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Mayor's Report



Dennis Morley
Mayor/Safety Director

Happy February!

I am going to be optimistic and say the worst of winter is behind us. I appreciate that we have had very few resident complaints about the snow so clearly you have all been courteous to your neighbors. Thank you!

It's that time again!! The 2022 Hometown Heroes Banner Program is once again open to accept applications. This program is a tribute to recognize and honor our residents and their immediate family members who are currently serving or have served our country in the armed forces. Application forms are available on our website, eastlakeohio.com, and at City Hall. The deadline to submit for this summer is March 14th. Applications can be mailed or dropped off to City Hall.

I am pleased to report that Culvers is coming along great. The crews are onsite almost every day working on the infrastructure. I am very much

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Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library Programs & Events

During the month of February 2022, the following free programs will be offered at the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library. Registration is required. Events may be held in person and/or via Zoom. For the most up to date program information or to register for one of our upcoming events, visit the Events Calendar at 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!

Getting started with Medicare

Join Laura Mutsko as she

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looking forward to a Spring opening. In other news, The Clean Express Auto Wash is open and waiting for you! They feature an Unlimited Wash Club and FREE vacuums! I am sure they will be wonderful community partners and I would already like to thank them for taking on The Miracle League as their chosen non-profit.

The newest COVID-19 relief program, a partnership between Lifeline and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, is still accepting applications. They have funding to assist Lake & Geauga County homeowners with delinquent property taxes, HOA fees and utilities. Funding is limited, so please contact their office soon if assistance is needed! The office number is 440-354-2148 Ext. 222. If you are facing a disconnection notice or running low on fuel, you may qualify for the 2022 HEAP Program. The

leads us through exploring the different complexities of getting started with Medicare.

Tuesday, February 1
6 pm
Online via Zoom

Black History Month Book Discussion

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Thursday, February 3
2-3 pm

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

Lake County Victim Assistance Program

Sheri Sweeney, Program Director of Lake County Victim Assistance, will provide a general overview of services provided.

Monday, February 7, 6:30-7:30 pm

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

appointment line number is 440-381-8230.

This is the perfect time to give a huge THANK YOU to Diane and the Eastlake Kiwanis for taking care of our Eastlake residents during the holiday season and every day. These people go above and beyond every day and are a shining example of the good people we have in this city.

Over the next couple of months, I will have more information on our Farm Market as well as all the upcoming City Events. All that information will be available on our website and social media as well as this paper and our event phone line.

As always please email or call. We do not respond to Social Media negative comments which most of the time do not have all the facts.

Happy Groundhog Day February 2nd.

Mayor Morley
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951-2200 ext.1002

943-4151

Author Lisa Weldon

Lisa will speak about her new memoir, *Twenty Pieces*, the story of a 58-year-old woman who reinvents herself by taking 30 days to walk through the pieces of her life.

Thursday, February 10
7 pm

GFWC of OHIO: Eastlake Women's Club

Welcome to 2022 – We are spending more time at home only going out to go shopping, doctors and health appointments, among other personal plans. Please stay healthy and don't forget your masks. If I can get personal, I enjoy reading books from the library, zooming friends and various virtual programs offered by many local groups and clubs on the computer.

If you subscribe to the News Herald you might have seen the Jan.10th article describing how businesses are donating food and articles to families which included our CLUB whose members volunteer at Willow Praise Church. If we can all donate even a small amount we will be helping children from going hungry.

Our Club donated school supplies to TJ Elementary School as part of our annual donations each January.

Information will be sent to North and South High Schools and career academies-Lake Catholic and Cornerstone Christian Academy notifying staff and students applications for scholarships will be available to fill out and win a scholarship based upon their schoolwork.

Our members will help the Willoughby Public Library celebrate the annual DR.SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY with games and activities MARCH 1st 6:30p.m. Come and celebrate everyone's favorite picture book artist and storyteller.

Online via Zoom

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

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THANKS for keeping the LITTLE FREE LIBRARY full of books for the community to enjoy. Hope more people will make use of the LFL in the parking lot of Classic Park by the playground.

