

MAYOR'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015

I am so pleased to report that the City of Willoughby Hills has received the State Auditor's "Award of Excellence" for calendar years 2013 and 2014. This award comes after many months of the auditors being at City Hall to audit all financial records including purchase orders, reports, receipts and all other financial data for the city. It also comes many years after being unauditible and, when I took over as Mayor, our financial situation being very bleak. Putting the proper people in place to handle our day to day financial affairs has certainly turned things around. Our Finance Department under the leadership of Finance Director Frank Brichacek (and formerly Joe Mirtel), has put together a great financial plan that is deemed "excellent" in all aspects of finance by the State of Ohio Auditor. This is certainly a feather in our cap and a reassurance to our residents that we are on the right track in doing the right things financially for the City of Willoughby Hills. Thanks to all of the employees of the City of Willoughby Hills for diligently doing their jobs by getting purchases orders in timely, completing the necessary paperwork for contracts and expenditures, and cooperating with the municipal rules and regulations. All of this helped us earn this prestigious award. Congratulations and thank you!

At the end of September, the Charter Review Commission will be holding a Public Forum to explain the Charter issues that will be on the November ballot. I urge all of you to attend. I support the changes to the Charter and appreciate the hard work that was done to bring these changes to the ballot.

Service Department will be picking up leaves again this year. Please make sure to get the "curbside" for easy pickup. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Police, Fire and Service Departments showcased their fine vehicles at this year's Touch a Truck on Saturday, September 19. There were thousands of people in attendance. Visitors came from many other cities to let the kids experience the thrill of being on the great safety vehicles. This annual event is certainly one that many people enjoy and one that I personally love having in Willoughby Hills. The biggest thrill is watching the chopper land!

In closing, please let me remind you to attend the upcoming Dunkin' Donuts opening and the 5K Run sponsored by Classic Lexus, Willoughby Hills Family Health Center and the City of Willoughby Hills. All proceeds benefit WHISPER and St. Noel Food Pantry. Come out for a great Sunday morning in Willoughby Hills!

