

MAYOR'S REPORT
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By Robert M. Weger

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday and are ready to start the Christmas season. Our Service Department put up Christmas Card Lane, which is the City's display of oversized holiday cards at the Community Center. I hope many of you will consider purchasing a card to display so that we can spread the cards from one end of the parking lot to the other! It is a great way to let our friends and neighbors know that they are being thought of.

Many youngsters made their way out on December 12, to have Breakfast with Santa in Willoughby Hills. Even without snow, Santa made an early appearance to get the children's lists to take back to the North Pole. This was a nice event for the families of Willoughby Hills. I got to take the photos of all the children who chose to sit on Santa's lap! Thanks to all of our Council members, Recreation Commission members, high school students and residents who came out to help with this event. We served about 550 people! This was a good opportunity to get ready for our March pancake breakfasts! Our Fire Department collected Toys for Tots and this was very successful with many boxes of toys being sent to children with the help of the U.S. Marine Corps.

At City Hall, we are continuing construction on our Police Department. We are hoping to finish by early spring and then will be able to have nice offices for Police Chief Collins and our Willoughby Hills police officers.

Council will be changing their meeting schedule this month due to the Christmas holiday, but I have requested that they review the Citywide Trash and Recycle bids prior to year end. I have requested their consideration to pass this service for our residents in order that ample time be given to have the program go into effect on April 1, 2010. I have received many requests from our residents who continue to pay costly trash bills quarterly and have had numerous complaints about the unsightly recycle bins behind City Hall. I hope they will consider passage so that we can move forward with this service to put our "Residents First."

In closing, I wish each and every one of you a Happy Holiday. I look forward to starting Year 3 of my term with you as your Mayor in January. Again, best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.