

MAYOR'S REPORT

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With the weather recently warming up, our residents are encouraged to go outside and see all of the good things happening in Willoughby Hills.

Our Veterans' Commission has added a MIA/POW flag to our VFW Memorial site. It is a wonderful tribute to our military service personnel who are missing in action or prisoners of war. Fortunately, the flag arrived early enough to be part of our Memorial Day ceremony on May 26, 2008.

The Willoughby Hills Service Department has prepared the baseball fields for play this summer. This required major field grading and renovation which resulted in promoting positive drainage away from seating areas. Roemisch Fields, you will agree, will be a great place for softball and baseball this year.

Most of the signs along Bishop Road construction have been removed, but our homeowners may be happy to know that our City Engineer is working with ODOT to get all signs removed as soon as reasonably possible.

Signs along SOM Center near the Classic Lexus and Cleveland Clinic Family Health Center of Willoughby Hills have been posted to encourage motorists to slow down to avoid any incident prior to the traffic light being installed. The patience of our residents during this time is truly appreciated.

The Community Center has seen increased use recently as our residents and friends recognize it as a great place for communions, graduations and wedding receptions. Many visitors to our City have an opportunity to appreciate what a great facility we have. The Library has certainly seen an increase in visitors, too, with their wonderful programs and excellent movie selection.

The City also boasts of three newly leased motorcycles for the Police Department, and four new police cars. These vehicles will serve to assist them in the excellent job they do in keeping our city safe.

The Fire Department recently hired Ken Avram to undertake the responsibility of Fire Inspection in the City of Willoughby Hills. This is a nice addition to our already terrific Department!

At City Hall, visitors now can view Channel 12 (our government access channel) in the lobby. This is a wonderful resource for our residents who do not have access to the cable service, but who want to learn of community events and meetings. During our Council meetings, we plan to broadcast them on this TV as well. In the near future, we will be broadcasting the pre-recorded Council meetings on a regular basis for those residents who were not able to view the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the actual night of the Council meeting.

Three new members were recently appointed to our Civil Service Commission. The main role of these members is to make rules for the appointment and promotion of our Civil Service employees. Along with the recently appointed Charter Review Commission, these appointments will serve to update the policies and procedures for the City of Willoughby Hills, according to our City Charter.

As I encourage you to experience the Willoughby Hills weather by enjoying the recent changes that have taken place in the community, I will be heading to Washington, D.C. with several of our Council members to meet with the FAA and Postmaster General. I hope to return with good news to share with you. I am always open to your comments and suggestions to make Willoughby Hills a better place to live.