



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

Happy Friday Willoughby Hills! At last night's Council meeting, I shared a wonderful letter from Willoughby Fire Chief Todd Ungar to our Chief Rob Gandee. The letter expressed Willoughby's gratitude to the Willoughby Hills Fire Department and Chief Gandee for their response to the huge fire of the apartment building under construction on Mentor Avenue last month. This huge fire saw a four-story building reduced to a pile of rubble in under an hour. It took over 1,000,000 gallons of water to extinguish the fire and the work of 20 different fire departments and many other agencies to bring it under control. Buildings as far as 300 feet away from the fire were damaged from the intense heat generated during the blaze. Chief Ungar noted that members of the WHFD, operating our Ladder Truck 1219, were a critical part of managing the fire. He also noted his appreciation to Chief Gandee for his assistance both at the fire and for covering other responses in Willoughby while Willoughby's Department was engaged at the fire. We are all truly fortunate to have neighboring communities who come together in times of need to assist each other and take care of one another's residents. It's something that we should never take for granted.

My thanks to the many residents that attended last week's Recreation Commission Pancake Breakfast and to the many volunteers that helped make the event possible. We had steady attendance all morning and lots of compliments to the chefs! Coming up next is the Fall Craft Show on March 18. A diverse group of vendors with a wide array of merchandise will be there, I hope you will be there too.

The City welcomed a group of new employees in the last few weeks. Officially approved at last night's Council meeting was our new part-time Clerk of Council, Recreation Commission member (and former Recreation Commission Chair), Laura O'Donnell. Laura will be taking over at the next Council meeting.

On Monday, we will welcome the City's new Finance Director, Bruce Scott. Bruce comes to us with a very impressive background in both private and non-profit sectors. He will be working with retiring Finance Director, Frank Brichacek to transition supervision of the Department and the City's finances during the upcoming weeks.

Welcome also to our new Full-Time Police Officer Richard Muir. Officer Muir was officially sworn in a few weeks ago when he started work, but was ceremonially sworn in again at last night's Council meeting. Richard is a lateral officer bringing several years of experience to our department.

Please take the time to check out the information later in this newsletter about the many Lenten and St. Patrick's day meal options offered in the City.

Finally, it is time to SPRING FORWARD! Don't forget to move your clocks forward an hour this Sunday morning. While we all hate to lose that hour of sleep, it is another sign that Spring is on the way!

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

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

Thursday, April 6, 2023

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

Friday, April 7, 2023

CITY HALL CLOSED
IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY

POLICE



Congratulations and Welcome to our newest Police Officer

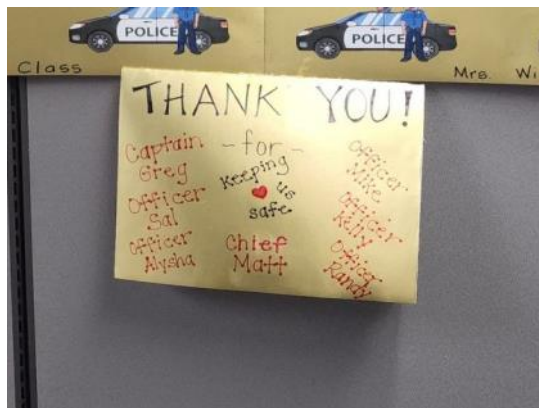
Richard Muir

Officer Muir comes to us from a family of law enforcement and brings with him experience from another agency.

Chief Naegele and Mayor Gardner had the honor of making it official at last night's Council meeting.
Welcome Officer Muir!

From the Chief...

As the weather begins to break, WHPD will begin deploying our digital speed notification signs in key areas of the city in an alternative effort to combat speeding problems in our neighborhoods and main thoroughfares. We will rotate them on a regular basis to provide city-wide coverage throughout the fair weather months.



Thank you to the K-4 classes at one of our local schools for the awesome card and cookies! We have it hanging up in the patrol room.

All officers thoroughly enjoy the relationships they continue to build with the students and staff each day!

FIRE

Fires caused by lithium-ion batteries have increased dramatically with deadly consequences. These rechargeable batteries are found in electric bikes and scooters, cars, laptops, tablets, phones, and common household devices. Lithium-ion battery fires have caused deaths, serious injuries, and devastating damage to property.


For more information on how lithium-ion batteries work, safety, and hazard prevention, please click [here](#) or scan the QR Code in the picture below.

