

MAYOR'S REPORT
MAY 2014

May 2014 saw a lot of activity for the City of Willoughby Hills. On May 10th, we welcomed 9,000 visitors to our community by way of the Color Run. What a beautiful day it turned out to be and many of our community groups and churches raised funds for their causes by volunteering at the color stations of this event. We hope many of these visitors come back again to eat, shop and enjoy our fine city.

We also welcomed many residents, friends and veterans to our annual Memorial Day Ceremony, planned and organized by Larry O'Donnell. Our key note speaker was Pastor Jack Williams, who recently relocated to the City of Willoughby Hills to lead the congregation at Maple Grove Alliance Church. It was a wonderful speech and we welcome him and his wife Susan into our community. The music during the ceremony was terrific as well and the weather cooperated 100%.

Our Service Department continues a variety of Lake County Storm Water Management projects and we look forward to helping many of our residents who have been plagued with flooding over many years. Special thanks to Service Superintendent Nate Catania for his diligent work in securing these grants to make the projects possible without using City funds.

We closed our public surplus auction on the internet on May 16th and brought it \$25,536 from the sale of used Police cars and a 1989 fire engine. These funds will be used to purchase a new Police car in the coming months.

Our Police and Fire Departments remain busy and provide all of their monthly reports on line on our city website. The Police Department has once again begun a Safety Education Series featuring helpful hints for keeping safe and being aware of impending danger. Join Officer Craig Anderson on Monday, June 23, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. for his presentation entitled "Home Safety Seminar". The next presentation will be entitled "Elderly Fraud", but a date has yet to be determined.

The "Penfield Home", an architectural masterpiece by Frank Lloyd Wright was recently put up for sale. This beautiful home is located on River Road in Willoughby Hills. It has served to house many visitors over the years who come to show their appreciation for the fine work of Frank Lloyd Wright. Best wishes to the Penfield family on their new endeavor. We hope the new owners will continue to serve the community by offering this fine home to visitors who are interested in the architectural design.

I have turned over the names of nine fine individuals to serve on our Charter Review Commission. It is my hope that Council will soon approve these recommendations so we can get the task underway to review the City Charter.

I hope you enjoy your summer. I look forward to getting a City Newsletter out to all of residents before the end of the summer season.

