



City of Willoughby Hills

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

I would like to thank the Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce for putting on another excellent (SOLD OUT!) State of the Cities Program on Valentine's Day morning. If you haven't had a chance to attend this event, the Chamber invites the Mayors from the Chamber's service area to each make a short Presentation about current events in their City. Each of us provides a brief economic update about City finances, information about any new businesses that have opened (or are planned to open) and highlights from the prior year regarding safety forces, infrastructure and recreation (all topics that I have reported on here in the last few months). There's always a little bit of an opportunity left for us to poke fun at our fellow Mayors. It is truly a pleasure to share the stage at this event with Mayors Fiala (Willoughby), Morley (Eastlake), Sakacs (Wickliffe), Vanni (Willowick) and Potter (Kirtland). These gentlemen are all very dedicated to their communities and the area and I am grateful to each of them for their willingness to provide insights, to share resources, and to make the most of any opportunities to make all of our communities better.

On Wednesday night, I had the opportunity to attend the Annual Meeting of the Lake County Blue Coats with Chief Gandee. This organization, devoted to providing assistance to Lake County's First Responders, provided reports on its activities from the last year and presented the Jorge Medina Distinguished Service Awards for 2022. A highlight of the year's activities was that the Blue Coats granted six Ronald J. Taddeo Memorial scholarships. These \$2,000 Scholarships, named to honor Dr. Ron Taddeo a long time Willoughby Hills resident, are awarded annually to children of Lake County first responders. The recipients of these scholarships are each pursuing Bachelor and Associates degrees at area educational institutions including Cuyahoga Community College, Lakeland Community College, Ohio Northern University and the University of Akron. As I noted, the highlight of the annual meeting is the Medina Awards. Nominated by their Chief, this award is presented annually to Lake County First Responders who have acted above and beyond the line of duty. The Willoughby Hills Police Department has been honored to have two recipients, retired patrolman Craig Anderson and current patrolman Cory Planisek who received the award in 2017. Fire Chief Gandee was also a recipient in 1999 while serving as a firefighter in Kirtland.

This year's winners of the Medina Award were police officer Jackson Hyams from Willoughby and Firefighter/Paramedics Mark Warmuth and Joseph DiFranco from the Perry Joint Fire District. Congratulations to these gentlemen. If you wanted to consider joining this wonderful organization and supporting Lake County's First Responders, you can visit the Blue Coats website at www.lakecountybluecoats.com.

Finally, I have reluctantly accepted the resignation of Steve Nash from our Civil Service Commission. Steve had served since January 1, 2022 and was a great resource. If anyone is interested in serving on our Civil Service Commission, please click [here](#) for an application.

Have a great weekend everyone!

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 20, 2023

CITY HALL /COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSED
IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT’S DAY (library will be open)

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

Tuesday, March 14, 2023


BOARD OF BUILDING & ZONING APPEALS MEETING
8:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

POLICE

Thank you to the Massucci family for donating the beautiful American flag wall piece to our Department! It's a great centerpiece addition to our growing patch collection. It will remain on display in our patrol room for years to come.



Scam artists will use any leverage they can get to separate you from your money. Sadly, that includes exploiting grandparents' love and concern for their grandchildren, giving rise to a breed of impostor fraud specifically targeting older Americans.

 Grandparent scams typically work something like this: The victim gets a call from someone posing as his or her grandchild. This person explains, in a frantic-sounding voice, that he or she is in trouble: There's been an accident, or an arrest, or a robbery. The impostor offers just enough detail about where and how the emergency happened to make it seem plausible and perhaps turns the phone over to another scammer who pretends to be a doctor, police officer or lawyer and backs up the story. The "grandchild" implores the target to wire money immediately, adding an anxious plea: "Don't tell Mom and Dad!" Don't let worry override caution. Ask for information about the missing friend or relative that few people know and that hasn't been posted on social media.

For more information on the Grandparent scam and many others, please visit AARP.org.

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 been set, but is expected to be somewhere between mid-April to mid-May. Please contact Stephanie at 440-942-7207 if interested to be put on the list.

February is American Heart Month

During American Heart Month, the AHA (American Heart Association) and other organizations reinforce the importance of heart health, the need for more research and efforts to ensure that millions of people live longer and healthier.

In most cases, heart disease is preventable when people adopt a healthy lifestyle, which includes not smoking, maintaining a healthy weight, controlling blood sugar and cholesterol, treating high blood pressure, getting at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity a week and getting regular checkups. (From American Heart Association webpage)

WHFD encourages everyone to learn CPR. There are many resources online but official classes are offered through University Hospitals at <https://uhems.org/view-course/American-Heart-Association-Courses>



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."

The **Civil Service Commission** is seeking a new Chairperson. This is a six (6) year term on a Commission that serves the purpose of developing and maintaining lists of candidates eligible for hire by the City as Full-Time Police and Fire Personnel. The Commission generally meets quarterly or on an as-needed basis.

Applications for any of the above 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 included with 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! -

SERVICE/UTILITIES

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.

PROPERTY RIGHT-OF-WAY INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) to see the illustration that was prepared by the Building and Service Departments to highlight the homeowner's responsibilities with respect to utility lines, sanitary and storm sewer lines, improvements and other features outside of your house. In addition, it gives information about the Right-of-Way on properties. Just like the roof or siding on your house, you should make sure that you are properly maintaining these lines and improvements, and prepare for their replacement when they reach the end of their useful life. Please do not hesitate to contact the Service Department at (440) 975-3550 if you have any questions about your responsibilities.

