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Mayor's Report



Dennis Morley
Mayor/Safety Director

Happy New Year!
Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year!
I want to thank all the people that made our First Christkindlmarkt a huge success. The first kudos go out to Santa Claus and the Eastlake Women's Club as well as Rich from our Service Department. Thanks go out to Ray and the City of Willowick for the use of their shuttle bus as well as Little Hooves, Big Hearts for the pony rides! A big shout out to Angela Beck and the Vendors with Voices for a fantastic showing and especially YOU, our residents, for coming out and supporting Little Annie's Hope Train! We have so many exciting experiences planned for you next year so be on the look-out for our handout card that lists all the upcoming events. It should be available by mid-January at city hall. Please make it a point to come and support your friends as well

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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

Mayor

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as the City. We appreciate you!
Council passed the temporary budget in December. This will allow us to operate the first quarter of 2022. Budget discussions will start in January and will be completed by the end of March. All City Council meetings are open to the public with the exception of executive session which is for matters of personnel, litigation or labor contracts. These meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. Come and see your government in action.
Congratulations to Nick Rubertino, our Service Director,

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

GFWC of OHIO: Eastlake Women's Club

Now we can wish everyone a HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. Hope you can make a resolution to help out our city of Eastlake, and if you can, join our great ladies and become a member of the EWC.

Many of our members participated in the Community Holiday Party held in the Eastlake Firehouse Station. Mayor Morley read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and Mr. and Mrs. Claus visited the party with gifts for all the children. Besides the girl scouts handing out drinks, and letters being written to Santa Claus, our Club gave recycled books from the Eastlake Public Library to the children who attended the party.

On December 10, our members gathered together at our President's home for our annual holiday cheer, a delicious table of appetizers, and of course wonderful friends.

On Sunday, Dec.12th, we handed out warm cups of hot chocolate and cider to the public that visited the Christmas Market in the 500 Flags parking lot. It was a bit nippy and the warm drinks were delicious.

As a reminder we are collecting plastic bags, plastic food coverings, marked containers to drop the saved plastic will be in the front entrance of Eastlake City Hall, the WE Public Libraries, and Dollar Bank on Vine Street. Don't forget if we save enough plastic material in 5 more months our Club can win a bench of recycled

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

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material on which we will put on a plaque of our organization, AND we will find a comfortable spot for our residents of Eastlake to sit and enjoy the day!

Our next meeting will be January 5th at the Council meeting room in City Hall – 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing the heartwarming book *HOW THE PENGUINS SAVED VERONICA* by Hazel Prior. A curmudgeonly but charming old woman, her estranged grandson, and a colony of penguins proves it's never too late to be the person you want to be in this rich, heartwarming story from the acclaimed author of *Ellie and the Harpmaker*.

Even if you can't read this delightful story in time for the meeting– take some time and read the book as a gift to yourself.

Captain's ticket vouchers are available from our Club. These \$10.00 vouchers can be redeemed at the Captain's Ticket Office for ANY regular game. If you missed getting some for as gifts for the holidays we still have them. Call Eastlake City Hall – 440-951-2200.

February 2 is a general business meeting and we welcome women who want to give back to their community.

Two thoughts to share:
Where do mathematicians go on New Years' Eve? Times Square
And don't forget to give "CHEERS" to everyone who still plans on going to the gym after January!

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City of Eastlake Council Reports



Angela Schmidt
Council-at-Large

This holiday season and throughout the coming year, I hope you are surrounded with joy and peace.

Goodbye 2021, Hello 2022! Do you have a New Years resolution or word for the year? Mine is to do one act of kindness each day, with the hope at the end of the year I would have made a difference in 365 lives. I would love to know yours for 2022. I can always be reached by email

at aschmidt@eastlakeohio.com and I can't wait to hear from you. I would love to monthly share your ideas and progress. If you ever see me out and about please say hi.

With the cold temperatures it's a great time to snuggle up with a book. The free libraries at 1048 Quentin and the Quentin pump station are stocked with books looking for a good home. While out grabbing a book make sure

to drive behind City Hall to see the beautiful holiday lights. The Service Department created a wonderful magical Christmas display. Congratulations to the Service Director Nick Rubertino on his well deserved retirement. May you have the best and most fulfilling one. Enjoy!

With The recent power outages it serves as a great reminder to review your emergency plans and kits. For more information on

what your emergency kit should include please visit <https://www.ready.gov/kit>. There's no time like the present to start pulling yours together. The holidays may end but good will and hope live on. Remember to send me your acts of kindness so I can share them and pass along your great ideas! Happy New Year!