DANGERS OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

FDNY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

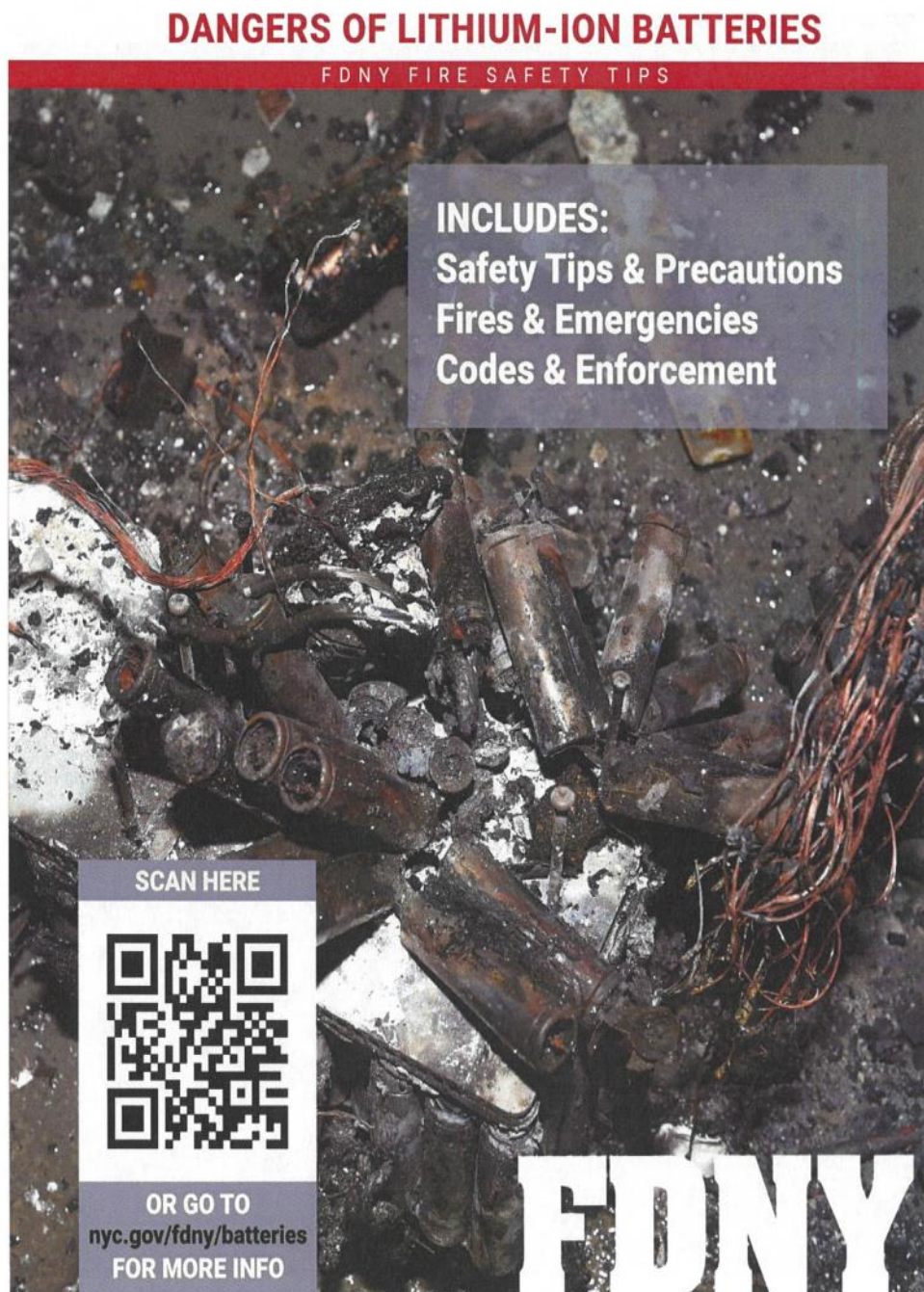
INCLUDES:
Safety Tips & Precautions
Fires & Emergencies
Codes & Enforcement

SCAN HERE



OR GO TO
nyc.gov/fdny/batteries
FOR MORE INFO

FDNY



SERVICE



From the Road Superintendent...

The Service Department has started the 2023 Annual Sanitary Sewer Cleaning. This will run through the few months as long as weather permits.



