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Ward 4 Newsletter

Parks & Recreation Happenings

City Pool Changes

As Chair of Parks and Recreation Committee, we recently met to review and approve a number of minor changes to the operation of our Pools. There will be minor pricing adjustments (couple dollars) to the rate schedule. Operations will modify the end of day schedule. Dinner break will be eliminated and closing of the Euclid Ave pool will be moved from 8pm to 7pm. This will also allow Pool Parties to now run 1 hour earlier - from 7-9 pm.



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WILLOUGHBY #24 ON SAFEST CITIES IN OHIO LIST

Congratulations to our Police and Fire Departments. Safewise.com has published a list of safest Cities in Ohio. What they have to say.....

24. Willoughby

Willoughby is an awesome city for the young and old alike, this Cleveland suburb is situated on the shores of Lake Erie and is home to the prestigious Andrews Osborne Academy, is ranked 16th in the "Money Magazine" 25 Best Places for Affordable Homes, and the Lakes Metroparks Farmpark.

The Andrews Osborn Academy is a private college preparatory boarding school and day school. Its results are impressive to say the least, with students achieving an average SAT score of 1650 and 100% college placement of its students since the 1980s.

For unprecedented outdoor entertainment and activities, the Lakes Metroparks Farmpark is 36 separate parks comprising more than 8,000 acres. Visitors can fish its many tributaries and lakes, visit the nature center and zoo, hike or cross-country ski its miles of trails, and even play golf on either of its two public golf courses.

LITHUANIAN CENTER NEW OWNERSHIP

Our friends at the Lithuanian Center Apartments (across from Heinens) are now under the ownership of Millenia Housing Management. Look for capital improvements, a refreshed look and new name (Abbott's Manor Apartments) coming soon.

SIDEWALK UPDATE

Council now has a list of recommended Sidewalk Projects as part of our Capital Improvement Plan. City Engineer, Jim Sayles, has compiled a list that includes SOM in 3 phases and Ridge Road in 2 phases. SOM West side is slotted for 2014 and phases continue thru 2018. This is only the Engineering recommendation at this time with funding sources and voting on the recommendation yet to be decided. We are currently looking into the Federal Highway Funding Program: Safe Routes to Schools. In conjunction with the W-E School District we would like to investigate further. This program will look at a number of Safe Route initiatives and often sidewalks are part of the recommendation. Before allocating City funding, we want to see if the Federal program would fund some of the project list since this is a 100% funding source.

WASTE MANAGEMENT ANNUAL RECYCLE REPORT

Also attached this month is our annual recycling report from Waste Management for the City of Willoughby. We continue to be one of the most active communities with more volume each and every quarter. Over 1,000 Tons of recycled material in 2013.

LAND FOR SALE - SOM

Notice the "For Sale" sign on the wooded property just south of the Edison School property on SOM? This property is currently zoned residential. The current owners had expressed interest in developing and possibly looking for zoning change to allow multi family. Looks like they have instead decided to sell. Please note that this is zoned residential and any buyer would purchase with that in mind. As we continue with our Storm Water System Study, it might actually be good if this property were to be developed since we could then implement some significant improvements as part of the engineering requirements of this property.