



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

Happy Friday Willoughby Hills,

This week Fire Chief Rob Gandee, Lt. Lou DiMattia and FF/PMs Steve Lucic and Zach Martin traveled to Spartan Fire & Emergency Apparatus in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to inspect our recently completed Fire Engine. Chief, Lou, Steve and Zach reported that the Engine passed inspection (pictures on page 4). The new Engine will now be sent to our Fire Equipment Dealer, Johnson Fire Equipment Solutions in Wellston, Ohio, where equipment shelves and racking as well as identification decals will be installed on the Engine. Following that, the Engine will be delivered to the City where our Fire Department will train operating the new engine, install and transfer the necessary equipment to the Engine for operations in the City and then, place the Engine in service. As you may recall, this engine was ordered in March of last year after the Fire Department worked with Spartan and Johnson to design the engine to meet the needs of our City. The Engine features a stainless steel and galvanized steel undercarriage and fuel tank to be more resistant to corrosion, a 750 Gallon water tank to have sufficient water to fight car fires on the highway where hydrants are not accessible, a Lifepak unit and drug box for medical first responses, enough hose to connect the Engine to hydrants, even down our longest driveways, new state-of-the-art fans and scene lighting and set of new extrication tools to assist victims trapped as a result of motor vehicle accidents. In addition to Chief Gandee, Lt. DiMattia, FF/PM's Lucic and Martin, I would like to thank all of the members of our Fire Department for their assistance in this process, Finance Directors Frank Brichacek (retired) and Bruce Scott for their work in connection with the financing of the Engine and our teams at Spartan and Johnson for their hard work designing and building the Engine for our City. Of course, I also need to thank all of the members of City Council for their support of the Administration and the Fire Department in the financing and procurement of the Engine. It should serve all of us well for the next two decades. We will be holding a reception and traditional "Push-In and First Wash" ceremony when the Engine is placed in service. Details will be in future newsletters as we plan to place the Engine in service in mid-December.

Also in the Fire Department, Congratulations to FF/PM Bob Vencl on his promotion to Lieutenant where he takes the place of retired Lieutenant Patty Heller. Bob has been a full time member of the Department for almost 10 years. Bob is a member of the East Tech Technical Rescue Team, has been responsible for the Department's Turnout Gear program and has a passion for training new firefighters.

Don't Forget that our second Electronics Recycling Day for 2023 is tomorrow, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon in the City Hall Parking Lot. Please see the information flyer on Page 3 below for details. Most items are accepted free of charge, but there are charges for CRT Monitors and TVs (\$20 each) and Printers (\$10 each). Trivia Night in Willoughby Hills is next Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the O'Ryan Room. Our annual Kids Halloween Party is next Friday, October 20, 2023 starting at 6:00 PM at the Community Center. There will be games, candy, costume contest and hayrides, so lots of fun for kids of all ages! As always, the Recreation Commission is looking for your help. You can volunteer at the Party by going to this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA9AF29A1F9C34-willoughby4#/>

Thanks to Recreation Coordinator Diana Parker, the Recreation Commission including Laura O'Donnell, Kathy Sivo, Matt Grey, Lynn Hallum and Councilman Joe Jarmuskiewicz and our many volunteers including Dave & Denise Reichelt, Frank and Mary Cihula, Peggy Brady, Liz Miller, Nancy Davis, Gloria Majeski, Jennie Trobenter, Councilwoman Vicki Miller and Councilman Mike Kline for another great Craft Show last Saturday. We had great attendance and many happy customers taking home some wonderful items.

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, October 19, 2023

PC-ABR MEETING—CANCELED

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Friday, October 20, 2023

HALLOWEEN PARTY

6:00 P.M.—Community Center

Saturday, October 21, 2023

HACH-OTIS NATURE WALK

1:30 P.M.—Hach-Otis Parking Lot (no dogs, please)

Monday, October 23, 2023

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Thursday, October 26, 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSED

(Library—Open for Curbside Only)

9:00 A.M.—9:00 P.M.



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!

Below are a few pictures of the new Engine in it's final stages at the manufacturer.

This inspection visit was to review the apparatus and ensure it was built to specification and to create a punch list of items that needed completed, fixed, or changed. Next up is graphics and equipment mounting.



