



City of Willoughby Hills

## E-NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!**

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### **MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT**

Happy Holiday Season Willoughby Hills!

First of all, I can't say thanks enough to everyone who donated toys to our Winterfest Toys for Tots campaign. Between the Toy Drive at Winterfest and November's Police Department Food Drive we can all truly be proud of the generosity of our community. Take a look at the photos on Page 3 to see our ambulance filled with toys to assist those in need this Holiday Season. Special thanks to Emerald Glen Title Agency, Dynamic Duo Deli, INSA Dispensary and all who donated toys. Thanks also to Zoom Express Car Wash, Local Tavern, Produce Place, McDonalds, Westel's, The Wild Goose, Sol, Frank & Tony's Place, and Shell Gas Station for donating raffle prizes for our toy donors (and to our City Council members for helping obtain these donations).

We are all grateful to those who provided our Winterfest snacks: Dynamic Duo Deli for providing pizza, our Recreation Commission bakers (Kathy Sivo, Nancy Erikson and Laura O'Donnell) for bringing cookies and brownies, Foster's Homemade Ice Cream for providing double scoop dishes of their delicious ice cream and Councilwoman Taylor-Draper, Recreation Coordinator Diana Parker and the rest of the beverage crew for the coffee and cocoa. We had too many other volunteers to name, but thanks to all of you and the Fire Department for hosting the event. Finally, as a proud band parent, I'm always so happy to have Mr. Primavera and the many talented students comprising the Willoughby South High Holiday Band at Winterfest. They set the perfect tone for the beginning of the Holiday season.

The Service Department did a great job setting up Christmas Card Lane at the Community Center and Roemisch Fields. Thanks to Greig Tree Farm for providing the Christmas Tree in the Veteran's Gazebo at the Community Center. I hope everyone will drive through and see the many holiday messages from our residents, churches and businesses.

The 4th Willoughby Hills Parade of Lights with Santa is December 18-21, 2023. Please plan to come out and see Santa and the Grinch Truck Monday through Thursday. Details of the routes are on Pages 4-8 later in this newsletter.

The deadline for entering this year's Holiday Lights contest is next Wednesday, December 14th, with judging starting on the 15th. You can enter yourself or nominate someone in your neighborhood. You can also enter as a neighborhood! Please have your entries in to the Recreation Office by 12:00 P.M.

Finally, the Service Department is making their last passes through the City to collect leaves before the trucks need to be refit for snowplow duty. Please get your leaves to the curb asap. The last sweep will be next Friday, December 15.

I hope to see many of you tomorrow at Breakfast with Santa. Have a great weekend.

## CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

**[BREAKFAST WITH SANTA](#)**

8:30 A.M.—Community Center

**Monday, December 11, 2023**

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

3:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

**Monday, December 11, 2023**

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

BOARD OF BUILDING & ZONING APPEALS MEETING

8:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

**Friday, December 15—17, 2023**

**[HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST JUDGING](#)**

**Monday - Thursday, December 18—21, 2023**

**[SANTA \(& GRINCH\) PARADE](#)**

6:00 P.M.—Citywide

**Monday - Tuesday, December 25-26, 2023**

CITY HALL CLOSED

**Monday, January 1, 2024**

**[OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY](#)**

12:00 P.M.—Community Center O’Ryan Room

**Monday - Tuesday, January 1-2, 2024**

CITY HALL CLOSED

\* Items underlined in blue are clickable links to event

# WinterFest 2023

Thank you to all of the residents and businesses who donated to our Winter Fest Toy Drive on Sunday. A special thank you to Mr. Primavera & the South HS Band, Foster's Homemade Ice Cream, Dynamic Duo, Emerald Glen Title Agency, INSA Dispensary, Santa and his friendly mascots, the Mayor and City Council members, city staff, WHFD and all others who made it a special event!



