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Mayor's Report



Rich Regovich
Mayor/Safety Director

Happy New Year! I hope all of our wonderful citizens in Willowick are doing well. I am looking forward to a year with less fear and despair. Now that 2021 is here I hope to be able to focus on getting programs and facilities back on track. I know at this point it won't happen as soon as I would like, but I am confident we will get there.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all of our city employees. We all had to deal with many challenges and changes in order to keep the city running at all times. Much effort was spent to make it possible for staff members to work remotely. This was to ensure that employees did not all get sick at the same time in an entire department. There were many changes made within our Police and Fire Departments to maintain coverage for those that had become ill. The buildings and emergency vehicles are being sanitized on a continual basis. Our Service Department

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Upcoming Virtual Library Programs for Families

During the month of January 2021, the following free programs will be offered VIRTUALLY at the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library. Registration is required. For a complete schedule of events or to register for one of our upcoming programs, visit www.we247.org.

All programs are via Zoom or YouTube. You must register to receive the link! Visit the Events Calendar at www.we247.org or call your library to register.

Make and Take Art Club Kits for Adults

Hygge inspired candle holders will be January's project. Hygge is all about coziness, and there's nothing cozier than candles! This craft will dress up your plain candle holders using tissue paper. You'll have your choice of nature inspired or bright colors. We will supply the tissue paper and some Mod Podge. There will be a very limited amount of candle holders available. Contact the Willoughby Library during the month of January to pick up your supplies.

Make and Take Art Club Kits for Teens and Tweens

Each month we will have a different activity kit for you to pick up and complete at home. January's activity will be: Among Us Keychain (January 4) and Scratch Art (January 18). Instructions and most of the things needed and will be included in the kit. A limited number of Art Club kits will be available. Contact the Willoughby Library to pick up your supplies. Ages 11-18.

An Evening at the Mounds Club

Local historian Ginnie Jeschelning will lead us through the history of Willoughby Hills' infamous Mounds Club, a mafia-controlled casino and nightclub that offered its patrons some of the region's best entertainment. However it all came crashing down in the early morning hours of September 29th, 1947, when a small army of masked commandos armed with submachine guns made off with \$450,000 in jewelry and cash.

Murder at the Hills Book Discussion

The Other Mrs. by Mary Kubica

Thursday, January 7, 2 pm Between the Lines Author Series: Just Keep Rowing with World Record Holder Katie Spatz

In 2010, Mentor Native Katie Spatz became the youngest person ever to row across the Atlantic Ocean, spending 70 days alone at sea at age 22. Katie had planned a 2,473 mile westward route from Senegal to French Guiana. En route she changed course, increasing the total distance by approximately 400 miles, setting Georgetown, Guyana as the terminus for a total distance of 2,817 miles. During her journey, her diet consisted of mostly chocolate bars.

No stranger to overcoming challenges, Katie also ran across the Mojave desert unsupported, cycled across America twice, and is the first person to swim the 325-mile Allegheny River. She's also run across the states of New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine, all while raising money for safe drinking water projects around the world, totaling over \$275,000 in funding.

Katie will join us to talk about

her book Just Keep Rowing. Thursday, January 7, 6:30 pm Zoom LEGO Club

Join us on Zoom to discuss the amazing LEGO creations you have been working on. The Wednesday before the program, Miss Sarah will send you a video about what the theme is and an example of something she has been working on, as well as the Zoom link for the next day. At 2 pm on Saturday, you'll be able to join a Zoom call and show off your amazing creation. Be sure to have a name for the creation and a little story that explains it.

Saturday, January 9, 2 pm Leading a Brain Healthy Lifestyle

Chera Ihnat, from Kemper House, will share her knowledge on creating a brain healthy lifestyle.

Monday, January 11, 2-3 pm Among Us... With the Library!

Join us on Zoom for some murder mystery gaming fun... in space! Miss Bryn will host a few rounds of the game "Among Us" (you must already have the game to play, through Steam or free

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Mayor

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focused on facilities to make them safe and sanitary. Our Finance Department had to be flexible to make sure payroll was completed and purchase orders were processed. Every change that was put into place was to make sure our employees and residents were as safe as possible at all times.

I would like to also welcome our new Fire Chief, Joseph Tennyson. We started the process to promote a new Fire Chief back in January of 2020. Chief Posipanka retired after over 30 years of service at the Willowick Fire Department. We took a new approach in the hiring process that involved a three-phase process. There were two rounds of testing and an interview process

conducted by a committee. Chief Tennyson and the other candidates were all well qualified for the position which made the decision difficult. We are happy to have a new fresh direction for the future of our Fire Department with the appointment of Chief Tennyson. He has been with the Willowick Fire Department since February of 2003 serving most recently as Lieutenant. He also was full-time at the Eastlake Fire Department since October of 2005. Please say hello if you see Chief Tennyson in the neighborhood.

I would also like to welcome our newest Police Officer Kyle Baker who was sworn in on November 24, 2020. Kyle had to endure a tough hiring process on top of a

long delay in hiring due to COVID 19. Officer Baker is from Lake County and previously worked for Mentor on the Lake and Eastlake Police Departments. He is also an Army veteran, having served with the 82nd Airborne Division. Kyle will be a great asset to our Police Department.