It's not too early to think about this year's Captains baseball season. Our Club is selling tickets for \$10.00 which are good for ANY game. So take advantage of the "deal" and talk to a Club member you may know or Eastlake City Hall for more information- 440-951-2200.

AND DON'T FORGET.... Save those plastic bags, plastic wrapping around produce, ziplock bags, plastic produce and bread bags, They can be dropped off at any Willoughby Eastlake library, Eastlake City Hall, and Dollar Bank on Vine St. dropboxes are at every location. If we are able to save enough poundage of plastic our club will earn a Nextrek (recyclable) bench to be placed in our city for the comfort of our citizens – SO PLEASE BRING IN YOUR PLASTIC BAGS AND HELP OUT EASTLAKE!!

Dates to remember for February-
Feb. 1 – Chinese New Year
Feb. 2 – Ground Hog Day
Feb. 12 – Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day
Feb. 21 – President's Day

Any questions please call Eastlake City Hall- 440-951-2200

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City of Eastlake Council Reports



John Meyers
Ward 2 Councilman

Hello Everyone,
Happy Groundhog Day.
Here are a few things that council is working on,
We have begun the budgeting process, this should be wrapped up by the end of March.
Mayor Morley, Councilman Spotton and myself continue to work on the Spray Park and will hopefully have some good news regarding this project shortly.
Expect announcements soon regarding events here in your city in 2022.
Welcome back OPA, (Offshore Powerboat Association), who will be returning to Eastlake July 8-10. Last years event was very well received, and we are looking forward to an even better event this year.
Please clear the snow from around any fire hydrants that are on your property, this will assist the firefighters if it is necessary to access the hydrant.
As always stay safe.
If you need to reach me please contact me at 440.341.0212, or at jmeyers@eastlakeohio.com



Angela Schmidt
Council-at-Large

Roses are red, violets are blue and I hope you know how much I appreciate you! Will you help us with our Valentines Card Drive for Eastlake Senior Citizens? It's easy and only takes a little bit of time to brighten someone's day! Simply fill out a Valentine's Day card and drop it off to the pink mailbox located in the lobby of Eastlake City Hall. Last day to drop off is Monday February 7th. The cards will be included in the Senior food distribution box at the Eastlake Senior Center. Thank you for partnering with us to spread joy in our community.
January was an exciting month for two Eastlake businesses. We welcomed an eco-friendly express car wash to Vine Street. Clean Express Auto Wash opened just in time to help us keep winter's salt and slush off our cars! And Wellness Traditions located on E346th Street hosted an Open House. Our second local small business is dedicated to holistically assisting you achieve individual goals in health and personal happiness. Check out their website wellnesstraditionscenter.com for the many services offered. Remember when local Eastlake businesses are supported our community gains strength. We are securing a strong economic foundation.
As a reminder our council meetings are open to the public and are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. I'm excited to be on the WPCC and Finance committees as well as the Economic & Community Development Council. I hope to see you soon! Please get involved and stay connected. I look forward to hearing from you. Happy Valentine's Day, and don't eat too many chocolates because swimsuit season is right around the corner!
Positively Eastlake,
Angela R. Schmidt
aschmidt@eastlakeohio.com



Dave Spotton
Ward 4 Councilman

Hello Ward 4,
Hope all had a wonderful holiday season and wishing you a happy new year. With the start of the New Year, we begin looking the budget for the city. The City finished 2021 in very good fiscal standings and I am looking forward to continuing this. With that being said, we are looking at roads to be repaired along with park improvements, staffing and equipment needs.
Things are happening around the City. As you may have seen the build out, now open Clean Express Auto wash, and the demolition of the "smoke" building and construction has

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Something for Everyone at The Sunny Boutique!

Something for all you ladies at The Sunny Boutique located at 34510 Lakeshore Blvd in Eastlake at the end of the Eastlake Plaza.

From cozy lounge pants and leggings to formal dresses for a night out and everything in between.

Great handmade items including soap, hair bows, jewelry, purses, candles and cards, as well as hand designed clothing.

Start shopping for 2022 Prom and check out our selection of dresses. No prom dress is priced over \$100! They are priced starting at \$20. Dress yourself for less!

