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I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Willowick Police Department and the Festival Committee at St. Mary Magdalene Parish for their dedication and effort in planning and implementing a safety protocol that ensured a secure environment for all festival attendees this year. While an unfortunate incident occurred a few blocks away after the festival had closed on Saturday night, it is important to recognize that the safety measures in place effectively prevented any disruptions within the festival itself.

It was so nice to see so many residents at the Willowick Community Parade on June 1. A special thank you goes out to Recreation Director Julie Kless and her entire team, as well as our Service Department, for putting on this great event.

The City of Willowick is proud to announce the arrival of its brand new fire engine, a cutting-edge addition to the Willowick Fire Department that will enhance emergency response capabilities and ensure the safety of our residents. This advanced fire engine is equipped with the latest firefighting technology, improved water capacity, and enhanced safety features to better serve the community. With faster response times and increased efficiency, our firefighters will be even more prepared to protect lives and property.

In the June edition of Cleveland Magazine, Willowick was ranked number 10, up from four spots last year, in the Best Bargain category in their annual Best Places to Live rankings. It is always great when our City gets recognized. However, this comes as no surprise to our residents!

Summer is here, and both the parks and pools are in full swing. On Saturday, July 26th, Big Screen Movie Night returns to Dudley Park. Activities begin at 7:00 p.m., and the movie will start at dusk. One of our long-standing traditions, The Willowick Water Show, will be held on Tuesday, August 5th, at Manry Park. The show begins at dusk, and seating is limited, so please get there early. Please bring a canned food item to donate to our local food bank. I hope to see everyone at these great community events!

The Fourth of July is upon us, and Willowick will once again be hosting the fireworks display at Captains Stadium on Thursday, July 3rd, with the cities of Wickliffe and Eastlake. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for fun, food, and celebration. Come join your neighbors in celebrating Independence Day.

Please make sure to regularly visit the city's website at www.cityofwillowick.com, as we continuously update it with new community programs and events for our residents. Additionally, the city has launched a new Facebook page, which can be accessed through our website. Both the Facebook page and the website are updated daily.

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