

Willoughby • Ward 2 Newsletter

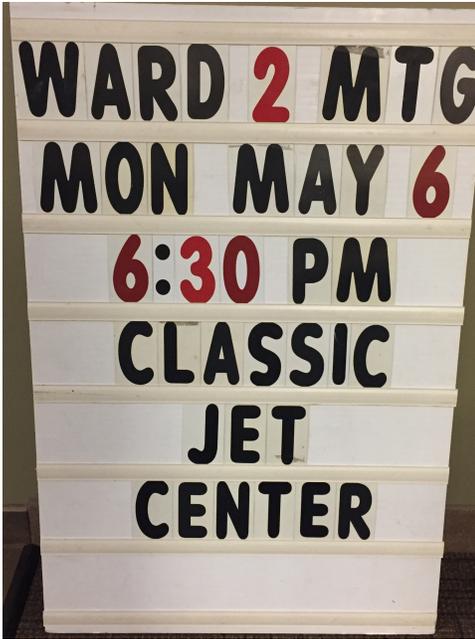


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WARD 2 MEETING NEWS



I need to share a few comments about my last Ward 2 Meeting. I want to thank all the administrators and

workers at the Classic Jet Center. Their efforts made my work a “breeze.” They made sure the building was spotless, well organized, lit accordingly, and the temperature was comfortable. They even placed tablecloths out for our residents. Next, I want to thank again my lovely wife, Beth, and my neighbor Cathy who have always taken on the task to have Coffee and Snacks for our guests. This year they spent their time making cookies shaped as airplanes!!!! It was fabulous. I also want to share a thank you to my wonderful daughter, Lauren who flew in from Hoboken NJ to visit mom and dad. She too helped in the set-up as well as the one who took some great photos of the event!!! Overall the feedback and comments from you, the attendees, was extremely POSITIVE!

THANK YOU

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9. What about more retail on Lakeshore and Lost Nation?

Let me address Lost Nation Road right now. First and foremost there are properties, across from the airport that is zoned General Business. That means a developer may purchase the properties and submit to Planning Commission plans for retail. I have met with all the current property owners and discussed what we as a ward would like to see and what we would like to avoid. I have heard from my constituents that they do not want multi-family living but would like a family grocery store. I am working with the owners, buyers, and developers in conjunction with the Mayor and our economic development director to provide what is best for Ward 2 and the city. Understand, we cannot stop owners from selling their land and having developers present a development plan. We need to make sure that ALL ELEMENTS are thought about regarding concept, traffic impact, impact on our schools, and impact on the surrounding properties. I have attended several meetings on these properties, and they will eventually be developed. I need to keep your wishes in mind so what finally happens will be acceptable to the majority.

10. Can you help with the light at Westminster?

The light was changed to allow for left turns on red, but there are still issues. I am in communication with the City Engineer and his traffic experts, to see if we can look at other options. Possibly the idea of all traffic moving north with a left turn arrow. Then all traffic moving south with a left turn arrow. The only problem here is that it may delay the traffic flow from Westminster and Adkins out onto Lost Nation Road. I am certainly not a traffic engineer, so I will leave this research to Mr. Sayles and his traffic experts. Please understand I am working on a solution here, I need to focus my time and energy with those who can make the change.

11. Can you get Lakeshore Blvd. paved ASAP?

This is definitely a “hot topic”. As you know Lakeshore Blvd is a state road. Because of this the city just cannot spend city road funds to re-pave it. We do spend city funds to maintain it. In fact those funds we spend will come back to help cover the cost when the state does the work based on their “evaluation” of the road and its condition. We can all disagree with the state, and we do, that waiting until the year they will do the work is “just too long away.” They are projecting, as I have indicated many times, to do the work in 2022. I know, I know, that’s crazy. But remember that is based on a fiscal calendar so the work could be done the summer/fall of 2021.

12. What is the status on the possibilities of a Laketrans run down Lost Nation Road.

I have been working on this for quite some time as an idea. With the help of the Mayor I have been working on trying to get the Laketrans route three run to travel from SR 306 up Hodgson and down Lost Nation Road to Adkins, the down Adkins back to SR 306. This could provide two stops on Lost Nation Road. All I can share is that General Manager Ben Capelle, from Laketrans is still entertaining the proposal.

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WARD 2 MEETING QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

As I stated at the meeting, we would try to answer all the questions posed by you. At times that is possible, and at times it is not. The Mayor, Bob Fiala worked hard that evening contributing his knowledge to many topics on hand. As well all the City Directors in attendance did the same. As I stated during the question and answer session, I would address all the questions asked again, in my next Newsletter, so here they are.

1. What have you done in Ward 2 since becoming our councilman?

To list all my work since being on the council may be a bit repetitive. I feel that all the **13 Newsletters** I have sent out would attest to work I have been involved with. That, as well as the Council summaries I created, also list my activities as your councilman. This summer I will try to do one Newsletter that will deal with this topic alone. It may prove to be a boring read, but I will put that together.

2. Will Fairway Glenn have an entrance onto Hodgson?

According to the initial development plans, yes. They will be coming in front of the Planning Commission for Final Plat 3 approval, and this will be addressed.

3. Will a sidewalk be placed on Hodgson Road by Fairway Glenn?

Again when the developer comes in front of Planning Commission for their Final Plat approval that will be addressed.

