



Ward 4 Newsletter

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Parks & Recreation Happenings

The Farmer's Market is open for the season! Saturdays, 8:00 am - Noon @ City Hall Parking Lot

STAYcation Plans?

Willoughby Parks & Recreation is offering discounted tickets to:

- Cedar Point
- Kings Island
- Wildwater Kingdom
- Kennywood
- Waldameer Park and Pioneer Waterland

All tickets are good any day of the summer.

Cash or check only.

Extended Office Hours

- Saturdays through June 13 (no 5/23) 9:00-11:30 am
- Monday - Thursday May 18-June 11 7:30 am - 6:00 pm



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SOM Property & Activity

Lots of questions from recent activity on SOM with surveyors. There are two parcels on the East Side of SOM for sale. The School Board has about 5 acres adjacent to Big Turtle 1 they are trying to sell. This parcel has a proposed lot split to take 300 feet of frontage on SOM and split if off from the Edison School property. There are rumors that a developer is close to purchasing this property with plans to build about 5 or 6 single family homes.

The School is also working through approvals to install an access only road for Busses from SOM to Edison School. This would be located where the path currently exists. The road would be Busses Only and one way from SOM entering the School. This road would be gated on both ends and locked all the time except for Bus access, twice per day. There are a total of 10 Busses, with about 5 approaching from either direction on SOM. This access road is in alignment with the Safe Routes to School Initiative and would have an adjacent sidewalk.

The larger, wooded parcel just South of the School Board property is also for sale. The City has had some general inquiries for both Single Family development and Assisted Living Community that is an allowed use for single family zoning. There has been no proposal submitted at this time but the owner has been advised that due to the wooded nature of this property we would expect a Conservation Easement to be created with retention of as many trees as possible. They were advised that all trees over 5" in diameter should be notated on any development plans and it is our best guess that the surveyors may be working to mark and notate all trees on the property.

I understand many of us have concerns with this potential development and impact on our Storm Water system so I will be sure to further advise when any plans are submitted and discussions are taking place.

RIB BURN OFF

Rib Burn Off is going to be extra special this year. For the first time Willoughby will be closing the downtown streets for 2 days. The entire downtown will be blocked off from 5am Saturday until Midnight Sunday. There will be 3 Stages set up with Entertainment and lots of Ribs! Outside Rib Vendors in addition to many of our Downtown Restaurants. Expect very large crowds and an exciting event!

- Saturday, May 16 - Noon - 10:00 pm
- Sunday, May 17 - Noon - 8:00 pm



Memorial Day Parade

Take time to honor and remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Monday, May 25 at 9:30 am

Parade will start in Downtown Willoughby travel to Park Ave. to the Willoughby Cemetery. Ceremonies held immediately following. Ceremonies will be held rain or shine.

OSBORNE PARK POOL OPENING Saturday, May 23

Pool Passes are on sale now at the Parks & Recreation Dept. Please bring a current utility bill and any passes from 2014. Enjoy swimming in our pools beginning on Saturday, May 23rd! Osborne Park pool will be open on weekends from 12-5 pm and on Saturday, June 6 Euclid Ave. will be open for the season. Both pools will be open until August 16 and Euclid Ave. will be open until Labor Day on weekends only after the 16th.