



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

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### **MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT**

I wanted to share some great news with everyone this Friday. First, a special honor for two members of our Police Department and then exciting news for the redevelopment of The Shoppes of Willoughby Hills.

The Lake County Chiefs of Police present the Life Saving Award to police officers from Lake County who have performed an act in the line of duty that, through disregard of personal safety or prompt and alert action, resulted in saving a life, or a valiant effort to that end. I want to congratulate Sergeant Shannon Vachet and Officer R.J. Harmon from our Police Department as well as Officer Nick Merrifield from the Wickliffe Police Department who received Life Saving Awards last night. Sgt. Vachet and Officers Harmon and Merrifield were nominated for the award by Police Chief Naegele for their efforts to save the life of a suicidal individual last July here in Willoughby Hills. We are very fortunate to have Sgt. Vachet and Officer Harmon serving our community and, once again, are fortunate to benefit from the assistance of our neighboring departments, as was the case with Officer Merrifield providing mutual aid in this critical situation.

Last night, the City's Planning Commission gave conditional approval to plans for the re-development of the former Marc's/LaSalle Furniture building at the Shoppes of Willoughby Hills. Plans can be found on the City's website, or by clicking [here](#). This re-development will include up to four new national retailers including Burlington (f/k/a Burlington Coat Factory), Ross Dress for Less and five Below. These stores will join Sheetz to bring exciting new shopping opportunities to the West end of our City. A potential fourth retailer is anticipated to join this line up and will likely be presented at a future Planning Commission meeting. Other potential tenants of the buildings and parcels along Chardon Road in the area may also be presented at a future Planning Commission Meeting. Congratulations and thanks to Shoppes of Willoughby Hills owner J. Scott Scheel and his team, including former City Council President Ray Somich, for their vision to reinvigorate the corner of Chardon and Bishop Roads. Thanks also to City Engineer Pete DiFranco and Asst. Law Director Tom Lobe for their work on behalf of the City to assist to ownership team as this project gets started.

Don't forget the Fall Craft Show tomorrow from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and the Classic 5K on Sunday!

## **CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **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**

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

3:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

BZA MEETING—CANCELED

8:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

DEER PERMITTING NIGHT (see page 3 for details)

6:00 P.M.—City Hall

### **Thursday, October 12, 2023**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

### **Saturday, October 14, 2023**

ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

### **Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

SENIOR LUNCHEON

11:30 A.M.—O’Ryan Room

### **Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

TRIVIA NIGHT

7:00 P.M.—O’Ryan Room



On October 5, 2023, law enforcement officials began issuing citations for violations of Ohio's distracted driving law, which took effect on April 4, 2023.

With limited exceptions, anything that involves using, holding, or supporting a device while driving is prohibited. This includes:

- Dialing a phone number
- Sending a text message
- Updating or browsing social media
- Video calls
- Browsing the internet
- Watching videos
- Playing games, and
- Recording or streaming videos

Drivers over the age of 18 can make or receive calls using hands-free devices. Drivers under the age of 18 are still restricted from using devices in any way, including using hands-free features. The law includes limited exceptions for first responders, utility workers, and drivers holding a phone to their ear for phone conversations if the call is started or stopped with a single touch or swipe.

Full details on exceptions, enforcement, and penalties can be found [here](#).

### **Deer Management Update:**

On September 28th Council adopted [Ordinance 2023-041](#) which allows white-tailed deer archery hunting within the City. **This ordinance will go into effect on October 28th, meaning no hunting will be allowed until that date.**

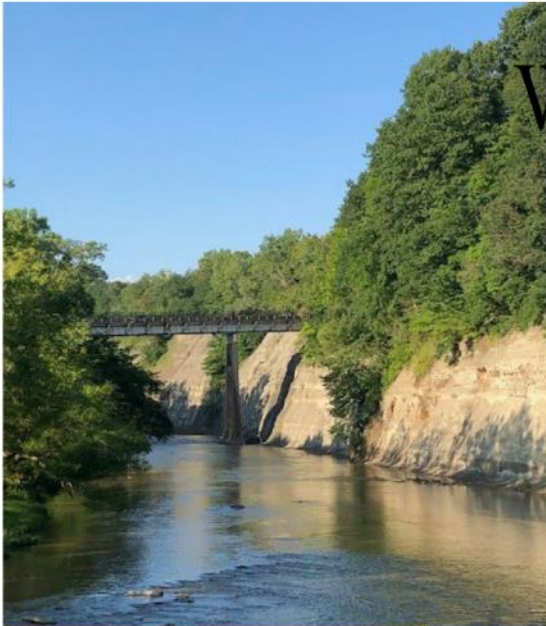
Permit packets will be available on the City's website Monday, October 9th. There will also be a deer permitting evening at City Hall on Tuesday night at 6:00PM where packets will be available (including hunting and retrieving forms) and a proficiency test can be taken. Completed packets can also be turned in that night.

Officer training day was Tuesday! Traffic stops factor prominently in our agency's recurrent training scenarios. Traffic stops are one of the most common activities for law enforcement officers on patrol. They are the epitome of proactive, self-initiated policing. They are also, however, sometimes extremely dangerous. Officers can be struck by passing vehicles, dragged by a vehicle fleeing the stop, assaulted physically either with personal weapons (fists and feet) or by weapons up to and including firearms. So today, our in-house instructors put officers through the paces of high-risk stops, defensive tactics and varying scenarios to sharpen our officers' skills.





