



E-NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!

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MAYOR HALLUM'S REPORT

Good afternoon! This year's Spring Craft Show was a huge success! We had over 80 vendors this year which is a 38% increase over last year. Over 600 people attended the event which is 17% increase over last year. Over \$3,800 was raised for recreation events and City park improvements. This event is especially labor intensive and I want to thank the Recreation Commission members for their efforts to continue this very popular event. Thanks also to Council members Vicki Miller, Kathy Sivo, Julie Belich, and Tanya Taylor Draper, Jennie Trobenter, Seniors Incorporated board member Laurie Feltham, Mary & Frank Cihula, Betty Svec from the Willoughby Hills Lions, and Recreation Coordinator Laura O'Donnell for all of the hours they spent before, during, and after the event to make it a success.

This week, Major Waste Disposal dropped off trash and recycle carts for all cart users in the City. There have been a few inquiries and social media posts asking about the change in our Waste & Recycling service provider so I wanted to offer a summary here. The Republic waste contract was scheduled to expire on March 31, 2025. The contract had not gone out to bid for approximately 6 years. The City went out to bid to ensure that our residents would be receiving the best service at the best rates. After opening and reviewing the submitted bids, it was recommended that we accept the bid from Major Waste. Their bid was a lower monthly cost with all of the same services residents received from Republic Services. The Major Waste bid also included weekly recycling pickup which many residents had been requesting. Major Waste has been servicing a couple of neighborhoods in Willoughby Hills and those neighborhoods spoke very highly of the services they've received for many years. Bulk waste pickup remains the same with Major Waste. They will pick up your large items, but ask that you call them in advance to make the drivers aware. Finally, if you are missing your new carts, please contact Major Waste at 440-254-4929 and they will bring them to you. Lastly, if you still have a Republic Services cart that was not picked up, please call City Hall with your name and address so that we can provide a comprehensive list to Republic.

A final reminder that the Chardon Road Bridge near Pleasant Valley will be closing on April 1st and will not reopen until mid to late October 2025. This is an ODOT project and the City has no part in the scheduling or management of the project. During the bridge closure, the Pleasant Valley bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic. For project updates and detour map, click [HERE](#).

Baseball and softball season will soon be underway, so if you haven't signed your child up to play, there's still time. Check below in the newsletter for information on how to register.

Have a great weekend!

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1, 2025

TRIVIA NIGHT

(now held on the 1st Tuesday of the month)

7:00 p.m.—Community Center / O’Ryan Room

April 2, 2025

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 p.m.—Council Chambers

April 3, 2025

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 p.m.—Council Chambers

April 7, 2025

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 p.m.—Council Chambers

April 8, 2025

BZA MEETING

8:00 p.m.—Council Chambers

April 10, 2025

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 p.m.—Council Chambers

April 15, 2025

SENIOR LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m.—Community Center / Senior Room

April 17, 2025

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 p.m.—Council Chambers

April 18, 2025

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY (hosted by Thrivent)

9:00 a.m. - Noon— Community Center / Back parking lot of Roemish Field

Spring Craft Show 2025

Thank you to all who made it happen!



It's been a busy week at City Hall!

On Monday, Major Waste Disposal began delivering their trash and recycle bins to residents. City Hall's salt dome was the staging yard for the trucks delivering. The total number of bins brought in by 7 trailers was 4,864. By Tuesday morning, 2,894 of those bins had been delivered with 1,970 remaining. Today, only a few remain at the site. If you haven't received your bins, please call Major Waste at 440-254-4929. Service with Major Waste begins Monday, March 31st. Trash and recycle will be picked up weekly on your normal trash day.



Feazel Roofing took advantage of a couple nice days this past week to come out and replace the Fire Station's roof. Damage still remained from the storms that came through in August. A few spots on City Hall were also repaired.

On Thursday and Friday, the City's Police Department hosted a two-day ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) Class. ARIDE is a course that is designed to train law enforcement officers to observe, identify, and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs and alcohol with the goal to reduce impaired-driving incidents and crashes which result in serious injuries and fatalities.





The Fire Department worked with our City Mechanic, Tom Abate, to replace the rear bed of the department's 2012 Ford F350 pick up truck. After a thorough inspection, it was determined that the vehicle itself was in very good shape but the pick up truck's bed was not. This platform will give the Fire Department a number of different options for layouts and seasonal needs. It will also allow this vehicle to be potentially upgraded to a wildland firefighting vehicle. **Thank you, Tom, for making this happen!**



Mark Grubiss and his crew have been making amazing progress in the Senior Room! The walls have been patched and painted, the old ceiling tiles have been removed to prepare for the new tiles to be installed, and flooring will also be replaced in the very near future. It's looking great and I know our seniors will appreciate the improvements. **Thank you, Mark and crew!**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEW TRASH/RECYCLE CONTRACT

Major Waste will begin their trash and recycle services on Monday, March 31st. Please have your bins to the street by 6am (or bring it out the night before) on your normal pick up day.

