

#### **E-NEWSLETTER**

### **VOLUME 127 FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023**

#### Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

Please encourage others to join by sending an email request to:

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## **MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT**

There is no Mayor's Report this week, but we hope to see you at tomorrow's Music Fest!



(Event Map on page 6.)

CAR SHOW

AT CITY HALL

12PM - 4PM

	SCHEDULE OF EVENTE
11:00 A.M.	Mayor Welcome
11:30 A.M.	Rock Radio Legend & Author
	David Spero (Gazebo)
12:00 P.M.	Car Show Kick-Off
12:30 P.M.	SUMRADA (Main Stage)
3:00 P.M.	Mary Jo Young (Gazebo)
4:00 P.M.	Blue Evolution (Main Stage)
6:00 P.M.	Kathy Hlad & Friends (Gazebo)
6:30 P.M.	Gabrielle Nicole (Gazebo)
7:30 P.M.	Ricky & the Rockets (Main Stage)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## **KIDS ZONE TENT**

11AM - 4 PM

- Facepainting & balloons by Kidz Entertainment Network
  - Photo cut-outs
    - · Chalk wall
  - Games & prizes

## **FOOD TRUCKS ALL DAY**

Foster's Ice Cream

Slyman's

**Piccolo** 

**Dynamite Dawgs** 

Patty's Old Fashioned Popcorn

Nick's Gyros

### CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Saturday, August 19, 2023

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

## Monday, August 21, 2023

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

## Monday, September 4, 2023

LABOR DAY
CITY HALL CLOSED

## Wednesday, September 6, 2023

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING 7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

## Thursday, September 7, 2023

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

## Monday, September 11, 2023

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

## Tuesday, September 12, 2023

BZA MEETING 8:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

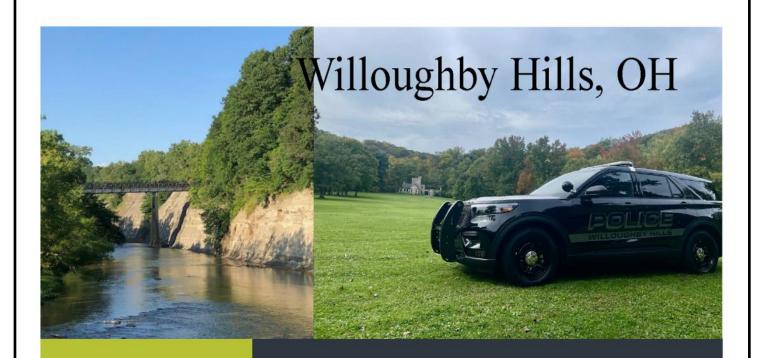
## Thursday, September 14, 2023

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

## Saturday, September 16, 2023

TOUCH-A-TRUCK 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.—City Hall

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



## FIXED SPEED ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS:

- Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation (32500 Chardon Rd)
- Cornerstone Christian Academy (2845 SOM Center Rd)

## Traffic Safety Enforcement Program

Each year, too many families are affected by crashes caused by speeding. Sadly, the victims of traffic crashes are often occupants of other vehicles who have fallen victim to speeding and careless driving.

Improving traffic safety for residents and visitors is a strategic goal of the Willoughby Hills Police Department. That is why I am so pleased to report that we are implementing a photo enforcement system in Willoughby Hills. The state of the art system is designed to help us encourage safer driving habits and save lives.

Our police officers cannot enforce traffic laws everywhere, all the time. The new enforcement system will allow us to enforce traffic laws in a safer way for the officer and the violator. There are no upfront costs to the taxpayers and, over time, violators will fund this program.

I encourage you to respect the rules of the road – help keep yourself and your neighbors safe and sound. Join me in supporting our new traffic enforcement system.

Sincerely,

Matthew Naegele Chief of Police

35405 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

Tel (440) 942-9111

www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov

## Question & Answer



There will be a warning period for the first 30 days, after the program begins.

#### Is speeding a public safety concern?

According to the IIHS, speeding is a factor in one-third of all fatal crashes in the U.S., killing more than 10,000 people per year. In addition, according to the NHTSA, speed-related crashes cost the U.S. economy approximately \$40 billion per year.

## How will the new Speed Enforcement Program work to protect lives in Willoughby Hills?

This Traffic Enforcement Program will protect lives by reminding motorists to slowdown and obey speed laws. Automated safety cameras will identify motorists who are breaking the law by exceeding the speed limits. The registered owner of the violating vehicle will receive a traffic citation in the mail.

#### What systems will the police department be using?

The Willoughby Hills Police Department will be utilizing handheld and fixed location photo enforcement equipment. In school zones, we have set up fixed location cameras to capture vehicles traveling at an unsafe speed in an effort to keep our children safer. These will be operational only on school days during school hours. The handheld equipment will be used by certified police officers in multiple locations along the interstate and other roadways in the community. The system will be used to identify and ticket speeding vehicles in a manner that is potentially safer for the officer and occupants of the vehicle.

#### Does someone double-check the evidence?

Sworn police officers will determine violations. Our vendor will do the initial screenings of information for photo and data quality. Officers will review every violation to verify vehicle information and ensure the vehicle is in violation. These officers will utilize the same standards for photo enforcement as they would with a standard violation event. Upon officer approval, a citation will be mailed to the vehicle owner. The owner will then have the right to pay the citation or exercise a contest process.

#### What are the Traffic Enforcement fines in the City of Willoughby Hills?

Speed Over	Fine Amount Owed	Fine if in a Construction or School Zone
1-19 MPH	\$150.00	\$150.00
20-29 MPH	\$200.00	\$200.00
30+ MPH	\$300.00	\$300.00

## Are automated enforcement cameras legal?

Yes. Courts have ruled in favor of a municipality's right to use automated enforcement technology in a fair and judicious manner.

# Will people know when they are entering a School enforcement zone?

Yes. Signs will be posted at every enforced zone, warning drivers that photo enforcement is in use ahead.

#### Can I challenge my citation?

Yes. Each citation ticket contains detailed information on how to exercise your due process rights and contest the citation.

## What about privacy? Will I be photographed in my vehicle?

No. Vehicles following traffic laws are not photographed. Additionally, the driver is not visible on the citation.

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## **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. Construction start date has been tentatively pushed back to mid-September due to supply issues. Both lanes of traffic will likely be closed throughout construction with detours provided.

City Council is proposing legislation for deer management (Ordinance 2023-041) and they would like your input.

Please click <u>here</u> to fill out a brief survey and let your voice be heard.

Thank you!



#### RABIES BAITING IN LAKE COUNTY

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.

# Mark your calendar

## **UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS:**

## Willoughby Hills MusicFest 2023

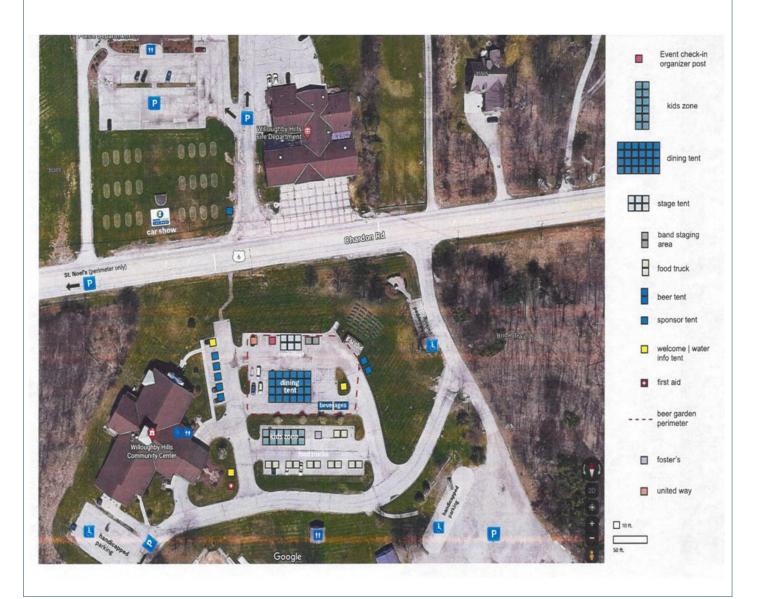


Saturday, August 19, 2023 11:00am—10:00pm

## Music \* Food \* Family \* Fun

Parking for the event is free and available at the following locations: City Hall lot, Roemisch lots, and along Roemisch Driveway to rear fields. Handicapped Parking will be available behind the Community Center and part of the lot by walkway. Soccer fields will be utilized for overflow if needed.

See map below for parking information and Music Fest layout.



## 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)





## SENIOR NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 18, 2023

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

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

Just a reminder that there will be NO COMMUNITY CENTER parking from Thursday, August 17 thru Monday, August 21 due to the Music Fest planned for Saturday, August 19. Please plan your senior activities accordingly.

Thanks to all of the seniors who came out to hear the Senior Luncheon presentation of Mike from Milestone Athletic Club, located at 27845 Chardon Road in Willoughby Hills. We were so glad to hear that he is accepting Silver Sneakers and Renew Active at the Club, which means there is no membership fee or visit fee....you just present your card from Silver Sneakers or Renew Active from your medical insurance carrier. Mike also told us that he is willing to look at other insurance carriers if seniors let him know what type of coverage they have with the fitness benefit. We will plan a Senior Day at Milestone in the near future where seniors can see the facility and perhaps even take a quick class while they are there. We will let you know when we have more details on that in the future.



