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Painesville City Council

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The 2020 United States Census is fast approaching. The Census is a headcount of every person living in the United States and takes place every 10 years. Every household needs to participate to ensure the government represents all people.

A little background info - the Census is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce and is required and mandated by our U.S. Constitution. The census determines the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives, a process called apportionment. The Census also is used to determine and distribute the billions of dollars in federal funds to state and local governments. These statistics gathered from the census will create a profile of the type of income in our community which will determine the amount of federal funding Painesville receives over the next 10 years.

It's important to know that the 2020 census form will not include the question of citizenship. Information about the 2020 census will be mailed to most addresses beginning in mid-March. You will be able to respond either online, by mail or by phone. The U.S. Census Bureau has taken strong precautions to keep all information, including online responses, secure.

The census questioner asks for people's names along with other information such as total income. All information gathered by the census is completely confidential and protected by federal law, meaning your answers cannot be used against you. Please, be counted, our city will be better for it.

Additional information can be found at www.census.gov.

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Painesville and the Covid-19 Coronavirus

As the country and world reacts to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is important for us as a community to practice healthy illness prevention habits to avoid the spread of diseases. This is an ever-changing situation that we are working with the Lake County General Health District on. While we cannot predict what tomorrow holds, we can help in prevention. Please take the following steps seriously:

1. Practice proper illness precautions

Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing or coughing. Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands. Practice proper hygiene, get plenty of sleep, drink water and have a healthy diet,

2. Stay home if you are sick

We cannot emphasize this enough, if you think you may be ill, stay home. You are doing more harm to your friends, coworkers and neighbors than good by going out when you are sick and infecting those around you.

3. Clean "high-touch" areas at work

High-touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets or any surface that may come into contact with body fluids. Make sure there is

Trash & Yard Waste Pickup Reminders

The City's contracted hauler for refuse/trash service is Republic Services. Each week, Republic collects residential trash that is placed in a container on the curb. A separate blue container is provided by Republic for recycling, which is picked up every other week on the same day as your trash collection.

Starting April 1, Republic will also begin picking up yard waste the same days as recycling. Please note it is not picked up

proper ventilation when using these products.

4. Limit Social Interaction

Please practice social distancing. Live your normal life but try to keep your distance from others. The health district recommends six feet between people. Avoid handshakes, hugs and other forms of contact. The CDC and Ohio Governor recommend avoiding mass gatherings and to maintain your distance at all times.

And finally, avoid unnecessary travel. Order online, cook at home, take advantage of curbside pick up, watch movies on a streaming device, call a friend, etc. Now is not the time for unnecessary trips to the store or visiting friends and family in other areas. Stick close to home and utilize technology to help combat the spread of illness.

Because the city wants to be as transparent as possible with our residents and businesses, below are some answers to questions you've been asking.

Who is making decisions locally and how will I know about them?

The city and all communities in Lake County are following the Lake County General Health District's direction. For the most up-to-date information, go to <https://www.lcghd.org/2019-novel-coronavirus-ncov/>

each week, but every other week like recycling. Yard waste must be containerized, bagged or tied in bundles not exceeding 4 feet in length. Limbs and branches cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter.

For more information on trash, recycling and yard waste collection in the City of Painesville, please contact Republic Services at 1-800-968-7789.

There is also an internal crisis team doing daily (sometimes hourly) updates between city staff and residents to ensure safety. This team includes the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Police Chief and staff, Fire Chief and staff, Communication Coordinator and Human Resources. All relevant updates will be posted on the city's social media sites (@CityofPainesville) and online at www.painesville.com.

Along with the LCGHD, we are collaborating with the Lake County Emergency Management Agency, the Governor of the State of Ohio, the county Police Chiefs, the county Fire Chiefs, and all the Mayors/Managers of Lake County to make informed decisions.

Will city services be affected?

