



City of Willoughby Hills

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E-NEWSLETTER

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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

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>

SPECIAL THANKS ARE IN ORDER ONCE AGAIN TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL RESIDENTS WHO WEATHERED TUESDAY'S STORM! THE POWER OUTAGES SURE TOOK A TOLL ON OUR PATIENCE AND TAUGHT US A LOT ABOUT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS! SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR POLICE, FIRE, SERVICE, BUILDING AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS WHO TOOK NUMEROUS RESIDENT CALLS AND PROVIDED ASSISTANCE. SPECIAL THANKS, TOO, TO OUR FIRST ENERGY REPRESENTATIVE WENDY ZELE AND ALL OF THE FIRST ENERGY EMPLOYEES WHO WORKED TO GET OUR POWER RESTORED.

AGAIN, THANKS TO OUR GREAT RESIDENTS IN DEALING WITH THIS SITUATION!



SCHOOL NEWS:

WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE SCHOOLS CONTINUE VIRTUAL LEARNING:

CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK TO THE WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE SCHOOLS TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON
VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON LEARNING

<https://www.weschools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GUPUYY&dasi=2G2>



IMPORTANT MEETING DATES AND EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 6:00 P.M. – VIA ZOOM & FACEBOOK LIVE

**WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
RULES & LEGISLATION MEETING**

http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city_council/index.php

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M.

LAKE COUNTY EMERGENCY SIREN TESTING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. – VIA ZOOM

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/boards_and_commissions/index.php

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020 7:00 P.M. – VIA ZOOM AND FACEBOOK LIVE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city_council/index.php



SERVICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

SNOW PLOW INFORMATION:

- All primary and secondary roads are highlighted on the four (4) snow plow route maps.

[Click on the link below to view the map of the snow plow routes](#)

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

- All state routes and main thoroughfares are considered primary roads and are the #1 priority. These roads include SR 91 (SOM Center Road), SR 6 (Chardon Road), SR 174 (River Road), Worrell Road, Rogers Road, White Road, Eddy Road, Rockefeller Road, SR 84 (Bishop Road), and Maplegrove Road.
- The secondary roads (side streets) will be taken care of when the snow lets up or weathers permits.
- Please be sure to tell your snow plow contractor to not push snow across any street, or leave snow in the street.
- If the City plow hits a mailbox, we will fix it. Please contact us right away. If the post is rotted & falls over from snow, we will not replace the mailbox or post. This will be determined by the Road Supervisor. It is the resident's responsibility to check their mailbox on an annual basis. Snow plow shields can be installed by the resident.
- During heavy snow fall events, please try to avoid going out. Increased traffic adds a significant amount of time to completing the route.



CHAGRIN DRIVE WAS ONE OF THE LAST STREETS TO BE RESTORED RECENTLY....MAJOR POWER CONCERNS!

BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

**AS PART OF BEING PREPARED FOR WINTER STORMS,
PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PHONE NUMBERS
READILY AVAILABLE:**

THE ILLUMINATING COMPANY 1-888-544-4877

**ALWAYS REPORT THAT YOU HAVE LOSS OF POWER OR
A TREE ON A WIRE...DON'T WAIT FOR A NEIGHBOR TO DO IT!
THE ILLUMINATING COMPANY WILL REGISTER ALL CALLERS!
WE CANNOT EMPHASIZE ENOUGH THAT THE ONLY WAY THAT
THE ILLUMINATING COMPANY CAN TRACK YOUR OUTAGE IS BY
REPORTING IT EACH TIME IT OCCURS.**

DOMINION ENERGY CO. (GAS)

INQUIRIES: 1-800-362-7557

EMERGENCY SERVICES: 1-877-542-2630

LAKE COUNTY DEPT. OF UTILITIES (WATER DEPT.)

TO REPORT WATER MAIN BREAKS

440-350-2070

AT&T (PHONE & CABLE SERVICE PROVIDER) 1-800-288-2020

TO REPORT UNBURIED CABLES, EXPOSED WIRES

DOWNED WIRES OR LOSS OF SERVICE

SPECTRUM (PHONE & CABLE SERVICE PROVIDER)

1-855-855-8676

WILLOUGHBY HILLS BUILDING AND SERVICE DEPT.

440-975-3550

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

- **When in doubt if a downed wire is live, call 911**



FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO FOLLOW THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH GUIDELINES RELATED TO COVID-19 TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR THE LATEST UPDATES ON COVID FROM OUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT...

<https://www.lcghd.org/>

AN IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE FROM LT LOU DIMATTIA:

Chimney Fires

The holidays are quickly approaching! And so is another season likely less anticipated-winter home heating season. Many people use fireplaces and wood-burners to heat their homes and for us at the Fire Department, that means chimney fires. When was the last time you had your chimney cleaned or inspected? A "perfect storm" of events could lead to a catastrophic fire in your home. Build-up of creosote from repeated burning and no cleaning can lead to a fire within the chimney. Cracks and other structural deterioration in the chimney itself, which can be identified during an inspection, can lead to that fire escaping from the chimney into your attic or other area of your home causing extensive damage. **Get your chimney cleaned and inspected on a regular basis!**

This leads to one more familiar question: Do you have working smoke alarms in your home? Most chimney fires go undetected until a passer-by notices the fire. If the fire occurs at night while you are sleeping, working smoke alarms may be your only chance of getting out in time.

Click here for more information from the Chimney Safety Institute of America: <https://www.csia.org/chimneyfires.html>



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS...CONTINUED:



OUR NEW AMBULANCE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH! WE ARE ANXIOUS TO GET THIS VEHICLE IN SERVICE. IT WILL BE A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR FLEET!

WHISPER NEWS:

SIGN UP NOW TO BE A WHISPER VOLUNTEER! WHISPER IS THE CITY'S PROGRAM TO HELP SENIOR CITIZENS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHISPER IS AN ACRONYM FOR "WILLOUGHBY HILLS ISOLATED SENIOR PROGRAM FOR EVERYDAY RELIEF"

CHECK OUT THE LINK BELOW FOR YOUR APPLICATION:

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



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Appointment of new Police Chief Matthew Naegele

A MESSAGE FROM SGT MATT NAEGELE, WHO WILL BE SWORN IN ON JANUARY 1, 2021 AS THE CITY'S NEXT POLICE CHIEF:

To the residents and business community of Willoughby Hills:

Greetings! I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to all of you as the newly appointed Police Chief for the City of Willoughby Hills, effective January 1, 2021. For over twenty years I have had the wonderful opportunity to serve as a police officer in this community. Under the leadership of Chief Christopher Collins, I have watched this police department develop into one of the most progressive and forward looking departments in Lake County. I intend to continue on in that tradition of vision, with the full understanding that I have a duty and obligation to be responsive to the needs of the dedicated men and women of this department, and you – the members of the community. This organization has faced many challenges over the years, but the officers who serve have always risen to the challenge for the betterment of the department as well as this fine city. As a seasoned law enforcement professional, I am well aware of the challenges we face in the current climate of policing in the 21st century. Rest assured that under my leadership, we will continue to operate with a proactive posture as a police department and have an aggressive crime prevention program through directed patrols, traffic enforcement, criminal interdiction, and a well-trained and experienced detective bureau. Thank you, and I look forward to both serving you and working in partnership with you in the years ahead.

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.



EMPLOYEE NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCIL CLERK JOANNE MONACO ON HER NOVEMBER 30, 2020, RETIREMENT. BEST WISHES!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC WILLIAM DISTLER, WHO WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE DECEMBER 10, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING AT 7PM!



EMPLOYEE NEWS:

CITY COUNCIL NEWS:

COUNCIL WILL BE REVIEWING THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION AT THEIR
DECEMBER 7 AND DECEMBER 10 SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Ordinances:

- 2020-61 Temporary budget appropriations 1/1/21-3/31/21
- 2020-62 Labor contract for WH full-time firefighters
- 2020-63 Labor contract for WHPD Sergeants
- 2020-64 Labor contract for WHPD Patrol Officers
- 2020-65 Labor contract for WHPD Dispatchers
- 2020-66 Indemnification
- 2020-67 Amendment to Surplus Firearms Ordinance 2020-57

Resolutions:

- 2020-12 Police Chief Collins recognition

http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/city_council/records/prior_years.php

COUNCIL CANCELED THE FOLLOWING MEETING:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020 AT 7PM (DUE TO THE HOLIDAY)

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

HOLIDAY NOTES: RECREATION NEWS:

CHRISTMAS CARD LANE CARDS ARE UP AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND WILL BE LIT INCONJUNCTION WITH OUR DRIVE THRU WINTERFEST EVENT THIS SUNDAY. CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR ALL OF THE INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED IF YOU WANT TO GET A CARD INCLUDED FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON:

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



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!



NOW UNDERWAY: DYNAMIC DUO BEVERAGE & DELI'S DYNAMIC TOY DRIVE:

- DROP OFF A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY (34351 CHARDON ROAD)
- RECEIVE 5 RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EACH TOY YOU BRING IN

YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN OHIO LOTTERY SCRATCH OFF TICKETS.

AND DON'T FORGET....

**SATURDAY WITH SANTA ON-LINE EVENT
WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020 12:00 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

GO ONLINE AND REGISTER NOW:

<https://welibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=17724&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2020/12/01>

You will get to see Santa via Zoom, along with his special helper, and his favorite reindeer Rudolph. Tell Santa what you want for Christmas. Have a holly, jolly time with Santa & his pals. Stories, songs, dancing & more. Call WEPL for more information or to register for the event at 440-942-3200 X 372.

RECREATION (CONTINUED):

WILLOUGHBY HILLS HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

- Entries are due by December 14, 2020.
- Nominate a friend, neighbor or your own home!
- Judging will be the weekend of December 19, 2020.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize winners will be announced on December 21, 2020.
- Click below for your fillable form!

[http://www.willoughbyhills-](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/2020%20Holiday%20Lights%20Contest%20Entry%20FILLABLE.pdf)

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BUSINESS NEWS:

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR WILLOUGHBY HILLS SMALL BUSINESSES! WITH THANKSGIVING JUST AROUND THE CORNER, MANY OF OUR BUSINESSES ARE OFFERING SOME GREAT OPTIONS! SUPPORT THEM AND ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY!



ONE LAST THING:

WE JUST LEARNED THAT AN ANONYMOUS DONOR IS OFFERING TO MATCH EVERY GIFT MADE TO THE LAKE HUMANE SOCIETY BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2020, UP TO \$75,000. TO MAKE A DONATION, VISIT THE HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE FUNDRAISER PAGE AT:

<https://lakehumanesociety.salsalabs.org/2020holidayfundmatch/index.html>

Holiday
FUND DRIVE

**Online Giving
Donation Form**

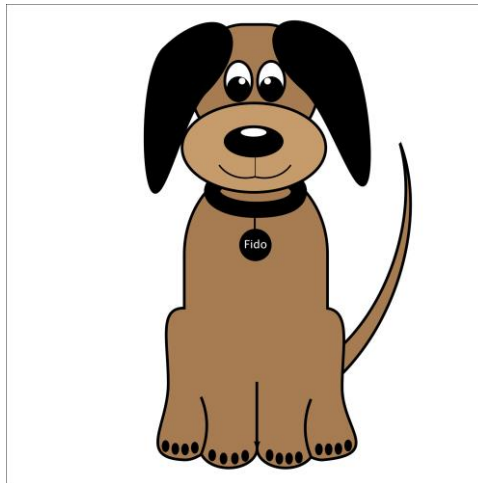


URGENT MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY

REMINDER:

DOG LICENSES JUST WENT ON SALE. INFORMATION MAY BE FOUND ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE VIA THE LINK BELOW!

<https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/dogs/Dog-License>



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