

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL  
JUNE 2012

June marked a month of memorable moments for some members of the City of Willoughby Hills. The United Way Day of Caring Projects this year included two homes in our city where we were truly able to “make a difference.”

A group of volunteers from our City employees, residents and businesses (such as Pat O'Brien Chevrolet and Lake Hospital) were able to repair and paint a garage on Stark Drive and paint a house and garage on Mapleview Lane. Both projects required a lot of “elbow grease” and were tackled in 90 degree heat. The house painting turned out to be quite a challenge and required a lot of ladder work. It was nice to have the Fire Chief on hand to climb where others would not! I was proud of our entire crew though, accomplishing the task by working together and beating the heat. The United Way project is an annual event which is held on the third Wednesday of June each year. A project that will impact our city specifically is selected and our group always looks forward to improving our own community. Volunteers are always welcome and you are encouraged to put this on your calendar for 2013. Together we can accomplish so much!

Other events that took place in our city during the month included a well-received Shred Day on June 16, where residents could take advantage of bringing items to be shredded and recycled. Safety Town (June 18-22) taught a fine group of youngsters the importance of safety with strangers, on the bus and on the road. These are all great skills that will be very useful as they enter kindergarten in the fall. On a sad note, we said “goodbye” to former Willoughby Hills Police Chief Robert Goodwin who passed away after a long battle with cancer. Our prayers remain with Bob's wife, Deena, and their family. On a lighter note, we welcomed the birth of Councilman Somich's grandson and the retirement of Sgt. Mike Planisek from our Police Department. Congratulations to both of these individuals on these life-changing events!

As the students recess for summer break, remember to drive safely in and around our city. Best wishes for a happy, healthy summer!