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Painesville City Council

Front Row: Lori DiNallo, Paul Hach, Tom Fitzgerald
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Spending quality time with my family is by far one of my favorite things to do in my free time. Unfortunately, with our busy daily work routines and all of the other 'adulting' that life demands, it leaves very little time to spend with family and unwind. In 2020 the COVID pandemic struck, turning our world upside down and inside out, forcing us to spend more quality time together, to appreciate the little things we once took for granted, to rethink our priorities, passion and purpose. Normalcy seemed like a distant dream at the time, but thankfully, we are starting to escape isolation and venture out. Although I will always be grateful for being at home with my girls, I was ready to show my sweet little two-year-old monster the way life is supposed to be and all the wonderful things she has missed out on.

The question was, which adventure would I take her on first? The answer, of course, was staring at me right in the face. The City of Painesville has many things to do, and best of all, most of them are FREE to attend. The Painesville Farmer's Market was my first stop! I showed her all the different colors of the many vegetables, and we talked about how things grow. We even picked out a treat for our neighbor's dog. Watching her little eyes light up with curiosity was my favorite part of the trip. The market, located in Veterans' Park, is open every Thursday from noon to 4:00 p.m.

If you love music, Veterans' Park also hosts Painesville's Concerts in the Park every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. So, come out with your family, throw down a blanket and listen to some free music courtesy of Painesville Community Improvement Corporation (PCIC)! Finally, if you have a passion for cars, the Downtown Painesville Organization (DPO) has their Friday Night Car Cruises running in Veterans' Park every Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. These car cruises are packed with cool cars that will fit everyone's taste and style in the family.

There are so many different things to do in Painesville! Activities for every age group. The city also puts on single events to keep things fun and exciting. For example, the Recreation Department

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Open Burning Law & Recreational Fires

As summer is in full swing and everyone is looking to enjoy the outdoors, the Painesville City Fire Department has seen an increase in the amount of calls received about open burning complaints.

As a reminder, open burning is prohibited in Painesville City except as defined in Ordinance 560.08. Open burning is allowed for:

- Heating tar, welding acetylene torches, highway safety flares, heating for warmth of outdoor workers and strikers, smudge pots and similar occupational needs, and;
- Bonfires (by permit),

campfires and outdoor fireplace equipment, whether for cooking food for human consumption, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth, recreational or similar purposes, if the following conditions are met:

- o Fuel must be either clean, seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created by burning seasoned firewood;
- o Fires cannot be used for waste disposal purposes
- o Fires must not exceed 3 feet in diameter or 2 feet in height.

- o Must be at least 25ft from a structure (50ft for bonfires)
- o Fires must be attended (cannot be left abandoned) and an extinguishing agent (garden hose or similar) is required.

Please do not burn trash, old furniture, etc. This is an illegal activity and may result in a citation. PCFD will respond to complaints of open burning and will enforce City Ordinances. Be considerate of your neighbors and burn clean, seasoned firewood that does not make objectionable smoke, so that everyone can safely enjoy their summertime outdoor activities!

Work Zone Safety from the Public Works Perspective

Painesville Public Works employees very rarely work indoors. They deal with rain, snow, hot, cold and everything in between in Northeast Ohio!

During the summer months, employees are out performing essential services such as maintaining streets, cleaning and repairing catch basins, roadkill disposal and repairing the City's sewer infrastructure. Most of the

crew's daily activities are done in the actual roadway or along the edge of the road.

To ensure the safety of our dedicated workers we need your help. Please stay alert and minimize distractions, follow other vehicles at a safe distance, slow down when you see a work zone, look for instructions from flaggers, be aware of road workers as you drive through the work

zone, proceed cautiously and most importantly, please be patient.

With your help, we can all enjoy a safe and happy summer! Thank you for helping keep us safe.

Car Cruise Fridays

Painesville's famous DPO Friday Night Car Cruise is every Friday from 5:00-9:00 p.m. in Painesville Square. Stroll through vintage, muscle and unique vehicles lining beautiful Veterans' Park while enjoying music and snacks. This event is weather permitting and run by the Downtown Painesville Organization (DPO).

