



## **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:**

COVID continues to affect our community. The best source of information is to go directly to the Lake County General Health District's website at [www.lcghd.org](http://www.lcghd.org). The County has sought out the availability of our Community Center as a site to administer the vaccine boosters in the future. At this point, we have no specific dates or details, other than scheduling will once again be through [www.armorvax.com](http://www.armorvax.com). We will give you notice as soon as that site goes live to take appointments, but welcome the Health Department to utilize our facility in order to make it convenient for our residents.

The City met with our FirstEnergy representative on September 13 and a complete report is being provided with this newsletter and will be posted on the City website. I continue to be optimistic about the open communication to act on our concerns with FirstEnergy.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for and attended Touch-A-Truck last Saturday. This was a great event to bring our community out once again and our staff worked hard to provide a fun and safe event.

Our next events include the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Classic Run/Walk on October 3, 2021 with Registration at 8am and the Run/Walk starting at 9am from Classic Lexus on SOM Center. All proceeds benefit Harvest for Hunger, St. Noel Food Pantry and Velosano.

The Annual Fall Craft Show is set for Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 9am to 3pm at the Community Center. There are many craft booths with a wide variety of goods to choose from. Plan to put these two events on your calendar.

The past few weeks (including a sighting of an emu on River Road) should have afforded our residents some great photo opportunities for the Photo Contest set for next month! Get your best photos together now!!!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

**PC-ABR MASTER PLAN MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

**RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING-PICKLEBALL**

**6:00 P.M. AT THE PICKLEBALL COURTS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021**

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 MEETING**

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**PC-ABR MASTER PLAN MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**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**

**Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 9am to 3pm – Tour of the Grange Building sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 280 and Girl Scout Troops. Come and see this historic building which is used by the Troops for their meetings and activities.**

**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**

**Saturday, October 23, 2021 2:00 p.m. – Leaf Walk sponsored by John Lillich of the Audubon Society; no cost; meet at the barn on Dodd Road**

**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**

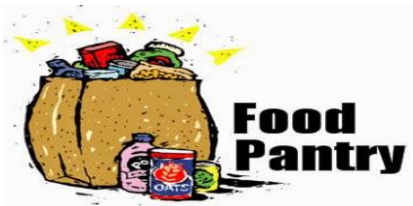
## **RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS:**

**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.gcxcrcing.com/classic>**

Can't make it but want to donate? Bring your canned good donation to City Hall prior to Sunday, October 3 and we will make sure it gets in the donation bin for St. Noel Food Pantry. The Pantry is a great resource for our fellow residents!



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



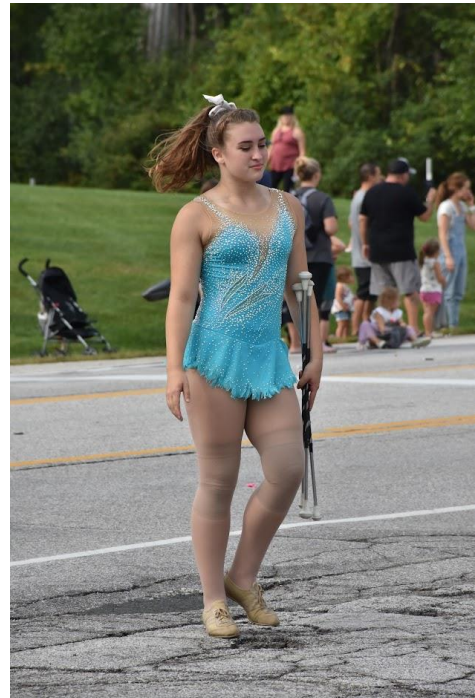
**CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR A LIST OF OTHER UPCOMING  
RECREATION EVENTS:**

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



## POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Willoughby Hills Police & Fire Departments enjoyed the kids and families coming out to Touch-A-Truck. Here are some photos of this year's event:



## COMMUNITY NEWS:

WILLOUGHBY HILLS BOY SCOUT TROOP HAS BEGUN THEIR ANNUAL POPCORN SALES. THE TRAIL'S END POPCORN SALES PAY FOR CAMPOUTS, UNIFORMS, PATCHES, AWARDS AND OTHER ITEMS. THE ORDER FORM IS AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL OR BY CALLING 440-918-8730.



