



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

There are so many reasons to love Spring, especially here in Willoughby Hills. First, as the weather warms up, and hopefully dries up, we are blessed to have the Hach-Otis Sanctuary State Nature Preserve (more on this below), Roemisch Fields, Campbell Park, North Chagrin Reservation, Gully Brook Park, Pleasant Valley Park, Manakiki Golf Course and Airport Greens Golf Course right here in Willoughby Hills. About 20% of the land in Willoughby Hills is dedicated to parks and recreation! I hope you will all take advantage of the many opportunities to enjoy the beauty of Spring at these parks and golf courses right here in the City.

If you have never had the chance to explore the Hach-Otis Sanctuary State Nature Preserve, Spring is a great time to visit and the City is happy to provide a guided tour. This beautiful property, owned by the Audubon Society and protected by the State, is located at the end of Skyline Drive, which is just North of Chardon Road on the East side of River Road. At 1:00 P.M. on both May 13 and May 20, Hach-Otis Caretaker John Lillich will lead nature walks through the property. No registration or reservations are required, just meet at the Sanctuary's entrance. John had nearly 50 attendees for the fall color walk last year (photo below), and I am hoping that many of you will get the chance to meet John and learn about the history, geography and flora and fauna of the City and Chagrin River Valley that can be observed at Hach-Otis.

Spring also brings softball and baseball back to the City. The fields at Roemisch Park will soon be busy with games in the evenings. The City's Service Department has worked with the Youth Sports League and Recreation Commission to upgrade two of the fields by installing new crushed stone infields to improve drainage. The plan is to install the crushed stone in 3 more fields this summer as the materials become available. Good luck to all of our players, coaches, parents and fans this season. If you have a chance, stop up to Roemisch, see some of your neighbors, enjoy some snacks from the Concession Stand and cheer on our teams one evening.

Finally, Spring brings graduations. I know many of you will be attending High School and College graduations for your loved ones this month. Congratulations to all of our graduates and their families!



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 8, 2023

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

DISTRICT MEETING—DISTRICT 2

7:00 P.M.—Community Center

Thursday, May 11, 2023

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Saturday, May 13, 2023

HACH-OTIS NATURE WALK

1:00 P.M.—Meet in Parking Lot

Sunday, May 14, 2023

MOTHER'S DAY

Monday, May 15, 2023

DISTRICT MEETING—DISTRICT 3

7:00 P.M.—Community Center

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

SENIOR LUNCHEON

11:30 A.M.—Senior Room at Community Center

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

TRIVIA NIGHT

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

Thursday, May 18, 2023

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Saturday, May 20, 2023

ELECTRONIC WASTE DAY (see page 9 for details)

9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 20, 2023

HACH-OTIS NATURE WALK

1:00 P.M.—Meet in Parking Lot



April 24th—present:

River Road, approximately 600 feet south of Chardon Road near address 2770, remains closed in both directions. Traffic is being detoured through SOM Center so please plan accordingly.

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

May 1st (until tentatively end of May):

Ronyak Paving will begin the 2023 Street Resurfacing project with the western portion of **Pleasant Valley Road**, specifically west of the bridge to Chardon Road. Road closure will be limited to only a few select days during work hours and will be reopened each night.



FIRE

Here are some more pics of the progress of our new Spartan NXT rescue engine from [Johnson's Emergency Vehicle Solutions](#).

These pics show the rear axle installed along with the front bumper and grill. Included are some shots of the cab interior. Spartan is doing a great job with the timeline they told us. We are very excited about being able to see our new engine chassis in person for the first time next week.

Thank you to Jesse Sopko from Johnson's Emergency Vehicle Solutions for more early pics!



SERVICE

The City's Service Department will be starting asphalt repairs throughout the City.
Please be patient and mindful of the workers when you're out and about.

The Service Department received its' new plow truck a couple of days ago. This truck is going to be our 4th front line truck which is needed do to the age of our trucks. This is our first truck with a v box spreader which is an insert in the bed of the truck allowing the changeover when doing leaves during snow events.

The v box spreader also eliminates having to raise the bed while driving down the road and causing possible damage to power lines and cables. The spreader holds approximately 7.6 tons of salt which is enough to complete the route one time. This truck also has a live P.T.O which runs the hydraulics which shortens the distance that the plow sticks out off the front of the vehicle to help with making turns. The truck also has a 2 stage engine brake that helps on brake life (slows the truck down without hitting the brakes). The vehicle is also going to serve as a dump truck during the summer months on our asphalt and storm sewer projects as it is a dual purpose vehicle.





UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS:



**Saturday, May 13th and
Saturday, May 20th**

Hach-Otis Nature Walk with John Lillich

Walk begins at 1:00 (meet in parking lot); no registration required.



