



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

Good Afternoon Willoughby Hills!

Great news came yesterday for the Rogers Road project. The contractor has continued to make great progress on the slope stabilization project and, barring anything unexpected, plans to be done with the work and have Rogers Road re-opened as early as Tuesday of next week. We will post updates on the City's Facebook Page and on the new City Website when the road ready for traffic. Thanks to everyone for your patience as this important work was completed.

It was great to see such a wonderful turnout at Touch-A-Truck last Saturday. Thanks to Firefighter/Paramedic Jill Baus for coordinating the event! Thanks also to the many members of the Fire Department, Police Department and Service Department who made the event possible. Thanks to Auburn Career Center, the Lake County Sheriff's Department, the Lake County Emergency Response Team, the Lake County Bomb Squad, Classic Lexus, Geauga County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Highway Patrol, Perry Fire Explorers, East Tech Technical Rescue Team, Vitalone's Towing, 3S Towing and Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library and University Hospitals for participating. Thanks also to Councilmembers Hallum, Kline, Taylor-Draper, Knecht, Jarmuszkiewicz, Belich and Miller for their assistance at the event and Recreation Commission members Dave Walters, Kathy Sivo, Laura O'Donnell and Nancy Erikson for their help!

Council held their first District Informational Meeting of the season Wednesday evening. We had a great turnout. Upcoming meetings will be held for District 2 (the West end of the City) at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 26th and for District 1 (the East end of the City) at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 3rd. Members of Council, Police Chief Naegele and Service Superintendent Grubiss will report on a wide variety of City matters and will be available to discuss your questions.

Reminders about Upcoming Events. There is something for everyone coming this Fall:

The Fall Craft Show will be Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Community Center. This is a great opportunity to start your holiday shopping with some great items created by talented artisans from across Northeast Ohio.

The annual Classic 5K Run is coming up on Sunday, October 8, 2023! If any of our businesses are interested in sponsoring, contact the Mayor's Office at 440-918-8730 and we will get you in touch with Scott Arnold and Matt Dietz at Classic. Runners can find registration materials a few pages back in this newsletter.

John and Carol Lillich will be hosting a Fall Nature Walk at the Hach-Otis Sanctuary on Skyline Drive starting at 1:30 PM on October 21, 2023. This event, jointly hosted by the Cleveland Audobon Society, was a huge hit last year and, hopefully, will coincide with the highlight of leaf color season in the Chagrin Valley.

Start cleaning out your unwanted electronics and papers for shredding. Electronics Recycling Day will be October 14, 2023 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon and Shredding Day will be Saturday, November 4, 2023 also from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Finally, a reminder to all photographers that entries for the Recreation Commission's 2023 Photo Contest will be due on November 4th, 2023. Categories this year are: (1) Working in Willoughby Hills - (2) "Go Green" - (3) Windows and Glass and (4) Fundamentally Family. Grab your cameras and start looking for the winning photos!

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 25, 2023

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

DISTRICT 2 MEETING

7:00 P.M.—O’Ryan Room

Thursday, September 28, 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

DISTRICT 1 MEETING

7:00 P.M.—O’Ryan Room

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Thursday, October 5, 2023

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Saturday, October 7, 2023

FALL CRAFT SHOW

9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.—Community Center

Sunday, October 8, 2023

CLASSIC 5K

8:00 A.M.—Classic Lexus (SOM Ctr. Rd.)

Monday, October 9, 2023

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Thursday, October 12, 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Rogers Road Closure UPDATE:

Rogers Road continues to be closed to traffic (both lanes) in order to facilitate construction of a retaining wall project alongside the Chagrin River. The nearest address to the closure location is 37000 Rogers Road. Traffic will be detoured through River Road, Chardon Road, and Worrell Road. All private drive entrances will remain open. Schirmer Construction is performing the work. Please plan accordingly.



