



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

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**Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!**

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### **MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT**

As we continue to move through winter into spring in Willoughby Hills, I thought it was important to use this week's Mayor's Report to highlight one of our most significant safety issues.

A source of great beauty and providing numerous opportunities for recreational activities, the Chagrin River is one of the great resources of our community. However, as reported in our last newsletter and in the News-Herald yesterday, the Chagrin can also be very dangerous, especially during the late winter and early spring. January 21st marked the 64th Anniversary of the tragic loss of five of our residents in the Flood of 1959. At this time of year, the river can rise quickly either due to rain or as a result of ice jamming, as we witnessed last year. If you live near the River, please always keep an eye on the river level and if it starts to rise near flood levels, please be ready to evacuate if necessary. As Chief Gandee reminded everyone in yesterday's News-Herald article: "If there's a recommendation to evacuate, it's important for people to understand they may have the ability to stay, but in some cases, the fire department and other rescue services may not be able to come because it may be too dangerous for them."

Additionally, if the river freezes over, please do not walk or ride vehicles on the ice. While the ice may be thick in one area it can be almost paper thin in others (which can easily be hidden under even a light snowfall). The current underneath the ice can be very strong and sweep somebody underneath the ice before help can arrive.

A few other brief items: The warmer weather is allowing our service crew to make some improvements to City buildings. They have been constructing an additional conference room in City Hall and freshening up the paint in the Fire Department.

Chief Naegele has reported that many residents are taking advantage of the free steering wheel locks. Please come up to the Police Department if you own or lease either a Kia or Hyundai. Please bring evidence of ownership or lease and proof of residency.

We are continuing to seek volunteers for this year's Recreation Commission Pancake Breakfast. Click the below to sign up:

[Pancake Breakfast Volunteer Sign-up](#)

## **CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **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

### **Monday, March 6, 2023**

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

### **Thursday, March 9, 2023**

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

## POLICE



Sergeant Ron Parmertor was honored as the 2022 Officer of the Year before last night's Council Meeting and was presented with a Mayoral Proclamation & Council Resolution.

**Congratulations, Sgt. Parmertor!**  
Your hard work is recognized and very much appreciated!

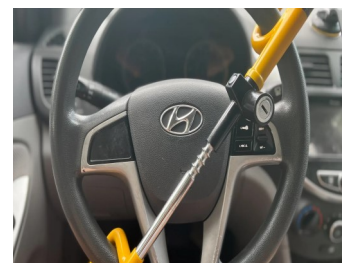


WHPD now has wheel locks for Willoughby Hills residents who own Kia and Hyundai vehicles. We currently do not have an unlimited supply and these will be distributed to residents as long as there is stock available.

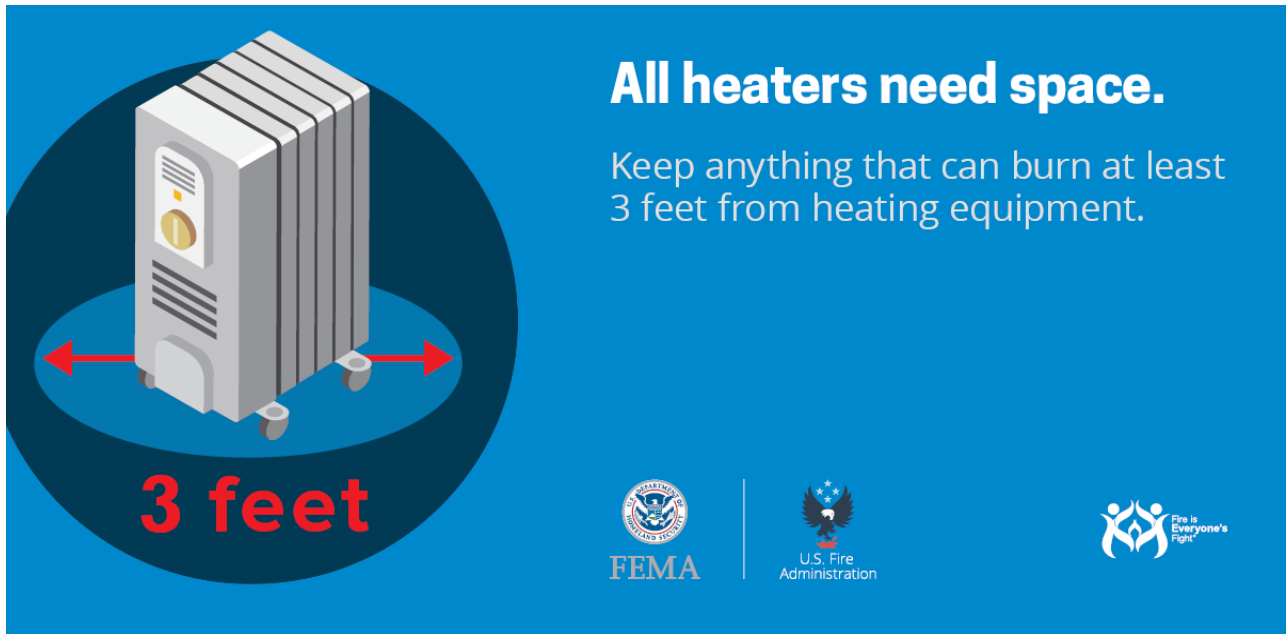
In order to pick one up at the Willoughby Hills Police Department, the following is required:

- 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



### Space Heater Safety Tips:

- Keep it at least 3 feet from anything flammable.
  - Don't leave it unattended.
  - Keep out of reach of children and pets.
  - Plug it directly into the outlet.
- Make sure to have a working smoke and carbon monoxide alarm.
  - Look out for signs of malfunction.

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Many thanks to the fine employees of UH for letting our Fire Department experience a bit of music therapy this week. It was a wonderful way to explore another avenue to stress relief!



## **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 5<sup>th</sup> - 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](#).

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#### **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - Spring Craft Show**

If you are interested in becoming a vendor in our Spring Craft Show, send an email to: [recreationevents@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto: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! -



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

**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.**



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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **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:



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.

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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.

## HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!



What did the chef give his  
wife on Valentine's Day?

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~A hug and a quiche.~

