



The City Of Willoughby

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Ward 4 Newsletter

Parks & Recreation Happenings

Registration

Gingerbread House Building
Resident Family \$20 /
Others \$25 per family

Friday, December 10th
6:00-7:30 pm

Willoughby Senior Center
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! Please register by December 3rd.

Ceramics for Kids!
Christmas Ornaments!
Ages 7-15

Wednesdays, Dec. 8 & 15
from 6:30-8:30 pm
call 953-4200 to register!

For a complete listing of class offerings, check us out on the web at www.willoughbyohio.com or call us at 440-953-4200.

Visit the Parks & Recreation Department in their new home at City Hall!



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WILLOUGHBY TASK FORCE FILES REPORT

Special thanks again to the Residents of Willoughby who volunteered to spend time on the Fiscal Task Force. Ward 4 was represented by Birkett Gibson and Wade Mitchell was Committee Chair. In these economically trying times, we asked a group of residents to examine city processes and make recommendations for ways to reduce expenses and increase revenues. Currently we are facing a projected deficit in 2012 so the timing is right to make changes starting in 2011.

The report was filed last week with short term, intermediate term and long term recommendations for both cost reductions and revenue increasing activities. The Mayor and Directors will take the next three weeks to evaluate the recommendations and put together an implementation plan. This will then be presented to Council at the end of November. Once agreement is reached on a plan of action, we will then use this as the basis for next year's budget.

Summary of Recommendations:

Short-Term revenue increases: Assess residents for trash collection, reduce residence city income tax credit, open city properties to gas well leases, examine recreation department fees and increase efforts to collect unpaid taxes.

Short-Term cost reductions: Eliminate health coverage for Council, incentives to opt out of City health coverage, create a central purchasing function, contract out landscaping service, control overtime by adjusting work schedules, consolidate Service and Recreation Department labor pools, eliminate Police Department fourth platoon and evaluate administrative staffing levels.

Intermediate recommendations include: reduce City Health Care expenses, examine

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elimination of City Building Department, replacement tax levies, contract out services and raising City Income Tax.

Please provide me your feedback and let me know if you would like to receive an electronic copy of the entire report.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings ends this weekend. Don't forget to turn back your clocks on November 7th and enjoy the extra hour of sleep. Reminder that this is a good time to change your smoke detector batteries.

NEW BUSINESS

Nickleby's Restaurant is the latest addition to our fine list of downtown eating establishments. This is a joint venture amongst a number of local restaurant owners including our own Ward 4 residents - John Frech (Panini's) and Jay Wright (Wright's Place). Congratulations and good luck with the new venture.

LEAF PICK-UP

Leaf pickup by City crews will continue through the first week in December. Crews will try to do each area at least once a week during this time period.

Please keep leaf piles out of the street gutter and away from street drains and catch basins. This can cause blocked drains and catch basins causing street flooding. Leaves placed in street gutters are a violation of Ordinances 915.04d and 521.08i.

As always, you can bag (craft paper bags) your leaves and they will be picked up on your regular trash day November 26th 2010.