



## **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.

I hope to see many of you at the City's Halloween Party at the Community Center tonight and the Hach-Otis Nature walk on Saturday afternoon. The Halloween Party will feature games, hayrides, snacks, music, and costume and coloring contests. We start at 6:00 PM and will wrap-up at 8:00 PM. Additional details are available later in this newsletter.

Saturday's Nature Walk at Hach-Otis will start at 1:30 PM. Please park in the lot at the end of Skyline Drive. John and Carol Lillich will lead a fall walk through this beautiful property featuring stunning views of the Chagrin Valley. John will offer his insights into the flora and fauna that can be found at Hach-Otis after decades as its caretaker. Please dress for the weather and note that this event is not suitable for pets.

Thanks to everyone that dropped off electronics for recycling last week. We had 75 cars drop off almost a full truck-load of materials that will be recycled. Thanks to our partners at Greenboard IT for offering this service.

Thanks to everyone that turned out for Trivia Night in Willoughby Hills last Tuesday evening. We had 11 teams competing and were honored to have Phil and Art from The Mind Challenge attend and play along. Thanks to Councilman Mike Kline, Councilman Chris Hallum and Councilwoman Vicki Miller (as well as Dennis and Mary from Kirtland) for being my teammates in our second elected officials challenge. Special thanks also to Sandy Falck and Dave Reichelt for preparing the questions and acting as hosts for the evening. The last Trivia Night in Willoughby Hills for 2023 will be at 7:00 PM on November 21, 2023 in the O'Ryan Room. We will take December off, but plan to be back for more Trivia Nights in January of 2024!

Keep taking photos for the 2023 Photo Contest. Photos will be due on November 4, 2023 and our annual reception and awards ceremony will be on November 10, 2023. Details to follow in future editions of the Newsletter.

Don't forget that our final shred day for the year will be from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon on November 4th in the City Hall Parking Lot. Start gathering your papers now!

Leaf Pick-up begins soon and will continue until at least late November. PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND DRIVE CAREFULLY WHEN YOU SEE OUR LEAF CREWS AND GIVE THEM PLENTY OF SPACE TO WORK AS YOU APPROACH AND PASS. Leaves only (no sticks or lawn clippings, which jam the vacuums) should be raked to within 8' of the road for pickup.

## **CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **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.

### **Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

### **Thursday, November 2, 2023**

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

### **Saturday, November 4, 2023**

PAPER SHRED DAY

9:00 A.M.—Noon—City Hall Parking Lot

### **Monday, November 6, 2023**

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

ELECTION DAY

Polls Open from 6:30 A.M.—7:30 P.M.

## City Leaf Pickup

The City's Service Department will begin their leaf pickup this Monday, October 23rd, and will continue to pickup until the first heavy snowfall. Please note the following:

- Keep leaves within 8 feet of the road.
- Do not block the ditch.
- **Leaves only** (no grass, twigs, or branches).
- **Please slow down** when you see our Leaf Crew out and pass with caution.



The Service Department would like to remind residents that snow plow season is coming up quickly and it's a perfect time to check that mailboxes are secure and not rotted. The City will not be fixing mailboxes unless the plow strikes them. Plow shields are recommended.

## 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.**

Cooler weather means the return of the space heater. Make sure to follow the NFPA's tips and recommendations below before plugging in this winter.

# Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

## HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

## Types of electric space heaters

### Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

### Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

### Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

### Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

## Fact

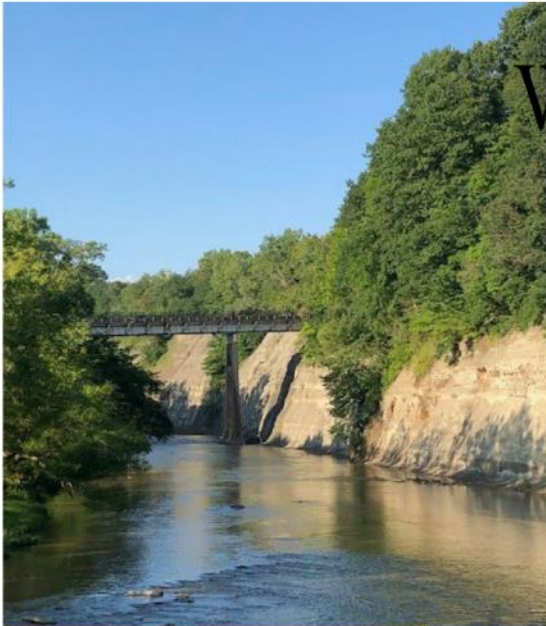
Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.



**NATIONAL FIRE  
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource  
on fire, electrical and related hazards



# 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.





**November 4, 2023**

**9:00 AM—Noon**

**City Hall Parking Lot**

A huge THANK YOU goes out to the GreenBoardIT staff (Wiley, Mike, Nick, and Nathan), Mayor Gardner, Councilman Kline, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman Taylor Draper, our Service Department, and our residents for another successful Electronic Recycle Day last Saturday. Even with the questionable weather we greeted 75 cars and were able to collect enough to nearly fill the GreenBoardIT truck - and not landfills!





## **UPCOMING CITY EVENTS:**



### **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

### **December 18th—21st (rain date 12/22)**

Santa (& Grinch!) Parade

\* = Flyer can be found in e-newsletter.



## 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 20, 2023

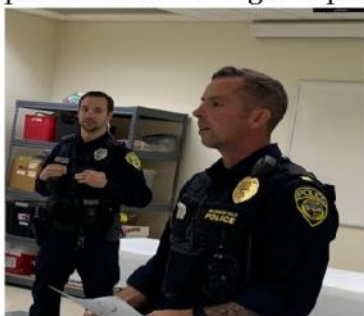
Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. is happy to provide this newsletter to you as a way to stay engaged in senior activities in our community.

Interested in being on the Senior Board? Send us an email to [WilloughbyHillsSeniors@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov). Fee is \$7 for one member, or \$10 for a couple.

#### Senior Potluck Luncheon Recap

The Senior Potluck Luncheon was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. Our speakers were Police Captain Greg Leonbruno and Police Officer Sal Continenza who educated our group on the speed cameras in our City. It was a great presentation, which also included a reminder of the PD Food Drive at Marc's in Willoughby Hills on Saturday, November 18 from 10am-2pm. Thanks for a great presentation and coming out to our luncheon!



#### HAPPY 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS LIBRARY!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023!

To celebrate this joyous occasion, the library will be hosting a few fun events at the library:  
1:00-3:00 pm Antique Appraisals program with Jason Adams (bring your heirloom/collectible to be appraised – one item per person, no firearms or swords); register at:

<https://bit.ly/3EYuyjO>

Anniversary Open House 6:00-7:30 pm during which time the Tiny Art Reception, along with a Hocus Pocus Magic Show, will be held. Come join the fun!



### SENIOR RESIDENT NEWS...

Sympathy to the family and friends of Carol Lester of Maplegrove Road who passed away last week. Carol had been the Office Manager at St. Noel Church for many years and was well-known to many Willoughby Hills residents. Please keep her husband Larry and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Laura Gorjanc Pizmoht of Pleasant Valley Road who also passed away last week. Laura served as a Councilwoman for the City of Willoughby Hills and was also well-known to many Willoughby Hills residents. Please keep her husband Michael and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations on 50 years of marriage to Linda and Bob Sacerich! What a great milestone to two great individuals. Congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years together.

### THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!!

With the holidays coming quickly, please start thinking about a few seniors who could use a little "pick me up" by way of a little basket of goodies from our group. Please email any suggested names to Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. at: [willoughbyhillsseniors@yahoo.com](mailto:willoughbyhillsseniors@yahoo.com). Thank you!

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!

### Is the Taylor Swift & Kelce Thing Going Too Far???



Have a good week! Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. Board Members  
(Mary Cihula, Laurie Feltham & Gloria Majeski)

Email: [WilloughbyHillsSeniors@yahoo.com](mailto: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!				



### **Election Day Information**

Don't forget - Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th. Polls are open from 6:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M. Be sure to check out [VoteOhio.gov](https://VoteOhio.gov) beforehand and "know before you go!" This site was created by the Ohio Secretary of State's office and is a wonderful resource for all things election-related - including ballot language, explanation, arguments for and against, and the full text of the statewide issues.



Please join the Willoughby Hills Veterans Memorial Commission &  
VFW Post #4358

## **Veterans Day Ceremony Saturday, November 11, 2023**

**11:00 A.M.**

**Willoughby Hills Community Center's O'Ryan Room**

Everyone is invited to the VFW Post Home for an open house immediately after the ceremony. A light lunch and refreshments will be served. The Home is located at 29412 White Road, just a short distance west of Rockefeller Road.

## 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.



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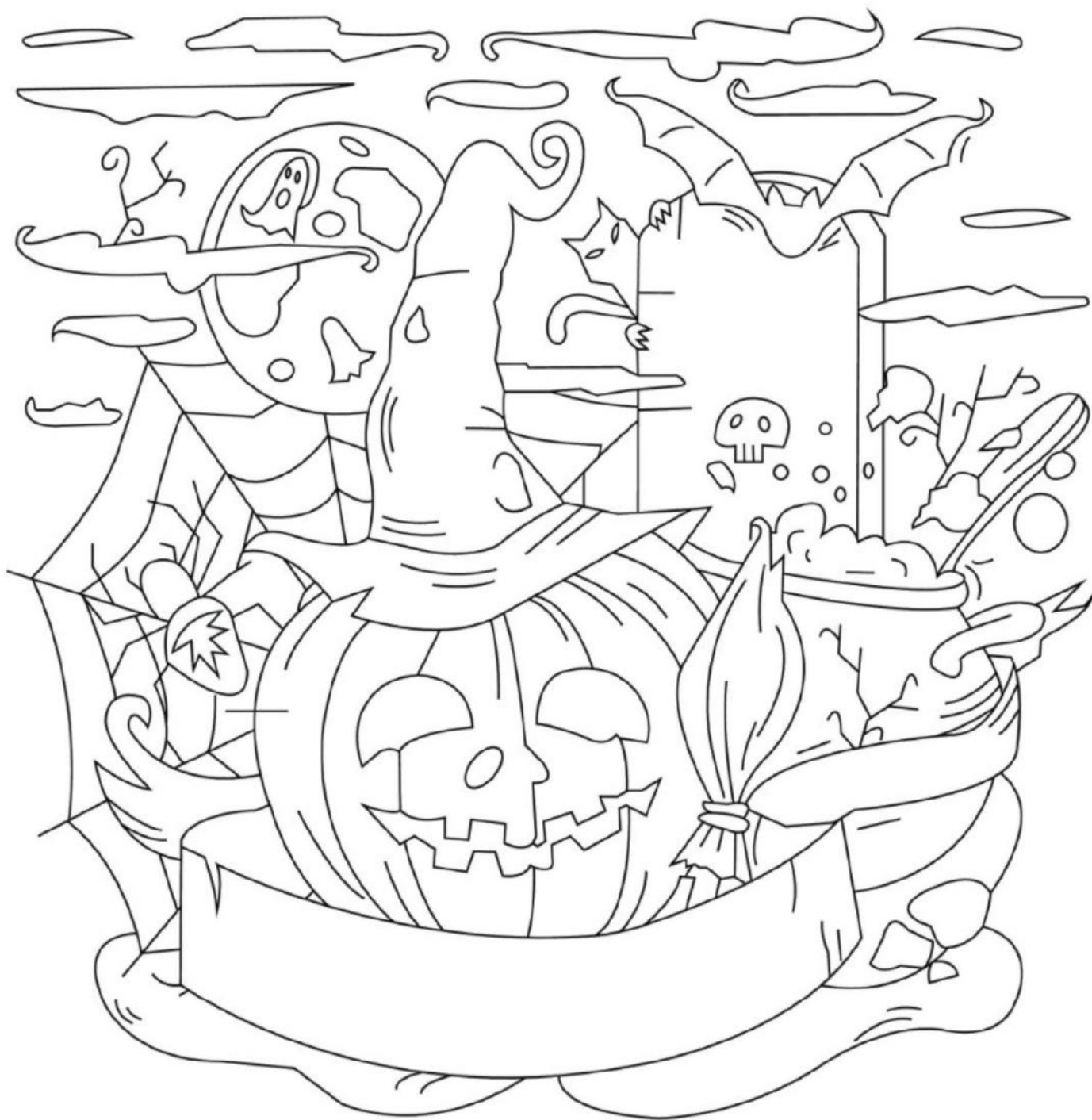
Candy, games, snacks, a costume contest & haunted hay ride

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*Hope you can join us for a SPOOKTACULAR event!*



Willoughby Hills Halloween Coloring Contest  
• For ages 12 and under • Color and/or decorate this page.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Turn in your artwork at the Halloween party (by 7PM) or drop off at the Community Center (box at welcome table). We will announce the winners at 7:30PM during the Halloween party on October 20 .  
(If you are unable to attend, we will phone the winners; one prize will be given per age group)

## WILLOUGHBY HILLS LIBRARY 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25



**PROGRAMS, REFRESHMENTS, AN ART RECEPTION, AND MORE!**



Our Willoughby Hills Library turns 20 on October 25! To celebrate, we are hosting programs throughout the day. We hope you can stop by and join in the fun!

### **Antique Appraisals with Jason Adams, 1 – 3 pm**

Bring in your heirloom/collectible to be appraised by antique and jewelry expert Jason Adams. Limit one item per person (no swords or firearms).

Register: <https://bit.ly/3EYuvjO>

### **Hocus Pocus Magic Show: Magic, Mystery, & The Mind, 6 pm**

During this Halloween-style magic show, magician Chris Woodman will perform tricks that are fun, mysterious, and a little bit spooky! Registration is not required. All are welcome. NOTE: This magic show is not a regular sit-down show. The magician will be walking around during our open house/art reception and perform close-up magic tricks. Registration recommended:

Register: <https://bit.ly/46AanjG>

### **Tiny Art Reception: 6 – 7:30 pm**

We will be revealing the tiny masterpieces created by participants of the Tiny Art Show program. Attendees will also be voting for the “Crowd Favorite” artwork. Registration is not required.

Register: <https://bit.ly/48zOlzr>

# 2023 Willoughby Hills Recreation Photo Contest

PHOTOS DUE: November 4 | RECEPTION: November 10

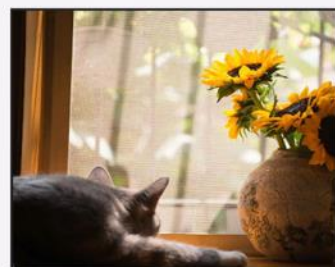
## 2023 CATEGORIES:

- **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



# 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*

**F**   **D**  
**DRIVE**

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**NOVEMBER 18 | 10AM-2PM**

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

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS:





**Calling all local businesses!**



Are you a Willoughby Hills Business Owner? Do you know of a WH Business who would like their information added to a 2024 City Directory? We are in the process of compiling a list of our local businesses into one directory for distribution to our e-newsletter subscribers in early 2024.

We appreciate our Willoughby Hills businesses and want our residents to appreciate them just as much by supporting local! If you'd like to be included in the directory, please fill out [this form](#) and return by December 16, 2023. Thank you!

If you ever get cold,  
just stand in a corner  
for a bit.  
They're usually  
around 90 degrees.

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!**

