

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL  
JULY 2012

The summer drought has been tough on our residents. With the recent increase in sewer rates, the use of water to combat this has become increasingly expensive. Our residents are encouraged to enroll in our Summer Sprinkler Program where summer fees are based on winter usage. This program is the wisest advice I can offer in the midst of filling swimming pools to keep refreshed and watering the lawn to prevent the grass from turning brown. I am encouraged that over sixty families have already taken advantage of the Pool Pass Subsidy Program at Willoughby Pool. The City of Willoughby Hills has provided this program so our residents are able to use the Willoughby pool facilities at the same rate as a Willoughby resident. This is a great way to beat the heat in these unseasonably hot days.

We received notification that the county will not be able to allocate any grant funding for sewer assistance for our residents. We had previously received monies which assisted five households, but regret we will not be able to assist any more residents with this recent notification. Residents who are unable to pay for the sewer project are encouraged to keep open communication with the county representatives to avoid legal action. We will continue to apply for any funding that may become available for sewer assistance.

We ask everyone to be on the "look out" for a historic sign that has come up missing and is believed to be "stolen" from the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge site. It recently was taken from its post at the east end of the bridge. The sign served as our historic marker and anyone who has information about this missing item is asked to contact the Willoughby Hills Police Department. The marker was purchased by Willoughby Hills Historical Society and is costly to replace.

This turned out to be "our year" in softball this year as the Willoughby Hills Girls Softball 12U, three 14U, and 16U teams made it to the championship! Congratulations to the girls, sponsors and coaches on a fine season.

Special thanks to the Lake County General Health District for their donation to WHISPER as a result of their "Casual Fridays" charity campaign. This was an unexpected, appreciated donation to our Seniors program.

"Thank you" is in order as well for the Willoughby Chamber of Commerce's donation of a piece of art from the 2012 Willoughby Arts Fest. I was able to select a piece of art from one of the Chamber's vendors and hope to hang it in Council Chambers upon framing.

Congratulations to Lions Scholarship winners Nicole Motuza, Elizabeth Dolinar and Mary Zitko. Each of these three college-bound girls will receive a \$1000 scholarship from the Willoughby Hills Lions Club. Congratulations!

City Council will be recessing for the month of August and I want to thank them again for the fine job they do for the City of Willoughby Hills. They will take a well-deserved break during August and then reconvene on September 13. I appreciate the fine working relationship I have with these devoted elected officials!

In closing, let me remind you of two August events – August 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the WH Flea Market at Campbell Park and August 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the WH Touch-A-Truck. Both the Flea Market and Touch-A-Truck promise lots of fun for the whole family! Plan to leave your air conditioning for just a short time to enjoy time outside at these events!