If you've not received your bins, please call their office at
440-254-4929.

For more information including Major Waste's letter to residents, contact information, rates, and a link to a very comprehensive list of your most frequently asked questions, please check out the [Trash/Recycle page](#) on our website.

If you still have Republic bins that have not been picked up, please call City Hall at 440-946-1234 as we will be compiling a list for Republic so they can plan a future pick up.

As always, we thank you for your patience during this process.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Beginning April 1, 2025, the Fire Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the City. This will take place weekdays during the day (no nights or weekends).

If you see firefighters in your area, check your water or avoid doing laundry that day.

If your water is cloudy/rusty, run the COLD water until it's clear (no need to boil).

If hydrant is leaking or you see water coming up through the ground or street, please call the non-emergency number (440-942-9111).





2025 Construction Notice



The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is planning to replace the superstructure of the Chardon Road (US-6) bridge over the Chagrin River.

Beginning April 1, 2025 and lasting through at least October 2025, the bridge will be closed to all traffic during construction and traffic will be detoured to I-90.

The City authorized cooperation by Council Ordinance 2023-053. The project was awarded to Ruhlin Company in August 2024 for approximately \$4,082,008.

The project is being administered by ODOT so questions & feedback should be directed to them.

A detour map and project updates can be found [HERE](#).



Press Release: River Road Resurfacing Project (LAK-174-00.00)

WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OH (Friday, March 14, 2025) – The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is moving forward with plans to resurface a 3.83-mile stretch of State Route 174 (River Road) in Willoughby Hills. The project will begin at the City’s southern corporation limit, near Rogers Road, and end at the northern corporation limit, near the entrance to Gully Brook Park.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to take place between April and October of 2026. More precise scheduling details will be provided in Spring 2026 as plans are finalized.

Traffic Impacts:

During construction, River Road will be reduced to a single lane, with access limited to northbound traffic only. Southbound traffic will be detoured via Som Center Road. To minimize disruptions, the project will be carried out in two phases:

- **Phase 1 Work Zone:** North of Chardon Road

Phase 2 Work Zone: South of Chardon Road

The estimated cost of construction is \$2 million, with partial funding provided through ODOT’s Urban Paving Program. Please note that ODOT’s funding is only eligible to be used for road resurfacing. As a result, other potential improvements such as curbs, sidewalks, and utility relocations will not be included in the project.

Public Input:

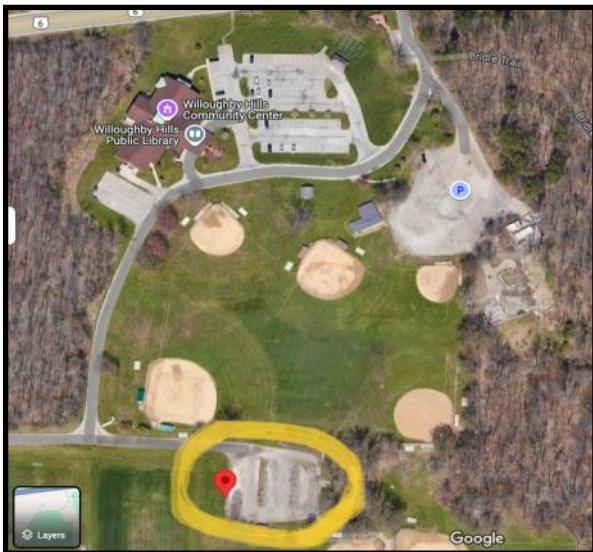
The City of Willoughby Hills encourages residents to share their thoughts on the proposed project. Comments can be submitted by email to ktrepal@rlba.com. The deadline for submitting feedback is April 14, 2025.

Project ID: PID 105894



thrivent[®]

Thrivent Financial will be hosting a **Shred Day** open to the City and its' residents!



When: Friday, April 18, 2025

Time: 9am - 12pm

Where: Back parking lot of Roemisch Field

**T R I V I A
N I G H T**

Please note that Senior Trivia Night has been moved to the 1st Tuesday of the month beginning April 1st. It will still be held at the Community Center and begin at 7pm.

Thank you!



BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS FOR THE 2025 SEASON
CONTINUE!

CHECK OUT THE [YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE'S WEBSITE](#) AND GET REGISTERED TODAY!

- THERE ARE NO RESIDENT RESTRICTIONS! -



Are you a senior (50+) who enjoys trivia? We'd love to have a second trivia team to represent our City for this year's Mind Challenge competition! Teams consist of 4 to 6 players and there is no cost to play. The tournament begins on April 21st and will take place at a variety of senior centers across Northeast Ohio. For more information, click [HERE](#). If you're interested in creating or joining a team, contact the Mayor's office at 440.918.8730 or email WHCommunications@WilloughbyHills-OH.gov.

