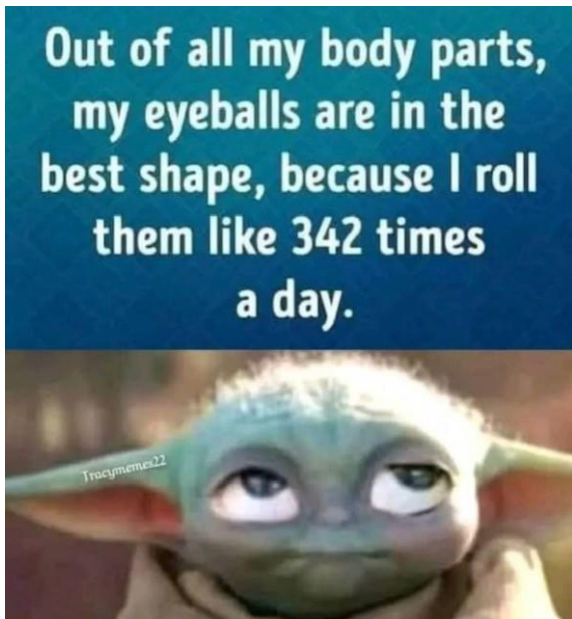
24-mo. Fixed Rate
8.900 cents per kWh

SIREN WARNING POLE AND SIREN INSTALLED:

Our Service Department was on hand to snap a few photos of the new siren at Dodd & Eagle. The 60-foot pole and siren will warn our residents of storms and other emergency issues that may occur.



SOME FINAL THOUGHTS....



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

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