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Mayor's Report



Rich Regovich
Mayor/Safety Director

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a good holiday and were able to spend time with family and friends. The holiday time is what I missed the most as we isolated through the pandemic. I hope everyone is healthy and we can see the world operate in a more normal fashion. They say "time flies when you are having fun". I don't consider the past 22 month's fun and I am shocked looking back to see all that we have gone through.

We experienced a COVID outbreak with city employees around Thanksgiving that left us short staffed for a couple of weeks. This was difficult during leaf pick up and getting ready for winter. We closed access to City Hall, Service and Building Departments to protect our guests and employees. I want to acknowledge the people that work for the City of Willowick; Police and Fire, Building, Service and our Recreation Departments. Their ability to fill in and get things done allowed us to continue to provide services

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Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library Programs & Events

During the month of January 2022, the following free programs will be offered 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.

Adult Programs:

Willoughby Library Take-n-Make Monthly Crafts for Adults

A new craft will be available at the beginning of each month to take home and make. Check out our Facebook page or call us to find out what each month's craft is. Be sure to reserve your craft online!

Next Chapter Book Club

The Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC) is a reading and discussion group that caters to adults with Down syndrome, autism, and other developmental disabilities. Participants will read and/or listen to Shel Silverstein's *Where the Sidewalk Ends* and other poems. Members can participate in-person or via Zoom.

Monday, January 10, 10-11 am
Willoughby Public Library, 30 Public Square, Willoughby, 440-

942-3200

Murder at the Hills Book Club

Twenty-One Days by Anne Perry

Thursday, January 13, 2 pm
Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

A History of the Cultural Gardens

Join Lori Ashyk, Executive Director of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation, to learn the history of 33 unique gardens cultivated by distinct cultural and nationality groups. Sponsored by the W-E Library Boosters.

Thursday, January 13, 6:30 pm
Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

New Year, New You Signature Program

Join us live and in-person for Willoughby Library's third annual New Year, New You! This year we'll welcome several local Willoughby businesses and offer in-person and hybrid presenters throughout the day. Register at we247.org or call

440-942-3200. All programs will also be simulcast on Facebook Live at facebook.com/willoughbyeastlakepubliclibrary and recorded for future viewing!

Saturday, January 15
11 am-4 pm
Willoughby Public Library, 30 Public Square, Willoughby, 440-942-3200

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Classes are offered with instructors of ASPIRE of Cuyahoga Community College. Attendees must register through the ASPIRE office, 216-371-7138 or 216-261-5006.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 24-May 19, 9:30 am-12 pm
Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

Delicious Discussions Book Club

Join us on the fourth Monday of January and March starting at 7 pm. Please register to be notified of any changes.

A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende, Monday, January 24
Online via Zoom

Children & Teen Programs:

Sensory Family 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 11, 6:30 pm
Eastlake Public Library, 36706 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, 440-942-7880

LEGO Club

We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination. All ages.

Saturday, January 8, 2 pm
Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

Winter Wonderland Music and Comedy Show

Enjoy a snowy musical experience designed to engage children through winter songs, movement activities, children's stories and interactive music technology. Inclusive for all children! View this virtual event at the Library or from home.

Wednesday, January 12, 1 pm
Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

Homeschool Research

The average Google search can yield millions of results, but which one will give you the information you need? In this class, children ages 8-12 will learn how to find, evaluate and utilize information.

Thursday, January 13, 2 pm
Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

Homeschool Rescue Readers

In 20-minute sessions, emerging readers will gain confidence, improve skills and provide soothing company to

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Mayor

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during these times. If we were to lose more than one person in our Finance Department it would be very hard to run the city. I am lucky and proud to be working with these dedicated employees.

Chipotle has been open and operating since November 24th and it seems to be a hit. They are still training employees and getting used to their new location. Congratulations to them, and I wish much success for them in this great location. Starbucks has started their build out and if all goes well we should see them open sometime in the late 1st quarter

or early into the 2nd quarter of 2022. Let's hope they are able to navigate the supply chain issues and get things done quickly. We also anticipate other businesses will be moving forward in the new buildings as soon as they have their plans done. Keep an eye open and support our local businesses.