*With a helping hand*  
**WINTER FEST NICE LIST**

Thank you to all residents who donated toys at our event and to the local businesses for their raffle donations!

**Dynamic Duo**  
**Foster's Ice Cream**  
**Local Tavern**  
**Produce Place**  
**Emerald Glen Title Agency**  
**INSA**  
**McDonald's**  
**Zoom Express**  
**Shell**  
**SOL**  
**The Wild Goose**  
**Westel's**  
**Frank & Tony's Place**

A special thank you to all of the fire fighters and volunteers for all of their help at the event!



**CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS**  
**HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE WITH SANTA 2023**  
**DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> (rain date: 12/22)**

THE PARADE WILL LEAVE CITY HALL AT 6:00 PM EACH EVENING. UPDATES ON THE PARADE'S PROGRESS WILL BE POSTED ON CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS FACEBOOK PAGE THROUGHOUT EACH EVENING. [FOLLOW THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS FACEBOOK PAGE](#) TO MAKE IT EASIER TO SEE THE UPDATES.

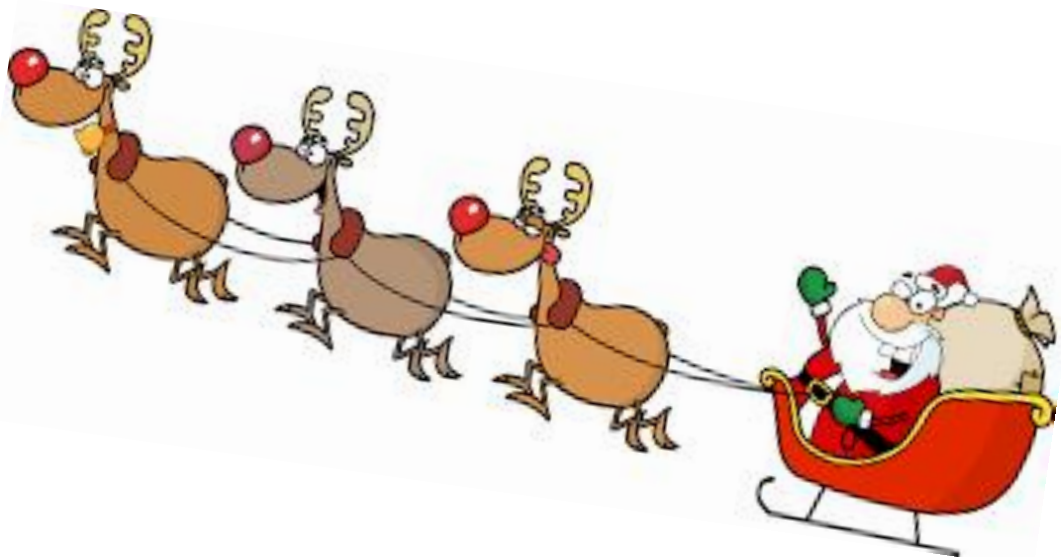
- \* Kids that would like to visit with Santa (and other special guests) should wait a safe distance from road near the end of their driveways. **Wave a flashlight to make sure Santa's Driver sees you!** Adults can also come to the end of the driveway to see the Parade, but you can also greet the Parade by waving from your front door or flashing your porch or driveway lights.
- \* Due to various factors, largely the size of the cul-de-sacs on certain streets, the Parade can't come down all of the streets in the City. If your street is on the Parade route and the Ladder Truck will not fit down your street, the rest of the Parade will bring Santa down your street.
- \* If your street is not on the route, meet the Parade at one of our Community Stops (GullyBrook Park or Squires Castle) or at a friend's house.

**Please share your pictures/videos of the Parade** and your visits with Santa and others by replying to the Parade progress posts on the City of Willoughby Hills Facebook Page or emailing them to the City Newsletter at [Newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:Newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov).



