

MAYOR'S REPORT
OCTOBER 2013

It's a funny thing that last month I wrote about getting some road projects done before winter and then we woke up to snow on October 24th! We promptly got our snow plows on the road and the Service Department did a great job in making sure our streets were salted and safe.

I attended a special celebration at the Willoughby-Eastlake Library (Willoughby Hills branch). The library was celebrating 10 years of service in our Willoughby Hills Community Center. The library staff did a great job in putting together a fun party recognizing their milestone and thanking those who made it possible. Congratulations to the library and we look forward to having them in our community for many years to come.

I also had the pleasure of attending the ribbon cutting for O'Reilly's Auto Parts. This will be a great addition to our community. I hope those in need of car parts look to them for their car repair needs. It will be nice to have an auto parts store so close to home.

While we learned we did not receive the LGIF Grant for the sewer camera truck, we still look forward to our CDBG Grant for the handicapped doors at the Community Center. Installation will be in the spring, weather permitting

Color Run came and went and brought about 6,000 visitors to our community. I received many kind words from those who participated in the event. Thanks to our residents, especially those along the run route, for their patience while the runners cleared their streets.

As we head to the last few months of the year, we are working on getting our budget prepared and passed through Council before year end. Finance Director Brichacek and his staff are meeting with all of the departments to plan their needs for 2014.

Larry O'Donnell has once again been diligent in getting all of the speakers and musicians lined up for the 2014 Veteran's Day Ceremony. As always, it will be held on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars now for this excellent event.

Recreation has been busy planning WinterFest and the 2014 Christmas Card Lighting Ceremony. This year's event is planned for Sunday, December 1, 2013. The kids will be able to visit Santa, listen to holiday music, and eat Christmas treats. This is the kick-off for our Toys 4 Tots campaign. Plan to bring a toy to fill our ambulance!

In closing, let me remind everyone to drive safely now that winter has arrived. Don't worry about the leaves you had put out to the edge of your tree lawn...as soon as the snow subsides, we will get to them! Hope to see you on Veteran's Day!