Willoughby Hills Parks and Recreation

Adult 40+ COED Softball League

Sundays

May 4-July 13

Parkview Softball Fields
Campbell Park Willoughby Hills

No Games (5/25)

Game times vary 5:00 -8:00 P

Official Fees paid at Field at each game

We prioritize creating a positive, low-pressure environment where enjoyment, sportsmanship, and community take precedence over competition and winning.

Our league is committed to maintaining a welcoming space for everyone, and as such, we do not allow travel team players on any roster to ensure a level playing field.

\$375

PER TEAM



**REGISTER
NOW!**

Registration: 440.655.1199 or
recreation@willoughbyhills-oh.gov



WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE SCHOOL PRODUCE MARKET

FREE



**THURSDAY
APRIL 3, 2025
10 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

WILLOUGHBY SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

(CLOSES EARLIER IF ALL FOOD HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED)



OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY



#mychoicewilloughbyeastlake

Have you seen this egg?



Join the Willoughby Hills Easter Egg Hunt

Follow the clues to find a dozen eggs hidden around Willoughby Hills and win a chocolate bunny* and to be entered in a grand prize drawing.

Use this QR Code for more info
and to download the clues:



*While supplies last.





City of Willoughby Hills Recreation Commission

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt!

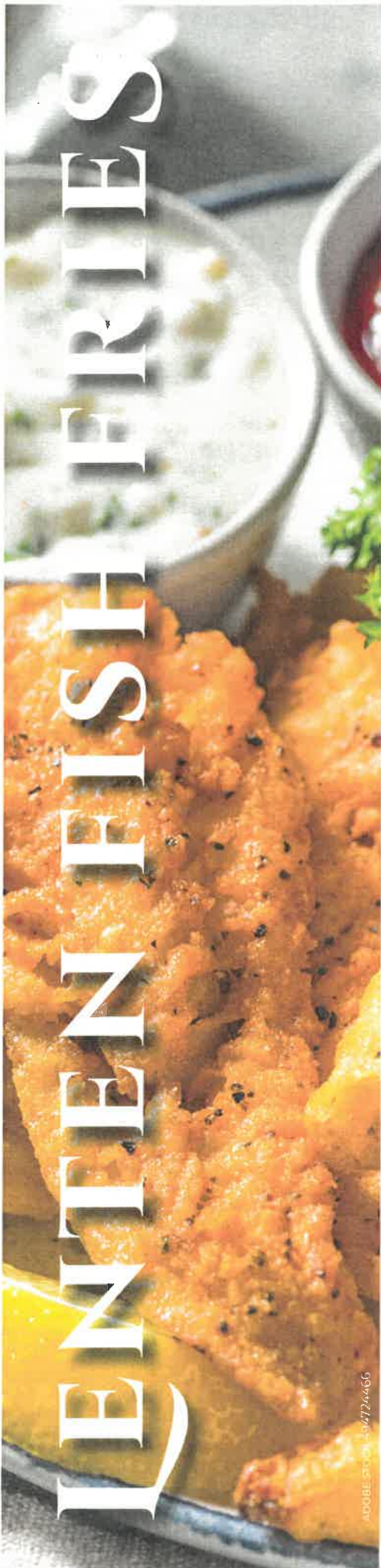
There are 12 clues below to different locations in the City of Willoughby Hills. Look for an egg with a number on it at the location that corresponds to each clue and write the number on this paper next to that clue. Turn in your completed entry at City Hall by April 18th for a chocolate bunny. On April 19th, the correct entries received will go into a drawing for an age appropriate Easter basket of goodies from our local businesses! All ages can participate!

- A. _____ This Dynamic place will soon be open for breakfast!
- B. _____ Home of the city's newest shiny flashy truck
- C. _____ If the bunny didn't eat his carrots, he can go here for Clear Sight!
- D. _____ Did you know there is a cemetery by the Grange? Find it!
- E. _____ This salon shares its name with a Supreme Court Justice
- F. _____ Find the baseball field closest to where flag football plays
- G. _____ This office will make your teeth white, not Emerald green!
- H. _____ Check out our city's new electronic sign
- I. _____ A restaurant for traditional, homemade Italian food
- J. _____ Bunny got tripped up and went here for foot and ankle orthopedic care
- K. _____ Come play on the train at this city park
- L. _____ This athletic club will Build Your Confidence

Name _____

Age _____

Phone Number _____



SAINT NOEL
PARISH
BANQUET CENTER

35200 Chardon Road • Willoughby Hills, Ohio • (440) 946-6635

Fridays • **4:30—7 PM**

Adults **\$25** • Children 6-12 years **\$10**

Buffet Includes

**Baked Lemon Cod • Fried Battered Cod
French Fries • Mixed Vegetables • Tossed Salad
Cole Slaw • Breadsticks • Assorted Cake**