Painesville plans to continue to provide all services to its customers as is. However, we evaluate our staffing numbers daily. In an event that there is a serious outbreak, essential personnel will still be here to provide essential services to our residents like fire, police, water, sewer, electric and communication. Non-essential personnel will be sent home. We will continue to use open communication via social media,

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Summer Camp Sign-ups

It might still be cold outside, but Summer Camp sign ups are already here. Painesville Recreation Summer Camp is expected to sell out again this year, so plan ahead and sign up early. This year's camp runs May 26 through July 31. Pay by the week or for the whole summer. Sibling discount is available.

For more information go to www.painesville.com/summercamp or call the Recreation office at 440-392-5912.

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PSA: Do Not Run Over Fire Hoses

The Painesville City Fire Department would like to bring attention to a recent problem our department has experienced with fire hoses being run over by vehicles. Because fire hydrants are near the roadway, and sometimes across the roadway from a fire emergency, our personnel must place fire hoses in and across the road to get water to the fire.

We have experienced occasions where motorists have driven over our fire hoses, sometimes before or after we have had water in them, and sometimes during our firefighting efforts. Not only is this

illegal, as addressed in the City of Painesville's Codified Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code, it can be VERY DANGEROUS for our safety personnel on scene.

Fire hoses are under great pressure when flowing water. A fire hose that is damaged as a result of being run over can burst, and cause injury to civilians and safety personnel. Most importantly, water supply to the fire will be interrupted, and this

could cause greater fire damage and even loss of life to civilians or firefighters.

The Painesville City Fire Department would like to remind everyone – DO NOT RUN OVER FIRE HOSES! Please keep our firefighters, public safety personnel and fellow citizens safe! Back up, turn around, and use an alternate route of travel. Our personnel never like to inconvenience the public, but the safety of our personnel and those citizens that may be involved in an emergency is our utmost concern, until the emergency is over. We will always try to limit inconvenience to the general public, but we are asking everyone to consider the safety of all at emergency scenes.

City Skate Center

Check out the schedule at City Skate Center in Painesville!

We are NOW booking reservations for birthday parties call for available times.

We offer beginner group lessons and private lessons are available for all ages call for scheduling and times. Speed Team practice will resume on Saturday and Sunday morning 10- 12pm and Wednesday 6-8 pm.

As the weather turns cold and your looking to stay in shape don't overlook this sport Roller Skating. Roller skating is for all ages and is one of the most fun and easy activities that the whole family can enjoy together. Roller skating is recognized and recommended by the American Heart Association (AMA) as an aerobic fitness sport. One hour of skating per week can burn 600 calories, 30 minutes of skating produces a heart rate of at least 148 beats per minutes, roller skating works most muscle groups including: glutes, quads, abs calves, arms and causes 50% less stress to joints than running.

If you are looking to stay in shape, get in shape or just wanting to have some good family fun come join us at the City Skate Center 63 West Walnut Ave, Painesville, Ohio 440-352-2002

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our website and press releases to keep you informed.

How can you help our staff?

You can take simple steps to help our staff stay healthy. Pay your utility bills online or via phone to avoid contact in City Hall. Call or email questions to the proper department rather than showing up in person. And finally, have a little patience in the coming weeks. If we do need to call off non-essential personnel, it may mean delays in our normal office processes.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Our number one goal is the safety and well-being of our residents and community.

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WEDNESDAY	PRIVATE PARTY & SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS AVAILABLE! CALL 440-352-2002		
	6:00-8:00pm	CSC SPEED TEAM PRACTICE	\$5 Admission
THURSDAY	PRIVATE PARTY & SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS AVAILABLE! CALL 440-352-2002		
FRIDAY	5:00-6:30pm	Private Skating Lessons	Call for pricing
	7:00-10:30pm	OPEN SKATE	\$7 Admission
SATURDAY	10:00am-12:00pm	BEGINNER SPEED PRACTICE	\$5 Admission
	12:15-1:00pm	LEARN TO SKATE CLASS <i>Starts October 5th</i>	\$10 Admission <i>Includes skate rental and 1-4pm family skate</i>
	1:00-4:00pm	FAMILY FUN SKATE <i>Parents skate free w/paid child admission</i>	\$6 Admission
SUNDAY	7:00-10:30pm	OPEN SKATE <i>Buy one admission get one free</i>	\$7 Admission
	10:00am-12:00pm	CSC SPEED TEAM PRACTICE	\$5 Admission
	1:00-4:00pm	FAMILY FUN SKATE <i>Parents skate free w/paid child admission</i>	\$6 Admission

For the beginning skaters we have Skate Mates available for rental for \$5.00 per session. Skate Rental is \$3.00 if needed. Skate rental extra unless indicated.