# 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 (registration) / 9:00 AM (5K begins)  
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

# SENIOR ROOM ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

**OCTOBER 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>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	WH Craft Show 9am-3pm  PINOCHLE 6-9pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Classic Lexus 5K Walk/Run  Register at 8am Run/Walk at 9am	-Columbus Day!  YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm  Electronic Recycle Day 9am-noon (City Hall)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)	POTLUCK LUNCH 11:30am-1pm  SENIOR TRIVIA O'Ryan Room 7pm	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon  PODIATRIST (By Appt.) 10am Quilt Guild Mtg. 7pm	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm  Halloween Party!	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)  COMMUNITY QUILTS 10am-2pm		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
29	30	31				
	(No yoga)  SACERICH SEWS 12PM-3PM (private)	Halloween! Be safe!				



## 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](mailto: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.



# 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





## ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY



# 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)



The City has contracted with [GreenBoard IT](#) to provide an electronics recycling day for our residents on **October 14th from 9:00am—noon at City Hall**. GreenBoard IT accepts the following material free of charge. However, please inquire if you have questions about specific items.

### Material Accepted Free of Charge:

PCs	Unused Printer Cartridges/Toner	Tablets
Laptops	Cell Phones	Game Consoles/Access.
Phones	Stereos	Paper Shredders
Cameras	VCR/DVD Players	Mice
Scanners	Routers	Speakers
Hard Drives	MP3 Players	Networking Equip.
Servers	Keyboards	UPS

The following items are accepted **with charge to the resident**. Final weights and counts will be provided with a cost for the items being collected (cash or credit card only please!):

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Printers	\$10.00 per unit
TVs	\$20.00 per unit
Hard Drive Shredding	\$4.00 per drive

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

# 2023 Willoughby Hills Recreation Photo Contest

PHOTOS DUE: November 4 | RECEPTION: November 10

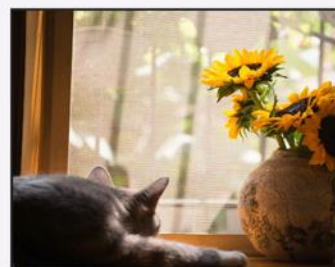
## 2023 CATEGORIES:

- **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-EASTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

## **Wednesday, October 11**

Willowick Senior Center, 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
321 E. 314th Street, Willowick

School of Innovation, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
32500 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills

## **Wednesday, October 18**

Grant Elementary, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
2838 Lost Nation Road, Willoughby

## **Wednesday, October 25**

Willoughby Middle School, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
5000 Shankland Road, Willoughby

## **Wednesday, November 1**

Willoughby Public Library, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
30 Public Square, Willoughby

## **Wednesday, November 8**

Willowick Public Library, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
263 E 305th Street, Willowick

Edison Elementary, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
5288 Karen Isle Drive, Willoughby

## **Wednesday, November 15**

Willoughby Senior Center, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
36939 Ridge Road, Willoughby

**Community members may attend  
any Coffee Talks location.**



## JOIN US!

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

- ☒ Discuss issues that matter to you
- ☒ Share your ideas and suggestions

## NEW LOCATIONS AND TIMES!

## QUESTIONS?

[pr@weschools.org](mailto:pr@weschools.org)

#MyChoiceWilloughbyEastlake





**Be sure to check out this month's programs at  
the North Chagrin Nature Center:**



**October 7**  
10am-12pm

[Birds and Coffee](#): Brush up on your bird identification skills and enjoy a cup of hot coffee as we watch the woodpeckers, chickadees and other birds at our feeding station. Meet at the Nature Education Building behind the nature center.

**October 7**  
6:30-8:30pm

[Curiosities at the Castle](#): Drop by for this lantern-lit walk around and inside the iconic Squire's Castle. We will learn about some misunderstood animals, roast marshmallows, and get a closer look at some creepy creatures of the night. Bones, taxidermy, and all things curious lay in wait for you on this eerie autumn evening. Costumes encouraged.

**October 8**  
2-4pm

[STEM Sunday](#): Drop by during the listed hours and discover how local wildlife can be used to explore the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. Fun, free, and family-friendly activities will immerse you in the amazing world of STEM education.

**October 13**  
10am-2pm

[No-School Nature Day](#): Take a fresh-air break on your day off of school! Join us at the nature center for family-friendly activities.

**October 15**  
9-10am

[Bird Walk](#): A great opportunity for birders of all skill levels to enjoy the woods and wetlands around the nature center.

**October 19**  
2-6pm

[Drop-By—Afterschool Nature's Engineers](#): Drop by during the posted hours to learn about nature's engineers and try your hand at nature engineering challenges! This week we'll find inspiration from masters of camouflage and mimicry.

**October 20**  
6-7pm

[Evening with an Expert—Fungal Ecologist](#): Join us for an evening with Claudia Victoroff, a fungal ecologist, to learn about mycorrhizae and how fungi function in partnership with trees. She will also share results from her recent research on Beech Leaf Disease and introduce some upcoming studies. Refreshments provided.

Questions? Email [northchagrinncc@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:northchagrinncc@clevelandmetroparks.com)  
No registration required.

## **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.



A man walks into a pet store and asks for a dozen bees.  
The clerk carefully counts 13 bees onto the counter.

“That’s one too many!” says the customer.

The clerk replies, “It’s a freebie.”

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!**

