



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!

I hope to see many of you tomorrow (Saturday, November 18th) at the Marc's Store in the Shoppes of Willoughby Hills for the Police Department's 3rd Annual Food Drive. Officers will be in front of Marc's between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. to fill a police cruiser (hopefully more than one cruiser) with food to help those in need this Holiday Season. All of the donations will be delivered to the St. Noel's Food Bank.

I am very grateful to Willoughby Hills VFW Post #4358, Boy Scout Troop #280, VFW Post Commander Dave Broadwater, Guest Speaker Pastor Joe Schillero from the New Promise Church in Kirtland, Master of Ceremonies Ray Somich and Soloist Bobby Leach for presenting our annual Veterans Day Ceremony last Saturday. As always, it was a great tribute honoring not only our Willoughby Hills veterans, but veterans everywhere. Thanks to everyone who attended and the VFW Post #4358 Auxiliary for hosting a reception at the Post Home afterwards.

Last Friday night, the City Recreation Commission hosted the 2023 Photo Contest Reception and Awards. We had 20+ entries this year. The winning photos from each category and the Mayor's Choice will be displayed in City Hall for all to see until December 2024. Thanks to all of our photographers, the Recreation Commission and our judges. Categories for next year's contest will be announced by the Recreation Commission early next year.

Please mark your calendars for the many holiday events that the City will be sponsoring between now and the end of the year. Registration for Breakfast with Santa has started (see the flyer later in this newsletter) and is filling up fast. We would welcome anyone that is interested in volunteering that morning. Click [here](#) to sign up if interested in helping out.

Our Annual Winterfest Toy Drive and the lighting of Christmas Card Lane will be December 3, 2023 from 5:00 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. in the Fire Station. Please bring some new toys to donate through the Toys for Tots program. Willoughby South's Holiday Band will perform and there will be snacks for the kids. Santa will also be there to visit with everyone. Later in this newsletter you'll find a flyer to participate in the Recreation Commission's Holiday Lights Contest. In our first December Newsletter, we will have details for the **2023 Holiday Parade of Lights featuring Santa and the Grinch.**

A reminder that the City requires all residential snow plowing contractors to register with the City's Service Department. Registration is \$25.00 for the contractor's first vehicle and \$5.00 for any additional vehicles operating in the City. As well as their contact information, contractors will need to provide proof of insurance and their customer list. Contractors will be provided with copies of City ordinances including requirements: (i) that plowed snow not be left in the streets or on any neighbor's property, (ii) that plowed snow not be so high that it obstructs or impairs the vision of pedestrians or motorists and (iii) that the plowed snow does not block access to any fire hydrants. Please call the Service Department at 440-918-8740 with any questions.

There will not be a newsletter next week as the City observes Thanksgiving. The Newsletter will be back on Friday, December 1, 2023. I hope that everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

CITY HALL IS CLOSED

IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 24, 2023

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IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

Sunday, December 3, 2023

WINTERFEST

5:00 P.M.—Fire Station

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Thursday, December 7, 2023

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Saturday, December 9, 2023

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

8:30 A.M.—Community Center

The WHPD's 3rd Annual FILL A CRUISER happens this Saturday at Marc's in Willoughby Hills. Be sure to stop up with your non-perishable food items that will be donated to the St. Noel's Food Pantry.

Let's see if we can beat last year's total of 1,279 pounds of food!

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:



Thank you to all who submitted photos for the **Photo Contest and
Congratulations to our Winners! Be sure to stop by the Community Center
to admire all of the photos on display!**

Mayor's Choice: Jenn Pietrondi

Go Green:

1st Place: Linda Kelley

2nd Place: Jenn Pietrondi

Windows & Glass:

1st Place: Linda Kelley

2nd Place: Martine Barbis

Working In Willoughby Hills:

1st Place: Martine Barbis

2nd Place: Anne Kline

Fundamentally Family:

1st Place: Linda Kelley

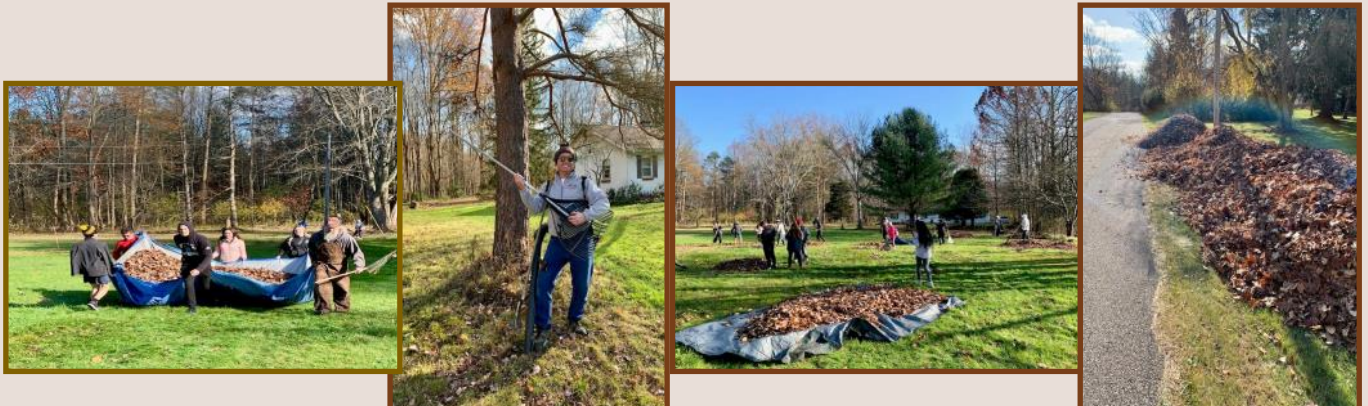
2nd Place: Jenn Pietrondi



Thank you to all who attended and to those who participated in the **Veterans Day Ceremony** last Saturday, including Ray Somich, VFW Post #4358 Commander Dave Broadwater, VFW Post #4358 Auxiliary, Boy Scout Troop 280, Pastor Joe Schillero, Soloist Bobby Leach, and Mayor Gardner. It was a wonderful tribute to all of those who have served and are serving our Country.



Thank you to all of our **W.H.I.S.P.E.R.** volunteers who came out on Sunday to rake yards, including Mike & Angela Adams, Mike Sivo, students from Willoughby South (Alannah, Alicia, Riley, Nicholas, Callista, Adam, Vivian, Tatiana, Maridyn, Daniel, JT, Ella, Luke, Grace, Ethan, Stacey, & Brian), Swim Coach Starkey, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman Taylor Draper, Councilwoman Sivo, Councilman Kline, Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz, and Fire Chief Gandee. Our volunteers had a great time while working hard to get the yards raked of three very grateful residents. The day chosen to perform the tasks was a gorgeous one and would've never happened without this wonderful group of people.



PRESCRIPTION DROP BOX:

Please note that our Police Department is no longer hosting a Prescription Drop Box in their lobby. For medication disposal, please visit the following locations:

CVS Pharmacy (in back near pharmacy)
6005 SOM Center Road
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Lake County General Health District
5966 Heisley Road
Mentor, Ohio 44060



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!



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.



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS:



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.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

Second Annual Senior Citizens' Night Out

4:00—6:00 P.M.

South High School Cafeteria

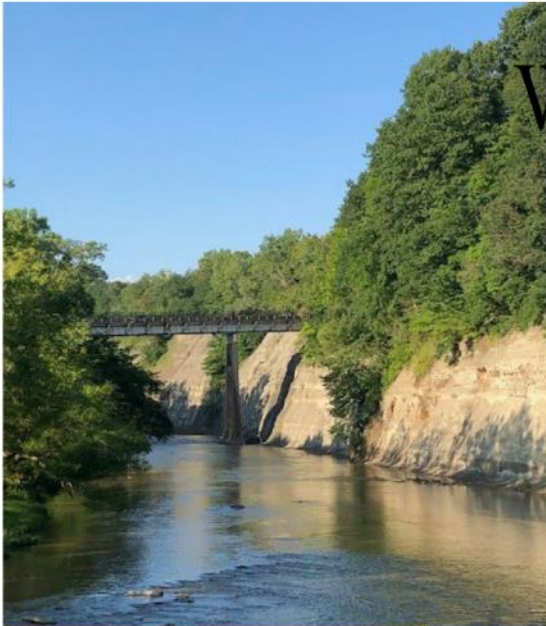
4900 Shankland Road, Willoughby, Ohio 44094

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

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

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.