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Lakeland Honors Program Provides High-Achieving Students With Opportunities to Excel

Lakeland Community College launched an honors program in fall 2018 for high-achieving students. The program has attracted students with a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher, who also excelled on their ACT. To date, the program has accepted 94 participants. The

average GPA of the group is 3.73. In addition to honors coursework, students may participate in a variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, events and leadership opportunities.

Lakeland's honor students at a glance:

- Age range – While the majority has just graduated from high school, there are some adult learners in the mix. The group range in age from 17-53.

- Majors/degrees – Most are pursuing an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree with additional interest in business,

education, engineering or health care.

- Scholarships – Lakeland offers need-based honors scholarships in all disciplines as well as full-tuition merit scholarships in cybersecurity and all Associate of Science program areas.

- Cities represented – Students come from Ashtabula, Barberton, Canton, Chagrin Falls, Chesterland, Chardon, Cleveland, Concord, Conneaut, Eastlake, Geneva, Highland Heights, Jefferson, Kirtland,

Madison, Mentor, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Middlefield, Novelty, Painesville, Perry, Rock Creek, Rome, Wickliffe, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills and Willowick.

Lakeland currently has five honors transfer partnerships with local and regional four-year institutions. Transferring students save on tuition for two years while at Lakeland; they also gain the advantage of a strong academic program with great transfer options.

More information at lakelandcc.edu/honors.

Opportunity starts HERE!

Get started or get ahead on your educational goals with summer term classes.



Summer term classes are offered in five or eight-week formats.

- First summer session (5 weeks): May 18 - June 23
- Full summer session (8 weeks): June 8 - Aug. 2
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See website for complete list of **ACCEPTED & PROHIBITED ITEMS** at LakeCountyOhio.gov/Utilities - Special Collections Information

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Bankruptcy 101:

Overcoming the Fear of Filing Bankruptcy

Filing bankruptcy is scary on many fronts. I know because I'm a bankruptcy lawyer and I talk to bankruptcy clients every day. I also have had financial problems like most everyone else and I was scared at the time. I thought about filing bankruptcy. I must admit it was a very frightening thought. I really believed that my life for all practical purposes would end in humiliation and despair. I believed that everyone would look at me and talk and snicker. That it would be in the newspapers and my parents would disown me and that I would die lonely because no one would ever speak to me again. Forget about ever getting another date. They probably wouldn't even let me adopt a cat.

At that time, I couldn't put my finger on why the thought of filing Bankruptcy was so HORRIFYING. Since that time, I have had the opportunity to speak with many people who have gone through the bankruptcy process and now I know why the idea of bankruptcy is so scary. I also know now why it is such an irony that the solution to so many scary things causes us such apprehension. The reason is simple. It is an assault on our pride. A blow to our ego.

There is no other reason to fear such a remarkably effective solution to real tragedy (like, say, having your wages garnished, being sued, losing your home, not having money to eat, dying from stress, going insane, etc.) Pride is one of the seven deadly sins because it causes us to do things that we should not. It also causes us NOT TO DO THINGS THAT WE SHOULD.

Based on my conversations with many people I have concluded that bankruptcy is looked at in the negative. I know people are reading this last line and thinking "duh-yeah!" But in my world, I don't think it is so straight forward. Because I see fearful, distressed, sad, stressed out, suicidal, miserable, guilt ridden, angry people made better by bankruptcy. Not just a little better, either. A lot better. The "I can't believe it, but I actually have peace of mind!" kind of better. I run into people at the grocery store who tell me life has never been so good. I wouldn't normally believe them because I knew them. They were our clients. They were people who came into our office eight months earlier depressed, hopeless, despondent, fearful and beaten. But now their faces, their demeanor and their attitudes are hardly recognizable. They have been restored to sanity.

