

# CHC COALITION NEWSLETTER

May 2026

## WELCOME 2026

I just wanted to thank you all for your support and patience during my maternity leave time 😊 I appreciate you all!

Our 2026 projects are underway and going smoothly so far! Updates for the projects will be on the following page of the newsletter.

A welcome to Jason Veletean! He is the new City of Willard Parks and Recreation Director, as Kim Williams retired after the holidays.

Our 2027 fiscal year is rapidly approaching already! Potential projects were presented at our April 21<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2 Coalition meeting! A thank you for those who participated!

2027 CHC applications are to be submitted to ODH by May 4<sup>th</sup> 😊

## Reminders

Our next CHC Coalition meeting will be July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Sydney will send out a Teams Invite as we get closer.

## Upcoming

- All CHC Meeting Columbus:  
May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Memorial Day: May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Juneteenth: June 19<sup>th</sup>
- Independence Day Observed:  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Quarter 3 Meeting: July 14<sup>th</sup>

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## 2026 Project Updates

**Willard-** the City of Willard Community Garden revitalization project will be getting started soon. Jason submitted his receipts for the fencing material at the end of March.

**Willard-** Woodbine Park will soon be breaking ground on the new repairs and add ons! Jason submitted all receipts at the end of March for the new pieces of equipment. Hopefully the weather cooperates and they can break ground soon.

**Monroeville-** the Village of Monroeville's pedestrian Infrastructure project will begin soon as well once weather cooperates! The Village chose to go with Olgesby Construction for the new crosswalk repairs; all receipts were in by the end of March.

## 2027 Project Proposals

2027 project ideas were pitched during our Quarter 2 coalition meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The following are in the running for our 3 projects for fiscal year 2027 pending ODH approval:

- **Norwalk-** McGuan Park Revitalization of old equipment
- **Willard-** Healthy Eating
- **Monroeville-** Supportive Pedestrian Infrastructure- add fencing to the pedestrian bridge

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## LOCAL EVENTS

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>- Firelands Strong Man Classic held at Suhr's Park in Norwalk 7am-12pm.**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>- Maple City Road Race 5K in Norwalk 8am**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>- Downtown Spring Fest in Willard 10am-2pm**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>- Mother's Day Tea at Lyme Village in Bellevue 2-4pm**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>- Second Harvest Food Distribution in Willard's community pool parking lot 3pm**

**May 23-24- Norwalk Strawberry Festival held downtown  
Every Saturday in May- Bellwether Farm in Wakeman hosts a roadside market for fresh produce**

## Other

The City of Willard has open Fitness Center and Track hours for local residents during the school year! The schedule is located on the City Of Willard Schools website, under "community" and "calendars". I have attached the current schedule on this email!

## Reminder

As summer begins to bloom, please do not neglect your health and wellness with all the vacations holidays, get-togethers, etc.! Take time to move your body and eat the colorful foods of the season!

Enjoy this summer 😊