

#### E-NEWSLETTER VOLUME 124 FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023

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#### MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

#### Good Morning Willoughby Hills!

This is my first Mayor's report in a couple of weeks so there is quite a bit to cover. First, both the 2023 Pavement Markings program and the annual Sewer Rehabilitation project have been completed. Thanks to City Engineers Pete DiFranco, and Kevin Trepal for their hard work. The design-build project to correct the slope failure on Rogers Road near the river is proceeding well. The contractor and City Engineer are working on the plans and the contractor has ordered materials in hopes of starting work in the next couple of weeks. The project will require that the road be closed periodically, please keep an eye on the Newsletter and City Website for information as the project moves forward. The Service Department will be resuming pavement repairs throughout the City in the next few weeks. As always, please slow down and pass them carefully if you encounter them at work.

The 2023 Safety Town program was last week. It was very successful. Thanks again to all of our staff who work so hard to offer this program to preschoolers and kindergarten students in our community. Special thanks to Recreation Coordinator Diana Parker and Officer Sal Continenza for their hard work. Also, thanks again to former Willoughby Municipal Court Judge Elaine Crane for her generous donations in support of the Safety Town program.

As many of you have probably heard, there was a serious accident on Interstate 90 last Saturday afternoon. Chief Gandee posted a detailed Thank-You message on the Fire Department's Facebook Page earlier this week thanking the many neighboring agencies that assisted with the accident. I'd like to add my thanks to the Dispatch Team at Central Communications, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Willoughby Fire and Police Departments, the Wickliffe Fire and Police Departments and the Highland Heights Fire Department and the area accident investigation team for assisting the WHPD and WHFD at the scene and both the Eastlake Fire Department and the Gates Mills Fire Department for covering other incidents in the City while our teams were at the accident. Once again, we are all very fortunate to live in an area where we receive so much support in times of need from our neighbors.

Our 2023 Music Fest is less than a month away. We are still looking for volunteers and participants in the Car Show. Details can be found later in this newsletter.

Improvements are continuing at the City Hall complex. Service Director Mark Grubiss is continuing to install upgraded siding and expects to start installing the lights for the City Hall Parking Lot as time permits over the next week or two. We have ordered new benches to replace the benches in front of the Community Center. They have been assembled and will be installed in the coming weeks.

Don't forget that our City-wide Garage Sale will be happening next Saturday, August 5th. Today was the last day to register to participate. A map and list of participants will be available next week via our website, Facebook page, or hard copies can be obtained both at City Hall and the Community Center.

Have a great weekend everyone.

#### **CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### Wednesday, August 2, 2023

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING—CANCELED

#### Thursday, August 3, 2023

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

#### Saturday, August 5, 2023

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

#### Monday, August 7, 2023

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING—CANCELED\*

#### Tuesday, August 8, 2023

BZA MEETING—CANCELED

#### Thursday, August 10, 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING—CANCELED\*

#### Tuesday, August 15, 2023

SENIOR LUNCHEON

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

#### Tuesday, August 15, 2023

TRIVIA NIGHT

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

#### Thursday, August 17, 2023

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

#### Saturday, August 19, 2023

MUSIC FEST 2023—ROCKIN' THE HILLS 11:00 A.M.—10:00 P.M.—Community Center Grounds

<sup>\*</sup> Council is on recess for the month of August.

#### **ROAD & SERVICE UPDATES:**



#### **2023 Pavement Markings:**

All work is fully complete.



#### **Rogers Road Slope Repair:**

This is an upcoming retaining wall project alongside the Chagrin River just north of the Rogers Road bridge. The design is expected to be finalized by 8/9/23 and construction is scheduled for 8/16/23 to 9/25/23. Both lanes of traffic will likely be closed throughout construction with detours provided.





If you should see our service crew out working, please slow down when driving through the area as both workers and equipment are constantly moving.

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

Thank you!







## Welcome to the fleet! 2022 Ford F-250 4x4 (Command Vehicle)

Primarily to be used as a vehicle for the shift officer and set up as a "command vehicle" having resources readily available and a 'sterile' working environment to be able to communicate & run day-to-day as well as major emergencies be it a fire, vehicle accident, hazmat spill, etc.

Also, due to the many simultaneous incidents that occur where the shift officer may be the first on scene before other resources arrive, equipped to take initial actions such as triage & treatment, defibrillation, basic vehicle stabilization & extrication, air monitoring, etc.