July 17—July 21, 2023

Willoughby Hills Safety Town

Class Size is limited so click [here](#) to register or fill out and return the attached registration form!



VFW Post 4358 will be holding their annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the City's VFW Memorial in front of the Community Center on May 29th at 11:00am. If you'd like to honor a military service member, please be sure to fill out the form located [here](#), at the end of this e-newsletter, or pick up a hard copy at City Hall or the Community Center.

All donations go VFW Post 4358 for operating expenses.



Instructional Leagues

Willoughby Hills Youth Sports League is still in need of the following:

Pony Boys (ages 13 & 14), boys baseball (ages 7 & 8), and instructional league (boys and girls ages 5 & 6).

Click [here](#) for more information and to register!

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 MEETING

Council had their first of three District Meetings last night. Some topics that were touched on included various resident concerns (power outages, speeding vehicles, road construction), NOPEC, City highlights from the last 6 months, and the City's current budget. In addition to Council members being present, Fire Chief Gandee was in attendance and spoke on Department highlights. The City's new Finance Director, Bruce Scott, introduced himself to the residents as well.

Future District Meeting dates are as follows:

District 2: Wednesday, May 10th

District 3: Monday, May 15th

All meetings begin at 7:00pm and are held in the O'Ryan Room.

Hope you can join us!



WILLOUGHBY HILLS SENIORS, INC.

*Find a group of friends who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them,
and it will change your life. (Amy Poehler)*



NEWSLETTER – May 5, 2023

EDITOR'S REPORT:

Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. is happy to provide this newsletter to you as a way to stay engaged in senior activities in our community.

The following schedule covers the second week of May at the Senior Room:

Monday, May 8	10am-2pm	Community Quilts
	11am-noon	W-E Library Line Dancing Class (register @ 942-3362)
Wednesday, May 10	11am	Yoga
		12:30-3pm Bridge
Thursday, May 11	10-noon	Knit & Crochet
	9am-noon	Dr. Whaley DPM (by appt)
Friday, May 12	11:00am	Exercise
		1:00pm Mahjong 6-9pm Pinochle
Saturday, May 13	6-9pm	Pinochle
Sunday, May 14		Mother's Day!!!

Residents may also book appointments through **podiatrist** Kelly Whaley for one day a month in the Senior Room for **pedicures** at (216) 229-0292.

The Board continues to plan for some additional programs. We will continue to work for our seniors.

If you haven't joined Willoughby Hills Seniors yet, there's still time to fill out your application to become a member. Pick up an application in the Senior Room or on the City website at: www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov. Fee is \$7 for one member, or \$10 for a couple.

Other notes for Seniors:

- Mark your calendar for Senior Day at Mentor Mall on Wednesday, May 17, beginning at 9am. Lots of fun for seniors!

Thanks to all of our great seniors who inquired about NOPEC and took care of that this week! More details to follow at our next Senior Potluck on May 16! Meet NOPEC rep. Genny Costanzo!



**"A MOTHER IS YOUR FIRST FRIEND,
YOUR BEST FRIEND,
YOUR FOREVER FRIEND."**

By Amit Kalantri

Have a great week!

Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. Board Members: Mary Cihula, Gloria Majeski, Laurie Feltham and PT Rec. Coordinator.

Newsletter questions??? Contact Gloria Majeski, c/o WH Seniors, Inc., 2717 Graylock Drive, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

Phone: 440-951-0776 or Email: WilloughbyHillsSeniors@yahoo.com

ELECTRONIC RECYCLE / SHRED DAY



E-WASTE DROP OFF

May 20th - 9 am to 12 pm

Willoughby Hills City Hall, Front Lot

35405 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills OH

MATERIAL ACCEPTED FREE OF CHARGE

PCs	Unused Cartridges/Toner	MP3 Players	Networking Equipment
Laptops	Cell Phones	Cameras	UPS
Phones	Stereos	Keyboards	
Scanners	VCR/DVD Players	Paper Shredders	
Hard Drives	Routers	LCD Monitors	
Servers	Wires	Game Consoles/Accessories	

MATERIAL ACCEPTED WITH A CHARGE

CRT Monitors (\$20 Fee)
Printers (\$10 Fee)
TVs (\$20 Fee)



SHRED DAY will be on Saturday, June 3, 2023
from 9am—noon at the Shoppes of Willoughby Hills

Start gathering your items now!



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



YARD WASTE SERVICE INFORMATION
FOR WILLOUGHBY HILLS RESIDENTS

**YARD WASTE SERVICE BEGINS ON APRIL 1, 2023
AND GOES UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

YOU WILL BE SERVICED WEEKLY ON YOUR TRASH DAY

- **Yellow Bag Service Customers*** must contact Republic Services to set up Yard Waste Services. Please call 800-968-7789 to set up. (*See note below regarding yellow bag price increase.)
- Leaf pick up will be handled by the City in the Fall.