Rail Safety Week—September 19-25



While there aren't any railroads in Willoughby Hills, rail safety should always be practiced around all crossings.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and Ohio Rail Development Commission are encouraging you to follow these steps:

1. **Prepare to stop.** Turn off fans and radio and roll down windows. Stop at least 15 feet, but not more than 50 feet, from nearest rail.
2. **Look and listen both ways, carefully.** Bend forward to see around mirrors and other vehicle parts blocking view.
3. **If it won't fit, don't commit.** Trains extend beyond the width of the rails at least 3 feet on each side. Remember your vehicle – and cargo – overhang.
4. **Look again.** Before you move, look again in both directions.
5. **Cross tracks with care.** Signal, watch for a safe gap, pull back onto the road if you used a pull-out lane. Use highest gear that will let you cross without shifting.
6. **Keep going once you start,** even if lights start to flash or gates come down.

For more information on rail safety, click [here](#).

Don't forget! Lake County is holding their Hazardous Waste Event tomorrow, September 23rd, from 8am-2pm. See below for more details:



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.

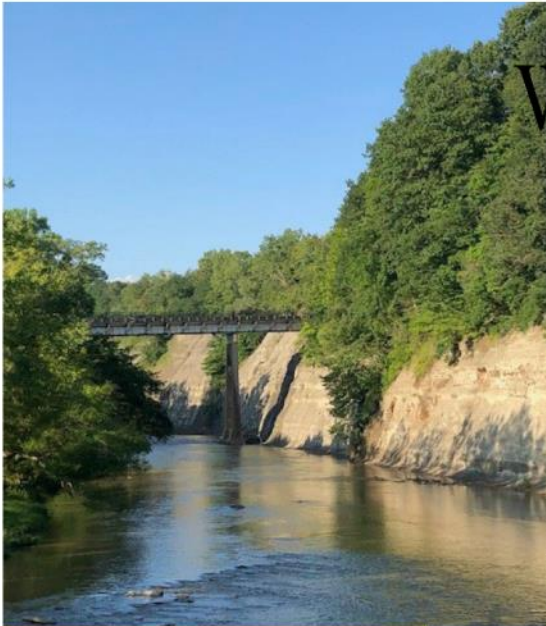
For specific questions call (440) 350-2645 or (440) 350-5766



Touch-a-Truck 2023



Willoughby Hills, OH



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

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.



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS:



Saturday, October 7, 2023

Fall Craft Show
9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Community Center

Saturday, October 8, 2023

Classic 5K Wellness Run/Walk
8:00 AM
Classic Lexus (2551 SOM Center Rd.)

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Electronic Recycle Day
9:00 AM—12:00 PM
City Hall Parking Lot

Friday, October 20, 2023

Halloween Party
6:00 PM—8:00 PM
Community Center

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Hach-Otis Nature Walk w/John Lillich
1:30PM at Hach-Otis parking lot (no dogs, please)

Saturday, November 4, 2023 / November 10, 2023

11/4: Photo Contest Entries Due
11/10: Reception

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Paper Shred Day
9:00—12:00 PM
City Hall Parking Lot

Saturday, November 18, 2023

WHPD & Marc's Food Drive
10:00 AM—2:00 PM
In front of Marc's at the Shoppes of Willoughby Hills Plaza

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 – SEPTEMBER 22, 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: www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov. Fee is \$7 for one member, or \$10 for a couple.

Thanks to all of the seniors who came out to Tuesday's Senior Potluck Luncheon. Special thanks to our speaker, Chris Murray who provided some great information about Medicare Open Enrollment. He provided information on the "National Do Not Call (DNC) Registry" which will reduce the countless Medicare sales calls that seniors experience. For those not in attendance who want that important information, the following is provided for your convenience:

1. Complete the online registry at: www.DoNotCall.gov
To verify your registration, you must open the confirmation email, or
2. Call 1-888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to register.



For Medicare Open Enrollment one on one assistance from Chris Murray **at no charge**, please reach out to him at 440-796-6498 or

Email: cjmurray2121@gmail.com

Let him know you are a Willoughby Hills Senior. He is a great resource for us!



Election News:

Absentee ballot applications are now available on the Lake County Board of Elections website at www.lake@ohiosos.gov or by calling 1-440-350-2670.

Applications should be mailed back to the Lake County Board of Elections at:

105 Main Street, Suite 107, P.O. Box 490, Painesville, OH 44077.

The November Election is set for Tuesday, November 7, 2023. If you want to vote in person, polling locations will be open as normal.