Our Service Department was able to complete leaf pick-up in mid-December. We had a snow storm at the beginning of the month, but fortunately the weather cooperated and the crews were able to finish the week before Christmas. I want to thank those who bagged their leaves and those who kept debris and branches out of the piles. We lost one of our machines due to a

broken axle, and we are hoping to have it repaired before next season. We now have our leaf equipment put away for the year and are ready for snow. Many of you may have noticed new pick-up trucks in our fleet. These were approved in the 2020 budget and are part of a Fleet Management Program. If the program works as designed, we will get new service vehicles every couple of years at a great cost reduction. We are hoping to prevent having to buy a new vehicle and holding on to it for more than 20 years. Many of our vehicles, some of which were twenty-five years old, have been auctioned or scrapped. We hope to have a safe and much healthier 2021.

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City of Willowick Council Reports



Charlie Malta
Ward 3 Councilman

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

* Symptoms vary from person to person

* Symptoms vary from different age groups

* Reported Symptoms:

- a. New or worsening cough
- b. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- c. Feeling feverish
- d. Temp equal to or over 100.40
- e. Chills
- f. Fatigue or weakness
- g. Muscle or body aches
- h. New loss of smell or taste
- i. Headache
- j. Gastrointestinal symptoms (diarrhea & vomiting)
- k. Feeling very sick

100 DAYS WITHOUT COVID-19

* **New Zealand - HOW?**

a. Self isolate: Any new people entering the Country had to self isolate. Any New Zealanders coming back into the country had to self isolate for 14 days

b. Closing the borders sounds strict, but it works do it.

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Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman

Hi Everyone,
Happy New Year! Lets hope 2021 will be better year for everyone!

Just a reminder, that Willowick Hearts & Hammers will not be having their fundraiser this year. With the unknown of the pandemic, we felt it was best not to have the fundraiser. We are looking forward to when we can plan our fundraiser for January 2022. Hearts & Hammers Organization would not be able to do what we do if it was not for the people who support and donate through out the year. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts. Your support means so much to the volunteers and the residents we help. If you would like to make a donation or volunteer, please contact me.

With winter and the cold weather upon us, please remember when shoveling your driveway or having a plow service, do not put the snow in the street. Please do not place large piles of snow on the sidewalk. People still walk and run during the winter months and it is unsafe when they have to climb over or go around the pile of ice and snow. If you have a neighbor that is unable to clear the snow from their front steps or apron, please do it for them. Even if your neighbor does not drive, they may use a shuttle service or have someone pick them up and having the apron and front steps cleaned would be a huge help. Also offer to take their trashcans to and from the curb.

Please lock your vehicles. I keep reading on the FB page people saying their vehicle was broken into and items taken. There have been other city police FB pages stating vehicles are being stolen because people leave the doors unlocked with keys or key fob in the vehicle. It's not that hard to lock your car and why would you leave your keys or key fob in the vehicle? Get in the habit of locking your vehicle every time you get

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Theresa Bisbee
Ward 2 Councilwoman

During December, our Recreation Department asked everyone to "Light Up Willowick", and you did not disappoint. As my family and I drove around the city, I was awed at how everyone responded. This showed the heart of our city is it's residents. Thank you to all who decorated for the holidays and helped to "Light Up Willowick."

As we ring in 2021, I'd like to thank all of our hard working community members; police, fire, medical staff, retail workers, and small businesses for all your focus on providing your services during these tough times. Your selflessness and lost times with your families to make our residents able to stay safe, healthy while providing us with needed products and services.

I know that these times have been filled with stress, especially during the holidays. But our city took all the steps that were put out there from wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart, limiting our time with family and friends. We need to continue to be vigilant so we can continue to move ahead and see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Here's hoping for a brighter and family filled New Year!

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out. I can be reached at: tbisbee@cityofwillowick.com or (440) 299-8795

"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light."

-Aristotle

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out, no matter where you are and thieves won't bother your vehicle.

Thank you for being a resident of our great city of Willowick!
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David Phares
Ward 3 Councilman

As I write this article, the demolition process for the old Chase Bank drive-thru and the empty restaurant next to it has begun. Once they are down, construction will begin on two new 6000 square foot retail buildings with 5 units. Each unit will have a drive-thru on the east end.

I know there will be critics who wonder why Shoregate is building more retail space when some of the existing storefronts sit empty. The strategy here is two-fold: Create a more modern looking retail space and provide smaller-type retail units that are more reflective of what today's businesses are looking to move into.

On December 15th, the Safety Committee held a meeting to discuss possible changes or additions to the city ordinances regarding farm animals, exotic animals and off-highway vehicles/all-terrain vehicles. If you have questions or would like to express any comments regarding these issues, contact your City Council representative.

Also in December, City Council approved funding for a new 911 system. This system will replace the current 11-year old system which is outdated and is using software that is not supported anymore. The new system will bring the city up to date for at least the next decade.

