



City of Willoughby Hills

E-NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW E-NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS!!!

PLEASE ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN BY SENDING AN EMAIL REQUEST TO:

NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV

MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT:

THE CITY CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PLANNING AND ORGANIZING FOR 2022. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD YEAR AND HOPE TO COME OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO OFFER MORE EVENTS TO BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER SAFELY. IN THE INTERIM, WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT THE SPACE TO CONDUCT THEIR POINT OF DISPENSARIES FOR COVID VACCINES AND BOOSTERS. THESE ARE BEING HELD ON MONDAYS AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER.

WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR INDIVIDUALS TO FILL OUR BOARDS AND VOLUNTEER AT EVENTS. IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO HELP THE COMMUNITY. I WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE THE WHISPER PHOTOS WHERE A TEAM OF THIRTEEN VOLUNTEERS WENT OUT SATURDAY MORNING FOR THREE HOURS TO HELP TWO SENIORS. THE DIFFERENCE IT MADE (NOT ONLY IN THE PROPERTIES, BUT ALSO IN THE HAPPINESS OF THE RESIDENTS) IS TRULY COMMENDABLE ON THE PART OF THESE THIRTEEN INDIVIDUALS. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS INFORMATION FROM CITY ENGINEER DIFRANCO AS AN UPDATE TO THE WORK COMPLETED ON EDDY ROAD. AS YOU WILL SEE BY HIS REPORT, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL WORK DONE IN THE SPRING AS PART OF OUR CONTRACT. HE OUTLINES THE DETAILS FOR THE RESIDENTS' INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

THE RECREATION COMMISSION HAS A GREAT LINE UP OF EVENTS TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON. THEY ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO DO THEIR SHOPPING THIS WEEK FOR A TOY FOR THE TOY DRIVE NEXT WEEK (SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5). THEN PLAN TO COME TO BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND THE GREAT SANTA SHOP ON DECEMBER 11. I HAVE BEEN RECRUITED TO COOK PANCAKES AND PROMISE THAT THEY WILL BE PHENOMENAL!!

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY THANKSGIVING. HAVE FUN. BE SAFE.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

**7:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PLANNING COMMISSION & ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW (PC-ABR) MEETING**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

**5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.
WILLOUGHBY HILLS CITY HALL FRONT ENTRANCE
35405 CHARDON ROAD, WILLOUGHBY HILLS
WINTERFEST AND ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY COLLECTION (DROP OFF EVENT)**

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH'S HOLIDAY EVENT

6:00 P.M.

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, 29400 CHARDON ROAD, WILLOUGHBY HILLS, PRESENTS: "LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY" ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021 AT 6PM. IT IS A PROGRAM OF THE FINEST CHRISTMAS CLASSICS IN SONG AND INSTRUMENTS BY CLASSIC ARTISTS. REFRESHMENTS AND RECEPTION IN FELLOWSHIP ROOM TO FOLLOW. NO RESERVATIONS OR MASKS REQUIRED! A GREAT WAY TO START THE HOLIDAY SEASON!



**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

RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS:

WINTERFEST & ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

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

AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS CITY HALL

HELP US COLLECT LOTS OF TOYS FOR CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY!!!

THIS DRIVE THRU IS THE BEST CHANCE YOU HAVE TO GIVE YOUR TOYS DIRECTLY TO SANTA & MRS. CLAUS TO FILL THE SLEIGH FOR CHRISTMAS EVE!

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 HAS MAILBOXES AROUND THE CITY! GET YOUR LETTER DONE AND GET IT IN THE BOX!



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!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP US KEEP OUR SUCCESSFUL EVENTS!

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

WHISPER UPDATE:

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BRING 13 GREAT VOLUNTEERS OUT ON A SATURDAY MORNING IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS WITH RAKES AND BLOWERS????

LET ME SHOW YOU.....



BEFORE



AFTER

RESIDENCE ON RIVER ROAD - FIRST PROJECT

RESIDENCE ON TALL TREE TRAIL –SECOND PROJECT:



BEFORE



AFTER



W.H.I.S.P.E.R. IS OUR PROGRAM THAT HELPS SENIOR CITIZENS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THIRTEEN VOLUNTEERS GAVE UP THREE HOURS ON A SATURDAY MORNING TO HELP THESE SENIORS. AS WE APPROACH THE THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY, THESE RESIDENTS TOLD ME THEY ARE THANKFUL FOR GOOD PEOPLE IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS! SO NICE!

WHISPER TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sandi and John Racic

Bill and Joanne Smith

Karen Mehollin

Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz

Councilwoman Tanya Taylor Draper

Gloria Majeski

Councilwoman-Elect Vicki Miller

Scott, Jen, Mike & Joe Znidarsic



A FEW DATE CHANGES TO THE COVID-19 BOOSTER OPPORTUNITIES IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS:

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BACK TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER FOR VACCINE CLINICS! A BOOSTER POINT OF DISPENSARY (POD) WILL BE AT THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER ON DECEMBER 6, DECEMBER 13 AND DECEMBER 27 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. THE ONES PREVIOUSLY SET FOR NOVEMBER 22 AND NOVEMBER 29 HAVE BEEN CANCELED DUE TO STAFFING ISSUES.

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!



INFORMATION ABOUT SENIOR REDUCTIONS FOR SEWER AND WATER PROVIDED BY LAKE COUNTY WASTEWATER

LAKE COUNTY HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW PROGRAM WHICH WILL PROVIDE A 25% DISCOUNT ON WATER AND SEWER FEES FOR LAKE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS WHO QUALIFY.

THE SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENCES WITH LIMITED INCOME **WHO RECEIVE WATER AND/OR WASTEWATER TREATMENT BY THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES**. (MOST OF OUR RESIDENTS RECEIVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FROM THE CITY OF EUCLID, BUT WOULD STILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE WATER PORTION OF THIS BENEFIT). ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNERS MUST BE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND MUST MEET THE YEARLY INCOME THRESHOLD SET FORTH BY OHIO HOMESTEAD MEANS TESTING.

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE VERIFIED WITH THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO ENSURE YEARLY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, AND EACH RESIDENCE IS ELIGIBLE FOR ONE WATER AND/OR SANITARY SEWER DISCOUNT OF 25%.

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO BE DIRECTED TO THE LAKE COUNTY UTILITIES WEBSITE FOR THE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

<https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/utilities/2021/11/18/senior-citizen-discount-program/>

IF YOU NEED HELP WITH THE APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT GLORIA MAJESKI IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE AT 440-918-8730.

RESIDENT NEWS:

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF DAVID CORRIGAN, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK. HIS FAMILY WILL REMAIN IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY TO **ROAD SUPERINTENDENT MARK GRUBISS!** HOPE IT IS AS GREAT AS YOU ARE!!!

WE ARE SORRY TO ANNOUNCE THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL:

BOB WEGER – GRANGE CURATOR

WITH BOB'S RECENT MOVE OUT OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, HE HAS RESIGNED HIS POSITION AS GRANGE CURATOR. WE THANK HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE GRANGE DURING HIS TENURE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER **KEITH KANNER** ON 10 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS! WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE YOU HELPING THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS!

WELCOME:

JANET M. BLANCHARD, M.D.

34900 CHARDON ROAD, SUITE 201, WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OH 44094
216-772-2496

WWW.BLANCHARDPLASTICS.COM

WITH YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, DR. BLANCHARD WILL PROUDLY BE SERVING LAKE COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREA RESIDENTS FOR ALL OF THEIR PLASTIC SURGERY NEEDS.

A GRAND OPENING OPEN HOUSE IS SET FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 9 FROM 3 TO 6:30P.M. AT HER NEW OFFICE. REFRESHMENTS SERVED; RSVP REQUIRED DUE TO COVID

WELCOME DR. BLANCHARD AND STAFF TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS!

ODDS AND ENDS.....

CITY ENGINEER PETE DIFRANCO UPDATE ON EDDY ROAD PROJECT:

The City Engineer and Road Superintendent Grubiss met with ODOT last week to do a punch list walk through of the I-217/Eddy Rd Bridge Rehab project. ODOT agreed to address the following concerns in Spring 2022:

1. Mill & Fill (resurface) approximately 200' of Eddy Rd from the I-271 overpass eastward until the first driveway on the north side of Eddy Rd. This area was damage when they demolished the former overpass bridge, dropping materials onto Eddy Rd.
2. Paint the centerline on Eddy Rd, on both sides of the bridge, since we were not able to paint this portion as part of our pavement marking program because the area was blocked off. ODOT already needed to return to apply a permanent centerline on the bridge itself to replace the current temporary centerline, because permanent epoxy paint wasn't available due to pandemic/supply-chain issues.
3. Address an area of erosion on the west side of the bridge, on the north side of Eddy Rd.
4. Re-grade the swale on the south side of Eddy Rd, on the east side of the bridge to prevent run-off from reaching the roadway.

BZA THANK YOU TO FRANK CIHULA SET FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 AT 8PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PLAN TO COME TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 AT 8:00 P.M. AS THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS BIDS FAREWELL TO FRANK CIHULA (WHO HAS SERVED OUT HIS TERM ON THE BZA AFTER OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE). IF YOU HAVE BEEN A BZA MEMBER WITH FRANK BEFORE, OR JUST WANT TO COME TO WISH HIM WELL ON HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS (WHICH WILL INCLUDE HIS CONTINUED FOCUS ON THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY), WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU. THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND MAYORAL PROCLAMATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO HIM, FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF RECEPTION. PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!



REMEMBER TO BE NICE TO YOUR OLDER RELATIVES THIS THANKSGIVING:



AND GOOD LUCK AS YOU START THAT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FOR **EVERYONE** ON YOUR LIST!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING! STAY SAFE! CALL CITY HALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT 440-946-1234 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV

