



*Where Residents Are First*



*Winter 2014*

## **MAYOR'S REPORT 2014**

*By Mayor Robert M. Weger*

2013 proved to be a productive year for the City of Willoughby Hills. We accomplished the paving of Maple Grove, Dodd's Landing, Hanna Road, and portions of Gatsby Lane and Kristen Court. Other Service Department projects included repair work the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge, Rogers Road slope failure project and guardrail installation on River Road. We were able to obtain Storm Water Management funding to complete the Community Center SWIF Project installing permeable pavers at the parking lot, Rosewood storm outlet extension, Cricket Lane drainage improvements, Gatsby Lane drainage improvements, Dodd's Hill roadway sinkhole repair, River Road culvert pipe installation and erosion repair, Sayle Farm drainage improvement, Rockefeller and White Road drainage and ditch improvements, Erich Drive erosion repair at the creek, Eddy Road pipe collapse repair and Hunting Trail pipe repair. In addition, we were able to clean and maintain 50% of the city's sanitary sewer system, which is ahead of schedule as required by the EPA. In 2013, our Mayor's Court collected \$1.29 million in Court revenue, which represents a \$50,000 increase over 2012 totals. Our Police and Fire Departments responded to a record number of calls and did fine work to keep our residents safe.

Our Community Center celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, as did the Willoughby Hills Branch of the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library. The former Garfield School site became the home of the Willoughby Hills Soccer Teams with the installation of two wonderful soccer fields. O'Reilly Auto Parts, Mary Rose Estates, The Wood Room came to call "Willoughby Hills" Home this year. We brought Color Run to our city, where we hosted over 15,000 people to our city for this event. Kathy Polanz became "Mayor for the Day" in October 2013 and was able to witness firsthand what a great city we have in Willoughby Hills.

We received our 2011 and 2012 audits from the State of Ohio and are proud to report that they found them to be "unqualified" audits, which means the "best that can be given." This just shows how we are committed to doing the right thing as this marks our sixth year with this distinction.

In summary, 2013 was a very busy and productive year as we look back on our accomplishments.

As we look ahead to 2014, I recognize the economic implications that will make this a challenging year. With funding being cut from state and federal government resources, the closing of our internet cafes, Eaton relocation and reduction in property tax receipts, I continue to work hard with all our departments to reduce our spending as much as possible and continue to work within a strict budget. I am consciously aware of our resident needs, however, and vow to continue our "Residents First" program, to continue to deliver the best service possible for the citizens of Willoughby Hills.

I look ahead to 2014 with optimism though because I am aware of some economic development projects that could prove to be very positive for our city. These projects include Maple Valley Subdivision off of Maple Grove Road, Dunkin Donuts on Bishop Road, Clover Development on Chardon Road and possible new tenants for the Sears Building and Eaton property.

With the good team of workers we have in place, I am confident we can forge ahead to continue to do good things for the City of Willoughby Hills.

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# 2014 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

By: Steve Roszczyk,  
Economic Development Director

The economic climate is improving and many of the projects we have been working on are coming to fruition. Some have been discussed in previous newsletters. Some are new. Here's a breakdown of what's been happening.

1. Clover Communities Willoughby LLC: Clover has completed its purchase of the vacant property in the Chagrin North complex. Work is slated to begin as soon as the weather breaks on a new 120 unit, unassisted senior living facility. The project represents a \$6 million investment in the city.
2. Dunkin' Donuts: Construction will begin this spring on Dunkin' Donuts newest 'concept' store on Bishop Road. Niyati Enterprise will invest \$1.3 million in the restaurant and will bring approximately 16 full-time and 20 part-time jobs to the city.
3. Sears Hardware Building: Carnegie Development and Management Corporation has leased the Sears building. While the new tenant has yet to make a public announcement, its business will be an excellent addition that will result in more than just a few jobs for Willoughby Hills.
4. Eaton Building: The Willoughby-Eastlake School Board approved the purchase of the Eaton Training Facility, at 32500 Chardon Road (next to and behind the La-Vera Party Center.)

