

MAYOR'S REPORT AUGUST 2015

Our City Newsletter is out and features a special report by Finance Director Frank Brichacek on the City's long-term debt. There has been some concern about this by residents who want to understand where the City stands with regard to budgeting, finance and what the City owes on a long-term basis. I thought he did an excellent explanation of the breakdown of the \$13.6m (\$11.4m being sewer debt), and the balance being comprised of Police & Fire Dispatch Center Construction and radio equipment, Fire and Service Department vehicles, Fire Station improvements, street improvements and the Community Center. Please review the report in its entirety for a better understanding of this important financial item which proves our fiscal responsibility.

Congratulations to the Fire Department, Police Department and Service Department, who put on a spectacular show at this year's Touch a Truck. Thousands of people came to let the youngsters experience the thrill of being on some of the great City vehicles. Thanks to all who attended as well. We are already planning another great event for next year!

The Willoughby Hills Quilt Guild has hung their fabulous quilts at the Art Gallery in the Community Center. They will be there until the first week of October. Please plan to stop by and check out the work of these talented individuals. We continue to see a Volunteer Art Gallery Curator to continue the fine work of John Davis, who retired earlier this year. If you or someone you know wants more information on this great opportunity to continue the fine tradition of the Art Gallery, please contact my office for more information.

With many of our students heading back to school or having limited time because of extracurricular activities, we will be looking to hire additional Community Center monitors. These individuals are responsible for serving as a monitor at the Community Center when events (such as weddings or birthday parties) are taking place. It is a great opportunity to earn some extra money and enjoy the activities in the community. Please call our HR Department if you are interested.

Our Service Department continues their work in the community for patching and tree trimming. This will be ongoing until the weather prevents us from continuing. Special thanks to them for resurrecting our train at Campbell Park...the kids love it!

Finally, as the students head back to school, I want to welcome Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation into our community in their inaugural year! Best wishes to the Administration and students for a great year!