Unique boutique fashions for women size 0-24+. Spaces available if you have clothing and accessories for sale.

Contact Kim at 440-749-2241 10% off on Tuesdays for seniors 55+, veterans and first responders. Hours Tues-Sat 11-5, Weds 11-8



Michael Semick
Council-at-Large

Hey folks! Now that my official term has begun, I just want to say again how thankful I am for this opportunity. I'm very excited about being able to help this city I love move forward!

Now that "Old Man Winter" has arrived, I thought I would take this opportunity to offer some suggestions in case of an emergency and you are stuck on the roadway. According to AAA some items you may want to make sure you have in your car are: A first aid kit, phone charger, flash light with extra batteries, some non-perishable food items (like protein bars – it's important to switch those out every few months), a couple bottles of drinking water, extra pet food (if applicable) and a shovel or ice scraper. A few additional items that my Dad always told me and I tell me kids they should have? Some blankets, hats and gloves (because lets face it – most kids are "too cool" to wear them when they should), "Hot Hands" hand warmers, and maybe a bag of sand for weight if rear wheel

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drive or for traction if stuck.

Last but not least, please – just take your time and be patient – that slow driver in front of you just might be a 16/17 year old driving through their first winter, could be a pregnant woman who is nervous for her life and the life of her unborn child, could be a Mother/Father with precious cargo on board, could be a driver on their way home from a working a double shift, or could be someone out in the snow for the first time since they got into a bad accident last winter....

Better arrive a little late with everyone safe than to rush and stress and risk an accident.

Michael Semick
(440)951-2200 ext 3517
Eastlake City Council-at-Large

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started on Culver's. In addition, at the last council meeting the Building Department reported that the construction of new homes is also doing very well.

In regards to the splash park, we have had the engineers look at the location and do some core testing. This has taken a long time, but we should be getting a final report and plans for a project that has been moving slowly for the last 4 years, but has been moving.

The City is working on many events, concerts at City Hall, the boat race returning and more for this summer.

Thoughts and prayers for families touched by cancer.

Ward 4 Council
Dave Spotton



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Laketran Offers Week of Free Rides to Celebrate Ohio Loves Transit Week

Public transportation is essential to every segment of the community including businesses, health and human service agencies, municipalities, individuals and their families.

This has proved even truer throughout the pandemic. Laketran has continued to find safe ways to provide transportation so essential workers can get to work, homebound seniors can get food

and be vaccinated, and dialysis and cancer patients have access to critical healthcare they need.

Every day in Ohio, over 3 million people rely on transit to get to work, shopping, medical appointments, education and recreation.

This Valentine's Day, Laketran is joining transit agencies across the state to celebrate Ohio Loves Transit Week, a statewide outreach initiative to educate residents on

the impact public transit has in our communities.

Try Transit, Laketran can get you there.

Laketran is operating fare free Monday, February 14 – Saturday, February 19 to show appreciation to their riders, as well as encourage others to try public transit to get where they need to go.

Laketran offers three types of services to get around Lake

County, into Cuyahoga County, and to Downtown Cleveland. Local Routes 1-9 operate along the major corridors of Lake County from Wickliffe to Madison from 6am – 8pm. Park-n-Ride routes offer Cleveland commuters a reliable, stress-free ride from eight different Lake County locations into downtown Cleveland during morning and evening rush hours.

Laketran's nationally recognized, door-to-door Dial-a-Ride takes residents anywhere they need to go in Lake County and select medical destinations in Cuyahoga County. While primarily used by seniors and people with disabilities, Laketran's Dial-a-Ride service is available to anyone in need of transportation.

To get a ride, simply schedule a reservation 1-12 days in advance of your trip by calling 440-354-6100.

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Each year, Laketran provides 750,000 rides to Lake County residents. Commuters, senior citizens, students, families, and people with disabilities all benefit from using Laketran.

What's not to love about a nice warm vehicle with a professional, friendly driver helping you avoid the stress of winter driving? We hope you decide to try Laketran this February. If you or someone you know could benefit from learning more about Laketran, contact Laketran at (440) 354-6100 or visit www.laketran.com.