According to an article that appeared in the January 19<sup>th</sup> edition of The News-Herald, "the district plans to transform the building into a STEM school, which place heavy emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculum, or a STREAM school, which adds in rigorous reading and art programs as well."

5. Flowers by Shelley: Flowers by Shelley moved its store from Lyndhurst to 33901 Chardon Road. The store is an all occasion, full service florist specializing in custom, cutting edge wedding designs, theme weddings, parties and other events.

For more information about economic development in Willoughby Hills, call Steve Roszczyk at 440-918-8746 or send an email to [econdev@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:econdev@willoughbyhills-oh.gov).



## THE REICHELTS RECEIVE WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION

NOVEMBER 11, 2013

Mayor Weger presented Dave & Denise Reichelt with a plaque naming "Veterans Memorial Park" after the former Council President and his wife, who have played an instrumental part in our community during Dave's Council service. Dave and Denise always ensured the sound system was set up and operable during the veteran ceremonies. They both served as great community volunteers as well. Council members Kevin Malecek and Ray Somich were on hand as well to honor this special couple.



## WELCOME TO THE WOOD ROOM WINE & MARTINI BAR

Katie Wright was honored to receive Mayor Weger's special proclamation at the Chamber's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in December. Katie went on to receive the Willoughby and Western Lake County's "Showcase Award" for her visionary decorative work with her new business. The wood room is located at 34100 Chardon Road on Firehouse Square.

## 2014 AARP SITES FOR TAX PREPARATION:

We regret there are no AARP volunteers to assist at the Willoughby Hills Community Center site this year. We are offering other locations where you will be able to get your 2013 Income Tax forms prepared free of charge by AARP volunteers. Please visit our website for locations. [www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov)

### REPUBLIC'S NEW TRASH & RECYCLE RATES

(PER YEAR 5 OF OUR CONTRACT)  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014:

UNLIMITED TRASH AND RECYCLE:  
\$19.80 PER MONTH

SENIOR RATE WITH TRASH AND RECYCLE:  
\$18.80 PER MONTH

BAG SERVICE: \$3.15 PER BAG



### BEST WISHES TO JOAN MOTUZA

Joan Motuza has left her position as Clerk for Recreation Commission and Clerk for Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) after more than 15 years of service. Joan did a great job for the City of Willoughby Hills serving in this capacity and she will be truly missed. Joan leaves to spend more time "in the retirement mode" with her husband (Dick), her children (Rick and Karen), and grandchildren (Nicole and Jenna). Best of luck and congratulations on a successful career with the City of Willoughby Hills.

## REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY (RITA) INFORMATION

*By Finance Director, Frank Brichacek*

The Regional Income Tax Agency will not be coming to Willoughby Hills this year for assistance with city income tax preparation. RITA will, however, be providing FREE on site tax form assistance at Willoughby City Hall, One Public Square, Willoughby, Ohio, on: Friday, March 7, 2014 from noon to 7:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The program is intended to provide tax form assistance with the 2013 municipal income tax return to any RITA taxpayer even though the taxpayer may live or work outside of the location listed. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE.



## DEDICATION OF THE LARRY O'DONNELL AMPHITHEATRE AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

NOVEMBER 11, 2013

Veterans Day could not have been any more special for us this year since we had the privilege of honoring Veteran Larry O'Donnell. Larry was presented with a plaque by Mayor Robert Weger and Councilmen David Reichelt and Kevin Malecek to officially name the "Larry O'Donnell Amphitheatre at Veterans Memorial Park." The amphitheatre will serve to provide seating for veterans and their families and friends to enjoy the veteran programs. Larry, Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Commission, has been the primary facilitator of the Memorial and Veterans Day programs. He strives to find the best speakers and musicians to make the event enjoyable for all those who attend. Special thanks again to Larry for a job well done!

## SERVICE DEPARTMENT RECYCLE ITEMS

*By Nate Catania*

Fill in the blanks below to find all of the items our Service Department currently accepts for recycling.

