

MAYOR'S REPORT
OCTOBER 2008

We may be coming to the end of the year in Willoughby Hills, but there still seems to be a lot of activity in our city.

Our Recreation Commission just completed a wonderful craft fair with over fifty vendors. There was a large selection of different handmade crafts to prepare our homes for the holidays. Thanks to all who made this a successful event. Our volunteers will now be preparing for our annual Halloween Party, giving our young people a chance to play Halloween games, get Halloween treats and enjoy a haunted hay ride.

Our Veteran's Memorial Commission is preparing for a memorable Veteran's Day Ceremony for Tuesday, November 11, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at our Veteran's Memorial, featuring guest speaker Sheriff Dan Dunlap and three bagpipers. Plan to attend and pay tribute to our troops.

Our Finance Department has researched our city income tax collection and has contracted with Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) as of January 1, 2009. They will be providing information to our residents to ensure a smooth transition from Central Collection Agency (C.C.A.).

Our Service Department will be picking up leaves once again this year and residents are reminded to get them to the front of their property as soon as possible.

We proudly welcomed a new business into the City of Willoughby Hills as Bogey's Comedy Club at 28860 Chardon Road premiered as northeast Ohio's newest entertainment attraction on October 16, 2008. It features cabaret-style seating with a full-service bar and food service. Please join me in welcoming owners Kirk and Sheldon Bogos into our community.

With the demolition of the Sahara Lounge on Chardon Road, construction is nearly complete on the city's newest medical building. We look forward to new tenants in that facility very soon.

Garfield School is almost completely gone as the demolition crew is in its final stages of leveling the building and grading the land. Willoughby Hills Historical Society has graciously prepared commemorative bricks that are currently on sale at City Hall. All proceeds will benefit our "Garfield Park" fund.

Our city proudly hosted the Lake County Board of Elections at our Community Center for poll worker training. They enjoyed the facility for instruction of the poll workers for our upcoming Presidential election. Many of our residents took advantage of Absentee Ballot voting, but all others are reminded to vote on November 4th in this very important election.

While many activities have kept us busy, please remember we are never too busy to hear from our residents as we strive to put "Residents First". Please feel free to reach me at 440-946-6614 with your questions or concerns.

In closing, as we prepare to celebrate the upcoming holidays, remember to be thankful for our country and our community. Best wishes to you and your family for a Happy Thanksgiving!