## Monday, December 18, 2023 (6:00pm)

- \* Start on Route 91 and Eddy;
- \* Left on Eddy to Morning Star;
- \* Leave Morning Star, Right on Eddy to **Bishop Park Apartments**;
- \* Right on Bishop to Route 6;
- \* Left onto Route 6; left onto Trabar;
- \* Right onto Eddy, Right onto Orchard;
- \* Cross Route 6 to Cricket Lane;
- \* Right onto 6, right onto Camelot;
- \* Right onto 6, Right onto Istra; Right onto Chardon to Rockefeller;
- \* Left on Rockefeller, to Eddy, Right on Eddy;
- \* Right on Oak Street, Cross over Oak Street to Oakwood;
- \* Right onto Chardon, Right onto Lamplight, Left into **Pebblebrook**;
- \* Left onto Chardon; right onto Fowler;
- \* Right onto Stark;
- \* To End of Stark, then through Church Parking Lot;
- \* Left onto 91 to Glen Kyle; right onto Glen Kyle.
- \* *RETURN TO CITY HALL*



## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023 – NORTHEAST ROUTE

- \* To Route 91, Right to Eddy, Follow Eddy, then Right onto Deer Run;
- \* Right onto Eddy to Bates Lane, Right on to Bates Lane;
- \* Right onto Eddy, left onto Hanna;
- \* Right onto Palmer to Sherwood Drive West, around cul-de-sac back to Palmer;
- \* Left onto Palmer, Back to Hanna; right onto Hanna to Parsons;
- \* Right onto Parsons to Maplegrove;
- \* Right onto Maplegrove, left onto Jennie and Somrack;
- \* Back onto Maplegrove; left onto Pine Valley and Michele Court;
- \* Back onto Maplegrove to Mapleview;
- \* Right onto Maplegrove to Maple Hill;
- \* Right onto Maplegrove to River; left onto River;
- \* River Road to Gullybrook Park [**COMMUNITY STOP**];
- \* Turn at Gullybrook; River Road back to River's Edge;
- \* Right into River's Edge;
- \* Back to River, Left onto Riviera Ridge;
- \* Left onto Eagle, down Eagle Road hill;
- \* Right onto Kennelly;
- \* Left into Mayfriars and Trailard, Follow Trailard and Mayfriars around;
- \* Left onto Eagle, right onto Dodd;
- \* Dodd to Dodd's Landing, back onto Dodd;
- \* Up Dodd's Hill then back down Dodd's Hill;
- \* Right onto Dodd follow Dodd to Milann
- \* Right onto Milann, around Milann then right onto Dodd to Pleasant Valley West;
- \* Left onto Berkshire.
- \* *RETURN TO CITY HALL*



## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023 – SOUTHWEST ROUTE

- \* Start at **Willoughby Hills Senior Apartments**, then to Route 91.
- \* Route 91 – Left onto Dixon, Martin, Forest, then back to Route 91;
- \* Left on Route 91 to Rosewood Trail;
- \* Right from Rosewood Trail onto Route 91;
- \* Right from Route 91 onto Marcum/Parkview, back to 91 to White;
- \* Right onto White to Rockefeller;
- \* Right onto Rockefeller and right into Gatsby;
- \* Into Gatsby to cul-de-sac and back to Rockefeller;
- \* Right onto Rockefeller; left onto Sayle, out of Sayle Left onto Rockefeller;
- \* Rockefeller to E. Miller, then E. Miller around cul-de-sac back to Alan;
- \* Alan to Meadowbrook, Right on Meadowbrook around cul de sac;
- \* Meadowbrook to Rockefeller;
- \* Back up Rockefeller to White Road;
- \* Right onto White Road into Erich, Canterbury Court, Willow;
- \* Right back onto White Road;
- \* Rights from White first onto Lynn Drive then into Tall Tree Trail;
- \* Right back onto White Road, then cross Bishop to Legend Lane;
- \* Left from Legend, back to Bishop; left onto Bishop to Route 6;
- \* Left onto Route 6 to Emerald Lakes, **Stratford** and **WH Towers**;
- \* Right onto Route 6 to **Steeplechase**;
- \* *RETURN TO CITY HALL*



## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023 - SOUTHEAST ROUTE

- \* Start at **Mary Rose Apartments** (smaller vehicles only with Santa);
- \* Proceed to front of **Pine Ridge Apartments Community Center** for a stop;
- \* Depart **Pine Ridge Apartments Community Center**, turn right onto Aspen, then a right onto Spruce, right onto Scotch, then a right turn, head to exit onto Maplegrove;
- \* Then go Route 91, South to Eddy Road;
- \* Left onto Eddy to River Road;
- \* Left onto River, to Maplegrove Grange; turn around at Grange;
- \* Right onto River to Beech Hills;
- \* Left onto River to Chardon Road;
- \* Left onto Chardon to Florence and Loreto;
- \* Back to Route 6 to Graylock, Left onto Graylock;
- \* Graylock back to Chardon Road, Left on Chardon to Worrell;
- \* Right onto Worrell to Rogers Road;
- \* Right onto Rogers;
- \* Right from Rogers into Sherbrooke Valley, Chimney Ridge;
- \* Back onto Rogers to Mill Gate and Valley Brook;
- \* Rogers to River Road with stops at end of: Hemlock, Sleepy Hollow, Hunters Woods;
- \* Right onto River to Squire's Castle [**COMMUNITY STOP**];
- \* Left onto River to Chardon;
- \* Left onto Chardon;
- \* *RETURN TO CITY HALL*





**ATTENTION**

**CALLING ALL  
WILLOUGHBY HILLS BUSINESSES!**

Are you a Willoughby Hills Business Owner? Do you know of a WH Business who would like their information added to a 2024 City Directory?

We are in the process of compiling a list of our local businesses into one directory for distribution to our e-newsletter subscribers in early 2024.

We appreciate our Willoughby Hills businesses and want our residents to appreciate them just as much by supporting local! If you'd like to be included in the directory, please fill out [this form](#) and return by December 16, 2023. Thank you!

**PRESCRIPTION DROP BOX:**

**Please note that our Police Department is no longer hosting a Prescription Drop Box in their lobby. For medication disposal, please visit the following locations:**

CVS Pharmacy (in back near pharmacy)  
6005 SOM Center Road  
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Lake County General Health District  
5966 Heisley Road  
Mentor, Ohio 44060



**WINTER ELECTRIC RATES**



NOPEC will hold their Standard Program Price steady December through May 2024. During a period when the Standard Service Offer (SSO) pricing for CEI, Ohio Edison and AEP Ohio has been and will remain about 9.5 to 12 cents/kWh through May 2024, NOPEC has committed to holding their low pricing steady for their customers. For more information, and to view other pricing options, visit [www.nopec.org/electric](http://www.nopec.org/electric)

# SENIOR ROOM ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

DECEMBER 2023  
Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Winterfest WHFD 5pm-6:30pm	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)  W-E Schools Seniors' Night Out South High School 4-6pm		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	Breakfast with Santa 8:30am to noon  PINOCHLE 6-9pm
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)  COMMUNITY QUILTS 10am-2pm		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon  PODIATRIST (By Appt.) 10am  Quilt Guild Party 6:30pm at Trader Jacks	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)	POTLUCK LUNCH 11:30am-1pm  NO SENIOR TRIVIA THIS MONTH	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon  NO QUILT GUILD MTG.	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	
<b>24 / 31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Christmas Eve  New Year's Eve	CHRISTMAS DAY	SACERICH SEWS 12PM-3PM (private)	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	

## OPPORTUNITIES



The City is seeking to fill the following positions:



### Full-Time Road Worker

If you or someone you know would like to apply to work with an amazing group of people here at City Hall, this is your chance!