KIDS SHOW – FREE ENTERTAINMENT, ACTIVITIES, BOOTHS & PRIZES  
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 FROM 11AM TO 6PM AND  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 FROM NOON TO 5PM  
GREAT LAKES MALL IN MENTOR  
[www.KidShowInfo.com](http://www.KidShowInfo.com)

SAVE THE DATE: LILlich's LEAF WALK IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M., NO COST, MEET AT THE BARN ON DODD ROAD AND PLAN TO SEE SOME BEAUTIFUL LEAVES IN OUR COMMUNITY.



SAVE THE DATE: NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH'S FALL FESTIVAL  
FREE EVENT!!! OCTOBER 30 FROM 4 TO 7PM  
NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, 2921 BISHOP ROAD  
[WWW.NOTTINGHAMBAPTIST.ORG](http://WWW.NOTTINGHAMBAPTIST.ORG)

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAY & KATIE WRIGHT ON THE GREAT NEWS-HERALD WRITEUP IN THE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 TGIF SECTION. IT FEATURES A WONDERFUL ARTICLE ON THE WOOD ROOM AND IS "SPOT ON" FOR THEIR EXCELLENT DRINKS, FOOD & AMBIANCE! CHECK IT OUT!

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT #6 – ARTICLE VIII-The Electorate

### Subsection 8.2 POWERS OF THE ELECTORATE

Charter Review Commission prepared Amendment #6 with the following intent: The 2021 CRC voted to recommend increasing the number of valid signatures on a petition for a mayoral candidate to appear on the ballot, and to clarify the election used to determine the number of signatures needed.

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

In Section 8.21 Nominations, the current final line in this Section will be deleted (The required percentage shall be at least one percent (1%) but not less than twenty-five (25) signatures). It will be replaced with “The required percentage shall be at least one percent (1%) for Council Member candidates and at least four percent (4%) for Mayoral candidates of the number of electors voting in the last general Municipal election.

**How many electors voted in the last general Municipal election? 5,580**

**This means the percentages for Council and Mayor candidates in raw numbers would be: 56 for Council and 223 for Mayor.**

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

### ISSUE #8

#### **“PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT- #6**

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

*“Shall Article VIII – Sub-8.r21 - Nominations of the Charter of the Willoughby Hills be amended to remove the nominating petition minimum requirement of twenty-five signatures and require individual nominating petitions for Municipal elective office to require at least one percent (1%) for Council Member candidate and least four percent (4%) for Mayoral candidates of the number of electors voting in the last general Municipal election, and remove the minimum requirement of twenty-five signatures?”*

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>

**ELECTION REMINDER!!!!**

**ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.**

**IF YOU WANT TO VOTE VIA ABSENTEE BALLOT, YOU CAN  
REQUEST YOUR BALLOT NOW!!!!**

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED ON OCTOBER 4.  
TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, CLICK THE FOLLOWING  
LINK OR CALL 440-350-2700:**

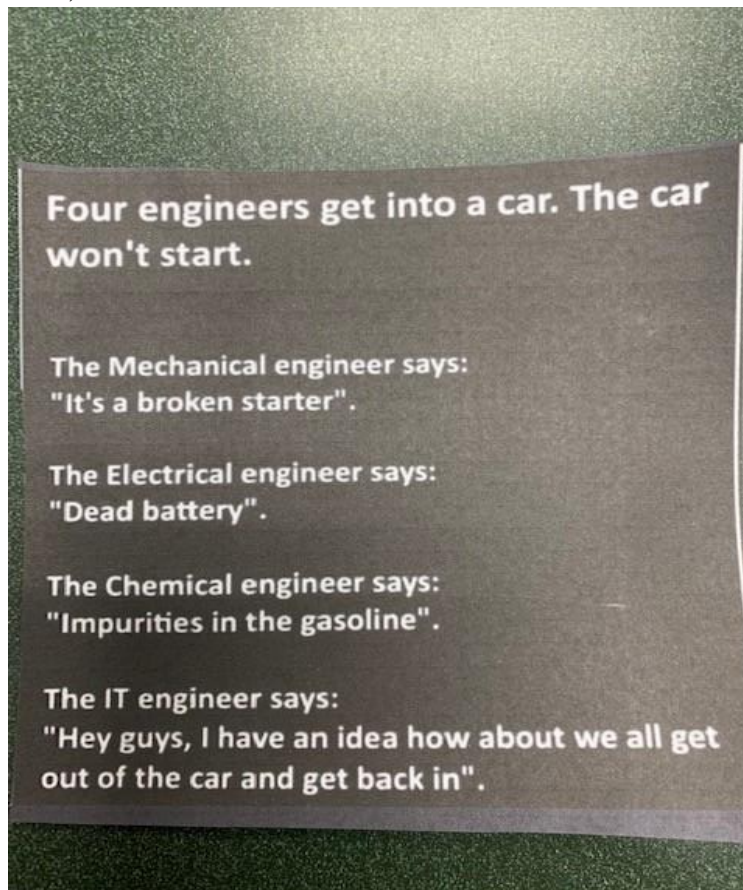
<https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/boe/>