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CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY -
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Chapter 13 bankruptcy is an excellent legal mechanism for four kinds of people to get back on their feet and regain their peace of mind: 1) People who are behind on their mortgage payments or in foreclosure and want to keep their home; 2) People who have substantial assets that they want to keep; 3) People who

make too much money for traditional chapter 7 bankruptcy; and 4) People who filed bankruptcy less than eight years ago but are in trouble again (which happens to a lot of people, so don't be too hard on yourself if this is you).

The basics of Chapter 13 bankruptcy in a nutshell are as follows: It is a non-liquidating bankruptcy. This means the creditors cannot take your home or property. In exchange for keeping your stuff you

must pay back what you can afford every month for a period between three to five years. We make sure it is affordable. After that, you are caught up on everything and out of debt with your home and all your assets still owned by you. It's a very cool legal mechanism that we use all the time to help many people get back on their feet every year.

Another excellent reason for a financially distressed debtor to do a Chapter 13 bankruptcy is if their income is too high to do a Chapter 7 bankruptcy. In 2005 the government tightened up the income restrictions on Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The good thing is that there are no income restrictions on a Chapter 13 bankruptcy and a person can still obtain their FRESH START under Chapter 13 despite making too much money.

Also, if you have missed mortgage

payments and the bank now refuses to take any payments, a Chapter 13 bankruptcy can force the bank to start taking your payments and accept a payment plan on the past due payments. It can stop a foreclosure and force the bank (or county tax people) to work with you.

In Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the attorney is oftentimes able to force unsecured creditors (credit card companies among others) to take as little as zero to ten cents on the dollar of the total debt. It enables a financially distressed person to shave tens of thousands of dollars off their debt while keeping all their property and taking them out of foreclosure (if they have that problem also).

Another excellent thing about Chapter 13 bankruptcy is that you can get relief (peace of mind) and obtain your "Fresh Start" NO MATTER HOW MANY PREVIOUS

BANKRUPTCIES YOU HAVE FILED. There is no 8-year waiting period a debtor is required to wait if they want to file a second Chapter 7 bankruptcy. So even though you are not able to file a "regular" bankruptcy because you filed one less than eight years ago, you can still get financial relief under a Chapter 13 bankruptcy.

Chapter 13 bankruptcy is also good for the creditors because it forces the person in bankruptcy to pay back what he or she can afford. It is fair to everyone involved. It's a great way to regain your financial health and regain financial control if you fall into one of the categories we talked about. It is a wonderful, amazingly effective legal tool that helps many people get back on their feet and regain their peace of mind every year. Give us a call and start living again. EVERYONE DESERVES A FRESH START!

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do not pay for tuition or textbooks. They can complete classes on their high school campus or at Lakeland, earning high school and college credit at the same time. Many

students earn the first few semesters of a four-year degree while still in high school, saving thousands of dollars on a college education!

Admission into the program is open to students who have demonstrated the ability to handle college-level coursework. Successful CCP students typically have good self-management skills, excellent class attendance and no disciplinary problems.

Upon high school graduation, CCP students can continue to complete an associate degree or certificate at Lakeland or transfer directly to any Ohio four-year college, including four-year partnership programs available through Lakeland's Holden

University Center.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, earning an associate degree leads to higher salaries and increases the likelihood of getting hired. Completing an associate degree before transferring to a four-year university can increase the likelihood of completing a bachelor's degree, save students money, and improve their earnings compared to students who transfer before completing an associate degree.

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Snow in Eastlake has made one local remodeler's jobs more challenging.

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Retiring and Too Young for Medicare? You Have Options

According to recent studies, more than three million Americans retired early due in part to the Covid-19 pandemic. Early retirement, especially if it was not planned can present a myriad of financial issues with health insurance being a major one.

This is because most Americans under age 65 get their health insurance through their employer. In the past, most people waited to retire until they turned sixty-five so they could transition from their employer provided health insurance directly to Medicare. Now, those who are not waiting until age 65, are finding they are left with a gap in coverage.

