

MAYOR'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2009

As the weather seems to have turned to fall quite abruptly, I am grateful that we at least got two great days of Indian summer to celebrate our Fall Corn Fest. The weather truly helped make it a success, with many residents and friends to our community turning out to eat fresh roasted sweet corn, delicious meals by La Vera, Texas Road House and our carnival vendors, compete in corn hole tournaments, play kids' games, enjoy the great entertainment and fireworks, or just catch up with neighbors one more time before everyone hibernates for winter. I received many positive comments at City Hall from those who were able to attend this annual event. Thanks to our Fall Corn Fest Committee and all of the volunteers who came out to help on September 12th and 13th. Plans are already set for next year's Fall Corn Fest, which will be held on September 11th and 12th, and promises to offer even more fun and good food!

Our Heavy Trash Program is underway and residents are encouraged to use this free service to get rid of unwanted items from their homes. Rules outlining items that are able to be picked up are available at City Hall, as well as on the website. Our Service Department will plan to pick up leaves and reminds residents to place leaves close to the street and not to block drainage ditches.

Applications for Absentee Ballots are available at City Hall and residents are encouraged to vote at the November 3rd election. Residents are reminded that we no longer have voting machines at City Hall, but residents are able to vote at their polling stations at Willoughby Hills Community Center, Calvary Church or Pine Ridge Recreation Building. Please call City Hall if you are unsure of your polling location.

We are encouraging our residents to Vote for Issue 4, which is our City's Renewal on our Road Levy. This would provide funding for the construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of our streets, roads and bridges. It would permit us funds to replace and repair necessary road equipment. It would not increase taxes since it is a renewal of our existing road levy. With the cost of asphalt and salt increasing, please support this levy so we can keep up our current level of excellence.

Fall recreation events are underway, beginning with our Craft Fair on Saturday, October 10, Halloween Party on October 24, Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11 and our Willoughby Hills Art Gallery Opening on November 11. These are all fun events for our residents, young and old, and I hope you will find time to participate in some of these fine opportunities for good, family fun.

In closing, I encourage you to get out to welcome our fall weather and foliage and enjoy our great restaurants, shopping and recreation in the City of Willoughby Hills.