#### **VEHICLE FIRE BLANKET TESTING, TRAINING, AND DEMONSTRATION**

- Thursday, August 3rd -

- 9:00-11:00am <u>OR</u> 7:00-9:00pm -

- Willoughby Hills Roemisch Baseball Field Parking Area (35400 Chardon Road) -

The Willoughby Hills and Gates Mills Fire Departments along with MidWest Safety Products will be hosting a testing/training/demonstration of newly purchased fire blankets. Other departments and the community are welcome to attend and observe.

# Congratulations and Welcome to our newest Full-Time Police Officer Dylan Weidrick

Officer Weidrick is a recent graduate of the police academy and is also a US Navy veteran. Chief Naegele and Mayor Gardner had the honor of making it official at last night's Council meeting.



# Welcome Officer Weidrick!



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Lake County meral Health District



#### RABIES BAITING IN LAKE COUNTY TO BEGIN ON JULY 31st

Beginning July 31, 2023, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and other agencies will partner with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services Program to immunize

wild raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes to help stop the spread of rabies. They will vaccinate them through oral rabies vaccine (ORV) baits. ORV baits may be

distributed by airplane, helicopter, or by car. In Lake County, the area along the Ashtabula County border will be baited.

If you should find rabies baits, please leave them alone unless they are where children or pets play. For more information or should you have questions, please click <u>here</u> or call the Ohio Department of Health Rabies Information Line at 1-888-574-6656.





#### **UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS:**

Saturday, August 5, 2023 Citywide Garage Sale Day



#### Willoughby Hills MusicFest 2023

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

Music \* Food \* Family \* Fun

Do you want to be part of the MusicFest? We'd love to have you!

We're currently seeking the following:

- Additional Sponsors
- Car Show Applicants
  - Volunteers

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

WHCommunications@willoughbyhills-oh.gov

- Please see flyer attached to this e-newsletter -



Click the links below for more information!

Music Fest 2023—Informational Flyer

Music Fest 2023—Business Sponsorship Informational Flyer

Car Show—Informational Flyer
Car Show—Application

**Event Volunteer—Sign-Up Genius** 

## 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 – July 28, 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.

Our August Senior Potluck speaker on Tuesday, August 15 at 11:30 a.m. is the Manager of Milestone Fitness Club (Mike) in the City of Willoughby Hills at 27845 Chardon Road. Mike will be talking about the amenities at the Fitness Club that are a great asset for our senior health. With the treadmills, weights, work out equipment and first-time counseling advice, it is a great way to start thinking about getting fit and feeling better, close to home. The best part is that Milestone Fitness Club accepts the Silver Sneakers and Renew Active insurance plans, which takes care of any fees associated with your visit. We hope you will join us on Tuesday, August 15! And don't forget Senior Trivia on the same day, but at 7:00 p.m. in the O'Ryan Room. Lots of great questions on many different topics. Don't be intimidated…you will be surprised how much knowledge you really have! Come to have fun!

#### 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: <a href="https://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov">www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov</a>. Fee is \$7 for one member, or \$10 for a couple.

The calendar for August is attached. Please note that Friday's Exercise Class on Friday, August 25 has been canceled. Judy will resume her class, however, on the following Friday. We also included a reminder for Special Election Day on Tuesday, August 8. If you have not already voted absentee or early voting, you still have time to do that as well. Visit the Lake County Board of Elections website for all of the information. (https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/boe/)

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) runs from July 1 through September 30 and is the County's program that provides air conditioners and payment toward electric bills in the summer season for our community's most vulnerable residents. Eligible households must have a 90-day gross income that falls at or below 175% of the federal poverty level AND meets one of the following eligibility criteria: either has a household member who is over the age of 60, provides original physician documentation of medical necessity, have a disconnection notice, or needs help paying their first PIPP payment or PIPP default. Call 440-350-9160 for assistance if you qualify for this benefit.

Special thanks to Attorney Joyce Hribar Fiebig (whose legal practice is located in Willoughby Hills) for being our guest speaker at the July Senior Potluck Luncheon. Joyce spoke about senior estate planning and offered many helpful tips to our seniors. Joyce can be reached at 440-516-0200 X 204 if you are interested in speaking to her about estate planning. Great job, Joyce!

Dominion Gas bill – If you are on budget billing, did you notice that there may have been an "other amount due" listed under your "budget" amount that was added to your "amount due?" This represents the amount you owe to get you up to the new budget amount. Dominion is calculating that amount over three billing periods. Once it is paid off in the three bills, you will only see your new budget amount on your bill. Just an FYI!