DATES HAVE BEEN SET FOR SHRED & ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAYS!

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY will be at City Hall on Saturday, May 20, 2023
from 9am—noon

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

Start gathering your items now!



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

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:



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.

If you'd like to volunteer, please click [here](#) to sign up!

Saturday, April 29, 2023—Willoughby Hills Garage Sale Day

Get your application [here](#) to participate & free advertising!



****Flyers for both events above are included with this e-newsletter.****



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! -

EMPLOYMENT / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:



The City is seeking to fill the position for **Part-Time Zoning Inspector**.
If you or someone you know would like to apply to work with an amazing group
of people here at City Hall, this is your chance!

Click [here](#) for the job description and [here](#) for an application.

Please send all applications to

asstfinancedirector@willoughbyhills-oh.gov

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 as well as Vice 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.

The **Housing Council** is also seeking two residents to join in making an annual inspection of properties within the Community Reinvestment Act for which an exemption has been granted as well as hear appeals. This Council will meet twice per year, 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.



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 HILLS LIBRARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Music Therapy for Teens

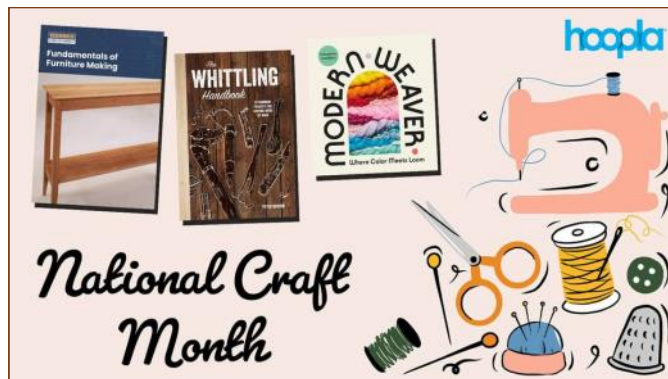
Friday, March 31, 2023

2:00—3:30 PM

Ages 12-18

Registration is required.

Click [here](#) to register.



Celebrate Craft Month by learning a new craft or fine tuning an existing one with great tutorial videos [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

Don't Forget St. Patrick's Day is next Friday!

The VFW is will be serving corned beef sandwiches as well as baked goods! See attached flyers for more information!

If you're on the go and need you corned beef fix, be sure to stop by and see Rodney at Dynamic Duo! You will not be disappointed!

PLEASE BE SURE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2023

We had a beautiful day for our annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.
We hope you enjoyed the day too.

Thank you to all who made it happen and for the residents for stopping in to support the Recreation Commission. We appreciate you!



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



SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE 2023 SEASON!

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.

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 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



BAKE SALE

SPONSORED BY THE VFW AUXILIARY
POST 4358 – WILLOUGHBY HILLS

St. Patrick's Day
Friday, March 17th
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

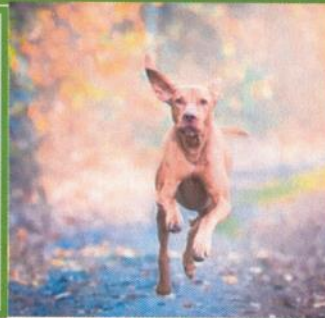
First Covenant Church

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

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.

Easter Breakfast!

Includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes, coffee, tea, milk or juice.

When: Saturday, April 1st, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: 29412 White Rd, Willoughby Hills

Details: Easter egg hunt, egg dyeing, games, coloring!
Stuffed bunny and Easter basket raffles!

Adults \$8 – Kids 12 & under \$4

Registration required! Deadline is
March 25th. Call or text 440-479-6653
with kids' names and ages.



Hosted by the VFW AUXILIARY of Post 4358

Start your spring cleaning now...



If you would like an application to be included in our city-wide garage sale event, please send an email to:

recreationevents@willoughbyhills-oh.gov



Applications also available at the Willoughby Hills Community Center (35400 Chardon Road)

Deadline for entries April 21

Sign up to be included on our map = FREE ADVERTISING on our facebook page, city website & newsletter!

#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 1ST



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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



Fire Chief Gandee couldn't resist stopping into the City Hall lobby to admire the Beautification Committee's festive decorations. And I, of course, couldn't resist adding it into this week's e-newsletter for all to appreciate over the next 7 days!



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!

