



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

As February begins, I wanted to update you on a few matters that were first reported in January.

First, the Police Department received a shipment of steering wheel locks for distribution to our residents if you are the owner of a vulnerable Kia or Hyundai vehicle. These locks will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. You can obtain the steering wheel lock at the Police Department by presenting proof of ownership (or lease) of a Kia or Hyundai and proof of residency. We have a limited supply, so please do not delay coming up if you qualify.

Last night the Master Plan Subcommittee of the Planning Commission-Architectural Board of Review approved the draft Master Plan and submitted the same to Council. I'd like to thank the members of the Subcommittee for their hard work over the last couple of years (it is very hard to try to create a plan with input from community leaders, businesses, residents and other constituents during a pandemic) as well as Mr. David Radachy, the Planning Director from Lake County Planning and Development, for his guidance and assistance in preparing the Master Plan. I believe that the Master Plan will be a great tool for our City. The next step is for Council to review the Master Plan. Mr. Radachy has suggested that Council conduct a work session to discuss the contents of the Plan and then hold a public hearing as they review the Master Plan for final adoption. Keep an eye on the City Calendar of Events page here in the Newsletter for Council meeting dates and times.

A few brief recreation updates. On Wednesday night, the Recreation Commission welcomed its newest member, Dave Walters. The Commission also welcomed Lynn Hallum back for another term as she agreed to continue serving on the Commission. Thanks to both Dave and Lynn! As we have mentioned in the Newsletter for the last few months, the City is continuing to seek new Members for the Recreation Commission. This is a fun way to give back to your community no matter what your interests may be. With events varying from holiday parties to craft shows, garage sales and breakfasts, there is something for everyone. Please consider joining. If you have any questions, you can reach out to a member of the Commission, Recreation Coordinator Diana Parker or me. Save the date for the City's annual Pancake Breakfast on March 5. Pre-sale tickets are available from Recreation Commission Members and City Council members this weekend. As always, we welcome anyone that would like to volunteer to help cook, serve or clean-up at the event. You can sign-up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA9AF29A1F9C34-willoughby5>.

Finally, the City will be offering its Block Party program again in 2023. The Program allows residents to coordinate with the City to drop off road barricades before the date and request visits from City departments or elected officials. Details will be distributed in a future newsletter, but it's never too early to start thinking about getting your neighbors together when the weather warms up.

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 6, 2023

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Thursday, February 9, 2023

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

BZA MEETING—CANCELED
8:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Thursday, February 16, 2023

PLANNING COMMISSION/ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW
7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Monday, February 20, 2023

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

SENIOR LUNCHEON
11:30 A.M.—Senior Room at the Community Center

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

TRIVIA NIGHT
7:00 P.M.—Community Center

Thursday, February 23, 2023

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Thursday, March 2, 2023

PLANNING COMMISSION/ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW
7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Sunday, March 5, 2023

PANCAKE BREAKFAST (see attached flyer)
8:30 A.M.—12:30 P.M.—Community Center's O'Ryan Room

POLICE



Girls rule this month at the School of Innovation! Congrats to all the nominees (grades 3-8) for the WHPD award for scholastic achievements. We "tip our badge" to Lila Myers, 6th grade, in recognition of her hard work and nomination by school staff and administration. She was issued a certificate of achievement, challenge coin, and a free meal of her choice at McDonald's. Keep up the good work!



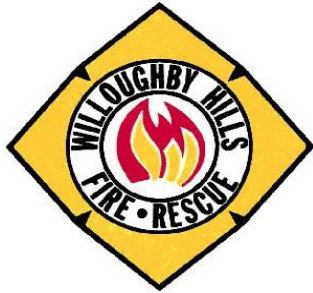
Update: WHPD now has wheel locks for Willoughby Hills residents who own Kia and Hyundai vehicles. We currently do not have an unlimited supply and these will be distributed to residents as long as there is stock available.

In order to pick one up at the Willoughby Hills Police Department, the following is required:

- 1.) Proof of residency in Willoughby Hills.
- 2.) Proof of ownership for a Kia or Hyundai vehicle.

At this time, wheel locks will only be provided to residents who own Kia or Hyundai vehicles due to the amount of auto theft occurring with those specific vehicles across the United States.

FIRE



Willoughby Hills Fire Department is coordinating with the American Red Cross to plan a date to install smoke detectors in some select areas in our community. We are looking for teenage and adult volunteers to help. A date has not yet be set, but is expected to be somewhere between mid-April to mid-May. Please contact Stephanie at 440-942-2707 if interested to be put on the list.



