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## Mayor's Report



**Dennis Morley**  
Mayor/Safety Director

2021 continues to be trying due to the pandemic. Now that the vaccine is out there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel. The City and the Health District have been receiving calls of where you should go to receive your vaccination. Though you will see below the dates of when you would get vaccinated the issue is there are not enough vaccines being distributed to our county as you will see below.

The senior center has moved into the community center and is in the process of being set up. The Health District will look in April to see when and if all centers can reopen.

**Joint Statement from Lake County Emergency Management Agency, Lake County General**  
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## Upcoming Virtual Library Programs for Families

During the month of February 2021, the following free programs will be offered VIRTUALLY 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](http://www.we247.org).

All programs are via Zoom or YouTube. You must register to receive the link! Visit the Events Calendar at [www.we247.org](http://www.we247.org) or call your library to register.

### Make and Take Art Club Kits for Adults

Heart Woven in Handfolk Craft - February's Project: Associated with the Amish and Shaker movements, these were used as tokens of love in the nineteenth century. We'll provide a simple mitten and heart for you to assemble. Contact the Willoughby Library during the month of February to pick up your supplies.

### Make and Take Art Club Kits for Teens and Tweens

Each month we will have a different activity kit for you to pick up and complete at home. February's activity will be: Balloon Yarn/String Art (Feb. 1); Tie-Dye Butterfly (Feb. 15). Instructions and most of the things needed and will be included in the kit. A limited number of Art Club kits will be available. Contact the Willoughby Library to pick up your supplies. Ages 11-18.

Mondays, February 1 and 15  
10 am

### Meditation

Chera Ihnat, from Kemper House, will share her wisdom on meditation.

Monday, February 1, 2-3 pm

### Arctic Animal Story & Craft

Enjoy a fun Tuesday afternoon listening to a story about an arctic

animal and then making a craft about that animal.

Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16  
3 pm

### Cleveland State Hospital

Drawn from manuscripts by investigative reporters who were sent to expose Cleveland State Hospital's practices, learn about the state of mental healthcare in 1950's Cleveland. You will also hear about the community's efforts to keep up with the changing trends.

Wednesday, February 3  
7-8 pm

### New York Times Bestselling Author Shelley Shepard Gray

Join Shelley Shepard Gray as she discusses A Perfect Amish Romance, the first book in her new Berlin Bookmobile series! This new series follows a bookmobile driver-turned-matchmaker who learns that her Amish patrons need a whole lot more than just new books to read. Shelley Shepard Gray's novels have been Holt Medallion winners and Inspirational Readers Choice and Carol finalists. Shelley's novels have also appeared on both the New York Times and USA Today bestseller lists.

Thursday, February 4  
6:30 pm

### Getting Started with Medicare

Join Laura Mutsko as she walks participants through the complexities of Medicare.

Monday, February 8, 6:30 pm

### Take-Home Pokemon Terrariums

Contact the Willowick Library the week of February 8 to get a take-home terrarium kit. Build your kit at home and share pictures of your creations with the included hashtags. Kits available while supplies last. Grades 6-12 (Ages 12-18).

### Black Innovators of Northeast Ohio

Learn about some of Cleveland's most notable black innovators & entrepreneurs! This family program is presented by the Western Reserve Historical Society.

Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 pm

### Car Capitol of the World

Take a ride through the Western Reserve at the turn of the 20th Century and discover a treasure of Cleveland-made vehicles.

Wednesday, February 10  
7-8 pm

### Zoom LEGO Club

Join us on Zoom to discuss the amazing LEGO creations you have been working on. The Wednesday before the program, Miss Sarah will send you a video about what the theme is and an example of something she has

## GFWC of OHIO: Eastlake Women's Club

Hope everyone is enjoying the cold weather - it's a good time to stay in and keep warm.

Our President, Joyce Bates, is deciding whether to conduct a business meeting on Zoom or meet at Willow Praise Church. - Feb. 3, 2021. Please call Eastlake City Hall at (440) 951-1400 for information.

Our club will be sending out the Gerry Gallagher Memorial Scholarship applications to the North High, South High, and Lake Catholic Guidance offices later in March. Interested seniors should contact their Guidance Office after the 15th of March.

We will be helping out at Free Lunch Distribution at Willow Praise Church on February 6th from 12-1pm. There will be a distribution of new socks and undergarments to be handed out to local children at the event. Donations can be dropped off at Willow Praise Church at 32901 Vine Street Willowick or Eastlake

been working on, as well as the Zoom link for the next day. At 2 pm on Saturday, you'll be able to join a Zoom call and show off your amazing creation. Be sure to have a name for the creation and a little story that explains it.

