



# Ward 4 Newsletter

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## Parks & Recreation Happenings

**Family  
Gingerbread House  
building  
Friday, Dec. 5th**

**Visit Santa in  
Wes Point Park  
December 5-21  
Wed., Thurs., & Fri.  
from 5:00-7:45 pm  
and on  
Saturdays &  
Sundays from  
2:00-4:45 pm  
Please bring a  
non-perishable  
food item for the  
Willoughby Food  
Pantry.**

**Willoughby Senior  
Center Pie Sale for  
Thanksgiving  
Homemade Frozen  
Apple or Fresh  
Baked Pumpkin  
Call 440-951-2832  
to order!**



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## ELECTION DAY - Tuesday, Nov. 4

Tuesday November 4th (tomorrow) is Election Day. This Election Day includes state-wide offices (Governor) and US Congress. Ballot also includes a number of Judges and Tax Levies. All of the Levies are renewals, meaning no increase in taxes: Willoughby-Eastlake Schools, Willoughby - Eastlake Public Library and Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addition and Mental Health Services.

## SANITARY SEWER RATE INCREASE

Council recently passed Finance Department recommendation to increase Sewer Rates. While the increase of 23% may seem high, Willoughby has chosen to raise rates on an as needed basis as opposed to annual increases. The last increase was in 2011 and after the increase our rates still compare favorably with state wide average costs. The increase is necessary in order to comply with EPA mandates to significantly reduce or eliminate bypass. Bypass occurs when large rainfalls occur. Storm water infiltrates the sanitary system, to the point of overcapacity. In those events we bypass and send sanitary water directly into Lake Erie.... and then you hear on the news that beaches have high bacteria count and not safe to swim. Gross! We are finalizing a storm water management plan and the Ohio EPA is mandating capital improvements (holding basins primarily) that will require upwards of \$10 Million dollars in the next 4 years. The sanitary increase is to help fund these capital improvements.

## LEAF PICK-UP

We are mid season for leaf pickup and so far all is going pretty well with cooperation from the weather... no snow and not too much rain. Leaves should be placed on the tree lawn and not in the street. Putting leaves in the street can cause storm sewer blockage and read again about the sanitary increase to see how everything is interconnected. We have 3 crews traversing the City and every 7-10 days should be back around until all is picked up. You can also continue to place leaves in bags or cans with the regular yard waste pickup from Waste Management. Yard Waste pickup continues thru the end of November.

## 46TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Get into the spirit of the season and join us for our annual Holiday Lighting Celebration. The festivities will start at 7 pm on Thursday, December 4th at Wes Point Park.

Prior to the lighting ceremony, enjoy the Willoughby Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner. 4-6:30 pm at Wlby United Methodist Church

After the lights are lit, don't miss some great deals at the 22nd Annual Evening Lions Club Christmas Auction in City Hall Lower Level.

Proceeds will benefit the Lions Christmas Basket program and the Lions eye care program.