**Congratulations to Sergeant Shannon Vachet and Officer R.J. Harmon
for receiving the Life Saving Award
presented by the Lake County Chiefs of Police!**

This award is presented to officers for an act performed in the line of duty that, through disregard of personal safety or prompt and alert action, result in saving a life, or a valiant effort to that end. Sgt. Vachet, Ofc. Harmon, and Ofc. Merrifield (from the Wickliffe Police Department) received the award for their efforts to save the life of a suicidal individual on July 13, 2023 here in Willoughby Hills. Congratulations to these outstanding officers!



Congratulations to the Students of the Month at School of Innovation!

The Police Department tips their badge to:

Ivan Iammarino, Kaylee Furst, Gennifer LaGrange, Anthony Valent, Brady Blair, and Kevin Dong.
Each outstanding student was presented with a certificate of achievement and a Police Department challenge coin. Keep up the good work kids!



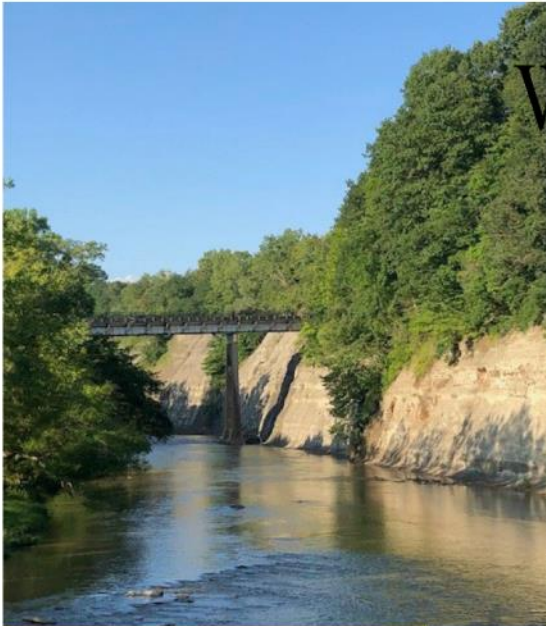
Fall Craft Show 2023

Thank you to all of the vendors who participated and to all who attended the City's Fall Craft Show on Saturday. We appreciate your support and hope to see you again next year!

Special thanks to our volunteers: Councilwoman Vicki Miller, Council Vice President Mike Kline, Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz, and Mayor Gardner; Recreation Commission members Laura O'Donnell, Kathy Sivo, Matt Grey and Lynn Hallum; Dave & Denise Reichelt, Gloria Majeski, Mary & Frank Cihula, Nancy Davis & Peggy Brady, Liz Miller and the always positive, Jennie Trobenter. Your generous time and effort is very much appreciated. Thanks also to Recreation Coordinator, Diana Parker and monitors: Genevieve, Rhianna, Brian and Nick. And lastly, thank you to the Willoughby Hills Quilt Guild for donating a tree skirt for the door prize/raffle game that was made by their very talented members.



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 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

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Winterfest
5:00 PM
Willoughby Hills Fire Station

December 9, 2023

Breakfast with Santa
9:00 AM
Community Center

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 – OCTOBER 13, 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.

Senior Potluck Luncheon

The Senior Potluck Luncheon is set for Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. Our speaker will be a representative from Willoughby Hills Police Department who will be explaining the speed cameras and license plate cameras in our city. There has been a lot of wrong information being circulated about what they do and who will be ticketed. Police Chief Naegele did an excellent job at the recent District Meeting to explain the cameras and having him (or his Department Representative) come in to explain it to the seniors seemed like a great thing to do. Come and enjoy his presentation. Our main entrée will be chicken salad croissants...please bring a dish to share. Thank you! See you there!

Senior Trivia Night

Don't forget that you are always welcome to attend Senior Trivia Night. The next one is set for Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm in the O'Ryan Room at the WH Community Center.

NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

In the last Senior Newsletter, we reported about Mary Kleinhenz and referred to her late husband as Bill Kleinhenz. Thanks to one of our great Willoughby Hills historians (Pete Mortenson), we need to correct that by stating that it was Mary's **brother, Leo**, who ran the store and it was truly more than a GE TV Repair Shop. The shop was chosen to be a **GE Franchise** and distributed many appliances from that location to our community and beyond. Thanks, Pete, for that correction and interested Willoughby Hills history!

SENIOR RESIDENT NEWS...

Bet our fellow senior resident, Dr. Steve Atkins is proud of his daughter Danielle Atkins who was recently recognized as a Commended Student in the 69th National Merit Scholarship Program. A Laurel School student, Danielle's achievement makes her among the top 50,000 scorers in the country! Congratulate Steve (& Danielle) when you see them!



EVENT RECAPS

Thanks to everyone who came out for Sunday's **Classic 5K Walk and Run**. There were over 80 participants and all proceeds benefitted St. Noel Food Pantry and Velosano Cancer Research. Willoughby Hills' businesses, including Mario Fazio's Restaurant, Milestone Athletic Club and Cleveland Veterinary Rehab (CVR) were on hand to showcase their fine businesses. Thanks to all for a fun and successful event. In 2024, the 5K will recognize its 10th year. Planning is already underway to make it a true tribute to great decade. (photos below are from the medal presentations with Mayor Gardner & Classic General Mgr. Matt Dietz).



"Meet the Candidates for Willoughby Hills Mayor & Council and W-E School Board Members Night" was a great event which provided our residents the opportunity to meet the candidates on the November ballot. Thanks to the Lake County League of Women Voters for hosting the event.



Don't forget to put this fun community event on your calendar:

- 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. You will be able to watch the game on the big screen and have a delicious football-style meal prepared by St. Noel Banquet Center. Plenty of delicious treats available during the game and some fun games will be held as the Browns take on the Indianapolis Colts. Go Browns! Call 440-946-0887 to reserve your ticket/table now!

**I don't wanna party
like it's 1999..... I
wanna go grocery
shopping like it's
1999.**

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

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!				



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



Questions? Email northchagrinncc@clevelandmetroparks.com
No registration required.

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.

Thank you to all who sponsored and joined in on the Classic 5K last Sunday!

A great time was had by all!



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.

2023 Willoughby Hills Recreation Photo Contest

PHOTOS DUE: November 4 | RECEPTION: November 10

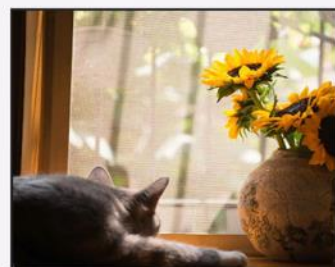
2023 CATEGORIES:

- **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

#MyChoiceWilloughbyEastlake

WATCH PARTY FUNDRAISER

Join your fellow parishioners and invite family and friends for a parish fundraising event!

Sun., October 22 • 1 PM KICKOFF

BROWNS V. COLTS

Join us in the Banquet Center following the 11 AM Mass and enjoy game day food and beverage!

Adults • \$25

Children ages 6-12 • \$10
(children under 6 • free)

Reserve a table for 8 for \$200

RSVP and pay in advance here:
[https://stnoel.breezechms.com/
form/68d4b1](https://stnoel.breezechms.com/form/68d4b1)

(or call the parish office)

WILLOUGHBY HILLS POLICE

Help fight hunger.

Fill a cruiser.

one can make a difference

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DRIVE

NOVEMBER 18 | 10AM-2PM

Drop off Location: Marc's 27505 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills

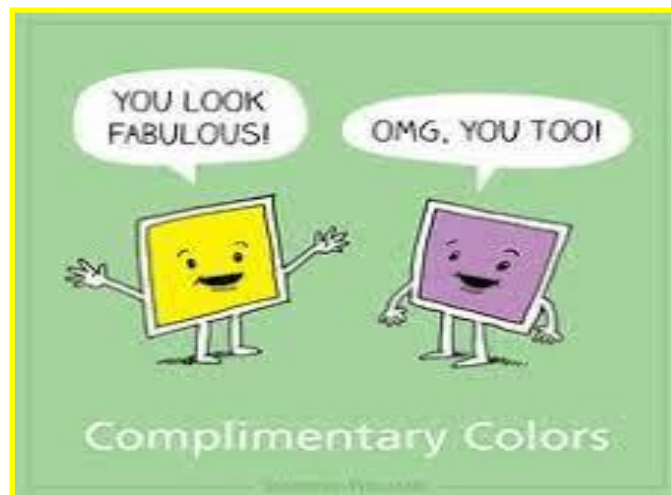
COMMUNITY PARTNERS:



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 are available on the City's website as well as in the lobby of City Hall. Completed packets can also be turned in to the Police Department. **There will be a \$25 fee for every permit issued.**



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!

