

E-NEWSLETTER VOLUME 121 FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023 Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers! Please encourage others to join by sending an email request to: <u>NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV</u>

MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

Happy Fourth of July Weekend Willoughby Hills!

Yesterday, I joined Chief Gandee as an observer at the 2023 Lake County Mass Casualty Incident Drill at Willoughby South High. I would like to thank Operations and Security Director Steve Johnson from The Willoughby Eastlake City School District, Chief Jim Schultz and School Resource Officer Chuck Popik from the Willoughby Police Department and Chief Todd Ungar from the Willoughby Fire Department for hosting this Drill and giving the County's First Responders an opportunity to be prepared in the event that one of these critical incidents should occur. I would also like to thank the 40+ instructors representing Law Enforcement Agencies and Fire Departments from across the County (including our own Firefighter/Paramedics Cindy Sabo, Brian Palladino and Will Distler from the WHFD as well as Detective Joe Fink from the WHPD) for their hard work presenting three separate sessions this week and training hundreds of Dispatchers, Police Officers and Firefighters from Lake and Geauga Counties. The small group that I observed included instructors and participants from the WHFD, Grand River, Painesville and Kirtland Fire Departments, Mentor, Waite Hill, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Painesville, Willoughby, Chardon and Bainbridge Police Departments, the Lake County Sheriff's Office, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Lakeland Community College's Paramedic training program.

Once a year, our Safety Forces come together to train in various aspects of their responses in the event of a mass casualty incident. This year's program focused on training to assemble and operate 4 person Rescue Task Force teams to evaluate, evacuate and provide medical care to victims as soon as possible after the active threat has ended. The drill included both small group instruction and simulated full incidents (although in a bit of a compressed timeframe) starting with dispatchers taking the first call and dispatching the necessary agencies. Following dispatch, Police officers trained in the assembly of contact teams who then searched the building for threats After that, participants turned to the focus of the Drill, the creation and manning of safety corridors, operations posts and staging areas and then the assembly and operation of assessment and extraction teams to assist the victims. The training officers observed and offered suggestions throughout the small group sessions and simulations and then assembled the group for after-action debriefings to provide thorough critiques and suggestions, even including feedback from the group dramatizing the roles of victims in the simulations.

Each time I am fortunate enough to attend one of these events, I come away feeling very lucky to live in Lake County. It is truly impressive to see the amount of experience and knowledge demonstrated at these events by so many members of our Safety Forces. Even more impressive is how they come together to learn from one another and work to continuously improve how they can assist their fellow First Responders and their residents. Since the tragedy last year in Texas and more recent incidents in other states, both the WHPD and WHFD have worked to train and prepare for potential incidents and, in particular, their response to an active shooter in our schools. It is sad that this is necessary and it is my great hope that family members, teachers, school administrators and school resource officers discover and stop potential threats before they occur, but if that is not possible, I want everyone to know that the members of our Safety Forces here in Lake County are prepared to respond and save as many lives as possible.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July. Please celebrate safely and remember that it is illegal to shoot off fireworks in the City of Willoughby Hills.

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Tuesday, July 4, 2023</u> CITY HALL CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

<u>Wednesday, July 5, 2023</u> RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING 7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

<u>Thursday, July 6, 2023</u> PC-ABR MEETING—CANCELED 7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

<u>Monday, July 10, 2023</u> WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

<u>Tuesday, July 11, 2023</u> BUILDING & ZONING APPEALS—CANCELED 8:00—Council Chambers

> <u>Thursday, July 13, 2023</u> 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

<u>Tuesday, July 18, 2023</u> SENIOR LUNCHEON 11:30 A.M.—Community Center Senior Room

<u>Tuesday, July 18, 2023</u> TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00 P.M.—Community Center O'Ryan Room

> <u>Thursday, July 20, 2023</u> PC-ABR MEETING 7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers



<u>Road & Service Update:</u> The Rockefeller Road storm sewer project began this week. Our service department will be out enclosing ditches with pipe.

In addition, road striping will tentatively begin on July 3rd.

As always, 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 <u>SLOW DOWN!</u> <u>THIS IS A WORK ZONE!</u> Be courteous and mindful so the crew can do their job safely! Thank you!



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 <u>Lake County</u> <u>General Health District's</u> website.

