



The City Of Willoughby

Volume 9, November 2008

Ward 4 Newsletter

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

If you are interested in received **e-mail updates**, please send an e-mail to parksandrec@willoughbyohio.com In the subject line, please write "updates".

Gingerbread House Building

Make the best holiday decoration of the season - a Gingerbread House. This program is something the whole family can participate in. All supplies are included, plus a pizza dinner! Register by 12/1. Call us at 953-4200. Friday, Dec. 12, 6:00 pm at the Willoughby Senior Center. Class Fee \$25 / Resident Discount \$20



Councilman Bob Carr
rcarr@willoughbyohio.com
Home 440-946-2926
Cell 440-488-7321

SOM SANITARY RELIEF SEWER PROJECT

I attended the pre-construction meeting for the SOM Sanitary Sewer project last week and everyone needs to be prepared for a couple months of disruption to the normal traffic flow on SOM. Starting the Monday after Thanksgiving and proceeding until mid January the new sewer will be installed in the center lane of SOM, starting at Kaiser Court and going south to the two new developments under construction. There will be another small section south of Big Turtle II. Every weekday, traffic will be reduced to one lane in both directions from 8:00 am till 4:30 pm. The single lane will be limited to the particular work area, but portions of SOM will be down to one lane in each direction during the entire 60 day project. In addition, there will be a couple times where there will be tie ins that cross both lanes of traffic and this will cause traffic to share the north or south bound lanes for a couple days. When construction is taking place in front of homes and cross streets you will NOT be able to turn left for a couple days. Close attention will be paid to the traffic flows by our Police and Fire Departments as this is a very heavy area and emergency vehicles need to be assured of access at all times. You may want to try and avoid this section as much as possible during the construction period. There is also acknowledgement that we could see heavy snow during this period and clearing SOM could be impeded so please be cautious and patient. Completion in January will include a temporary concrete cover and next spring they will be back to put the final pavement in place. Good news is that once complete the Sanitary system capacity for Ward 4 will be significantly improved.

SOM BIKEWAY INITIATIVE

Preliminary engineering funds have been authorized and Willoughby will be taking the lead on the application for a bikeway that would extend through Willoughby Hills to the Cuyahoga County line. The primary goal for the application will be to obtain 100% construction funding via NOACA. I will be attending a meeting this Wednesday with the NOACA Bicycle Advisory Council to share our engineering plans and will have more to report next month.

HIGH VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT OVERTIME GRANT

The Willoughby Police Department applied for a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety for a High Visibility Enforcement Grant. We were awarded over \$29,000 and this will pay for overtime to enforce traffic laws on major traffic areas. A substantial amount of this money will be used for additional enforcement of the new 35 MPH speed on SOM. This is great news for Ward 4. The speed appears to have been reduced and visibility will remind folks to slow down on this busy section of road.

WARD 1 MEETING

Scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm at McKinley Elementary School. The first part of this meeting is to discuss ideas for developing Willoughby's Lake Erie access, primarily at Osborne Park. One of the priorities in our recently revised Master Plan is to make improvements to the Osborne Park area for community wide access to Lake Erie. Unfortunately, I have a conflict that evening and will not be attending but would encourage anyone interested in this topic to attend.



Fall Leaf Pick-up

Please rake leaves to your tree lawn. Do Not rake them into the street or in ditches. As always, you may place leaves in brown kraft bags to be picked up on your regular garbage day. Questions.....Service Dept. 953-4111