



City of Willoughby Hills

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E-NEWSLETTER

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**PLEASE NOTE: THIS WILL BE OUR FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2020.
THE E-NEWSLETTER WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021!**

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>

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>



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22 & 23, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.:
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS PLANNED A “ROLLING HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE”
BEGINNING BOTH NIGHTS AT THE FIRE STATION AT 7:00 P.M. AND TRAVELING
THROUGHOUT THE STREETS OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

A MAP OF THE ROUTE WILL BE FORTHCOMING ON THE CITY’S WEBSITE AT:
http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/departments/safety/fire/what_s_new.php

HAVE THE YOUNGSTERS READY TO SEE THE FIRE TRUCK AND OTHER CITY VEHICLES!

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020 AND
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021**

CITY OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S HOLIDAY.
EMERGENCY POLICE & FIRE SERVICES ARE STILL AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME BY
CALLING 9-1-1.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021 12:00 P.M.

SGT NAEGELE’S OATH OF OFFICE TO BECOME OUR NEXT POLICE CHIEF
WE ARE LOOKING TO TAPE THIS EVENT FOR ALL TO VIEW AT A FUTURE DATE
SINCE WE MUST ADHERE TO LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
COVID GUIDELINES!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. – VIA ZOOM

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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



SERVICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR WORKING AT THE BRUSH DROP OFF LAST WEEKEND. IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH APPROXIMATELY 125 RESIDENTS BEING ABLE TO RID THEIR YARDS OF STORM- DAMAGED BRUSH.

ALSO, THANKS TO COUNCILMAN DAN KNECHT, CITY OF EUCLID SERVICE DIRECTOR, WHO LOANED THE CITY A CHIPPER TO COMPLETE THIS TASK! HIS EFFORTS SURE HELPED OUR RESIDENTS.



UPDATE ON DODD ROAD SLOPE REPAIR

City Engineer Di Franco and Road Superintendent Mark Grubiss are in the process of assessing the plan to repair the Dodd Road slope failure. It involves roughly sixty feet of that road and engineering is currently underway. Council authorized the Mayor to go out to bid for the repair project at the December 10, 2020 Council meeting so that they will be ready to do so if the opportunity presents itself prior to Council's January meetings. The City has also contacted the County to see if County funds may be available to assist with this project. We will keep you posted as this project progresses, but ask for your consideration in respecting the "One-Lane only" signs and proceed with caution if the road is slick.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

LEAF PICK UP IS WINDING DOWN. IT APPEARS THAT MOST OF THE WEST END OF THE CITY IS COMPLETE. WE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER TO GET ALL LEAVES THAT ARE OUT. THERE IS NO NEED TO CALL. THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE VISITING EACH STREET TO GET THEM PICKED UP.



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

THINKING ABOUT DOING SOME HOME REMODELING? DON'T FORGET TO CHECK WITH OUR BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR PERMIT AND CONTRACTOR INFORMATION!



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/>

UPCOMING EVENT:

"ROLLING HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE"

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

BEGINNING AT 7PM FROM WHFD

**CHECK THE CITY WEBSITE IN THE COMING DAYS FOR A PARADE ROUTE
FOR OUR BIG TRUCK!**



REMINDERS FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. MANY HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO DEVELOP SOME GREAT MEAL OPTIONS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY FEAST. PLEASE REACH OUT TO LET THEM KNOW HOW HAPPY WE ARE THAT THEY HAVE CHOSEN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AS THE PLACE TO HAVE THEIR BUSINESS.

THE NEWS-HERALD PUBLISHED TWO GREAT ARTICLES THIS WEEK FEATURING TWO OF OUR FINE BUSINESSES – MARIO FAZIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT AND LA-VERA PARTY CENTER. CHECK OUT THESE ARTICLES AND CONGRATULATE LISA FAZIO AND THE VERDONE/SANTAGATA FAMILIES ON THEIR SUCCESS! ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY – STAY SAFE!



WANT A GREAT, FREE STOCKING STUFFER? CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO GET A "COVID JOKE BOOK" COMPILED BY MAYOR GARDNER'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT GLORIA MAJESKI, TO HELP EASE THE BURDEN (PARTICULARLY OF OUR SENIORS) DURING THE PANDEMIC:

http://cms2.revize.com/revize/willoughbyhills/departments/services/senior_center/index.php



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:

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS BY SGT MATT NAEGELE

The following Holiday Safety Tips were compiled in partnership with other law enforcement agencies to contribute to the safety and security of people during this holiday season. The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors. The Willoughby Hills Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

Driving

- When driving, try to have someone else with you.
- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Whenever possible, avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is at a well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

Shopping

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- Always carry your Ohio Driver License or Identification Card along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded areas.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

CITY COUNCIL NEWS:

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

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ARE ALSO
LISTED ON THE CITY WEBSITE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT YOUR
COUNCIL MEMBER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

THERE ARE THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO THE THREE
CITY DISTRICTS (EAST, WEST AND CENTRAL) AND THEN ANOTHER FOUR
COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE “AT LARGE” AND RESPOND TO ALL DISTRICT
CONCERNS. REMEMBER THAT THEY ARE YOUR “VOICE” – DON’T HESITATE
TO REACH OUT. THEY ARE HAPPY TO HELP YOU.

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

COUNCIL WISHES 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 ONCE COUNCIL
GOES BACK INTO SESSION IN JANUARY 2021.



RECREATION NEWS:

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



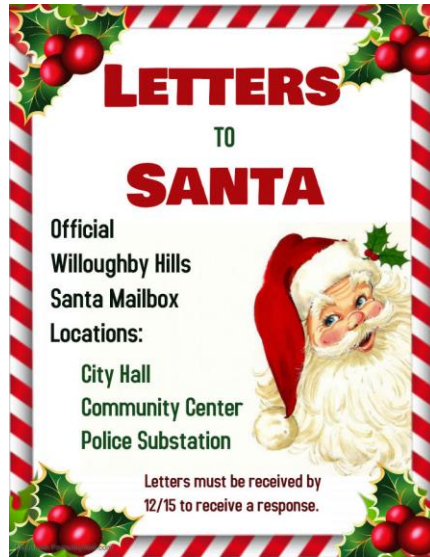
WILLOUGHBY HILLS HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

- Entries were due by December 14, 2020 & we had a great response!
- Judging will be the weekend of December 19, 2020.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize winners will be announced on December 21, 2020.
- For a list of participants, please visit the City Recreation website page at:

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



RECREATION (CONTINUED):



SANTA IS BUSY RESPONDING TO ALL OF THE KIDS' LETTERS PLACED IN THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS SANTA MAILBOXES!

MAYOR GARDNER IS SO HAPPY SANTA CHOSE WILLOUGHBY HILLS AS HIS PRIMARY COLLECTION SITE!

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

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 YOUR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

AT 440-946-1234

OR VISIT

OUR WEBSITE AT:

WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV

AS A FINAL THOUGHT FOR 2020:

Under separate cover, we are sending a special photo for the holiday season.

Enjoy!