



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

Our busy Willoughby Hills Holiday Season continues with the Holiday Lighting Contest and next week's Parade of Lights featuring Santa and the Grinch!

The Recreation Commission's Holiday Lights Contest judging will start this weekend. The deadline for entering this year's contest is 12:00 tomorrow, Friday December 15, 2023. Drop your [application](#) off at the Recreation Office in the Community Center. You can enter yourself or nominate someone in your neighborhood. You can also enter as a neighborhood or a business! With judging starting this weekend, it will be a great time for residents to drive around and see some of the wonderful displays. Istra Drive, Beech Hills Drive and Loreto have all had winning displays over the last few years. Thanks to all that have decorated for the season making our City beautiful for your friends and neighbors.

The 4th [Willoughby Hills Parade of Lights with Santa](#) is next week. Please plan to come out and see Santa and the Grinch next Monday through Thursday (with a "rain date" on Friday if the Parade is interrupted by a weather or a City emergency). Updates during the Parade will be posted on the Official [City of Willoughby Hills](#) Facebook Page (not one of the group discussion pages). Please follow the City on Facebook to see updates on the Parade's progress throughout each evening. The Parade will leave City Hall at 6:00 PM. Our goal is to finish by 9:00 PM, but it can be a little later if we have a big turnout. If you would like Santa and the Grinch to stop for a visit, please stand a safe distance from the end of your driveway and wave a flashlight so the Parade drivers can see your group. Due to the size of some of the vehicles and some of some smaller cul-de-sacs or narrower streets, sometime the entire parade can't come down a street, but if your street is on the route, Santa and the Grinch (but maybe not the Ladder Truck) will come down the street. If your street is not on a route, you can visit Santa and the Grinch at one of the Community Stops (Gullybrook Park on Tuesday and Squires Castle on Thursday).

My continuing thanks to our Beautification Team (Councilwomen Belich, Taylor-Draper and Miller) and Supt. Grubiss and his team for the holiday decorations at City Hall. We are fortunate to have such a talented group making sure that our civic complex looks so beautiful for the Holidays.

Last Saturday was our annual Breakfast with Santa and Santa Shop. We had a great crowd. I hope that everyone that attended had a wonderful time. My thanks to the many volunteers (it takes a big group to feed several hundred people and staff a Santa Shop) who all did a great job. Special recognition to Recreation Commission members Laura O'Donnell and Matt Gray for their leadership of this event. I also want to thank Recreation Coordinator Diana Parker and our Community Center Monitors for their efforts.

Last night we held a reception to celebrate the hard work of the many volunteers serving as City Representatives to various organizations and on our City Commissions and Boards. Thanks to Karen Mehollin, Laura O'Donnell and the Community Center team for putting together another great event.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone next week!

Please note that Republic Services collection be delayed by a day during the weeks of Christmas and New Years Day.

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, December 15—17, 2023

[HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST JUDGING](#)

Monday - Thursday, December 18—21, 2023

[SANTA \(& GRINCH\) PARADE](#)

6:00 P.M.—Citywide

Monday - Tuesday, December 25-26, 2023

CITY HALL CLOSED

Monday, January 1, 2024

[OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY](#)

12:00 P.M.—Community Center O’Ryan Room

Monday - Tuesday, January 1-2, 2024

CITY HALL CLOSED

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING—POSTPONED TO 1/10/24

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Thursday, January 4, 2024

PC-ABR MEETING—CANCELED

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Monday, January 8, 2024

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

BZA MEETING

8:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

* Items underlined in blue are clickable links to event

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2023 OFFICER OF THE YEAR
SGT. SHANNON VACHET!**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
OFFICER PAUL COCANOWER
ON HIS PROMOTION TO
SERGEANT!**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
FIREFIGHTER ROBERT VENCLE
ON HIS PROMOTION TO
LIEUTENANT!**



**CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO
JOSHUA DURST
WHO WAS SWORN IN AS
NEW FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER**



&

**MICHAEL DOBSCHA
WHO WAS SWORN IN AS
NEW PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER!**



THANK YOU to all who attended Breakfast with Santa on Saturday! We received an amazing amount of positive feedback from those who joined us. A HUGE thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who made it happen, especially Laura O'Donnell, the Recreation Commission, Diana Parker, Mark & Sandy Grubiss, student volunteers, council members, and all who donated raffle basket items. We were so glad Mr. & Mrs. Claus were able to stop by for the morning and bring some holiday cheer to our guests!



CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS
HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE WITH SANTA 2023
DECEMBER 18th – 21st (rain date: 12/22)

THE PARADE WILL LEAVE CITY HALL AT 6:00 PM EACH EVENING. UPDATES ON THE PARADE'S PROGRESS WILL BE POSTED ON CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS FACEBOOK PAGE THROUGHOUT EACH EVENING. [FOLLOW THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS FACEBOOK PAGE](#) TO MAKE IT EASIER TO SEE THE UPDATES.

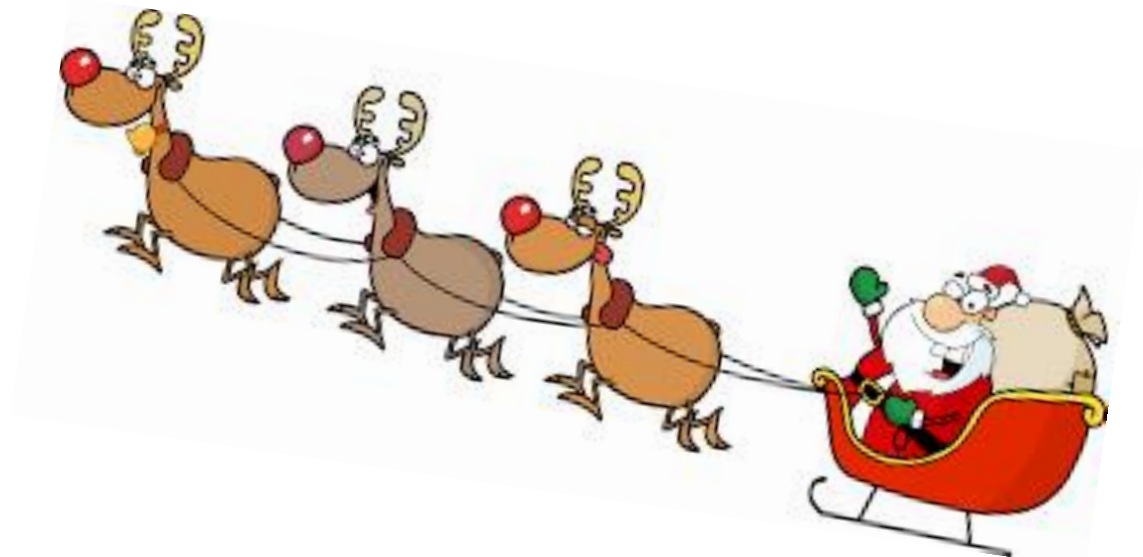
- * Kids that would like to visit with Santa (and other special guests) should wait a safe distance from road near the end of their driveways. **Wave a flashlight to make sure Santa's Driver sees you!** Adults can also come to the end of the driveway to see the Parade, but you can also greet the Parade by waving from your front door or flashing your porch or driveway lights.
- * Due to various factors, largely the size of the cul-de-sacs on certain streets, the Parade can't come down all of the streets in the City. If your street is on the Parade route and the Ladder Truck will not fit down your street, the rest of the Parade will bring Santa down your street.
- * If your street is not on the route, meet the Parade at one of our Community Stops (GullyBrook Park or Squires Castle) or at a friend's house.

Please share your pictures/videos of the Parade and your visits with Santa and others by replying to the Parade progress posts on the City of Willoughby Hills Facebook Page or emailing them to the City Newsletter at Newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov.



Monday, December 18, 2023 (6:00pm)

- * Start on Route 91 and Eddy;
- * Left on Eddy to Morning Star;
- * Leave Morning Star, Right on Eddy to **Bishop Park Apartments**;
- * Right on Bishop to Route 6;
- * Left onto Route 6; left onto Trabar;
- * Right onto Eddy, Right onto Orchard;
- * Cross Route 6 to Cricket Lane;
- * Right onto 6, right onto Camelot;
- * Right onto 6, Right onto Istra; Right onto Chardon to Rockefeller;
- * Left on Rockefeller, to Eddy, Right on Eddy;
- * Right on Oak Street, Cross over Oak Street to Oakwood;
- * Right onto Chardon, Right onto Lamplight, Left into **Pebblebrook**;
- * Left onto Chardon; right onto Fowler;
- * Right onto Stark;
- * To End of Stark, then through Church Parking Lot;
- * Left onto 91 to Glen Kyle; right onto Glen Kyle.
- * *RETURN TO CITY HALL*



