I hope everyone had a good holiday season. A new year is here and I hope it is a good one for all of you.

The Willowick Café, which caught fire a couple years ago and has been sitting empty since, is making progress in its goal to reopen as a restaurant/café. Through NOPEC's Property Assessed Clean Energy program, owner John Polito will be able to save money on development costs by installing improved energy efficiency systems.

Polito stated, "Our venue was previously contained to the east side of the first floor with the adjacent former barber shop to the west serving as storage. Our intent is to welcome in the rich history of both spaces into one cohesive eatery, tavern and coffeehouse."

The Planning Commission will be meeting this month to continue discussing the recreational marijuana issue. The State has finalized their regulations and the City needs to determine whether their regulations will be in line with the State or make their own regulations. Planning Commission meetings are the second Monday of the month and are open to the public.

Our new garbage company will begin service on February 1st. Each resident should have received a letter in the mail with a short survey to fill out.

Beginning in 2025, all Council meetings will begin at 6:30pm.

Operation S.C.R.A.M. (Security Camera Registration and Mapping) is still available for homeowners and businesses who have security cameras and would like to register them with the Police Department. Help make our community safer – go to the City website under <DEPARTMENTS>, <POLICE> AND <S.C.R.A.M.>.

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