



## **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.

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

**Our First Energy meeting held on September 13 was very productive. There are a few items we are waiting to hear back from First Energy on and then will convey a complete report to our residents in the September 24 newsletter. Please be assured that the City continues to maintain open communication with First Energy to resolve resident concerns related to power outages.**

**The Service Department completed a stormwater project on River Road, at the Eddy Road intersection. This was completed by way of Lake County Stormwater Project funds. The Service Department did a fine job on this difficult project that will help with stormwater issues in that area. Thanks to all of the motorists who gave our Service Department the road clearance they needed to get the job done.**

**Don't forget that Touch A Truck is set for Saturday, Sept. 18. A small parade will lead the way down Chardon Road to the City Hall complex where the festivities are planned. Attendees can view the trucks and have fun at the various booths from 10am to 2pm.**

**The City continues to follow the guidelines set by the Governor of Ohio regarding mask mandates. At the present time, if you have been vaccinated, masks in City facilities are not mandatory; however, if you have not been vaccinated, we ask that you wear a mask when entering a City building. If this policy changes from the Governor's orders, we will advise our residents and post the rules on all City buildings. Thank you for your cooperation.**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

### **Saturday, September 18, 2021 – Touch A Truck**

PARADE 9:30 A.M. TO CITY HALL COMPLEX FOR ACTIVITIES FROM 10AM TO 2PM

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

**WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING & RULES AND LEGISLATION**

6:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 MEETING**

6:30 P.M. – WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER, 35400 CHARDON ROAD

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION AT LAKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (SEE BELOW)**

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 for all of the festivities. 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!

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – Council District I Meeting 6:30 p.m. Community Center**

**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, September 29, 2021 – Council District II Meeting 6:30 p.m. Community Center**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – Council III District Meeting 6:30 p.m. Community Center**

**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

## **RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS:**

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

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



**CLASSIC 5K RUN – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 9:00 A.M.  
PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. NOEL FOOD PANTRY AND VELOSANO TO SUPPORT  
LIFESAVING CANCER RESEARCH**

**Click on the link below to register to run or walk! Applications also are  
available at City Hall!**

<https://www.gcxc racing.com/classic>

**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](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/departments/services/recreation/index.php)

## **POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS:**

Willoughby Hills Police & Fire Departments were welcomed by the students and staff of the Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation to attend an outdoor ceremony to honor first responders and those lost on 9/11/01. “It was a beautiful afternoon and a breath of fresh air to participate in such an event,” Police Chief Naegele said. The 300+ students recited some patriotic poems and sang a wonderful rendition of “America the Beautiful.” “We are certainly blessed to live in this wonderful nation, and to have the level of support that we enjoy for our local community,” the Chiefs agreed.



The Safety Forces were also invited to the Hometown Heroes event this past week at Great Lakes Mall. They handed out a bunch of free stuff to the kids and taught police and fire safety.



## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

JAKE BRYDA ON EARNING HIS MASTERS DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURE FROM THE  
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON AT PORTLAND!

DREW GARDNER ON HIS GRADUATION FROM OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY WITH A  
BACHELOR OF ARTS. GARDNER IS A PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROSS AND PATTY DE JOHN ON THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY. BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE HAPPY YEARS TOGETHER!

### WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Cheryl Greene of Dodd's Hill Drive

Alyssa Hall of Stark Drive

Leanna Lampkin of Erich Drive

Laurie Lafontaine of Rockefeller

William Krug of Rockefeller

Erica Kha of Timberline Drive



## PROPOSED AMENDMENT #5 – ARTICLE 5.5-Civil Service Commission

### Subsection 5.52 Duties & Responsibilities

Charter Review Commission prepared Amendment #5 with the following intent: The 2021 CRC voted to recommend that the Civil Service Commission be required to review and confirm only the credentials of the “classified” employee candidates. This is in accordance with ORC 124.40 where the State of Ohio defines Civil Service Commission as responsible for specific tasks related to the “classified” positions. Our “classified” positions include the full-time members of the police and fire departments, except for the Police and Fire Chiefs. Everyone else is “unclassified.” It is the duty of the Mayor to hire employees which includes ensuring that “unclassified” employees’ credentials are properly reviewed and confirmed.

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

In Section 5.52 Duties & Responsibilities, the word “classified” would be added in the second paragraph to indicate that only “**classified**” employees shall be reviewed by the Civil Service Commission. This would take away the responsibility of the City’s Civil Service Commission of verifying the credentials of all applicants who are not full-time Police or Fire employees (except the Chiefs). The Civil Service Commission (a group of 3 volunteers appointed by the Mayor) has a process in place for verification of credentials following a history of previous issues. This work would (if adopted) be turned over to the Mayor and the Department Directors/Supervisors and the volunteers would not be used to continue this task.

To add a brief history, please refer to the Charter Review Commission meeting’s minutes of June 30, 2021, including Public Portion, 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](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 #7**

#### **“PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT- #5**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

*Shall Article V, Sub-Section 3.52 – Duties and Responsibilities of Section 5.5 – CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION of the Charter of Willoughby Hills be amended to limit the Commission’s review and confirmation of credentials in a candidate’s application for employment by the Municipality to classified employment positions only?”*

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



**With Grandparents' Day last weekend, residents shared the following thoughts that I wanted to pass along to you:**

**My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.**

**Me: Like what?**

**My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.**

**Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.**

**My Kid: What older brother?**

**Me: Exactly.**

Mom: "What do  
you think I am,  
**made of money?**"



You: "Isn't that  
what **MOM**  
stands for?"

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)