Welcome new residents: Steve Kalinic of Marcum Blvd., Anthony & Rachel Trem of Hanna Road, Nicole Salvatore of Rogers Road, Dora & Joshua Schwartz of Worrell Road, and Emily & Mike Czekaj of Maple Hill Road. All Seniors are welcome to join our Senior Group! Welcome to the City of Willoughby Hills!

The first Planning Meeting was held on Friday, July 21, 2023 for this year's Classic Lexus Annual Classic 5k Run/Walk which is set for Sunday, October 8 at Classic Lexus on Som Center Road. Registration begins at 8am and the run begins at 9am, with the walk to follow. This is a pet-friendly event and an adoption agency will be on hand if you are in the market for a furry friend! This is a great community event, with all proceeds going to St. Noel Food Pantry and Velosano Childhood Cancer Research Organization. Each runner brings a canned good, too, which truly helps fill the pantry at St. Noel. Raffle baskets are available too so you can even come to check those out even if you are not a runner! Put this on your calendar...it is so much fun and a great way to give back to the community. Come out on this Sunday morning to spend some time with your family & friends.

Please keep the families and friends of the following residents in your thoughts and prayers: Anthony Antonelli of Willoughby Hills Senior Apartments (passed away 6/14/23), Irene Mascaro of SOM Center Road (passed away 7/10/23), Marlene Streetz of Gatsby (passed away 7/17/23) and Maria DiFranco of Eddy Road (passed away 7/14/23).



If you are interested in being a member of the Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. Board, please reach out to Gloria Majeski, Mary Cihula or Laurie Feltham. You would serve to help make the Senior Room a nice place for our seniors, and help to add programs that seniors are looking for to improve their social and mental health. If you want to help, please let us know. Thank you!

In closing, just a reminder that Friday, July 28 is "Senior Day" at the Lake County Fair, free admittance to seniors 60 and over from 10am to 3pm. Senior activities begin at 10am. Have fun!





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

#### <u>AUGUST 2023</u> <u>Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc.</u>

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
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			BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET	EXERCISE 11am	PINOCHLE
				10am to noon	MAHJONG 1pm	6-9pm
				PODIATRIST (by appt.) 10am	PINOCHLE 6-9pm	Garage Sale Day in Willoughby Hills!
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	YOGA 1pm	REMEMBER TO	<b>BRIDGE</b> 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET	EXERCISE 11am	PINOCHLE
	(Lions Room)	VOTE TODAY!		10am to noon	MAHJONG 1pm	6-9pm
					PINOCHLE 6-9pm	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	COMMUNITY QUILTS	POTLUCK LUNCH	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET	EXERCISE 11am	PINOCHLE
	10am-2pm	11:30am-1pm	·	10am to noon	MAHJONG 1pm	6-9pm
	YOGA 1pm	SENIOR TRIVIA				Music Fest
	(Lions Room)	O'Ryan Room				11am-10pm at
		7pm				Comm. Ctr.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	YOGA 1pm		<b>BRIDGE</b> 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET	No exercise today!	PINOCHLE
	(Lions Room)			10am to noon	MAHJONG 1pm	6-9pm
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				7pm		
27	28	29	30	31		
	YOGA 1pm		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET		
	(Lions Room)			10am to noon		
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	12PM-3PM (private)					



# Thank you to all who made Safety Town 2023 a success! The kids had a wonderful week!









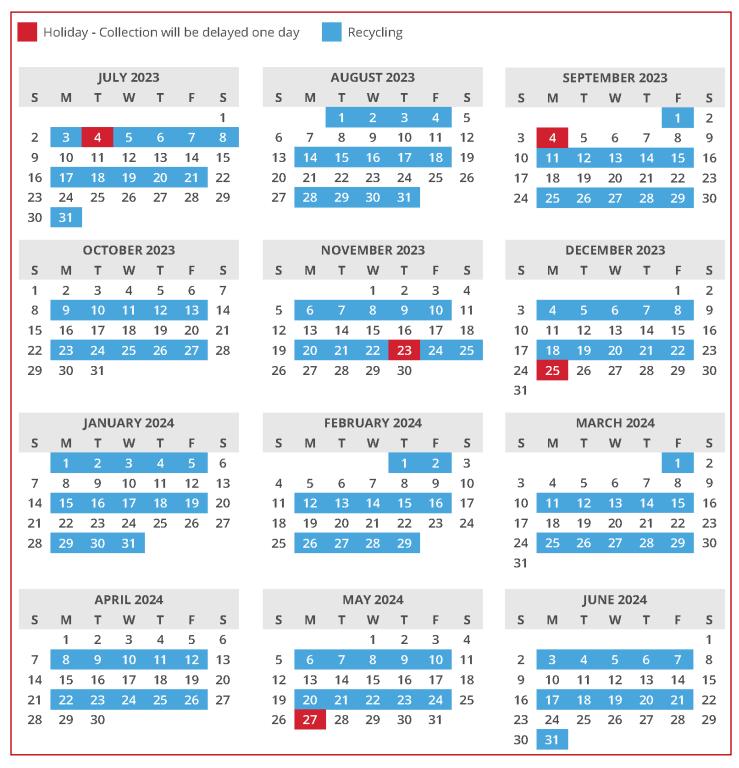












- Magnets with updated recycle schedule will be mailed to residents once they are available. -



