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MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT

Happy New Year Willoughby Hills!

It was exciting to attend the grand opening of the new Sheetz at the Shoppes of Willoughby Hills this morning. Thanks to Shoppes owner J. Scott Scheel and his team, including Ray Somich, and all of the Sheetz team for bringing this beautiful new store to our City.

This is our 144th electronic newsletter and my last. I hope that this has been a great resource for you and you are able to understand better what is happening in our City. As I mentioned last week, I need to thank many people for their assistance during the last four years.

We are lucky to have a great Law Department. Law Director Mike Lucas, Asst. Law Directors Tom Lobe and Stephanie Landgraf and Prosecutor Mike Kenny have been a joy to work with and have provided high quality legal services and advice to the City as well as wise counsel on many matters to the Mayor's office, City Council and City leadership.

I would like to thank City Engineer Pete DiFranco and Assistant City Engineer Kevin Trepal for their hard work. They have undertaken many significant projects, both planned and unexpected, as our engineers and zoning/building administrators. The new software that they shepherded in has been a great addition and the many miles of new road already completed (or to be completed next year when the Chardon Road project finishes) benefits our residents, businesses and visitors every day.

I am also very grateful to Service Superintendent Mark Grubiss (a/k/a the Grinch this time of the year), Road Foreman Matt Kahley, Zoning Inspector Norm Hoovler, and the outstanding men and women of the Service Department. From Stacey at the front desk (who had the tough job of filling Denise's shoes) to Tom in the Mechanic's Shop (one of the best in the business) to Bob, Marty, Tim, Jon, Ken, and Mike on the roads (also some of the best in the business), Mark's team works so very hard to keep our streets, sewers, ditches, drains and City buildings safe and running smoothly. They have a tough assignment, facing challenges from seemingly never-ending snowfalls or dropping leaves to broken pipes to jammed equipment. They are outside in the freezing cold, in the rain, under the bright summer sun and (too many) gray skies. They move the heavy stuff, pump the smelly stuff, push the white stuff, and fix the concrete stuff. They take it on professionally, with a great attitude, and with the intent of making our City better each time they come to work. They also do it without receiving nearly the amount of appreciation that they should for their efforts, so please wave and say "thank-you" to them as you see them around the City.

Thanks to our City Hall Finance Staff, Court Staff, and Recreation Staff. Diana, Sylvia and many Building Property Monitors take great care of our Community Center and do a great job assisting with Recreation Commission and other events. Thanks to each of them for providing this important service for our residents and Community Center renters. Debbie, Teresa and Magistrate Larry Hupertz (as well as prior Court Clerk Janeen) administrate our Mayor's Court. I can't thank them enough for their dedication to making sure all cases are handled efficiently, fairly and with the proper respect to those who

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come to our Court. Since joining the City last year, Debbie has jumped in with both feet to operate our Court like a Swiss timepiece. Our Finance Department Team of Jeff and Sharen, under the leadership of Finance Director Bruce Scott, make sure that the City's finances are accessible and available to our residents, that the City's funds are carefully administered and properly accounted for, and that our invoices are collected and obligations paid when due. Thanks to Jeff and Sharen for your support and care of these important matters and special thanks to Bruce for his leadership and bringing a new perspective to the office this year.

Thanks to our Safety Forces. It has been a pleasure to get to know all of the members of our Police and Fire Departments and see how hard they work to provide the best possible services to our City. In the Police Department, I am grateful to Chief Chris Collins for his support and advice when I took office. I also am so grateful for the years of service he provided to the City creating a strong foundation for Chief Matt Naegele and Captain Greg Leonbruno. Since taking over for Chief Collins, Chief Naegele has been making his own mark on our Police Department with the addition of new programs and equipment to keep both our officers and residents safer. With the assistance of a dedicated command staff featuring Sgts. Vachet, Cocanower, Boepple and Parmertor and our Department's other veteran leadership, Chief and Capt. Leonbruno have added and trained a talented group of new officers. I am certain that the Police Department will continue to look for new ways to add talent and improve police services in our City for many years.

I am so grateful for the hard work of Chief Gandee, Lieutenants DiMattia, Heller, Serazin and Vencl and the members of our Willoughby Hills Fire Department for their hard work these last four years. Their efforts to respond to and assist everyone during the pandemic should not be forgotten. They adapted to new procedures and new protocols to treat COVID patients and were on the leading edge of vaccinating residents to bring us back to "normal". They also managed the day-to-day EMS calls, accidents, fires, wires down and other service calls that they do so very well. We have managed to upgrade much of their equipment over the last four years and I am looking forward to seeing our new engine in the next few weeks. Like the Police Department, I believe that the sky is the limit for the Fire Department. Chief Gandee and Lieutenant DiMattia have regularly brought new ideas for programs and upgrades to our staff meetings and Lieutenant Vencl's obvious passion for training will bring benefits to our Department for years.

