

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2012

September was a busy month in the City of Willoughby Hills.

Construction continues on the Maple Grove Bridge over I-90. The work is going well and is expected to be completed by October 31, 2012. The Riviera Ridge project is also underway and should be completed by the end of the month. Canterbury cul-de-sac is getting its long awaiting repair and is expected to be completed by mid-October. These are all great improvements to our City and should make travelling through these areas much easier.

Buckeye Charitable Gambling opened its doors on Friday, September 7, 2012, and is located in the former Vanity Fair Outlet building on Chardon and Bishop Roads. This business will provide an opportunity for charitable groups to earn funds for their 501(C) 3.

Congratulations are in order for Cindy Sabo, who joined our Fire Department as our newest firefighter. Also, congratulations to Willoughby Hills Boy Scout Troop 562 member Evan Turner on his achievement of Eagle Scout ranking. Evan's Eagle Project entailed the planting of trees as a barrier between the cemetery and the Maple Grove Grange. Finally, I was pleased to present resident Kate Biddle with a proclamation, commending her on receiving the Suzanne Brookhart Harrison Award for exceptional service to children. Kate's work during the Chardon School shootings was outstanding and she has been commended for assisting the students during this crisis.

Fall Corn Fest 2012 is now behind us and we already are looking forward to the planning of Fall Corn Fest 2013. This year's event was once again hampered by a rainy Saturday morning, but turned out to be wonderful over the two days. Many attendees enjoyed the live entertainment, Classic Car Show, 5K run, delicious dinners by Texas Road House and La-Vera Party Center, numerous kids' activities, arts and crafts vendors, fireworks, and, of course, delicious roasted sweet corn. Thanks to the committee and volunteers for their dedication to this project. It was nice to see neighbors meeting neighbors during Fall Corn Fest. I hope next year will provide two days full of sunshine because the committee certainly has the recipe for success.

As we look ahead to fall, our Service Department will be picking up leaves and just asks that you leave them at the edge of your property for pickup. Hopefully, the leaf collection will be completed before the snow flies.

Don't forget to be a part of the Fall Craft Show on October 13, where vendor space has been sold out for months. It is a great way to get a jump on your holiday shopping. The Halloween Party is set for Saturday, October 20, and is open to all youngsters up to age 12. Come and enjoy the hayride and fun and games.

In closing, I want to thank all of our City departments for the great job they did for us doing Fall Corn Fest. The Service, Police and Fire Departments worked hard to ensure a great and safe event. Thanks again!