

MAYOR'S REPORT
AUGUST 2013

August marked our 5th Annual Corn Fest in Willoughby Hills. We moved the date to a bit earlier this year as we are always plagued by rain. That thought process certainly served to do the trick because the weather was fantastic. Saturday started with Touch A Truck where the children could enjoy the experience of Police, Fire, Service and Military vehicles. They even got to see a helicopter land on the front lawn of City Hall. The Classic Car Show rolled in after Touch A Truck and we had quite an array of antique and vintage cars. A Rockefeller Road resident was honored "Mayor's Choice" trophy, but it was a difficult decision with so many fine vehicles to choose from. The fireworks lit the skies as Saturday came to a close. Sunday's attendance was down, but those who attended found great pleasure in all of the vendors, the live entertainment and the pizza and recipe contests. Thanks to all who came to support this fun event. The Committee is already back to work for 2014, hoping to enhance Corn Fest 2014 to make it even more memorable.

The Chagrin River Watershed Partners have sponsored a project at the Community Center that accounts for the construction in the parking lot and gazebo area. This Ohio EPA grant funded endeavor is a demonstration project utilizing the Surface Water Improvement Fund (SWIF) to retrofit portions of the parking lot with permeable pavement and install a bioretention area to collect runoff. The entire project was funded by the Ohio EPA and it provides for one year of monitoring once the project has been constructed. The grant closure date is July 31, 2014. Once the construction is done, there should be no parking lot or gazebo interference whatsoever.

The Old Pleasant Valley Road Bridge is in some need of repairs before winter and I anticipate that will take place after Labor Day weekend. Motorists should see just a few days of closure with this project. Hanna Road repairs will start soon, too, and residents in that area will be advised of alternate routes before the project begins.

As school starts, I remind everyone to watch out for the children waiting for the bus. And don't text and drive!!!