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 – NORTHEAST ROUTE

- * To Route 91, Right to Eddy, Follow Eddy, then Right onto Deer Run;
- * Right onto Eddy to Bates Lane, Right on to Bates Lane;
- * Right onto Eddy, left onto Hanna;
- * Right onto Palmer to Sherwood Drive West, around cul-de-sac back to Palmer;
- * Left onto Palmer, Back to Hanna; right onto Hanna to Parsons;
- * Right onto Parsons to Maplegrove;
- * Right onto Maplegrove, left onto Jennie and Somrack;
- * Back onto Maplegrove; left onto Pine Valley and Michele Court;
- * Back onto Maplegrove to Mapleview;
- * Right onto Maplegrove to Maple Hill;
- * Right onto Maplegrove to River; left onto River;
- * River Road to Gullybrook Park [**COMMUNITY STOP**];
- * Turn at Gullybrook; River Road back to River's Edge;
- * Right into River's Edge;
- * Back to River, Left onto Riviera Ridge;
- * Left onto Eagle, down Eagle Road hill;
- * Right onto Kennelly;
- * Left into Mayfriars and Trailard, Follow Trailard and Mayfriars around;
- * Left onto Eagle, right onto Dodd;
- * Dodd to Dodd's Landing, back onto Dodd;
- * Up Dodd's Hill then back down Dodd's Hill;
- * Right onto Dodd follow Dodd to Milann
- * Right onto Milann, around Milann then right onto Dodd to Pleasant Valley West;
- * Left onto Berkshire.
- * *RETURN TO CITY HALL*



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023 – SOUTHWEST ROUTE

- * Start at **Willoughby Hills Senior Apartments**, then to Route 91.
- * Route 91 – Left onto Dixon, Martin, Forest, then back to Route 91;
- * Left on Route 91 to Rosewood Trail;
- * Right from Rosewood Trail onto Route 91;
- * Right from Route 91 onto Marcum/Parkview, back to 91 to White;
- * Right onto White to Rockefeller;
- * Right onto Rockefeller and right into Gatsby;
- * Into Gatsby to cul-de-sac and back to Rockefeller;
- * Right onto Rockefeller; left onto Sayle, out of Sayle Left onto Rockefeller;
- * Rockefeller to E. Miller, then E. Miller around cul-de-sac back to Alan;
- * Alan to Meadowbrook, Right on Meadowbrook around cul de sac;
- * Meadowbrook to Rockefeller;
- * Back up Rockefeller to White Road;
- * Right onto White Road into Erich, Canterbury Court, Willow;
- * Right back onto White Road;
- * Rights from White first onto Lynn Drive then into Tall Tree Trail;
- * Right back onto White Road, then cross Bishop to Legend Lane;
- * Left from Legend, back to Bishop; left onto Bishop to Route 6;
- * Left onto Route 6 to Emerald Lakes, **Stratford** and **WH Towers**;
- * Right onto Route 6 to **Steeplechase**;
- * *RETURN TO CITY HALL*



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023 - SOUTHEAST ROUTE

- * Start at **Mary Rose Apartments** (smaller vehicles only with Santa);
- * Proceed to front of **Pine Ridge Apartments Community Center** for a stop;
- * Depart **Pine Ridge Apartments Community Center**, turn right onto Aspen, then a right onto Spruce, right onto Scotch, then a right turn, head to exit onto Maplegrove;
- * Then go Route 91, South to Eddy Road;
- * Left onto Eddy to River Road;
- * Left onto River, to Maplegrove Grange; turn around at Grange;
- * Right onto River to Beech Hills;
- * Left onto River to Chardon Road;
- * Left onto Chardon to Florence and Loreto;
- * Back to Route 6 to Graylock, Left onto Graylock;
- * Graylock back to Chardon Road, Left on Chardon to Worrell;
- * Right onto Worrell to Rogers Road;
- * Right onto Rogers;
- * Right from Rogers into Sherbrooke Valley, Chimney Ridge;
- * Back onto Rogers to Mill Gate and Valley Brook;
- * Rogers to River Road with stops at end of: Hemlock, Sleepy Hollow, Hunters Woods;
- * Right onto River to Squire's Castle [**COMMUNITY STOP**];
- * Left onto River to Chardon;
- * Left onto Chardon;
- * *RETURN TO CITY HALL*





CALLING ALL WILLOUGHBY HILLS 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!

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



WINTER ELECTRIC RATES

Standard Program	12-Month Fixed Term	24-Month Fixed Term
6.6	6.7	6.5
cents per kWh	cents per kWh	cents per kWh

NOPEC will hold their Standard Program Price steady December through May 2024. During a period when the Standard Service Offer (SSO) pricing for CEI, Ohio Edison and AEP Ohio has been and will remain about 9.5 to 12 cents/kWh through May 2024, NOPEC has committed to holding their low pricing steady for their customers. For more information, and to view other pricing options, visit www.nopec.org/electric



In observance of the holidays, there will be a one day delay in all services for the week of December 25th and the week of January 1st.
Thank you!

LAKE COUNTY MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

ALL DISTRIBUTIONS ARE TUESDAYS FROM 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

LAKE ERIE CHURCH 2300 HUBBARD RD.

OCTOBER 3 JANUARY 2
NOVEMBER 7 FEBRUARY 6
DECEMBER 5 MARCH 5

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH 428 WEST JACKSON

OCTOBER 10 JANUARY 9
NOVEMBER 14 FEBRUARY 13
DECEMBER 12 MARCH 12

WICKLIFFE SENIOR CENTER 900 WORDEN RD.

OCTOBER 17 JANUARY 16
NOVEMBER 14 FEBRUARY 20
DECEMBER 19 MARCH 19

MENTOR PARK-N-RIDE 8650 MARKET ST.

OCTOBER 31 JANUARY 23
NOVEMBER 28 FEBRUARY 27
MARCH 26

RESERVE YOUR PICK-UP BY CALLING 2-1-1 OR COUNCIL ON AGING AT 440-205-8111.
FREE TO HOUSEHOLDS WITH A SENIOR!



2024 Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses are now available to purchase through the Lake County Auditor's Office, the Lake County Dog Shelter, and online! For details and additional information, please visit the [Lake County Auditor's](#) site or click [here](#) to purchase online.

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 – DECEMBER 15, 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.

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.

SENIOR HOLIDAY POTLUCK:

Our Holiday Senior Potluck is set for **Tuesday, December 19** at 11:30. Fried chicken will be the main entrée. Please plan to wear your favorite holiday sweater for a great photo op! Plan to come to share some holiday cheer with your fellow seniors! Promises to be a memorable day!

RESIDENT NEWS...

Sympathy to the families and friends of the following residents who passed away since our last newsletter: Elvira Flynn of Dixon Road & Mary Barresi of White Road. You remain in our thoughts & prayers.

Welcome to the following new residents: Abhijit Singh of Stratford Way and Debbie & Steve Gilbert of Chardon Road. All Seniors are welcome to join our group! Welcome to Willoughby Hills!

Get Well Wishes go out to fellow senior Pat Lyon of 31741 Miller Ave., WH 44092 as she recovers from surgery & a recent fall. Send her a Get Well card...make her day!!!

LEAVING YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT YOU CAN USE FOR YOUR HOLIDAY HUMOR:

I just got called "hot."
Actually, the full
statement was "you're
one big hot mess" but
I'm only focusing on
the positive today.



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

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Phone: 440-951-0776

SENIOR ROOM ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

DECEMBER 2023
Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Winterfest WHFD 5pm-6:30pm	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room) W-E Schools Seniors' Night Out South High School 4-6pm		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	Breakfast with Santa 8:30am to noon PINOCHLE 6-9pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room) COMMUNITY QUILTS 10am-2pm		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon PODIATRIST (By Appt.) 10am Quilt Guild Party 6:30pm at Trader Jacks	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)	POTLUCK LUNCH 11:30am-1pm NO SENIOR TRIVIA THIS MONTH	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon NO QUILT GUILD MTG.	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Eve New Year's Eve	CHRISTMAS DAY	SACERICH SEWS 12PM-3PM (private)	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	

OPPORTUNITIES



The City is seeking to fill the following positions:



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. While we continue to appreciate our outdoor task volunteers, we currently do not have volunteers to assist with indoor tasks such as dusting, vacuuming, and window washing—and without volunteers these projects cannot be completed.

In order to become a W.H.I.S.P.E.R. volunteer, you must be at least 18 years old and willing to be background checked. 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!



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!