Thanks to all of the members of City Council that placed their trust in me and the City's Department leaders including: Council President Hallum, Vice President Kline, Councilwomen Taylor-Draper, Belich and Miller and Councilmen Jarmuszkiewicz, Knecht and Zegarac. Representing you, these leaders took a great deal of time to work with my administration make many improvements to our City, despite the many challenges that local governments have faced since 2020, beginning with the COVID pandemic and then the effects thereof. I am so grateful for their work to understand the needs of the City's Departments and their support of our plans to meet those needs. I appreciate their thorough attention to the City's annual budget, their attendance at budgetary hearings and their thoughtfulness in asking questions and proposing new ideas to support initiatives in the City. I am also grateful for the time and talent they add to our many City events.

Thanks to Communications Supervisor Karen Mehollin and Executive Assistant Gloria Majeski for their dedication to the City and their hard work assisting me in the Mayor's Office over the last 4 years. They also each brought their special talents to serve our residents and improve the City. I can't list all of their accomplishments here, but I think the best compliment I can offer is to say to them that I was able to be a better Mayor for our residents because of their dedication and support.

While I have mentioned them all before, I need to recognize the team effort of the City's leadership staff over the last 4 years. This group, consisting of Chiefs Collins and Naegele, Captain Leonbruno,

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Chief Gandee, Lt. DiMattia, Service Supt. Grubiss, Finance Directors Brichacek and Scott, Law Director Lucas, Executive Assistant Majeski, Communications Supervisor Mehollin, and Council Rep. Kline has done an extraordinary job moving the City forward both within their areas and as a team. Their dedication, thoughtfulness, team spirit and hard work is the most critical component to the success of the City since 2020 and, of the many things I will miss leaving City Hall, I will miss working with these professionals the most.

I must thank each of you that placed your trust in me to be the Mayor of my hometown. It has been an honor to serve as an elected official in Willoughby Hills and a pleasure meeting and getting to know so many of you. I hope to continue to see many of you around the town and at future City events.

Most importantly, I want to thank my family and close friends for their support. Practicing law full time and being the Mayor (while keeping up with a busy family) can be challenging on the “easy days” and almost overwhelming on the “hard days”, especially during the pandemic. Through all of it, my friends and family were there to offer advice, support and love. Thanks to my Dad, Gus Gardner, my in-laws Kathy and Dale Hollingsworth, my sisters and brothers: Abby, Bill, Megan, Becky, Stuart, Rob, Erin, Mandy & Matt, “Aunt Teri”, the Anderson, Ruple, Thomas, Cummins and Kohler-Mills families, my sons Drew and Aaron, my daughter Caroline, my future daughter-in-law Tatum and most of all, my wife Stacey. I couldn’t have done this without them.

I wish the City’s Staff, our new Council, our new Mayor and all of you a happy and healthy 2024!



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING / 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

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

SENIOR LUNCHEON

11:30 A.M. - Community Center

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

TRIVIA NIGHT

7:00 P.M.—Community Center



THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Requests the Honor of Your Presence
at the
Oath of Office Ceremony
for

Michael Kline, Council District I
Tanya Taylor Draper, Council District II
Kathleen Sivo, Council District III
Vicki Miller, Council At Large IV
and

Christopher Hallum, Mayor

The Honorable Judge Jeffrey W. Ruple Presiding

JANUARY 1, 2024

*at Twelve O'Clock in the Afternoon
in the O'Ryan Room*

Willoughby Hills Community Center
35400 Chardon Road
Willoughby Hills, Ohio

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED • CASUAL DRESS



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!



Make this holiday season eco-friendly by recycling your live Christmas tree! Lake Metroparks provides convenient drop-off locations throughout Lake County where you can easily dispose of your tree. The trees are chipped and then composted or used as mulch to beautify your parks.

Please remove all decorations before placing your tree in the designated bins in the parks listed here: bit.ly/41wKXSN. Tree bins are available through January 22nd.

Please no commercial or municipal drop-offs or other debris.

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

Welcome to Willoughby Hills!



