



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV

MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

I wanted to focus on a few important safety issues this week. First off, you may have noticed the haze and even the smell of burning wood in the air in our City. This is the result of the significant forest fires currently burning in Canada. Today marks almost 20 days without rain in the Cleveland area. With these drier than normal conditions the risk of grass and mulch fires has significantly increased. Please avoid all outdoor burning, including recreational fires, as we want to avoid the potential of any damaging fires in our City. The Fire Department has already responded to several fires that have unfortunately spread from smaller controlled fires into larger fires.

Also, from the fire department, please take a look at the Fire Department's Facebook posting from this week regarding safety while pumping gas. The post emphasizes the importance of remaining with your car in case there is an equipment issue that could result in a fuel spill or worse.

As you may have already seen, earlier this week our Police Department interrupted the attempted theft of several Kia and Hyundai automobiles. Car thieves preying on these vehicles have returned to the area. The Police Department has a large stock of the steering wheel locks available for any resident that is a Kia or Hyundai owner. To obtain one, simply come up to the Police Department window at City Hall with proof of ownership, and a copy of your vehicle title or lease, and a steering wheel lock will be provided to you. During the last string of break-ins, vehicles that had a steering wheel lock were left untouched, while those that did not have the locks were broken into by the auto thieves.

The Service Department's street repair program is moving through the City, currently working on River Road. Please keep an eye out for our Service workers while you are driving and approach any areas under repair slowly and carefully.

Finally, with respect to the safety of your personal information, I am very happy to report that almost 120 residents took advantage of our Shred Day event last Saturday at the Shoppes of Willoughby Hills. I'm very grateful to the Ray Somich for providing music and entertainment during the event and for the many local businesses that attended to offer refreshments and share information about their businesses. For those of you who weren't able to participate last week, another Shred Day is being planned for this fall. We are also planning another electronics recycling day in the fall. Keep an eye out for information in future City newsletters.

Have a safe and happy weekend everyone!

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 15, 2023

PC-ABR MEETING
7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Sunday, June 18, 2023

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!

Monday, June 19, 2023

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING
3:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Monday, June 19, 2023

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

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

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

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

TRIVIA NIGHT (Ages 50 and up)
7:00 P.M.—O’Ryan Room at Community Center

Thursday, June 22, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY’S 2024 TAX BUDGET
FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

CITY HALL CLOSED
IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
8:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Thursday, July 6, 2023

PC-ABR MEETING
7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers



**Our Service Department has been out patching
the City's roads.
They are currently on River Road south of
Chardon Road.**

**Also, please note that road striping will begin the
first week of July.**



**If you should see them out working, please
allow extra time and slow down when driving
through the area as both workers and equipment
are constantly moving.**

**Please pay attention and SLOW DOWN!
THIS IS A WORK ZONE!**

**Be courteous and mindful so the crew can do their
job safely! Thank you!**



**Please note that Mayfield Village will be resurfacing White Road
beginning early next week.**

**We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our residents.
Please be cognizant of crews and equipment during this project.**

Congratulations and Welcome to our newest Full-Time Police Officer
Derek Hite

Officer Hite graduated with his Bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University and is currently working toward his Master's Degree in criminal justice.

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

Welcome
Officer Hite!

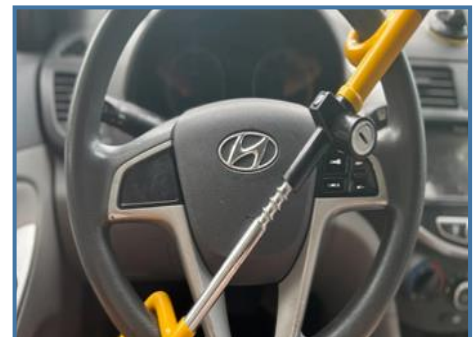


With the recent rash of vehicle break-ins, we'd like to remind our residents that the City's Police Department continues to offer steering wheel locks for Willoughby Hills residents who own Kia and Hyundai vehicles.

In order to pick one up at the Willoughby Hills Police Department, the following is required:

- Proof of residency in Willoughby Hills.
- Proof of ownership of a Kia or Hyundai vehicle.

These will be distributed to residents as long as there is stock available.



FUELING SAFETY VIDEO

Here is a 10.5 minute video that is worth watching related to fueling safety. If you have teenage drivers, this would be good for them to view.

We shared this video in the comments on a recent vehicle fueling incident that occurred, but figured it was great material for a post of it's own. We take the use of highly flammable gasoline for granted. Click [here](#) to remember why we should not. Stay safe!



DON'T FORGET!

**Lake County's Hazardous Waste Event takes place
this Saturday, June 10th, at the Lake County Fairgrounds from 8:00am—2:00pm**

Please see the details below for what is permitted and what is prohibited.

(Remember, if you have prescription medicines, they can be brought to the collection bin located in our Police Department's lobby.)



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



UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS:

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!



SAVE THE DATE!

Willoughby Hills MusicFest 2023

Saturday, August 19, 2023

11:00am—9:00pm

Music * Food * Family * Fun
Stay tuned for more details...



Do you want to be part of the MusicFest?

We'd love to have you!

We're currently seeking the following:

- Additional Sponsors
- Acoustic Acts
- Car Show Applicants

For more information, please reach out to the Mayor's office at 440-918-8730 or email

WHCommunications@willoughbyhills-oh.gov

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 – June 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 month of June at the Senior Room:

Mondays, June 5, 12, 19 and 26 10am-2pm Tina's Sit & Sew

1pm Yoga (in the Lions Room!)

Monday, June 12 10am-2pm Community Quilts

Tuesday, June 20 11:30 a.m. – Senior Potluck Lunch – Main entrée is lasagna;

speaker is Medical Lecturer Tom Strong (more info to follow!)

7:00 p.m. – Trivia (50 and over please) in O'Ryan Room

Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21 and 28 12:30-3pm Bridge

Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 10-noon Knit & Crochet

Thursday, June 15 7pm WH Quilt Guild meeting

Fridays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 11:00am Exercise 1:00pm Mahjong

Friday, June 2 and June 9 6-9pm Pinochle

Saturdays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24 6-9pm Pinochle

**Please note that there is a fee paid to the instructor for Exercise and Yoga!*

The Board continues to plan for some additional programs. This month we welcome "Tina's Sit & Sew" on Mondays for anyone interested in sewing. We have provided Mayor and Council with a plan for what we would like the Senior Room to be able to do for our seniors, beginning with some building maintenance repairs that are crucial before our plans begin. We will continue to work for our seniors!

Interested in being on the Senior Board? Send us an email to WilloughbyHillsSeniors@yahoo.com!

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.

Sympathies to the family of resident Mark Kubik who passed away on 5/17/23 and the family of Robert Markinko who was responsible for the patio design of the family business "The Firehouse" who passed away 5/12/23.

Welcome to the following new residents:

Terry Cruickshank (Eddy Road), Pasquale & Victoria Dichiro (Pebblebrook) and Derek and Theresa Dernier (Eddy Road). All seniors are welcome to join our group!

A LITTLE HUMOR TO MAKE YOUR DAY.....

**WHEN I WAS A KID, THERE
WERE NO PHONES OR TABLETS.
WE READ CEREAL BOXES AT
BREAKFAST**



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

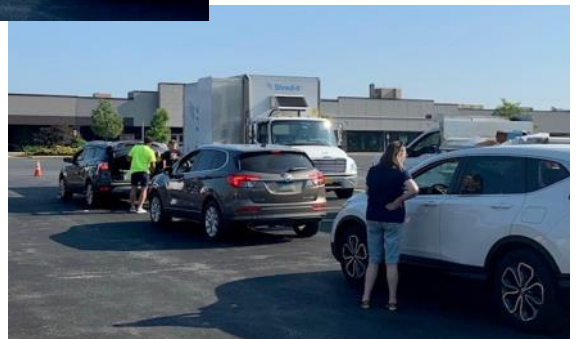
Phone: 440-951-0776 or Email: WilloughbyHillsSeniors@yahoo.com

JUNE 2023

Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc.

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FATHER'S DAY	TINA'S SIT & SEW 10am-2pm YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)	POTLUCK LUNCH 11:30am-1pm SENIOR TRIVIA O'Ryan Room 7pm	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
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Thank you to all who took part in our City's Paper Shred Day at the Shoppes of Willoughby Hills last Saturday! Over 100 cars came through to utilize the service. Many thanks to all involved in making this happen—and to all of you who stopped by! This is definitely an event that will take place again in the Fall so stay tuned!





Summer 2023 Information



Please note that the Fire Department will be flushing hydrants over the next couple of months. The time and day this occurs is dependent upon a few factors such as weather, available staff, and emergency calls. Thank you.

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 materials.

POOL SUBSIDY PROGRAM

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

Season Pass (up to age 59) Resident cost would be \$85 (City pays \$50)

Season Pass (for Seniors 60+) Resident cost would be \$75 (City pays \$60)

The City of Willoughby Hills will be invoiced for the difference of 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!



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!



Willoughby-Eastlake Library System

- Eastlake Public Library
- Willoughby Public Library
 - Willowick Library
- Willoughby Hills Public Library



The Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library is collaborating with the [Greater Cleveland Food Bank](#) to provide free summer lunches for ages 18 & under. Daily meals are available on weekdays, June 1-August 11, from 1 – 2 pm at the Willowick Public Library. There is no registration. **Meals are only available while supplies last.**

For more information, contact Sarah Vargo at 440.943.2203 x112 or sarah.vargo@welibrary.info

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Magic Show: Experience Wonder, Mystery, & Surprise with Chris Woodman

Wednesday, June 14th
6:30pm—7:30pm
Willoughby Hills Library
Space is limited and registration is
required.
Click [here](#) to register!

Murder at the Hills: Book discussion of Mary Kubica's novel *Just the Nicest Couple*

Thursday, June 15th
2:00—3:00 PM
Willoughby Hills Library
Adults welcome.
Registration is required.
Click [here](#) to register.



In partnership with Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District and Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District, Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP) will again be offering the **Master Rain Gardener certification course** for residents and professionals within Northeast Ohio. They would like to share this opportunity directly with their member communities, especially with any neighborhoods that may be experiencing flooding issues.

Rain gardens are saucer-shaped gardens filled with native, wet-tolerant plants that capture and soak in rainwater that runs off impervious surfaces like roofs, lawns, and driveways. They filter out the pollutants that would otherwise flow into our storm drains and streams untreated. When replicated across the residential landscape, rain gardens can make a significant impact in protecting the water quality of our local streams and Lake Erie.

This program will consist of 5 classes over a 6-week period. Participants will learn how to design, install, and maintain residential rain gardens. This course offers two track options: one for residential rain gardeners, and one for professionals. The **residential certification** track is geared toward homeowners who would like to install a rain garden in their own yard. This also enables them to serve as the neighborhood expert on rain gardens! The **professional certification** track is geared toward landscape professionals and contractors looking to install rain gardens professionally on residential properties.

This summer in-person course will begin on **July 6**.

Registration is now open!

Need-based scholarships are available! Please contact the Chagrin River Watershed Partners for details.

For more information about this program or to register, please see the attached flyer, or visit neomasterraingardener.org



OPPORTUNITIES



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



COMMISSION MEMBERS NEEDED

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 [this application](#) and deliver it to City Hall.

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



Shuffler's Den

Grand Opening

BOARD GAMES, POKEMON, MAGIC
THE GATHERING, AND MORE!

June 17th 2023
1PM

DISCOUNTS UP TO 20%

34955 Chardon Rd.
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

ShufflersDen.com



Northeast Ohio MASTER RAIN GARDENER PROGRAM

Rain gardens are gardens planted in small depressions that work with nature to collect & filter rainwater from your property.

Scholarships available!
Based on need, courses can be offered for as low as \$10.

Train to be a Master Rain Gardener!

Learn to design and install your own rain garden and become the rain garden expert in your neighborhood.



SUMMER IN-PERSON COURSE

July 6 - August 10, 2023
Thursdays 10:00am - 1:00pm
Lake Metroparks Lakefront Lodge

Residential Certification: \$75
Professional Certification: \$100
Contact: Kaylee Acres at kacres@crwp.org

TO REGISTER:
visit

neomasterraingardener.org



Join us for five in-person classes over a six-week period.

Course includes optional field trips!
Check out other course options on our website.

Coordination and delivery of the Master Rain Gardener Program in 2023 will be funded by NEORSD, Lake SMD, US EPA, Ohio EPA, Ohio Environmental Education Fund, and the George Gund Foundation.



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Blood Drive
Willoughby Hills
Community Center

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

Thursday, July 13, 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.



Be part of something big. Make an appointment.

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

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UNITED WAY OF LAKE COUNTY WIN CAR

2023 NISSAN SENTRA SV

WINNER WILL BE SELECTED ON
OR ABOUT AUGUST 25, 2023!



OR \$15,000 CASH!

COMPLIMENTS OF
Mentor
NISSAN

Proceeds Benefit Lake County Children, Families, and Seniors in Need.

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS ONLINE AT [UWLC.ORG/WINCAR](https://uwlc.org/wincar) OR SCAN QR CODE NOW!



United Way
of Lake County

- \$10/TICKET
- 4 TICKETS FOR \$30
- 8 TICKETS FOR \$50
- 20 TICKETS FOR \$100



Bonus! For Every \$100 in Tickets Purchased During One Single Transaction, You Will be Entered into a Second Raffle for a Chance to Win \$1,000!

Must be 18 years or older to purchase tickets. Car color to be determined at time of awarding. Complete contest rules available at uwlc.org/wincar.

This one is for Mayor Gardner who celebrated his birthday this past week:



**What 's the one thing you're
always guaranteed
to get on your birthday?**

A year older.

Happy Birthday, Mayor Gardner!



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!