They have been healed and they know peace. That past life that was so unmanageable, painful and, seemingly, spiraling downward out of control did not crash and burn. Something took the controls and managed to pull it back up seconds before the fiery fateful collision-moments before they came to that dark place that is not known but dreaded. That something was the law of Bankruptcy!

It was probably something greater that took them to the acceptance that bankruptcy was the only thing that could right their lives at this point. But that is beyond this discussion. Everybody's bottom is at a different level. The only question is how much suffering a person endures and makes their family endure until they embrace the solution. I am a simple man. I think financial

problems have a simple solution. That solution is bankruptcy.

So, no, you are not a loser if you need bankruptcy and use it. You will be a winner. Trust me, I know. We are not dealing with kids or irresponsible adults who went crazy at the mall and want to skate out of debt. Not in this world. Not now. In these times, people are struggling to eat; to drive to work; to live. And, no, you are not the only one who is in this much financial trouble. You only think you are because they don't make television sitcoms about the pretty people living in California hanging out at the beach filling out their bankruptcy petition. YOUR FINANCIAL PROBLEM IS TEMPORARY. YOU WILL RECOVER. You just need a little breathing room. If you let it cause you health problems- those may

be permanent. General Motors is a prime example. They went bankrupt in 2009. In 2011 they made record profits.

So, what's my point? Don't listen to other people's opinions because they are only parading their ignorance. Don't be proud because pride is the mask of a fool. Don't be afraid because there is a solution to financial distress. Don't think you're the only one because that's just other people lying to you. Don't be idle because if you are, you'll never be free from the financial craziness, harassment, emotional turmoil and debt collector head games. And do be positive because winning is a state of mind not a state of financial wealth. Get your peace of mind back!

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National Diabetes Prevention Program

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 88 million American adults—more than 1 in 3—have prediabetes. Of those with prediabetes, more than 80% do not know they have it.

It's important to talk to your doctor about getting your blood sugar tested if you have any of the risk factors for prediabetes, which include but are not limited to:

- Being overweight
- Being 45 years or older
- Having a parent, brother, or sister with type 2 diabetes
- Being physically active less than 3 times a week
- Had gestational diabetes or gave birth to a baby weighing more than 9lbs.

• Having polycystic ovary syndrome.

If you have prediabetes, the CDC's National Diabetes Prevention Program has a behavioral change program that can help you make lifestyle changes to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes and other serious health problems.

The program begins with 16 core sessions offered in a group setting over a 6-month period. In these sessions, you will receive training to make realistic changes in your diet and exercise and provided with strategies to control your weight. A specially trained coach will help motivate you.

Once you complete the core sessions, you will have six more months of follow-up sessions

to help you maintain healthy habits and an additional twelve months of ongoing maintenance sessions if you meet certain weight loss and attendance goals during the first year.

The program is limited to Medicare Part B beneficiaries who meet the specific guidelines for the program. You can find details at www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention and ask your health care provider to provide you with a referral. If you are eligible, you will pay nothing for these services.

You can also find more information on Medicare's

coverage for diabetes in a Medicare publication, **Diabetes Supplies, Services and Prevention Programs**. It explains in detail coverage for diabetes medication, equipment, supplies, insulin pumps, therapeutic shoes, medical nutritional therapy services and more. For your copy of this publication you can go online to www.Medicare.gov/publication or call 1-800-Medicare to request a copy.

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Are You Ready to "Cut the Cable?"

In the past, many of you have asked me "Is it possible to cut the cable?" My reply has always been "not yet, but soon". I've been saying it for 7 years. Well, "SOON" is HERE!!

After many months of research, I have finally come to the conclusion that it IS POSSIBLE to "CUT THE CABLE" and save a substantial

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outlet in front of your home, they have approximately 1,800 storm sewer outlets to unclog in the city and could use everyone's help in preventing flooding.

First and foremost is the

preventative maintenance and cleaning of the storm sewer outlets. Remove leaves, sticks and debris regularly from any storm sewer abutting your property. This will help to prevent flooding

and water run-off. These small preventative measures go a long way in protecting not only your property, but the properties of your neighbors.