Applications for all open positions can be found [here](#).

Please send applications to

[asstfinancedirector@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:asstfinancedirector@willoughbyhills-oh.gov)



## W.H.I.S.P.E.R. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Willoughby Hills Isolated Senior Program for Everyday Relief (W.H.I.S.P.E.R.) committee is looking for volunteers to assist with incoming requests for services. While we continue to appreciate our outdoor task volunteers, we currently do not have volunteers to assist with indoor tasks such as dusting, vacuuming, and window washing—and without volunteers these projects cannot be completed.

In order to become a W.H.I.S.P.E.R. volunteer, you must be at least 18 years old and willing to be background checked. If you think you might like to help out please fill out the volunteer application located [here](#). Programs such as this don't happen without volunteers like you!

WILLOUGHBY HILLS

# Breakfast with Santa & the Santa Shop

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**Saturday, December 9**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**at the Community Center (35400 Chardon Road)**

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Adults: \$7.00 | Children: \$5.00 (4 & under FREE) | Santa Shop Gifts: \$3.00 each (pay at event)

**RESERVATIONS  
\* REQUIRED \***



Call: (440) 975-3540 or Email: [recreation@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:recreation@willoughbyhills-oh.gov)

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & SANTA SHOP

Saturday, December 9 | 8:30AM-12:00PM  
 Willoughby Hills Community Center | 35400 Chardon Road

## RESERVATION FORM

Name:	Phone:
Email:	

Number of Adults:		@ \$7.00 each	=	
Number of Children*:		@ \$5.00 each	=	
*4 and under are FREE				Amount Enclosed

Number of high chairs needed:

Number of booster seats needed:

Please return to: Willoughby Hills Recreation Department  
 35400 Chardon Rd  
 Willoughby Hills, OH 44094  
 (9AM-12PM | After hours: Safety box below window)



Please make check payable to: **City of Willoughby Hills**

### RESERVATION TIME REQUESTS

Breakfast reservations are scheduled every 30 minutes from 8:30 - 11:30AM. Please list 3 different reservation times you would like in the order you prefer, and we will do our best to accommodate you:

1)	2)	3)

Phone reservations will be accepted with a **credit card payment**, by calling:  
 (440) 975-3540. Monday through Friday 9AM – 12PM

Reservations due by **December 7.**

**Santa Shop gifts \$3.00 each; paid at door.**



# HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

## WILLOUGHBY HILLS RESIDENT ENTRY:

Name:	Phone:
Address:	
Email:	

Individual Home     Part of Neighborhood Spirit Entry

Nearest cross street:
Nominated by*:

*\*You can nominate your own home or business.*

## WILLOUGHBY HILLS BUSINESS ENTRY:

Business Name & Contact:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

You can submit entries by either:

Email: [recreation@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:recreation@willoughbyhills-oh.gov)    Mail/Drop Off: Willoughby Hills Community Center  
 35400 Chardon Rd  
 Willoughby Hills, OH 44094  
 (After hours: drop below window into safety box)

Judging will be the weekend of **December 15**. Have your lights on!

You will be judged on the following criteria: **Originality, display, lighting** and **overall curb appeal**.

