



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

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

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

THANKS TO CITY COUNCIL FOR HOLDING A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK TO ACCOMMODATE THE REVIEW OF AN ORDINANCE, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ORDER THEIR 2022 VEHICLES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WITH THE SUPPLY SHORTAGES, THIS EXTRA LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO ALLOW THE CITY TO PLACE THE ORDER IS A HUGE HELP! WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR OUR ORDER FOR 2021, SO I BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD MOVE TO ENSURE WE WILL GET OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AS SOON AS THEY ARE MADE AVAILABLE.

I AM PLEASED THAT WE HAVE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. PLEASE SEE THE NEXT FEW PAGES ABOUT HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR. OUR TOY DRIVE WAS HELPED IMMENSELY THIS WEEK WITH A VERY GENEROUS DONATION FROM EMERALD GLEN TITLE COMPANY. KAREN DANKO, KATHY LONGO AND THE EMERALD GLEN TITLE STAFF PROVIDED SUCH AN ABUNDANCE OF TOYS THAT THEY NEARLY COMPLETED THE TASK OF "FILLING THE AMBULANCE" ON THEIR OWN! WHAT A GREAT WAY TO START THIS DRIVE. WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE GREAT BUSINESSES AND LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, SUCH AS EMERALD GLEN. THANKS SO MUCH.

I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO RODNEY SAUNDERS OF DYNAMIC DUO WHO PARTNERED WITH THE CITY TO HAVE THE TOY DRIVE BOXES LOCATED AT HIS STORE. IT IS A BUSY PLACE DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND HE CERTAINLY GOT A JUMP ON THE COLLECTION AS WELL. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU STOP BY TO THANK THESE GREAT BUSINESSES FOR DOING CERTAINLY MORE THAN THEIR PART FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

WE CONTINUE TO SEEK VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR COMMISSIONS AS WE GET INTO THE NEW YEAR. IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND HAVE A VOICE IN YOUR CITY. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS ONE OF YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS IN 2022.

GLORIA ASKED THAT I REMIND OUR SENIOR RESIDENTS THAT OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR MEDICARE ENDS ON DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>. WHAT THAT MEANS FOR THE SENIORS IS THAT THEY CAN CHANGE THEIR MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR 2022. WHAT THAT MEANS FOR ME IS THAT I WILL NO LONGER HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SEEING JOE NAMATH, JJ "DYNAMITE" WALKER OR WILLIAM SHATNER ADVERTISING THE MEDICARE PRODUCTS UNTIL NEXT OCTOBER! PLEASE CALL MY OFFICE IF YOU NEED HELP WITH THIS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE.

**IN CLOSING, BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT WEEK. STAY SAFE!**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021**

**10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. – MARC'S OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS**

**WH POLICE DEPARTMENT NON-PERISHABLE CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. NOEL FOOD PANTRY. PLAN TO DRIVE BY AND DONATE A CANNED GOOD TO HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

### **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 – LONG AGO & FAR AWAY**

**29400 CHARDON ROAD, WILLOUGHBY HILLS**

**6:00 P.M.**

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021**

**6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING**

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021**

**11:00 A.M.**

**LAKE COUNTY SIREN TESTING**

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021**

**7:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021**

**8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. – COMMUNITY CENTER**

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND SANTA SHOP**

**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:**

### **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 CONTEST**

**JUDGING WILL BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 18, 2021**

**LIGHT UP YOUR HOME WITH BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND  
DECORATIONS. SUBMIT AN ENTRY FORM TO CITY HALL & GET THE LIGHTS ON  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 18 FOR THE JUDGES TO AWARD YOU WITH  
SOME GREAT PRIZES. CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO JOIN THE FUN!**

**<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/2021%20Holiday%20Lights%20Entry%20Fillable%20Form-2.pdf>**

### **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>**

## HELPING OUR COMMUNITY:

WILLOUGHBY HILLS HAS VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OTHERS DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE BACK TO YOUR OWN COMMUNITY:



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021 FROM 10AM TO 2PM AT MARC'S



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021 FROM 5PM TO 6:30 PM AT WH CITY HALL



TOYS 4 TOTS TOY DRIVE AT DYNAMIC DUO, 34351 CHARDON ROAD



## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED):



**WILLO-HILL DENTAL GROUP FOOD COLLECTION, 35005 CHARDON ROAD; JUST STOP BY DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS TO DROP OFF A CANNED GOOD TO HELP CURE HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY!**



**WHPD BLANKET DRIVE: DROP OFF A NEW BLANKET TO THE PD TO HELP OTHERS STAY WARM THIS WINTER!**



**COATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS LIBRARY!!**

## WALK-IN COVID-19 BOOSTER CLINIC 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 9:00 AM TO 2:30PM. YOU CAN JUST WALK IN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9AM AND 2:30 PM. OR CALL THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO REGISTER AT 440-350-2188 OR REGISTER ON LINE AT [WWW.ARMORVAX.COM](http://WWW.ARMORVAX.COM). THE ADVANTAGE TO REGISTERING BEFOREHAND IS THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE SCREENING QUESTIONS ANSWERED PRIOR TO COMING IN FOR THE VACCINE/BOOSTER, WHICH SHOULD SAVE YOU WAIT TIME.

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!



## WATER & SEWER RATE REDUCTION OPPORTUNITY FOR WH SENIORS:

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.

## POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS....

AMAZON, UPS, FEDEX AND USPS ARE BUSY DELIVERING PACKAGES! DON'T BE A VICTIM OF "PORCH PIRATES" WHERE THOSE PACKAGES ARE LEFT OUT AND THEN STOLEN! BE VIGILANT ABOUT TRACKING YOUR ORDERS, BRINGING PACKAGES INSIDE PROMPTLY, OR HAVING AN APP ON YOUR PHONE WHICH WILL "RING" YOU WHEN A DELIVERY HAS BEEN MADE!



### **LAKE COUNTY, OHIO** **Emergency Notification Self-Registration Portal**

Lake County Ohio's Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS) helps keep residents informed during emergencies and other events in our County.

This system provides subscribers the option to receive notifications via text, email, and/or voice, related to weather events, emergencies, road closures, and more. Lake County residents can also sign up to receive community specific alerts. Sign up takes less than 60 seconds and can help keep you and your family safe during an emergency.

Users are advised that this system is made available to Lake County residents and businesses as a supplement, and not a replacement for, existing public safety warning and information notification systems such as television and radio.

Lake County's WENS is managed by Inspiron Logistics. If you have questions regarding this system, please contact the Lake County Emergency Management Agency at [ema@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:ema@lakecountyohio.gov) or (440) 350-5499. Click on the link below for an application.

[https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/lake\\_oh/wens.cfm](https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/lake_oh/wens.cfm)

## **RESIDENT NEWS:**

SYMPATHY TO THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF **BOB HOGAN**, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK. BOB (ALONG WITH PAT JACOBSON) LED THE ACTIVITIES FOR WH SENIOR APARTMENTS, AS WELL AS SERVING AS A MILITARY SERVICEMAN. HIS MANY FRIENDS AT WH SENIOR APARTMENTS AND HIS FAMILY WILL REMAIN IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. ALSO, SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF **JURE JERKIC** AND **NANCY KNUCHEL** WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK. YOU REMAIN IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

WELCOME SERVICE DEPARTMENT WORKER **CHARLES ANDERSON**! WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU ON OUR TEAM!

HAPPY 95<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO **FORMER MAYOR MEL SCHAEFER**! BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE WONDERFUL YEARS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER **LT TIM SERAZIN** ON 25 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS ON DECEMBER 3! **WOW!** WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE YOU HELPING THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS!

## **HOLIDAY THANK YOUS.....**

THANK YOU TO **LISA FAZIO AND STAFF AT THE ORIGINAL MARIO FAZIO'S RESTAURANT** FOR PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT THANKSGIVING MEAL TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS! WE APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS!

THANKS TO THE **GREIG CHRISTMAS TREE FARM** FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS TREE DONATION, WHICH LOOKS BEAUTIFUL IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER GAZEBO. YOUR TEAM IS AWESOME!

THANKS TO **PETITTI GARDEN CENTER** FOR THEIR DONATION OF THE SQUIRE'S CASTLE ORNAMENT TO WHPD. IT IS PROMINENTLY PLACED ON THE CITY'S CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE LOBBY OF CITY HALL!





## **SERVICE DEPARTMENT NOTES:**

### **TRASH CAN REMINDER....**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR TRASH CAN OUT OF THE STREET. THEY BECOME A HAZARD TO TRAFFIC! THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



HEAVY TRASH (BULK ITEMS) ARE INCLUDED WITH THE CITY'S REPUBLIC CONTRACT FOR FULL-SERVICE CUSTOMERS (YELLOW BAG CUSTOMERS ARE CHARGED A \$12 FEE FOR EACH ITEM). PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE NOT BEING CHARGED BY REPUBLIC FOR THIS BENEFIT! CALL GLORIA IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AT 440-918-8730 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTRACT BENEFITS.

### **LEAF PICKUP IS ONGOING UNTIL THE SNOW FLIES!!!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET YOUR LEAVES NO MORE THAN 8 FEET FROM THE ROADWAY.**

**PLEASE GIVE OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT THE ROOM THEY NEED ON THE ROAD TO GET THEIR JOB DONE! BE WARY OF STOPPED VEHICLES AND WORKERS AROUND THE TRUCKS TO GET THE LEAVES PICKED UP. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.**



### **NOPEC NEWS.....**

**THE MAYOR'S OFFICE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OUR NOPEC REPRESENTATIVE RE. THE AGGREGATE PRICING. WHILE THEY ARE UNABLE TO ENTER INTO 3-MONTH AGREEMENTS (AS HAD BEEN DONE IN THE PAST), NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO REVIEW THE STANDARD RATE (WHICH HAD ALWAYS SEEMED TO BE THE BEST IN THE PAST), WITH THE 12 OR 24-MONTH FIXED PROGRAMS. THE PRICING OF THESE PROGRAMS MAY BE BETTER IF THE GAS PRICES CONTINUE TO FLUCTUATE AND IF THIS IS A COLD WINTER THAT WOULD DRIVE OUR STANDARD RATE UP. (CURRENT RATES PROVIDED LATER IN THIS NEWSLETER!)**

## IN THE HUSTLE & BUSTLE, REMEMBER TO PRACTICE PATIENCE.....

A WOMAN IN A SUPERMARKET IS FOLLOWING A GRANDFATHER AND HIS BADLY BEHAVED THREE-YEAR-OLD GRANDSON. IT'S OBVIOUS TO HER THAT HE HAS HIS HANDS FULL WITH THE CHILD SCREAMING FOR CANDY IN THE CANDY AISLE, COOKIES IN THE COOKIE AISLE & FOR CEREAL & SODA IN THE OTHER AISLES.

MEANWHILE, GRANDDAD IS WORKING HIS WAY AROUND, SAYING IN A CONTROLLED VOICE, "EASY, WILLIAM, WE WON'T BE LONG, EASY, BOY."

ANOTHER OUTBURST, AND SHE HEARS THE GRANDDAD CALMLY SAY, "IT'S OK, WILLIAM, JUST A COUPLE MORE MINUTES AND WE WILL BE OUT OF HERE. HANG IN THERE, BOY."

AT THE CHECKOUT, THE LITTLE TERROR IS THROWING ITEMS OUT OF THE CART, AND GRANDDAD SAYS AGAIN IN A CONTROLLED VOICE, "WILLIAM, WILLIAM, RELAX BUDDY, DON'T GET UPSET. WE WILL BE HOME IN FIVE MINUTES; STAY COOL, WILLIAM."

VERY IMPRESSED THE WOMAN GOES OUTSIDE WHERE THE GRANDFATHER IS LOADING HIS GROCERIES AND THE BOY INTO THE CAR. SHE SAYS TO THE ELDERLY GENTLEMAN, "IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT YOU WERE AMAZING IN THERE. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT. THAT WHOLE TIME, YOU KEPT YOUR COMPOSURE, AND NO MATTER HOW LOUD AND DISRUPTIVE HE GOT, YOU CALMLY KEPT SAYING THINGS WOULD BE OK. WILLIAM IS VERY LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS HIS GRANDPA."

"THANKS," SAID THE GRANDFATHER, "BUT I'M WILLIAM. THE LITTLE MONSTER'S NAME IS KEVIN."



## NOPEC RATES:

### NOPEC RATES FOR GAS FOR DECEMBER 2021:

STANDARD PLAN  
\$5.230 PER MCF

MONTHLY VARIABLE  
\$6.332 PER MCF

12-MO. FIXED RATE  
\$5.500 PER MCF

24-MO. FIXED RATE  
\$5.100 PER MCF

Standard Plan- Automatically enrolled unless you pick another option or opt out totally.

Monthly Variable – Guaranteed \$0.02/mcf less than Standard Option; to enroll call 1-855-667-3201

12 & 24-month Fixed Term Products; to enroll call 1-855-667-3201.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO REVIEW YOUR RATES.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO OPT OUT OF NOPEC, BE WARY OF EARLY TERMINATION FEES OR RATES JUMPING AFTER BEING A MEMBER FOR A FEW MONTHS!

**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)**

