



E-NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Willoughby Hills! I hope that many of you are taking advantage of the opportunities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our local businesses and remind you to plan ahead and be safe tonight.

Despite the weather, another sure sign that Spring is around the corner is the Recreation Commission's Spring Craft Show tomorrow at the Community Center. The Commission has assembled another great group of vendors from Willoughby Hills and beyond to provide a unique opportunity to find artisan goods to use in your home or give as gifts. The Flyer later in this Newsletter has all of the details, I hope to see you there.

I want to express my thanks to Council Vice President Kline and City Council for their diligence in conducting budget hearings for the 2023 Budget. Chief Naegele, on behalf of the Police Department and I, on behalf of the City's Administrative Budget, met with Council's Finance Committee Wednesday night. Chief Naegele reviewed several department initiatives including the addition of 2 full-time officers to our staffing (they will add to our night shift), continuation of our vehicle replacement program for the Department's fleet, replacement and updating of equipment for the Department's evidence room and the replacement of the carport where the Department's vehicles are parked. I had the chance to review the addition of a full-time Finance Director (as reported last week), the addition of the City Communications Supervisor and how our City Prosecutor is compensated as well as touch on a number of other issues and respond to questions from Council members. The Budget ordinance will be on third reading at next Thursday's Council meeting, so there are still two opportunities for the public to ask any questions at next Monday's Working Committee meeting and at the Thursday meeting.

The City Engineer had a preconstruction meeting with ODOT this week for upcoming repairs to the slope on River Road, South of Chardon Road. These repairs will require closure of that stretch of River Road for a couple of weeks in May. We will have full details in next week's newsletter, but I wanted to mention it to you this week.



Have a safe St. Patrick's Day!



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

PICKLEBALL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
6:00 P.M.—Community Center

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

Monday, April 10, 2023

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

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

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

POLICE



With his family in attendance,
Officer Baldwin was sworn-in on
Wednesday by Chief Naegele and
Mayor Gardner.

Welcome, Officer Baldwin!

**Congratulations and
Welcome to our newest
Police Officer
*Seth Baldwin***



**Congratulations on a job
well done to these
standout students at the
School of Innovation!
Keep up the good work,
kids!**

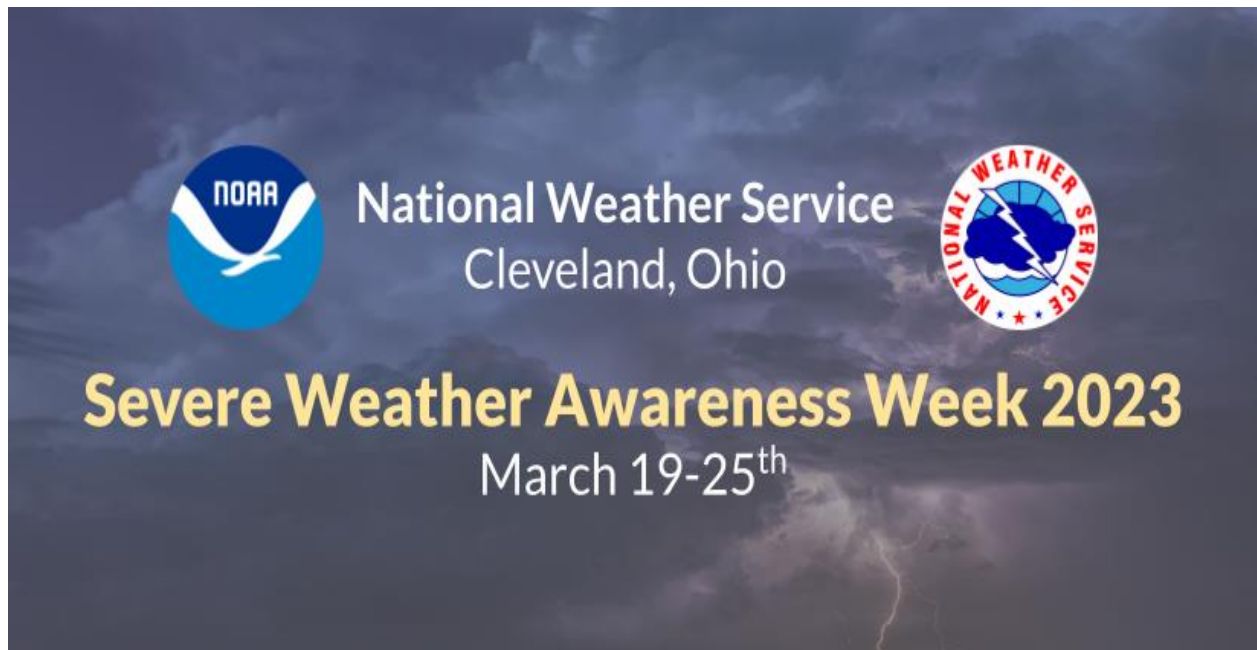


FIRE

OHIO SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK **MARCH 19-25th**

Make sure you plan ahead and stay weather aware for a safe Spring!

Join the [National Weather Service](#) during the week to see a different severe weather topic highlighted each day. Included in Wednesday's topic of "Tornado and Wind Damage" is a Statewide Tornado Drill at 9:50a.m.



Another wonderful site to help build a weather-ready nation is [Weather.gov](#).