The Mayor mentioned in his report last week that the Fire Department recently obtained individual thermal-imaging cameras for every member of the on-duty staff. Each device is the size of a large cell phone (about 2" x 5") and will allow for increased efficiency and safety for our firefighters. Some of the many uses of thermal imaging cameras include locating victims, locating hidden fire or other heat-related hazards, firefighter self-rescue, hazardous materials recon, and search and rescue applications. Click here to view the Seek FirePro 300's features.







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.



Fourth of July is quickly approaching, and the Willoughby Hills Police Department wants to put out this friendly reminder to all residents and visitors. In 2021, Governor Mike Dewine signed legislation, which provides for purchasing and discharging of certain fireworks in the State of Ohio. However, cities still have the local authority to opt out and continue with any and all restrictions previously put in place. The City of Willoughby Hills opted out, and most fireworks are still illegal to discharge within the City. Current Ohio law provides for the sale and use of trick and novelty fireworks (anything that goes snap, crackle or pop - including sparklers) that are widely available in grocery and department stores. Outside of that, we ask that our residents understand the City's position on this safety matter and the duty to enforce when necessary. Thank you all...



Fourth of July Safety Tips

Heat-Related Illness:

Stay hydrated Apply sunscreen Wear your shades

Grill Safety:

Keep grill away from structures Keep grill in well-ventilated area Keep grill away from children & pets

Firework Safety:

Leave the fireworks to the professionals—fireworks are not permitted within City limits!

Pet Safety Tips:

- *Check your chip!* Make sure your pet's microchip is updated with current contact information and that your pet is wearing a snug collar with tags.

- *Provide a safe space*. Keep pets inside the house with music or a TV on to drown out loud noises.

- No bones & BBQ!
- Keep doors & gates closed.





WILLOUGHBY HILLS

ROCKIN' THE HILLS

2023

UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS:

July 17—July 21, 2023 <u>Willoughby Hills Safety Town</u>



Class Size is limited so click <u>here</u> to register or fill out and return the attached registration form!



SAVE THE DATE!

Willoughby Hills MusicFest 2023 Saturday, August 19, 2023 11:00am—10:00pm

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 <u>WHCommunications@willoughbyhills-oh.gov</u>

WILLOUGHBY HILLS SENIORS, INC.

Find a group of friends who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will chanae vour life. (Amv Poehler)



NEWSLETTER – June 30, 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 Schedule of Activities for the month of July is provided with this newsletter so you can plan ahead to get out of the house and enjoy some fellowship with others! Our guest speaker for this month's Senior Potluck on Tuesday, July 18 at 11:30 a.m. is Attorney Joyce Hribar Fiebig. Joyce is an estate planning attorney who can assist seniors in preparing wills, living trusts and other important documents, such as Power of Attorney. Her business is located at 33977 Chardon Road in Willoughby Hills. Our main entrée will be sausage and peppers (yum!). We hope you will join us on Tuesday, July 18th!

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.

The only other thing to report this week is a reminder about the "Special Election" which is scheduled for August 8, 2023. Many seniors may opt to do "Absentee Ballots" since Issue 1 is the only item that appears on the ballot. Simply put, this Issue presents a Constitutional amendment that permanently ends "majority rule" in Ohio. Currently, the "majority" is "50%," but the Amendment changes it to be "60%." It also would change the percentage of the number of electors' signatures required on any initiative petition to amend the State of Ohio's Constitution. Sound confusing??? It sure is! It is best to do some online research, which seems to point to the fact that this is prefacing the November election with the abortion issue on the ballot. After you have done your homework and are ready to vote, this information may help you:

Early voting available at Lake County Board of Elections, 105 Main St., Painesville (beginning 7/11); Deadline to Register to vote: July 10, 2023 (if not already registered);

Postmark deadline for Absentee Ballot: August 7, 2023;

Need an Absentee Ballot mailed to you? Call 440-350-2700. If you go on-line, you can pick up the Absentee Ballot (fillable) at https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/boe/absentee-voting-information/. Hope that helps you through the voting process.

A LITTLE SENIOR HUMOR:

ast night I ordered a glass of wine with my dinner and the iter asked for my ID. I replied I look that young and the iter said "No. I just wanted to e if you qualified for the Senior Citizen discount."