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!

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.

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
RapidPass®



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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Scan to schedule
an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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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!

WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Breakfast with Santa & the Santa Shop

Saturday, December 9

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

at the Community Center (35400 Chardon Road)

Adults: \$7.00 | Children: \$5.00 (4 & under FREE) | Santa Shop Gifts: \$3.00 each (pay at event)

**RESERVATIONS
* REQUIRED ***



Call: (440) 975-3540 or Email: recreation@willoughbyhills-oh.gov

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & SANTA SHOP

Saturday, December 9 | 8:30AM-12:00PM
Willoughby Hills Community Center | 35400 Chardon Road

RESERVATION FORM

Name:	Phone:
Email:	

Number of Adults:		@ \$7.00 each	=	
Number of Children*:		@ \$5.00 each	=	
*4 and under are FREE				Amount Enclosed

Number of high chairs
needed:

Number of booster seats
needed:

Please return to: Willoughby Hills Recreation Department
35400 Chardon Rd
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094
(9AM-12PM | After hours: Safety box below window)



Please make check payable to: **City of Willoughby Hills**

RESERVATION TIME REQUESTS

Breakfast reservations are scheduled every 30 minutes from 8:30 - 11:30AM. Please list 3 different reservation times you would like in the order you prefer, and we will do our best to accommodate you:

1)	2)	3)
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Phone reservations will be accepted with a **credit card payment**, by calling:
(440) 975-3540. Monday through Friday 9AM – 12PM

Reservations due by **December 7.**

Santa Shop gifts \$3.00 each; paid at door.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

WILLOUGHBY HILLS RESIDENT ENTRY:

Name:	Phone:
Address:	
Email:	

☐ Individual Home ☐ Part of Neighborhood Spirit Entry

Nearest cross street:
Nominated by*:

**You can nominate your own home or business.*

WILLOUGHBY HILLS BUSINESS ENTRY:

Business Name & Contact:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

You can submit entries by either:

Email: recreation@willoughbyhills-oh.gov

Mail/Drop Off: Willoughby Hills Community Center
35400 Chardon Rd
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

(After hours: drop below window into safety box)

Judging will be the weekend of **December 15**. Have your lights on!

You will be judged on the following criteria: **Originality, display, lighting** and **overall curb appeal**.

No professionally decorated homes. Willoughby Hills employees, Commission members and family are not eligible to win prizes.

Gift cards will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners along with a yard sign designating you're a winner! Neighborhood Spirit & Business Winners will have bragging rights!

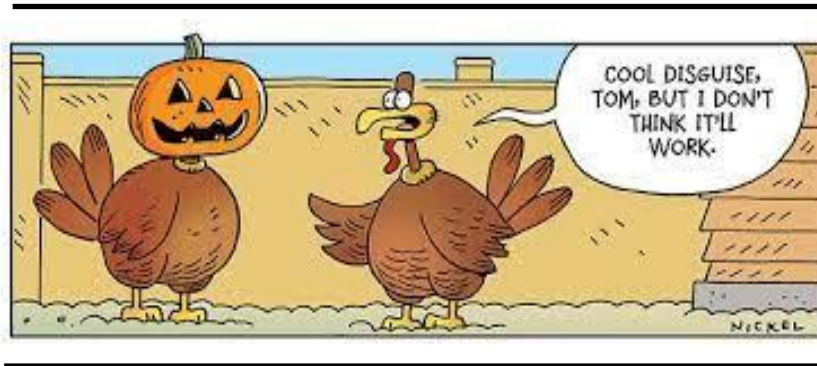
Get together with your neighbors and **submit your entries by December 13**.

CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES!

ATTENTION

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 &
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

