



City of Willoughby Hills

E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

Please encourage others to join by sending an email request to:

NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV

MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

Update on construction projects:

We are looking forward to completing the City Hall parking lot resurfacing at the end of September. Much of the ground work has been completed on the City Hall Salt Storage Structure and we look forward to completing the building over the next few months. It will be a great addition for salt storage for many years to come. Our Service Department worked hard to get it ready for the next steps in construction.

Three new part-time firefighters were sworn in this week. We look forward to them working on the department for many years to come. They will be on hand to show you the trucks and equipment during our upcoming Touch A Truck on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the City Hall complex. If you have never attended before, this would be a great time to bring the children for a fun event.

Our electronics recycling is set for Saturday, September 10 from 9am to noon at the City Hall lot. This is your opportunity to bring such computers, laptops, phones, printers, and other such items.

Click on the link below for a complete flyer of the event, listing allowable recyclables and fees, where applicable:

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/ELEC%20RECYCLE%20FLYER%20SEPT%202022.PDF>

Here is some additional information on recycling opportunities in our city:

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!

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!)

Best wishes for a great week. Enjoy your Labor Day!

CITY HALL NEWS:

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING
10:00 A.M. – Council Chambers

Thursday, September 1, 2022

PC-ABR MEETING
7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Monday, September 5, 2022

LABOR DAY

NEW FIREFIGHTERS TAKE THEIR OATH



Welcome to the City's newest firefighters: (left to right):

Michael Siemen, Nathan Rowan and Robert Ours

They were administered their oaths by the Mayor on Wednesday, August 24th.

MICHAEL STANLEY MEMORIAL SHADOWBOX IS HUNG:



STOP BY AND TAKE A LOOK – OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT HUNG THE SHADOWBOX, PROCLAMATION AND POSTER THAT WAS DEDICATED AT ROCK N ROLL DAY TO THE LATE MICHAEL STANLEY. THIS IS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, JUST OPPOSITE THE LIBRARY ENTRANCE.

NOPEC – IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!

The City received an important notification from NOPEC regarding their program as it relates to our residents' electric rates. The following bullet points from the notification is provided:

- The energy markets have been experiencing unprecedented inflation due to international tension and hotter than normal weather this year.
- Unfortunately, NOPEC is not immune to this current inflationary spike.
- NOPEC is taking immediate proactive steps to put all of its customers in a position to save significant money on their electric bills during these economically challenging times.
- NOPEC will be temporarily transitioning their 550,000 electric customers enrolled in the Standard Program Price option back to the utility default service for the remainder of this year and into the Spring of 2023 so they may take advantage of significantly lower pricing until the market stabilizes. (This is the Illuminating Company's "Price to Compare" or "PTC" option that has been advertised in the last few newsletters, where residents were advised to call NOPEC to get into this plan immediately!). (Now they are automatically putting you in that plan if you are on the Standard Price Program, but if you are in one of the 12 or 24 month "fixed rate" plans, you will not be affected).
- NOPEC electric customers do not have to do anything to start getting the lower rates and will not be charged any fee to transfer. NOPEC will immediately notify the electric utilities to return its Standard Program Price accounts to the default service. Depending on each customer's meter read date, it may take one to two billing cycles for the transfer to take effect.
- Customers will receive a letter from NOPEC detailing the reason for the change and direction regarding where they can go for more information.
- Customers who are returned to the utility's default service will remain eligible for NOPEC's aggregation program in the future. By Spring 2023, NOPEC is forecasting that energy markets will normalize and its electric rates will be in line with the utilities' newly established "Price to Compare" and all eligible customers in NOPEC member communities will be notified via mail that they will be automatically re-enrolled in NOPEC at that time, unless they notify NOPEC that they wish to opt out.
- NOPEC's natural gas aggregation is unaffected and will continue uninterrupted. NOPEC's current natural gas price is still lower than other retail offers as well as the current Dominion East Ohio default service rates.

Please feel free to call Gloria in Mayor Gardner's Office at 440-918-8730 if you have questions about this change and how it affects your electric bill. (Please have your electric bill handy if you call with questions).

We will continue to disseminate information as it becomes available to us.

YMCA VOLLEYBALL OPPORTUNITY:

The new YMCA volleyball program is a lower-key, less competitive form of volleyball. This is organized pick-up volleyball for adults 25+. All skill levels are welcome. We keep score, but it is not highly competitive. It's about enjoying the game. It is on Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm at the West End YMCA. For more information contact Sam Lapin at slapin@lakecountnymca.org.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS....



**I finally realized it!
People are
prisoners of their
phones. That's
why they are
called cell phones!**



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

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440-918-8730 Mayor Gardner's Office