We are aware of multiple street lights that are out on Vine St. and other streets in the city. We had an issue with a bad power supply box that we had to replace, and have been working with CEI to resolve the issues. We are going through the permit process with the county

(yes we have to do this too) and hope to have this resolved soon. CEI can then install a new meter to restore the lights. We are also working on fixing the storm sewer on Fairway Blvd. and Forest Grove Rd. This is turning into a much larger project than first anticipated. We hope to repair the sinkhole in the street before winter then tackle the larger portion early in 2022. This also involves looking for grant money and cooperation with the City of Wickliffe. It is my hope we get a resolution to this issue as soon as possible.

Have a great January.

City of Willowick Council Reports



Charlie Malta
Ward 3 Councilman

Dear Wonderful Residents of Willowick,
Hearts & Hammers Of Willowick: Hearts & Hammers of Willowick is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, whose main purpose is to assist qualified Willowick homeowners with home repairs and services. To qualify, a Willowick homeowner must be either elderly, disabled, or families with young children that meet the financial need criteria.

The organization is composed of many dedicated volunteers helping those in need. Being involved with this group is a very rewarding experience. In 2022, if you would like to volunteer, please call me.

All year long Hearts and Hammers does their jobs, finishes them, and moves on to the next one. No fan fare. I want to thank each and everyone of YOU. There would be no Hearts and Hammers without YOU. Thank you for your time, your effort, and all your hard work. I am so very proud of each and everyone of YOU!!!!

Our fundraiser is Saturday,
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Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman

Hi Everyone,
Happy New Year! Lets hope 2022 will be better year for everyone!

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. It is unsafe when they have to climb over or go around the pile of ice and snow or walk in the street. If you have a neighbor that is unable to clear the snow from their front steps or apron, ask them if you can 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 trash cans to and from the curb. Remember trash cans are not to be placed at the curb before 4pm the day before trash pick up and must be taken back to the house by 8am the following day after trash pick up.

Reminder to make sure to test your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, this time of year seems to be the worst for fires and deaths that could have been prevented. Also be careful if you are using a space heater; make sure there is nothing near it and turn it off if you are not in the room while it is operating.

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. Get in the habit of locking your vehicle every time you get out, no matter where you are and thieves wont bother your vehicle.

Remember to be kind and thoughtful to your neighbors. Watch out for each other. Help each other out.

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Theresa Bisbee
Ward 2 Councilwoman

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday with family and friends.

Willowick had some great events this past month: The Holiday Craft Fair, Breakfast with Santa (sponsored by Willowick REC Football), Winter Wonderland and Holiday of Lights. Winter Wonderland exceed my expectations – Julie Kless and team did an outstanding job of planning this event. I hope everyone that come at the various events had a great time. I look forward to many more events from our REC Department. Great Job by All!

I hope everyone at the Senior Center enjoyed the Noon Year's Eve Party! Stop up at the center and see all the great activities they have for our seniors.

Some of the REC leagues have opened registration for the 2022 Season – check out their web sites or their Facebook posts – don't miss registrations.

I hope that you've had an opportunity to stop up at the newly opened stores at Shoregate Shopping Center. As we continue to see stores submitting their plans for the Shopping Center – I'll get updates out there as they become available.

With the new year upon us, Council will be sitting down with the Mayor and all the department heads looking at the FY2022 budget in the upcoming weeks.

Come out to a council meeting – ask questions, see what the various departments have planned for the upcoming year. Let your voice be heard – ask questions if not at a council meeting, email or call your ward member.

Continue to stay healthy and safe, if you have any questions or need more info please don't hesitate to reach out. You can email me at tbisbee@cityofwillowick.com or call at (440) 299-8795.

“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.”
— Joshua J. Marine”



David Phares
Ward 3 Councilman

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

The Safety Committee has been busy the last few months and here are some of the issues we have been discussing:

Party/Event centers - Three of these types of businesses have moved into the city since last March. The first one left after the Willowick Police had to show up three times for disturbances.