Operation S.C.R.A.M. (Security Camera Registry 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 'Security Camera Registration' and sign up today.

*25 years ago in Willowick....*As of January 2, 1996, 800 tons of road salt have been used. Salt supply is limited due to heavy snowfall throughout the eastern U.S.

*50 years ago in Willowick....*A special resolution requesting the



Robert Patton
Council President

Happy New Year – With 2020 behind us, we pause to spend time with our loved ones and reflect back on last year. Many are pleased to see 2020 go as it was a strange and challenging year due to COVID-19. My family and I are grateful to live in such a wonderful community surrounded by great friends and neighbors. We hope you enjoyed the Holiday season.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 216-409-0364.

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c. A strict lockdown and physical distancing to stop Community transmission

d. Case - based controls using testing, contact tracing & quarantine

ED POWERS

Ed, could be your mailman. Ed served in the military & took care of that home in ward 1, where a certain little girl needed to get her letter to Santa Claus. Ed took care of that, to. Ed, directly spoke to Mr. Santa himself. Ed, we need more people like you. Thank you for making that little girls day. That five minutes will last a lifetime.

Toys For Tots & Planet Fitness

Thank You Tanya & Tim Sherman along with Sam Blazetic from Planet Fitness for hosting the Toys for Tots drive thru drop off location.

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

God Bless,

Sincerely,

Charlie Malta 440-943-0222

Phares *Continued from left*

General Assembly of the State of Ohio to change the voting age from 21 to 18 for all elections. The Federal law goes into effect in 1972.

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Laketran Now Offers Free Transportation to Work Aiming to Help Lake County Businesses with Recruitment & Retention

Laketran recently launched, Transit GO, a new employee transit benefit program for Lake County employers. In partnership with the Lake County Commissioners and Alliance

for Working Together, the pilot program offers enrolled Lake County employers free Local Route bus transportation for any employee or recruit to provide reliable transportation to work or

throughout the hiring process.

“It is getting harder to access a qualified workforce, especially for Lake County’s manufacturing industry,” shared Alliance for Working Together Director

Juliana Petti. “Any additional benefits employers can offer will help bring workers to Lake County.”

The new benefits program is funded by a \$75,000 grant from The Paradox Prize, an initiative to improve the mobility of Northeast Ohio’s workforce and generate sustainable solutions to eliminate the “no car, no job; no job, no car” paradox in Northeast Ohio.

“We’ve heard from employers that reliable transportation impacts their recruitment and retention efforts,” shared Dominic Mathew, the Fund’s urban and regional planner for mobility innovations. “Our vision is to test ways to reduce transportation barriers for workers and help employers access the talent they need in an effort to drive long-term change.”

When the Fund for Our Economic Future and its partners launched The Paradox Prize last year, Laketran, the Lake County Commissioner’s Office, Workforce Development Board and Port Authority collaborated to see how transportation could play a role to help recruit and

retain employees for Lake County employers.

“Laketran has added a significant amount of service with our two new in-county routes 8 and 9, and routes 10 and 12 that connect with downtown Cleveland,” shared Ben Capelle, CEO of Laketran. “We hope this new program will incent employers to consider transit options for their employees and enable them to offer a more competitive benefits package to bring new talent to Lake County.”

Laketran provides commuter express service between Cleveland, Eastlake, and Mentor for first-shift employees and offers hourly bus route service from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and every two hours on Saturdays throughout Lake County.

Both Lake County employees and employers are encouraged to reach out to Laketran if they can benefit from the program. For more information about Transit GO, please contact Julia Schick at jschick@laketran.com or 440-350-1012 or visit www.laketran.com.



Recruit & Retain employees with Transit GO
a free transit benefit program that offers employees free transportation to work for all Lake County employers.

Employers that enroll in Laketran’s Transit GO program will receive free in-county fixed route bus passes for any employee or recruit, to ensure they have access to employment.

Benefits of Transit GO:

- Saves employees nearly \$100/month
- Provides reliable transportation
- Enhances benefits package for employees
- Reduces tardiness & absenteeism
- Expands your labor market for recruitment
- A benefit you can use everyday

Interested employers or employees can call 440-350-1012.



Audubon Reveals How to Grow a Healthy Forest

Blackbrook Audubon will present "Forest Management for Bird Conservation" by Rebecah Troutman, Natural Areas Biologist with The Holden Arboretum, online 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 19. Troutman will describe how Holden uses The Working Woods, a 67-acre living laboratory and demonstration forest, to test woodland management techniques to improve forest health.

Anyone interested in hearing the presentation must register on the event page of blackbrookaudubon.org. A link will be sent to each registrant's email address.

Upon their arrival to Ohio, Europeans cleared much of the state's forests for agriculture. Recently, these farm fields have been returning to forest, but these

modern forests differ greatly from the original old-growth forests. Forestry treatments to increase tree health and improve plant and structural diversity should provide better habitat for a broader variety of bird species.

While the program starts at 7:00 p.m., Trevor Wearstler, the host and president of Blackbrook, will allow people into the meeting about 6:30 to familiarize themselves with the software features or to chat with other attendees.