If the storm sewer outlet should become blocked and you are unable to clear it, or you see it is not draining, contact the Public Works Department at 440-392-9676.

Under no circumstances should a residents attempt to remove a sewer cover. They are heavy and there is a serious risk of injury. In addition, nothing should be inserted into a sewer cover to attempt to clear it. Instead, notify Public Works, they have the proper equipment and the knowledge to clear storm sewer outlets.

Audubon Offers Solutions to Plastic Pollution

Blackbrook Audubon will present "The Problem with Plastic" by Jill Bartolotta 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 at Penitentiary Glen Reservation.

Jill is the Ohio Sea Grant Extension Educator for Ashtabula and Lake Counties. Her research focuses on single-use plastics and barriers to reusable alternatives.

Ninety-six percent of the trash found on beach cleanups along the Great Lakes is plastic, most of it identified as single-use. Its

presence is wreaking havoc on ecosystems, the safety of our food and drinking water, and the economy.

"The Problem with Plastic" will take an in-depth look into our decades-long use of plastic, its effects on us and the environment, and provide simple steps to break free from plastic.

Blackbrook serves coffee and tea, but asks attendees to bring their own cups or mugs to cut down on single-use cups.

The program is open to all. Penitentiary Glen is at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland.

For more information, visit blackbrookaudubon.org.

Follow Blackbrook Audubon Society on Facebook. Blackbrook Audubon is the local chapter of National Audubon Society covering Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake counties.

This program may be canceled by Lake Metroparks or as circumstances warrant.

Grand Opening of Local Flavors Shoppe

The Local Flavors Shoppe celebrated its grand opening in March. Local Flavors only sells products that are made within 150 miles of Painesville, with more than 75 different producers and 700 different items available at the store. Products include food, health and beauty, candles, and local artwork.

"The creativity and passion that these small-batch artisans have for creating great products needs to be embraced and celebrated," said Jason Levine, Local Flavors owner. "We are looking to bring these makers opportunity for growth and exposure."

Levin has a history in Painesville, with his family operating Mr. Muffler for almost

thirty years. "It's important to me to honor my father's legacy by bringing something great and unique to Painesville," said Levine.

Local Flavors is currently open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Seasonal hours may change.

Painesville Electric Honored with RP3 Gold Status

The Painesville Municipal Electric System has earned the national distinction as a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service to our customers.

The Association's RP3 program is based on industry-recognized

leading practices in four important disciplines: Reliability, Safety, Workforce Development and System Improvement.

An RP3 designation is a sign of a utility's dedication to operating an efficient, safe, and reliable distribution system. Being recognized by the RP3 program

demonstrates to community leaders, governing board members, suppliers, and service providers a utility's commitment to its employees, customers and community. Currently 274 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities hold an RP3 designation.

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.

If you or a loved one can use some help, you owe to yourself to learn more about programs which already exist in our community.

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Celebrate Mentor Marsh's Bald Eagles at the 11th Annual Eagle Fest




Celebrate our nesting Bald Eagles
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Mentor Marsh Nature Center
5185 Corduroy Road

Register for a guided hike to view the eagles' nest at [CMNH.org/EagleFest](https://www.cmnh.org/EagleFest).

Hikes are free, but registration is required. Space is limited!

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As Bald Eagle numbers increase, we are all excited for a glimpse of them. You can double that excitement at Mentor Marsh, where a pair of Bald Eagles has nested and raised eaglets for the past decade. In celebration of these birds and their nesting success, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Mentor Marsh Nature Center is hosting the 11th-annual Bald Eagle Fest.

This free family-friendly event takes place from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 3 at the nature center, located at 5185 Corduroy Road, Mentor. Dive into hands-on eagle activities and games, view a replica nest and measure your "wingspan." See live animal programs featuring the natural history museum's animals. Visit conservation exhibitors and nature vendors. Face painting

will be available, as will food for purchase from local food trucks. Be sure to register for a chance to win door prizes. No registration is required for these activities, which will take place rain or shine.