There are a few ways to bridge this gap, including COBRA coverage or enrolling in a spouse or partner's health insurance

plan. While these are good alternatives, they are not always available or affordable, so many early retirees are choosing ACA plans to cover them until they are eligible for Medicare.

If you are considering an ACA plan, here are some things to note:

- ACA Plans have different premiums and out-of-pocket costs. In general, plans are grouped at Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels. All levels of Marketplace plans cover essential health benefits, pre-existing conditions, and preventive care services.

- You may qualify for income-based premium tax credits to help offset a sizable portion of your premiums, even if you were not eligible for credits in the past. For 2021 and 2022, the American Rescue Plan has made premium

subsidies larger and more widely available.

- Eligibility for subsidies is based on your income for the entire year—not just your income for the months you are enrolling in a marketplace plan. This means your salary prior to retirement counts.

- If you are currently receiving any medical treatment, you need to pay close attention to any new insurance company's provider network and drug formularies. Do not assume an insurance plan will be the same as the plan you had with your employer, even if it is with the same health insurance company.

If you are planning to retire and would like to discuss all your health insurance options, give me a call at 440-255-5700 or email me at Lmutsko@mutskoinsurance.com. I look forward to helping you find the insurance coverage that fits your situation and needs.

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and now through our Estate Liquidators Collectible Market located at 35500 Lakeland Blvd. Eastlake, Ohio 44095 we can network and accomplish this goal.

The shop currently is filled with a variety of items including advertising, furniture, collectibles, new/nearly new items, toys, games, books, records, tapes, glassware, art, tools, estate items, custom made, vintage, jewelry,

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Our new shop hours start on Wednesday, February 10th, 2022- the new hours will be Wed-Sat: 10-5pm and Sundays 12-5pm.

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Celebrate Olympic Day at the Mentor Ice Arena with Nancy Kerrigan

The Mentor Ice Arena will host an Olympic Day celebration on Sunday, February 6, 2022 with special guest, Nancy Kerrigan.

Attendees can share the ice with the Olympic star from 1:30 to 3:30 PM during a private skate session and enjoy intermittent performances from local figure skaters. Registration is required and space is limited to 300 people. Cost for the skate session is \$15.00 per person. Skate rental included for those who wish to skate.

A special meet-and-greet session will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Attendees can get a photo and autograph from

Kerrigan. Light refreshments will be served. Separate registration is required, and space is limited to 100 attendees. Cost is \$30 per person.

"I am really looking forward to coming to Mentor for their Olympic Day," said Kerrigan, "Mentor has a first-class facility and a great skating program which is a perfect combination for a fun afternoon on the ice."

Kerrigan won bronze medals at the 1991 World Championships and the 1992 Winter Olympics, silver medals at the 1992 World Championships and the 1994

Winter Olympics. She was the 1993 US National Figure Skating Champion and was inducted into the United States Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 2004.

Registration opened on January 10, 2022. Register online or by phone by calling (440) 974-5730, Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Additional information and registration links available at www.mentoricearena.com.

The Mentor Ice Arena is located at 8600 Munson Road.

"Rock & Roll Hall of Fame - Behind the Scenes" Presented March 9th

The Women's Committee of The Fine Arts Association March 9th program will be "Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Behind the Scenes" as presented by Joe Wickens,

Collections and Exhibit Manager of the Rock Hall. Joe will discuss how the museum collects and cares for its artifacts along with detailing how exhibitions are produced.

The 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.

The menu is corned beefbrisket with buttered cabbage, parsley redskin potatoes, mustard, sliced

rye bread and butter. Dessert is carrot cake 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 March 4, 2022.

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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.

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Monday, February 14, 10-11 am
Willoughby Public Library, 30 Public Square, Willoughby, 440-942-3200

Celebrate Black History Month: Viewing of the Film Remember the Titans

This film is based on the true story of coach Herman Boone, portrayed by Denzel Washington and his attempt to integrate the T. C. Williams High School football team in Alexandria, Virginia in 1971.

Monday, February 21, 6-8 pm
Willoughby Hills Public Library, 35400 Chardon Rd.,

440-942-3362

Author Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eyes Were Watching God

The Willoughby Public Library is celebrating Black History Month by hosting an in-person book discussion about this classic American work. Hurston tells a story of liberation and empowerment that allows the reader to critically consider traditional gender roles and societal norms.