As a local chapter of National Audubon Society, Blackbrook Audubon covers Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake Counties. For more information, email blackbrookaud@aol.com. Follow Blackbrook Audubon Society on Facebook for updates.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2021**

Bankruptcy 101:

Bankruptcy Made Simple

The two types of bankruptcy that most people hear about are chapter 7 and chapter 13. The word chapter refers to the chapter (like in a book) in the bankruptcy code. Chapter 7 is a liquidating bankruptcy and chapter 13 is a non-liquidating bankruptcy. Liquidating means they (the government) can take your stuff. Non-liquidating means they can't. However, there are exceptions to this. I will try to lay this out in a simple fashion:

In a chapter 7 you will be able to discharge all your debts without paying anything back. However, if you have any equity (value) in anything (your home, your car, your bank account, your boat-anything) you must surrender it to the bankruptcy trustee (the person who looks out for the creditors) so that it can be sold (liquidated) to pay back the creditors to the largest extent possible. Equity is what determines which chapter of bankruptcy you can file under. Fair Market Value minus Amount Owed equals Your Equity in anything.

A chapter 13 is a non-liquidating bankruptcy. This means you get to keep everything, but you must pay back a percentage of your debt. It is also used for people who are in foreclosure or behind on their mortgage and in fear of foreclosure.

A chapter 13 requires a payback plan from between three to five years. The payment is monthly. The amount is determined, again, by the amount of non-exempt equity you have accumulated in your life. Exempt equity is equity that the law says your creditors cannot take. Non-exempt means they can take it. Your total equity is referred to as your bankruptcy estate. Obviously, everyone wants to do a chapter 7 because it is no pay back. However, since 2005 it has become much harder to file chapter 7. In 2005, legislation was passed which tightened up the income restrictions on people regarding the Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The intended result was that more people must file under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy code and pay back, at least, what the government thinks they can afford.

It is the bankruptcy attorney's job to advise you which is the best chapter to file under. It is also the attorney's job to make sure you keep your home, your car, and everything else you have accumulated throughout your life. At Biales Delchin Law we concentrate in the area of bankruptcy. Our practice is dedicated to helping people resolve their financial problems in an honorable and dignified manner. We understand how hard it is for

people to take this step. We are sensitive to the pain, despair, sense of failure and humiliation many feel for being in this situation. We are dedicated to educate our clients in a compassionate, caring and sensitive manner as to why it is an act of love to yourself and your family to file bankruptcy; that bankruptcy is a mechanism created by the United States Constitution to help people get back on their feet and start contributing, once again, to our economy and that you are not only helping yourself and your loved ones but that you are actually helping the economy and your country by filing bankruptcy in most cases (that is why it was created by the Constitution as a power granted to Congress).

Some of the greatest and most honorable people in U.S. history have had to file bankruptcy.

Abraham Lincoln filed bankruptcy; so, did Thomas Jefferson and Ulysses S. Grant. It did not affect their contributions to society or malign their names. Bankruptcy- if needed- is good. Anybody who thinks or says otherwise has never been in life and sanity threatening financial distress; they have never suffered unending merciless harassment, letters and phone calls by bill collectors. You do not have to live that way. You can regain your peace of mind.

If you are in this situation you are not alone. We can help you get your sanity back. Please come in for a free completely confidential consultation. You will speak with an experienced bankruptcy attorney. Your case will be analyzed, and you will be given a detailed and compassionate evaluation of exactly what can

be done to help you. There is absolutely no obligation or pressure to hire us. You will not be asked to give us money or sign anything and no one will ever know that you came. We are legally bound to the highest level of confidentiality in these cases.

If you decide bankruptcy is the solution for you, we will be happy to put you on an affordable payment plan. We will stop the annoying collection calls immediately. We will protect you from lawsuits, garnishments and other collection activity. We will see to it that, if possible, you keep your car, home and all your other property. Bankruptcy is a wonderful legal tool that can give you peace of mind and give you a fresh start in life. I have seen it work miracles.

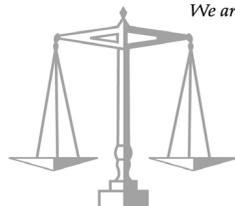
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This New Year, Earn Your Bachelor's or Master's Degree Close to Home, at the Holden University Center of Lakeland

It's a new year! That means it's a great time for fresh starts and setting goals like earning a college degree.

Since opening in fall of 2011, the Holden University Center at

Lakeland Community College has provided a convenient and close-to-home option for Lake County residents to further their education.

More than 1,000 students

have graduated with degrees through Holden University Center partnerships. Offerings include 23 bachelor's degree programs, 19 graduate degree, endorsements and certificate

programs and one doctoral program from 11 university partners. Current university partners include: Bowling Green State University, Cleveland State University, Franklin University, Hiram College, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Lake Erie College, Notre Dame College, The University of Akron, Ursuline College and Youngstown State University.

So, if you took a few college classes but didn't quite make it to the finish line, it's never too late to pick up where you left off. Or maybe you have a degree,

but want to go back to work on a master's program. Whatever your journey has been so far, a new year is the perfect time to explore what you need to do to move toward your goals.

The first step is to learn more at an online information session. "Holden University Nights" is held the last Wednesday of each month from 6-7 p.m. The next session is scheduled for Jan. 27. A link will be provided to registrants a few days before the online-only event. Sign up is free and available at lakelandcc.edu/ucevents.

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You Can't Control the World, But You Can Control Your Household

You may have just ask yourself, "What are they talking about?"

With the world in this state of uncertainty. One thing seems certain, we will be homebound for the foreseeable future.

Many of our normal activities like eating out and events have been put on hold recently, but most of us still need some control of our lives. Home improvements allow us to take back the control in our homes.

Inbound Calls have went up almost 1000% since the

Pandemic started. This has been such a blessing and we have been able to help many through this time.

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Heating Assistance Available- Application Deadline: May 31, 2021

The Ohio Development Services Agency and the Lake County Council on Aging want to remind Ohioans that assistance is available to help with their home energy bills. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills.

Applied directly to the customer's utility or bulk fuel bill, the benefit can help manage heating costs. Ohioans can visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online, download a copy of the application or find contact information for a local Energy Assistance Provider (EAP). The Lake County Council on Aging is able to assist individuals over the phone to complete their application

for HEAP benefits. If preferred, an individual can drop off their application and verifications using the agency's secure drop box for an Information & Assistance Specialist to review the application to ensure it is complete and submit on the individual's behalf. When applying, individuals need to have copies of the following documents:

- Most recent utility bills.
- A list of all household members (including birth dates and Social Security numbers).
- Proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members (12 months for certain income types).
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).

HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after January 1st. Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2021.

This is not an emergency program. Low-income households that have been disconnected (or have a pending disconnection

notice), need to establish new service, need to pay to transfer service, have 25% (or less) of bulk fuel supply remaining, or have a household member who was diagnosed with COVID-19 in 2020 may also be eligible for the HEAP Winter Crisis Program, which started on November 1, 2020. If you need immediate assistance with your energy bills,

please contact your local EAP. A list of providers can be found at www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

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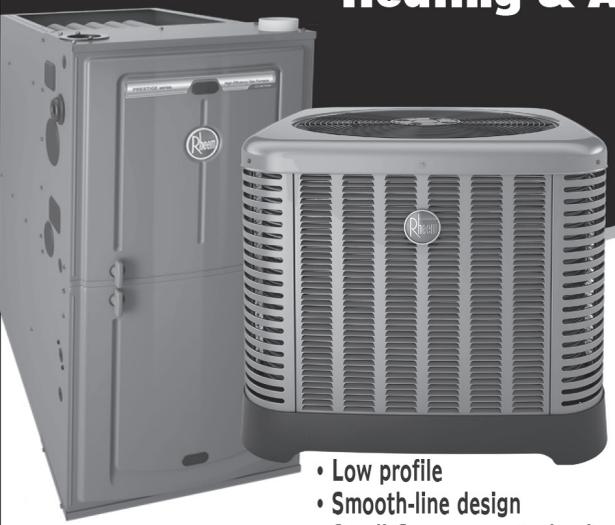
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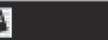
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Enter Laketrans' Design a Bus Wrap Art Contest

Laketrans' Design a Bus Wrap art contest is open for entry submittals.

High or college school students from Lake County are encouraged to submit original artwork with a positive Lake County message. Participants are encouraged to use the contest's "Lake County

Pride" theme using their artwork to promote public transit or one or more features of Lake County.

One student's winning design will be featured on a 35 foot in-county local bus wrap for six months. Entries are due Monday, January 11, 2021 and the bus wrap

will be installed from February – July 2021.

The contest is open to high school and college students from Lake County or students who are enrolled in a Lake County school, art school or homeschooled during the 2020-2021 school year.

Learn more about the contest

and download the entry form and art templates at <https://laketrans.com/art-contest>.

"We are very excited to use our bus as a form of public art," shared Laketrans spokesperson Julia Schick. "Many transit systems incorporate public art into their

transit properties or vehicles. We have a unique opportunity to wrap a bus before it retires from service in 2021 so we're excited to give this opportunity to a young Lake County community artist."

Art contest sponsors include Fine Arts Association, Remarkable Lake County, and Blackbird Interactive.

"Living Your Best Life with Arthritis" Virtual Program - Jan. 13th

The Arthritis Foundation, a national, non-profit organization, is pleased to announce a new Live Yes! Connect Group formed and will have events throughout Northeast Ohio. For now, we are going virtual for adults living with arthritis.

Explained Carol Arbaczewski, "We want to get the word out that our support group is here and planning our first virtual event, "Living Your Best Life With Arthritis", on Wednesday,

January, 13, 2021, 7:00-8:30 PM eastern standard time."

This meeting will focus on providing information to people living with arthritis about free resources available from the Arthritis Foundation to help them live their best lives despite challenges of the disease and allow time to connect with others.

