



## **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](mailto:NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV)

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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF A GREAT FALL GARAGE SALE DAY IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS. THANKS TO SANDY GRUBISS FOR PROCESSING THE APPLICATIONS AND FOR JIM WALSH FOR MAP PREPARATION. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE SO MANY RESIDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.

DODD ROAD SLOPE REPAIR SHOULD BE UNDERWAY VERY SOON, ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER KEVIN TREPAL. HE REPORTS THAT THE CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN SETTING UP THE EQUIPMENT AND DRILLING WAS PLANNED, BUT POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN. WE WILL KEEP YOU APPRISED (ALONG WITH PHOTOS) AS THINGS PROGRESS.

SCHOOL WILL BE STARTING NEXT WEEK FOR MANY STUDENTS AND, ALONG WITH WISHING THEM THE BEST ON A GREAT, SAFE SCHOOL YEAR, I WANT TO REMIND MOTORISTS TO PAY ATTENTION TO SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS AND SPEED LIMITS. IT IS AN ADJUSTMENT TO REMEMBER TO HAVE TO SLOW DOWN TO 20MPH, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN.

BEST WISHES TO BRIAN PATRICK, THE NEW PRINCIPAL AT SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL. BRIAN COMES TO SOUTH WITH GREAT EXPERIENCE AND HE WILL DO A WONDERFUL JOB IN THIS ROLE. PLEASE SUPPORT BRIAN AS HE EMBARKS ON THIS NEW ENDEAVOR.

A WICKED STORM BLEW THROUGH WILLOUGHBY HILLS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, TAKING DOWN MANY LARGE TREES AND POWER LINES. MANY HOMES LOST POWER DURING THIS STORM. ONCE AGAIN, TREES WERE TO BLAME FOR MANY OF THE OUTAGES AND FIRST ENERGY IS WORKING TO RESTORE POWER, ALONG WITH THE CABLE COMPANIES. OUR THANKS GO OUT TO THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY THROUGH THE NIGHT TO RESPOND TO CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE. THANKS TO OUR RESIDENTS FOR REPORTING THEIR OUTAGES, TOO!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021 FROM 6 TO 7PM**

AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER

SENIOR SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

SPONSORED BY WILLOUGHBY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

THIS PROGRAM IS AIMED TO TEACH SAFETY TIPS TO SENIORS,  
INCLUDING CURRENT SCAMS AND TRICKS TO WATCH OUT FOR.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021**

7:00 P. M.

**PC-ABR MASTER PLAN MEETING  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021**

7:00 P.M.

**PC-ABR MEETING  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Saturday, September 18, 2021 – Touch A Truck – to include a parade to kick off the event**  
**Parade Applications are being taken now for any individual or group interested in**  
**participating. Please contact Gloria in the Mayor's office to sign up to participate.**  
**The Committee is also seeking volunteers (including teens!) who want to help on the day of**  
**the event (10am to 2pm). Come join the fun!**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – Charter Review Commission Town Hall at 7pm at**  
**Willoughby Hills Community Center – to brief our residents on the nine proposed**  
**amendments to our City Charter on the November ballot**

**Saturday, October 16, 2021 – Shred Day – 9am to noon in City Hall parking lot**

**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](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city_council/records/prior_years.php)

## RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS:

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN LAST WEEKEND'S  
GARAGE SALE EVENT. IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!  
CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO CHECK OUT OTHER FINE PROGRAMS  
SPONSORED BY THE RECREATION COMMISSION:**

**<http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/departments/services/recreation/index.php>**



**FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY! CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW  
TO SIGN UP NOW!**

**<https://whblsports.sportngin.com/register/form/084704981>**



**FALL CRAFT SHOW – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**

**WILLOUGHY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VENDOR FOR THE FALL CRAFT  
SHOW, PLEASE EMAIL [recreationevents@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV](mailto:recreationevents@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV).  
THERE ARE SEVERAL AVAILABLE SPACES FOR CRAFTERS! SIGN UP NOW.**



## MIND CHALLENGE – RECAP – Part 1

ON AUGUST 6, 2021 TEAM WILLOUGHBY HILLS TRAVELED TO WILLOUGHBY SENIOR CENTER TO FACE THE THREE WILLOUGHBY TEAMS FOR THE BEST OF 2 GAMES OF MIND CHALLENGE. THE COMPETITION AND QUESTIONS GOT TOUGHER, BUT TEAM WILLOUGHBY HILLS PREVAILED WITH THE FOLLOWING FINAL SCORES AFTER WEEK 2 OF 2:

CITY OF WILLOUGHBY – GROVE TEAM : 168  
CITY OF WILLOUGHBY – LITTLE TEAM: 128  
CITY OF WILLOUGHBY – BIZJAK TEAM: 145  
CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS TEAM: 192

LET ME OFFER YOU SOME OF THE TRIVIA QUESTIONS THAT WE COLLECTIVELY ANSWERED TO MAKE OUR CITY PROUD AGAINST THE WILLOUGHBY TEAMS ON 8/6/21:

**1. SLOGANS:**

What company launched the slogan “It’s everywhere you want to be” in 1985?

**2. MUSIC:**

Who was the first female artist inducted into the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame?

**3. FOOD AND DRINK:**

What food never rots and does not require preservatives?

**4. GEOGRAPHY:**

What two U.S. states share a border with 8 other states?

**5. ANIMAL KINGDOM:**

The UK recently place a ban on keeping this animal captive in all its zoos. Name the animal.

OK....SEE HOW YOU SCORED:

1. VISA 2. Aretha Franklin 3. Honey 4. Tennessee and Missouri 5. Elephant

We will be bringing Trivia Night to Willoughby Hills once our deed is done...stay tuned!



## MIND CHALLENGE RECAP – PART 2

**THE TEAM TRAVELED TO MENTOR SENIOR CENTER ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 TO FACE THE FIRST PLACE MENTOR TEAM (ONLY ONE GAME THIS TIME!) FOR A CHANCE TO GO ON TO THE REGIONAL PLAYOFFS. WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:**

**TEAM MENTOR: 121 POINTS**

**TEAM WILLOUGHBY HILLS: 123 POINTS**

**LET ME OFFER YOU SOME OF THE TRIVIA QUESTIONS THAT WE COLLECTIVELY ANSWERED TO MAKE OUR CITY PROUD AGAINST THE MENTOR TEAM ON 8/12/21:**

**1. GEOGRAPHY:**

**What island in the Caribbean is the largest in area and population?**

**2. TV:**

**On the Brady Bunch opening song, what trait do the girls have like their mother?**

**3. STATE CAPITALS:**

**What is the capital of Maine?**

**4. ROMAN NUMERALS:**

**How do you write the number “61” in Roman numerals?**

**5. SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (MULTIPLE CHOICE):**

**What city was home to “Wayne’s World?” A) Indianapolis, IN; B) Aurora, IL; C) Bloomington, IL; or D) Fort Wayne, Indiana?**

**OK....SEE HOW YOU SCORED:**

**1. Cuba 2. Hair of gold 3. Augusta 4. LXI 5. B – Aurora, IL**

**WE ARE PROUD OF WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TO WIN THE EASTERN REGION. WE ANSWERED A LOT OF HARD QUESTIONS AND HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US AGAINST TWINSBURG NEXT MONDAY AT SOLON SENIOR CENTER! FELLOW TEAM MEMBERS DAVE & DENISE WERE ON VACATION AND MISSED THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE, BUT OTHER TEAM MEMBERS STOPPED FOR A QUICK PHOTO AFTER THE WIN! WE WILL BE BRINGING TRIVIA NIGHT TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS ONCE OUR DEED IS DONE...STAY TUNED!**



## CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION UPDATE:

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2 –THE MAYOR (ARTICLE II IN THE CHARTER), Subsection 2.21 Appointments to Office & Removals from Office:**

Charter Review Commission prepared Amendment #2 with the following intent: The Charter Review Commission voted to clarify that the Mayor's ability to control the employment status should be limited to those positions under his supervision. The current language does not provide the clarity that is necessary to prevent him or her from hiring, supervising, and firing any and all positions of employment in the city of Willoughby Hills. Thus, this change would clarify that the Mayor is the administrator of all city employees, but he is not the administrator of Council.

#### **What will change in the Charter then, if this amendment is adopted by the voters?**

In Section 2.21 Appointments to Office and Removals from Office, the last sentence in paragraph #1 will be changed from:

“The Mayor shall have the authority to hire, supervise, and fire all other employees.”