I had one very happy Pebblebrook resident stop in this week who wanted to share her recent experience with the City's Fire Department and their Roper Lock Box program. On Wednesday morning, our resident accidentally left her breakfast cooking on the stovetop when she headed out for her morning swim. Her unattended food set off her smoke alarm. Because she was in the water and not near her phone, she wasn't aware that the Fire Department was being dispatched to her home. When she came out of the pool and saw her phone, she threw on her jacket and rushed home expecting the worst. Fortunately, that wasn't the case. You see, when the Fire Department arrived to the resident's locked home, they were able to gain entry by utilizing the resident's Roper Lock Box she had purchased. Not only was the resident elated that entry was gained without damaging her property, she also was so thankful that the firefighters took the time and opened windows to air out her home. She said they came in, did their job assessing the situation, and left her home as though they were never even there. She is forever grateful for their quick response and help—and, additionally, for offering the Roper Lock Box program. Kudos to our City's Fire Department on another job well done!

If you'd like to learn more about the Roper Lock Box program, have questions, or are interested in purchasing the device, please click [here](#). After Wednesday's incident, our resident decided that it was the best \$40 she's ever spent! We wholeheartedly agree!

SERVICE

SENSIBLE SALTING PRACTICES **EDUCATION & OUTREACH—TIPS AT HOME:**

SHOVEL SNOW

- * Remove snow and ice during snowstorm, if possible.
- * Reduces that amount of salt required.
- * Increases efficiency.

FOLLOW APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- * More salt does not correspond to quicker melting.

REDUCE CHEMICAL APPLICATION

- * Only apply where really needed.
- * Create paths instead of removing all snow.

CONSIDER TEMPERATURE

- * Most salts are ineffective below 15°F.
- * Sand coupled for traction, but must be swept up after.

SWEEP UP EXTRA

- * No longer working.

PET SAFETY

- * Sodium Chloride, Calcium Chloride, and Magnesium Chloride can burn paws.



SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Willoughby Hills Senior Center
35400 Chardon Rd. — Lower Level

Senior Luncheons: Potluck or Brown Bag

Save the Date:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 11:30am.

Bring a dish to share, or
bring your own brown bag lunch.



Senior Center Membership Dues **Per calendar year**

\$7.00 for individuals

\$10.00 for individuals and spouse/companion

Activities:

BRIDGE: Every Wednesday, 12:30pm until 3PM—Bring your cards!

Pinochle Group: First 2 Fridays and every Saturday at 6PM

Mahjongg: Every Friday at 1PM

Yoga: Every Wednesday at 11AM

Exercise Class: Friday at 11AM



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COMMISSION MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2023

The **Recreation Commission** is seeking new members to assist with the planning and implementation of City recreation events including: Pancake Breakfasts, the Easter Scavenger Hunt, Fall and Spring Craft Shows, the City Halloween Party, Winterfest, Christmas Card Lane, the Holiday Lights Contest, the City Photo Contest and Breakfast with Santa. The Commission is also evaluating a potential all day City event (similar to Rock and Roll Day in 2022). Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of the Commission can fill out an application and deliver it to City Hall.

The **Board of Building and Zoning Appeals** is seeking a new member for a five (5) year term beginning on January 1, 2023. If there is an appeal, the Board of Zoning Appeals currently meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers. For more information about the BZA, on the City's Website simply select the "Government" Tab, then drop down to "Boards and Commissions" and select "Board of Building and Zoning Appeals."

Applications for both positions are available [here](#)!

RECREATION COMMISSION



UPCOMING EVENTS:



Sunday, March 5th - Pancake Breakfast

We could always use a few extra volunteers for the Pancake Breakfast! If you'd like to be a part of the action, please sign up [here](#).

Saturday, March 18th - Spring Craft Show

If you are interested in becoming a vendor in our Spring Craft Show, send an email to: recreationevents@willoughbyhills-oh.gov for an application and/or more information.

****Flyers for both events above are contained in this e-newsletter.****

Events on Deck:

Hoppy Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt (3/24—4/7)

Spring Garage Sale Day (4/29)

More details to come...



BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS ARE HAPPENING NOW!

CHECK OUT THE [YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE'S WEBSITE](#) AND GET REGISTERED TODAY!

- THERE ARE NO RESIDENT RESTRICTIONS! -



Have you ever wanted to become a Volunteer with the American Red Cross? Now is your chance!

Resolve to Volunteer will be holding an Information Session on February 9th: 5:30-6:30 PM.

