

MAYOR'S REPORT
JUNE 2015

School may be out, but plans are already underway for the August opening of the Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation at 32500 Chardon Road in Willoughby Hills. The District purchased the former Eaton Building in the spring of 2014 to house this unique program. The School of Innovation will be the first platform school in Ohio that infuses STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum and instructional practices with a focus on rigorous Design Focused Learning beginning in grade three. The students are focused on problem solving and developing skills through process-based learning opportunities. The School will welcome its inaugural class of students in grades 3, 4 and 5 in August 2015. A new grade will be added to the school each year, ultimately becoming a school with grades 3 through 12. Enrollment for each grade will be approximately 75 students, with three classes of about 25 students each. Willoughby-Eastlake received a Straight A Grant for the School of Innovation. The funds from the grant award are being used for professional development, equipment, materials, technology and developing the design approach for learning. With the closing of an existing building that required extensive repairs and renovation, the district will actually experience a reduction in spending. Taxes will NOT increase because of this school! For more information, please visit the Willoughby-Eastlake School website. The City of Willoughby Hills looks forward to having them in our community. We will ensure the proper signage and pavement markings are done to remind motorists of the school zone speed of 20mph while school is in session.

Our two major Storm Water Management projects for this year (on Eddy Road and on Lamplight Lane) are underway. The contractors look forward to dry weather in order to complete these projects on schedule.

Clover Development continues to work on the Senior Living facility on Chardon Road. The anticipated opening date is Spring 2016. They are currently taking applications for those age 55 and over who may be interested in living in this beautiful facility. Pamphlets with more information are available at Willoughby Hills City Hall.

Our First Corn Fest Summer Concert (the first of three) featured "The 730 Club Band." They had a beautiful night in the City's gazebo to provide wonderful music to the crowd. Thanks to all who attended. We look forward to July and August Summer concerts to round out the series. Plan to come! The concerts are free!

In closing, I want to thank all of the United Way Day of Caring volunteers who were able to complete some very challenging projects. We were able to clear brush from Nottingham Baptist Church, clean up the VFW Post Home grounds, and wash outside windows for a senior resident. The recipients were most appreciative. Thanks again for your hard work!

Enjoy your summer.