



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS!!!**

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**THE NEWSLETTER IS A FEW DAYS EARLY TO ALLOW FOR A FEW DAYS AWAY FOR OUR HARD-WORKING EDITOR!!!**

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

Our residents and volunteers are what makes our City great. Please consider being a part of a great team. We currently have openings on the Recreation Commission, part-time Property Staff members for the Community Center, and a part-time Zoning Inspector or Zoning Administrator. Information about the jobs are available on the City website at [www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov).

Council is winding down to their final few meetings. The meetings are finally back in Council Chambers, along with the opportunity for our residents to view them on WHTV (Channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse or Channel 1024 on Spectrum), as well as on Facebook Live. I appreciate the work that Council has done to make these meetings so available to our residents. Council has two Public Portions at each meeting which give our residents a chance to get up and address any question or concern with the Council members. Council has been very receptive to Administration and all of our City Departments to discuss and approve agenda items to provide for the needs of our City. I certainly appreciate their hard work for our City and its residents.

The Service Department continues leaf collection. They are doing a great job to try to pick up all leaves before the snow flies! No need to call...just put your leaves out!

Special thanks to Veteran Ted Vandemotter and his wife Sue who distributed over forty bags to Willoughby Hills veterans this week. The Mayor's Office received many calls of thanks and appreciation from this great group of individuals. The patriotic bags serve as an acknowledgment of the commitment these service members gave to their country. Best wishes to all service members for a great Veterans' Day on Thursday.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021**

**VETERANS' DAY – CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TO OBSERVE THIS HOLIDAY!**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**7:00 P.M.**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021**

**PHOTO CONTEST RECEPTION**

**WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER**

**7:00-9:00 P.M.**



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

**PC-ABR MEETING**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**7:00 P.M.**

**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.**

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:**

### **DECEMBER EVENTS:**

#### **CHRISTMAS CARD LANE**

**ILLUMINATED CARDS WILL BE INSTALLED DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS OF NOVEMBER AND WILL BE ILLUMINATED UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR!**

#### **WINTERFEST & ANNUAL TOY DRIVE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.**

**AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS CITY HALL**

#### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & SANTA SHOP**

**TAKING RESERVATIONS NOW!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021 8:30AM TO 11:45AM**

**CALL 440-975-3540 FOR RESERVATIONS NOW!**

#### **LETTERS TO SANTA**

**SANTA WILL BE PLACING MAILBOXES AROUND THE CITY VERY SOON!**

#### **HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE**

**DECEMBER 20 TO DECEMBER 23, 2021 (STARTING AT 7:00 P.M.)**

**WATCH FOR SANTA TO COME BY THE STREETS OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS!**

**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW MEMBERS FOR THE RECREATION COMMISSION!**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP US KEEP OUR SUCCESSFUL EVENTS!**

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

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS:**

**REPORTER ED GALLEK OF FOX 8 NEWS DID A GREAT STORY WITH POLICE CHIEF NAEGELE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:**

**“WHEN ARE DRIVERS MOST LIKELY TO GO EXTREME SPEEDS ON HIGHWAYS?”**

**IT WAS AMAZING TO LEARN THAT ONE OF OUR OFFICERS CLOCKED A SPEEDER AT 114 MPH ON THE FREEWAY!**

**WOW! CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO READ THE STORY.**

**<https://fox8.com/news/i-team/>**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT - FLOCK CAMERAS

A READER HAS ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE "FLOCK CAMERAS" THAT WERE MENTIONED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER. YOU MAY RECALL THAT FOX 8 NEWS HAD ALSO DONE A STORY WITH POLICE CHIEF NAEGELE ABOUT THIS NEW CONCEPT TO KEEP OUR CITY SAFE.

WE HAVE REQUESTED THE LINK TO THE STORY FROM FOX 8, BUT UNTIL THAT IS AVAILABLE, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO OUR READERS ABOUT FLOCK CAMERAS:

Fixed Automated License Plate Reader technology system gives police the ability to identify stolen vehicles and those owned by people wanted on felony warrants. The cloud-based database of images the cameras capture can also be searched for vehicles with specific license plate numbers across multiple communities, and it can assist with missing persons cases and in AMBER Alert investigations. Similar car-mounted units have been in common use for years, but the Flock system offers cloud-based, artificial intelligence-enhanced capabilities, combined with multi-jurisdictional networking.

It is not a traffic control camera, but the system's primary function is to capture images of license plate numbers, which are then automatically compared with those on the National Crime Information Center's database. Response times to queries come within a minute, and officers in their cruisers can access the information.

If the plate comes back as stolen or the registered owner has a felony warrant, the information is sent back to the local jurisdiction via their MDTs [mobile data terminals, aka computers in cars] and the location that the image was captured. With the camera system, as soon as they pass a camera the Police Department is notified and officers head to that area. Usually the vehicle is found and the subjects leave the area before they can commit any crimes.

But the system isn't limited to the national database. Police can also search the system's database of images for general descriptions of vehicles. It will return images that match the search parameters, along with the dates, times and locations where the images were taken. The images are saved for 30 days.

This is the latest tool in Law Enforcement that is now being utilized by WHPD. More information to follow with FOX 8 news story in future editions.



## **FIRSTENERGY UPDATE:**

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE HAS RECEIVED RESIDENT CALLS (IN THE ALAN ROAD AREA) OF "BLIPS" IN THEIR ELECTRICAL POWER. IT IS DESCRIBED AS A "MOMENTARY OUTAGE" WHICH IS JUST ENOUGH TO MAKE THE RESIDENTS RESET THEIR TVS OR MICROWAVES.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE SPOKE WITH OUR FIRSTENERGY REPRESENTATIVE WHO ADVISED THAT THE RESIDENTS SHOULD CALL THE FIRSTENERGY EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER (1-888-544-4877) AND "REPORT AN OUTAGE." THIS WILL CREATE A TICKET IN THEIR SYSTEM WHICH WILL DISPATCH A CREW TO REVIEW THE SITUATION. OFTEN TIMES, FIRSTENERGY MAY FIND A LIMB OR LINE THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF. JUST REMEMBER...YOUR BEST OPTION IS ALWAYS TO PLACE THE CALL TO FIRSTENERGY!!



### **OTHER GOOD INFORMATION CONCERNING POWER OUTAGES FROM FIRSTENERGY:**

Residents for whom an interruption in electric service could be life threatening are encouraged to contact The Illuminating Company to be added to the company's Critical Customer Care Program. Customers on this list may receive special services when a power outage occurs and will be notified if an outage is expected to last longer than 24 hours. While The Illuminating Company makes every effort possible to restore power as quickly and safely as possible to vulnerable customers, the company cannot always guarantee immediate or quick power restoration to individuals on this list. Critical customers should always have a backup plan in place ahead of power outages to ensure their safety and wellbeing. Individuals requiring electrically operated life-support equipment should be aware of how to obtain backup power sources during outages, such as generators or batteries, or arrange for timely evacuation to another location. Residents interested in being added to the Critical Customer Care Program are encouraged to contact a member of The Illuminating Company's customer service team at 1-800-589-3101.

## **COVID VACCINE BOOSTER REMINDER....**

**A BOOSTER POINT OF DISPENSARY (POD) WILL BE AT THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15 FROM 8:30AM TO 2:30PM. CALL THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO REGISTER AT 440-350-2188 OR REGISTER ON LINE AT [WWW.ARMORVAX.COM](http://WWW.ARMORVAX.COM).**

**BOTH PFIZER AND MODERNA BOOSTERS WILL BE OFFERED. PLEASE BRING YOUR VACCINATION CARD (FROM YOUR FIRST 2 VACCINES), IF AVAILABLE. IF NOT, A NEW CARD WILL BE MADE FOR YOU FOR THIS DOSE!**





## CHRISTMAS CARD LANE

CHRISTMAS CARD LANE HAS BEEN A TRADITION IN OUR CITY FOR MANY YEARS. IT ALWAYS SIGNIFIED THE “START OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON,” LONG BEFORE THE STORE MERCHANTS REMIND US THAT CHRISTMAS IS NEAR AS THEY STOCK THEIR SHELVES RIGHT NEXT TO THE HALLOWEEN COSTUMES AND JACK-O-LANTERNS!

IT IS A FUN WAY TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE A NICE VENUE FOR THE FAMILY TO COME OUT AND SEE THE LARGE ILLUMINATED CARDS OF THEIR FRIENDS, CITY GOVERNMENT, WILLOUGHBY HILLS BUSINESSES AND CHURCHES.

THE “CARD” IS ACTUALLY A 4’x8’ BOARD TO WHICH YOU HAVE EITHER PAINTED WITH YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY DECORATION AND FAMILY NAME, OR A VINYL DESIGN FROM A VENDOR. THE CITY CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME OF VENDORS WHO ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE ARTWORK AND COMPLETED SIGN. FEE FOR THE VINYL SIGN IS APPROXIMATELY \$130, WHICH IS PAID TO THE SELECTED VENDOR AND THE 4’x8’ SIGN IS SEPARATE. THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT WILL ATTACH THE SIGN TO THE BOARD IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

THE CITY PROVIDES TWO METAL SUPPORTING POLES, ONE SPOTLIGHT SPACE OF 6 TO 10’ AND INSTALLATION OF THE CARD. AFTER THE CARDS ARE TAKEN DOWN EACH YEAR, THE SERVICE DEPARTEMENT WILL STORE THE CARD FOR YOU.