### 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. THEY ARE NOW \$40.50 FOR A ROLL OF 10. THANK YOU!



#### **Summer 2023 Information**



#### **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 here 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 you.

#### **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!

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**



The City is seeking to fill the following positions:

## Part-Time Property Staff Member Part-Time Zoning Inspector



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 <u>here</u>.

Please send all applications to

asstfinancedirector@willoughbyhills-oh.gov



#### W.H.I.S.P.E.R. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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 <a href="https://here.">here</a>. If you're a senior who would like assistance with things such as raking leaves or yard clean-up, please complete <a href="this application">this application</a> and send it back to City Hall. For W.H.I.S.P.E.R. guidelines, please click <a href="here.">here</a>.

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS NEEDED**

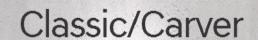
The **Recreation Commission** is seeking new members to assist with the planning and implementation of City recreation events including: Pancake Breakfasts, the Easter Scavenger Hunt, Fall and Spring Craft Shows, the City Halloween Party, Winterfest, Christmas Card Lane, the Holiday Lights Contest, the 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 this application and deliver it to City Hall.

# A place for everything, and everything in it's place...

Clear out your house & make some money!



List and Map of Garage Sale Participants will be available next week.



# Wing A & Wheela

## FLY-IN & DRIVE-IN!

\*\*\*No registration fee for planes & cars\*\*\*

## Saturday, August 5th, 2023

(11:00 am - 3:00 pm)

at Lake County Executive Airport

Lake County Executive Airport - 1969 Lost Nation Rd. - Willoughby, Ohio 44094

All cars/vehicles/airplanes/aircraft welcome!

Registration/Staging from: 9:00am -11:00am

Food Available!





CLASSIC IET CENTER

No Entry Fee!

-OR-Lake County Executive Airport: 440-321-9036

For more info please call:

Classic Jet Center: 440-942-7092

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7473 Center St, Mentor, OH 44060
440-974-0808



# **Support Local Families!**

The <u>Back to School Bash</u> is a community event for families in Lake County. **Lake County YMCA is hard at work collecting clothing to be distributed to hundreds of children at the event on Saturday, August 5, 2023.** 

We're in need of **new**, **packaged underwear and socks for infants and children ages 5 - 18.** 



## **DROP OFF AT ANY LAKE COUNTY YMCA**

West End YMCA, Willoughby | Central YMCA, Painesville | East End YMCA, Madison



## Now through July 31, 2023

**Questions? Contact Pattie Ritt** Lake County YMCA Senior Child Care Director 440-946-1160 ext 102 | pritt@lakecountyymca.org

The Back to School Bash is sponsored by:

Lake County Job and Family Services



Family and Children
First Council



Volunteers Needed! Before and

during the event.

Scan to sign up.

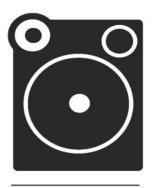


### HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!



Sponsored by





FREE EVENT

-Live Music -Kids Zone -Food Trucks -Beer Garden -Car Show

-Souvenirs

# **AUGUST 19**

11 AM-10 PM

Willoughby Hills Community Center (35400 Chardon Road)

#### TO VOLUNTEER:

recreationevents@ willoughbyhills-oh.gov

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

(440) 918-8730

## FEATURING:

SUMRADA
Blue Evolution



Ricky & the Rockets
& more local artists

















2023

## CLASSIC CAR SHOW APPLICATION

Saturday, August 19, 2023–12:00 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.

#### **Don't forget**:

There will be a Special Election on Tuesday, August 8th!

Please click <u>here</u> for more information on Issue 1.



#### Mark your calendars!

<u>Electronic Waste Day</u> will be held on October 14th from 9am—noon at City Hall.

<u>Paper Shred Day</u> will be held on November 4th from 9am—noon at City Hall.

#### Why did Beethoven get rid of his chickens?





- Because all they said was, "Bach, Bach, Bach..." -

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!

