



## **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:**

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR FINE RESIDENTS WHO CAME OUT FOR OUR DISTRICT 1 AND DISTRICT 2 MEETINGS. DISTRICT 3 MEETING IS SET FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 6:30 P.M. AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER. ALL OF THE MEETINGS FEATURE A NICE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION TO INCLUDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY DEPARTMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF.

MANY POSITIVE THINGS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DURING THIS TIME AND I AM VERY HAPPY WHEN I LOOK BACK AT WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH DURING A PANDEMIC. THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MAXIMIZE OUR EXPENDITURES AND PROVIDE THE SAFEST ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES. THE SECOND ROUND OF FUNDING, THOUGH NOT AS MUCH AS WHAT WAS PROVIDED IN 2020, WILL OFFER US AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL RECOVERY AND WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET TO CAREFULLY PLAN FOR ITS USE. I PLAN TO PRESENT THE BUDGET TO COUNCIL IN EARLY NOVEMBER (RATHER THAN IN THE EARLY SPRING) SO THAT WE CAN GET THE BUDGET APPROVED AND BEGIN TO PLAN FOR ITEMS EARLIER IN THE YEAR. THIS WILL INCLUDE SAFETY VEHICLES AND SUPPLIES THAT WE NORMALLY PLAN FOR EVERY YEAR IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR FLEET IN TACT AND UP TO DATE. IT IS GOOD TO HEAR RESIDENT FEEDBACK DURING THE DISTRICT MEETINGS BECAUSE THE RESIDENTS ARE TELLING US WHAT THEY FEEL IS IMPORTANT AND IT IS QUITE TIMELY AS WE PLAN THE BUDGET AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES.

IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS, CHECK OUT THE COUNCIL SECTION ON THE CITY WEBSITE TO HEAR THE MEETINGS.

ONE LAST NOTE...PFIZER BOOSTER OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON MONDAY, OCT. 18 AND MONDAY, OCT. 25 FROM 9AM TO 3PM. YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT ON THE ARMORVAX WEBSITE AT <https://www.armorvax.com/>

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021**

CLASSIC 5K WELLNESS RUN/WALK  
CLASSIC LEXUS, 2551 SOM CTR ROAD  
REGISTRATION 8AM; RUN/WALK BEGINS AT 9AM – EVENT IS PET FRIENDLY!

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021**

COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 MEETING  
6:30 P.M. – WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER, 35400 CHARDON ROAD

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021**

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021**

PC-ABR MASTER PLAN MEETING  
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**

FALL CRAFT SHOW  
9:00AM – 3PM WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
AND  
GRANGE OPEN HOUSE

**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 (or via Zoom as listed on the link below) at Willoughby Hills Community Center – to brief our residents on the nine proposed amendments to our City Charter on the November ballot

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81610950046?pwd=eWd2enA3ZzdLR3ZHky80RXR3VWVvQT09>

Meeting ID: 816 1095 0046 Passcode: 194155

**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

**Sunday, October 31, 2021 6-8:00 p.m.** Halloween Trick or Treating in WH – stay safe!

**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:

**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!**

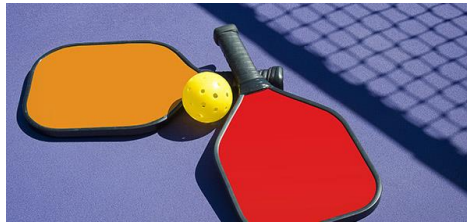
<https://www.gcxc racing.com/classic>

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!!**



### PICKLEBALL UPDATE

By Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz

Thanks to the Pickleball volunteers who came out on September 28, we were able to align on the scope of work and coordinated volunteers to complete some prep work.

A huge thank you to Road Superintendent Mark Grubiss for the court prep as the crack filling went very well. The volunteers completed filling the cracks on 75% of the court surface. An order will be placed for additional materials to complete the remainder of the crack filling work. The volunteers will plan to complete the court preparation as soon as the supplies are available and the weather continues to cooperate.

