



Ward 4 Newsletter

The City Of Willoughby

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CITY EVENTS

Farmers Market open every Saturday through October 25 at 7 am. in City Hall Parking Lot.

Summer Concert Series

Thursday, September 4 Join the Don Disantis orchestra for an evening of Sinatra-style music and entertainment.

7:00 pm at the Wes Point Park Gazebo.

TORNADO WARNING

Did you hear the sirens last month in the middle of the night at 3 a.m. ? I had quite a few calls saying the siren was not loud enough and spoke with Fire Chief Zwegat. The system was installed county wide in the early 1980's for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant and only intended to be heard outside. Willoughby is outside the 10 mile nuclear zone and about 10 years ago siren use was expanded for other hazards, like Weather Alerts. Details on the siren system can be found at <http://www.firstenergycorp.com/PerryEPI/index.html> . Tune to local radio or tv stations if you hear the siren. Weather Alert radios available at local electronic stores for about \$20 are recommended for inside the homes. Willoughby South is identified as a primary evacuation center in case of emergency. Should a disaster take place locally and you need to evacuate, Willoughby South would be your first choice with Eastlake North being a good second choice. A City wide emergency plan is being updated with more communication pending.

SOM ROAD UPDATE

The lower speed limit and increased Police presence appear to be working. Observation and comments from residents support that the traffic is slowing down. Traffic study numbers are in and we should have the report later this month. I will schedule a Ward meeting in October for the Traffic Engineer to discuss the results. Later this month, City Council will be discussing a submission to NOACA for funding that includes a SOM Road bikeway. I would anticipate this being on the agenda for our September 16th meeting if you wish to attend and lend your support.

CLEVELAND MAGAZINE BEST SUBURBS

Top 20 suburbs was updated this past June and Willoughby received a number of mentions:

- Top 15 Lowest Property Taxes - #8
- Best Bargains - #4
- Safety Rating - #5

A new category this year is % of Roads with Sidewalks. 63.4% of people surveyed ranked walkable neighborhoods as extremely important. Willoughby comes in at 51.6% of roads with sidewalks.

WILD ABOUT WILLOUGHBY formerly Willoughby Frontier Days

This Weekend @ Todd Field!
September 5-7, 2008

Join us in our Celebration of "Family" and "Community"! Bring your friends, kin and neighbors for all kinds of food (including barbeque), rides, games, contests, fantastic music, and a parade too!

For a complete schedule, go to www.willoughbyfrontierdays.com



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Playgrounds are open year round!
Why not enjoy a nice fall day in the park?