Special thanks to Fire Chief Rob Gandee for attending Gates Mills' City Council Meeting on Tuesday where resident Tom Majeski was sworn in as the Village's newest Fire Chief.

The Village also swore in Rob Jamieson as Assistant Fire Chief and Mike Feig as Fire Captain.

Congratulations to all of these great firefighters, who will be working closely with Chief Gandee and WHFD as mutual aid responders.

Don't forget about these other upcoming events:

- Classic Lexus 5K Run/Walk to benefit St. Noel Food Pantry and Velosano Childhood Cancer Research Programs is set for Sunday, October 8 with registration beginning at 8am and the run and walk (pet friendly!) is set for 9am. Basket raffles and local businesses will be featured on the Classic Lexus SOM Center campus. Come join the fun! **Register now for a great time out on a Sunday morning in Willoughby Hills.**
- "Meet the candidates for Willoughby Hills Mayor & Council and W-E School Board Members Night" is set for Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the O'Ryan Room at the Community Center. The Willoughby Hills Seniors will be hosting the Lake County League of Women Voters to provide this opportunity for our residents.
- Save the date...St. Noel Banquet Center's "Browns Tailgate Party" on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 1pm as the Browns take on the Indianapolis Colts. Call 440-946-0887 to reserve your ticket/table now!

In closing, I thought these jokes were very "senior appropriate":

There was a time, a new hip joint
meant someplace I would go to
on weekends.



TEXTING FOR SENIORS

BFF - best friend fell
BTW - bring the wheelchair
TTYL - talk to you louder
BYOT - bring your own teeth
LMDO - laughing my dentures out
FWIW - forgot where I was
IMHAO - is my hearing aid on?
OMMR - on my massage recliner
ROFLAGU - rolling on the floor
 laughing and can't get up

Have a good week! Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. Board Members (Mary Cihula, Laurie Feltham & Gloria Majeski)
 Email: WilloughbyHillsSeniors@yahoo.com Phone: 440-951-0776

SEPTEMBER 2023
Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc.

<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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					EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Labor Day! Senior Room is closed.		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	COMMUNITY QUILTS 10am-2pm YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon PODIATRIST (By Appt.) 10am	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm WH Touch-a-Truck 10am-2pm Rosh Hashanah
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)	POTLUCK LUNCH 11:30am-1pm SENIOR TRIVIA O'Ryan Room 7pm	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon QUILT GUILD MTG. 7pm	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	(No yoga) SACERICH SEWS 12PM-3PM (private)		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm

City Council is proposing legislation for deer management (Ordinance 2023-041) and they would like your input. Please click [here](#) to fill out a brief survey and let your voice be heard. Thank you!



COUNCIL DISTRICT MEETINGS

Council held the first of their three Fall District Meetings on Wednesday. District 3 was highlighted with Council President Hallum giving his District's report. Included in the meeting were departmental updates with a focus on the Police Department (presented by Police Chief Matt Naegele) and the Building/Service Department (presented by Road Superintendent Mark Grubiss). City finances and upcoming events were also part of the hour-long meeting that wrapped up with a brief Q&A session.

If you missed Wednesday's meeting, you'll have two more opportunities to attend:

Tuesday, September 26th (District 2)

Tuesday, October 3rd (District 1)

Meetings begin at 7:00pm and will take place in the O'Ryan Room at the Community Center.



Police Chief Naegele



Road Superintendent Grubiss



It's time to recycle!

Electronic Waste Day (10/14) and Paper Shred Day (11/4) are coming up!

Start getting your recyclables together and bring them over to City Hall.

E-WASTE DROP OFF

Oct. 14th - 9 am to 12 pm

Willoughby Hills City Hall, Front Lot

35405 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills OH

MATERIAL ACCEPTED FREE OF CHARGE

PCs	Unused Cartridges/Toner	MP3 Players	Networking Equipment
Laptops	Cell Phones	Cameras	UPS
Phones	Stereos	Keyboards	
Scanners	VCR/DVD Players	Paper Shredders	
Hard Drives	Routers	LCD Monitors	
Servers	Wires	Game Consoles/Accessories	

MATERIAL ACCEPTED WITH A CHARGE

CRT Monitors (\$20 Fee)
Printers (\$10 Fee)
TVs (\$20 Fee)



November 4, 2023

9:00 AM—Noon

City Hall Parking Lot



OPPORTUNITIES



The City is seeking to fill the following position:

Part-Time Property Staff Member Full-Time Road Worker



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 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 [here](#). If you're a senior who would like assistance with things such as raking leaves or yard clean-up, please complete [this application](#) and send it back to City Hall. For W.H.I.S.P.E.R. guidelines, please click [here](#).

