



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

There is no Mayor's Report this week but I wanted to give you a quick summary of what local information you'll enjoy within this newsletter:

- Dates of upcoming events at both City Hall and the Community Center
 - Swearing In of our new Full-Time Finance Director, Bruce Scott
 - A note from our Police Chief
 - An invitation to a presentation on how to protect your identity
- A note from the Road Superintendent about the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning
 - Important information about ODOT and upcoming road construction
- Upcoming events from the Recreation Department as well as pictures from last weekend's Spring Craft Show (by the way, did you know all ages can participate in the Egg Scavenger Hunt?)
- A reminder to sign up for the baseball/softball season as well as information on an Umpire Class that will be held on April 23rd.
 - A schedule of activities held every week in the Senior Room at the Community Center
 - City Employment and Volunteer Opportunities
 - NOPEC informational meeting schedule
 - Summer Sprinkler Program Information
- Information on Recycling and Shred Days scheduled to take place in the next couple of months
 - Willoughby-Eastlake Schools and Library Information
 - Local Fish Fry and Lent Specials list

Informational Flyers included this week include:

WH Youth Sports League (baseball/softball registration information), VFW Easter Breakfast on April 1st, WH Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt (along with the list of clues), Garage Sale Day on April 29th, form to Honor a Military Service Member for Memorial Day (May 1st—May 31st), Red Cross Blood Drive on May 4th, W-E Schools Kindergarten Registration, and Northern Career Institute Adult Courses.

And lastly, of course, we're wrapping it up with a cheesy joke. I mean, who doesn't need a good cheesy joke once a week, right? And this week, I'm tossing in an extra one - you're welcome!

~Enjoy!~

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

W.H.I.S.P.E.R. MEETING
6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Thursday, April 13, 2023

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

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

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

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

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

Thursday, April 20, 2023

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

Monday, April 24, 2023

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

**Congratulations and Welcome
to our new Finance Director
*Bruce Scott!***

**With his family in attendance, Bruce was sworn-in on before
last night's Council meeting by Mayor Gardner.**

Welcome, Bruce!



POLICE

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.



Otium Financial Planners

Upcoming Educational Presentations

Protect Your Identity



Presenters: Ofc. Sal Continenza, Willoughby Hills Police Department
Det. Joe Fink, Willoughby Hills Police Department

PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST:

- **How to Prevent Identity Theft**
- **Different Scams and Fraud**
 - **Warning Signs**

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Presentation Starts at 5:30 pm

Willoughby Hills Community Center; 35400 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills

Call 440-252-2449 to reserve your seat!

Or register online at: <https://www.otiumfinancialplanners.com>

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.



The following is a list of upcoming ODOT projects set to take place in Willoughby Hills. Some are coming up very soon while others are on the horizon a bit. Regardless, we are always grateful to ODOT for this investment in our community.



The first of several ODOT road and bridge improvements will begin with the **River Road Slope Repair** which entails installing a series of SRT plate piles to stabilize the slope along the west side of River Road. Both lanes of River Road approximately 600 feet south of Chardon Road near address 27700 River Road will be closed for 14 days beginning 4/17/23 until 5/1/23 (dates may vary slightly depending on weather and other miscellaneous factors). Traffic will be detoured through SOM Center Road so *please plan accordingly*.

Future ODOT projects are as follows:

- Chardon Road (West of SR 91 to Bishop Rd.):
To be resurfaced in 2024
- River Road Resurfacing (2 years):
Construction Start: Phase 1 – Summer 2025;
Phase 2 – Summer 2026 (both tentative)
- Chardon Road High Bridge Deck Replacement:
Construction Start: Spring 2025 (tentative)
- Chardon Road Bridge over I-271 Replacement:
Construction Start: Spring 2026 (tentative)

For the most recent ODOT updates, please click [here](#) and enter “Willoughby Hills” into the search engine.

For any inquiries and/or complaints, please reach out to ODOT’s public information department at 216.584.2005 or via email at D12.public.information@dot.ohio.gov

Again, thank you to ODOT for maintaining the City’s infrastructure in order for it to last well into the future.

Lastly, please remember to slow down and pay attention in construction zones!

RECREATION COMMISSION



UPCOMING EVENTS:



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!**

All ages are welcome to participate.

See the attached flyers for more information or click [here!](#)



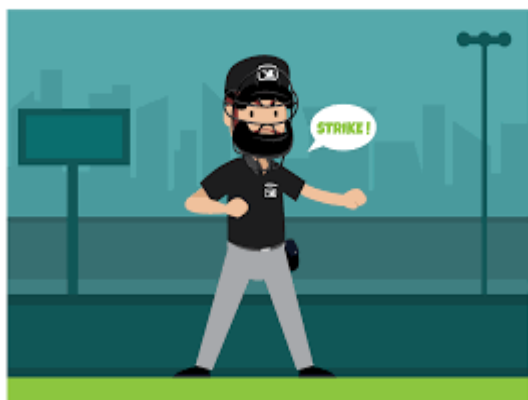
****Flyers for both events above are included with this e-newsletter.****



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!

(There is no residency restriction.)



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.

SPRING CRAFT SHOW 2023

Thank you to all of our vendors and volunteers who came together for another successful Spring Craft Show! We couldn't put these events on without the help and support of our volunteers: THANK YOU so much for your time!



SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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



EMPLOYMENT / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:



The City is seeking to fill two positions:

Part-Time Zoning Inspector and Full-Time Road Worker.

