

## MAYOR'S REPORT

April, 2009

By Mayor Robert Weger

It was nice to bring our community out for our annual Pancake Breakfasts in Willoughby Hills. Over 1500 people were served over the three weekends and our volunteers did a terrific job in making sure everyone enjoyed themselves. Special thanks to the Lions Club for sponsoring the basket raffle and coloring book sales and the Police Department for providing the Kid Print identification cards. This was a great opportunity to get the kids signed up for our baseball and summer recreation programs, too, and those volunteers deserve a word of thanks, as well.

With the nice weather finally here, we are able to move forward with some important projects in the City:

We are researching stimulus money that may be available to the City to assist in project funding.

The construction of our Police IT Dispatch Center has begun. It is a project which is long overdue considering the condition of our current equipment and facility, as well as the technological advances that have come about since our original Dispatch Center was built.

Our Service Department is working on storm drainage improvements on Marcum, Parkview, Alan, Trailard, Eagle and Red Fox Pass. This work, too, is a welcome sight to our residents in those areas.

Council is reviewing information to reduce residential trash prices and reinstitute curbside recycling to our City. This would eliminate the unsightly recycle bins at City Hall and make it more convenient for our residents to practice "being green."

In addition to these projects, we are currently offering free mulch to our residents, have contracted for pool pass subsidy with the City of Willoughby to reduce pool costs to our residents, and are encouraging residents to enroll in the Residential Summer Sprinkler Program, which can reduce residential sewer fees. Forms for this program can be found on our website at [www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov](http://www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov). The City is also gearing up for the best Corn Fest ever slated as a two-day event this year on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. I encourage our residents to get involved in this fine event for our community. Please call my office and ask to be put on the volunteer list for this festival. I am also encouraging our residents to dine and shop in the City and will be working with our businesses to let people know what wonderful opportunities we have here in Willoughby Hills.

As we move forward into summer, please remember that in an effort to put "Residents First", I welcome your phone calls, visits and emails. I am happy to respond to your questions and concerns as we continue to make Willoughby Hills a wonderful community.