



Ward 4 Newsletter

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Holiday Day Camp will be held on Monday, Feb. 15th with a field trip to the Great Lakes Science Center. Call Parks & Rec for more info 953-4200

Summer job applications now being accepted! Apply for Camp Counselors, Lifeguarding, WSI or Service Dept. work. Applications available at willoughbyohio.com

City Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, Feb. 15

Sledding under the Stars is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 14 from 7-9 pm. Sledding Hill behind City Hall. Please bring your own sled.



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NEW SENIOR CENTER UNDER CONSIDERATION

Last election a school levy passed that includes building a new South High School (existing South will become the new Middle School and the existing Middle School will go away). The plan for a new South High School includes a joint partnership agreement with the YMCA. Concept plans would include building a new YMCA that is connected to South High School with shared use space for Athletics and a swimming pool to accommodate both YMCA and School needs.

The existing Senior Center is located in the former Browning Elementary School site still owned by the School District and leased to the City. This facility is in need of significant updating and might need to be repurposed for expanding School needs. With this in mind the City was approached by the School District and asked if we would be interested in participating in the new Joint Use campus. So conceptually, the new South High School campus could include not only a new High School but joint use facilities with both the YMCA and the City for a new Senior Center.

The potential and prospects are very exciting and we will need to make some very quick decisions as the design schedule is on fast track. As Chair of Parks and Recreation Committee we will be meeting this week on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in Council Chambers if you have any interest in hearing first hand the discussions regarding a new Senior Center in Willoughby.

PROPOSED SENIOR LIVING DEVELOPMENT on SOM Property

As previously mentioned, there has been continued interest and inquiries to potentially build a Senior Living Community (Assisted Living, Memory Care and Skilled Nursing) on the 15 Acres for sale on the East Side of SOM, just South of the new access road to Edison Elementary School. Senior Living is an allowed use with certain conditions on residential zoned property. This project continues to have legs and appears to be moving pretty quickly to be on Planning Commission Agenda. Good chance this will be the second Thursday in February. Let me know if you want to be kept closely informed of all meetings and updates, I will set up a distribution list specifically for this item.

My primary concern at this time is any further burden on Storm Water capacity. Our recently concluded Storm Water Study includes long term needs for a relief line (additional capacity) on SOM, Aspen Wood and Skytop. I have asked the City Engineer to work closely with the developers Engineering team to see if this project could include regional enhancements that would allow us to make local improvements ahead of the current schedule and perhaps at a much lower cost to the City. Thoughts being a larger, regional retention basis where water could be diverted for capacity and maybe eliminate building more sewer lines that realistically would be years out from construction. It will also be required to do a wetlands mitigation study as portions of this property are wet most of the year.

Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 2016 -- Promptly at Noon at Todd Field

The bunny will be available for pictures up to 30 minutes after the hunt.

Age groups: 2 & under, 3-4 years, 5-6years and 7-9 years

There are hundreds of colored eggs.

Lucky finders of special eggs receive a special prize.