DO NOT MIX YARD WASTE AND TRASH

SEE REQUIREMENTS BELOW FOR YARD WASTE SERVICES

- Please make sure that yard waste is in Brown Kraft Biodegradable Paper Bags or in your own 32 gallon container clearly marked “Yard Waste.”
 - Please also make sure that the biodegradable bags/cans do not exceed 40 lbs.

Any tree branches must be tied and bundled no longer than 4 feet in length and no larger than 4 inches in diameter and cannot exceed 30 lbs.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Dirt, large rocks and tree stumps, construction debris and landscape timbers are not acceptable items and will not be removed by Republic.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRICE OF YELLOW TRASH BAGS HAS INCREASED. THEY ARE NOW \$40.50 FOR A ROLL OF 10.**

THANK YOU!



Summer 2023 Information



POOL SUBSIDY PROGRAM

The Recreation Commission set the City of Willoughby Pool Subsidy Rate at their April 5th meeting and it was then approved by Council at their April 13th meeting. Subsidy rates are as follows:

Season Pass (up to age 59) \$50 (resident cost would be \$85)

Season Pass (for Seniors 60+) \$60 (resident cost would be \$75)

Willoughby will then invoice the City of Willoughby Hills for the difference for each pass purchased. Please call the Mayor's Office at 440-918-8730 if you have any questions regarding this program.

SUMMER BLOCK PARTIES

The City of Willoughby Hills encourages Block Parties in the community in order for neighbors to get to know each other and enjoy living in the City.

The City is committed to assist residents who plan a Block Party in their neighborhood by: Providing barriers to block off the street during the event, arranging for a representative from the City's Police, Fire, or Service Department to make an appearance at the event (often times with a treat bag for the kids), arranging for the Mayor or Council member to visit in order to allow the guests to become familiar with their representatives, providing information for your menu planning with contacts from Willoughby Hills businesses, and finally to provide an alternate location at one of the City's Campbell Park pavilions if your street would prohibit or make such a gathering difficult.

Click [here](#) for a request form to set up a Block Party in your neighborhood!



ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW GUIDELINES

Below are a list of the updated Architectural Design Guidelines as discussed at the March 16th Planning Commission—Architectural Board of Review Meeting. If you would like to voice your opinion or concerns, please join us at an upcoming PC-ABR meeting held every 1st and 3rd meeting of the month at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. Or you can send an email to PC-ABR@willoughbyhills-oh.gov.

Architectural Board of Review Design Guidelines

Date: 03/17/2023

1. Purpose

- a. Protect and preserve the appearance and character of the community,
- b. Protect the desirable characteristics and promote the stability of existing buildings,
- c. Promote the use of quality materials and construction practices to maintain and grow the value of investments in the community.

2. Architectural Style

- a. Style, materials, and colors of building alterations and accessory structures shall match principal building.
- b. Trim, minimum 4 inches wide, shall be provided around all doors and windows unless otherwise approved by the ABR.
- c. Masonry facing along front building elevation shall return a minimum 24 inches around corners unless approved by ABR.

3. Masonry Aboveground

- a. No more than 8 inches in height of plain block or concrete will be accepted above ground unless approved by the ABR or is an alteration to an existing condition.
- b. Painted or stained block or concrete will not be accepted unless approved by ABR,
- c. Exposed block or concrete greater than 8 inches in heights shall be:
 - i. Covered with brick or stone facing,
 - ii. Split face or other integrally textured and colored block or concrete,
 - iii. Other architecturally enhanced covering approved by ABR.



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.

FREE GIFT FOR REGISTRATIONS COMPLETED BY JUNE 1, 2023!



WILLOUGHBY HILLS LIBRARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Line Dancing for Adults Ages 50+

**Monday, May 8th
Monday, May 15th
11:00am—12:00pm**

Click [here](#) to register!

Murder at the Hills

**Book Discussion: Just the Nicest Couple
by Mary Kubica**

**Thursday, May 11th
2:00pm—3:00pm**

Click [here](#) to register!

For a complete list of upcoming programs at the
Willoughby Hills Library, click [here](#)!

UPCOMING EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The First Covenant Church on Chardon Road in Willoughby Hills has two exciting announcements which will take the place of our usual community lunch program this month.

- Sunday, May 14th starting at 6:00 PM, as special musical concert featuring a string quartet from the Cleveland Institute of Music and CWRU. They will be playing a selection of folk dances and waltzes in a Classical European Dance Theme. **No reservations are required. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. The concert is free and open to the public.**

- Saturday, May 20th from 9 AM till Noon, the church is hosting a special free workshop called "Crescendo". The workshop is for those 60 and older who want to unleash their potential and gain a deeper understanding of what it means to live with purpose, vitality, and mission in the later stages of life. The presenters are national presenters who hold this workshop throughout the country. **Space for this event is limited. Reservations are required to be made with Vicki Otto at 440-781-1555 or vlojo11301@me.com.** A light lunch will be provided after the workshop.