Event will be held in-person or virtually. In-person location will be at the American Red Cross Greater Akron & Mahoning Valley Office at 501 W. Market Street, Akron, OH 44303.

Click [here](#) for more information!

To RSVP to the event: <https://tinyurl.com/s4hbrhf9>

WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT **NEWS FROM THE BOARD:**

As you may have heard, the Board has launched a search for Willoughby-Eastlake's next superintendent. As a follow up to the Focus Groups held on January 31, we encourage our students, families, residents and staff to complete this [survey](#) to help guide the selection process. The survey will be open through February 7.

The Board is committed to setting up a thorough and comprehensive search process that prioritizes community engagement and feedback from all of stakeholders. We look forward to your input!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BEGIN MARCH 16TH.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL FOR MORE DETAILS.

****YOUR CHILD MUST BE TURNING 5 BY AUGUST 1, 2023.****

*** Please note: If your child currently attends our W-E preschool program, you **do not** need to complete the New Student Registration. Contact your child's school to let them know that your child is planning on attending Kindergarten in the fall.**

RESIDENTIAL SUMMER SPRINKLER PROGRAM

It's almost time to start thinking about Summer! Did you know that Willoughby Hills has authorized a program for eligible homeowners which could reduce the costs paid for sewer charges each year during the months of May through September?

With your water bill you are charged sewer fees which are based on your total use of water. With the Summer Sprinkler Program, if you use more water during the summer months for sprinkling and other seasonal usage, your summer water bill will reflect a lower sewer usage based on a prorated consumption taking into consideration the difference between your usage in the winter months. This program applies to sewer charges only. You must still pay the Lake County Water Department for all water used.

There is a one-time administrative fee of \$20 payable by cash or check (payable to City of Willoughby Hills) which must be submitted with the completed [Summer Sprinkler Program Application](#). Applications with payment must be received by April 30, 2023.

Key things to note with the program:

- Available to **residential customers only** who own one, two, three, or four unit dwelling excluding condominiums and apartments.
- Residents who are tapped into the sewers.
- Residents who water gardens and lawns in the summer will see the biggest benefit.
- Once a resident enrolls in the program, they are enrolled for as long as they own the property.
- Enrollment after the April 30th deadline will not be effective until the following year.
- Resident will not begin to receive the reduced summer rate until they have been in the property for one year. This is a Lake County Department of Utilities (LCDU) requirement necessary for determining "normal" levels of usage.
- If a resident is filling a swimming pool, it is most financially beneficial to them to contact a vendor who provides bulk water sales as this water rate is generally cheaper than the LCDU rate and the resident will have no sewer charges to pay on the bulk water purchase.



To-go orders available!

WILLOUGHBY HILLS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER | 35400 CHARDON ROAD

Sunday, March 5

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Breakfast includes:

All the pancakes & french toast you can eat,
(limited) sausage, apple sauce & a beverage.

Adults: Pre-sale **\$8.00** | At the door **\$9.00**

Children: 5-12 **\$5.00** | 4 and under are **FREE**

*Buy
early and
save!*

Tickets may be purchased at City Hall, the Community Center, from any Willoughby Hills Recreation Commission member or by calling (440) 975-3540.

For to-go orders, drive up to the door with your ticket (or buy at door); We will bring your order to you!



Proceeds benefit Willoughby Hills Recreation.

ceramics · fiber arts · quilted items · soaps · candles · and much more!



BRING A
♥ FRIEND!


RAFFLES AND REFRESHMENTS!

WILLOUGHBY HILLS

2023 Spring Craft Show

Saturday
MARCH 18
9 AM to 3 PM

← SAVE
THE
DATE!

Stop by and visit our crafters with handmade
items on both levels of the Community Center.
(35400 Chardon Road)



Follow us on Facebook for
updates and more details!



Great gifts & goodies from local artisans

FREE ADMISSION

RESIDENT REMINDERS:



Please keep in mind that Cleveland Metroparks will be continuing their deer management program this winter to establish and maintain a balanced ecosystem. From noon to 6:00 a.m. the following morning, portions or all of North Chagrin Reservation will be closed to the public on several days from now through March 16th, 2023.

Specific closures will be posted on [Cleveland Metroparks Alerts and Closures](#) page by 6 p.m. on the evening prior to an area's closure. This announcement will give details about reservations and sections of the parkway that will be closed between noon and 6 a.m. the following morning.



**The Community Center will be closed all day on
Tuesday, February 7th.**

****The Library will have curbside service only that day.****

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out:
City of Willoughby Hills, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094
440-946-1234 and ask for Mayor Gardner's Office.

