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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

Happy holidays, Willoughby Hills.

After the weather delayed our start of the Holiday Parade of Lights until Tuesday, we have had a great week. Like so many other events in our City it takes a great team to make things happen and the Holiday Parade is no exception. Thank you so much to: Santa, Communications Director Karen Mehollin, Recreation Commission Chair Laura O'Donnell, Service Superintendent and Grinch Mark Grubiss, Sandy Grubiss & Mrs. Eubanks (the Grinch's helpers), WHPD Chief Matt Naegele, Officers McNamara, Fodor and Continenza, WHFD Chief Gandee, WHFD Lt. Bob Vencl, FF/PM's Robinson, Semien, Kessler, Lucic and Hoffman, Councilwomen Belich, Miller and Taylor Draper, Elf Joel, Elf Nathan, Elf Meagan and Elf Kaylie and all the other Members of the WHFD that helped decorate the Ladder Truck and pack Santa's gift bags! These folks take time away from their families this busy week to bring an amazing amount of joy to our residents. It's a testament to their love of our City and their dedication to serving others. Special thanks to Chief Gandee and Service Superintendent Grubiss. Chief Gandee has been on every mile of every Parade since 2020 and Service Superintendent Grubiss has done the same since the Grinch Truck debuted in 2021 (and he did 1/2 of the parade in 2020).

Last night Council passed legislation necessary to provide a tax abatement for the redevelopment of the Bishop Queen Shopping Center at the Northwest corner of Chardon Road and Bishop Road. Reinvigorating this Center will bring a great deal of traffic to that part of our City. This followed the adoption of the tax abatement by the Willoughby Eastlake City Schools earlier this week. Special thanks to the Members of the Board of Education for their support of the tax abatement for this project and growth in Willoughby Hills.

On a similar note, we just received word that the new Sheetz at the corner of Chardon and Bishop Roads will have their Grand Opening Ceremony on Friday, December 29th from 9AM-11AM (details on page 10).

As I wrap up my term, I want to thank many people for their support and hard work over the last four years. First, the many volunteers that have given so much of their time and talent to take leadership roles in our City on our Boards and Commissions. There are too many to name, but please know that I appreciate all of you and your thoughtful consideration to the many issues you have reviewed on behalf of our residents and businesses. Also thanks the many volunteers who took time to staff our breakfasts, fairs, programs and our annual MusicFest.

I also want to thank all of the City's staff. It has been an honor to work with them, and I appreciate how they give their best every day to make Willoughby Hills a great place to live. They were very welcoming to a new Mayor, persevered through the challenges of COVID-19, supply chain shortages, fuel price increases, staffing challenges and never stopped working hard for all of us.

I will have more people to thank in next week's report, until then, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, January 11, 2024

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

* Items underlined in blue are clickable links to event

Congratulations to the 2023 Holiday Lights Winners!

1st Place: Tim Pepper, 2962 Canterbury Court

2nd Place: Lori Combs, 35105 Martin Road

3rd Place: Josh Meyers, 2501 Chagrin Drive

Neighborhood: Istra Lane

(Runner-up: Houses on Rockefeller bet. Chardon and White Rd.)

The top 3 were all **very** close with just a couple of points separating them (extra elf support was called in to break the tie)!

If you have a chance this holiday season, take a drive by each display and appreciate the work put into them.

Thank you all for participating!



Canterbury Court

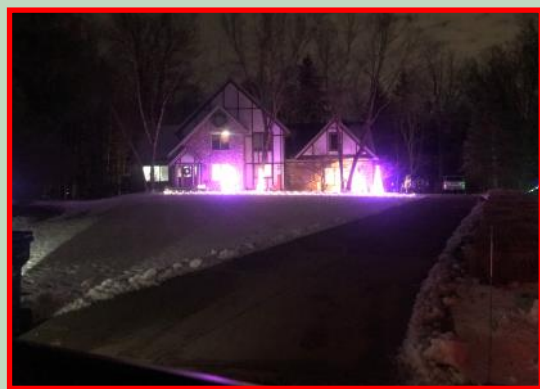
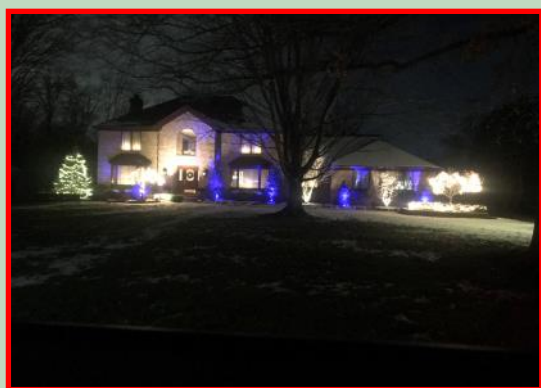


Martin Road



Chagrin Drive

Neighborhood Winner: Istra Lane



HOLIDAY PARADE 2023 WITH SANTA & THE GRINCH

~ Thank you all for another wonderful year! ~

Happy Holidays!



HOLIDAY PARADE 2023

WITH SANTA & THE GRINCH





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!



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 as soon possible. 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
6.6
cents per kWh

12-Month Fixed Term
6.7
cents per kWh

24-Month Fixed Term
6.5
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

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.

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	



GRAND OPENING CEREMONY & RIBBON CUTTING

Friday, December 29, 2023

9:00 AM—11:00 AM

9AM-11AM: Food Drive Collection

(Bring a non-perishable item and receive a gift)

10:15 AM: \$250 Sheetz Gift Card Drawing

10:30 AM: \$250 Sheetz Gift Card Drawing

10:45 AM: Grand Opening Ceremony & Ribbon Cutting

11:00 AM: \$2,500 Sheetz Gift Card Drawing

A donation will be made to Special Olympics Ohio.

**Non-perishable food items will be donated to the Greater
Cleveland Food Bank.**

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!

**Why are Christmas trees
always looking to
the future?**

Because the present
is beneath them.



**What did one
Christmas tree say
to another?**

Lighten up!

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!