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

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

## UPDATE FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES:

Yard waste service thru Republic Services will end for the season on October 31, 2021 and will resume on April 1, 2022. The City Administration is currently working with Republic Services to ensure that resident yard waste is picked up timely and on the same day as trash/recycle collection. This has been a challenge over the past month due to a transition of new drivers who were recently added to their staff during the pandemic. Republic Services has acknowledged late pickups recently and has committed to make the following improvements for the City of Willoughby Hills:

- Maps are being revised for drivers to ensure that no streets are missed.
- Drivers are to call in to clear portions of their route. The residential dispatcher will review GPS to make sure all streets in this portion of the route were covered. The supervisor will be involved in this process as well.
- Increased supervisor presence in Willoughby Hills will run through the routes to assure streets and sections are not missed.
- Better communication when a route is behind or will be significantly delayed.

Many residents call the Customer Resource Center 1-800-968-7789 and get routed for a missed pick up. Often times if a customer lets Republic know soon enough, they can recover a miss that day or the supervisor can explain where they are on the route. Always leave your yard waste out after you call so Republic can get it picked up.

Republic remains committed to service the City of Willoughby Hills in an efficient manner. Please practice patience as they work through new drivers both for yard waste, as well as trash and recycle, during these unprecedented times. Thank you for your cooperation.



## 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.



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)

### RESIDENT NEWS:

THANKS TO TOM KICHER WHO HAS SERVED ON THE CITY'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR OVER TEN YEARS! HE RESIGNED HIS COMMISSION THIS WEEK BUT WE WISH HIM WELL AND THANK HIM FOR THE TIME AND TALENT HE GAVE TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS TO MAKE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RUN SO SMOOTHLY.

THE CITY IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION. PLEASE CONTACT GLORIA IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RESIDENTS VERA AND LARRY HUPERTZ ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR GRANDSON, OWEN BORN ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2021! LARRY SAYS THEY ARE ALREADY "SPOILING THE LITTLE GUY!"

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT #8 – ARTICLE VIII-The Electorate**

### **Subsection 8.31 ELECTIONS**

Charter Review Commission prepared Amendment #8 with the following intent: The proposed language conforms to a federal law, the Uniformed and Overseas citizens Absentee voting Act, which requires absentee ballots to be sent 46 days prior to an election. Currently, the Mayoral runoff election must be held 42 days following the election, which is 4 days short of this requirement. The Charter Review Commission voted to recommend the elimination of a post-election runoff for mayoral candidates. Consequently, the candidate with the most votes will be elected which is how we vote for Council members.

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

This will eliminate the runoff if the Mayoral candidate does not receive a majority of the votes cast for Mayor. In the November 2019 election, Mayor Gardner defeated candidates (former Councilman) David Fiebig and (Councilwoman) Nancy Fellows with a 51.91% of the votes.

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

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

### **ISSUE 10**

**"PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT- #8**

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

*"Shall Article VIII – Sub-8.31 - Elections of the Charter of the Willoughby Hills be amended to eliminate a runoff election on the sixth Tuesday immediately following the general municipal election between the leading two vote getters for Mayor in the event no mayoral candidate receives a majority of the vote?"*

