



City of Willoughby Hills

## E-NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 6 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020

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)

DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE CITY IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUE COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUR RESIDENTS WITH THE HELPFUL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND ON THE CITY WEBSITE:

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

### IMPORTANT MEETING DATES AND EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 6:00 P.M.** WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AND RULES & LEGISLATION MEETING VIA ZOOM.

[http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city\\_council/index.php](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city_council/index.php)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020** VETERANS DAY – REMEMBER TO HONOR OUR AMERICAN HEROES

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 1:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS** – SOCIAL DISTANCING WITH MASKS REQUIRED

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 7:00 P.M.** REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA ZOOM

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## SERVICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

LEAF PICKUP IS UNDERWAY! **THERE IS NO NEED TO CALL THE SERVICE DEPT. TO LET THEM KNOW YOUR LEAVES ARE OUT.** THEIR ROUTES INCLUDE ALL CITY (NOT PRIVATE) STREETS. DON'T FORGET..... REPUBLIC SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO PICK UP YARD WASTE THROUGH THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OPEN BURNING IS NOT PERMISSIBLE IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS CITY LIMITS (REFER TO BUILDING CODE FOR SPECIFICS).



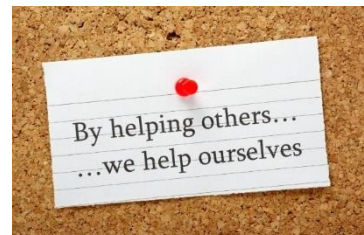
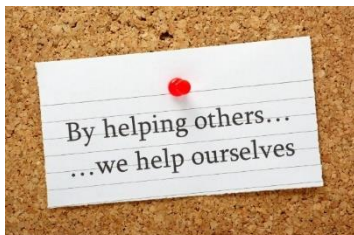
## BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

JUST A QUICK UPDATE TO LET OUR READERS KNOW THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD LAST NIGHT PRIOR TO THE CITY'S PLANNING COMMISSION & ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED USE OF 28915 AND 28925 CHAQADON ROAD AS A VETERINARIAN REHABILITATION BUILDING TO ASSIST IN THE CARE OF CATS AND DOGS. THE PROPOSED USE IS AN OFFICE FOR NON-SURGICAL, HOLISTIC, PHYSICAL REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT OF ANIMALS. THERE WILL BE NO MEDICAL OR SURGICAL TREATMENT OR BOARDING OF ANIMALS OR OUTDOOR RUNS. IT IS A NEW AND DEVELOPING TYPE OF SERVICE WHICH IS NOT CURRENTLY ADDRESSED IN OUR PLANNING & ZONING CODE. ALTHOUGH THE OWNER AND OPERATOR IS A LICENSED VETERINARIAN, THE USE DOES NOT MEET THE TECHNICAL DEFINITION OF A VET OFFICE, BUT IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF AN OFFICE, BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL OFFICE/MEDICAL BUILDING THAT DOES MEET PERMITTED USE IN THE B-1 ZONING DISTRICT. LOOK FOR THIS BUSINESS TO BEGIN THEIR WORK IN WH SOON!



## FUN SAYING FROM MS. MARLO THOMAS TO SHARE WITH YOU:

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD: GIVERS AND TAKERS. THE TAKERS MAY EAT BETTER, BUT THE GIVERS SLEEP BETTER!



## FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

During Spring and Fall, open burning is always a topic of discussion and confusion. Despite its country-like atmosphere, Willoughby Hills is still bound by state, county, and local fire codes & regulations which dictate what is and what is not a legal open burn. In a nutshell, burning trash or yard waste without a permit is prohibited. Besides being potentially harmful to the environment (smoke and runoff), it can be a nuisance to your neighbors and even worsen medical conditions for those with breathing difficulties. (Here are the services provided by the city for trash and yard waste removal: [http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/departments/services/trash\\_recycling/index.php](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/departments/services/trash_recycling/index.php))

So what is legal then? **Portable outdoor fireplaces** are allowed. By definition (Ohio Fire Code), a portable outdoor fireplace is, *"a portable, outdoor, solid-fuel burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay, or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening at the top."* The other type of fire that is legal is the **recreational fire**. A recreational fire is, *"an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit, and has a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes"* (Ohio Fire Code).

And while these types of fires are legal, there are some **additional safety requirements** to ensure that they do not become a hazard:

- 1) Must only burn clean, seasoned firewood (not trash, leaves, or other yard waste)
- 2) Fires must be attended at all times until they are extinguished
- 3) A means of extinguishing the fire must be available nearby i.e. a garden hose, bucket of sand or water, a fire extinguisher, etc.
- 4) Fires must not be less than 15 feet from any structure for portable fireplaces; or 25 feet from any structure in the case of recreational fires.
- 5) Recreation fires may have a wood stack of no greater than 3-ft wide by 2-ft high.

There are several other specific types of fires that are allowed by code (large bonfires, occupational-type fires, etc.) but they require special approval of the fire chief and health department and typically are of no interest to the average homeowner. For our residents living in the apartments- grilling on balconies or within 20-feet of the building is strictly prohibited. Finally, the fire department reserves the right by law to order any fire to be extinguished as deemed necessary because of hazardous weather or fire conditions.