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 PT Zoning Inspector job description and [here](#) for the FT Road Worker position. Applications for both can be found [here](#).

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!](#)

NOPEC

As NOPEC prepares for the re-enrollment of their electric customers and upcoming natural gas enrollment mailings, they anticipate that you may have questions.

To make this enrollment process as seamless as possible, NOPEC is offering **in-person and virtual informational presentations for our residents.** Dates and locations for these presentations are listed below:

2023 Informational Meeting Schedule

Virtual Meetings

April 18 **April 22** **April 27**
10:00 to 11:00 pm 2:00 to 3:00 pm 7:00 to 8:00 pm

www.nopec.org/InfoMeetings

In-person Meetings

April 17 - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Macedonia City Hall
Community Room
9691 Valley View Rd.
Macedonia, Ohio

April 20 - 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Warrensville Heights City Hall
Council Chambers
4743 Richmond Rd.
Warrensville Heights, OH

April 18 - 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Mahoning County Library
East Branch
430 Early Rd.
Youngstown, Ohio

April 25 - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Bainbridge Township
Townhall
17826 Chillicothe Rd
Chagrin Falls, OH

April 18 - 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Elyria Public Library
Central Branch
211 Second St.
Elyria, OH

April 25 - 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Parma City Hall
Council Chambers
6611 Ridge Rd.
Parma, OH

April 19 - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Harpersfield Township
Administration Building
5516 Cork Cold Springs Rd
Geneva, Ohio

April 25 - 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Concord Township
Community Center
7671 Auburn Rd.
Painsville, OH

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.



RECYCLE

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 on Saturday, June 3, 2023
from 9am—noon; location is to be determined

Start gathering your items now!

Paper & Cardboard Recycling

I've been receiving calls from residents asking where they can recycle paper. I reached out to Republic Services and was informed that residents can put paper in their recycle bins for pickup. We simply ask that you package the papers **in** something (brown bag, wrap a stack with twine, etc.) so as *NOT* to have papers flying around your neighborhood on pickup day.

We also ask that if you are utilizing the cardboard recycle bins at City Hall that boxes be broken down and **ONLY** cardboard be put in the bins. **PLEASE DO NOT THROW TRASH IN THE RECYCLE BINS!**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



Hazardous Waste Event Dates

Unloaded by Collection Team

June 10 and September 23

Lake County Fairgrounds

1301 Mentor Ave., Painesville Twp., enter via Mentor Ave.
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Most automotive, household cleaners, lawn, pool, unknown chemicals.
Bulbs and batteries. Aerosols, empty propane tanks, kerosene, mercury,
paints (oil-based), polyurethanes, primers and grout. Roofing tars, shellacs,
stains,
thinners, turpentine and varnish

PROHIBITED: Ammunition, explosives, latex paint (dry it & toss it), medical
waste, prescription medicines, and smoke alarms (mail to manufacturer)



Sponsored by the The Lake County Board of Commissioners,
Solid Waste District, and the Department of Utilities.
For specific questions call (440) 350-2645 or (440) 350-5766

SCHOOLS / LIBRARY



WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWS FROM THE BOARD:



The Willoughby South High School Academic Decathlon Team won the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP in the Ohio Large School Division! The winning participants were Sid Godbole, Grady Munson, Abby Shazivari, Katrina Kunash, Taylor Sanderson, Conor Munson, Emma Martin, Gabriel Osagie-Erese, Jordan Kendall, and Mya West. These students amassed over fifty medals in ten different areas!

The team will now travel to Texas to compete in the National Championship! BEST OF LUCK TO YOU ALL!

Please click [here](#) to read the District's most recent Home Connections newsletter for some items of interest for you and your family. This issue focuses on an Upcoming Mental Health Awareness Community Engagement Session, Resources to Help Children with Mathematics, Chromebook Collection, Kindergarten Registration, the School of Innovation Lottery Process, Supporting English Language Learners, and tips for monitoring Kids and Social Media.



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!



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!

HONOR A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER



*Since 2020, over 200 service members
have been honored & almost \$6,000 has been
donated to our local VFW.*

DONATE A FLAG IN HONOR OF A SERVICE MEMBER!

**MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 31, 2023
CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS**

***"All proceeds benefit VFW Post 4358, 29412 White Road,
Willoughby Hills"***

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Military Service Member's Name: _____

Branch of Service: Navy _____ Army _____ Marine Corps _____ Air Force _____ Coast Guard _____

Amount Donated: _____ Cash or Check (Payable to VFW Post 4358)

Please provide the information listed above and submit (with any donation amount of your choice) to Willoughby Hills City Hall, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094. A marker will be prepared to contain the service member's name and branch of service. The marker and American flag will then be displayed at the Willoughby Hills Veterans' Memorial at Willoughby Hills Community Center, 35400 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills during the month of May. The marker and flag will then be returned to the donor. All donations will be given to the Willoughby Hills VFW Post 4358 to assist with operating expenses. Your support is greatly appreciated and we are happy to remember your loved one who served or is serving our country!



American
Red Cross

Every drop counts. Donate blood.

Blood Drive
Willoughby Hills
Community Center

O'Ryan Room
35400 Chardon Rd.
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

Thursday, May 4, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter
Sponsor Code: willoughbyhills or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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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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SOME PEOPLE

Want it to **HAPPEN**

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

MAKE IT HAPPEN

Be the one to

MAKE it happen





Time flies like
an arrow.
Fruit flies like
a banana.

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 do you call
a can opener that
doesn't work?**

A can't opener!