The next two have been approved - they will be setting up shop in Northshore Mall. A fourth has not been approved yet. Some concerns have been raised about events getting out of control and lasting too long. We would like to come up with a list of rules pertaining to private party/event centers and get them into the ordinances.

Deer culling - Todd Vogler gave a Powerpoint presentation on deer culling. We have had concerns from residents about the number of deer in the City. We will continue to review our options.

To see all of the issues, go to <https://www.cityofwillowick.com/government/city-council/> and scroll down to the Safety Committee minutes.

Another issue that will be coming to the forefront in Ohio are marijuana dispensaries. The State of Ohio will be opening five dispensaries in our region (Lake, Geauga and Portage counties) in the upcoming year. Willowick currently does not have an ordinance related to marijuana dispensaries. The Safety Committee will be looking at that in the near future. I would like to hear your opinion on marijuana dispensaries and how you feel about possibly having them in our City.

I visited the Winter Wonderland at Manry Park on Sunday, December 12th. It was another fantastic event put together by Julie Kless and the Recreation Department.

Operation S.C.R.A.M. (Security Camera Registry and Mapping)



Robert Patton
Council President

Happy New Year – As 2022 begins, we pause to spend time with our loved ones and reflect back on 2021. I hope you made time for your friends and family over the Holidays. My family and I are grateful to live in such a wonderful community surrounded by great friends and neighbors. Have a great 2022!

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

Bob Patton – Willowick Council President

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January 29th. The fundraiser may be sold out, but you can still donate a door prize or chinese auction basket. All of the various Willowick Organizations, please donate a Chinese Auction Basket. It will not go unnoticed.

A Special Thanks To The Willowick Courier: Another year of giving us a chance to reach out to our constituents. Thanks for this awesome opportunity.

Sincerely, God Bless,
Happy New Year,
Charlie Malta
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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.

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New last fall, Case Western Reserve University's (CWRU) Siegel Lifelong Learning program

was added to the university center offering. Through this partnership, adults of all ages pursue their love of learning by participating in courses and lectures provided by CWRU faculty, renowned scholars and local subject-area experts. Topics include art, history, politics, science, religion, literature and more. The program also includes an 11-week Senior Scholars program.

New opportunities await in the new year! Learn more at "Holden University Nights" Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, from 6-7 p.m. The event is free, but registration is required at lakelandcc.edu/ucevents.



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Bankruptcy 101:

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Answer: Back in the 1950's a company called the Fair Isaac Corp. (FICO) developed a formula which was marketed as a way for lenders to realistically

evaluate their risk with regard to lending to a specific person. FICO assigned mathematical quantities to patterns of behavior (like how often one pays late, whether they have unsatisfied legal judgments, etc.) and computes those quantities into a numerical risk factor which is known as our "credit rating." FICO sells people's credit ratings to lenders based on their FICO formula which is a trade secret and

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legally protected.

There are other companies like FICO which have come up with their own secret form of credit rating which they also sell to credit reporting agencies such as Equifax, Transunion and TRW. In my mind, these companies secrecy causes me to question their integrity and the efficacy of their formulas. FICO should willingly disclose the science behind their mathematical formula so it can be challenged and discussed. It only seems fair that a rating factor which affects so many people's lives, whether it be for getting credit, a job, security clearance or the trust of another person, should be open to investigation. How do we really know its not complete voodoo?

There is a widely held belief that FICO and the entire individual

credit rating system was developed by the elite to keep the average person in their place. "Their place" is presumably in a constant state of fear over their financial rating willing to pay the banks any interest rate or penalty without question.

In our bankruptcy practice, we spend a large portion of our time helping people get back on financial track. I see people regularly who enter my office in a state of hopelessness and are healthy, happy, laughing and spirited six months down the line. Bankruptcy stays on your credit for ten years. But my response to that is "So what?" Anybody who really wants to get credit and buy another house can do it in three years or better. Even with a very low credit rating. They will have to be creative

nowadays. But that is a topic for a different day. So the focus should not be on your credit rating but on your ability to pay back a specific amount of a loan within a specific period of time.