Still confused? We have compiled all of this information into several convenient reference documents and have made them available on our website. Just look for "Open Burning" on the Links page: <http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/departments/safety/fire/links.php>

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

### Tips to Prevent Car Break-Ins

Area police departments throughout Lake County are seeing an increase in vehicles being both broken into and stolen. Here are some helpful tips that may serve as a reminder to stay vigilant in protecting your property.

- Lock your doors every time you leave your vehicle. A vast majority of vehicles that are burglarized have been vehicles that were unlocked. Lock your car doors!
- Do not leave your car running unattended even for a minute; criminals are opportunists who love an easy job.
- Do not leave valuable or even cheap items in plain sight. Offenders often look into a vehicle to see if it is worth breaking into. What you think is worthless, they may see as some value to them.
- Car alarms are a deterrent – they are loud and annoying. However, next time this happens, take notice that there are no car thieves around that noisy car.
- Don't park your vehicle in an isolated area or an area where others cannot see your vehicle from the street. If you park in your garage, make sure you lock your garage door.
- If you are gone for a while do not leave your garage door opener inside your vehicle – especially in plain sight. This could potentially give them access not only to your vehicle but also your entire residence.

Call 911 anytime you see someone or something suspicious in the area. It is always better to be safe rather than sorry. The Willoughby Hills Police Department responds to all calls for service and take all suspicious activity alerts very seriously.



## WHISPER NEWS:

**SIGN UP NOW TO BE A WHISPER VOLUNTEER!**

**CHECK OUT THE LINK BELOW FOR YOUR APPLICATION:**

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



## CITY COUNCIL NEWS:

Council will be meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Ordinances and Resolutions that will be discussed may be found at the following link:

Ordinance 2020-48: Labor contract for Service Dept. workers (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

Ordinance 2020-54: Labor contract for AFSCME workers (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

Ordinance 2020-56: Appointment of SGT Matt Naegele at Police Chief (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

Ordinance 2020-60: Establish position/salary of PT Zoning Admin. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Ordinance 2020-61: 2021 Budget (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Ordinance 2020-62: Labor contract for WHFD Fire Fighters (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Ordinance 2020-63: Labor contract for WHPD Sergeants (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Ordinance 2020-64: Labor contract for WHPD Patrol (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Ordinance 2020-65: Labor contract for WHPD Dispatchers (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Resolution 2020-11: Agreement with LC Board of Commissioners to Amend the 12/29/79 agreement re. transfer of City's public water system property to LC Sewer)

[http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city\\_council/records/prior\\_years.php](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city_council/records/prior_years.php)

**DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CAN VIEW THE ZOOM MEETING ON WHTV CABLE CHANNEL 1024 SPECTRUM OR CHANNEL 99 AT&T UVERSE.**



## RESIDENT & EMPLOYEE NEWS:

IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY THIS WEEK, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING VETERANS WHO WERE HONORED DURING OUR MEMORIAL DAY FUNDRAISER FOR VFW POST 4358:

GEORGE A. GARDNER	FRANK CIHULA SR.	WILLIAM PHILIPP
LAWRENCE PHILIPP	WILLIAM ARMSTRONG	WILLIAM A MAJESKI
MARY R. MAJESKI	HENRY A. RAWA	MIKE LOMBARDO
LARRY O'DONNELL	MICHAEL SEMIK	JARED SEMIK
JOSEPH LUZAR	LAWRENCE A. HUPERTZ	CHARLES EUBANKS
FRANK COLINI	EDWARD F. PLANISEK	MICHAEL M. PLANISEK
HERMIE WEIN	MATTHEW WEGER	DANIEL DHONDT
ROBERT SACERICH	WILLIAM E. HART	RUDOLPH TAYLOR
GEORGE KISTNER	FRANCIS KISTNER	JAMES KISTNER
JOHN JACKSON	RAYMOND KIFER, SR.	FRED REDMOND
PHILLIP PAHNER	CARA MILLER	THOMAS KLEIN
BIL SHIPLEY	ROGER KNIERIM	MATTHEW DOLENCE
MARVIN LEVINE	MARK LEVINE	MORTON TEITELMAN
ELMER MINICHIELLO	JOHN J. RACIC	RYAN RACIC
RONALD COLE TIPTON	DENNIS BARR	PHILIP COLLINS
DAVID JOHN DOLAN	CHARLES DOLAN	DAVID JOHN DOLAN
RICHARD KOSTELNIK	MICHAEL VORKAVICH	RAY BUZANSKI
JOHN M. LILLICH	BLAINE JONES	RICHARD M. HAFF
TOM SHIMROCK	JAMES W. HARE	JEAN HARE
STEVEN HARE	JOHN ZIAMBA SR.	NORTON DRENSKI
335 <sup>TH</sup> RRC 9 <sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY		BERNARD JACK VINCENT
THEODORE B. VAN DEMOTTER		RAYMOND TYCZKOWSKI

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY!





