

MAYOR'S REPORT
JUNE 2008

By the time this article reaches our residents, we will have enjoyed "Community Day" in Willoughby Hills. I certainly commend the hard-working volunteers who, once again, planned an event to bring our community together. Thanks to all who served on the committee and all of our residents who attended the festival.

While this wonderful tradition of Community Day has been passed on through many administrations, the attendance has decreased year after year and the work of the festival has become the burden of a handful of volunteers. For this reason, we have advertised Community Day 2008 as the final year for this type of community celebration.

With this in mind, I have met with our Recreation Commission to determine what we could do in place of this festival as an annual gathering in our city. Since we are always faced with the competition of larger, busier area carnivals, the thought of moving the event to a September date seemed to make sense. Since September is also the time we have our annual Garage Sale/Flea Market and Touch a Truck and all city facilities are already reserved for City use only, we determined the date Saturday, September 13, 2008, would be a good time for our festival. After much discussion, I am happy to give you early notice then to mark your calendars for our newest city-wide event: "Willoughby Hills Fall Corn Fest". We will provide an old-fashioned corn roast, similar to the great event put on by the City of Willoughby several years ago. Tickets will be sold for dinners including steak or chicken. Outside carnival vendors will be on hand to provide other carnival food for all to enjoy. Corn hole tournaments will be very entertaining as we anticipate some real competition between City officials, City departments, residents and business owners. These tournaments will be open to all age groups, with prizes being offered to the winning teams. Start practicing and get your team together to be part of our first "Willoughby Hills Fall Corn Fest Corn Hole Tournament". Music and fireworks will also be provided to make it a fun-filled day for all to enjoy. I am asking for participation from our residents to make this a success and a new tradition for the community of Willoughby Hills. Please consider helping create a new "festival" in the City. Visit our website at www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov for more information including Corn Hole tournament application, volunteer application and dinner tickets.

I look forward to a busy summer as Council and various Commissions work to review policies and procedures to make living in Willoughby Hills even better. The departments at City Hall continue to strive to put "Residents First" as many problems and concerns have been addressed and resolved. Please remember to notify my office if I can be of service to you.

With the hiatus of the Willoughby Hills Edition, please remember you can keep in touch with City events by using the Government Access Channel 12 on cable or by visiting our website at www.willoughbyhills-oh.gov. In closing, I want to wish all residents a safe and happy summer.