Both sites are full of very useful information on tornados, shelter & safety, flooding, heavy rain, receiving alerts, and many others. Check them out!

SERVICE

From the Road Superintendent...

PLEASE NOTE

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

City Hall had a new addition this week! We had a beautiful day yesterday and Road Superintendent Grubiss took advantage of it. Thank you, Mark!

I give you the much-anticipated and very well-constructed railing:



SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

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



RECREATION COMMISSION



UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Be sure to stop by the Community Center
this Saturday, March 18th, for the Spring
Craft Show happening
from 9am-3pm**

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

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

Don't forget about the **Willoughby Hills Easter Egg Hunt!**
See the attached flyers for more information or click [here!](#)

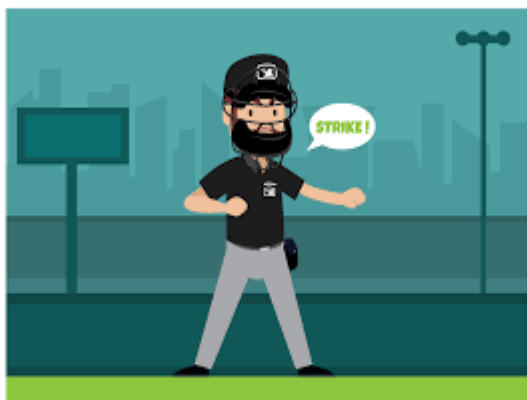


****Flyers for both events above are included with this
e-newsletter.****



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!**



Umpire training will be Sunday, April 23, 2023 in the Historical room at the Community Center. Training is for middle and high schoolers who have a general understanding of the game of baseball/softball and would like to umpire games for 8U and 10U softball and Mighty Mites baseball games this summer. Training is free and umpires will receive a league umpire shirt for the season if they complete the training. To register, please contact Lynn Hallum at 440.655.1199.

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.

For more events happening at the Willoughby Hills Library, please click [here](#).

Meet Crime Author Rick Porrello

Mr. Porrello will be talking about his newly released book “There’s More Bodies Out There” - a true story about serial killer Richard Henkel.

Thursday, April 6, 2023

6:30 PM —7:15 PM

Adults welcome.

Registration is required.

Click [here](#) to register.

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

PLEASE BE SURE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

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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**



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

Have you seen this egg?



Join the Willoughby Hills Easter Egg Hunt

Follow the clues to find a dozen eggs hidden around Willoughby Hills and win a chocolate bunny* and to be entered in a grand prize drawing.

Use this QR Code for more info
and to download the clues:



*While supplies last.



City of Willoughby Hills Recreation Commission

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt!

There are 12 clues below to different locations in the City of Willoughby Hills. Look for an egg with a number on it at the location that corresponds to each clue and write the number on this paper next to that clue. Turn in your completed entry at the Community Center between 9am-12 noon by April 5th for a chocolate bunny. On April 6th, the correct entries received will go into a drawing to win Easter baskets of goodies from our local businesses, including a Grand Prize family basket donated by Mario Fazios worth \$500! (One raffle entry per household)

- A. _____ A place where you might hear 'Play ball!'
- B. _____ If you are gardening, stop here for supplies
- C. _____ The place to get Lisa's salad, pizza, pasta, and more!
- D. _____ Pancake breakfasts and the Halloween party are held here
- E. _____ A Classic place to get a new luxury vehicle
- F. _____ Say hi to Joseph when you find a barber pole at this shop
- G. _____ The station for those that serve and protect
- H. _____ Have a cavity from too much Easter candy? This
WILLoughby HILLS office can help.
- I. _____ This Vault is no longer a bank
- J. _____ Order the famous "D-D sandwich" or a dill pickle pizza here
- K. _____ A place where Cousin Eddy would shop for a new 2-wheeler
- L. _____ Find the sign that displays our Mayor's name

Full Name _____

Age _____

Phone Number _____

- If you are not able to drop off the entry between 9am-12pm, you can still drop the paper in the box at the Community center to be entered in the drawing. We will try to set up another time to pick up the chocolate bunnies.

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 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



A Note From the Police 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.

DATES HAVE BEEN SET FOR SHRED & ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAYS!



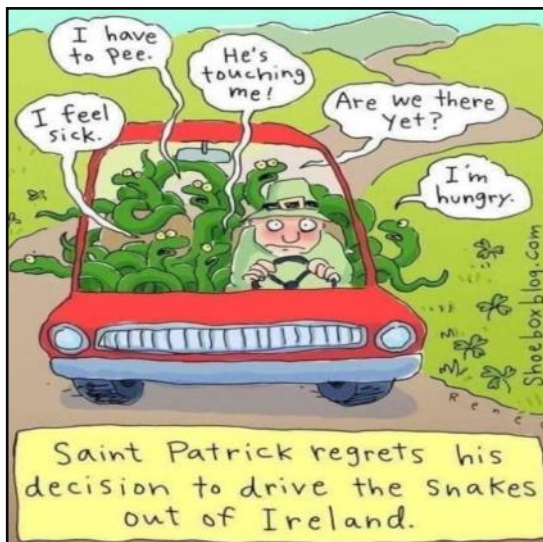
ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY will be at City Hall on
Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 9am—noon
(Please note the date change)

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

Start gathering your items now!

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
&
HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



What's green and sits around
the back yard?

- Paddy O'furniture -