

Willoughby • Ward 2 Newsletter



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Citywide News

OSBORNE PARK EROSION CONCERNS

Recently there has been a great deal of discussion and concern for the erosion issue plaguing Osborne Park's Shoreline. This shoreline, as well as other city properties along the lake, are in need of immediate attention (Osborne Park, Sunset Park, and other city-owned properties). What has taken place over the past several years is a serious deterioration of the concrete erosion barriers that were put in place some 20 years ago. These concrete barriers may weigh as much as 10 tons each. They are sinking into the lake bed. They are crumbling. The cables holding them together are rusting out and creating a situation where the barriers are not holding their intended positions.



Because of this, the erosion is happening at a very fast rate. The city, and in particular the Service Department, is now on top of the situation. They have made the initial assessments and it has been determined that we must first and foremost stop the advancing erosion. Then the next step is to create a "master plan" of action to address the situation permanently. The goal to stop the erosion NOW is to employ the use of "Armour Rock" to be placed in several locations. This should impede the erosion that has increased a great deal since September 2018. The Armour Rock will also be able to be re-used in the Final Master Plan that will be evolving. Primary to all this is an immediate plan to search for all possible funding sources since the repairs will be costly.

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MAIL SERVICE TO FAIRWAY GLENN DEVELOPMENT



For those already living in the "NEW" Fairway Glenn Development, there has become a problem regarding mail service to the residents. Residents have been informed that they will not have their mail delivered to the complex due to the amount of construction traffic taking place. The only way for them to get their mail is to travel daily to the Post Office. This certainly seems to be an inconvenience. I had city hall contact the post office and they spoke with the Postmaster. She confirmed that safety concerns for her workers due to the heavy equipment/construction near and getting to the mailboxes is the reason they are not delivering. She said the gang mailboxes are located too far back in the development. She went on to say that she spoke to the contractor a couple weeks ago and he agreed to move the mailboxes closer to the front to allow the post office to start delivering. Today, I spoke with a couple of the residents of Fairway Glenn, and I am pleased to inform all that the "Gang Mail Box" was moved by the developer, closer to the entry. Now because of that action, the Post Office is delivering the mail to the complex. I want to thank the following in helping this to get solved to the benefit of the residents. First and foremost the residents of Fairway Glenn that called and wrote to me about the issue. Second to, Shana Boyd, Communications Coordinator / Office of the Mayor. Her calls helped to bring the developer and the Post Office into communication. Finally, thank you to the Post Office for working with the developer to get this service provided to the residents.

WESTMINSTER TRAFFIC LIGHT

With the help of Councilwoman, McNeill, we will be investigating the timing and operation of the traffic light at the intersection of Lost Nation, Adkins, and Westminster. There is concern that the "wait" is way too long. We will also look at altering the timing so it may operate more efficiently to the traffic patterns of the day.

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2019 CITY OF WILLOUGHBY TRAFFIC PROGRAM



The city is starting the planning and approval of the 2019 Road Program earlier this year. Information provided by Mr. Jim Sayles the City Engineer: As you can see the recommended streets for 2019 are the Poplar/Parkway cross-over, Strawberry Lane, Sharpe Avenue, the north end of Gale Road, Biltmore Place, Ash Road, Airport Parkway, Tioga Trail between Wasatka and Mohawk and Summit Street. We skipped the dead end of St. Clair as well as the sections of Johnnycake Ridge Road, Ridge Road and Lakeshore Boulevard that will be part of the coming ODOT resurfacing. We will also include repairs to Lost Nation Road and mill and fill repairs to Lakeshore and Ridge Road as we do annually in anticipation of the coming resurfacings (we are waiting for state monies to come to Willoughby to fund these major roads. Including \$90,000 for engineering and inspections the total budget is at \$1,006,400, just over the annual target of \$1,000,000. As always, if the bids come in significantly lower than our estimates, like last year, we can add streets. Of course, if the bids come in high we would cut streets. We do know there is a great deal of dissatisfaction and concern with the condition of Lake Shore Blvd. Totally understood that it is not in very good condition. What we need to share again is that with this being a State Road, its condition is not only assessed by the City and our Engineers annually, it is also assessed by the State and placed on a list of all state roads in need of repairs. Because of this, it will not be addressed in 2019. The state sees other state roads in need of repairs "first". Also if we were to make the repairs ourselves NOW using our own funds it would bankrupt our road repair budget. Waiting for State Funds to come in is the logical step.