THIS IS A RESIDENT'S GRANDSON WHO DEFINITELY HAS THE RIGHT MESSAGE...



A SHOUT OUT TO O'REILLY'S AUTO PARTS AT 27650 CHARDON ROAD...WHEN A SENIOR CALLED ME THIS WEEK WITH A DEAD BATTERY IN HER 2004 FORD, SHE DID NOT KNOW WHERE TO TURN. I CALLED THE FINE WORKERS AT O'REILLY'S AND THEY CAME OUT TO HER HOME AND GOT HER CAR GOING AGAIN WITHIN A SHORT TIME AND AT A VERY REASONABLE FEE! THANKS TO ANOTHER FINE WILLOUGHBY HILLS BUSINESS! WITH THAT, I WILL LEAVE YOU WITH THIS CAR PROBLEM JOKE:



FIRST ENERGY UPDATE REPORT FROM MAYOR ANDY GARDNER:

THE CITY MET WITH OUR FIRSTENERGY REPRESENTATIVE AGAIN ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSING WAYS THAT THE CITY AND CEI CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF POWER OUTAGES EFFECTING THE CITY (AND THE DURATION OF ANY POWER OUTAGES THAT OCCUR).

HERE ARE SOME KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM OUR MEETING:

1. AS I HAVE NOTED IN THE PAST, THE MAJORITY OF OUR EXTENDED OUTAGES ARE CAUSED BY TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY FALLING AND DAMAGING WIRES WITHIN THE CEI RIGHT OF WAY. IN MANY CASES, THE TREES ARE HEALTHY TREES FELLED BY THE VIOLENT WEATHER WHERE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO PREDICT THAT THE TREE WOULD CAUSE THE OUTAGE. OUR CITY IS NOT ALONE IN THESE OUTAGES, FOLLOWING THE STORM ON AUGUST 11TH, THERE WERE OVER 140,000 CUSTOMERS WITHOUT POWER.
2. THE NEW TRANSFORMER HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND IS OPERATING AT THE NEWPORT SUBSTATION, WHICH SERVES THE EASTERN END OF THE CITY. THIS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT BY CEI IN THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE AND SHOULD IMPROVE RELIABILITY FOR NON-DAMAGE RELATED OUTAGES.
3. CEI IS IMPLEMENTING A NEW PROGRAM TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS TO ADVISE THEM OF THE CAUSE OF ANY FOR NON-DAMAGE RELATED OUTAGES. RESIDENTS SHOULD MAKE SURE CEI HAS AN UPDATED CONTACT NUMBER SO THESE MESSAGES CAN BE PASSED ALONG. ALSO, DURING OUTAGES, USE YOUR MOBILE DEVICE TO CHECK OUT CEI FACEBOOK PAGE AND THE CITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE AS CITY WILL PASS-ALONG MESSAGES.
4. AT THE CITY'S REQUEST, CEI IS CONTINUING TO REVIEW POTENTIAL UPGRADES TO THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS/CUSTOMERS EFFECTED BY OUTAGES OR THE DURATION OF ANY OUTAGES (INCLUDING DAMAGE RELATED OUTAGES). AT THIS POINT, OTHER THAN THE NEWPORT TRANSFORMER, CEI HAS NOT IDENTIFIED ANY IMPROVEMENTS THAT THEY BELIEVE ARE FEASIBLE; HOWEVER, THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO STRONGLY ADVOCATE FOR CEI TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR FACILITIES.