Arthritis Connect Groups are peer-led, local support groups that offer connection, education

and empowerment and share a common goal of bringing people together for activities focused on mutual support and positive coping strategies for living well.

One month we may have a presentation on healthy eating, the next we may learn arthritis friendly exercises and the following month, the group may

socialize together.

"Living with arthritis can be a very lonely," especially during a pandemic, added Carol Arbaczewski, Facilitator. We are creating a caring community for adults facing the challenges of arthritis and rheumatic diseases."

The event is free, but registration is required. To sign

up, go to <https://connectgroups.arthritis.org/groups/northeast>

Live Yes! Connect is part of an expanding range of Arthritis Foundation resources that provides personalized help & support to adults or adults who have a child living with all types of arthritis and rheumatic conditions.

WIC CAN HELP IN TIMES OF NEED

During these challenging times, more people than ever are eligible for supplemental food benefits through Lake-Geauga WIC (Women, Infants, and Children).

Anyone who receives Medicaid, food assistance, or Ohio Works First automatically qualifies, no matter the income. Foster parents, custodial grandparents, and other legal guardians may also receive benefits for qualified children younger than 5, according to WIC's guidelines, which are equal to 185% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty income guidelines.

Visit www.lcghd.org/WIC to see if you qualify. The WIC application is available under "WIC" on the Ohio Department of Health website, www.odh.ohio.gov.

Lake-Geauga WIC are following

all COVID-19 guidelines per the Ohio Department of Health. WIC has five locations in Lake and Geauga counties.

Please contact the closest clinic for more information:

WIC Painesville- 440-350-2552
WIC Wickliffe - 440-833-6007
WIC Madison - 440-428-2003
WIC Huntsburg- 440-636-5331
WIC Middlefield- 440-251-6522.

Space Heater Safety

The cold weather is back and chances are good that those with space heaters have taken them out of storage and put them back to work for the season.

While a space heater can make a colder room more comfortable, they can also be dangerous if not used properly. Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires in the United States.

More than 65,000 home fires are attributed to heating equipment each year – and space heaters factor into 43% of those home heating fires.

Follow these safety tips if you plan to use a space heater.

- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when leaving the room and before going to sleep.

- Plug the space heater directly into a wall outlet. Never use a power strip or an extension cord. Space heaters draw a high amount of electricity that can overload a

circuit and cause an extension cord to overheat and cause a fire.

- Keep your space heater flat on the floor, preferably on a smooth surface to avoid it accidentally tipping over. Many space heaters now come with a feature that will shut them off when tipped over. When selecting a space heater be sure to look for safety features that minimize the risk of fire.

- Avoid using a space heater near flammable objects. Place your space heater well away from curtains, pillows, blankets, paper, furniture or anything that may overheat and cause a fire.

- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from a space heater in use to avoid the unit being accidentally tipped over or burning a child or pet.

Space heaters are great for adding a little extra warmth on a cold night, but please follow the manufactures guidelines and use extreme caution if you plan on using a space heater this winter.



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There's More to Mold Than Just the Spore!

Mold can emit a fungal gas! When particular molds colonize and they progress through their life cycle they emit a gas (musty smell). As the reservoir of fungus grows to several billion spores in the colony, our noses detect the smell of these fungal gases.

When a closed indoor environment continues to fill with the mycotoxic gases, they can become a health risk. The affect it has on the human body is dependent on three variables. Our individual immune systems, the type of spore and the volume of fungal gas, determines the impact on our bodies.

Additionally, the longer the exposure to these gases, the greater the likely hood we will develop a sensitivity. Much like other environmental allergens we are exposed to, the longer the exposure, the greater the chance our bodies will have an adverse reaction.

Some health effects include, headaches, shortness of breath, dizziness, lethargy, fever, and digestive problems. More severe reactions are hypersensitivity, and asthma symptoms. Although rare, certain Aspergillus species release aflatoxins that are carcinogenic.

There are many things in life we cannot control, but exposure to fungal gases is not one of them. With a little effort, we can reduce or eliminate this health hazard by using a disinfectant or removing the affected material. In some instances, it may be necessary to seek a professional opinion or get professional help.

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Need Help? Dial 211

If you or a loved one are facing challenges like job loss, loss of health insurance, foreclosure or other problems, Lifeline may be able to help. They are Lake County's designated Community Action Agency and their mission is to connect those in our community who need help with the appropriate providers.

Lifeline assists qualifying Lake County residents obtain counseling, healthcare, housing, education and training, energy assistance and much more.

Their healthcare programs help residents who are uninsured or underinsured and increase access to healthcare services including prescription medications and diabetic testing supplies. Lifeline helps residents secure safe and affordable housing, as well as the homeless in our County transition

back into stable housing. Their education and training programs include financial literacy training, asset building assistance, employment training, nutrition education, and tax clinics. And, for those struggling with the most basic of needs, Lifeline offers several utility related emergency services through the federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

Visit lclifeline.org to access their interactive database or dial 211 to speak with a representative about available programs. Representatives can be reached 24/7. This service is free and confidential.

