



Ward 4 Newsletter

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Parks & Recreation Happenings

Spring / Summer Brochures will be in the mail the week of March 19th!

Look for many exciting programs for the summer!

Easter Egg Hunt For Willoughby Resident children up to age 9.
Saturday, March 24
11:00 am Bunny pics
The egg hunt starts **PROMPTLY** at Noon.
Todd Field
Please bring a bag or basket to collect your eggs in.
Rain date: 3/31/12



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ELECTION DAY

Tuesday March 6th is Election Day. Reminder to vote and all of us vote at Willoughby South High School. This election day has a number of very important elections and issues on the ballot:

1. Presidential Primary
2. US Senator Primary
3. Lake County Commissioner Primary
4. County Treasurer, Judges and a number of other items
5. Probably the single most important, local issue is Willoughby -Eastlake School District Issue 4. Proposed additional Tax Levy. Having reviewed material in detail and discussing this with the School Superintendent, I along with all Mayors are in support of the levy and encourage a vote in favor of Issue 4. In addition to the increase in funding they are executing significant budget reductions and layoffs in order to address a serious shortfall. It is important to note that schools, like our City, is facing large reductions in local funding with State budget cuts. In addition, the recent news about closing the Eastlake Power Plant will mean an additional \$1M reduction in lost revenues. Please vote YES and support our schools.

CAPITAL SPENDING

Council is reviewing 2012 budget, including Capital requests. Safety (Fire and Police) remains our #1 priority and I am pleased to share some updates on recently approved Capital items. More details next month on 2012 Budget and other Capital requests.

Fire - New, state of the art EKG Cardiac monitor/defibrillators will be in all front line rescue vehicles (quantity 4). These will provide the highest level of cardiac care available in our community with direct radio feed to Lake West Hospital. Cost of \$100,000 is covered 100% by an anonymous donor in our community who's estate gifted directly to our Fire Rescue efforts.

New Rescue Squad to replace a 20 year old vehicle with high mileage.

Police - Soon you will notice a number of new Police vehicles. Ford discontinued the Crown Victoria style so the new vehicles will have a completely new body style. Total of 6 on order: 3 from 2011 Capital and 3 more with 2012 Capital. The change in body style will cost a little more to retrofit equipment but on a positive note the new Interceptor will be All Wheel Drive (AWD) which will be a very needed enhancement in our climate.

We are also ordering new, state of the art Mobile Computers and Video Systems in all police vehicles.

HEART of WILLOUGHBY

Heart of Willoughby is an organization supporting the preservation of Historic Downtown Willoughby. They sponsor our Outdoor Market held on Saturday mornings along with a number of other events. Last year the events were all scheduled around a theme of "3rd Saturday" and this will continue going forward which makes it easy to mark your calendars in advance:

May 19th Rib Burn Off — Brand new event for 2012

June 16th Annual Car Fest

July 21st Annual Art Fest

Aug 18th Last Stop Willoughby

As you can see, all are wonderful events for our community. Heart of Willoughby is a 501c organization so contributions/membership is tax deductible. Individual memberships are \$15 and family memberships are only \$25. Please consider joining and supporting a wonderful organization: www.heartofwilloughby.com

Brand new is a new theme for 3rd Tuesday which is a monthly Happy Hour event at a different Downtown Willoughby Restaurant. So far we have been to Willoughby Brewing and Wild Goose. March 20th will be 5-7pm at Malarkey's. Please consider joining us (free food) as the event is open to the entire community.