A LOOK AT THE BUILDING



MILESTONE MANAGER (MIKE) TALKS TO SENIOR GROUP.







Mike discusses the progress of members.

Mike spoke of an 89-year-old senior that he assisted with a great workout routine post operatively to allow her to function normally. With a 91-year-old senior present at our Senior Luncheon, we will be working to set a new record at Milestone!!!

The Senior Board would like to give our seniors (& all residents) the opportunity to "Meet the Candidates" for the November election. As you may know, voters will be asked to elect a new Mayor and four Council members in the November election. We have reached out to the League of Women Voters in Lake County to ask them to facilitate a "Candidate's Night" for our City. We will keep you posted as things progress.

Don't forget about the W-E Public Library's Line Dancing for Adults 50+ on Thursdays, September 14, 21, 28 and October 5 from 11am to 12pm. Call 440-942-3362 or visit <a href="https://www.we247.org">www.we247.org</a> to register.

As our kids and teachers begin to go back to school, just a reminder to drive safely and adhere to the speed zones in our community. We wish the teachers, students and faculty the best as School Year 2023 begins...after all, learning is SO important!

I'm not saying spelling is important, but I'm saying spelling is important



Have a good week!

Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. Board Members: Mary Cihula Laurie Feltham

Laurie Feltham Gloria Majeski

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Phone: 440-951-0776

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

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				10am to noon	MAHJONG 1pm	6-9pm
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	12PM-3PM (private)					



## 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!



School is back in session for Willoughby-Eastlake students next week and with that start comes some exciting new changes! Included in today's enewsletter (page 15) is a flyer listing the different dates for "Coffee Talk" with our new Superintendent, Dr. Patrick Ward. This is an opportunity to discuss issues, and share ideas and suggestions.

Also be sure to stop by the school's Community Tailgate and Back to School Kickoff event (page 13) happening tonight from 4:00—6:30 in front of Willoughby Middle School. This a great way to meet the staff and administration!

Click <u>here</u> to read the District's "W-E Community Update - Back to School Edition" to get caught up before the new school year begins! And to all of the students: Have a wonderful year ahead!

With school beginning, it's always good to remind motorists of Ohio's school bus safety rules. A driver <u>MUST</u> stop for a school bus when the bus is dropping off or picking up students.

- If the bus is stopped on a street or road with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching the bus from either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move or the bus driver signals motorists to proceed.
- If the bus is stopped on a street or road with four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop at the rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move.

When possible, school bus drivers believing a motorist has unlawfully passed the stopped bus will report the license plate number and location to the law enforcement agency. Once the motorist has been identified, they can face a fine of up to \$500.



## **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 <a href="here">here</a>.

Please send applications to

asstfinancedirector@willoughbyhills-oh.gov







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 Breakfast, Easter Scavenger Hunt, Fall and Spring Craft Shows, Halloween Party, Winterfest, Christmas Card Lane, the Holiday Lights Contest, the 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.



# COMMUNITY TAILGATE

& BACK TO SCHOOL KICKOFF

# 18 AUGUST 2023, 4:00 TO 6:30PM

UNION VILLAGE, 5000 SHANKLAND ROAD - IN FRONT OF WILLOUGHBY MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Food, music, bounce houses, games and FUN!
- Community information tables from school PTOs/Boosters, sports clubs, and other organizations
- Meet our superintendent/administrators and community leaders
- See the Marching Rebels and Rebel Cheerleaders



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# FREE EVENT

















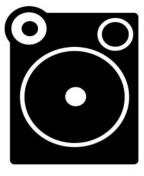
This event is organized by the various PTO's and Booster Organizations from South, WMS, SOI, Edison and Grant in coordination with Willoughby-Eastlake Schools. For more information, email: <a href="https://www.west.edi.org/ncit/">WES.tailgate@gmail.com</a>

## 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













Aditional Support:





## WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS



Wednesday, August 23 Eastlake North High School

Wednesday, August 30 Royalview Elementary School

Wednesday, September 6
Willoughby South High School

Wednesday, September 13 Longfellow Elementary School

Wednesday, September 20 Eastlake Middle School

Community members may attend any Coffee Talks location.

## **JOIN US!**

At our Coffee Talks with Dr. Patrick Ward, Superintendent, you'll have the opportunity to:



Discuss issues that matter to you



Share your ideas and suggestions

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

**QUESTIONS?** 

pr@weschools.org

#MyChoiceWilloughbyEastlake





## **Blood Drive Willoughby Hills Community Center**

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

Thursday, August 31, 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.





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## Mark your calendars!

Electronic Waste Day: October 14th from 9am—noon at City Hall

Paper Shred Day: November 4th from 9am—noon at City Hall

## **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.

Why did the Clydesdale give the pony a glass of water?

Because he was a little horse.

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!