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Lake County Launches “Connections” to Combat Senior Loneliness

Lake County General Health District (LCGHD), in partnership with the Painesville Senior Center and We Thrive Together, both Lake County nonprofit organizations, is launching “Connections” as part of the Motivate Lake County (MLC) wellness initiative. A virtual senior engagement platform consisting of free online events, including discussion groups, games, exercise classes, relaxation sessions, virtual trips, presentations, and support

groups, “Connections” can be accessed by any internet-ready device or telephone, and aims to keep seniors engaged with their peers during a time with limited social engagement, as prompted by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

“While LCGHD stands by our recommendation that Lake County senior centers remain closed until January 1, 2021 due to the spread of COVID-19, we can’t stand by without addressing the escalation in social isolation

and loneliness among seniors” stated Health Commissioner Ron Graham. “Fortunately, we already had the MLC platform in place, and were able to leverage this technology to meet the needs of our senior residents”. Thus far, the Lake County Council on Aging, Fairhill Partners, and the Wickliffe, Willoughby, Perry, and Eastlake Senior Centers have opted to participate in the program, to ensure that their members stay engaged and connected during this critical time.

According to an October report by the AARP Foundation and United Health Foundation, the COVID-19 pandemic has prompted a rise in social isolation and loneliness, with nearly two-thirds of the nation’s adults experiencing some form of social isolation. While more than half of these individuals also report that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused their anxiety levels to increase, many are not reaching out for help. This growing trend is alarming, as social isolation

has long been linked to poor health outcomes, including but not limited to dementia, heart disease, and depression.

To sign up for an event, individuals can call (440) 478-5640 or email register@MotivateLakeCounty.com. A full list of programming can be found at www.motivatelakecounty.com. For more information on “Connections”, please contact Denise Powell at denise@painesvilleseniors.com, or (216) 318-1211.

Library Programs

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through iOS and Android) and find the impostors. Grades 7-12 (Ages 13-18).

Monday, January 11, 6:30-8 pm

Mac Computer Tips & Tricks

Apple computer expert Chris Woodman will reveal hidden features most Mac users don’t know exist. You will learn useful and time-saving tips to elevate your Mac experience.

Monday, Jan. 11, 6:30-7:30 pm

Meet Tyler Jenkins aka Chef T

Join us for an evening with a true entrepreneur. Tyler Jenkins is a local certified culinarian, who is known as Chef T. He is a personal chef, an entrepreneur since the age of 11 and is well known for his pepperoni bread. Chef T will take us through his journey of the ins and outs of achieving his dream to be a chef.

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 6:30 pm

A Proper Washington Welcome

Celebrate the presidential inauguration with this program from the James A. Garfield Historic Site in Mentor! How does

Washington, D. C. welcome new residents to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue? The answer: with a ball, of course! Trace inaugural balls throughout American history, highlighting the fashions worn throughout the centuries.

Thursday, January 14, 6:30 pm

New Year, New You Signature Program

Join us for Willoughby Library’s second annual New Year, New You! This year, the line-up is all virtual. You can register to participate via Zoom at welibrary.info or by calling 440-942-3200. All programs will also be simulcast on Facebook Live at facebook.com/willoughbyeastlakepubliclibrary, and on Facebook for future viewing!

All day: Create your Own Vision Board

10 am: Family Zumba with Lake County YMCA

11 am: The ABC’s of CBD

12 Noon: Yoga for All

1 pm: Get Outside and Get Active in Lake County this Winter with Lake MetroParks

2 pm: Time to quit: Tobacco Cessation with the Lake County General Health District

2 pm: Intro to Meditation with

Harmony Yoga Studio

3 pm: Top Questions about Dementia Answered

3 pm: Reaching Your Healthy Weight Naturally with Lake Health

4 pm: Building Resilience in a Pandemic and Beyond with Viktoria Higgins of Nourish with Viktoria

Saturday, January 16, All Day

New Year New You for Teens

You can create a vision board. Seeing your vision board regularly—with images and words representing your goals, wishes, and values and helps to ensure that you continue to move towards those things, both consciously and unconsciously. Contact the Willoughby Library to pick up your supplies. Ages 11-18.

Saturday, January 16, 10 am

Miss Bryn’s Bomb Book Club

Join Miss Bryn for a teen book discussion via Zoom. January’s book is Bella Forrest’s dystopian series starter The Gender Game (a supposedly good Hunger Games read-a-like) Grades 7-12 (Ages 13-18).

Monday, Jan 18th 6:30-7:30 pm

Online Film Discussion

Join our new group as we gather

online to discuss a different film each month. January’s topic will be “What is your favorite film to cozy up with on a cold winter day?”

Tuesday, January 19, 3 pm

Sensory Storytime

Children of all ages & abilities are welcomed to this interactive, inclusive storytime specifically designed to support the developmental needs of those with sensory challenges.

Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 pm

Sam & Sarah’s S.T.E.A.M. Spotlight

Follow along with Miss Sam & Miss Sarah as they take you through the steps of a fun activity highlighting concepts from Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math! (Registrants will be informed of necessary supplies in advance of this LIVE demonstration).

