

Mayor's Report
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By Mayor Robert Weger

In February, we were reminded of the difficulties of living in Northeast Ohio with the abundance of snow shoveling, salting and flooding. I am proud to say that we fared very well, however, with the Service Department being able to keep up with the streets without too much resident inconvenience. To the residents near the Chagrin River, there was a strong reminder of the power of the river. In just a short time, the river rose many feet, threatening to enter some Willoughby Hills homes. While many residents were spared the wrath of the river, some residents along Milan Drive were left cleaning their basements when the water subsided. Many longtime Willoughby Hills residents commented that they "have not seen anything like this in over twenty years." With the snow melting and the amount of rain that fell, it certainly was an occurrence that we can only hope will not be witnessed again for a long time. Thanks to our Fire Department for their assistance with resident rescue, relocation and assistance with cleanup. They did a fine job.

The Dodd Rodd bridge will be closed on April 1, 2011 through December 2011. While this will be a real inconvenience to the residents who travel this route, this is a bridge that has been deteriorating and in disrepair for some time. Once the work is complete, it will better serve travel in this area of Willoughby Hills.

AARP will be available for federal and state income tax assistance for our seniors now through April at the Community Center. Call City Hall for a free appointment. RITA will be assisting with city income tax on Monday, March 21, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Please remember that we keep Channel 12 current for our residents. I hope you refer to this information and recognize it as a great resource for community events.

Pancake breakfasts and baseball and softball registration will be starting in March. This is a sure sign that Spring is heading our way! If you have any questions or concerns, please remember that you may call my office at any time at 440-946-6614. I will continue to strive to put "Residents First".