

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL  
MAY 2012

May was a busy month in the City of Willoughby Hills as we started work on the two bridge projects at Rogers Road and Maple Grove Road. The detours are clearly marked and the school buses and motor vehicles have been forced to find alternate routes to their destinations. The cooperation of our residents during the time is appreciated.

The work at Garfield Soccer Park continues on River Road. Preparing these fields for fall play will be a challenge with the recent weather conditions, but we look forward to the day when we can actually use these two soccer fields for our Recreation and school leagues. The grading of the fields has begun. After that is complete, grass will be planted and drainage will be implemented. Our Service Department has been diligent in ensuring progress is being made on this project.

The site of the previous Vanity Fair Outlets at Loehmann's Plaza on the west end of the city is being renovated for Buckeye Charitable Gambling. The facility will be similar to the previous Nautica venue and anticipates its opening in the fall.

Welcome to Steve Roszczyk, our new Economic Development Director. Steve's background and experience bring a wealth of knowledge and business contacts to the city. His focus will be on the west end of the city and in attracting new businesses to the City of Willoughby Hills. The recent survey which was completed by many of our residents will be a useful tool for Steve in determining what needs to be done to develop the area. Steve will keep us updated as things progress in the field of Economic Development.

Thanks to Larry O'Donnell for the outstanding Memorial Day program. He did a great job with this year's program which was held on Monday, May 28 at the Veteran's Memorial. Our VFW Post 4358 assisted Larry in this very fine program. It is always nice to see so many residents come out to pay tribute to our military service personnel.

In closing, let me remind you that Sunday, June 3 is Willoughby Hills Appreciation Day at Classic Park. Special ticket pricing and events are planned for our residents. I have been asked to throw out the ceremonial first pitch! Mark your calendars to take advantage of this fun event and cheer the Lake County Captains on to a win!