The "fresh start" that one can receive, often times, through bankruptcy is extremely valuable in terms of peace of mind and freedom from stress. Do not put yourself or your family through unnecessary mental hardship. If you think bankruptcy can help, there is only one way to find out. Schedule a free consultation. Often times, we can do the consultation over the phone. The bottom line is that a bankruptcy will not make most people's credit rating much worse than it was already. And it is a new start for your credit rating also.

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Audubon Examines Unusual Bird Names at January Meeting

Birders are often asked why birds were given the names they were, such as nightjar, phalarope or killdeer. Blackbrook Audubon will host "Where Did You Get That Name?" by Mary Huey 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 18 at Penitentiary Glen's Nature Center. A former interpretive

naturalist for Lake Metroparks, Huey researched the topic to satisfy her own curiosity when pondering the Blackburnian Warbler. She will share how the names of native birds evolved and introduce some 19th century ornithologists who laid the groundwork for contemporary

bird study.

Participants can attend the program in person or register on the event page of blackbrookaudubon.org to receive a link to view the program live

online. Refreshments will not be served at the in-person program, which will be at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road in Kirtland.

Blackbrook Audubon covers Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake

Counties as the local chapter of National Audubon Society. For more information, email blackbrookaud@aol.com. Follow Blackbrook Audubon Society on Facebook for updates.

Bathroom Remodel Horror Story

Let us paint a horrific picture for you. You pay the wrong contractor \$9,000 upfront to give you the perfect bathroom and 9 months later you still have no working bathroom and it's less than 25% done. To make matters worse the 25% that was "completed" was completed incorrectly and needed to be torn out. This is the unfortunate story of a Lake County Resident and neighbor of yours.

That's what one local customer

experienced and we wrote this article to make sure it never happens again. Here's some ways to prevent it. Check reviews online, if a company has no online reviews likely they are inexperienced and not qualified to do your job. Ask them for references, reputable companies like Monthly Upkeep will be happy to hand over a list of super satisfied customers. Never pay for a job upfront, reputable companies may require a small deposit to secure a spot on their calendar but will never require payment in full upfront.

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Money Back from Medicare? Here are some facts.

We have all seen the celebrity-endorsed television ads for Medicare Advantage plans that say they will pay you \$140 to \$148 a month. Can this be real?

While the plans these celebrities are promoting are perfectly legitimate, they may not deliver everything these pitchmen appear to promise. The commercials do not tell the full story.

Let's begin with some facts. To enroll in one of these plans, you must:

- Be a Medicare beneficiary enrolled in Part A and Part B,
- Be responsible for paying the Part B premium,
- Live in a service area of a plan that has chosen to participate in this program, and
- Find a plan that offers this 'give-back' benefit

While this type of plan is widely promoted, it is not

available everywhere, and the specifics of each plan will vary. Unfortunately, if you live in an area that does not provide one of these plans, there is no way for you to take advantage of this benefit.

Not everyone gets the full \$148 reimbursement back. The plan determines the amount of the reduction which can range anywhere from \$25 on up. The 'giveback benefit' is not a direct payment to the insured. It is a reduction in their Part B premiums.

The television commercials make references to providing benefits not offered by Original Medicare. They list things like private home aides, home delivered meals, vision, hearing, dental and prescription drug coverage. This can be misleading because not all plans include these benefits.

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Middle school and high school students from Lake County are eligible to enter by submitting original artwork with a positive, environmentally

friendly message. Participants are encouraged to create a design using the contest theme "Building a Greener Lake County" to promote public transit or ways to be environmentally responsible and care for Lake County's outdoors.

One student's winning design will be featured on a Dial-a-Ride bus wrap for six months and travel throughout the county. Entries are due Monday, January 31, 2022 and the bus wrap will be installed from March – July 2022.

The contest is open to middle school and high school students from Lake County or students enrolled in a Lake County school, art school or homeschooled during the 2021-2022 school year.

be able to offer this contest to our young Lake County artists again this year," shared Laketran spokesperson Julia Schick. "Many transit systems incorporate public art into their transit properties or vehicles, because it's a great way to share art in the community."