Have a great week! Enjoy the July 4th holiday!

HAPPY JULY 4TH! ENJOY YOUR COOKOUT!!



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

<u>JULY 2023</u> <u>Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc.</u>

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	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)	Happy 4 [™] of July!	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
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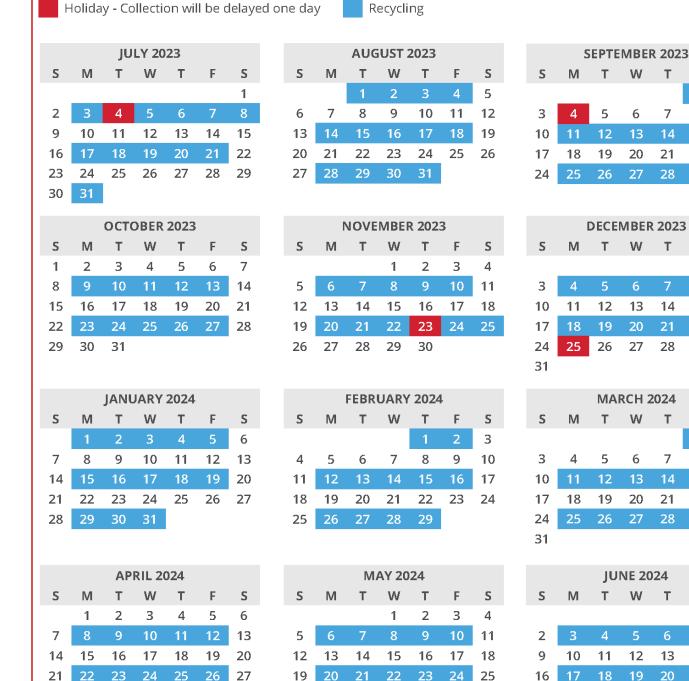
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Pickup Services for next week will be as follows: Monday, July 3rd—regular schedule Tuesday, July 4th—no pick up; Independence Day Wednesday, Thursday, Friday July 5th-7th—one day delay - Magnets with updated recycle schedule are forthcoming. -



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

- <u>Yellow Bag Service Customers</u>* 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. <u>THEY ARE NOW \$40.50 FOR A ROLL OF 10</u>.

THANK YOU!





SNOW PLOW REGISTRATION

June 1st began the new year for snow plow registration. Registration IS required if you plan to remove snow from private driveways or private parking areas in the City during the 2023-2024 winter season. Cost to register is \$25.00 for the first vehicle and \$5.00 for each additional vehicle. Registration is required annually (expiring May 31, 2024) and there is no prorating of registration fees. Click <u>here</u> for the City's annual application.



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

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)

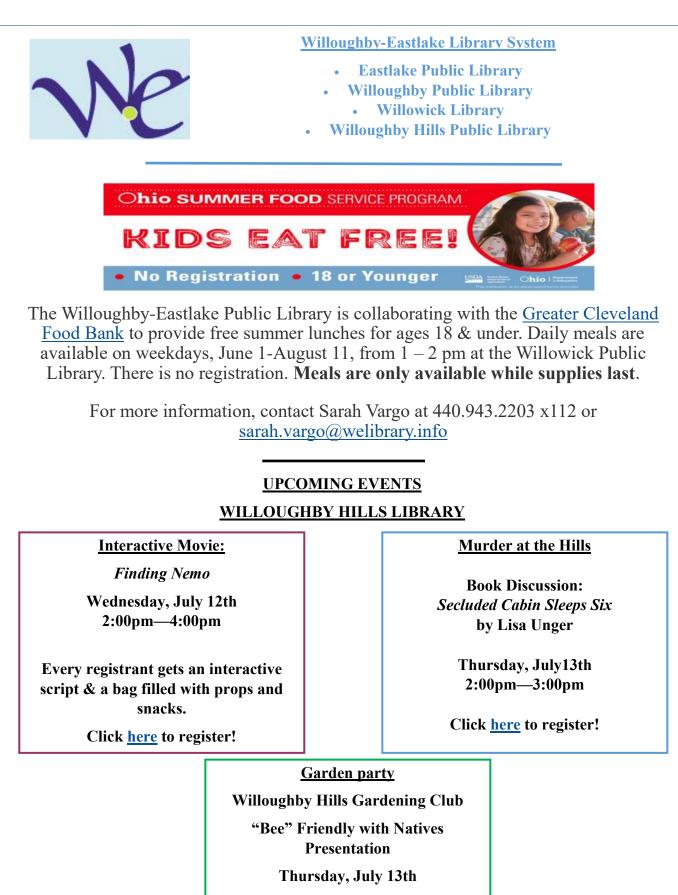
The City of Willoughby Hills will be invoiced for the difference of each pass purchased. Please call the Mayor's Office at 440-918-8730 if you have any questions regarding this program.

