

MAYOR'S REPORT
JANUARY 2009

Happy New Year! I hope you had a nice holiday and are looking forward to 2009 with the same enthusiasm I am.

2008 was a very good year for the City of Willoughby Hills. I promised to restore civility and pride to our city, putting "Residents First" and I am happy to say that with the help of a fine administration and excellent Council, that has been accomplished. I invite you to visit City Hall and check out our 2008 City Scrapbook which features newspaper articles which are positive about the City of Willoughby Hills. You may recall, we had the reputation of very negative press in the past and it is wonderful to finally shed that burden, moving forward to getting things done and having a positive face for the city.

I invite you to take our Willoughby Hills 2008 Challenge Test. It will test your knowledge of what we did in the City in 2008. When you review, as I did during the compilation this material, all that we accomplished in one short year, you can bet this administration and Council are headed in the right direction for a successful future for our city.

The coming year will present a challenge, given the current economic status of not only our city, but our entire country. This means that every City Hall Department's budget will need to be scrutinized and fine-tuned to project an end result that will be conducive to being fiscally responsible. I have already requested a year-end report from all our directors and will be working with our Finance Department to review each department's 2009 requests. At the same time, I do not want the citizens to experience ill effects of any reduced city services. You can see why careful planning is necessary now as it impacts the future in Willoughby Hills. I think now is the time for all of the citizens to "get involved" in making things happen for the city, as well. Let this be the year you decide to volunteer (in any capacity) to help the community. There are many residents and properties in our city that can benefit from a little time being spent on them. Make a resolution to assist someone this year.

Our Willoughby Hills businesses can certainly use your support during this economic crisis, as well. Please remember them as you shop and eat in our community! If you are looking to lose weight in 2009, remember that we are fortunate to have both Curves and Physicians Weight Loss Center in Willoughby Hills, too!

Our Service Department has requested your patience as we strive to supply excellent snow removal service with a limited salt supply. We must be prudent in salt usage, yet we must worry about the safety of our residents and visitors to our community. This is a challenge that we face and request your patience as we work through this.

Again, congratulations on a fine 2008. I look forward to making Willoughby Hills an even better place in 2009.

WILLOUGHBY HILLS 2008 CHALLENGE TEST

1. The first appointment Mayor Weger made in 2008 brought back an individual from a previous administration. Who was this individual and to what position was he appointed?
2. Mayor Weger was sworn in by an Ohio Supreme Court Justice. Who was this?
3. Name the 7 current members on City Council.
4. Who were named President and Vice President of Council in 2008?
5. Mayor filled the positions of Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director within the first month of his administration. Who did he hire for these positions?
6. What position in the Finance Office was created to research previous finance issues?
7. Mayor Weger called an individual to be on the Recreation Commission, but instead hired her to a key role in his administration. Who was this individual and for what position was this person hired?
8. In March 2008, a bus of residents travelled to the Cuyahoga County Commissioner's meeting to state their opposition to something threatening our city. What were they opposing?
9. Who were the three Cuyahoga County Commissioners the City confronted during this March meeting?
10. June 30, 2008, marked the closing of a Willoughby Hills landmark. What was this building?
11. What year was Garfield School opened?
12. What year did the Garfield building close as a school because of declining enrollment?
13. In April 2008, some of our student residents travelled to Hawaii. What national competition were these South High students involved in?
14. Mayor Weger appointed nine individuals to a Commission to review a city document. What document did this Commission review?
15. What City Council member was appointed to the Charter Review Commission?

16. Lake Metroparks completed a purchase of a 72-acre piece of property in Willoughby Hills. What property was this?
17. In March 2008, Classic Auto Group made its home in Willoughby Hills. What two entities previously operated out of this site?
18. In April 2008, Councilman Somich made a trip to New York City to see someone famous. Who was it?
19. In May, Willoughby Hills Council and Mayor traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with a government representative about something Willoughby has and Wickliffe has, but Willoughby Hills has had trouble getting. What is it?
20. In July 2008, an establishment which opened in 1942 through 1986 was demolished. What was this?
21. September 2008 marked the new “Community Days” for the City Of Willoughby Hills. What has this annual event come to be named?
22. A special addition was made to the lobby of City Hall with the technical assistance of Dave Reichelt. What is it?
23. Dave Reichelt assisted Mayor Weger in the renovation of our cable channel. What is the channel known as?
24. Willoughby Hills partnered with the City of Willoughby to provide something that would allow residents to travel along Route 91 while leaving their cars parked in the garage. What is this venture?
25. Mayor Weger worked with an organization to uncover a concern about “isolated seniors” in our community. What is this organization?

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ANSWERS

1. Tom Lobe, Law Director
2. Supreme Court Justice Maureen O'Connor
3. Kevin Malecek, Dave Reichelt, Dave Fiebig, Frank Germano, Nancy Fellows, Ray Somich and Chris Biro
4. Kevin Malecek, Council President and Dave Reichelt, Vice President
5. Joe Mirtel, Finance Director and Debbie Doles, Assistant Finance Director
6. Internal Auditor
7. Gloria Majeski, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
8. Airport Runway Expansion
9. Jimmy Dimora, Tim Hagan and Peter Lawson Jones
10. Garfield School
11. 1928
12. 1984
13. Academic Decathlon
14. The City Charter
15. Chris Biro
16. Warner Nursery
17. Howard Johnson's and Mario Fazio's Restaurant
18. Pope Benedict
19. A zip code
20. Sahara Lounge
21. Willoughby Hills Corn Fest
22. A monitor displaying Channel 12
23. WHTV – Channel 12
24. A bike path
25. United Way of Lake County