



City of Willoughby Hills

## **E-NEWSLETTER**

**VOLUME 105 FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023**

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

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[NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV](mailto:NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV)

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

Happy Friday Willoughby Hills!

Tuesday evening City Council's Finance Committee held its first of two Budget hearings. This hearing focused on the Service Department and Fire Department. A hearing scheduled for Wednesday, March 15 will focus on the Police Department and Administrative budgets. Councilman Kline, Chair of the Finance Committee of Council, welcomes questions from the public, you can email him at [MikeKline@Willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:MikeKline@Willoughbyhills-oh.gov).

I wanted to share a few items that were discussed in the hearing with all of you. First, the City is fortunate that the price of road salt is almost the same as last year. If the current relatively mild weather continues, the City will have a nice stockpile of salt to carry into next winter at the same price as last year. With the construction of the new Salt Storage Facility, we have the perfect place to store the salt. The focus of the City's road resurfacing program will be the cost of the engineering and local share for the ODOT Chardon Road resurfacing project (West from SOM Center Road to Bishop Road). These costs will be incurred this year and the resurfacing will take place in 2024. The City will be resurfacing Pleasant Valley Road (from the Bridge West to Chardon Road) and restriping all roads in the City. I am also hoping that we will again be able to coordinate repainting of fire hydrants in the City with the Lake County Water Department.

Chief Gandee presented for the Fire Department. We continue to focus on increasing staffing and updating our vehicle fleet. The 2023 budget includes funding for a 6th firefighter on all shifts at the Fire Department. Our hope is that we will be able to provide more staffing on our emergency responses while, at the same time, having a buffer in place to avoid overtime in the event that a scheduled firefighter cannot work their shift. Chief Gandee reported that our new Incident Command Vehicle is in its final stages of upfitting and should be on the road in the next 3 weeks. The Fire Department's new Fire Engine will start to be built this month, with delivery late this summer. A new ambulance will be ordered to come into service in 2024 and the replacement for the Fire Chief's emergency response vehicle is expected to be delivered next quarter. In addition, the Service Department has been able to do some projects to "freshen up" some of the spaces in the Fire Department. The Department has obtained many grants to assist with the cost of equipment replacement over the years (new SCBA's, radios, hoses, thermal imaging equipment) and will continue to pursue those grants. The Department is also evaluating the use of grants to add additional full-time personnel.

**Finally, I want to remind everyone that this Sunday is the City Recreation Commission's Annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast. Doors open at 8:30 AM and we will be serving until 12:30 PM. We have a great bunch of volunteers ready to go. As usual, I will be working in the kitchen, but don't hesitate to knock and say "Hi" to me and the wonderful team of cooks that will be preparing our delicious breakfast. I hope to see you there!**

## **CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **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

### **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (POLICE & ADMINISTRATION)  
6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

### **Thursday, March 16, 2023**

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

### **Saturday, March 18, 2023**

SPRING CRAFT SHOW (see attached flyer)  
9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.—Community Center

### **Monday, March 20, 2023**

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

### **Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

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

### **Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

TRIVIA NIGHT  
7:00 P.M.—Community Center O'Ryan Room

### **Thursday, March 23, 2023**

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

## FIRE /POLICE

### PHASE 6 IS COMPLETE!

Thank you to Dave Marazita from Marazita Graphics in Akron, Ohio for another outstanding job. They initially did our new rescue squad two years ago that needed to be wrapped the color red since it was a white squad and would have been too costly to paint. The sun just happened to poke through the clouds just long enough for us to get some photos of the fine work once we got it back to the station.

Thank you to Lt. Lou DiMattia for his great job coming up with the new design for the rescue squad and our new Car 1210. They look outstanding!

New Engine 1213 Update: We were informed by our dealer, Jesse Sopko, of Johnson Fire Equipment, that our new Spartan NXT Rescue Engine will be starting production around March 16 of this year. We will then go for the initial chassis inspection around April 26-May 6 also later this year.





## SENIOR CENTER NEWS—MARCH

March 2023, Willoughby Hills Senior Inc.

### **MARCH 2023 SENIOR NEWSLETTER**

Willoughby Hills Senior Center  
35400 Chardon Rd.  
Lower Level



Podiatrist Dr. Kelley Whaley will be in the Senior Room on Thursday, March 2nd From 9:00am-11:30am. Please schedule any future appointments with her.

#### Senior Luncheons: Potluck or Brown Bag

Save the Date: Tuesday, March 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



*Happy  
Birthday*

To everyone born in March!!!

Recreation Coordinator: Diana Parker  
Staff Monitor: Sylvia Carter-Naylor

#### Joke of the Month:

Q: How did the barber win  
The race?

A: He knew a shortcut!



"Our life is March weather, savage and serene in one hour."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

#### 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

**Knitting and Crocheting** every  
Thursday at 10AM

**Exercise Class:** Friday at 11AM



## RECREATION COMMISSION



### UPCOMING EVENTS:



#### **Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - Pancake Breakfast**

8:30am—12:30pm

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

Children 5-12: \$5.00 / 4 and under are free!

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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 included with this e-newsletter.\*\***

#### *Events on Deck:*

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

*Spring Garage Sale Day (4/29)*



### **BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS ARE COMING TO A CLOSE** **FOR THE SEASON!**

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE  
INFORMATION — GET REGISTERED TODAY!

- THERE ARE NO RESIDENT RESTRICTIONS! -



**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!**

**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!](#)

## 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.



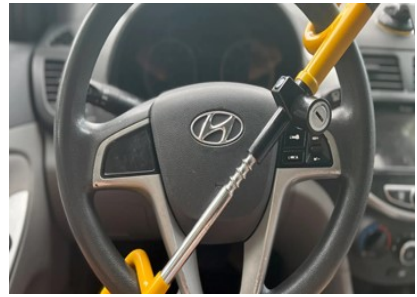


WHPD now has wheel locks for Willoughby Hills residents who own Kia and Hyundai vehicles. We currently do not have an unlimited supply and these will be distributed to residents as long as there is stock available.

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.



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.



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

## 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!**

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#### **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 HILLS LIBRARY

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### **Movies at the Hills:**

Disney's *Strange World*

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

3:45—6:00 PM (movie begins at 4:00pm)

All ages welcome.

**Registration is required.**

Click [here](#) to register.

##### **Murder at the Hills:**

Book discussion group of

Alice Feeney's novel *His & Hers*

Thursday, March 9, 2023

2:00—3:00 PM

Adults welcome.

**Registration is required.**

Click [here](#) to register.

**For a complete list of upcoming events at the Willoughby Hills Library and to register, please click [here](#).**

## **2023 FISH FRY & LENT SPECIALS LIST**



### **Dynamic Duo**

**(Carry out / Friday specials)**

**Phone: 440-585-9000**

### **FireHouse Grille & Pub**

**(Fish dinner / Friday specials)**

**Phone: 440-943-4983**



### **Gaetano's**

**(Fish dinner / Friday specials)**

**Phone: 440-943-6666**

### **LaVera**

**(Dine-in or Take-out Fish Fry from 4:30—7:00 PM;**

**All you can eat buffet for \$20.00)**

**Phone: 440-943-0087**

**Carry-out orders can be placed [here](#)**

### **Lobster Pot**

**(Fish Fry every Wednesday & Friday / dine-in or carry-out / \$19.00)**

**Phone: 440-569-1634**

### **Local Tavern**

**(Fish dinner / Friday specials)**

**Phone: 440-833-4484**

### **Mario Fazio's**

**(Fish dinner / Friday specials)**

**Phone: 440-585-3883**

### **St. Noel**

**(Friday 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31 from 4:30—7:30 PM;**

**Adults: \$18, Children 6-12: \$8)**

**Phone: 440-946-6635**

### **The Wright Place**

**(Fish platter every Friday)**

**Phone: 440-944-1074**

**Do you know of other local establishments hosting a Fish Fry during Lent?**

**If so, we'd love to add them to our e-newsletter list!**

**Just send an e-mail request to: [WHCommunications@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:WHCommunications@willoughbyhills-oh.gov)**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!**



*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**



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# SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE 2023 SEASON!

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Our programs emphasize fun, sportsmanship, and a healthy approach to competition. We hope you will join us this season.

*Early registration ends February 28.*



*Let's play ball!*

## *Step up to the Plate*

Volunteers are needed to coach, help manage athletes during activities, assist with concessions and more. If you are interested in helping make our youth sports a great experience for children, please send an email to [whblsports@gmail.com](mailto:whblsports@gmail.com).

***We look forward to hearing from you!***

## *Sponsorships*

Various levels of sponsorship are available. You can choose to sponsor an individual sport or all sports.

Email [whblsports@gmail.com](mailto:whblsports@gmail.com) for more information on how you can support our youth!

To register, go to: **WWW.WHBLSPORTS.COM**







# St. Patrick's Day



## Corned Beef Sandwiches

Willoughby Hills VFW Post 4358

March 17, 2023 (12pm-6pm)

440-944-1642 to order

Pre-Order by March 8, 2023

**SANDWICH \$15 (*ordered by 3/8*) - \$16 (*on 3/17*)**

**Includes: Swiss cheese, potato salad & a pickle**  
***(horseradish & mustard on the side)***



**VFW AUXILIARY WILL HAVE BAKERY ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE POST**

**Delivery upon request for:**

**Large orders within a reasonable distance from the Post, homebound seniors, and disabled veterans.**

**Willoughby Hills Post 4358, 29412 White Rd, Willoughby Hills, OH 44092**



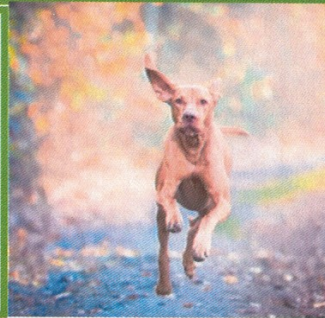
# First Covenant Church

## Community Lunch

### Saturday, March 18, 2023

### Lunch at 12:30 PM

**First Covenant Church**  
**29400 Chardon Rd**  
**Willoughby Hills, Oh 44092**  
**440-943-3611**



Relieving pain.  
Restoring  
mobility.  
Regaining life.



**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED**  
**AT 12:30 PM**

**MENU:** Spaghetti with Meatballs, Salad, Roll and Dessert.

**All for \$7!**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!**

**CALL Vicki Otto at**

**440-781-1555**

**Or Email:**

**[vlojo11301@me.com](mailto:vlojo11301@me.com)**

**Please Reserve by March 15**

Featuring:  
Dr. Laura Surovi  
Cleveland Veterinary Rehabilitation  
28915 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills, OH 44092 (440) 462-4600

Dr. Surovi is a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist (CVA) and a Certified Veterinary Chinese Herbalist (CVCH) through the Chi Institute of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine. She has also received training in Tuina (Chinese Medical Massage) and Food Therapy from the Chi Institute. She attended the Canine Rehabilitation Institute to become a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapist (CCRT). Dr. Surovi completed her animal chiropractic training at The Healing Oasis Wellness Center obtaining certification in Veterinary Spinal Manipulation Therapy (CVSMT). She has earned acceptance into the College of Animal Chiropractors.

### Compassionate Care

Cleveland Veterinary Rehabilitation is a unique stand-alone veterinary rehabilitation practice devoted to providing a multimodal approach to decrease pain, increase functional mobility, and improve the quality of life for both companion and performance animals.





# BAKE SALE

SPONSORED BY THE VFW AUXILIARY  
POST 4358 – WILLOUGHBY HILLS

**St. Patrick's Day**  
**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Noon until sold out!**

Taking advance orders for cheesecake,  
your choice of slice (\$3.50) or whole cake  
(\$30), and loaves of banana bread (\$3)

Call 440-479-6653 by 3/8 to order!

Same-day bakery includes brownies,  
cupcakes, cookies, and mini cheesecakes

29412 White Rd, Willoughby Hills



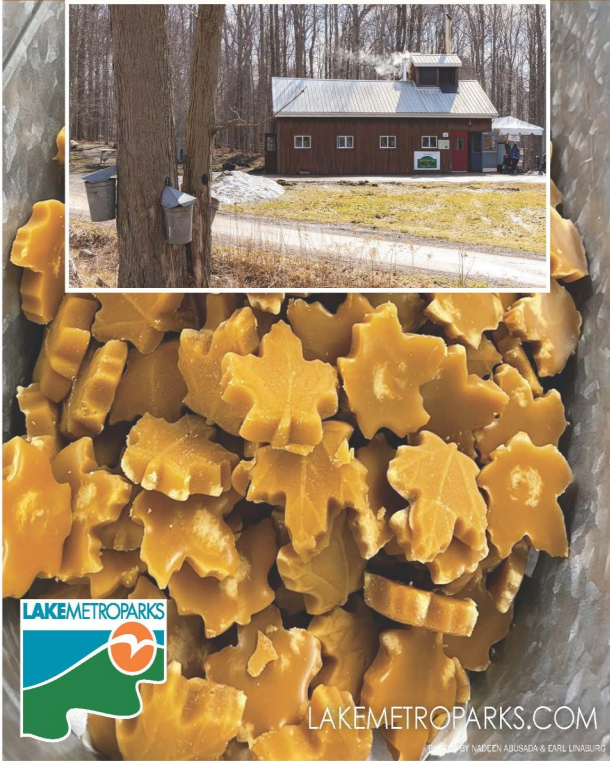


With the Pancake Breakfast happening Sunday at the Community Center, why not head down the road afterwards and experience one of the Lake Metroparks' Maple Sugaring Weekends. This event will take place at the Farmpark both this weekend and next.

LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK

# Maple Sugaring Weekends

March 4 & 5, 11 & 12  
9 am to 5 pm



## Maple Sugaring Activities Include:

Exhibit Hall: Fun Time on the Farm Indoor  
Play Area ongoing

Café: Breakfast 10:00 to 3:00  
Pancakes, potatoes, bacon and sausage served with Farmpark maple syrup; Ages 12 & older, \$10; ages 11 & younger, \$7.

The Dairy Parlor:  
Hands-on milking 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 3:30  
Milking by machine 3:45

The Barnyard:  
Visit farm animals 9:00 to 4:30

Well Bred Shed:  
Animal encounter 10:00, 1:00 & 3:00

In the Arena:  
Pony rides \$6 10:00 to 3:00 (weather permitting)  
Harnessing demo. 9:30  
Horse grooming 11:00  
Meet the breed 2:30

Plant Science Center:  
What's buzzing with the bees exhibit - self-guided  
Hydroponics exhibit - self-guided

Woodland Center:  
Maple syrup, candy & stirs for sale 9:30 to 4:00  
Backyard sugaring 10:00 to 4:00  
Sugarbush tours 12:00 & 2:30  
Horse-drawn sugarbush management 1:15  
**THE GIFT SHOP** – Pick up some Farmpark maple syrup



#WeBelong



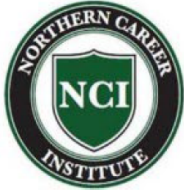
# WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**OPEN NOW**

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 1<sup>ST</sup>



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**Medical Billing and Coding**



**Medical Assisting**

There are many ways to get help paying for school, don't let that be what stops you! We can help you get Financial Aid or even funding from Ohio Means Jobs if you qualify. We will be happy to answer any questions or sit with you to explain your options and what class fits you best. We can give you a tour of the school and our labs as well. Just let the admissions office know you would like to talk with someone about the programs and we will be happy to call or set up an appointment for you to come in.



**SOME PEOPLE**

*Want* it to **HAPPEN**

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

**MAKE IT HAPPEN**

**Be the one to**

**MAKE it happen**





Now that the weather is starting to get a little warmer (well, sorta), good time to practice home fire escape plans:



**Make a fire escape plan  
and practice it with  
everyone in your home.**



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 did the man fall  
down the well?

Because he couldn't  
see that well.