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# UPCOMING 2014 RECREATION



**ART GALLERY RECEPTION**  
Friday, March 7, 2014 7-9pm



## WILLOUGHBY HILLS RECREATION PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Sunday, March 2, 2014 and Sunday, March 9, 2014



## WILLOUGHBY HILLS LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 16, 2014



**SPRING CRAFT SHOW** – Saturday, March 29, 2014 10am-4pm

**EASTER PARTY** –  
Saturday, April 12, 2014 1:00pm



**ART GALLERY RECEPTION** – Friday, May 9, 2014 7-9pm

**COLOR RUN** – Saturday, May 10, 2014 7:30 am – 12:30pm (approx.)



## WH SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

*Sponsored by: CornFest*

**FEATURING “PRIME TIME SWING BAND”**

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 7-9pm



## WILLOUGHBY HILLS CAPTAINS DAY AT CLASSIC PARK

Sunday, July 13 6:30pm



**SAFETY TOWN** – July 7 – 11, 2014

**ART GALLERY RECEPTION** – Friday, July 11, 2014 7-9pm

# EVENT DATES

## WH SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT SHOPPES OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS

*Sponsored by: CornFest*

**FEATURING 50'S AND 60'S MUSIC and FIREWORKS**

SAT. July 19, 2014 from 6 to 9pm



## GARAGE SALE DAY IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Saturday, August 9, 2014

**TOUCH A TRUCK** –Saturday, August 23, 2014 10am to 2pm



## WH SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

*Sponsored by: CornFest*

**FEATURING OUR WILLOUGHBY HILLS HOE DOWN**

**WITH COUNTRY MUSIC** – Wednesday, August 20, 2014 7-9pm

**ART GALLERY RECEPTION (QUILT EXHIBIT)** – Friday, September 12 7-9pm

**CRAFT SHOW** – Saturday, October 11, 2014

**HALLOWEEN PARTY** – Friday, October 17, 2014 6-8pm



**ART GALLERY RECEPTION** – Friday, November 7, 2014 7-9pm

**WINTER FEST AND CHRISTMAS CARD LANE** –  
Sunday, December 7, 2014 5pm



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 13, 2014  
8:30am

*All events are subject to change.*

*Visit our website at [www.wiloughbyhills-oh.gov](http://www.wiloughbyhills-oh.gov)  
for up-to-date information and news  
about all of these events.*

WEATHER  
MAYOR WEGER

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												WINDCHILL



## WELCOMES DR. TIMOTHY LEVAR, D.P.M.

*DR. TIMOTHY LEVAR, D.P.M.*

We are always pleased to welcome newcomers to our business community and certainly that is the case with Dr. Timothy Levar. Dr. Levar is a foot and ankle surgeon with further specialization and training in reconstruction who completed his residency at the Cleveland Clinic and Kaiser Permanente after graduating medical school from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. He is currently on staff at CCF Euclid Hospital and Lake Health, and is soon to join the staff at Hillcrest Hospital as well.

Dr. Levar works alongside Dr. Tim Nice, M.D., a board-certified general orthopedic surgeon with over 30 years of experience. Dr. Nice specializes in joint replacement and is Chief of Orthopedics at Hillcrest Hospital.

Being a lifelong native of Lake County, Dr. Levar is excited to start his career to service the residents of Willoughby Hills and its surrounding communities. The office is located at 34600 Chardon Road, Suite 9, Willoughby Hills, Ohio, directly across from Gale's Garden Center.

We welcome Dr. Levar to the City of Willoughby Hills and wish him many happy, successful years in our city.



## PERMEABLE PAVER INSTALLATION AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

During the autumn of 2013, the City of Willoughby Hills installed permeable pavers in a portion of the parking lot at the Community Center. The permeable paver installation was paid for by a grant the City received from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Surface Water Improvement Fund. The permeable pavers help to reduce and clean the stormwater traveling over the parking lot after it rains before this water reaches Gully Brook and the Chagrin River. These permeable pavers benefit the City and Gully Brook by promoting infiltration, reducing flooding, and decreasing streambank erosion. Gully Brook also benefits from cooler water compared to that traveling over asphalt or concrete, which creates better habitat for aquatic life.