## RECREATION NEWS:

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR A CARD AT CHRISTMAS CARD LANE. SHOW YOUR SPIRIT DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR ALL OF THE INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED:

<http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/2020%20PAMPHLET%20ON%20CHRISTMAS%20CARD%20LANE.pdf>



PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED AND ARE BEING REVIEWED BY OUR RECREATION COMMISSION  
ALL ENTRIES HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES.  
THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE POSTING THE PHOTOS AND ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS SOON. STAY TUNED FOR THOSE UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS!



MAKE SURE THE KIDS ARE GETTING THEIR LETTERS TO SANTA READY! HE CALLED CITY HALL THIS WEEK TO LET US KNOW THAT THE MAILBOXES FOR THE LETTERS ARE ON THEIR WAY!



WINTERFEST/CHRISTMAS CARD LANE DRIVE THRU AND TOY DRIVE SET FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020 FROM 6 TO 7:30 P.M. PLAN TO JOIN US!

**VFW POST 4358 NEWS**

**WATCH FOR OUR VETERANS AT POST 4358 ON**

**SATURDAY, 11/7 & SUNDAY, 11/8 AND WEDNESDAY, 11/11**

**AT SUN PLUM MARKET (CORNER OF ROUTE 6 AND 91)**

**THEY WILL BE ASKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THEIR POPPY DRIVE  
TO HELP WITH POST HOME EXPENSES. PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!**





## VOTING NEWS:

Thank you to our voters who approved the City's Road Levy renewal on this week's ballot! Your support is greatly appreciated to continue the great work of our Service Workers and the City's Road Plan.



ALSO, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR LOCAL AND COUNTY LEADERS ON THE SUCCESS OF THEIR RECENT CAMPAIGNS. THE CITY LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM IN THE FUTURE.

You did it!  
*Congratulations*

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR WILLOUGHBY HILLS SMALL BUSINESSES! THE CITY IS WORKING ON A RESOURCE BOOKLET SO OUR RESIDENTS WILL KNOW WHAT BUSINESSES ARE IN OUR CITY WHEN THEY CHOOSE TO DINE OR RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. FUTURE NEWSLETTERS WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN TO EXPECT THIS MAILING!



## **CITY HALL'S (FRIENDLY) FEUD – WEEK 2:**

**By Gloria Majeski, Executive Assistant to Mayor Gardner**

**After last week's loss to me for WH Business Support Challenge, Mayor Gardner asked for a rematch this week and really worked hard to make it happen! Here are our scorecards from this week:**

<b><u>MAYOR GARDNER</u></b>	<b><u>POINTS</u></b>
Coffee Stop at Mc Donald's – every morning!!! <i>(No fair! I'm not a coffee drinker, but I'll give him the points!)</i>	7
Lunch – sub sandwich from Dynamic Duo	1
Wine at the Wood Room <i>(Probably celebrating Road Levy victory!)</i>	1
Wine at Sun Plum – TWICE!! <i>(Probably still celebrating the Road Levy victory!!)</i>	2
Flower for his wife from Flowers by Shelley (3 points for this one....so nice, Mayor!)	3
Dynamic Duo <i>(Purchased lottery tickets in the event of an upcoming loss to me, probably!)</i>	1
Dinner at Lobster Pot (special treat to celebrate the victory!)	1
Dinner at Mario Fazio's <i>(deserved this after a hard day at the office!)</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>

<b><u>GLORIA MAJESKI</u></b>	<b><u>POINTS</u></b>
Aldi's <i>(cake to celebrate the Road Levy Renewal!)</i>	1
Firehouse Grille & Pub <i>(\$5 soup special for lunch X 2)</i>	2
Dollar Tree <i>(News Herald – article about Willoughby Hills Road Levy!)</i>	1
Marc's <i>(More Hand sanitizer!)</i>	1
Donuts at Dunkin Donuts <i>(hard-working poll workers deserve this!)</i>	1
Haircut at Elena's Styling	1
Lunch at Mario Fazio's <i>(Pizza special!)</i>	1
Dinner at St. Noel's Banquet Center Take out <i>(only Thursday, Friday &amp; Saturday!)</i>	1
Emerald Glen <i>(referral for a resident looking for a title specialist)</i>	1
Sun Plum Market <i>(fruit basket for a senior!)</i>	1
Dinner from La-Vera Party Center <i>(take out Thursday!)</i>	1
BP <i>(topped off my tank!)</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

**OK – Mayor Gardner – the Road Levy Renewal gave you a few extra points this week, so I concede my loss to you this week, but in order to break this tie, next week we will begin a Mega Challenge----the race (to continue supporting our Willoughby Hills businesses) is on!**

**We are challenging all Willoughby Hills residents to challenge another Willoughby Hills resident to see who is the bigger supporter of Willoughby Hills businesses!**

**TELL US HOW YOU'VE CHALLENGED SOMEONE AND WHAT YOUR HIGH SCORE IS!**

STAY SAFE!!! CALL CITY HALL IF YOUR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS  
AT 440-946-1234  
OR VISIT  
OUR WEBSITE AT:  
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