



# Ward 4 Newsletter

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## Parks & Recreation Happenings

**Youth Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, March 28**  
**12:00 pm**  
**Todd Field**  
**(rain date is 4/4/15)**

**Spring Break Camp**  
**children ages**  
**6-13 will enjoy fun**  
**activities, field**  
**trips, outdoor play,**  
**arts & crafts and**  
**more!**  
**\$23/day for**  
**residents \$26/day**  
**for others.**

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**Yard Waste begins**  
**on April 1st.**  
**Please use brown**  
**bags or garbage**  
**cans with no lid.**



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## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Application has been filed with ODOT and funding requested for Sidewalks on Hurricane and Gale Roads. This was deemed to be the number 1 priority in the neighborhood surrounding Grant Elementary School. Grant is off of Lost Nation Road in the north side of Willoughby. Surrounding neighborhood to Grant has quite a few walking students and no sidewalks or storm sewers in place. Culverts for storm water make it necessary for students to walk in the street to school.

As mentioned last month, SRTS has maximum funding annually of \$400,000. This phase 1 project has a cost in excess of \$500,000. If successful with the application, there are allowances for ongoing funding in future years. Sidewalks on SOM is most likely a phase 3 or 4 initiative as I look at the SRTS overall plan.

## 2015 BUDGET

Finalizing 2015 budget with 2 items of significant increase this year. Once every 10 years or so the calendar aligns so that there are 27 pay periods in a year (Willoughby pays on every 2 week cycle) which will cause an extra \$500,000 or so in personnel cost this year. The cost of road salt has also skyrocketed so the line item increase for 2015 is \$120,000. These are the two most impactful items with our 2015 Expense. Income is heavily dependent on Income Tax. We are holding steady with Income Tax revenue but Inheritance Tax is gone (used to run about \$1M annually) and state funding continues to get downward pressure. Fortunate to have a carryover balance of about \$6M as we start 2015. Concerns remain on how we meet continued expenditure increases (Healthcare continues to go up every year) with an income stream that is very stable and consistent.

## LOCAL BUSINESS UPDATES

**Salon Soleil** - Alex Harper  
3430 Euclid Ave (next to DQ)  
440-525-5066

[salonsoleilwilloughby.com](http://salonsoleilwilloughby.com)  
New salon just opened. Mention ward 4 newsletter and get 10% off product

**Buffalo Wild Wings** has applied for a liquor permit at the former Steak on a Stone location. No details regarding occupancy or building permits but looks like we will have a new tenant in a high profile restaurant location, coming soon.

Empty car dealership on Euclid Avenue just west of SOM has been purchased by Willoughby Eastlake Schools. Indications are they would like to relocate the tech center from Downtown Willoughby to this site.

## DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT

Rivers Edge project on Mentor Ave across from Andrews Osborne School is moving along. Apartments are under construction and phase 2 has just been approved. Phase 2 includes retail and office in the center section of the parcel. Marous Construction will relocate their HQ to one floor of a 4 story Building with retail on the ground floor. The parcel closest to Mentor is still planned for a Senior Living facility as phase 3.

Courthouse Square development has also been approved. The empty lot next to the Courthouse will have 4 residential buildings. Last plan has these as condominium style units and fits with the downtown plan for more infill housing that blends with the historic architecture.

## TRAFFIC STUDY UPDATE

Recent traffic study is recommending timing changes along Euclid Avenue. This includes all signals from SOM to Shankland.