



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

MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

Our Civil Service Commission (Tom Majeski, Tom Kicher and Carolyn Patton) will be administering the Police Officer Entrance Examination on Saturday, August 28 to two candidates. We wish both of these individuals the best of luck on the exam and hope they may be part of our Willoughby Hills Police Department in the future.

The Civil Service Commission has the responsibility to maintain active lists for both Police and Fire candidates. Should the need arise for a new employee, the Departments draw from the established lists of tested candidates.

The City is looking forward to Touch a Truck, including a parade that will start at 9:30 a.m. from School of Innovation on Chardon Road and head east on Chardon Road to the City Hall complex. Please plan your appointments and errands on Sept. 18, 2021, knowing that Chardon Road may be temporarily closed along this stretch from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 10:00 a.m.

While we will not have a September 3 newsletter, just a reminder that Council will be back in session after Sept. 1, with the Working Committee of Council meeting set for Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, and the Regular Meeting of Council set for Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7:00 p.m. Council is happy to be back in Chambers where the public is welcome to attend.

Finally, with Labor Day approaching, I want to thank our wonderful City workers who work so hard for the residents every day. Please feel free to join me in thanking them for their efforts. Best wishes for a safe holiday.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

**U.S. POSTAL SERVICE IS RAISING THE PRICE OF POSTAGE STAMPS
TO \$0.58 ON AUGUST 29!**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

LABOR DAY – CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED

**REPUBLIC SERVICES TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICES WILL BE RUNNING ONE DAY
BEHIND THE REST OF THE WEEK, WITH CUSTOMERS WITH FRIDAY SERVICE DATES
BEING SERVICED ON SATURDAY!**

PLEASE PUT THE UPCOMING EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR:

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. The parade will line up at 9:00 a.m. at School of Innovation (formerly Eaton
Corporation) on Chardon Road and proceed down Chardon Road beginning at 9:30 a.m. to
the City Hall complex. 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!

Saturday, September 25, 2021 – Lake County Special Hazardous Waste Collection at 1301
Mentor Avenue, Painesville Twp., OH from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. – FREE EVENT!

Accepted: Motor oil, gasoline, coolants, antifreeze, grease, oil-based paints, varnish, bulbs
and batteries of any size or kind; fluorescent bulbs, household cleaners and solvents; pool,
lawn and garden chemicals; pesticides, weed killers, empty propane tanks.

Prohibited: Ammunition, explosives, medical waste including prescription medications and
smoke alarms.

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

RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS:

WELCOME TO DIANA PARKER WHO STARTED THIS WEEK AS THE CITY'S PART-TIME RECREATION COORDINATOR! WE LOOK FORWARD TO DIANA'S WORK TO MAKE OUR RECREATION PROGRAMS EVEN BETTER!!!



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

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



**WILLOUGHBY HILLS YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE FUNDRAISER.....
THE LEAGUE CAN EARN \$25 PER TEST DRIVE AT SERPENTINI THROUGH THE
END OF AUGUST. JUST STOP BY SERPENTINI AT 2810 BISHOP ROAD AND
TELL THEM YOU ARE DOING A TEST DRIVE FOR WH SPORTS LEAGUE!**



**FALL CRAFT SHOW – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021
WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER
ALL SPACES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED!!**



**CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR A LIST OF OTHER UPCOMING
RECREATION EVENTS:**

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

GREAT NEWS FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR FRANK BRICHACEK:

Ohio law requires the City to be audited by the Ohio Auditor of State on a bi-annual basis. For the years of 2018 and 2019, the State Auditor delegated this responsibility to the private accounting firm of Rea and Associates. Rea completed its audit on June 24, 2021 and submitted it to the Ohio Auditor of State's office for review. The State Auditor accepted the on August 4, 2021 the report.

We are pleased to report that after a thorough review of the City's financial records and procedures the City received a "clean" audit report from Rea and Associates. A "clean" audit report means that the auditor has expressed its opinion that the City's financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects, there were no violations of State or City laws and the auditor did not make any formal recommendations for changes in the City's business practices. The City has received unqualified opinions on its financial statements every year since 2008.

Because the City received \$1.3 million in CARES Act funding during 2020 from the Federal Government, the City was also required for the first time to undergo an audit of all of its federal funding. After reviewing the City's federal grants, Rea and Associated found the City to be in compliance with the grant requirements of the major federal programs it reviewed.

The positive audit results the City has consistently received is a tribute to the careful stewardship of the City's assets by the entire City staff. If you would like to read the City's past or present audit reports, they can be found on the City's website, http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/departments/services/finance_department/city_audit_report.php. In the interest of transparency, the City also posts to the website its monthly financial information, annual financial reports, annual budgets and a link the State of Ohio's Open Checkbook program.

A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF NAEGELE:

A message from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration –

One person is killed about every 52 minutes in a drunk-driving crash, totaling more than 10,000 lives lost each year. During the Labor Day holiday period, we typically see an increase in drunk-driving deaths — and that's why you'll likely see more law enforcement on the roads as part of Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. The campaign, which runs from August 18-September 6, aims to educate people about the dangers and consequences of driving drunk.

Be Responsible

As we've seen since the public health emergency began, drivers are making riskier decisions when they're behind the wheel — including drinking and driving. This Labor Day holiday, and every day, make it a point to drive sober.



A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF GANDEE:

Willoughby Hills sponsored one of the monthly trainings for the Eastside Technical Rescue Team which Willoughby Hills Fire Rescue is a part of. Eastside Technical Rescue is comprised of 19 fire departments throughout the area that provide members for the team. The team is equipped to handle a myriad of technical rescue situations including, structural collapse, trench rescue, rope rescue, confined space, search operations, swift and submersible water rescue operations.

This month's training was trench rescue. This type of rescue involves the collapse of earth onto people, mostly construction workers, who become trapped or buried and need either rescued or recovered.

If you are a contractor or construction worker, this serves as a very good reminder to use shoring when required. Many people take for granted how much earth or dirt weighs. A 5 gallon bucket of dirt can weigh approximately 55 pounds. If a collapse occurs, the victim can be killed. If a victim is not completely buried, it can take hours for the victim to be rescued. In these type of rescue situations an ounce of prevention can be worth hundreds of pounds of cure!



A QUICK REVIEW ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BILL:



Christopher A. Galloway

LAKE AUDITOR, LAKE COUNTY, OHIO



LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR CHRISTOPHER GALLOWAY HAS SENT THE PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS OUT WITH THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:

“Ohio Law requires lake County property values be updated in 2021, so they more accurately reflect the current real estate market.

This update is not intended to increase or decrease taxes, but rather to keep property values current.

My goal as your Lake County Auditor is to complete the most accurate assesment of real property possible. It is my commitment to make sure you , the property owner, are part of this important and legally required process.

The Lake County Auditor’s Office is here to serve you. If you have any questions or concerns, Please contact us at 440-350-5842 or via email at 2021value@lakecountyohio.gov.”

Upon receipt of your property tax statement, here are your next steps:

1. If you agree that the value is accurate, there is nothing else to do. (Other than pay the amount due).
2. If you believe the value is incorrect or you have questions:
 - Visit www.Your2021Value.com to review your property information and file a request for a review of its value.
 - You may schedule an informal review to discuss your property’s value with an appraiser. Reviews can be in-person or via telephone. The review process occurs between 9/1/21 and 9/30/21.
3. If you miss the review deadline or if you still disagree with the final reviewed value, you may file a complaint with the Lake County Board of Revision between 1/1/22 and 3/31/22.

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR CHRISTOPHER GALLOWAY AT
440-350-5842 FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS!**

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION UPDATE:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4 – ARTICLE III THE COUNCIL, Subsection 3.2 Organization.

Charter Review Commission prepared Amendment #4 with the following intent: The Charter Review Commission voted to ensure that if a Council member loses an election, resigns, or is removed from Council, the Council member would not be able to be appointed for a different vacant Council seat for at least 180 days from their last day in office.

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

In Section 3.24 Vacancies (in Council), a second paragraph would be added to read:

“No past or present Council member serving within one hundred eighty (180) days of any vacancy shall be appointed to a vacant seat.”

To add a brief history, please refer to the Charter Review Commission meeting’s “Supplemental Information” of February 23, 2021 and February 24, 2021, found on the City website using the link below:

http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/boards_and_commissions/civil_service_commission/2021_charter_review_commission_records.php

This is Public Information that is available to all residents to review to gain a better understanding of this Charter amendment request.

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

ISSUE #6

“PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT- #4

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall Article III, Sub-Section 3.24 – Vacancies in the Council of the Charter of Willoughby Hills be amended to prohibit past or present Council member serving within one hundred eighty (180) days to be appointed to any Council vacancy?”

**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:

WELCOME TO K&EM CUSTOM WIGS, HAIRPIECES AND EXTENSIONS...

WILLOUGHBY HILLS' NEWEST BUSINESS

LOCATED AT:

CHAGRIN NORTH BUILDING VII

35040 CHARDON ROAD, SUITE C-400

WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OH 44094

PHONE: 440-223-1418

EMAIL: kandemwigs@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.kandemwigs.com>

Partnered with Hillcrest Cancer Center and Lake Health, K & Em Custom Wigs, Hairpieces & Extensions offers the highest quality hair addition services available. Now there is a place near home for individuals suffering from cancer, alopecia or even just hair loss which comes naturally with aging!

The office is set up for total patient privacy, not like a typical salon. Individuals who may be apprehensive to share their concerns or try on wigs are made very comfortable in this environment. Wigs look very natural and this family-owned business certainly provides a personal touch to make you feel at ease.

Plan to reach out to this new Willoughby Hills business for a great look!

K & Em Custom Wigs, Hairpieces & Extensions



CITY OFFICIALS MEET WITH CONGRESSMAN JOYCE:

Meeting with Congressman Dave Joyce at WH Police Substation – August 25, 2021



Congressman Dave Joyce (14th Ohio District) met Mayor Gardner, Council Reps Hallum and Belich and members of our Police Department for a brief visit to the Police Substation and offer a welcome show of support for our local law enforcement.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – BE READY FOR ANYTHING!!!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - Disasters can strike at any moment, with little notice.

In order to protect your home and family, it is important to be prepared and have a plan in place. The family preparedness plan contains four steps that families should take to be ready for any disaster.

Identify hazards

Identify what types of disasters are most likely to happen in your area, and learn about how to prepare for each (See Disaster Preparedness Series: Disaster Information).

- Learn about your community's warning system and signals (sirens, text messages, etc.).
- Consider purchasing a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio. This radio broadcasts official warnings, watches, advisories, forecasts and other hazards 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Identify local organizations that perform emergency management (Red Cross/Red Crescent, nonprofits, etc.) and know how to contact them.
- Educate yourself on any disaster plans in place at your workplace, children's school or other places you and your family spend time.

Hold a family meeting

Meet with your family (& pets) to discuss why it is important to be prepared.

- Review the types of disasters that are most likely to occur, and explain what to do in each situation.
- Assign responsibilities to each family member, and plan to work together as a team.
- Decide on locations where you will meet in case a disaster strikes:
 - Outside your home and neighborhood in case of a sudden emergency, such as an earthquake or fire.
 - Outside your city in case you cannot return home.
- Discuss what to do in an evacuation and create a [family evacuation plan](#).
- If a family member is in the military or frequently away from home, plan how you will respond if he or she is away when a disaster strikes.
- Document how your family will communicate if a disaster strikes, and create a [family communications plan](#).
- If anyone in your family has a disability or special needs, [adjust your plan accordingly](#).

Prepare

- Assemble a [disaster supply kit](#).
- Locate safe places in your home for each type of disaster & determine the best evacuation routes from your home.
- Become trained in first aid and CPR.
- Teach each family member how and where to shut off utilities (water, gas, electricity).
- Make a complete inventory of your home and property.
- Teach each family member how to use a fire extinguisher and where to find one.
- Post emergency contacts (friends, family, neighbors, police, fire, etc.) on the refrigerator.

Practice your plan

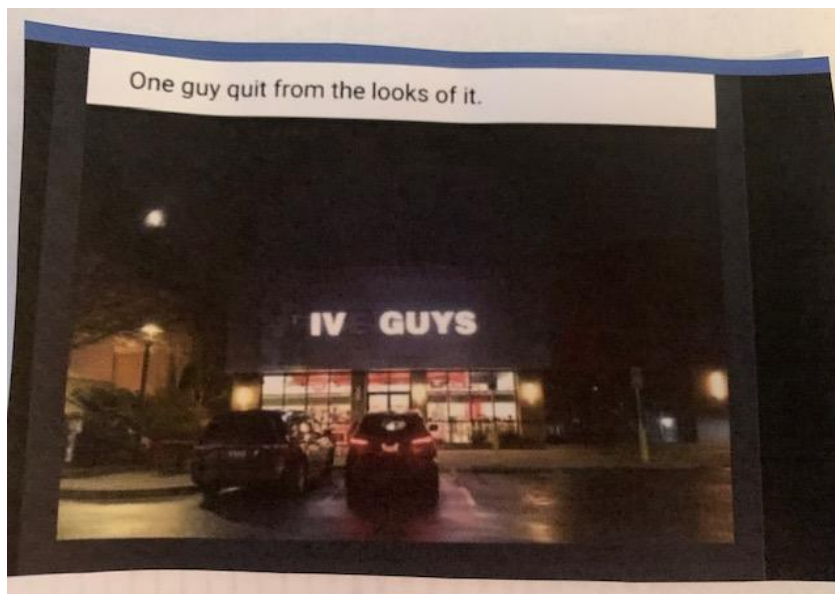
- Practice your plan with your family on a regular basis (every six months).
- Check your [disaster supply kit](#) every three months.
- Replace stored water and food every three months.
- Update any emergency contact info as changes occur.



LABOR DAY HUMOR:

LABOR DAY IS A GREAT DAY TO REFLECT ON OUR WORK FORCE AND ALL OF THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WE ENCOUNTER ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS. HERE ARE A FEW THOUGHTS ABOUT WORK THAT MAY ENTERTAIN YOU:

1. I JUST LOST MY JOB AS A PSYCHIC. I DID NOT SEE THAT COMING!
2. NOW THAT I'VE GOTTEN INTO ASTRONOMY, MY WHOLE CAREER IS LOOKING UP!
3. I QUIT MY JOB WORKING FOR NIKE. I JUST COULDN'T "DO IT" ANY MORE!
4. SURE, I'M WILLING TO WORK LONGER HOURS AT WORK.AS LONG AS THEY ARE LUNCH HOURS!
5. I WANTED TO GET INTO THE ENGINEERING FIELD, BUT I BURNED TOO MANY BRIDGES!
6. I GOT FIRED AS A YOGA INSTRUCTOR AND I BENT OVER BACKWARDS FOR THOSE PEOPLE!
7. I HAD A JOB AT MINUTEMAID ORANGE JUICE BUT I GOT FIRED BECAUSE I COULDN'T CONCENTRATE!
8. I CONSIDERED TELEMARKETING, BUT IT WASN'T MY CALLING!



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