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STREET LIGHTS OUT!!!



I have experienced quite a few letters and phone calls regarding the street lights that are out in Ward 2. There are several out, right near the Airport and south of that area. I want to let everyone know that I have reported this to our

Service Director and he has conveyed the information to the Illuminating Company. Hopefully, it will not take too long for CEI to get out and see that the bulbs are replaced. We need to keep this part of the Lost Nation corridor well lit to aid in the amount of pedestrian traffic that takes place in this area. NOTE: if you personally know of a light that is out of service, do not hesitate to report it on the City of Willoughby Website. **First, on the pole is a number, write it down.**

Then go to

<https://willoughbyohio.com>

Click on **Feedback**

And you will be directed to the City of Willoughby Action Line

Under the section Repairs and Requests for Service

Click on: **Street Light Out (enter the info plus the pole #)**

"MISSING STREET LIGHTS"



Speaking of Street Lights, I need to share another issue. In Ward 2, near the Airport, we have some "missing street lights". Uncertainty as to the exact number. Some of these have been victims of car accidents and some may have been removed, and never replaced. You can actually see the base of

one street light that was sheared off right in front of the airport on the East side of Lost Nation Road. I have been in communication with both the City and the Airport to investigate the disappearance of these lights. We also know that the airport has a fund with money that has been set aside to help in financing the replacement/s. I have communicated with our Service Director and he will help with the investigation of who is responsible for the cost. He will also talk to the airport to find out what monies they hold to help with the program. I will stay on top of this to the conclusion. Hopefully, we will eventually get the "burned out" street lights **fixed**, AND get the missing street light/s **replaced!!!**

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FINAL WORDS ON TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES



There was a Service Committee Meeting during the January 8th Council Meeting, where the topic of traffic calming devices was returned to for the third time.

At this meeting, the Service Director and the Chief of Police shared some decisions they will move forward on. Council, as a whole, is in support of the purchase of Traffic Calming Devices for Willoughby. Report from Lee Bock, Service Director: What was presented to Council last night was that money has been added to the Traffic Department budget to purchase Traffic Calming devices. Mr. Bock recommends that we make the purchase from A & A Safety, a local firm that has provided these signs to other cities in the area including Mentor and gives us the ability to deal directly should there be any issues. The price difference is a matter of eighty dollars. Council can either approve the budget or remove the dollar amount from the budget and end the discussion at that time. In talks with the Chief of Police and the City Engineer, the preferred method is the permanent sign installation. This seems to have a longer lasting effect on drivers. The streets chosen for the initial placements are Adkins, Kirtland, Reeves, Stevens, and Hodgson. If one of the first three locations do not seem to benefit from the placement, we could remove them and advance to the next location. We do however need to give the signs time to work. Cost of each unit is 3,495.00 with us providing the pole and installation. These prices are subject to change and need to be updated as we get closer to purchase. This all remains as a recommendation and is totally dependent on passage of the Service Departments budget in March. If the monies are available the devices will be purchased.

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CAN YOU VOICE YOUR OPINIONS WITH THIS POLL?

For the properties on Lost Nation Road, West of the Airport what would you prefer to see? I certainly understand many would like to say "NOTHING", but property owners have the right to develop their property as long as they abide by the ordinances of the City. So if you had to choose from the list below, please share your choice/s.

- Apartments
- Assisted Living
- Family Grocery Store
- Drug Store
- Bank
- Fast Food Restaurant
- Family Restaurant
- Office Complex
- Light Industrial

Feel free to e-mail me your responses back to

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HELP ME GROW MY MAILING LIST FOR WARD 2

I am asking for your help as recipients of my Newsletter to share with friends and neighbors that they too can get these mailings.



It is my goal to get the Newsletter out to as many residents as possible keeping those in Ward 2 informed. Have them contact me using the information below.

Thank You

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