In the winter, permeable pavers are safer than traditional asphalt or concrete because they melt snow and ice more quickly. Once the snow and ice melts, it drains into the stone base below, so no black ice forms on the permeable pavement.

Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. (CRWP) is working with the City to monitor the quantity and quality of the water treated by the permeable pavers. The information gathered by CRWP will be used to determine the effectiveness of permeable pavers and how frequently these pavers need to be maintained. Future permeable paver projects will benefit from this knowledge. The results of CRWP's research will be available at: <http://www.crw.org/index.php/projects/research-projects/nerrs-science-collaborative>.



## WINTERFEST 2013

Special thanks to LT Patty Heller of WHPD for another successful Toys For Tots drive during this year's Winter Fest in Willoughby Hills. We were able to fill an ambulance with toys and bring awareness to Lake County Humane Society's efforts for pets. Thanks to our businesses and community for their support of this project.

### WEATHER MAYOR WEGER



ACCUMULATION  
BLIZZARD  
CLEARING  
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# ART GALLERY EXHIBITS FROM 2014

By Art Gallery Curator, John Davis

The public openings are free and are a great opportunity to meet the artists and view their work. Plan to join us as we unveil the artistic work of the following artists this year:

**January – February:** 7 in Focus, a collection of seven outstanding photographers from Northern Ohio. Artists: Wayne Mazorow, John Radigan, Ryn Clarke, Michael F. Nekic, Shannon Workman, Lee Peters, Don Miller  
Public Opening January 10<sup>th</sup> 7-9 PM

**March – April:** Painter Janet M. Mettee & photographer Steve Paternite. Public Opening March 7<sup>th</sup>. 7-9 PM

**May – June:** Students Exhibit, Public Opening May 9<sup>th</sup>. 7-9 PM

**July – August:** Artists: Leah Fletcher, Dan Gaines, Darion Worthy. Public Opening July 11<sup>th</sup>. 7-9 PM

**September – October:** The Willoughby Hills Quilt Guild  
Public Opening September 12<sup>th</sup>. 7-9 PM

**November – December:** Davis & Pappas & Pappas  
Public Opening December 7<sup>th</sup>. 7-9 PM



## O'REILLY'S RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Mayor Weger joined Willoughby and Western Lake County's President & CEO Karen Tercek in welcoming O'Reilly Auto Parts to our city on October 28, 2013. The business made a financial donation to St. Noel during the festivities. We look forward to many successful years for O'Reilly's in the City of Willoughby Hills.

## SERVICE DEPARTMENT – RECYCLE ITEMS ANSWER KEY

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. ALUMINUM   | 10. CORDS     |
| 2. BRANCHES   | 11. LEAVES    |
| 3. CAPACITORS | 12. PILLS     |
| 4. COPIERS    | 13. BOOKS     |
| 5. LAPTOPS    | 14. CABLES    |
| 6. PHONES     | 15. COMPUTERS |
| 7. BATTERIES  | 16. FAX       |
| 8. BRUSH      | 17. PAPER     |
| 9. CARDBOARD  | 18. PRINTERS  |

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

<b>Council President, At-Large III</b> Raymond C. Somich .....	440-567-8316
<b>Council Vice President, At-Large II</b> Nancy E. Fellows .....	216-952-3044
<b>Council-at-Large I</b> Christopher L. Biro .....	440-944-7470
<b>Council-at-Large III</b> David M. Fiebig .....	440-585-4433
<b>Council-at-Large IV</b> John Plecnik .....	440-382-9978
<b>Council, District I</b> Frank A. Germano .....	440-221-9923
<b>Council, District III</b> Christopher Hallum .....	440-840-6710
<b>Clerk of Council</b> Victoria A. Savage .....	440-975-3541
<b>Fire/Police Emergency</b> .....	911
<b>Fire Dept. – Non Emergency</b> .....	440-942-7207
<b>Police Dept. – Non Emergency</b> .....	440-942-9111
<b>Mayor's Court – WH only</b> .....	440-942-5050
<b>Recreation Dept.</b> .....	440-975-3540
<b>Fax</b> .....	440-918-8748
<b>Building &amp; Zoning Dept.</b> .....	440-975-3550
<b>Service Dept.</b> .....	440-918-8740
<b>Mayor's Office</b> .....	440-946-6614
<b>City Hall – Main Number</b> .....	440-946-1234
<b>Fax</b> .....	440-975-3533
<b>Willoughby Hills Library</b> .....	440-942-3362
<b>Willoughby Hills Seniors</b> .....	440-951-1826