**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.lakecountyoohio.gov/boe/>

## ABSENTEE BALLOT INFO.

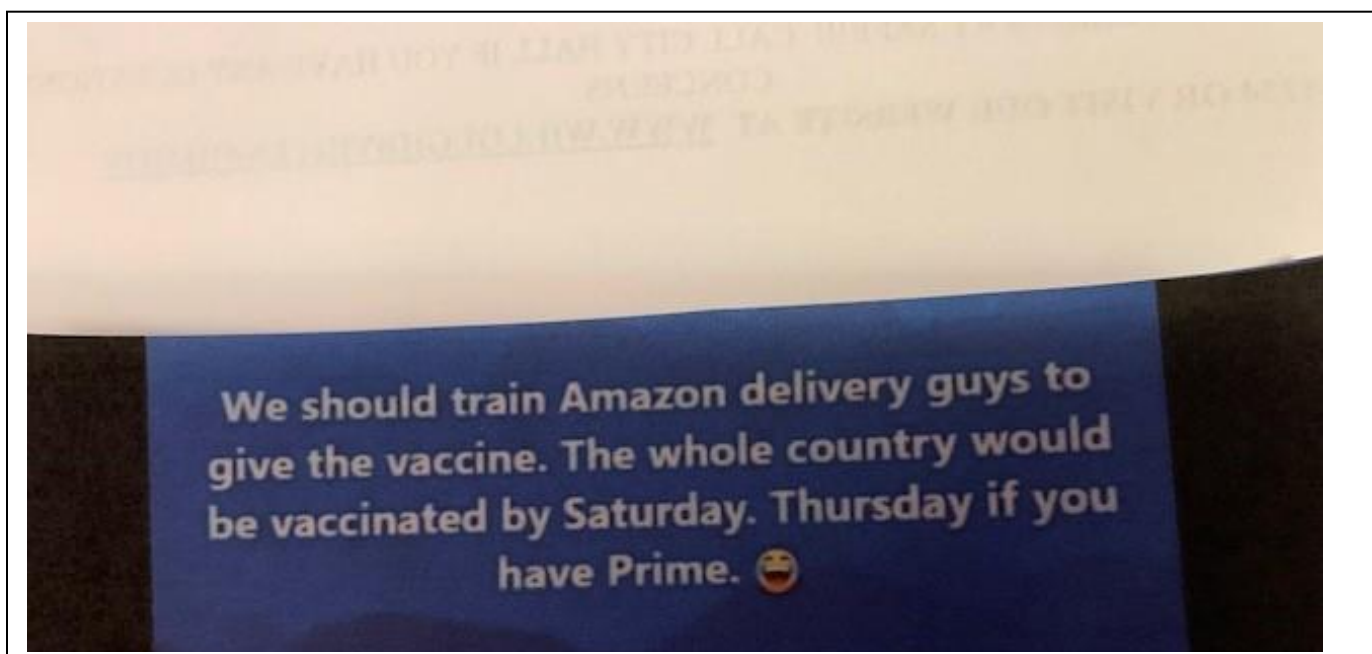
IF YOU NEED A PRINTED APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, PLEASE CONTACT GLORIA IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AT 440-918-8730 AND SHE WILL FACILITATE GETTING THE APPLICATION TO YOU. ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED BEGINNING OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>!



## PHIZER BOOSTER REMINDER

REMEMBER TO REGISTER AT [WWW.ARMORVAX.COM](http://WWW.ARMORVAX.COM) TO GET YOUR PFIZER BOOSTER. THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER WILL BE THE SITE FOR BOOSTERS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 AND MONDAY, OCTOBER 25. IF YOU WANT TO GET YOUR BOOSTER CLOSE TO HOME, REGISTER NOW TO GET ON BOARD.

A FUNNY THING I HEARD ABOUT THE VACCINE:



## MAKE PLANS FOR THE WEEKEND:

- 1) TAKE THE FAMILY TO THE LAKE METROPARKS FARM PARK APPLE BUTTER AND CIDER WEEKEND ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. OR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 (SAME HOURS) AT 8800 EUCLID CHARDON ROAD IN KIRTLAND. FARM PARK ADMISSION APPLIES (\$6-\$8) FOR AGES 2 AND OLDER. FARM PARK MEMBERS, CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 AND ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES RECEIVE FREE ENTRANCE TO THE PARK. VISITORS WILL SEE THE TRADITIONAL HARVEST ACTIVITIES AND DISCOVER HOW APPLE BUTTER AND CIDER ARE MADE. TAKE A TOUR OF THE "JOHNNY APPLESEED TRAIL."
- 2) SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 – CLASSIC 5K WELLNESS WALK & RUN – REGISTRATION AT 8, RUN/WALK BEGIN AT 9AM; GREAT PRIZES AND GREAT FUN AND A GREAT WAY TO WORK OFF ALL OF THE APPLE BUTTER, CIDER AND EXTRAS FROM SATURDAY! PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. NOEL FOOD PANTRY, HARVEST FOR HUNGER AND VELOSANOS. EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE RACE, STOP AND DROP OFF A CAN OF FOOD FOR THE ST. NOEL PANTRY!

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)