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, Breakfast with Santa, and, most recently, MusicFest 2023. Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of the Commission can fill out [this application](#) and deliver it to City Hall.

The City is also looking to appoint a **Board of Health Member** to represent Willoughby Hills. Please click [here](#) for more information on the position and fill out an [application](#) if interested.



WILLOUGHBY HILLS Fall Craft Show

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7
9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Willoughby Hills Community Center
35400 CHARDON ROAD



*Save
the Date*

Unique, handmade items on both levels of the Community Center.

FREE Admission | Raffles & refreshments too!

Great gifts & goodies from local artisans!

CLASSIC



Classic Lexus, Willoughby Hills Family Health Center,
and the City of Willoughby Hills present...

The 9th Annual Classic Willoughby Hills 5K RUN & WALK!



A special event for the whole family AND your dog!

Date: Sunday, October 8th, 2023

Time: 8am > Registration & Check-in • 9am > Run/Walk begins

Race Location: Classic Lexus, 2551 SOM Center Rd. Willoughby Hills

SCAN &
REGISTER!



Raffle Drawing
for Prizes!



Silent Auction
Items!



Contest for
"Best Dressed Dog!"



Cleveland Guardians
"Hot Dog Mascots"



Lake County Captains
"Skipper Mascot"

**T-Shirts guaranteed
for the first 200 registrants.**
Refreshments will be available for the
walkers & runners at the end of the event.



For information,
please call:
440-585-9003

#classiclexus5k

2023 Willoughby Hills Recreation Photo Contest

PHOTOS DUE: November 4 | RECEPTION: November 10

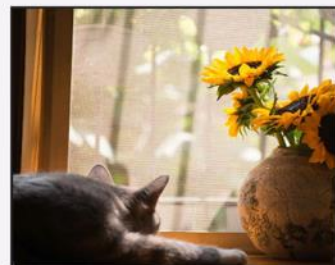
2023 CATEGORIES:

- **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>



**WILLOUGHBY HILLS VFW AUXILIARY
HOSTS FOOD AND FOOTBALL**

**SALISBURY STEAK DINNER
and
BROWNS – RAVENS FOOTBALL**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
KICKOFF AT 1:00 PM
DINNER SERVED FROM 2:00 – 5:00 PM**



Dinner includes Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans or mixed vegetables, rolls, and dessert. Coffee and tea available.

Other beverages can be purchased at the bar.

Dine in or take out.

Adults \$16 – Children 12 and younger \$8

On-duty WHPD and WHFD dine free.

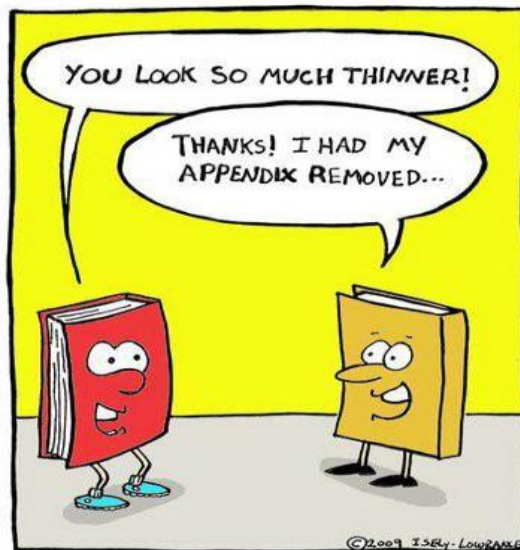
Reservations required. Call Jes at 440-479-6653 by Sept 25TH.

29412 White Rd, Willoughby Hills, OH 44092

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.



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!

