





**Willowick experienced strong community growth in 2025, fueled by investments in public safety, infrastructure, and recreation. We strengthened safety forces, welcomed new businesses, and celebrated traditions, all of which contributed to our advancement, connection, and community pride.**

# 2025 Financial Highlights

## **General Fund Performance**

- We finished the year with a carryover of 7,564,460.
- Revenues exceeded expenses by 1.3 million.

## **Revenue Growth**

- Municipal Income Tax
- Interest Earnings
- Real Estate Taxes

No long-term debt is maintained.

# PUBLIC SAFETY



**Our Police Department welcomed one full-time officer, one part-time officer, and a dedicated school resource officer.**



**The new Fire Engine was delivered, and we added three full-time Captains to our Fire Department.**

# INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- ❑ The East 305th Street Sewer Project is complete. Resurfacing from Lakeshore Boulevard to Lakeland Boulevard is set for 2026, with a \$2 million grant from NOACA
  - ❑ Work has commenced on the Lakeshore Boulevard Trunk Sewer West and Forestgrove Sewer Improvements Phase I projects, which are supported by Ohio Public Works Commission grants. Additionally, the Larimar Culvert Rehabilitation Project received \$525,800, also funded by the OPWC.
- ❑ We received \$65,000 in funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for making ADA-compliant upgrades at our fire station.
  - ❑ Work is moving forward on the Vine Street Corridor project, a collaboration between Laketran and the cities of Eastlake and Willoughby to enhance the streetscape along Vine Street. A prime consultant has been hired, with construction expected to begin in 2027 or 2028.



# LAKEFRONT EXPANSIONS

Construction of a new paved parking lot at Lakefront Park is set to begin soon. This project is part of a new agreement reached last year with Lake Metro Parks, which will continue to oversee the use and maintenance of Lakefront Park. The agreement also includes the construction of a 30' x 44' picnic shelter, a flush restroom, renovations to the lodge deck, and adding paved walking paths. Work on these enhancements is scheduled to start once the parking lot is completed later this year.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Several new businesses opened their doors in Willowick, including Crave Cookies at the newly developed strip mall in front of Shoregate Town Center. This marks the first Crave Cookies location in Northeast Ohio. With its opening, the strip mall is now fully occupied.



Meanwhile, Willowick continues to attract new business. Chopstick Cuisine and The Original Steak and Hoagies are now open!

Alfredo's Italian Market and The Willowick are slated to open in early 2026. Notably, The Willowick will be the first business to benefit from the city's energy special improvement district, established in 2024 in partnership with NOPEC.

# COMMUNITY & RECREATION

**Our Recreation Department hosted a wide array of Events!**

- ❖ Our Annual Community Parade occurs on the same weekend as the St. Mary Magdalene Festival
- ❖ Christmas in July at Manry Park
- ❖ Our Annual Water Show at Manry Park has been a resident favorite for years now
- ❖ The Classic Car Show
- ❖ Big Screen Movie Night at Dudley Park
- ❖ Our Summer Concert Series at Lakefront Park
- ❖ Winter Wonderland at Manry Park
- ❖ And this year, we will be adding outdoor pickle ball courts at Dudley Park



In addition, Lake County's First Gold Star Family Memorial Monument will be located at Willowick's Lakefront Park. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for September 27, 2026, coinciding with Gold Star Mothers and Families Day. This memorial will honor service members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, and the City of Willowick is proud to host such a meaningful tribute.



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