For questions, please contact Joy Severa at joy@mainstreetpainesville.org or 440-853-0075

FCC Broadband

The U.S. Federal Communications Commission recently announced a subsidy program that provides qualifying families (135% of the poverty rate) \$50/month for broadband internet connection to help more homes have access to reliable internet. For more info and to apply: <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>.

Painesville Party in the Park 'Lite'

The Painesville Community Improvement Corporation's (PCIC) annual three-day Party in the Park is modified this year to help spread out the crowds. This year, PCIC will host four Party in the Park 'Lite' on Saturdays throughout the summer featuring continuous live music, food trucks, vendors, adult beverages

and more.

Those dates include May 22, July 17, August 14 and September 18. Bring your own seating to relax in front of the main stage or walk around the park – the choice is yours!

For more information, visit www.painesvilleimprovement.com/party-in-the-park.

Concerts in the Park Every Wednesday

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the sounds of summer every Wednesday in beautiful Painesville Square. Each week features live music from a local band starting at 6:00 p.m. This summer series kicks off on June 9 and runs through August 4. Sponsored by the Painesville

Community Improvement Corporation (PCIC).

- July 7: Red Light Roxy (Jazz & Blues)
- July 14: Off week!
- July 21: Mariachi Santa Cecilia (Mariachi)
- July 28: The Raybans (Island Rock)

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Attitudes are Changing Towards Insurance

The events of the past year have created a great deal of uncertainty in many of our lives. Those who may not have given life or health insurance a second thought, are now reconsidering these protections. They have seen how life can change in an instant; that no one is exempt from becoming sick, disabled, or losing their life and they are taking steps to protect themselves and those they care about.

The primary purpose of life and health insurance is to provide a financial safety net. But what kind of insurance will be best for you?

Health Insurance

Even before the effects of the covid emergency, 3 million Americans were without health care coverage. The situation was worsened when according to estimates by the Kaiser Family Foundation, approximately 2 to 3 million workers lost employee-based health plans between March and September 2020.

The good news is the recently passed Coronavirus Relief Plan contains provisions to make Affordable Care Act (ACA) coverage much more affordable. Now, 9 out of 10 people enrolled

in Marketplace coverage qualify for financial help, and 75% of people found plans for \$50 or less/month after financial assistance. This, combined with the Special Enrollment Period that re-opened the ACA marketplace through August 15 gives those without coverage an opportunity to enroll in a budget-friendly plan now.

Life Insurance

Life insurance provides a financial safety net that your spouse, children, or others can depend on if you die. It is not a one-size-fits-all purchase. You will need to decide on the type, length, and amount of coverage you need. While there are many types of Life Insurance, two basic types are Term and Whole Life Insurance.

Term Life Insurance is an affordable way to provide basic protection. Term Life Insurance lasts a certain number of years, then ends. If the insured dies during the period specified in the policy and the policy is active, or in force, a death benefit will be paid. Unlike most types of permanent insurance, term insurance has no cash value.

Whole Life Insurance provides financial protection but also includes

a savings/investment component in addition to the death benefit. Unlike Term Insurance a Whole Life policy remains in effect for the life of the insured if the premiums are paid. Over time Whole Life Insurance builds cash value which can be accessed in the event of emergencies.

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you can gain that experience. You could work as an apprenticeship for a few years, attend trade school and apply for entry-level positions, or simply climb the industry ladder in your local area. Apprenticeships teach you the basics of electrical wiring, equipment usage, and electrical theory.

Residential electrician, take a course offered at several colleges in Ohio and coupled with experience can practice

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Donor support is helping Lakeland Community College students stay on track to earn their credentials and fill a shortage of qualified workers in our community.

Economists project that most jobs in Ohio will require a postsecondary credential by 2025. Lakeland is a critical provider of job training and

education to prepare graduates with the skills local employers need for the jobs of the future. Ninety-seven percent of Lakeland graduates live or work in our community, providing local employers with a pipeline of skilled workers who are ready for immediate employment.

To help more students complete

their studies, the college has focused on creating a campus experience that increases student success. This includes providing financial assistance, student support services, student engagement programs, and emergency needs funding to keep students on the path to earning their degrees or certificates.

In 2015, the college's philanthropic arm, The Lakeland Foundation, launched a \$10 million campaign for scholarships and programs to support Lakeland student success and future economic growth.