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 <u>here</u> for a request form to set up a Block Party in your neighborhood!



6:15—7:15pm,

Click <u>here</u> to register!

OPPORTUNITIES





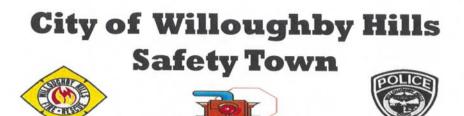


The Willoughby Hills Isolated Senior Program for Everyday Relief (W.H.I.S.P.E.R.) committee is looking for volunteers to assist with incoming requests for services. If you think you might like to help out please fill out the volunteer application located <u>here</u>. If you're a senior who would like assistance with things such as raking leaves or yard clean-up, please complete <u>this application</u> and send it back to City Hall. For W.H.I.S.P.E.R. guidelines, please click <u>here</u>.

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 in the process of putting together an all day City event (MusicFest 2023) similar to Rock and Roll Day in 2022. Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of the Commission can fill out <u>this application</u> and deliver it to City Hall.





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
	DATE OF BIRTH
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	CITY/ZIP
	CELL PHONE EMAIL
PROGRAM DATE: N	londay July 17 to Friday July 21
FEE: Residents: \$4	40.00 Non-Residents: \$50.00
	Circle preferred session:
9:	00 am to 11:30 am <u>OR</u> 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
T-SHIF	RT SIZE (circle) SMALL 6 - 8 MEDIUM 10 - 12 LARGE 14 -16
Town Center, the City of	for my child to participate in the Safety Town Program. I understand the National Safety Willoughby Hills, class instructor(s) and aides, and all and any representatives of the are not responsible in the event of any accident or injury to my child.
SIGNATURE OF PAR	ENT 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 inform	ation: Diana Parker (440) 975-3540 / Recreation@WilloughbyHills-OH.gov

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Become a volunteer with the American Red Cross

Join us for an Ice Cream Social to "get the scoop" on volunteer opportunities and find the right fit for you!



Explore our Most-Needed Volunteer Positions

- Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteers respond to the scene of local disasters and provide immediate assistance, including shelter, food and comfort following a home fire or other emergency.
- Disaster Action Team Duty Officer (Virtual) documents incoming disaster notification, dispatch of DAT members and monitors the response to ensure appropriate resources are made available.
- Blood Donor Ambassador & Transportation Specialist support blood donation collection & transport and promotes a positive donation experience at blood drives held in our local communities.
 - Service to the Armed Forces Volunteer assist military members, veterans, and their families.

ice cream social



American Red Cross 1111 Research Dr., Toledo, OH 43614 – Friday, July 14 from 12:00-1:00 PM American Red Cross 125 Fair Street, Findlay, OH 45840 – Friday, July 21 from 12:00-1:00 PM American Red Cross 3747 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115 – Friday, July 28 from 12:00-1:00 PM American Red Cross 501 West Market Street, Akron, OH 44303– Friday, August 4 from 12:00-1:00 PM American Red Cross 408 9th Street, SW Canton, OH 44707 – Friday, August 11 from 12:00-1:00 PM

Fun Door Prizes & Drawing for Amusement Park Tickets

RSVP REQUESTED TO PLAN FOR "COOL TREATS"

CLICK LINK or SCAN QR CODE BELOW Ice Cream Social RSVP



www.redcross.org/volunteer

For more information or questions, please contact <u>NEOvolunteer@redcross.org</u> or 216-431-3328



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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WHAT BEVERAGE DO YOU DRINK ON JULY 4TH?

LIBER-TEA.

- PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY. -

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.

HAYE A WONDERFUL WEEK

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