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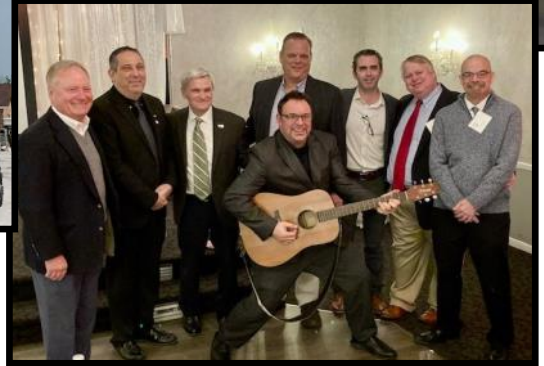




The Year in Pictures

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HIRES * RETIRES * PROMOTIONS

NEW HIRES

**Stacey Rentz
Garrett Leonbruno
Nicholas Hollerbach
Liam Kessler
Richard Muir
Laura O'Donnell
Ken Juncker
Bruce Scott
Seth Baldwin**

**Derek Hite
Brandon Carr
Dylan Weidrick
Norman Hoovler
Austin Gioski
Joshua Durst
Antoinette Benson
Michael Dobscha
Michael Jacob**

RETIRES

**James Vitale
Frank Brichacek
Patricia Heller**

PROMOTIONS

**Police Sergeant Ron Parmertor
Police Sergeant Paul Cocanower
Fire Lieutenant Robert Venc**

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 29, 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 POTLUCK:

Our January Senior Potluck is set for Tuesday, January 16 at 11:30. Main entrée will be sloppy joes! We have asked our new Mayor Chris Hallum to be our Guest Speaker. If he agrees, we have asked him to speak about his vision for the City during his term in office. We will keep you posted as our invitation to speak progresses.

RESIDENT NEWS...

Welcome to the following new residents: Johnny & Nicole Johnson of White Road and Ryan & Sarah Ricart of Loreto Drive. All Seniors are welcome to join our group! Welcome to Willoughby Hills!

Willoughby Hills Seniors was happy to partner with Willoughby Hills Quilt Guild this year to provide holiday baskets to four residents, including John & Donna Gell of Maplegrove (gave John a little "pick me up" following his recent convalescence for arm surgery), Ray & Judy Kifer of Mapleview Lane, Rosemarie & Victor Barwig of Mapleview Lane and Laura & Donald Pistor of Berkshire Hills (who also were happy to be together at home rather than in the hospital, as they had experienced earlier in the year!) So glad to bring these residents a little joy during their difficult times. Thanks to everyone who made this happen. The baskets came out great and the residents loved getting them!!



SENIORS SAY “THANK YOU” TO MAYOR GARDNER

In just a few short days, Mayor Andy Gardner will complete his four-year term as Willoughby Hills' Mayor. The Willoughby Hills Seniors would like to thank him for his service to the seniors, to include some of the following highlights:

- 1) **COVID vaccines & booster assistance:** Shortly after Mayor Gardner took Office, we were thrust into the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Gardner and his Team quickly responded to the call of Lake County to open up the Willoughby Hills Community/Senior Center in order to administer the vaccine to as many Lake County residents as possible. Lake County Health Commissioner Ron Graham sought out Mayor Gardner to put together a site to keep our community safe. With the assistance of our former Acting Fire Chief (& then Lake County Health Department employee) Tom Talcott, the Mayor was able to successfully convert the Community/Senior Center to a vaccination and booster station where many of our seniors travelled to get immunized.
- 2) **Partnering with the County to assist with a massive number of vaccines and boosters at Lakeland Community College:** Mayor Gardner met with his Firefighter and Administrative teams to review the need to vaccinate the Lake County population in an effort to do so at Lakeland Community College. The plan was to vaccinate approximately six thousand people per day in order to seek prompt resolution of the pandemic vaccination process. The Team was so pleased that the Mayor supported this endeavor. It made for an unforgettable time in their careers when they sat in the Lakeland College Building and could look out onto the campus and see an endless line of individuals line up to get their shots. Buses kept bringing people (many seniors) into the line. Unlike today's world where a line in the supermarket or bank brings out the worst in people, the people waiting to get their vaccines were patient and just happy to have the opportunity here in Lake County to get the vaccine. That was truly unforgettable and we thank Mayor Gardner for allowing us to be a part of that.
- 3) **Development of the City E-newsletter for seniors and all residents:** It was a constant battle for Mayor Gardner to try to keep residents advised of all of the rules during COVID, taking his lead from Governor DeWine on building rules, closures and social distancing. A new resident to the area mentioned that in her prior city, there was an electronic newsletter which helped get much of the important information disseminated. Mayor Gardner used this approach to begin the weekly E-newsletter, which not only got us through the COVID-19 communication needs, but continues to be a resource for City events. It is the hope of the seniors that, should the need arise for seniors who do NOT have computers or I-phones or a means to travel to City Hall to pick up an extra copy (which is minimal most likely), a paper copy may be mailed to them with the hiring of the City Communications Supervisor. The City E-newsletter has been a good addition to Mayor Gardner's administration and to disseminate the information to as many people (including seniors) as possibly, would certainly allow his tradition to continue long after he leaves office.