March

7

penne pasta w/ marinara sauce

14

tuna noodle casserole

21

macaroni and cheese

28

cabbage and noodles

April

4

macaroni and cheese

11

penne pasta w/ marinara sauce

Beverages Include

Soft Drinks • Coffee • Hot Tea

Dine-In and To-Go Orders Available

CASH • CHECK (ST. NOEL BANQUET CENTER) • CREDIT CARD



2025 Willoughby Hills Spring Garage Sale

You are invited to join us for the annual Willoughby Hills Garage Sale Day! We will help promote your sale through our city website, newsletter, Facebook page, posters, and flyers.

Please complete this form by 12PM on April 22, 2025, so your garage sale can be included and promoted as part of this special day. Late entrants will not be included in promotional materials.

Recommendations

1. Residents must pre- register to take advantage of free advertising.
2. Residents are encouraged to put a sign in their yard and at the street corner to make your garage sale easy to find- coordinating signage with your neighbors for a street-wide sale can attract a greater number of visitors.

For more information: recreation@willoughbyhills-oh.gov or (440) 975-3540

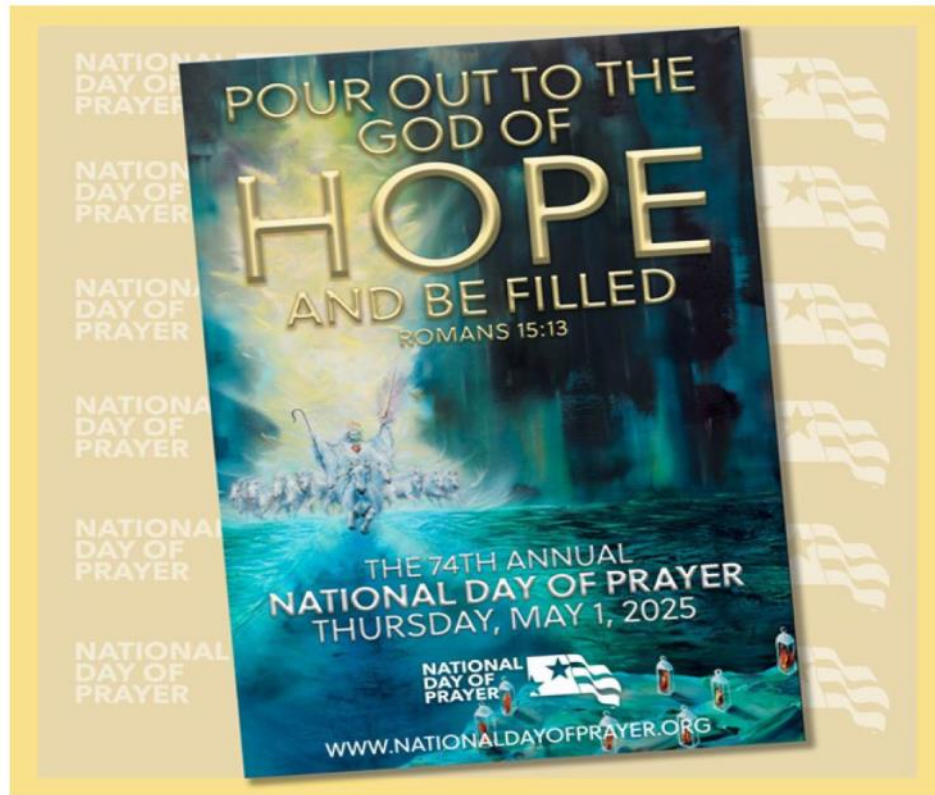
Click [HERE](#) to access the Google application form.

If you'd like to fill out and drop off or send in an application, please click [HERE](#) and return completed form to:

City of Willoughby Hills Recreation | Community Garage Sale Day 35400 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094.

Or drop off in person to the Recreation Office at the Community Center, 35400 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

(If office is closed, please leave your envelope in the black lock box under the breezeway window at the entrance. It will be checked daily).



JOIN RESIDENTS AND CHURCHES
OF OUR COMMUNITY
THURSDAY, MAY 1ST, 6:30 PM
TO PRAY FOR OUR NATION!

WILLOUGHBY HILLS
COMMUNITY CENTER GAZEBO
35400 CHARDON ROAD

FOR MORE INFORMATION
216-870-2927
NADMAR6@ATT.NET

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, WE WILL GATHER AT
CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD
28870 CHARDON ROAD

*Congratulations to Emerald Glen
for 20 Years of Excellence in
Title and Escrow Services!*

What has a bed but never
sleeps, runs but never
walks?

A river.

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 Hallum's Office.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!

