

## MAYOR'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2014

With City Council back in session, I hope to soon have more Lake County Stormwater projects approved. The completion of these projects will improve drainage concerns that many of our residents have had for many years. With the help of Lake County funding, we are able to improve the community without using City funds.

Our Service Department, along with assisting with the Stormwater projects, has been busy with road repair in preparation for winter. Many of our roads require pothole repair and we look forward to asphaltting more roads in 2015, with the passage of the Road Levy Renewal. The Service Department is preparing for Fall leaf pick up and continues to address culvert and drainage concerns. Our City Mechanic is ensuring the snowplows are ready to roll, given the prediction of a long and harsh winter. Salt has nearly doubled in price this year and our Finance Department is making the necessary budget adjustments to account for that increase.

Three special people will be leaving the City and I want to acknowledge their accomplishments over the years:

- Mr. John Davis, a Pebblebrook resident, has been our Art Gallery Curator since the opening of the Willoughby Hills Community Center Art Gallery. His vision of turning the bare walls in the foyer at the Community Center into an array of art paintings and photographs has truly made our community more beautiful and inviting to visitors. Serving as a volunteer, John spent countless hours setting up the gallery and organizing the shows and the artists so that all of us could enjoy the variety of art concepts and styles that is featured at the Community Center. Best wishes to John as he embarks on the next chapter of his life. He will be truly missed.
- Mrs. Kyle Overmyer, a Dixon Road Resident, has been employed as a Property Staff member and has served to maintain the Community Center over the past several years. She always made sure the rooms were clean and stocked with supplies and that renters were ensured a pleasurable experience with their events. As Kyle leaves to plan a great retirement life, we wish her the best and thank her for the countless hours she put into making the Community Center a clean and beautiful facility.
- Mr. Nate Catania, our Service Superintendent, has moved on to accept a position with the County and certainly leaves a void in our city. Having been with the City for over 12 years, Nate has come to truly know the City and its residents. He always had a genuine concern for making the City of Willoughby Hills a better place to live and work. His careful planning with limited funding and the proper personnel always served to provide us with enough supplies, material and manpower to get the job done. Nate spent many hours providing excellent service during emergencies or during heavy snowstorms when extra manpower was needed to keep the City safe. His dedication is unparalleled and is truly recognized and appreciated. We wish him the best on his new job with the County and have begun the search to try to fill his big shoes!

The City Newsletter is being prepared and will be available during the first week of October, both online and at our residents' home.

In the interim, if you have any questions or concerns as we continue to keep "Residents First", please do not hesitate to call my office at 440-946-6614.