

MAYOR'S REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2017

Once again, we are pleased to offer AARP tax assistance at the Willoughby Hills Community Center. Our AARP volunteers will assist individuals with federal and state income tax form completion. Please call my office to schedule an appointment.

Regional Income Tax Agency will offer free City income tax preparation at City Hall on Thursday, March 30, 2017, from 1 to 7 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

I look forward to the Art Gallery Show at the Community Center during the months of March and April which will showcase our Annual Photo Contest. There is no fee to enter and this will give some individuals, including amateur photographers, a chance to show off their work and win some nice prizes. March and April is a great time, too, with so many fellow residents visiting the Community Center for the Pancake Breakfasts who will be able to view the fine work.

We have begun meeting with the Police, Fire and Service Unions and hope to have contracts in place very soon. After that, it is my intention to have our Civil Service Commission plan to give a Police and Fire Entry Level examination. From that list, I would like to hire two more Police officers and three more Firefighters. This will cut down on the overtime and ensure the number of members on each shift.

Our residents who are currently on sewer should soon see a reduction in their sewer bills. I have notified the Lake County Department of Utilities of our intention to reduce the minimum of cubic feet of water used from 10mcf to 5mcf. This should result in a significant reduction to many seniors and others who do not utilize 10mcf of water but are being billed for that with their sewer bill. Also, we have rolled back the current rate to 2015 pricing, which should result in approximately a \$3 per mcf savings (as City of Euclid will be increasing their rate by \$4 per mcf at the same time). I am happy to give some of this relief to our residents.

In closing, I hope to see many residents at our Annual Pancake Breakfasts. It is a lot of fun with great food and a chance to visit with your neighbors. Plan to come out and enjoy a great breakfast in Willoughby Hills!