



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

Happy Friday Willoughby Hills! A few items to report on as Summer officially begins:

The Fire Department recently became the first in Lake County to obtain individual thermal-imaging cameras for every member of the on-duty staff. Each of these devices is about 2" x 5" and can be easily carried by our firefighters at an incident. The cameras will allow them to evaluate potentially unsafe fire conditions and also assist in searching fire scenes for potential victims and searching building for hidden fire conditions. Fire Lieutenant Lou DiMattia told me that this is one of the five most revolutionary changes in the fire service since he started his career here. Fire Chief Gandee explained that the first thermal-imaging devices (helmet mounted cameras) cost tens of thousands of dollars and were very bulky. It is truly amazing that they are now both small enough and affordable enough to be part of each firefighter's protective equipment.

Chief Gandee also let me know that our new Command Vehicle is finishing its updating in the next few days and will be in service shortly thereafter. Look for photos and an article in a future edition of the Newsletter.

Our Service Department team is out working on the roads. They have been on Maplegrove, Eagle, Dodds Hill and River Road recently. For the next several weeks, they will continue working to patch damaged sections of the roads and then return to seal the edges of their repairs. Please slow down and pass them with caution when you see them at work!

Thanks to Service Superintendent Mark Grubiss for installing siding on parts of City Hall and the Fire Station this week. The siding covers areas that are harder to reach where the paint has worn off. Mark will be continuing this project in the coming weeks and will then be painting the buildings where needed. A second rail will be installed on the entrance steps to City Hall in the next few weeks as well.

Last night Council approved legislation to replace three Police Department vehicles with new Dodge Durango SUVs to replace existing vehicles in our fleet. With these purchases we will have turned over all of our front-line vehicles since 2020 and added one to support the new officers that we have added to the Police Department this year. I am very grateful to Police Chief Naegele, Captain Greg Leonbruno and Court Officer Jim Ours for their hard work to secure the necessary vehicles to provide the best equipment possible for our officers and residents.

If you are a photographer (or just have the opportunity to take a cool photo this summer), don't forget that the 2023 Willoughby Hills Recreation Photo Contest will be taking entries this year! The categories this year are: "Working in Willoughby Hills", "Go Green", "Windows and Glass" and "Fundamentally Family". More details will appear in future newsletters. Submissions are due November 4th and the Reception and announcement of winners will be November 10th.

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, July 10, 2023

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

Thursday, July 13, 2023

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

Monday, July 17—Friday, July 21, 2023

SAFETY TOWN
9:00 A.M.—11:30 A.M.—Community Center

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

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

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

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

Thursday, July 20, 2023

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

Monday, July 24, 2023

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



Our Service Department has been out patching the City's roads.

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!

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



Lake County
General Health District



**LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT OFFICIALS
EXPECTING AN INCREASE IN MOSQUITOS**



With the recent rains and arrival of warm weather, LCGHD officials are expecting an increase in the number of mosquitos in Lake County. The rains over the past few weeks have left large areas of standing water where mosquitos typically lay their eggs. "The best advice is to get rid of standing water around your house if you can, and use personal protection against mosquitoes," noted Bert Mechenbier, Supervisor of Mosquito Control at LCGHD.

For more information, including how to keep mosquitos from breed in your backyard and advice on protection against mosquitos, please visit the [Lake County General Health District's](http://www.lakecountyil.gov/health) website.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS

-Lightning Safety Awareness Week June 18-24-

Lightning is one of the leading causes of injury and death from weather-related hazards. From the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness, the following information can help keep you and your family safe from the storm.

- Be weather aware. If the weather forecast calls for thunderstorms, consider postponing your trip or outdoor activity.
- Know the difference between a Thunderstorm Watch (Be Prepared) and a Thunderstorm Warning (Take Action!)
- ***“When thunder roars, go indoors!”*** Stop outdoor activities and seek a safe, enclosed shelter immediately. This includes all water activities.
- Suspend outdoor activities for at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.
- If shelter from the storm is not available, crouch down low, with as little of your body touching the ground as possible. Lightning can cause electric currents along the top of the ground that can be deadly up to, and exceeding, 100 feet away.

Prepare Before the Storm:

- Know your area’s risk for lightning. Spring and summer are typical seasons for thunderstorms, though they can occur year-round and at any hour.
- Sign up for your local emergency notification system or download a weather app. The Emergency Alert System and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.
- Consider buying surge protectors, lightning rods, or a lightning protection system to protect your home, appliances, and electronic devices.

Survive During the Storm:

If a thunderstorm warning has been issued for your area or you hear thunder, go inside immediately.

- Get out and away from bodies of water. If boating, fishing, or swimming, get to land and find a sturdy, grounded shelter or vehicle immediately.
- If indoors, avoid running water or using landline phones. Electricity can travel through plumbing and telephone lines.
- Protect your property. Unplug appliances and other electric devices.

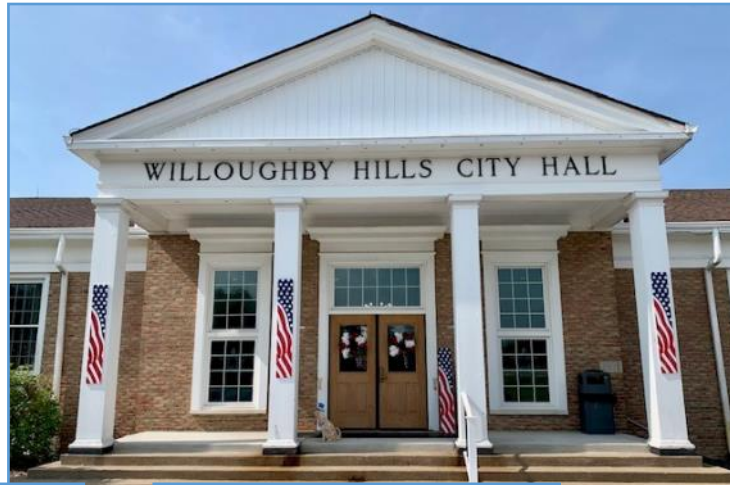
Be Safe After the Storm:

- Watch for fallen power lines or broken tree limbs. Report hazards immediately.
- If power outages occur, report them to your utility provider. Don’t wait for a neighbor to report the outage.
- If using alternate power sources like a generator, always follow the manufacturer’s directions.



The Beautification Continues..

Road Superintendent, Mark Grubiss, was out adding siding this week to the peaks of City Hall and the Fire Department. It looks amazing! Thank you, Mark!



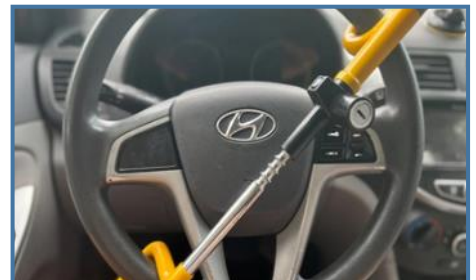
CAR THEFT PREVENTION

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.





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 23, 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 last week of the month of June at the Senior Room:

Monday, June 26 1pm Yoga (in the Lions Room!)

Wednesday, June 28 12:30-3pm Bridge

Thursday, June 29 10-noon Knit & Crochet (Anyone with extra yarn is asked to bring to Senior Room for miscellaneous projects. Please label bag with your name and ATTN: Gloria). Thank you!

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

Saturday, June 24 6-9pm Pinochle

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

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 families of resident Ann Huffman Shetler and Janet Ulle who passed away this week. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Welcome to the following new residents: Tim Ross of Rogers Road, James & Loretta Caldron of Steeplechase & Jeremy Forsythe of Rockefeller Road. All seniors are welcome to our group!

Special thanks to Mr. Tom Strong, the medical lecturer who was our guest speaker at Tuesday's Potluck. He was very informative about medication and side effects that seniors need to be aware of. We had a nice crowd of approximately thirty-two seniors and a great meal! Thanks to Mr. Strong and all who attended this great luncheon!

Here are a few photos from Tuesday's luncheon:



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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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 EVENTS

WILLOUGHBY HILLS LIBRARY

Interactive Movie:

Finding Nemo

Wednesday, July 12th
2:00pm—4:00pm

Every registrant gets an interactive script & a bag filled with props and snacks.

Click [here](#) to register!

Murder at the Hills

Book Discussion:
Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six
by Lisa Unger

Thursday, July 13th
2:00pm—3:00pm

Click [here](#) to register!

Garden party

Willoughby Hills Gardening Club

“Bee” Friendly with Natives
Presentation

Thursday, July 13th

6:15—7:15pm,

Click [here](#) to register!

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.



CLASSIC CAR SHOW APPLICATION

Saturday, August 19, 2023—1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Our Classic Car Show Display will begin at 1:00 p.m. Registered vehicles may proceed to the designated area for classic cars which will be located at the Willoughby Hills City Hall Parking Lot, 35405 Chardon Road in Willoughby Hills. When you enter the lot, you will be directed to a parking space until the end of the show at 4:00 p.m. This is not a judged event, however, each participant will receive a souvenir dash plaque for this year's event. A \$20 entry fee is due with the application and will ensure you a space at the event.

Please return the Classic Car Show Application form at the bottom of this page with the \$20 entry fee by July 22, 2023, to the following address: Willoughby Hills City Hall, Music Fest 2023, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094. Complete details will be sent to all participants during the first week of August.

Classic Car Show Display Application 2023 Willoughby Hills Music Fest

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone (____) _____

Year/Model of Car to be Displayed: _____

Entry fee is \$20. Please make check payable to "City of Willoughby Hills" and return with completed application to The City of Willoughby Hills, ATTN: MusicFest 2023, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094. Entry is limited to a first come, first served basis. We reserve the right to refuse applications and return entrance fees once all slots have been filled.

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

Gaetano's RESTAURANT



Monthly Car Show

June 25, 2023

12pm-4pm

Call to register your vehicle

440-943-6666

All are welcome to attend!

2747 SOM Center Rd.

Willoughby Hills, OH



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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2023 Willoughby Hills Recreation Photo Contest

PHOTOS DUE: November 4 | RECEPTION: November 10

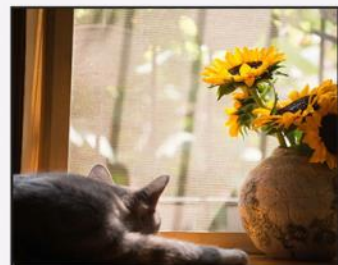
2023 CATEGORIES:

- **Working in Willoughby Hills**
A business, a worker; abstract, literal; Your call.
Your only restriction: must be taken in Willoughby Hills.
- **Go Green**
Send us your interpretation.
(Note: Lots of green space in Willoughby Hills!)
- **Windows and Glass**
Shiny, reflective. Portals and openings.
- **Fundamentally Family**
Show us what makes a family special.

Start taking your photos now!

Entry forms will become available sometime in October.

Follow us on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/WilloughbyHillsREC>



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.



Thank you to Art Greenberg and Phil Levine of Score Communications for stopping by City Hall this week to deliver the City's winning Mind Challenge trophy.

The team did a wonderful job—and now have the trophy to prove it!



What did the ocean say to the pirate?

Nothing. It just waved.

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!