See attached flyers for more information.

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!

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS PRESENTS A

Spring Concert

Sunday, May 14, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Classical European Dance & Folk Music
with the CWRU Quartet

FREE! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE CONCERT.

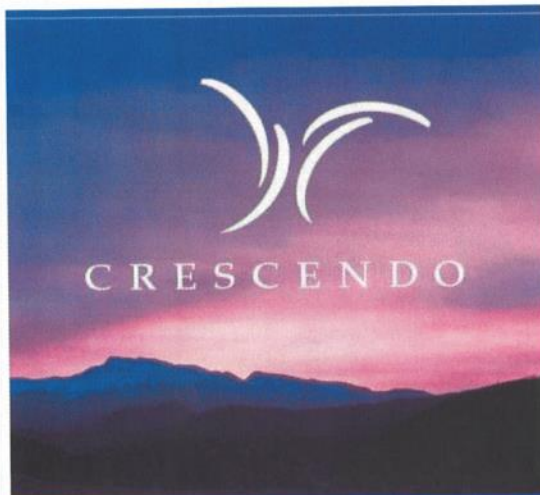
A Spring Frolic of Fun & Frivolity!

For more information call
440-943-3611 or Jerry at 440-943-5755
No reservations needed.

First Covenant Church
29400 Chardon Rd Willoughby Hills 44092

Donations are appreciated
but not required.





Our presenters:



Vance and Sootie
Havens



Harold Spooner

Saturday May 20, 2023

9 AM to Noon

At the

First Covenant Church

29400 Chardon Rd

Willoughby Hills, Oh 44092

440-943-3611

A LIGHT LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS

WILL BE PROVIDED

FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP

CALL Vicki Otto

440-781-1555

or

Email: vlojo11301@att.net

Space is limited

Must Reserve before May 13, 2023!

Aging is not optional. How we do it is.

After age 60—"retirement" years needn't be ones of inactivity.

Please come and join us for a Crescendo workshop geared to highlighting ways of living a vibrant, useful, and growing life at age 60 and beyond.

The Crescendo team from the Evangelical Covenant Church seeks to raise awareness of the issues surrounding aging and to provide a framework for holistic living. The vision is to help boomers and beyond to unleash their potential and gain a deeper understanding of what it means to live with purpose, vitality, and mission in this stage of life.

Our time together is designed to encourage persons in this ever-growing age bracket to explore these dimensions through "SPICES" - the Spiritual, Physical, Intellectual, Community, Emotional, and Service.

The workshop is free and open to everyone in the community.

Crescendo Mail in Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Tear off and mail before May 13, 2023 to:

First Covenant Church
Crescendo workshop
29400 Chardon Road
Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44092

City of Willoughby Hills Safety Town



July 17 — July 21, 2023
Willoughby Hills Community Center
35400 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

Register now!
Class Size Limited — 15 children per session

Registration Form *For children age 4-5, entering Kindergarten*

CHILD'S NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/ZIP _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PROGRAM DATE: Monday July 17 to Friday July 21

FEE: Residents: \$40.00 Non-Residents: \$50.00

Circle preferred session:

9:00 am to 11:30 am OR 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

T-SHIRT SIZE (*circle*) SMALL 6 - 8 MEDIUM 10 - 12 LARGE 14 - 16

I hereby give my consent for my child to participate in the Safety Town Program. I understand the National Safety Town Center, the City of Willoughby Hills, class instructor(s) and aides, and all and any representatives of the aforementioned parties, are not responsible in the event of any accident or injury to my child.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

Please complete this form & mail check or money order to:

City of Willoughby Hills
ATTN: Safety Town
35400 Chardon Road
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

Call for payment by credit card: (440) 975-3540

For more information: Diana Parker (440) 975-3540 / Recreation@WilloughbyHills-OH.gov

PLEASE NOTE:

From the Fire Department: With the weather turning warmer people will want to have outdoor fires.

It is important to note that the burning of yard waste is prohibited.

Thankfully we have curbside yard waste pickup that allows for an alternative to burning the materials.

From the Service Department: We will be starting asphalt repairs throughout the City soon.
Please be patient and mindful of the workers when you're out and about.



The City is seeking to fill the following positions:

Full-Time Road Worker
Part-Time Property Staff Member



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!

Applications for all open positions can be found [here](#).

Please send all applications to

asstfinancedirector@willoughbyhills-oh.gov



On behalf of City Hall,
May the Fourth
be with you!
&
Happy Cinco de Mayo!



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!