4) **Mind Challenge Participation and Senior Trivia Night:** When Mind Challenge representatives Art Greenberg and Phil Levine approached Mayor Gardner about trying to bring seniors out again after COVID, he recognized the challenge but liked the idea (being a trivia buff himself) and a Mind Challenge team was formed consisting of members Mary Melvin, Sandy Falck, Ira Lorber, Gloria Majeski, Michael Kline, Dave & Denise Reichelt and Mayor Gardner. In the three years of participation, the Team has taken home 2nd Place, earning \$1500 for the seniors each time. The first \$1500 prize was used to buy a projector so that the City could hold “Senior Trivia Night” once a month to keep in practice for the Mind Challenge competition and to continue to bring the seniors out. Mayor Gardner has assumed the role of “emcee” and we thank him for his interest and commitment to do this for our seniors.

5) **Rock N Roll Day - Tribute to Michael Stanley Gee (now evolved into “Music Fest”):** With the passing of our resident Michael Gee (better known as Michael Stanley of Michael Stanley & the Reasonators), Mayor Gardner was gracious enough to allow for a special tribute at the Community Center to honor his life and legacy. Billed as “Rock N Roll Day in Willoughby Hills,” it was a successful music event that brought Michael’s family, bandmembers and friends, into our beautiful city to dedicate a large shadowbox in his memory, which still remains in our Community Center Lobby. This event has evolved to “Music Fest” and is planned for fall each year by our Recreation Commission.

6) **Mothers’ Day Remembrance:** Mayor Gardner wanted to pay tribute to all of the mothers in Willoughby Hills who work so hard to keep the family unit together. His thought was to honor each one with a special “Mother’s Day tumbler” and through his efforts, many mothers were the proud recipients of this beautiful gesture. It means a lot to be remembered in this manner and all of the mothers were so appreciative of this beautiful tribute from the Mayor.

7) **Senior Tax Levy Application:** Finally, thank you Mayor Gardner for submitting the Senior Tax Levy Application for our seniors. We will take some space on the next few pages to explain this to seniors and residents who may not understand what this means. We are hoping that this means that by submitting the application to the Lake County Commissioners, the City of Willoughby Hills will now be recognized as a Lake County Senior Center and be afforded the funds to begin the work of providing personnel, facilities and programs for a facility close to home for our seniors to enjoy.

Hopefully, this offers a glimpse of some of Mayor Gardner’s accomplishments for our senior population. We appreciate his dedication to our cause! Best wishes as you complete your term as Mayor!



INFORMATION ON LAKE COUNTY SENIOR TAX LEVY:

- **What is it?** The Lake County Senior Levy passed (by voters) in 1992. Formally organized by the Lake County Senior Services Coalition, the 12 participating agencies (a full-time Coordinator was a prerequisite to qualify for this, which Willoughby Hills did not have) agreed to a distribution formula for the funds (made of monies from real estate tax collection), as well as specific uses of these funds by these entities. While the Coalition still exists, the role for allocation of levy funds was replaced in 2013 when the Lake County Commissioners established the Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel. Historically, allocation of levy funds has only been made to the 12 original agencies, but also came to include such agencies as Lake County Council on Aging, Lifeline, RSVP and others. Willoughby Hills residents contributed \$210,509 in 2023 for this endeavor.
- **Why didn't Willoughby Hills apply for Senior Tax Levy Funding before?** One of the rules was that the entity needed to have a full-time Recreation/Senior Coordinator. Willoughby Hills did not have that. However, three years ago, the rules changed in that a part-time Coordinator was acceptable in order to receive funding. This was most likely due to the COVID-19 pandemic when some of the cities were forced to lay off staff, resulting in the loss of full-time Coordinators. Unfortunately, Willoughby Hills was never notified of this. In 2023, Willoughby Hills Seniors Inc. reached out to the LC Senior Citizens Advisory Panel to find out that they were indeed eligible and an application to participate was sent to Mayor Gardner for completion. He completed the application, requesting \$116,000 to provide for a full-time Recreation/Senior Coordinator and funds for programs and facility upgrades, including the software for client tracking.
- **Why should Willoughby Hills get funding?** 1) Despite our residents paying into the fund, the City receives nothing for the Senior Center. While it can be said that programs such as Lifeline or Western Reserve Development and others exist, as well as two Senior Centers being close to Willoughby Hills, it is only fair to add that some of the programs are income based, which disqualify many of our residents, and going to the other senior centers means paying more for non-resident membership fees and non-resident program fees. We believe our residents want to stay local.
- **Didn't the MCS Consulting Service Survey that was prepared (and paid for) by the Lake County Commissioners on October 16, 2015, identify Willoughby Hills as having the second most (only to non-participating Painesville) age 65+ Black or African American population?** Yes, the survey indicated that statistic, along with the fact that by the year 2030, 1 of 3 Lake County residents will be age 60 and over. This is why we need to pay attention to what we are providing for our seniors! The County has used this survey's recommendation to begin to provide the software to track clients served. It also stated that all capital and major equipment expenses should come from the "Contingency Fund" which is part of the Senior Levy, allowing that the Senior Tax Levy be used only for operations. It may be nice to pull this report and start following some of the suggestions to avoid decisions that may seem to be discriminatory or unfair to all of the County's residents. It seemed that Commissioner Regovich was on board with the unity of all seniors when he was recently quoted in the News-Herald, saying "I see people out at the senior centers, socializing, and I worry about those who don't come out." We will give you less to worry about, Commissioner Regovich, if you approve Mayor Gardner's application for Senior Tax Levy Funding!

- Who approves/disapproves the application for the Senior Tax Levy Funding?

The Lake County Commissioners (Commissioners Richard Regovich, John Plecnik, and John Hammerchek) review the recommendations handed down to them from the Senior Services Manager Alyea Barajas, who works with Planning Director Jason Boyd. The LC Senior Service Advisory Panel consists of a five-member volunteer board (including Chairman Lyle Shull, Vice Chairman Lisa Manning, Kenneth G. Gauntner, Ellen Foley Kessler and Thomas Dreher. They are responsible for reviewing the applications and making recommendations to the Senior Service Manager who then reports to the Commissioners.

- How much have others gotten in the past?

	2020	2021	2022	2023		2020	2021	2022	2023
Eastlake	\$89,500	\$89,500	\$139,500	\$139,500	Fairport	\$115K	\$115K	\$165K	\$165K
Kirtland	\$75K	\$75K	\$125K	\$125K	Madison	\$93,500	\$93,500	\$143,500	\$143,500
Mentor	\$320K	\$320K	\$370K	\$370K	Perry	\$87,500	\$86,342	\$137,500	\$137,500
Wickliffe	\$90K	\$95K	\$145K	\$145K	Willoughby	\$130K	\$130K	\$180K	\$180K
Willowick	\$84,500	\$84,500	\$134,500	\$134,500					
WLBY HILLS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0					

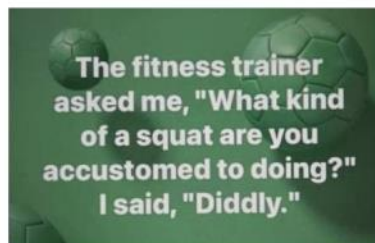
We will keep you posted!

HOLIDAY SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thanks to all who came, including Santa! Great time for our seniors!



BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR.....



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

Email: WilloughbyHillsSeniors@yahoo.com

Phone: 440-951-0776

JANUARY 2024
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
	HAPPY NEW YEAR!		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room) COMMUNITY QUILTS 10am-2pm		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon PODIATRIST (By Appt.) 10am WINTER BASKET WEAVERS 5-9PM	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
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	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)	SENIOR POTLUCK 11:30am SENIOR TRIVIA 7:00pm (O'Ryan Room)	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon QUILT GUILD MTG. 7:00pm	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
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	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
28	29	30	31			
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room) SACERICH SEWS 12pm-3pm		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm			



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.

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!

and lastly

I just wanted to take a moment to thank Mayor Gardner for his amazing work and dedication to the City during his term. He brought positivity back into the City when it was so very needed and his leadership has proven to be top-notch.

It's been a pleasure to have been given the opportunity to work with, and for, Mayor Gardner and I'm truly grateful for the friendship we've created.

All the best to you as you enjoy your Mayoral retirement, Andy!

- Karen M.

Q: What is a New Year's Resolution?

A: Something that goes in one year and out the other!

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!