Wednesday, February 23, 7 pm
Willoughby Public Library, 30 Public Square, Willoughby, 440-942-3200

Button Collecting

Learn about button collecting with the Buckeye State Button Society.

Thursday, February 24, 6:30 pm
Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

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, February 1, 6:30 pm
Online via Zoom

Tuesday, February 8, 6:30 pm
Eastlake Public Library, 36706 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, 440-942-7880

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, February 4, 2 pm
Willoughby Hills Public Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

Mason Jar Lantern Craft

Ring in the Lunar New Year with us by making a beautiful and unique mason jar lantern and discover various Chinese New Year traditions.

Tuesday, February 8, 11:30 am-1 pm (Homeschool teen program)

Thursday, February 10, 6-7:30 pm (Teen program)
Willoughby Hills Public 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, February 10, 2 pm
Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

Cooking Class for Kids: Edible Cookie Dough

Join us for an in-person cooking class and learn how to make edible cookie dough. All materials provided. Participants encouraged to bring their own apron.

Thursday, Feb. 10, 6:30 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, February 11, 1 pm
Lake Humane Society

Jungle Terry

Experience Jungle Terry's wild assortment of animals!

Saturday, February 12, 11 am
Eastlake Public Library, 36706 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, 440-942-7880

LEGO Club

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Saturday, February 12, 2 pm
Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

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, February 15, 1:30 pm
Willoughby Hills Public 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, February 16, 2:30 pm
Eastlake Public Library, 36706 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, 440-942-7880

Homeschool Fitness and Rhythm

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

Thursday, February 17, 2 pm
Willoughby Public Library, 30 Public Square, Willoughby, 440-942-3200

Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse 101: Securing Shelter

Learn how to build three types of shelters (tarps, lean-tos, debris huts) and find pre-made shelters. There will be demos by Tom Laskowski of Midwest Native Skills Institute and Survival

School. Sponsored by the W-E Library Boosters.

Thursday, February 17, 7 pm
Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

STEAM Storytime

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

Saturday, February 19, 11 am
Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

Down North: The Music of Cape Breton Island

Lori Elias, music teacher at Willoughby Middle School, will present a brief overview of the musical traditions of Canada.

Monday, February 21, 2 pm
Willoughby Public Library, 30 Public Square, Willoughby, 440-942-3200

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, February 24, 6:30-8:30 pm
Eastlake Public Library, 36706 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, 440-942-7880

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, February 26, 10:30 am
Willowick Public Library, 263 E. 305th St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

Leap into Science

Learn about light and shadows with these hands-on events made possible through the resources and training from the Franklin Institute. These are family sessions that require adult participation. Ages 3-10.

Saturday, February 26, 11 am
Eastlake Public Library, 36706 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, 440-942-7880

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, February 26, 2-4 pm
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Lake County Genealogical Society Meeting - February 24th

The Lake County Genealogical Society (LCGS) meeting will be held on February 24 from 10:00 am to noon. The LCGS is meeting on Zoom due to COVID restrictions. Please join us for a short business meeting followed by our speaker, Brian Rhinehart. Brian's topic is, "Finding Your 19th Century Ancestors on

Fold3-- Is There a Better Way?" Ever get confused on Fold3? Learn what records are available for your 19th-century military ancestors there and pick up some search strategies to narrow down what you're looking for." Learn what Fold3 military records are, and where to find them at the National Archives in Washington

DC. Brian Rhinehart is a professional genealogist and speaker and is the owner of CivilWarRecords.com. He is a graduate of Boston University's Certificate of Genealogy Research and the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (GenFed) in Washington DC. A direct descendant of

six Civil War soldiers, Brian specializes in research and record retrieval for Civil War and War of 1812 soldiers at the National Archives in Washington DC and has retrieved military files for hundreds of clients there.

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.

Join us to learn how to research and organize your findings on your ancestors, find your "Roots" and create your own Family Tree. You can also join our genealogy group, meet new people, and get help from other members besides from listening to the speakers.

Laketrans 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.

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