To

“The Mayor shall have the sole authority to hire, supervise and fire all other employees to whom he may appoint a successor unless otherwise provided by this Charter.”

### **THIS IS HOW THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT:**

#### **“PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT- #2**

**A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.**

***Shall Article II, Sub-Section 2.21 – Appointments to Office and Removals from Office of the Charter of the City of Willoughby Hills be amended to provide that the Mayor shall have the sole authority to hire, supervise, and fire only employees under his supervision which does not include Council Members or the Council Clerk unless provided to the contrary in the Charter?”***

**For a link to all proposed Charter amendments for the November ballot,  
click on the link below:**

<http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/Proposed%20Charter%20Amendments%20Final%206.30.21.pdf>



## COMMUNITY NEWS:

THE 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MUTT STRUT IS SET FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 FROM 10AM TO 2PM AT LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK. THIS IS A FREE FESTIVAL AND ONE MILE DOG WALK WHICH HELPS HOMELESS ANIMALS THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE LAKE HUMANE SOCIETY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 440-951-6122 OR VISIT

[WWW.LAKEHUMANE.ORG](http://WWW.LAKEHUMANE.ORG)



THE CITY IS STILL BOOKING CAMPBELL PARK PAVILIONS (INCLUDING THE PLAYGROUND SEEN BELOW). IF YOU WANT TO CHECK AND SEE IF A DATE IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR FAMILY OUTDOOR GATHERING (NO ALCOHOL, RENTAL IS FROM 9AM TO 9PM), CALL 440-918-8730.



## CHURCH NEWS – SAVE THE DATE:

**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

**Harvest Community Church – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**36400 Maplegrove Road, Willoughby Hills**

**10:30 a.m. OUTSIDE CHURCH SERVICE    NOON – LUNCH & ACTIVITIES**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

## **SO MANY WEDDINGS THIS TIME OF YEAR, MADE ME RECALL THIS CUTE LITTLE JOKE....**

A MAN AND A WOMAN HAD BEEN MARRIED FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS. THEY HAD SHARED EVERYTHING. THEY HAD KEPT NO SECRETS FROM EACH OTHER EXCEPT THAT THE LITTLE OLD WOMAN HAD A SHOE BOX IN THE TOP OF HER CLOSET THAT SHE CAUTIONED HER HUSBAND NEVER TO OPEN OR ASK HER ABOUT.

FOR ALL OF THESE YEARS, HE HAD NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE BOX, BUT ONE DAY, THE LITTLE OLD WOMAN GOT VERY SICK AND THE DOCTOR SAID SHE WOULD NOT RECOVER. IN TRYING TO SORT OUT THEIR AFFAIRS, THE LITTLE OLD MAN TOOK DOWN THE SHOE BOX AND TOOK IT TO HIS WIFE'S BEDSIDE.

SHE AGREED THAT IT WAS TIME THAT HE SHOULD KNOW WHAT WAS IN THE BOX. WHEN HE OPENED IT, HE FOUND 2 CROCHETED DOLLS AND A STACK OF MONEY TOTALLING \$95,000. HE ASKED HER ABOUT THE CONTENTS.

“WHEN WE WERE TO BE MARRIED,” SHE SAID, “MY GRANDMOTHER TOLD ME THE SECRET OF A HAPPY MARRIAGE WAS TO NEVER ARGUE. SHE TOLD ME THAT IF I EVER GOT ANGRY WITH YOU, I SHOULD JUST KEEP QUIET AND CROCHET A DOLL.”

THE LITTLE OLD MAN WAS SO MOVED; HE HAD TO FIGHT BACK TEARS. ONLY TWO PRECIOUS DOLLS WERE IN THE BOX. SHE HAD ONLY BEEN ANGRY WITH HIM TWO TIMES IN ALL THOSE YEARS OF LIVING AND LOVING. HE ALMOST BURST WITH HAPPINESS.

“HONEY,” HE SAID, “THAT EXPLAINS THE DOLL, BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS MONEY? WHERE DID IT COME FROM?”

“OH THAT?” SHE SAID. “THAT’S THE MONEY I MADE FROM SELLING THE DOLLS.”



HAVE A GREAT WEEK! STAY SAFE!!! CALL CITY HALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS  
AT 440-946-1234 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV](http://WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV)