



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:

I HOPE THIS FINDS EVERYONE WELL AND RESTED FROM THE HOLIDAY. THIS YEAR HAS CERTAINLY CONTINUED TO BE SOMEWHAT CHALLENGING THROUGH COVID, BUT WE HAVE MADE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO GET BACK ON TRACK AND CONTINUE TO DO THE BEST FOR THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

I WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE MY COVID-19 UPDATES AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT BOOSTERS AND TESTING AS THE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE TO US AT CITY HALL. I WAS PLEASED THAT THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT CHOSE OUR COMMUNITY CENTER TO DO THE VACCINES AND BOOSTERS. IT MADE IT EASY FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND I WAS HAPPY TO HEAR THAT 250 PEOPLE WALKED IN LAST WEEK TO GET THE BOOSTER. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL RESUME THE BOOSTERS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10 AND YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF THE BOOSTER. THE CDC GUIDELINES CHANGED THIS WEEK TO ALLOW BACK TO WORK IN 5 DAYS, RATHER THAN 10 DAYS. THIS SHOULD HELP THE WORKFORCE AND ALLEVIATE THE SHORT STAFFING AND LONG LINES THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED RECENTLY.

THE NEWS-HERALD HAS BEGUN A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON AREA MAYORS DISCUSSING ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING 2021. YOU MAY HAVE READ THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS' SEGMENT LAST WEEK, BUT IN OUR CITY E-NEWSLETTER, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO SHARE WITH OUR RESIDENTS A LIST OF 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED FROM EACH DEPARTMENT. THIS WEEK'S 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS FEATURES OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT POLICE CHIEF MATT NAEGELE WAS JUST SWORN IN A YEAR AGO AND HAS THIS FINE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR HIS DEPARTMENT. I THINK OUR RESIDENTS CAN BE VERY PROUD OF THIS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO DO GOOD THINGS THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

IN CLOSING, JUST LET ME REMIND YOU TO BE SAFE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE – DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE....BE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER, AND, OF COURSE, BE MINDFUL OF THE COVID RESTRICTIONS THAT WILL HELP BRING IN A HAPPY, HEALTHY 2022!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

**CITY COUNCIL – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

**PC-ABR MEETING
7:00 P.M. 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

JANUARY DATES AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER HAVE JUST BEEN ANNOUNCED:

**WE WILL NOTIFY YOU IF THESE ARE BY APPOINTMENT OR WALK-IN AS SOON AS WE ARE NOTIFIED
BY LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 9AM TO 2:30PM (LIMITED WALK-INS)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022 9AM TO 2:30PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 9AM TO 2:30PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022 9AM TO 2:30 PM



COVID TESTING INFORMATION:

The Mayor's Office has received several calls, asking for COVID testing kits/appointments. While we do not have testing kits at City Hall, you are advised to reach out to the libraries who get kits in randomly and distribute them until they are gone. Here are some library phone numbers that may help you in your quest to get a test kit:

Willoughby-Eastlake Library (WH Branch) 440-942-3362

Wickliffe Public Library 440-944-6010

Kirtland Public Library 440-256-7323

The actual COVID testing may also be obtained at the following drug stores: CVS, Walgreens, Rite-Aid. All take appointments as they are available and it is best to do this on-line using the appropriate drug store website.

BUSINESS NEWS:

CLEVELAND VETERINARY REHAB LLC HAS BROKEN GROUND AT 28915 CHARDON ROAD (YOU MAY REMEMBER THE FORMER WILLOUGHBY HILLS SWEETS & TREATS AND DAVE'S BARBER SHOP!). IT WILL BE A PLACE TO REHAB ANIMALS WHEN COMPLETED WITH STATE OF THE ART EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES. WATCH THE BUILDING OF THIS GREAT NEW BUSINESS IN OUR COMMUNITY AS THE WORK PROGRESSES!



THE OTHER TWO BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDE SERVICES FOR ANIMALS INCLUDE:

ANIMAL HOSPITAL, 2735 SOM CENTER ROAD, 440-946-2800

WILLOUGHBY HILLS VETERINARY CLINIC, 28716 CHARDON, 440-944-0541

ALL OF THESE BUSINESSES PROVIDE A VARIETY OF SERVICES FOR YOUR PETS, CLOSE TO HOME. PLAN TO SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES WHEN CONSIDERING CARE FOR YOUR PET!



RECREATION COMMISSION NEWS:

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Congratulations to George and Fran Cartwright of Dodd Road on being named "Recreation Commission Choice Award" for this year's Holiday Lights! We originally missed this beautiful entry because it was set back on the property, but it certainly lit up Dodd Road as you made the turn from Pleasant Valley! Thanks for your hard work in putting up this great display!



THE CITY IS STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE RECREATION COMMISSION AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY, PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION ON THE CITY WEBSITE USING THE LINK BELOW:

<http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov/APPLICATION%20FOR%20BOARD%20AND%20COMMISSION%20MEMBERS-REV%20071620.pdf>



HELP WANTED:

THE CITY IS STILL SEEKING EMPLOYEES FOR PROPERTY STAFF MEMBERS TO MONITOR COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS AND SET UP THE ROOMS FOR RENTALS. PLEASE SEND YOUR APPLICATION AND RESUME TO THE EMAIL BELOW.

THE CITY IS SEEKING A PART-TIME HOURLY CLERK STENOGRAPHER FOR BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. IF YOU HAVE GOOD TYPING AND ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS, PLEASE CONTACT JEFF IN THE CITY'S HR DEPARTMENT AT 440-918-8734 OR SEND YOU APPLICATION (ON CITY WEBSITE) AND RESUME TO:

ASSTFINANCEDIRECTOR@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV

WHAT'S IN THE BOX???

The Mayor's Office has received calls from individuals wondering what the "box" is at the corner of Fowler & Chardon Road that appears to be heavily damaged. This is a box that belongs to AT&T that was destroyed in an automobile accident on October 8th! Now that the motorist's insurance has processed and the damage to the box has been assessed, AT&T is prepared to repair/replace the box as soon as staffing allows them to do so. It is anticipated that this will be completed during the first quarter of 2022!



SENIOR POTLUCK LUNCHEON DATE:

IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR WILLOUGHBY HILLS SENIOR DUES, YOU WILL BE RECEIVING AN INVITATION TO THE MONTHLY SENIOR POTLUCK FOR JANUARY 2022. AS YOU KNOW, RECREATION COORDINATOR DIANA PARKER IS THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THIS AND HAS PROVIDED THE NEWSLETTER WITH THE FOLLOWING DATE FOR THE JANUARY SENIOR POTLUCK:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

GATHERING BEGINS AT 10:30 A.M., LUNCH SERVED AT 11:00 A.M.

SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS!

PLEASE REACH DIANA AT 440-975-3540 TO DISCUSS THE LUNCHEON. MEMBERS CAN WATCH THEIR MAIL FOR THEIR INVITE WITH THE RSVP CARD. ANYONE ELSE WHO WANTS TO JOIN, PLEASE COMPLETE A MEMBERSHIP FORM AND YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE MAILINGS! THE LINK BELOW WILL TAKE YOU DIRECTLY TO THE MEMBERSHIP FORM:

<https://cms2files.revize.com/willoughbyhills/SENIOR%20MEMBERSHIP%20FORM.PDF>



RESIDENT NEWS:

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF JOHN PALMER, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK. HIS WIFE LILLIAN, DAUGHTER SALLY AND GRANDDAUGHTERS SARA AND MAGGIE ARE ALL WH RESIDENTS WHO REMAIN IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF JERRE RITCHIE, WHOSE FATHER, GEORGE RITCHIE, PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK. THIS FAMILY REMAINS IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, PARTICULARLY WITH THIS LOSS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC AND DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.



HOLIDAY HOURS AT CITY HALL:

PLEASE NOTE THAT CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS FOR THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021 MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, HOWEVER, WILL BE OPEN 24/7 FOR ANY URGENT NEEDS.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS -WHPD

ON JANUARY 1, 2021, MATT NAEGELE WAS SWORN IN AS THE CITY'S POLICE CHIEF.



OVER THE PAST YEAR, HE HAS CITED THE FOLLOWING AS SOME OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- PROMOTED OFFICER SHANNON VACHET TO SERGEANT



- INSTITUTED WHPD ANNUAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- HOSTED AND PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS
- BEGAN PILOTING/TESTING A BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM
- IMPROVED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE BY UPGRADING OUR POLICE RADIO SYSTEM WITH PORTABLE AND IN-CAR MOBILE RADIOS
- UPGRADED OUR DEPARTMENT/CITY INFRASTRUCTURE WITH INSTALLATION OF CAMERA SYSTEM FOR SECURITY OF CITY PROPERTY AND PD OPERATIONS
- ELEVATED OUR READINESS TO RESPOND TO AND PREVENT CRIME BY CONTRACTING WITH FLOCK SYSTEMS – STATIONARY LICENSE PLATE READERS PLACED AT CRITICAL POINTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY FOR MONITORING VEHICLES THAT COULD BE CONNECTED TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND MISSING/ENDANGERED PERSONS
- KICKED OFF A TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE (TOPS – TARGET ORIENTED PATROL SATURATION) TO ADDRESS SPEED/RECKLESS OPERATOR ISSUES ON OUR MAJOR ROADWAYS.
- UPDATED THE PD LOCKER ROOMS WITH ANTIMICROBIAL PLANK FLOORING, LOCKERS AND BENCHES
- UPDATED THE PATROL ROOM WITH NEW WORKSTATION CUBICLES

CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF NAEGELE AND WHPD – WHAT A GREAT YEAR!!!

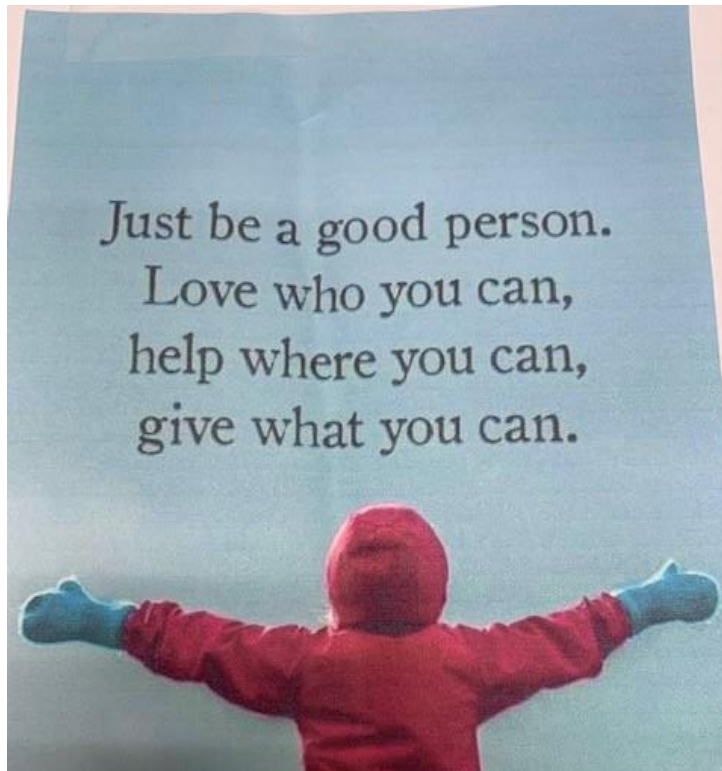
RESIDENT'S GOOD DEED ON CHRISTMAS EVE DESERVES PRAISE

WHAT COULD BE WORSE FOR AN AMAZON DRIVER ON CHRISTMAS EVE THAN TO TRY TO BACK OUT OF A DRIVEWAY AND END UP IN THE DITCH??

THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED ON GRAYLOCK DRIVE BUT BECAUSE OF THE KINDNESS OF KEN WADDELL, A GRAYLOCK DRIVE RESIDENT, THE AMAZON DRIVER WAS PULLED OUT OF THE DITCH WITH KEN'S STURDY RAM TRUCK AND BACK ON THE ROAD TO DELIVER THOSE PACKAGES!!! THANKS, KEN, FOR BEING SUCH A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND FOR REACHING OUT TO THIS STRANGER IN HIS TIME OF NEED! WELL DONE!!



A GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:



REMINDER...CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL IS AVAILABLE AT GULLYBROOK PARK,
2100 RIVER ROAD!

BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT HOLIDAY FROM ALL OF US AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS CITY HALL!
**STAY SAFE! CALL CITY HALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT 440-946-1234 OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV**