



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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

NEWSLETTER@WILLOUGHBYHILLS-OH.GOV

MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

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 at noon for an open house where a light lunch and refreshments will be served. The Home is located at 29412 White Road, just a short distance west of Rockefeller Road.



Also, don't forget the City's Annual Photo Contest will be this Friday, November 10th, from 7pm-8:30pm at the Community Center. Stop by to meet the entrants, hear the winners of each category, and admire all of the amazing photos that have been submitted.

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, November 10, 2023

CITY HALL CLOSED

Friday, November 10, 2023

PHOTO CONTEST RECEPTION

Saturday, November 11, 2023

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

11:00 A.M.—Community Center

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

BZA MEETING—CANCELED

8:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Thursday, November 16, 2023

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Saturday, November 18, 2023

WHPD & MARC'S FOOD DRIVE

10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.—Marc's (27505 Chardon Road)

Monday, November 20, 2023

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING—Canceled

6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

TRIVIA NIGHT

7:00 P.M.—Community Center (O'Ryan Room)

Thursday, November 23, 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING—Canceled

Thursday, November 23, 2023

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

CITY HALL IS CLOSED

IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

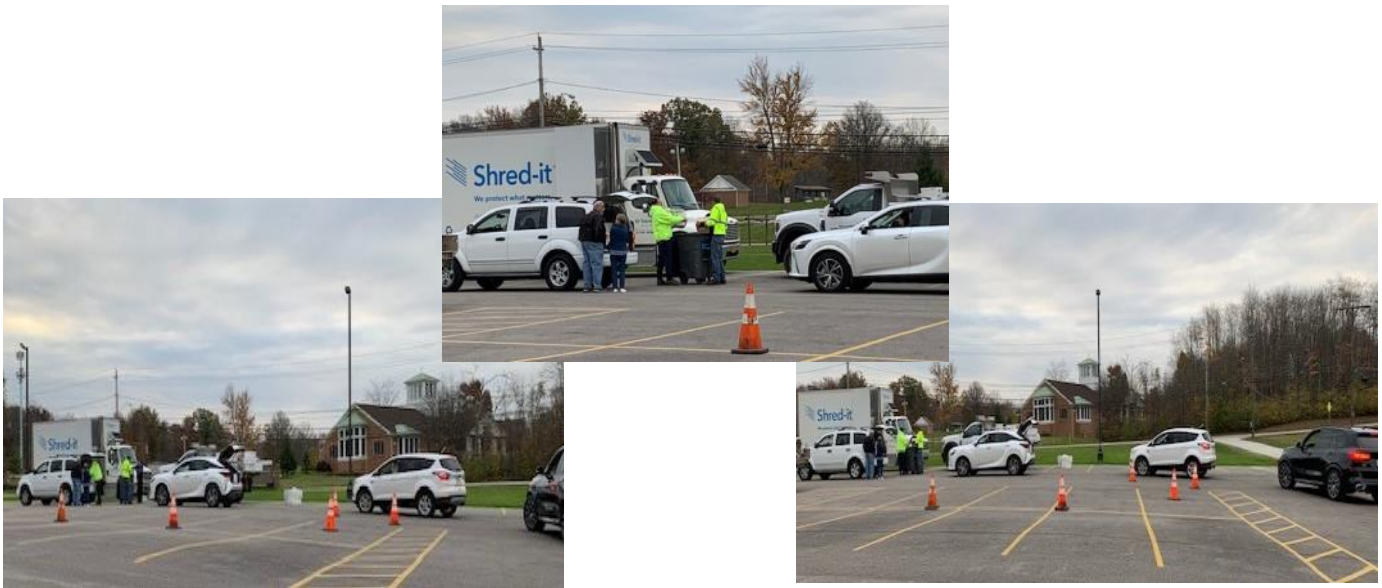
Friday, November 24, 2023

CITY HALL IS CLOSED

IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who came out and took advantage of last Saturday's Shred Day—a total of 110 cars!



Thank you to all who exercised their right to vote on Tuesday - and thank you to all of the candidates who took a chance and threw their hats into the ring.

Congratulations!

Chris Hallum, Mayor

Mike Kline, District 1

Tanya Taylor Draper, District 2

Kathy Sivo, District 3

Vicki Miller, Council-at-Large IV

City Leaf Pickup

The City's Service Department has begun leaf pickup 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.



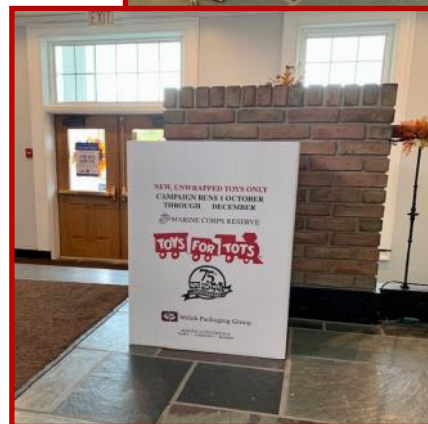
The Service Department would like to remind residents that snow plow season is coming up quickly and it's a perfect time to check that mailboxes are secure and not rotted. The City will not be fixing mailboxes unless the plow strikes them. Plow shields are recommended.



Be sure to stop by City Hall as the Fire Department kicks off their annual Toys for Tots campaign!

To donate, purchase a new, unwrapped toy for a child between the ages of newborn and 16. Then bring it one of the two boxes in City Hall—OR bring it with you to Winterfest on Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00pm.

Thank you!





UPCOMING CITY EVENTS:



Friday, November 10, 2023

11/10: Photo Contest Reception

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*

5:00-6:30 PM

Willoughby Hills Fire Station

December 9, 2023

Breakfast with Santa (details coming soon!)

8:30 AM

Community Center

December 15-17, 2023

Judging of Holiday Lights Contest (details coming soon!)

December 18th—21st (rain date 12/22)

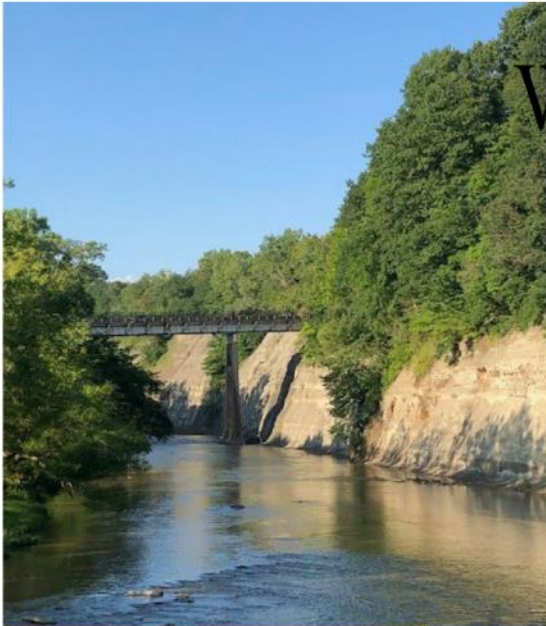
Santa (& Grinch!) Parade

- = Flyer can be found in e-newsletter.

RECREATION 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 MusicFest. Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of the Commission can fill out [this application](#) and deliver it to City Hall.

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.

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 – NOVEMBER 10, 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!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SENIOR CENTER DUES FOR 2024: We have applied for Lake County Senior Tax Levy funding which could provide for the myseniorcenter.com software, providing each member with a key fob for access to the Senior Room. We will send the dues applications out **in 2024** rather than before year end to allow for the new system for each member. We will keep you posted on this new membership amenity.

SHOUT OUT TO OUR VETERANS!

Many of our seniors have the distinction of being veterans. Let us take this opportunity to thank you for your sacrifices, your valor, and for protecting and defending our rights. Thank you for your courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe. May you know how much you are appreciated as we celebrate Veterans' Day on Saturday, November 11.



HOLIDAY REMINDERS:

THERE WILL BE NO SENIOR POTLUCK ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21. The holiday luncheon is set for **Tuesday, December 19** at 11:30. Our next **Senior Newsletter** is slated for **Friday, December 1, 2023**. Please enjoy your Thanksgiving with your family and friends!

RESIDENT NEWS...

Sympathy to the Bill & Mary Rainey family on the passing of Bill's father who passed away this week. Also, please keep the family of Carolyn Patton in your thoughts and prayers. Carolyn passed away this week. She was a long-time resident who served as the Secretary of the City's Civil Service Commission for many years. She also played "Mrs. Claus" at many of our City events. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER...

Congratulations to the individuals who were victorious in this week's election, including Chris Hallum, Mike Kline, Tanya Taylor Draper, Vicki Miller and Kathy Sivo. We look forward to continued support for our seniors from these City leaders. Also, thanks to the individuals who bravely challenged these individuals including Virginia "Jenna" Bing, Scott Kordos, Amy Frato Wright and Peter Pike. We appreciate the time and effort spent to advocate for our City leadership, including the needs of our seniors.

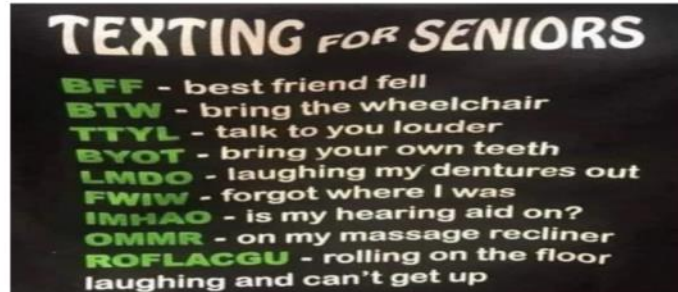
WHPD "FILLING A CRUISER" - SATURDAY, NOV. 18- HELPFUL HINTS:

If you plan to support this upcoming City event, here is a little list of great hints that a senior shared at our last potluck:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac & Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular Food Banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure...kids use it with the plentiful cereal they receive.
3. Tea bags & coffee make them feel like you care.
4. Sugar and flour are treats.
5. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers & grocery stores.
6. They rarely get fresh meat.
7. Add a can opener or buy pop tops when considering canned veggies/soup.
8. Tuna & crackers make a good lunch.
9. Eggs, butter and milk are a real commodity.
10. Cake mix/frosting make it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
11. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive & is always appreciated.
12. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
13. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

If you are helping a family this Christmas or donating to the PD event, maybe this can help! Thank you for supporting WHPD and St. Noel Food Pantry.

LEAVING YOU WITH THESE FEW SENIOR THOUGHTS....



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 NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 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
			BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm Paper Shred Day 9am-noon (City Hall)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Change Clocks Back One Hour for Daylight Savings Time!	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)	Election Day! Remember to Vote!	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon PODIATRIST (By Appt.) 10am	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm WH Photo Contest reception	Veteran's Day Holiday! Veteran's Day Ceremony 11am (O'Ryan Room) PINOCHLE 6-9pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room) COMMUNITY QUILTS 10am-2pm		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon Quilt Guild Mtg. 7pm	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)	NO POTLUCK LUNCH TODAY! SENIOR TRIVIA 7pm (O'Ryan Room)	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	Thanksgiving Holiday!	Community Center Building is Closed for Holiday	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
26	27	28	29	30		
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room) SACERICH SEWS 12PM-3PM (private)		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon		

OPPORTUNITIES

The City is seeking to fill the following positions:



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](#). Programs such as this don't happen without volunteers like you!

There is currently a need for volunteers for leaf raking assistance on November 12th (rain date November 19th). Please click [here](#) for more details and to volunteer your time!



Be sure to join Coffee Talk with Dr. Patrick Ward, Superintendent, for an opportunity to discuss issues that matter to you and share your ideas and suggestions.

The next session will be held on Wednesday, November 15, at the Willoughby Senior Center (36939 Ridge Road) from 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Community members may attend Coffee Talks location. Please email pr@weschools.org should you have any questions or for more information.

Second Annual

Senior Citizens' Night Out

Monday, December 4, 2023

4:00—6:00 P.M.

South High School Cafeteria

4900 Shankland Road, Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Free event is open to all area seniors, ages 65 and over.

The evening will feature band, drama, and choir performances as well as displays of student art and STEM projects.

Doors open at 4:00 P.M. Dinner will be served at 4:30 P.M. followed by student performances.

RSVP to Pam Clair, 440-975-3774 or pam.clair@weschools.org

BROWNS TAILGATE WATCH PARTY FUNDRAISER

Saint Noel's first watch party was a huge success! With 65 people in attendance, we raised \$3,072!

Join your fellow parishioners and invite family and friends for our second gathering!

Sun., Nov. 12 • 1 PM KICKOFF

BROWNS V. RAVENS

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/68d4b112>
(or call the parish office)

In honor of **Veteran's Day (Nov. 11)**, the committee would like to offer the opportunity to **Sponsor a Veteran** by covering their cost of admission.

Veterans may call the parish office to request to be sponsored:

(440) 946-0887

The committee will reach out to the local **VFW Post** to invite a number of veterans to use the donated admission cost!

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:



First Covenant Church Community Lunch Saturday, November 18th, 2023 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

**First Covenant Church
29400 Chardon Rd
Willoughby Hills, Oh 44092
440-943-3611**



Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.



Our Presenters:

**Ms. Barbara Jurgens, President
Ms. Donna Kautz, Vice President
Ms. Rayneen Tisovic**

Lake County Chapter

Ohio Horseman's Council is a group of fun folks who love to ride and get outdoors with their equine partners. The community lunch presentation will feature guests from the OHC presenting information on this great organization and how to ride or get together out on the trails.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12:30 PM

Menu: Seasonal Luncheon

All for only \$7.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

CALL Vicki Otto at 440-781-1555

Or Email: vlojo11301@me.com

Reserve before November 14th



SHARE A SLICE OF LIFE.

Give blood.



American
Red Cross



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

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

Thursday, November 30, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter
Sponsor Code: WilloughbyHills or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



Scan to be directed to
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Come give blood Nov. 10-30 for an exclusive pair of Elf
& Red Cross socks, while supplies last! Join us to
celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the film Elf and make
giving blood a holiday tradition! © & TM New Line
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Come see Santa & the lighting of Christmas Card Lane!

Willoughby Hills

WINTER FEST

**Sunday, December 3
5:00-6:30PM**

**at the Willoughby Hills Fire Station
(35455 Chardon Road)**

SANTA ❄️ SOUTH HS BAND ❄️ GAMES ❄️ SNACKS



TOY DRIVE: Bring an unwrapped toy to donate and receive a raffle ticket.

Help us stuff an ambulance with toys!



BE A PART OF CHRISTMAS CARD LANE!

Christmas is fast approaching and the City of Willoughby Hills is once again putting up their large Christmas card display called Christmas Card Lane. Residents, businesses and non-profits are welcome to provide a 4'x 8' card (on wood or vinyl) and will become part of our holiday display. Cards will be installed between November 20th and November 27th and will be illuminated until the New Year! All cards will be lit as part of the Winter Fest event on Sunday, December 3rd.

Click [here](#) for an application and more information!

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 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!

