



The City Of Willoughby

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# Ward 4 Newsletter

## **Parks & Recreation Happenings**

### Sledding Under the Stars

Bring your sled and enjoy an evening of sledding, music and hot chocolate!

Sledding hill behind City Hall Sunday, February 15; 7-9 pm (weather permitting)

### Wlby. Baseball League

Registration will be on Saturdays, Feb. 21, 28 & March 7 at the Field House (4130 Grove Ave.) from 10:00am - 1:00pm. Both the participants and guardian's signatures are needed on the registration form. A form will be mailed to you if you participated in 2008. Forms can be downloaded at [www.willoughbybaseball.com](http://www.willoughbybaseball.com). Call 953-4362 for more info.

### Jazzercise

Tuesday & Thursday evening @ 6:15 pm. Saturday mornings @ 8:30 am in the Senior Center Gym. Call Sherry at 951-8583 for more information about this great exercise program!



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## *SOM TRAFFIC STUDY RESULTS*

Thank you to those who braved one of the coldest and snowiest days of the year to attend the Ward 4 meeting held in January. CT Consultants shared the results of the traffic study and answered many questions. For those not in attendance, a traffic count study was completed for the Big Turtle 2 / Aspenwood / Montessori School intersections with SOM. Consideration was also given for frequency of accidents, severity of crashes, length of delay entering the main road and the conclusion is that a new traffic signal is not warranted. The middle turn lane was also evaluated to see if this could be rearranged for dedicated left turns but there is not enough distance between intersections to allow changes. The study includes a grading scale of intersections and the scoring for these intersections is quite low. To me, this validates that indeed this section of roadway is very busy, somewhat challenging to navigate at times but adding a signal is not warranted and would not make it any better. Police Chief Straube then shared some analysis of the accident rates this year compared to last, after the speed limit was reduced. Accidents in the Euclid to RT 84 corridor were down about 40% this year vs last for the couple months sample. The enforcement grant has allowed dedicated patrol of SOM and other primary roads in Willoughby. He further shared that a significant number of tickets have been generated and results are positive. With the reduced speed limit and Police enforcement SOM is a safer road as compared to last year. Please continue to be careful, especially with the sanitary sewer project well underway and shifting traffic on a daily basis. If anyone wishes to read the detailed study, please let me know and I can lend you my copy.

## *WILLOUGHBY JR. WOMEN FASHION SHOW*

For 21 years, the Willoughby Junior Women's Club has provided local high school seniors with scholarships for college education. Their annual Fashion Show Luncheon and Chinese Auction makes this possible. This year's "Glitz and Glamour" theme is scheduled for April 4th at Executive Caterers, Landerhaven. For ticket information contact event co-chairpersons, Theresa Whitehead 821-2058 or Simone Kotis 392-2921. Many of our Ward 4 residents are active members of this club and a number of scholarship recipients are also from our area. Please consider supporting this event.

## *CITY SIDEWALKS*

Anyone notice the new sidewalk snow blower along Euclid Avenue after our last major snow storm? The Mayor and Service Director are trying out a new program to clear sidewalks on primary roads. Equipment at the Lost Nation Airport was found to have the capability to add a snow blower or plow attachment and was trialed along Euclid Avenue with much success. As this new program evolves I will provide updates. Initial focus is on Euclid Avenue, Downtown and Lost Nation Road.

## *WARD 4 COMMUNITY NEWS*

While sitting in the eye doctors lobby last month I picked up Sports Illustrated and who do I see listed in the feature, "Faces in the Crowd"? Non only then our own Ward 4, Dan Whalen. Congratulations Dan! If anyone has news about one of our neighbors and would like to share, please let me know and this can become a regular addition to the newsletter.