SCHOOLS / LIBRARY

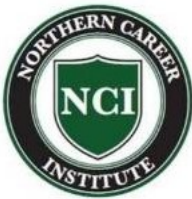


WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWS FROM THE BOARD:

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET YOUR LITTLE ONE ENROLLED FOR FALL 2023, PLEASE SEE THE FLYER INCLUDED IN THIS E-NEWSLETTER!



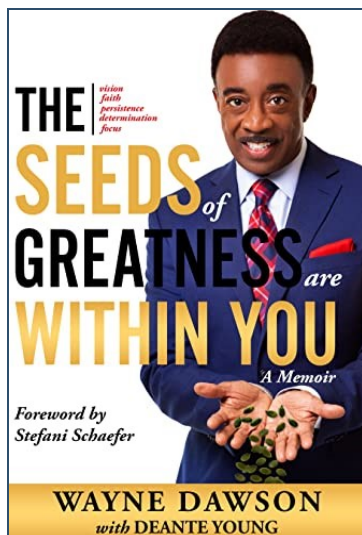
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT STARTING A NEW CAREER? *NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!*

Northern Career Institute (part of the Willoughby-Eastlake School District) hosts the high school Excell Tech programs for LPN, Medical Assisting, and Allied Health for 11th and 12th grade students. **BUT** did you know that they also have programs for adults? They are currently accepting applications for the Adult Medical Assisting, Adult Medical Billing, and Adult Medical Coding programs.

Please see the flyer included in this e-newsletter for more information.



WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILLOUGHBY HILLS BRANCH PRESENTS:



Fox 8 Co-Ancor and Author Wayne Dawson Discussion, Interview, and Book Signing

Join us in welcoming Wayne Dawson to the Willoughby Hills Library this Saturday, February 18th at 2:00 PM. Wayne will be appearing at the Community Center to discuss his new memoir, *The Seeds of Greatness Are Within You.*

For more information and to register for this event, please click [here](#).

Please note that registration is required.

STATE OF THE CITIES BREAKFAST

A special thank you goes out to the Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce (WWLCC) and LaVera Party Center for putting together and hosting this year's State of the Cities Breakfast on Tuesday. The Mayors of Eastlake, Kirtland, Wickliffe, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, and Willowick each provided an informative municipal update full of banter, pride, and bragging rights for their respective community. The collaboration of cities is to strengthen the economic growth and development of our local businesses within our communities. Also in attendance were Congressman Dave Joyce and Lake County Commissioner Rich Regovich.



FISH FRY 2023

Are you a local establishment hosting a Fish Fry or two during the Lenten season?

If so, we'd LOVE to add you to our "Fish Fry 2023" list that we're compiling for the e-newsletter!



Please send an email to WHCommunications@willoughbyhills-oh.gov with the following information:

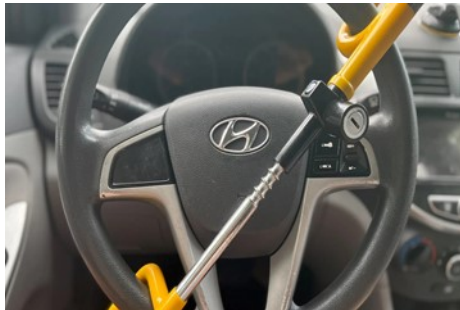
- Name of establishment**
- Time and Date(s)**
- Cost**
- Dine-in / Carry-Out / Both**

DATES HAVE BEEN SET FOR SHRED & ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAYS!

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY will be at City Hall on Saturday, May 13, 2023
from 9am—noon

SHRED DAY will be at City Hall on Saturday, June 3, 2023
from 9am—noon

Start gathering your items now!



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



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.

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)



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updates and more details!



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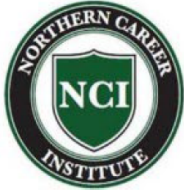
WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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Contact Your Elementary
School for an Appointment
or Central Registration at
440-975-3784

Edison Elementary	440-942-2099
Grant Elementary	440-942-5944
Jefferson Elementary	440-942-7244
Longfellow Elementary	440-975-3720
Royalview Elementary	440-944-3130

FREE GIFT FOR REGISTRATIONS COMPLETED BY JUNE 1ST



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SOME PEOPLE

Want it to **HAPPEN**

SOME *wish* it would **HAPPEN**, others

MAKE IT HAPPEN

Be the one to

MAKE it happen



IN CLOSING...

**Did you know that today, February 17th, is Random Acts of Kindness Day?
Why not keep it going all year long with these simple suggestions:**

Pick up litter around your local area	Pay for the person behind you in the drive-thru	Leave an encouraging sticky note on a colleague's desk	Leave some extra change in or near a vending machine.
Have food delivered to a local hospital to thank medical staff for their hard work	Donate clothing and items you don't need to those who do	Send old towels or blankets to animal shelters	Send anonymous thank you notes to your old teachers
Write letters of appreciation to local groups helping your community	Leave a simple note of encouragement on a random car in a parking lot	Compliment or show appreciation to someone who has really helped you or someone in your family out	If you see someone doing a great job, tell them and compliment them.
Volunteer! Participate in community service projects	Gather up cans of food to take to your local homeless shelter	When you go out to eat next time, when you give the tip leave a nice note along with it	Offer babysitting to a couple with kids so they can enjoy a date night
Give a hug to someone who really needs it	Donate blood or plasma	Smile at 10 strangers	Help the elderly around their home with chores

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!

**Why are elevator
jokes so good?**

They work on many levels.