5. THERE WILL BE A FORESTRY PATROL NEXT YEAR FOR THE AREAS SERVED BY THE LEO SUBSTATION (THE SUBSTATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROCKEFELLER ROAD AND EDDY). THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CITY TO ADDRESS FORESTRY ISSUES THE RIGHT OF WAY THAT THREATEN THEIR LINES.
6. WE HAVE DISCUSSED AND WILL IMPLEMENT STEPS TO IMPROVE STORM RECOVERY EFFORTS TO ALLOW OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO CLEAR OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE ROADS FASTER AFTER STORMS.
7. WE ARE WORKING TO BETTER INFORM OUR RESIDENTS AND CUSTOMERS OF THE STEPS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO SAFELY RESTORE POWER AFTER STORMS. FOR EXAMPLE:
  - a. MANY RESIDENTS REPORT THAT THEY SEE CEI TRUCKS IN THE AREA RIGHT AFTER THE STORM, BUT THE POWER ISN'T RESTORED UNTIL A LATER TIME. IN THOSE CASES, THEY MAY BE COMING TO CONFIRM THAT ANY LINES THAT ARE DAMAGED ARE SHUT DOWN TO ALLOW OUR CREWS TO CLEAR ROADWAYS (AND PREVENT SOMEONE BEING INJURED OR KILLED IF THE DOWNED LINE IS ENERGIZING ANOTHER STRUCTURE OR EVEN THE GROUND). **AGAIN, FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF THE CITY'S EMPLOYEES, AFTER STORMS, PLEASE KEEP CLEAR OF ANY DAMAGED LINES OR ANYTHING THAT COULD BE IN CONTACT WITH DOWNED LINES.**
  - b. YOU MAY SEE A CREW WAITING IN THEIR VEHICLES NEAR A DAMAGED LINE AFTER A STORM. THAT CREW NEEDS TO WAIT FOR CLEARANCE THAT ALL POTENTIAL CONNECTIONS ARE SHUT DOWN AND CONFIRMED SO THAT THEY CAN SAFELY MAKE REPAIRS.
8. RESIDENTS SHOULD ALWAYS REPORT OUTAGES AFFECTING THEIR PROPERTY. IT HELPS QUANTIFY THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AFFECTED DURING THE OUTAGE AND TO TRACK WHERE OUTAGES HAVE OCCURRED.
9. ANY RESIDENT WITH A SPECIAL MEDICAL NEED SHOULD CONTACT CEI TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE TAGGED IN THEIR SYSTEM AS NEEDING SPECIAL ATTENTION.
10. AS FALL IS NOW HERE, PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME TO CHECK AND HAVE REMOVED ANY TREES/BRANCHES THAT ARE ON YOUR PROPERTY THAT MAY THREATEN THE CONNECTION TO YOUR HOME. FOR YOUR SAFETY

AND THE SAFETY OF THE WORKERS, USE ONLY FIRSTENERGY APPROVED CONTRACTORS IF THEY ARE WORKING NEAR YOUR POWER LINES. YOU CAN CALL MY OFFICE AND WE CAN GET YOU A COPY OF CEI'S GUIDELINES.

11. LAST MONTH THE CITY COORDINATED WITH KIRTLAND TO REMOVE DEAD TREES WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY ON WORRELL ROAD. WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK TO ADDRESS DEAD TREES WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY THROUHOOUT THE CITY.
- 12.CEI AND THE CITY ARE BOTH COMMITTED TO CONTINUING OPEN COMMUNICATION TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND WILL MEET AGAIN IN THE LATE FALL.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR RESIDENTS APPRISED OF UPCOMING DEVELOPMENTS WITH FIRSTENERGY.

CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS  
35045 CHARDON ROAD  
WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OH 44094  
440-946-6614 MAYOR GARDNER



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)