For those interested in observing our nesting Bald Eagles, Museum naturalists will lead hikes to a spot on Zimmerman Trail from which the nest is visible. Hikes depart from the nature center at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Participants will be transported by bus to the Morton Community Park trailhead, where they'll hike the guided two-mile round-trip. Hikes to view the eagle nest are free of charge, but registration is required and space is limited. Spotting scopes and some binoculars will be available, or participants may bring their own. Trails may be muddy; appropriate

footwear is recommended. To register for a hike, visit [cmnh.org/eaglefest](https://www.cmnh.org/eaglefest).

The Mentor Marsh Nature Center is open from noon to 5 p.m. on weekends from April through October at the Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve. Explore the center's exhibits and displays. Join a free, family-friendly naturalist-guided hike on Sundays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Get updates on the marsh restoration project as well. The preserve's three trails are open year-round from dawn to dusk.

Mentor Marsh is an interpretative nature preserve of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the State of Ohio. You can find more information on the web at <https://www.cmnh.org/mentor-marsh> or Facebook @MentorMarsh.

Pet Services at Digging Dogs Locations During the Pandemic

The staff at Digging Dogs Training & Pet Care is closely monitoring and observing community suggestions & regulations for businesses during this challenging time.

Our Doggy Daycare/Grooming/Boarding facility will maintain regular hours to service our clients until further notice. Some important things to know:

- We are a small boutique facility – we average 15 dogs daily for daycare. The benefit is that your pets are not exposed to 50-100 dogs and families that are typical in high-volume facilities.

- Our maximum capacity for overnight care is 10 families. More personal attention and less exposure.

- Veterinary hospital products & cleaning procedures have

always been common practice and cleaning schedules have been increased to multiple times daily.

- Ultraviolet Disinfection System to eliminate airborne pathogens & 10 air changes per hour is in our facility air-handling system

Training classes will continue to be held with our current maximum of 8 students per class plus an instructor in our 5,000 sq.

Meet Us in the Garden Series

Join Lake County Master Gardener Volunteers for one Saturday each month from March through November to learn about a variety of garden topics. Each class is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. And runs for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. This year's series will be held in the Community Room in the

ft. Training Center. Skill drills that require touching dogs and people will be temporarily discontinued. Students are also asked to forgo bringing large groups of friends and families to classes.

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An informational brochure is posted on the Ohio State Extension website at <http://lake.osu.edu>.

Upcoming Topics:
**Classes may be canceled as circumstances warrant.*

- Saturday May 2, 2020 – Continuous Color Using Perennials

Your garden can be interesting and colorful all year long and one garden can have many looks. Learn to combine many elements into a coherent whole and what you need to have available to be successful.

- Saturday June 6, 2020 – "Bee" Friendly with Natives

Native plants have evolved with our native bees. These plants are not only beautiful but provide multiple ecosystem services. Learn how planting with natives provides benefits to you and our bees.

- Saturday July 11, 2020 – Gardening as We Age

Gardening gets more difficult as we age. However, by using the right tools and techniques, gardening remains in reach at any age.

Fitzgerald Tours Announces 2021 Travel Destinations

Put adventure on the map in 2021 with two exciting travel opportunities from Fitzgerald Tours. In May, you can sail from Amsterdam to Zurich on a deluxe Rhine River boat cruise that takes you from the tulip fields of Holland to the Black Forest region of Germany. In September, immerse yourself in the rich history and local culture of Poland. It's a Central European tour that highlights the beauty and soul of this democratic country.

Debra and Tom Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald Tours make it easy to travel internationally. They have been leading tours to

destinations around the world for 18 years, beginning with trips to Ireland from their home base, Fitzgerald's Irish Bed & Breakfast in Painesville. Their popular trips offer travelers an enjoyable way to explore new destinations with carefully planned itineraries that cover all the details. Kick-off receptions let travelers connect with one another in advance.

