



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

VOLUME 10 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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>

BEST WISHES TO RETIRING POLICE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER J. COLLINS WHO RECEIVED A MAYORAL PROCLAMATION, COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND HIS COMMEMORATIVE RETIREMENT COIN AT LAST NIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PROPERLY SAYING GOODBYE "POST COVID" AT THE 2021 TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT! RESIDENTS WISHING TO SEND CARDS MAY DO SO BY ADDRESSING THEM TO CHIEF COLLINS AT 35405 CHARDON ROAD, WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OH 44094

THANKS, CHIEF, FOR 20 GREAT YEARS!



## 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:

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.**

### CIVIL SERVICE MEETING

In Council Chambers with Social Distancing observed

(This meeting is intended to certify the list of SGT candidates; however, since the results are still not available from the testing center, this meeting may be rescheduled.)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. – VIA ZOOM**

### PC-ABR COMMITTEE MEETING

[http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/boards\\_and\\_commissions/index.php](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/government/boards_and_commissions/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)***

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- 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:**

**WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS REGARDING LEAF PICK UP. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE WILL BE PICKING UP LEAVES UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER. THERE IS NO NEED TO CALL. THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE VISITING EACH STREET TO GET THEM PICKED UP.**



### **SPECIAL BRUSH DROP OFF FOR STORM-RELATED BRUSH:**

**WHEN:**

**FRIDAY, DEC. 11, 2020 AND SATURDAY, DEC. 12, 2020**

**TIME:**

**FROM 8AM TO 4PM**

**WHERE:**

**WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER  
CONCESSION STAND PARKING LOT  
(FORMER BRUSH DROP OFF LOCATION)**



## **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/>

PLEASE HELP US WELCOME OUR NEWEST FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC WILLIAM DISTLER. WILLIAM WAS SWORN IN BY MAYOR GARDNER AT LAST NIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING. HE HAS BEEN A PART-TIMER ON THE DEPARTMENT AND IS NOW TRANSITIONING TO FULL TIME. HE IS A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR STAFF!



**REMINDERS FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE**

**LET'S NOT:**

**Party**

**Meet up**

**Bro-hug**

**Defy**

**LET'S:**

**Stay put**

**Binge watch**

**Video-happy-hour**

**Save lives**

**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:

### Tips to Avoid Porch Pirates Making Off With Your Loot

BY SGT MATT NAEGELE

With the holiday season in full swing, the Willoughby Hills Police Department is offering some timely theft deterrent tips. Shopping online, especially during this pandemic, provides a convenient method of delivery to your front door. However, this service is also convenient for thieves commonly referred to as “porch pirates.”

During this time of the year, area law enforcement commonly see an increase of packages stolen from porches and WHPD expects the trend to continue.

With that in mind, here are some tips to reduce the chances of a porch pirate making off with your packages:

1. Pay attention to tracking information and, if possible, be home or have someone you trust pick up your package after it is delivered (family member, friend, trusted neighbor).
2. If they will allow it, have your orders sent to your place of employment or have the delivery company hold on to it for you.
3. Choose the ‘sign for release’ option of delivery. That way, the delivery service has to hand your delivery to a person.
4. If you are a victim of a theft, immediately contact the Willoughby Hills Police Department to file a report.
5. If you have surveillance cameras, share that footage with us. Check with your neighbors to see if they have surveillance cameras and if they would have any footage around the time of theft. Surveillance cameras can also act as a “theft deterrent”.
6. Keep your porch well lit (Christmas lighting certainly helps). It is getting dark earlier and it may be dark before you get home. A well-lit porch may help neighbors keep an eye out for thieves.

One of the biggest things to emphasize is be a good neighbor and watch out for each other. Keep an eye out for suspicious activity such as cars following delivery trucks and casing neighborhoods, or suspicious person(s) you do not recognize walking up and down the street and “checking things out”. If you see people taking packages or any suspicious activity, please contact the police department immediately. The chances of catching the suspected pirate increase substantially the earlier we receive the report.





## **CITY COUNCIL NEWS:**

### **COUNCIL ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING**

#### **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
- 2020-67 Amendment to Surplus Firearms Ordinance 2020-57
- 2020-68 City Audit Expenditures for 2019 through 2024 audits
- 2020-69 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to account for budget revisions & 27<sup>th</sup> payday in 2021

#### **Resolutions:**

- 2020-12 Amended - Police Chief Collins recognition
- 2020-13 Accepting Tax Budget Amounts for 2021

In addition, Council adopted motions: 1) to confirm the Mayor's Appointment for Charter Review Commission and 2) to allow the Mayor to go out to bid for the Dodd Road Slope Repair project

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

**COUNCIL WISHED ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS A HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

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





## RECREATION NEWS:

CHRISTMAS CARD LANE CARDS ARE UP AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND WERE LIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR DRIVE THRU WINTERFEST EVENT LAST WEEK.



THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN WINTERFEST AND DONATED TOYS TO OUR EVENT...WHAT A SUCCESS!! SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR RECREATION COMMISSION, CHAIRMAN SANDY GRUBISS, ROAD SUPT.

MARK GRUBISS, SANTA & MRS. CLAUS, POLICE, FIRE & SERVICE DEPARTMENT, DYNAMIC DUO BEVERAGE & DELI, EMERALD GLEN TITLE COMPANY, IMPACT NUTRITION, LORETO DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, WILLO HILL DENTAL GROUP, CHICK FIL A AND GIANT EAGLE!

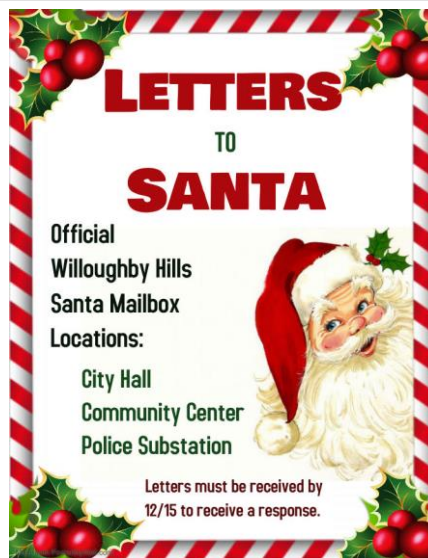


## RECREATION (CONTINUED):

### 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.
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize winners will be announced on December 21, 2020.
- Click below for your fillable form!

<http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/2020%20Holiday%20Lights%20Contest%20Entry%20FILLABLE.pdf>



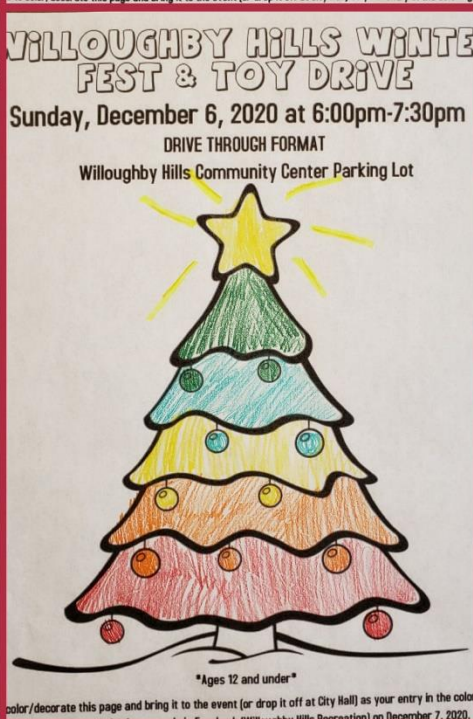
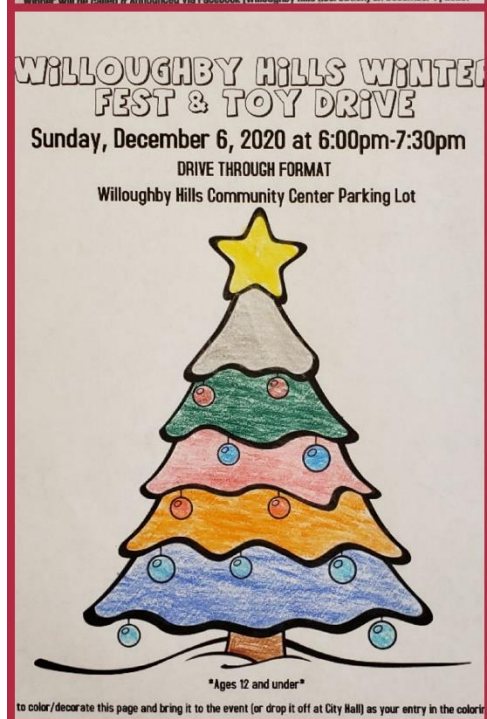
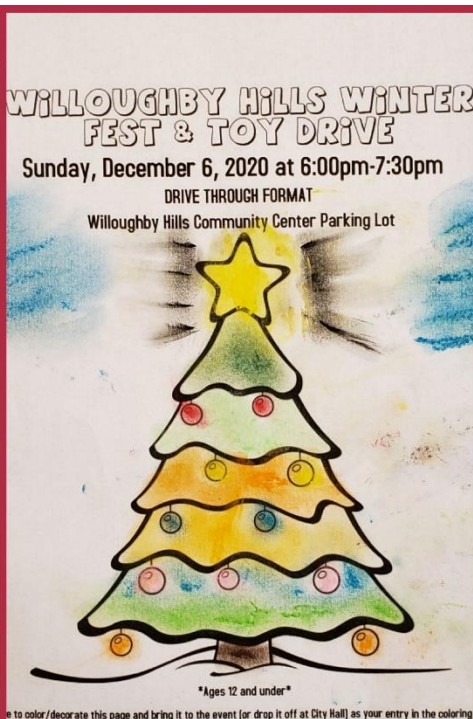
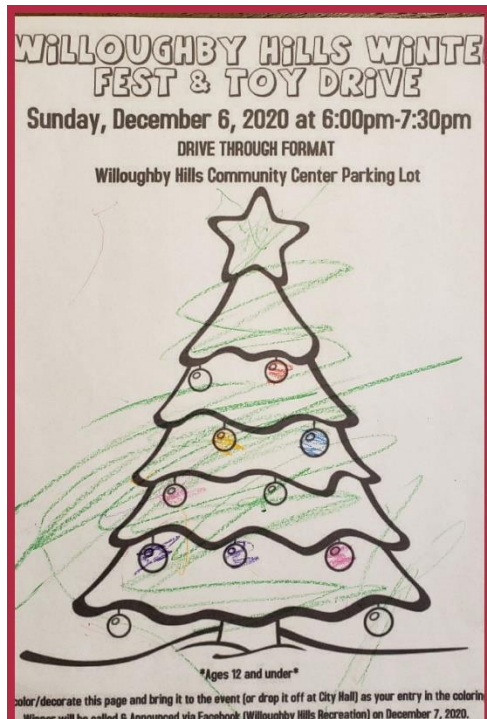
From Nov 27 through Dec 15 there will be 3 mailboxes set up that can get your Letters to Santa directly to the North Pole! If we receive your letters by Dec 15, and they include your name and mailing address, there is time for the Big Guy from up North to send a personal response back to you. We have made it easy for you; click here for a letter to fill out or they can also be downloaded from our Facebook page.

<http://cms2.revize.com/revize/willoughbyhills/departments/services/recreation/index.php>



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLORING CONTEST WINNERS FROM THIS YEAR'S WINTERFEST EVENT:

**AGE GROUP 0 TO 3: TOMMY**  
**AGE 4 TO 6: SOFIA**  
**AGE 7 TO 9: NADIJA**  
**AGE 10 TO 12: MAIER**



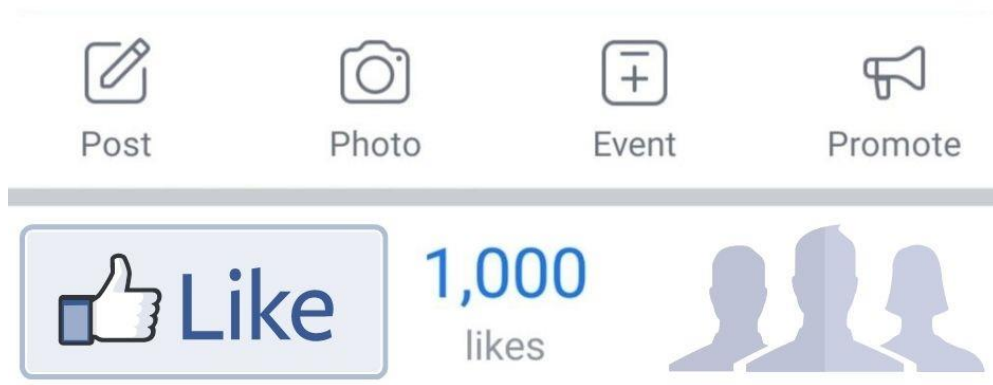
**BEAUTIFUL JOB, KIDS!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER:  
OUR WILLOUGHBY HILLS RECREATION REACHED 1,000 LIKES!  
LET'S KEEP THAT GOING!**

**MILESTONE REACHED!**

# LIKE WILLOUGHBY HILLS RECREATION

on FACEBOOK



**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO COMMENTED ON OUR COVID ADVENT  
CALENDAR. IT IS GOOD TO LAUGH DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES!**

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