### LOCATION

Willoughby Hills Library & Community Center  
35400 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills 44094

### CLASS INFORMATION

Class is held every Wednesday  
No sign-up required. Drop-in anytime  
This class is open to all

### TIME & COST

6:30pm - 7:30pm  
\$10 per class - cash or check accepted.

### WHAT YOU NEED FOR CLASS

A yoga or exercise mat. Wear comfortable clothes.

### ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME!

This isn't a typical yoga class! You will be guided through yoga poses that will loosen you up, make you laugh and help you reduce stress- all while enjoying a balanced workout. No yoga or fitness experience is needed to take this class.

**Instructor Information:** Chris Keller is a Yoga Instructor, RYT-500+ and Certified Yoga Therapist. She teaches Yoga Therapy at the Cleveland Clinic.

If you have questions please email: [chriskelleryoga@gmail.com](mailto:chriskelleryoga@gmail.com)





# The City of Willoughby Hills

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## WILLOUGHBY HILLS CORN FEST RESIDENT SURVEY

You likely recall that the 2013 Corn Fest was moved to August in an effort to have warmer and drier weather. We were fortunate and had a successful Saturday with good attendance. But Sunday's crowd was truly lacking. After having such ideal weather and still not getting strong participation by our residents, our volunteer Corn Fest Committee has opted to try presenting three separate summer music concerts in 2014. All concerts will be free, and at least two will utilize our new Veterans Memorial Park Gazebo. One concert will be followed by a fireworks display. More information on these events will be posted in the months to come on the Corn Fest website ([whcornfest.com](http://whcornfest.com)) and the City's Recreation webpage ([willoughbyhills-oh.gov](http://willoughbyhills-oh.gov)).

Corn Fest Committee is already thinking about 2015, and we are committed to serve our Willoughby Hills residents by providing what you and your family wants. To help us know this, we are asking for your input via this brief survey. Your response will help us bring quality entertainment events to our community in the future.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ #Adults in household \_\_\_\_\_ #Children in household \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend Corn Fest 2013?  YES  NO Did you attend previous Corn Fests?  YES  NO

\*If you attended in 2013, how would you rate the event: (please circle: 1 best, 5 worst)

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|---|-----------------------------|---|--|---|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Overall rating                           | 1                           | 2   | 3  | 4 | 5 |                       |
| 2. Food/beverages                           | 1                           | 2   | 3  | 4 | 5 |                       |
| 3. Entertainment/music                      | 1                           | 2   | 3  | 4 | 5 |                       |
| 4. Vendors/crafts/displays                  | 1                           | 2   | 3  | 4 | 5 |                       |
| 5. Children's activities                    | 1                           | 2   | 3  | 4 | 5 | did not have children |
| 6. What did you like <u>best</u> about it?  | _____                       |   |  |   |   |                       |
| 7. What did you like <u>least</u> about it? | _____                       |   |  |   |   |                       |
| 8. Would you likely have attended in 2014?  | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> YES, for one day | <input type="checkbox"/> YES, for two days |   |   |                       |

\*If you did NOT attend, please "x" all reasons why you did not attend:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I did not know about it                         | <input type="checkbox"/> I wanted to attend but I am too busy                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I did not want to attend due to past experience | <input type="checkbox"/> I would likely attend if it were <u>earlier</u> in the Summer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I did not want to attend/no interest            | <input type="checkbox"/> I would likely attend if it were <u>later</u> in the Summer   |

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any ideas/improvements that could attract more residents to Corn Fest: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be able to volunteer to help plan/present future Corn Fests?  YES  NO  MAYBE

*Thank you for your valuable input. Please mail or drop off this survey to:  
WH Corn Fest Committee, c/o Willoughby Hills City Hall, 35405 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094.*