THERE IS A FIRST-TIME APPLICATION FEE OF \$75 THAT IS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM. THERE WILL BE A RENEWAL FEE OF \$35 THEREAFTER.

APPLICATION AND INFORMATION FORMS MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT:

[WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV](http://WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV)

PLAN TO GET YOUR CARD NOW SO THE CITY CAN INSTALL IT  
AND YOU CAN BE PART OF CHRISTMAS CARD LANE 2021!



## **YARD WASTE NEWS...**

OUR YARD WASTE SERVICE WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30. YOU HAVE A FEW MORE WEEKS FOR YARD CLEAN UP AND REPUBLIC WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU REMOVE THE YARD WASTE. JUST PUT IT IN A CONTAINER MARKED "YARD WASTE" OR HAVE TWIGS BUNDLED (NO LONGER THAN 4' IN LENGTH). THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS...**

### **RESIDENT NEWS:**

**SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF HELEN BASHAM WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK. HELEN WAS A LONG-TIME WILLOUGHBY HILLS RESIDENT. HER FAMILY WILL REMAIN IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**KATIE CAPOROSSI – RECOGNIZED BY THE NEO OHIO AREA TEAM WITH THE "2021 AFS EMERGING LEADER AWARD" – WAY TO GO, KATIE!!**



**ATHENA HOCEVAR AND HALEY THIERRY!**

**ATHENA AND HALEY ARE FRESHMEN AT YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY WHO WERE SELECTED AS MEMBERS OF THE YOUNGSTOWN STATE PENGUINS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM. BEST WISHES TO THEM AS THEY BEGIN THEIR SEASON ON TUESDAY!!**

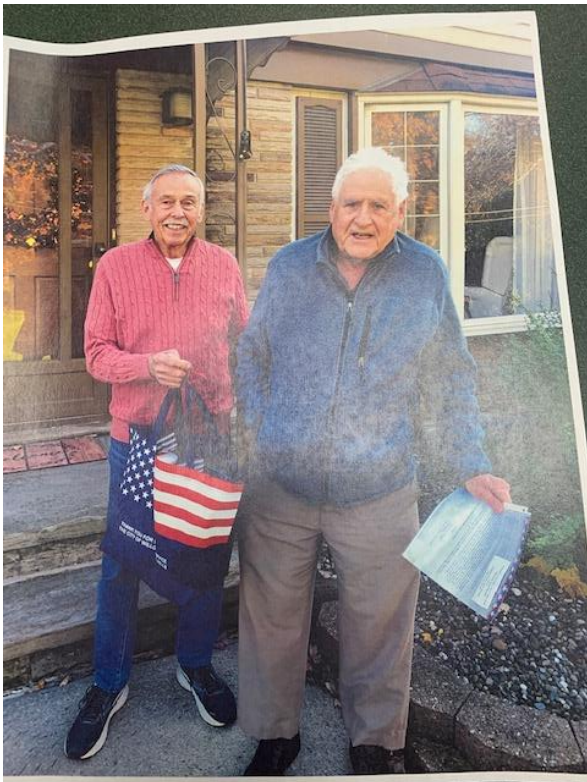


**WHISPER VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED  
WE ARE LOOKING TO DO A FEW RESIDENT YARD CLEANUPS ON  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE EMAIL:  
[GLORIAMAJESKI@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV](mailto:GLORIAMAJESKI@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV)  
TO GET ON THE LIST TO HELP OUR SENIORS.**

## **PATRIOTIC BAGS MAKE THEIR WAY TO VETERANS.....**

IN THE LAST SEVERAL NEWSLETTERS, THE MAYOR'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED THAT VETERAN'S NAMES BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER THAT WE CAN REMEMBER THEM WITH A PATRIOTIC BAG TO CELEBRATE VETERANS' DAY 2021. WITH OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS (SUE & TED VANDEMOTTER), WE WERE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THE BAGS THIS WEEK, JUST IN TIME FOR VETERANS' DAY ON THURSDAY.

HERE ARE A FEW PHOTOS OF RECIPIENTS NORTON GOODMAN AND RICH KOSTELNIK WHO WERE KIND ENOUGH TO STOP FOR A QUICK PHOTO UPON RECEIPT OF THEIR BAG. THIS ACT OF KINDNESS CERTAINLY GAVE A LIFT TO MANY WILLOUGHBY HILLS VETERANS AS THEY FONDLY REMEMBERED THEIR SERVICE DAYS. THEY CONTINUE TO HAVE A TRUE LOVE OF COUNTRY AND WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE.



HAVE A GREAT WEEK! STAY SAFE!!! CALL CITY HALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT 440-946-1234 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV](http://WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV)

