

MAYOR'S REPORT FOR WEBSITE
JANUARY 2012

As we begin a new year, let me first thank the residents of the City of Willoughby Hills for re-electing me as your Mayor for another four years. As I take my oath on Inauguration Day, I am reminded of your vote of confidence and will strive to continue our "Residents First" program.

This year will mark the year that we will be doing some long overdue bridge repair in our city. The bridge over Interstates 90 and 91 is due to go out for bid next month. This will include fence replacement. The Maple Grove Road Bridge over the freeway is also in need of some major repairs. Target date is July 2012 to begin the project, which will include road closure for approximately a six-month period. While both of these will cause our residents some major inconvenience, it is imperative that these be done, not only to improve aesthetics, but also the safety of these bridges.

We will be completing the engineering plans to repair the failed slope on Rogers Road. Once the plans are complete, we can go out to bid for this project. Please observe the speed limit, particularly during the inclement weather to ensure safety until this road is repaired. In the interim, traffic may be closed to eastbound motorists.

AARP will begin their assistance to our residents for federal and state tax form completion beginning in February and going through April. Please take advantage of this free service. Call my office to schedule your appointment.

The first resident's grant application and project has been completed utilizing the Community Development Block Grant Program for sewer installation. Four other residents are in the process of receiving funding from this program. Any one who thinks they may qualify for this program are asked to call my office for funding information.

January marks the beginning of recreation signups for basketball, softball and baseball. Please plan to register for one of these fine programs.

Our Service Department does a fine job to keep the roads clean and free of ice and snow, but please remember to drive safely and be mindful of the speed limits throughout the city.

Best wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year!