4. Can the traffic light at Westminster, Adkins and Lost Nation Road be re-assessed?

That is currently being looked at. Understand that it takes time to see what is working and what is not working. I am communicating with the city engineer on this currently. We will explore the options.

13. Are there any plans to address parking in downtown Willoughby?

Willoughby City Council gave the administration permission to seek out qualified developers, concerning a city-owned property in downtown. The city hopes to build apartments and public parking space on the property. Funding for this project would come from the developers, not tax dollars. In exchange for the land the developers will do the build. I would be a bi-level parking deck and a residential space above it.

14. Can you address the elevation of the land on the newly constructed houses on Brighton Path?

The comments made at the Ward 2 meeting about this stated that the developer must abide by the elevations that were approved by the city. My comment is the following. If you believe that the elevations are being exceeded, then you should contact the building department and ask them to assess the elevations to make sure the builder is following the elevations that were approved. I wrote a strong article back in one of my first Newsletters about developers and property owners changing the elevations of properties without city permission. If you see this happening, **DO NOT WAIT TO COMPLAIN**, contact the city immediately. We certainly do not want to see you be the victim of flooding because a builder did not follow their approved plans.

15. Why is the airshow not happening this year?

This is all due to lack of “sponsorships”. Let’s hope it returns soon!!!

16. Can you share what streets will be paved this year in Ward 2?

STREETS TO BE PAVED IN WARD 2 THIS YEAR

This summer we will be patching and maintaining roads throughout the city

LakeShore Blvd. is scheduled to be paved in 2022. It may be addressed earlier in 2021. The state pays about 80% of the cost to do the state roads, and that is the primary reason why the city cannot pave it. If we did, we would have no monies left to attend to any other city streets.

Lost Nation, no plans at this time to re-pave but we will be doing concrete repairs replacing slabs.

The streets in Ward 2 as part of the Street Program are:

- Ash Road (end to end) and
- The crossover between Parkway and Poplar.

All these decisions are based on a very “calculated” assessment of all roads and their conditions annually. They are all ranked from 1-10. Ten is considered excellent, while one is the “most in need of paving”.



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5. What is going on with the missing street lights on Lost Nation Rd.?

I am currently finalizing the replacement of streetlights that have caused a “dark corridor” on Lost Nation Road. We are in the “ordering stage” of lights and I hope to see them installed as soon as First Energy can take care of the task. Some will go in front of the airport, and one will go near the entry of Fairway Glenn.

6. Can you give us an update on storm-water management and Ward Creek?

Ward Creek is a significant component in our Storm-water Management Program. It has been addressed to date on many fronts, yet there is still some work to take care of. I am meeting shortly with the City Engineer and residents in the Kyle Cove area to have the final phases explained, as well as have an opportunity to hear the concerns of the residents in the area.

7. Any news on Traffic Calming devices and Ward 2?

Traffic Calming devices have been purchased at the request of Council. There will be units installed on Hodgson Road and Adkins Road. These two locations, due to the fact that they are cut thru streets from Lost Nation Road to SR 306, warranted the placement. They should go up this summer.

8. I have tree branches hanging over my deck from trees on Lost Nation Golf Course. Can you help?

I have contacted the golf course, and they have assured me they will get out to trim the branches “as soon as the ground is dry enough to bring in the equipment.”

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THIS IS A REPEAT FROM MY LAST NEWSLETTER **I HAVE DECLARED MY CANDIDACY to be RE-ELECTED COUNCILMAN, WARD 2 WILLOUGHBY**



I wanted to share with all of you that I registered at the Lake County Board of Elections to seek a second term as Councilman for Ward 2, City of Willoughby. My first term will end this year and it has proven to be a rather productive first two years. Working with a new Administration and several new Council Members I have developed a relationship that has certainly been valuable and constructive for me personally. NOBODY knows how their first term will play out. There are so many fronts you must address and at times it may prove to be a bit overwhelming. Quickly I learned to prioritize my goals and make sure that I never lost sight of "any item" on that list. I also needed to realize that no matter how hard you work, the city government is a "TEAM", and at times "GOALS" just take time. That team needs to talk, share, debate, and prioritize what can be done and what may have to wait to be done. For me, that was "the most difficult part"... the wait. For those who know me, once I commit, it needs to be done now. I have done my best to represent the residents of Ward 2. I have worked hard to keep the lines of communication open using such forums as my Newsletters, and my bi-monthly Council Meeting reports as well as Social Media. I have held Ward meetings bi-annually to provide a chance for our residents to have a face to face voice on their concerns. Finally, I have taken hundreds of calls and emails, which I am proud to claim, none have gone longer than a day to be returned or answered. Not an easy task but I understand the importance. In support of this process, I need to thank ONE VERY IMPORTANT PERSON IN MY LIFE, and that is my lovely wife, Beth, who knows that if I am going to do anything, it will be addressed at 110%. She is so important in helping me to provide the service to Ward 2 and the city that we both see as being VERY IMPORTANT. I also need to thank my Ward 2 residents for their support during my first term. Your active role in sharing your ideas and thoughts have helped me to grow into the role where I feel comfortable stating, "I have represented Ward 2 strongly, and I will continue to do that if I am fortunate enough to be elected for a second term as Councilman for Ward 2.

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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