The 2021 art contest winners, along with 18 additional entries, are on display at the Frank J. Polivka transit center at Lakeland Community College that is open to the public Monday – Saturday.

Learn more about the contest and prizes on the Laketran website, where you can also download the entry form and art templates.

"We received over 75 entries last year and are excited to

Lake County Genealogical Society Meeting - January 27th

The Lake County Genealogical Society (LCGS) meeting will be held on January 27th from 10:00 am to noon. The LCGS is meeting on Zoom due to COVID-19. Please join us for a short business meeting followed by our speakers, Dr. Deborah Abbott and Louis M. "Lou" Lentine (an LCGS member). Our topic is "Lou's Brick Wall."

"So, You Think You Have a Brick Wall! Lake County Genealogical Society member Lou Lentine thought he had a brick wall. He shared his frustration in researching his father-in-law, Frank Piunno, with the Society's special interest group (SIG). Armed with oral history it would take more than Lou's eyes to see that his brick wall had a crack. Lou's ancestor talked about his days playing for the New York Celtics and even playing against the Harlem Globetrotters but left gaps. Dr. Abbott, who is very interested in basketball, took up the challenge and they bulldozed the brick wall and learned more. The methods used in this research can help you work through your brick walls as well. Come with us and follow the journey confirming the oral history of Lou's ancestor, Frank Piunno.

Deborah A. Abbott, PhD, is a professional genealogist, specializing in African American research, manuscript collections and genealogy methodology. She serves as a member of the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Archives Advisory Commission. She is an associate with the

Kentucky-Tennessee Associates based in Springfield, TN; past president of the African American Genealogical Society, Cleveland, OH; and a retired professor of Counseling from Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland.

Dr. Abbott is an instructor as well as the coordinator for both the weeklong African American tracts at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) held at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA and the Genealogy Research Institute of Pittsburgh held at LaRoche University in Pittsburgh, PA. She is also an instructor at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) in Salt Lake City, UT. She presents lectures and workshops at a variety of national, state, and local genealogy conferences across the country, as well as colleges, businesses & libraries.

Visit our Society web site at www.lcgsohio.org site to learn more about us and to find the email address to contact us for an invitation to our Zoom Meeting. Also, our members help each other at the Lake County Genealogical Society Special Interest Group (SIG), which meets virtually the first Thursday of each month at 10am. If you do not have a computer, you can join the Zoom meeting from your phone; so, call Bonnie or Cynthia to get the phone number for the meeting.

If you have any questions, call Bonnie at 440-428-3783 or Cynthia at 440-951-0914.

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cats and critters as they await adoption at Lake Humane Society in Mentor. Masks required.

Friday, January 14, 1 pm
Lake Humane Society

Homeschool Writers Club

Each month we'll use the amazing Playing with a Purpose videos from our partners at Lake Erie Ink to inspire young writers ages 7-12. Supplies will be provided.

Tuesday, January 18, 1:30 pm
Willoughby Hills Library,
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Homeschool Travelers

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Wednesday, January 19, 2:30 pm

Eastlake Public Library, 36706 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, 440-942-7880

Winter Adventures of Olaf and Sven

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Wednesday, January 19, 6:30 pm

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Legislative Update: State Representative Troy

Common sense solutions to protect our citizens

When I ran for office in 2020, I talked about trying to deliver for families, and especially seniors, by addressing the challenges in our western Lake County community with common-sense solutions. Now, as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, I've put forward several bills that, if enacted, would improve the safety and financial security of the seniors that I represent.

One particular issue that I've prioritized relates to home affordability. As Ohio's aging population continues growing,

many seniors, especially those on fixed incomes, are severely burdened by increasing property taxes. Often, these households are stretched to their financial limits and forced to cut spending on basic necessities, including healthcare, transportation, and quality food. The unfortunate reality is that we have too many seniors spending too much money to cover housing costs, and it's negatively impacting their quality of life. That's why I sponsored HB 207, which reduces the property tax burden on Ohio's fixed-income seniors by expanding the eligibility for homestead exemption programs and increasing the taxable value

exemption. This legislation will help seniors stay in their homes and keep some extra money in their pockets. As we move forward, I will continue looking at additional ways to reform and improve our local property tax system.