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 3:30 pm

Coupon Guy: Saving During the Pandemic

Joe Daugirdas, the Coupon Guy, will help you learn how to save on items needed, including toilet paper, hand sanitizer, cleaning products, food delivery and subscription services.

Wednesday, Jan. 20 6:30-7:30 pm

The Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust and Humanity Center Present an Eyewitness Testimony

Ohio resident and retired optometrist Dr. Al Miller describes his childhood in Berlin from 1933-1937 under Adolf Hitler’s regime, his departure from Germany and life after the war.

Thursday, January 21, 5 pm

Khin’s Craft Corner

Follow along with Miss Khin as she gets creative with materials you have around the house! A new, pre-recorded video will be available every week.

Links available Fridays, January 22 – February 26

Cookie Voyage

Join Jennifer Thornton of Buttercream and Olive Oil for a live demonstration via Zoom of three different cookies: 1. French Olive Oil Biscuit (origins in 18th century Provence), 2. Italian Almond Cookie (origins in 16th century Italy) and 3. Tahini Chocolate Chip Cookie. If you like, you can purchase the ingredients and bake along with Jennifer.

Sunday, January 24, 1-3 pm

Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC)

The NCBC is now virtual! The NCBC is a collaborative effort between the Willoughby Public Library and the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities that caters to adults with Down Syndrome, autism, and other developmental disabilities. This month, participants will read and/or listen to passages from Shel Silverstein’s Where the Sidewalk Ends.

Monday, January 25, 1 pm

Homeschool Travelers

Take a trip around the world without leaving your house! Each month features a different location, complete with facts & fun activities!

Wednesday, January 27, 2 pm

Eliot Ness & the Torso Murders

While acting as Cleveland’s Safety Director, Eliot Ness made great improvements in our infrastructure that created a lasting legacy for the city. However, in these same years, Ness would come head-to-head with a series of heinous crimes – the Torso Murders. Explore the famous case that is still considered unsolved to this day and learn about the Cleveland of Eliot Ness.

Wednesday, January 27, 7-8 pm

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will the marital real and personal property and all other marital assets be divided. (4.) Pension and retirement division, if in existence. And, finally, (5.) Allocation of marital debt. These are the main issues in every divorce and/or dissolution.

The difference between a divorce and a dissolution is that in a divorce the parties cannot agree on one or more of the issues whereas in a dissolution the parties agree ON ALL ISSUES. Dissolutions

are very cost effective and can be finalized in as little as six weeks. The cost of the dissolution will vary on the number of issues in the case (which are listed above). The average cost is between \$1500 on the low end to \$3500 on the high end. According to a recent survey the average cost of a divorce with children in Ohio is \$18000.

The emotional price of continuous daily resentment,

depression, fear and worry can become overbearing and is unhealthy. Dissolution avoids all of this. In a dissolution the financial cost can be dramatically less than a divorce (the parties cannot completely agree) but, most importantly, the emotional cost to both parties and their children, if applicable, is much lower.

Robert C. Biales

Timely Tips if You are Turning 65

Will you turn age 65 in 2021? Congratulations on reaching this milestone birthday. You will now be eligible to enroll in Medicare if you meet its requirements. It is a good idea for you to become familiar with the 'ins and outs' of Medicare before it's time to sign up. Here are a few important points for you to keep in mind:

Know when to enroll

Your Initial Enrollment Period begins 3 months before the month you turn 65, includes the month you turn 65 and ends 3 months after the month you turn 65. Missing an enrollment deadline may mean you will have to pay a late enrollment penalty. Other rules and exceptions apply so be sure to find out when you should enroll.

1. Learn what's covered and what's not

Original Medicare does not cover 100% of your medical costs. There are co-pay, deductibles, co-insurance, and other expenses you will be responsible for. Original Medicare also does not provide coverage for overseas emergency care, routine vision, dental or hearing care. Learn about other options if you would like more comprehensive coverage.

2. Learn the differences between Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplements

Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplements are two options for you to consider. One is an alternative to Original

Medicare while the other helps cover some costs not covered by Original Medicare. These plans have significant differences when it comes to costs, benefits, enrollment guidelines and how they work so it is important to understand them as you explore your Medicare coverage options.

3. Find out what prescription drug coverage will be best for you

Prescription Drug coverage is available as a stand-alone plan that works in conjunction with Original Medicare or as part of a Medicare Advantage Plan. Plans vary so how much you pay for your prescriptions will depend on the plan you select. Plus, you should make sure your medications are covered by the plan you choose.

I can help make your transition to Medicare less confusing. I cover these topics and many more in my class, Getting Started with Medicare. You can attend this class from the privacy and comfort of your home ZOOM technology on Monday, February 8, 2021. The class will take place from 6:30pm - 8:00pm through the Willoughby Eastlake Library. To register, call 440-942-7880. This event is only for educational purposes and no plan specific benefits or details will be shared.

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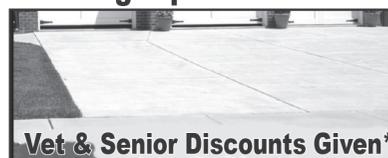
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