The Rhine River cruise sets sail from May 29-June 9, 2021. Travelers will explore the majesty of three countries: Holland, Germany and Switzerland. Shore excursions will include visits to two UNESCO World Heritage

sites. Enjoy a suite or stateroom of your choice with onboard evening entertainment, Wi-Fi, meals (with complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks) and much more. Save \$1000 or get free airfare (up to \$1200) per person and save an additional \$300 when you pay in full by April 15, 2020.

Explore highlights of Poland with a comprehensive tour, September 10-20, 2021. The tour will begin in Warsaw, the 700-year-old capital that is a symbol of Polish nationhood. Visit castles and cathedrals, a centuries-old salt mine and the notorious concentration camp

Auschwitz-Birkenau, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Poland is a country of great beauty with a complex history – this tour brings it all to life.

Travel packages by Fitzgerald Tours include meals, admission

to all attractions and much more. Space is limited and these popular trips sell out fast so reserve your space now. For pricing and additional details, visit www.FitzgeraldTours.com or call (440) 796-3529.

Spring Bird Walks with Blackbrook Audubon

Blackbrook Audubon Society will begin their annual Spring Bird Walks at 7:30 a.m. April 12 at Headlands Beach State Park. Birders of all skill levels are welcome to attend this series of six walks Sundays through May 17.

Participants can park in the lot at 9600 Headlands Road. This Mentor Marsh parking lot is on the west side of Shipman Pond at the northern trailhead of Zimmerman Trail. Birders will have the option of the walk or a "big sit" on the final Sunday, May 17. Participants should bring chairs, binoculars, beverage cups and snacks to share for this passive style of birding at

8:30 a.m. Blackbrook will provide coffee and beverages. Meet at the far eastern side of the parking lot, row P-1, near the Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve. This migrant hotspot is reached by using the entrance to Headlands Beach State Park, which is at the northern end of Rt. 44 or Heisley Road. The entrance to the handicapped-accessible boardwalk leading to the beach is near the gathering spot for the Big Sit. The restrooms at the park are also nearby.

This will be the 87th annual Spring Bird Walk series for Audubon. Sites of other walks in the series by chapters and park

districts are listed here.

Blackbrook Audubon started as the Blackbrook Bird Club and has been leading walks in this area since the 1940's. Now Blackbrook is the local chapter of National Audubon Society covering Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake Counties. Follow Blackbrook Audubon Society on Facebook.

**These walks may be canceled to meet guidelines on social distancing.*

For more information, email blackbrookaud@aol.com or visit blackbrookaudubon.org.

La Casita Opens Beautiful New Building

A new grocery store has opened in Painesville. La Casita Market has moved into its new location at 452 Storrs Street. The new location is the dream of owner Juan Marcos Campos and his wife Anita. Customers can find the great items that were available in the former location with a much larger selection.

The market includes a full produce department of vibrant fresh fruits and vegetables, an expanded meat department that now includes American favorites like steaks and roasts, and conventional products including cereals, soups, local dairy, fresh bread, ice cream and

more.

"We wanted to give back to the community and feel good about building a welcoming environment that is safe and healthy," said Campos. "We want to feed all of our neighbors and make sure that fresh, healthy food is always available."

The grocery store isn't the only major highlight of this project. A large, beautiful dine-in restaurant is also featured at the new location. The stunning tile work and table finishes are only matched by the delicious foods offered from the full kitchen. The fan favorite taco cart is still very much a part of the new La Casita Taqueria.

Women's Committee Presents "Wing It"

The Women's Committee of the Fine Arts Association will present "Wing It" May 13 at the Kirtland Country Club, 39438 Kirtland Road, Willoughby. "Wing It" is an internationally ranked quartet of college students from Solon, Ohio that sings barbershop and a cappella harmony.

The menu is chicken, mushroom and spinach crepes, frosted grapes, fresh fruit, mixed greens salad,

melba toast, dinner rolls, and sticky buns. Creme brulee and macaroons are the dessert.

Email fineartsrsvp@gmail.com or call 440.951.7500, X 103 no later than April 30. Reservations are required. The cost is \$40.00 per person payable at the door in cash or by check. Valet parking will begin at 11:00 a.m.

This program may be canceled as circumstances warrant.

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