



# 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 and a Market at Osborne Park on Sunday Mornings from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

## July 4th Fireworks

**Saturday, July 4th 9:45 pm South High School**

## ArtsFest

Saturday, July 18  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Downtown Willoughby



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## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

We are making very good progress in our efforts to significantly improve the overall system and infrastructure. Reminder of some background:

- Certain areas of the City are prone to flooding in sever storm events
- Engineering principles at the time of build ranged from 2 year to 10 year storm events
- Willoughby joined the Lake County Storm Water District as an avenue to generate a funding source (charges generate about \$750,000 annually to be used for improvements) and a program to formally review & approve projects
- Willoughby undertook a system wide engineering review to handle 20 year storm events. The 100 and 500 year storms will still be challenging to manage!

The Engineering Study results came back with \$42M in recommended project improvements and 17 High Priority Projects that have an estimated cost of \$18M. I am pleased to share that with creative financing we were able to propose immediate action against the first 7 priority projects with total cost of \$10M. Yes, that is right. Our \$750,000 annual funding will allow us to immediately (meaning engineering starts now and construction 2016/2017) take on over \$10M in system improvements. SOM Center Storm is #10 on the list and we need to address the downstream (north end of Willoughby, closest to Lake Erie) improvements first. The County Commissioners last week approved our plan and we have a go to proceed. Additionally, we are undertaking a \$300,000 Capital Improvement project this year to jet and clean the entire system. This way we ensure that what is in place is clean and optimized.

We just ended an extremely rainy month of June and I am only aware of a handful of isolated flooding situations. Please let me know if you experienced any flooding this past month as I have no reports of water problems in Ward 4.

## TENNIS COURT and PICKLE BALL COURT UPDATE

Any Tennis or Pickle Ball players? The City Courts next to the Euclid Avenue Pool and South High School have been resurfaced. One Tennis Court was removed and replaced with two brand new Pickle Ball Courts. If you are not familiar with Pickle Ball it is a very fast growing game similar to Tennis on a court about 1/2 the size. Uses paddles and a wiffle ball. Lots of fun and very popular with the retiring Baby Boomers. Parks & Recreation will be offering classes in the Fall!



## RECYCLING NEWS

Waste Management provided a recent report and Willoughby continues to recycle at a very high contribution rate. Attached along with this newsletter is an updated chart on what can and cannot be recycled. Caps can now be left on plastic bottles but do not leave loose as the items are too small and cause production issues. The biggest problem in the recycling facility is having to constantly stop the line and remove plastic bags.

## Summer Concert Series

July 2 - August 27 - 7:00 pm  
Wes Point Park - bring a chair

- July 2 - The Diamond Project
- July 9 - Heritage Brass Quartet
- July 16 - Karma Kings
- July 23 - University of Akron Steel Drum Band
- July 30 - ContraBAND
- August 6 - My Sweet Patootie
- August 13 - Chance
- August 20 - The Don Disantis Orchestra
- August 27 - Alex Bevan