"Our students face unique challenges which often prevent them from pursuing a college education or finishing once they have begun," said Greg Sanders, Lakeland vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of The Lakeland Foundation. "Thanks to donors to the Futures Rising campaign, we are creating a campus experience that improves students' success in college, careers and life."

Over the past five years, 1,342 donors contributed \$10.7 million to the Lakeland Foundation's Futures Rising Campaign, surpassing its goal. About \$4 million was raised for innovative programs to support student success and enhance the campus experience. Programs include diversity initiatives, arts and cultural experiences, leadership opportunities, and other co-curricular activities.

Studies show that the more actively engaged students are - with college faculty and staff, with other students, with the subject matter they are studying - the more likely they are to persist in their college studies and to achieve at higher levels.

Learning experiences, like the Lakeland Honors Program, provide opportunities for students to engage with other classmates and gain valuable skills. Designed to foster leadership development, the honors program offers opportunities for service, travel and social activities while providing an excellent and challenging academic experience.

"I've learned more than just from the hard classes I take in the honors program," said Bradley Gartner, a traditional aged student pursuing his Associate of Science degree. "I've gained diverse perspectives and leadership and teamwork skills that I wouldn't have attained otherwise."

The campaign also raised more than \$2.5 million to provide scholarships for students who need help paying tuition to finish college and gain access to better jobs. While Lakeland's tuition is one of the lowest in the state, more than half of students receive some form of financial assistance.

Scholarships are awarded to students like Kristina Shapiro, a mother of three who worked part-time while studying at Lakeland to become a nurse. "The scholarship helped me to afford the last year of nursing school," said Shapiro, who earned her Associate of Applied Science degree this spring.

During the pandemic, when many students lost their jobs, The Lakeland Foundation focused its fundraising efforts on emergency funds and the Lakeland Cares Cupboard food pantry. Emergency funds provide support for students' most basic needs, such as food, transportation and child care. The Foundation's Immediate Needs Grant is available to students who encounter an unexpected financial hardship in paying for expenses that is preventing them from completing the semester.

Lakeland scholarship recipients went on camera recently to personally thank donors for the generous gifts made to the Futures Rising campaign. View the thank you video on Lakeland's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/KI9MKD4TUo4>.



Lakeland scholarship recipients thank you for your support.



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

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

A chapter 13 is a non-liquidating bankruptcy. This means you get to keep everything, but you have to pay back a percentage of your equity. It is also used for people who are in foreclosure or

behind on their mortgage and in fear of foreclosure. A chapter 13 requires a payback plan from between three to five years. The payment is monthly. The amount is determined, again, by the amount of equity you have accumulated in your life. This is referred to as your bankruptcy estate. Obviously, everyone wants to do a chapter 7 because it is no pay back. However, since 2005 it has become much harder to file chapter 7. In 2005, legislation was passed which tightened up the income restrictions on people with regard to the Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The intended result was that more people must file under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy code and pay back, at least, what the government thinks they can afford.

It is the bankruptcy attorney's job to advise you which is the best chapter to file under. It is also the attorney's job to make sure you keep your home, your car, and everything else you have accumulated throughout your life.

A good bankruptcy attorney will do those all of those things. He or She will also stop the creditors from harassing you, protect you from lawsuits, garnishments, put you back on your feet and give you a fresh start in life.

Annual Parade of Ponds - July 17th

Thinking about a pond? Want to expand a pond? Or just want to learn about a pond? Well don't miss this day in July.

The Parade of Ponds is a self guided tour for people to see ornamental ponds & water features. American Home & Energy Products hosts this yearly event and it all begins at their retail store in Painesville, across from the Lake County Fairgrounds.

Each year about 15 homeowners in Lake County open up their beautifully landscaped yards to share their water gardening projects. The tour is set up to give ideas for current and future projects, or just for the appreciation of water gardening. You will have a chance to see many relaxing atmospheres coordinated within homeowners' landscapes, such as custom built waterfalls & streams, schools of colorful fish, hardy native water plants, exotic tropical plants, pondless features and all the surrounding landscapes. You will be able to talk with most of the homeowners about their project and find out why water



Owner Chris Bedrick pictured by one of American Home display ponds

gardening has become America's #1 growing landscape trend.

