

MAYOR'S REPORT OCTOBER 2012

Fall has made its appearance with the beautiful foliage throughout the City of Willoughby Hills. The Fall Craft Show was a huge success with our Community Center filled with holiday crafts and gift ideas. The Halloween Party, including the awesome haunted hay ride, was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Frankenstorm made its way to our city on Monday, October 29th and the fury of the storm brought down trees and power lines, as well as flooding in our area. Our Fire, Police and Service crews worked well into the night to assist residents. Being still at the mercy of the Illuminating Company, it may be days before we see complete resolution of the problem with power restoration. We have offered a safe haven at our Willoughby Hills Community Center for residents who may need a place of refuge until their power is restored. The weather prohibited us, and all of Lake County, from celebrating "Trick or Treat" night in Willoughby Hills on Wednesday, October 31, as had been a tradition for many years. Instead, Halloween Trick or Treating will be on Sunday, November 4, 2012, from 5pm to 7pm. Please note the earlier time as a result of our clocks being turned back one hour for daylight savings time.

The inclement weather has delayed our construction crews on the Maple Grove Bridge over I-90. We had anticipated this project being completed by October 31, 2012, but now look to the close of this project being probably another few weeks. I will make sure the exact date of re-opening will be on the website as soon as we are notified.

Welcome to our two new full-time dispatchers, Daniel Goldstein and Julius Petro. Both men bring a wealth of experience to our Police Department and we are lucky to have them in our city.

Veteran's Day Ceremony will be our City's next event and is scheduled for Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. Larry O'Donnell has planned an excellent program and I urge everyone to join us. This year's ceremony will be held inside the Community Center to avoid any weather-related issues. Please join us as we honor our veterans and service members.

We are once again involved in the "Be a Santa to a Senior" Program. This will ensure that a senior will receive a Christmas gift from an anonymous donor this holiday season. If you know a senior who would benefit from this program or if you want to volunteer to shop for one of these seniors, please contact my office. It is nice to remember those less fortunate than we are during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Finally, let me remind you that polling locations are all set in Willoughby Hills. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 6th.