



The City Of Willoughby

Ward 4 Newsletter

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Parks & Recreation Happenings

Summer Registration

Registration is taking place for season passes, swim lessons and camps. Don't forget a current utility bill that includes your name and address.

Willoughby Appreciation Night at Classic Park

Monday, August 3

Tickets are \$7 each

Captain's vs Kannapolis Intimidators

Tickets can be purchased at the Rec House - 953-4200

Amusement Park Tickets

The Parks & Recreation department offers discounted amusement park tickets for Wildwater Kingdom Cedar Point Kings Island Pioneer Waterland cash or check only! Call 953-4200 for info. Prices available online at www.willoughbyohio.com/rec_dept/forms.html



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MISSING CHANNEL 12 COMMUNITY BULETINS?

For those of us with Cable, Channel 12 shows both the Mayor's report and Community Bulletins. It was brought to my attention that if you have Satellite this is not available. The City web site has been updated and you can view both the Mayor's report and the Bulletins posted on Channel 12 at www.willoughbyohio.com. Western Reserve Community Development is offering low fixed rate (6.49%) loans for Home Improvement projects. Call 440-357-4400 or www.wrcdc.org for more details.

SUMMER FUN Mark Your Calendars!

June 11-12 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - 16th Annual Halle Estates Garage Sale. Look for balloons throughout Halle Estates and expect 30 or more participating homeowners.

Sat., June 13 - 10:00-11:30 am - Pee Wee Olympics at Daniels Park. Free fun or children through age 6

Sat., June 20 - 4:00-10:00 pm - 14th Annual Classic Cruise - In

Thurs., June 25 - 5:00-7:00 pm - Touch A Truck at the Willoughby Service Garage, 37400 N. Industrial Parkway. Kids of all ages can "drive" the City Service vehicles!

Thursdays, June 25-September 10 - 7:00 pm - Summer Concert Series begins at Wes Point Park Bandstand. 6/25 concert at City Hall.

Sat., July 18 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm - Arts Fest
August 22-23 - Last Stop Willoughby. City parade will be Sunday, August 23rd at 2pm. This replaces the annual parade during the former Frontier Days celebration.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Karin Maniche for receiving the Adele Knight "Excellence in Teaching Award"

Kevin O'Brien has joined the Deepwood Industries Board.

LITHUANIAN CENTER PROJECT (Mary Rose Estates)

Last Thursday there was a public hearing for this project in front of the Planning Commission. Over 100 residents attended to voice their opinions and I want to thank everyone for the civil and professional approach to what has become a very emotional issue for many. Planning Commission made a list of relevant issues for consideration: Green Space, Height, Unit Density, minimum acreage, property devaluation, drainage, loss of privacy, increased noise, rodents, parking, light pollution and distance to other congregate living. The issue of HUD financing was deemed to be a non relevant issue and only pertains to a source of financing. The technical merits of the project are defined across a number of different ordinances. After much discussion, Planning Commission agreed to table a decision until the next meeting, which will be held on June 11th at 7pm. Public is welcome to attend but there will be no further public hearing. The next meeting will be Planning Commission discussing the proposed project. So where does Councilman Carr stand on this issue? Many of you have been asking if I support or oppose the project. First of all, this is not a Council issue. Planning Commission is the deciding body on this project. When the project first was proposed I spent many hours questioning the technical merits and looking for reasons to oppose the project but could not find any. By all appearances, the project met code and no variances are being requested. Although concerned about the project and understanding of the opposition, I could not find any valid reason to officially object. However, it was disclosed on Thursday that Planning Commission does have the responsibility to make sure any Conditional Use Permit meets certain general criteria, including adherence to the Comprehensive Plan. Having spent a few hours this weekend reading over these documents, I now find ample reason and justification to ask Planning Commission to deny the request. I sent a letter to all Planning Commission members raising my concerns and offering my support to those opposed to the project. I trust that they will thoughtfully and thoroughly review all material facts and render a sound decision. Copies of my Planning Commission letter are available upon request.