Another problem I am addressing is the increasing prevalence of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable senior citizens. Having served on a Lake County committee tasked with researching and raising awareness regarding elder justice issues, I was eager to tackle this matter at the state level. Though Ohio has laws on the books criminalizing

elder abuse, a loophole within the state's mandatory reporting statutes prevents individuals who knowingly fail to report elder abuse from being held accountable. To protect seniors and ensure those who break the law are punished, I have worked in a bipartisan manner with my Republican co-sponsor, Representative Bill Seitz, to introduce HB 419. Our legislation eliminates confusion, strengthens penalties, and sends a clear message that Ohio will not tolerate elder abuse. Also, as a member of the Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee, I co-sponsored and helped pass SB 58, also known

as "Esther's Law," which will assist in preventing nursing home abuse by allowing video cameras in long-term care facilities. I was recently honored to be recognized as Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Association of Area Agencies in Aging at their annual state-wide meeting for my work on elder justice issues and increased senior community services funding.

In addition to senior issues, I have continuously advocated for common-sense consumer protections. According to a recent report from the Ohio Consumers Council, since 2009, utility ratepayers have been wrongly charged more than \$1.5 billion by corporate utility companies. As both a member of the Public Utilities Committee and a firm believer in looking out for the interests of ordinary people, I found this unacceptable. My bill, HB 260, also co-sponsored in a bipartisan fashion with a Republican colleague, mandates refunds to improperly charged consumers and prevents big utility companies from ripping off ratepayers to further enrich wealthy shareholders and campaign donors.

Serving as your State Representative for Ohio's 60th House District is truly an honor and a privilege. While many of my colleagues across the political spectrum engage in way too much divisive behavior and rhetoric, I remain committed to building consensus and compromise around policies that improve the lives of everyday people. I represent you, and I won't forget that. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office at (614) 466-7251 or Rep60@ohiohouse.gov.

Library Programs

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should bring a deck of cards.

Wednesday, January 19, 6:30-7:30 pm

Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

Homeschool Fitness and Rhythm

Children ages 6-12 will enjoy a variety of different learning experiences each month! Space is limited.

Thursday, January 20, 2 pm

Willoughby Public Library, 30 Public Square, Willoughby, 440-942-3200

Homeschool Book Club: Other Worlds

Children ages 8-12 will read and discuss *Other Worlds* edited by Jon Scieszka. These short stories will engage even the most reluctant reader.

Friday, January 21, 2 pm

Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-

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STEAM Storytime

Join us for a STEAM inspired storytime for school age children. Ages 5-8.

Saturday, January 22, 11 am

Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

Khin's Craft Corner

Make a craft with Miss Khin in our pirate ship.

Wednesdays, January 26-March 16, 10 am

Eastlake Public Library, 440-942-7880

Art Club for Teens

Do you love to create art but never get the chance? Join other art-loving teens for Art Club where we will focus on a different artist or style each session. Grades 6-12

(Ages 11-18).

Thursday, January 27

6:30-8:30 pm

Eastlake Public Library, 36706 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, 440-

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Adapted Story and Craft

All ages and abilities are invited to join us for an adapted storytime and craft activity.

Thursday, January 27, 6:30 pm

Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

Music and Movement

Join us for music, movement and an opportunity to socialize and play with toys provided by the Library. Ages 2-5.

Saturday, January 29, 10:30 am

Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

Gaming Club for Teens

Make friends and play video games provided by the Library, bring your trading card games to play against others or play a board game. Grades 6-12 (Ages 11-18).

Saturday, January 29

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The February 9, 2022 program begins 11:00 a.m. at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby, followed by the luncheon at noon in the lobby.

Covid protocols will be respected.

A menu is roasted pork loin with Dijon sauce, potatoes, green beans almondine and red velvet cupcakes.

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Email: anthonyjanem@yahoo.com or phone: 440-579-5020 by noon February 4, 2022.

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