All you have to do is stop in anytime on Saturday, July 17th and pick up a map and description handout of the various features and away you go. The event is free and runs from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Saturday only. We do ask that you call the week prior so we are sure to have enough maps on hand.

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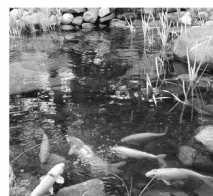
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One hour of skating per week can burn 600 calories, 30 minutes of skating produces a heart rate of at least 148 beats per minutes, roller skating works most muscle groups including: glutes, quads, abs, calves, arms and causes 50% less stress to joints 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.

Local Painesville Handyman Company Saves the Day

Evan Pirc, a local savvy real estate investor and resident, recently sold a home in our community. Sidewalk block repair was required to complete the transaction.

"The fellow we hired to do the work had all kinds of wonderful ideas and even offered a price that should have saved me money, but his follow-through wasn't very good and ended up costing me more money in the long run." Pirc said. "He bailed on us without finishing everything he was supposed to do."

This left Pirc facing multiple closing delays and potentially losing the deal on the sale of his home. It also nearly left the buying family stranded with nowhere to go.

That's why Monthly Upkeep recently was called in for Pirc's job. Their crew bills themselves as "Monthly Upkeep, Painesville's Get it Done Handyman," and they quickly completed the job the other contractor failed to finish.

Monthly Upkeep, on one days

notice, was able to handle the job Pirc had been falsely promised by another contractor for weeks would be completed. Pirc said "Like many customers I tried to save a few bucks by going with another contractor and it ended up costing me big time in the long run."

Pirc and Monthly Upkeep successfully completed the required job and the new family was able to close. "Pirc said, Monthly Upkeep is now my go to contractor."

A few things to watch out for are contractors who ask for upfront 100% payment should be a red flag. Busy established handyman companies like Monthly Upkeep usually require a small deposit to reserve your spot on their busy calendar. This is okay and gives customers peace of mind knowing they are scheduled.

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"Only about 5% of the Home Improvement companies in Northeast Ohio have performed consistently well enough to earn our Super Service Award," said Angie (founder of Angie's List.) "It's a really high standard."

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As of July 1, 2021, Painesville Municipal Court will discontinue night court on Wednesday nights. Hearings will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Questions or concerns can be answered at 440-392-5900.

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The month will start out with one of many sales at a house located in Wickliffe. The house is filled to the brim with antiques, collectibles, glassware, dolls, toys, jewelry, furniture and so much more. The first sale will be July 1st through July 7th (this is an online sale only) of the garage, kitchen and dining room. I have brought into those rooms collectible glass, lamps, pewter,

silver plate, figurines, furniture, kitchenware, pottery, jewelry and more. Pictures are posted on estatesales.net and I will run an ad in the News Herald and on Craig's List and Marketplace as well. Call or email for more information.

The next event will be July 8th at 7560 Tyler Blvd. Warehouse in Mentor, Ohio 44060 either Unit B or Unit F (signs will be posted.)

This sale will be retail sales as well as an online auction with a buy it now option (on selected items) which will run for 1 week if someone doesn't buy it before that.

At the 7560 Tyler Blvd. Unit B warehouse (the 5050 Auctions LLC location) there is a brochure box with a list of sales and events including information about a new Estate Liquidation Antiques & Collectible Flea Market that will open in August, 2021. I will be looking for vendors to fill the shop. Feel free to text me or call me at 440-382-6789 for other information or leave a detailed message on the office phone at 440-331-5200 (please speak plainly and clearly as many times I can't understand the message or the voice is too soft.)

This is an exciting month and August will be even better with all the estates and events and the opening of a new store in August. Like I said before..."we do it all.... just make the call."

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Council's Corner

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puts on a Movie in the Park every year. The Recreation Department also hosts their annual Chili Cook Out, which will have you so full of chili samples that you may be skipping dinner that evening!

Be on the lookout for all of the events hosted in the City of Painesville. You can do this by following the City of Painesville, the Downtown Painesville Organization and Painesville

Community Improvement Corporation on social media. You can also find more information about local events through city mailers, stopping in City Hall, or visiting the local businesses. Remember, the City of Painesville is a great place to create lifelong memories with your family. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!

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