Positively Eastlake,
Angela R. Schmidt

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.

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programs: 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. Students may take their first two to three years of coursework at Lakeland – at the lower community college tuition rate – and then transfer seamlessly into a university center partnership program. Graduates of the programs receive their degrees from the partner institutions.

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.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

SPRING SEMESTER 2022

If earning a college degree or job-ready credential is your goal in the new year, spring semester at Lakeland is the perfect time and place to begin the journey.

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Bankruptcy 101:

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Question: What is your credit score and why do the lenders make such a big deal about it? How will it affect me in these times?

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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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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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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Enter Laketran's Design a Bus Wrap Art Contest

Laketran's Design a Bus Wrap student art contest is open for entry submittals.

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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"We Made History" Presented February 9th

The Women's Committee of The Fine Arts Association will celebrate Presidents Month with a program entitled "We Made History," The story of the 16th President during that great conflict from life in a log cabin to the White House and Mary's tragic life as portrayed by historians.

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.

Cost is \$15 a member; \$20 non-member; \$10 for program only (which can be purchased at the door). All tickets payable by check or cash.

RESERVATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PROGRAM LUNCHEON.

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

The Women's Committee is an independent auxiliary whose mission is to support and promote The Fine Arts Association in the appreciation of the creative arts of music, dance, art and drama (www.fineartsassociation.org).

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Laketrans Now Offers Pass Sales at Local Retail Stores with EZfare

Laketrans riders can now purchase bus passes at over 70 retail stores throughout the county by adding cash to their EZfare account, the agency's mobile fare payment app.

This new payment option provides a convenient way for riders who have the app, but want or need to pay their bus fare using cash.

"Technology improvement should be inclusive, not exclusive," shared Laketrans CEO Ben Capelle. "It is vital to realize that not everyone has access to a credit or debit card, and that

those who still prefer to use cash are not left behind by the advent of digital services. By offering cash digitization, we are enabling all riders to be able to access and enjoy the advantages of mobile ticketing."

Participating retail outlets include many major national chains including Family Dollar, Dollar General, CVS Pharmacy, 7 Eleven, Speedway, Sheetz, Walgreens and Walmart. Riders can visit any retail outlet to preload cash onto their EZfare app. Retailers add credit by accepting a cash payment and

then scanning a barcode in the user's app. The rider can then use the deposited cash to buy and store bus passes in their in-app wallet.

The agency launched their EZfare app in 2019 to provide a cashless option to purchase your fare at the bus stop for people who prefer not to carry cash, but learned customers who rely on paying with cash were interested in the app for its convenience.

Laketrans collects a quarter of their Local Route and Park-n-Ride fares are through the app and hopes that number will continue

to grow. EZfare continues to reduce the burden and costs of the transit system's existing ticketing infrastructure and fare boxes.

"This is another step towards reducing our cost to collect bus fares," explained Laketrans CEO Ben Capelle. "Fare boxes require that we manage cash collection and print physical tickets. They also require a lot of maintenance and are expensive to replace. By allowing riders to add cash to the mobile app and then store it for later use, we reduce cash handling and printing costs."

Laketrans removed fare boxes

from its 93 vehicle Dial-a-Ride fleet in 2020 and transitioned Dial-a-Ride to a prepaid service to avoid an over \$1.3 million replacement cost. By removing the fare boxes, Laketrans was also able to begin using smaller vans to provide the door-to-door service.

In addition to the cost savings and customer benefits, EZfare also allows for contactless fare collection, which has improved the safety of transit during the pandemic eliminating the need to touch the fare box and allow for social distancing.

Estate Liquidators Antiques & Collectible Flea Market is Getting a New Look

Starting January 1, 2022 the market will be filled with Estate Sale items and items I have of my own. We will still offer spaces to vendors selectively and our hours and terms for

vendor spaces will be updated. Still NO COMMISSION OR WORK DAYS! The shop is very successful with record weekly sales. I have made this decision based on a need to sell my own

items.

The store is a wonderful place with so much to offer everyone. The variety is unbelievable and items range from old to new, antiques, collectibles, advertising, toys, glassware, handmade and the prices range from .50 to \$500.

I will extend the hours at the end of the month to WEDNESDAY-

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We will offer a variety of items and events including facebook live, Marketplace sales section, Ebay, and Etsy sections and selective estate consignments to put either in the shop or online. The traffic at our location is great and our sign you can see off the

freeway.

Any questions please don't hesitate to text or call me and leave a message at 440-382-6789. We are always working to make not only the shop a success, but my dedicated vendors that are supporting me in all my efforts.

Here is to a great 2022...thanks everyone! ~ Deb

Library Programs

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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 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, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

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 19, 2:30 pm

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Library Programs Continued....

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

Winter Adventures of Olaf and Sven

Join our virtual adventure to save Olaf from the warm weather! Wednesday, January 19, 6:30 pm
Online via Zoom

Magic Class for Teens

Magician Chris Woodman will teach you how to perform cool magic tricks with playing cards and everyday objects. Participants 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., 440-942-3362

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, 440-942-7880

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

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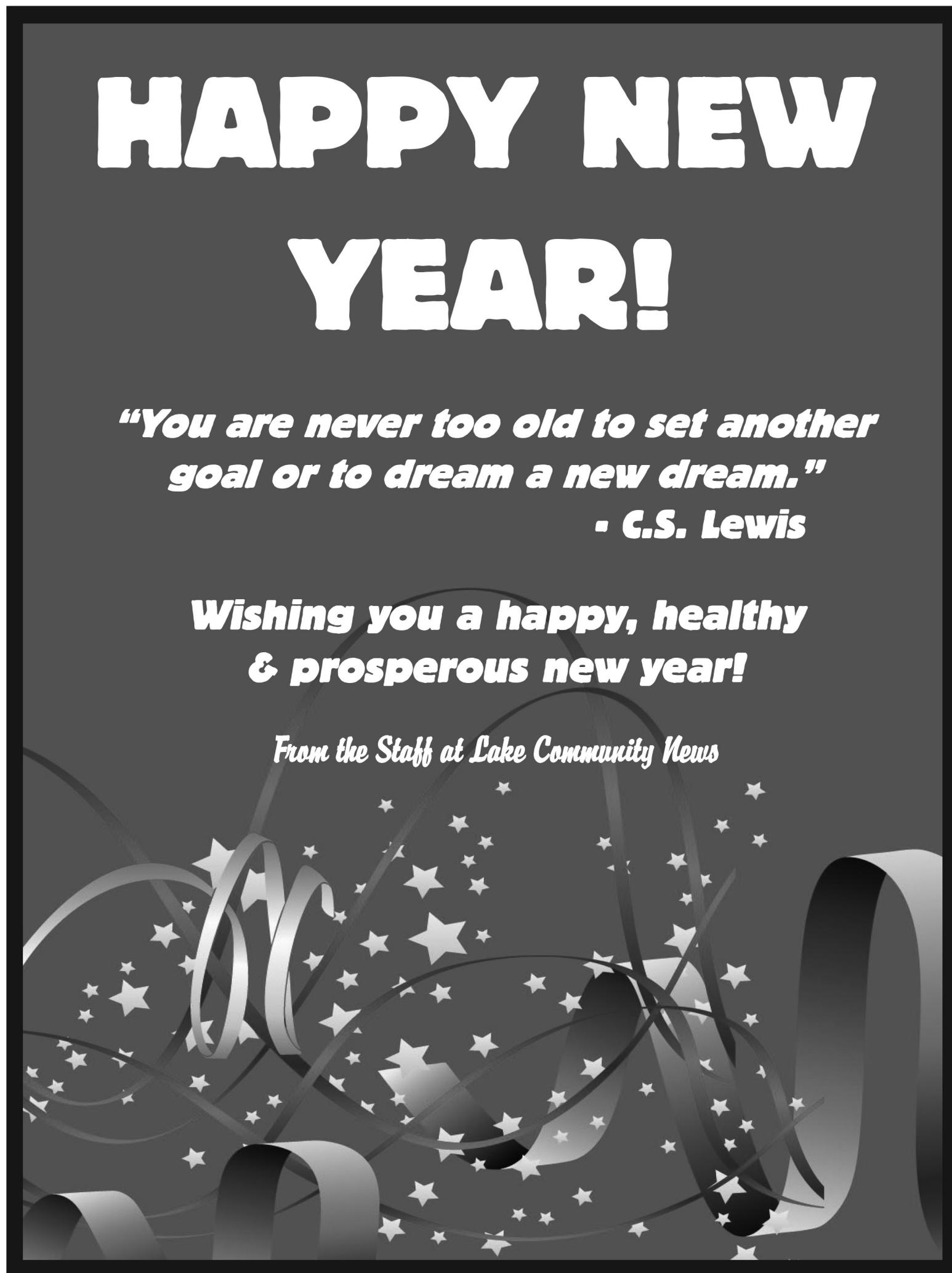
and an opportunity to socialize and play with toys provided by the Library. Ages 2-5.

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).

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