

# Willoughby • Ward 2 Newsletter

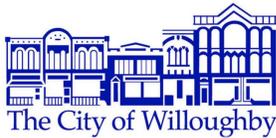


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## Ward 2 News & Citywide News

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## RIVERSIDE COMMONS

The partially wooded 300-acre parcel just southeast of the Lost Nation Road-Route 2 interchange has sat dormant since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers halted work several years ago, claiming violation of the Clean Water Act. Litigation filed in 2006 in U.S. District Court by property owner Midway Industrial Campus Co. versus the Army Corps and U.S. EPA resulted in a voluntary dismissal by both sides in 2009, after a settlement couldn't be reached. The strategically situated land - rezoned to allow commercial as well as industrial use - is seen by some as a key component to reviving the economy in Willoughby, Lake County and beyond. Just recently a consent decree was signed with the Final Signatures to settle the dispute. This will open up for now, about 60 acres of marketable light industrial land in the city off Lost Nation Road and Rt. 2. There are about 70 acres that are currently off limits but hopefully the city can get that approved for development at some point. The city along with the owner will market the property.

#### NOTE:

The property was RECENTLY changed to an overlay district so it can be a general business or light industrial.

## Citywide News

### POWER @ OSBORNE PARK



#### WE NOW HAVE POWER

Recently this summer, 110 power lines were run to the Pavillion near the lake. Each outlet carries 20 amps, and for safety, if “overloaded,” they will trip. This amenity will provide power to those who use the Pavillion, as well as serve the needs of the community and city. This summer, there were plans for at least 2 MAJOR CONCERTS to take place. Early this summer, “The Diamond Project” ( a Neil

Diamond Cover Band) was to perform. Then in September, a new Band to Willoughby, Bötterhead (formerly Yacht Rock Cleveland), is a six-piece smooth rock party band celebrating the hits of the late 70s and early 80s were on the Agenda. Unfortunately, with the pandemic concerns, these two concerts had to be canceled. We will, I promise, continue to work to get CONCERTS BACK TO OSBORNE PARK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. To reserve a Pavillion for your party, call us at 440-953-4200 or visit [www.willoughbyohio.com](http://www.willoughbyohio.com)

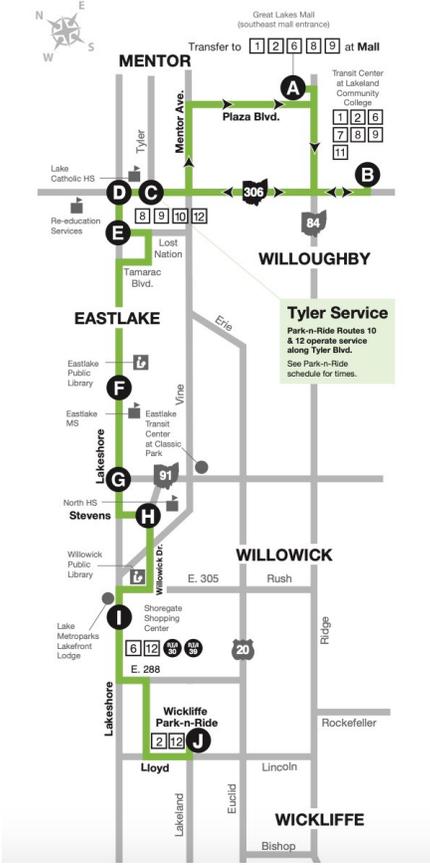
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**NEW LAKETRAN ROUTES IN NORTH WILLOUGHBY**



Laketran has now made minor adjustments to their **Weekday Local Route 3** that serves the Great Lakes Mall, Lakeland Community College, Mentor, Willoughby and Wickliffe. Ward 1 and Ward 2 residents can now take advantage of this service with the route now traveling from LakeShore Blvd, down Tamarac Blvd. to Lost Nation Road, then moving north on Lost Nation Road back to LakeShore Blvd. This route change now offers Laketrans service to several developments in the area. Tamarac Estates, Lakeview Estates, Tamarac Apartments, Cross Creek, Cross Creek Village Condominiums, Arbor Ridge, Sandcrest Apartments, McKinley Community Outreach Center, Parkway Apartments, Woodbridge, Two Town Creek Apartments, Fox Run, The Hamlets Apartments, Lost Nation North Condominiums. Here is the Laketrans Website with all the information you need to have regarding this Route.

**3 WEEKDAYS**  
Mentor, Willoughby, Eastlake, Willowick, Wickliffe



<https://laketrans.com/route/route-3/>

**Citywide News**

**TOP SITES IN OR NEAR WILLOUGHBY**

**Chagrin River Park**



Most of the park's natural areas are made up of dense shrubs with pockets of mature forest bordering wetland areas. Look for great blue herons, kingfishers, bank swallows and sandpipers near the river.

**Wes Point Park**

One of the Cities treasured sites. Right in Downtown Willoughby, Wes Point Park offers the best of amenities. Relax, Read, Converse, Gather, Create, Dine. Hear a Concert, Lecture, or just purchase a "cup of coffee" from the local shops and spend some time ALONE.



**Osborne Park**



Osborne Park offers baseball fields, basketball courts, bench/bench swings, corn hole boards, disc golf (9-holes), fishing, football field, pavilion (2) playground, restrooms, skate board park, swimming pool (including baby pool) and tennis courts and a walking trail ALL along Lake Erie.

**Gully Groom Park**

Gully Brook Park protects a valley, stream, wetland and forest. Its unique natural features, ravines and wild places are intertwined with local history. Today, visitors can enjoy more than a mile of improved trails and the chance to reconnect with nature. Explore Gully Brook and listen for the songs of winter wrens or chickadees.



**the Holden Arboretum**



At the Holden Arboretum, cultivated gardens come alive with color in the spring, cool forest trails offer a respite from the summer heat; woodlands are set ablaze with rich hues of fall, and paths lead you deep into the beauty of the winter woods.