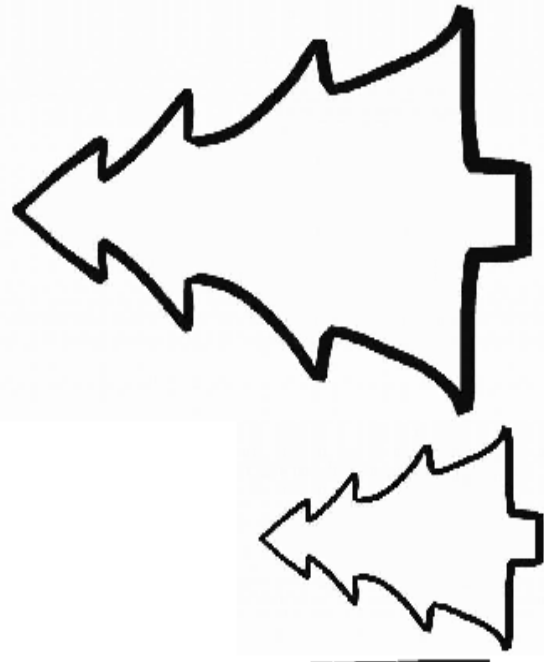
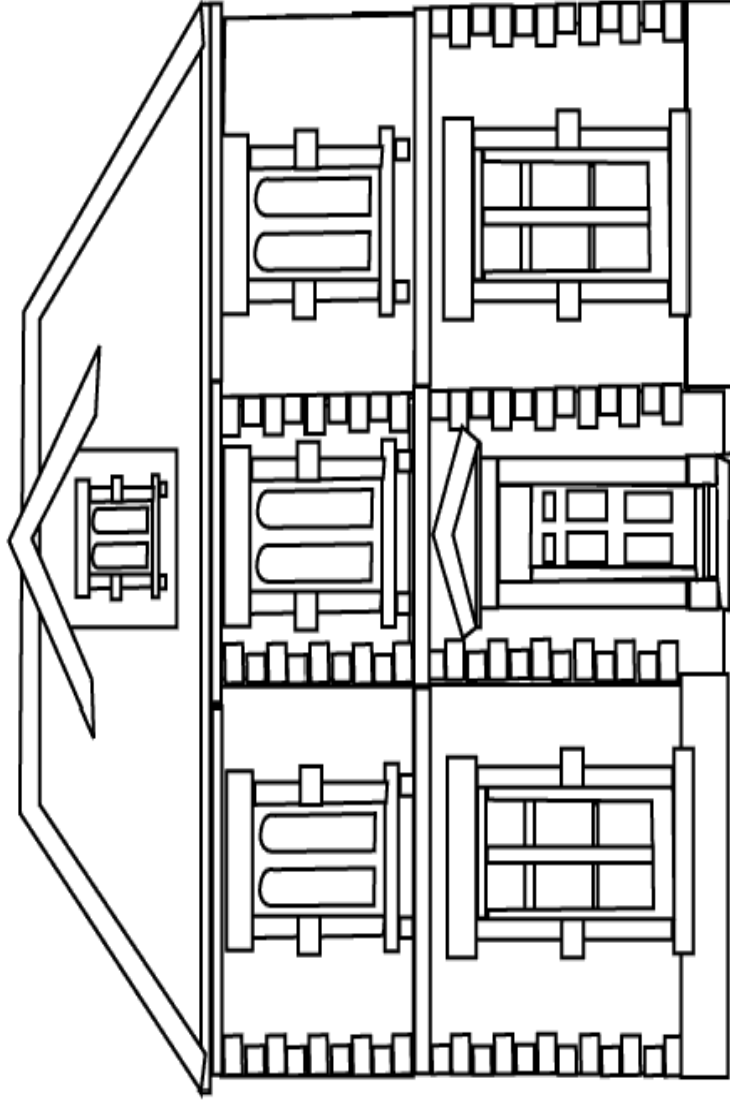
No professionally decorated homes. Willoughby Hills employees, Commission members and family are not eligible to win prizes.

Gift cards will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners along with a yard sign designating you're a winner! Neighborhood Spirit & Business Winners will have bragging rights!

Get together with your neighbors and **submit your entries by December 13**.



Willoughby Hills Holiday Lights Coloring Contest



This house decorated by \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## LEAF PICK UP



The Service Department will be making one more pass throughout the City next week for leaf pick up.

The last day for pick up is December 15th, weather permitting.

Thank you.



If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out:  
City of Willoughby Hills,  
35405 Chardon Road,  
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094  
440-946-1234 and ask for Mayor Gardner's Office.

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