Saturday, February 13, 2 pm

### Miss Bryn's Bomb Book Club

Join Miss Bryn for a teen book discussion via Zoom.) Grades 7-12 (Ages 13-18).

February's book is a romance short story collection titled Meet Cute.

Monday, February 15  
6:30-7:30 pm

### Online Film Discussion

Join our new group as we gather online to discuss a different film each month. February's topic will be "What is your favorite

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City Hall, 35150 Lakeshore Blvd (there will be a collection box just inside the main doors) or call Michael Zuren 440-251-5381 or Paula Price 314-585-8181. Women's Club members will be handing out activity sheets for children during this event.

We are also collecting school supplies for a local Eastlake Elementary school. This is part of our ongoing support of children in need.

Enjoy the month of February. read a Gooooood Book, and enjoy Valentine's Day with your family!

Feb. 12 - CHINESE NEW YEAR

Feb. 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY

Feb. 15 - PRESIDENT'S DAY

Feb. 16 - MARDI GRAS

Feb. 17 - ASH WEDNESDAY

*Though, February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises. ~ Charmaine J. Forde*

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# City of Eastlake Council Reports



**Michael Zuren**  
Ward 1 Councilman

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy this winter season!!!

### Free Grab & Go Lunches for Children:

On Saturday, February 6th, 2021 from 12 to 1pm join us for the Free Kids Grab and Go Lunch Program. Sports Fanatics is sponsoring the food this month. They are providing chicken strips, fries, and a drink for 300 children. The free lunch program is typically held the first Saturday of each month at Willow-Praise Church (32901 Vine Street Willowick). We will also be distributing socks and undergarments discreetly to children or parents that request these necessities. The program is in partnership with the Eastlake Women's Club. Since starting the program on March 30th over 18,400 lunches have been provided.

### Fundraiser for Community

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**Todd Gulley**  
Councilman-At-Large

Happy February everyone!

Your local VFW Post invites the public to the monthly breakfasts, the last Sunday of each month from 9am-Noon. Cost is \$6 for one time through the line.

They are also offering the fish fries, starting with Ash Wednesday, February 17th, and every Friday after that until Good Friday, April 3rd. The cost is \$12 each.

This month's inspirational quote is by Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together."

As always, if you have any questions, please call me at (440) 951-2200, ext 3511, or email me at [tgulley@eastlakeohio.com](mailto:tgulley@eastlakeohio.com).

### Zuren

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### Meals:

Join us for a great cause on Sunday, February 7th at 5pm (Drive -Thru Style). Revolution Pizza will donate 500 spaghetti dinners with meatball and salad to help raise monies for the community outreach ministries at Willow Praise Church (located at: 32901 Vine Street Willowick). Over 130,000 meals have been distributed to the local community in addition to the pet food distributions being held on a regular basis since 2016. The suggested donation is \$5 per meal and all the proceeds will go to the community outreach events. Thank You for your generosity and caring. If you have questions or would like to volunteer or donate, please call Michael Zuren 440-251-5381.

### Birthday Club:

There is a small group of individuals including: Councilman Charlie Malta, Paula Price from 100 Youth that Care, and others that are creating a monthly birthday club for special needs children that live in Eastlake and Willowick. The idea is to identify one Eastlake and one Willowick

special needs child each month and take them a birthday celebration with a cake, presents, small celebration, and recognition award for their birthday. If you would like to become involved in this program or nominate a child, please contact Terri Bowes-Kozsey at 440-567-0991.

### Bookbag & School Supplies Collection:

We are working with the Salvation Army, Asa Cox Homes, and 100 Youth that Care on the 2021 Book Bag and School Supplies Drive for Lake County Children. In 2020, over 1600 book bags were distributed between the Salvation Army and Willow Praise. School supplies can be dropped off at either Willow Praise or the Salvation Army in Painesville. Direct monetary donations should be made payable to the Salvation Army. Details to follow on how you can get involved.

### Socks and Undergarments for Kids Collection:

During a meeting with Salvation Army and numerous local non-profits, we learned that many Lake County School Children do not have socks or undergarments. Without access to these items,

some teachers have learned that the children are dealing with skin irritation and rashes. So, we are collecting socks and undergarments at Willow Praise Church and Eastlake City Hall. These garments will be distributed discreetly during the Free kids Lunch Program on Saturday, February 6th.

### Vine Street Corridor/Non-Profit Meetings:

Thank You to everyone that attended the Vine Street Corridor Business Meeting on January 21st. We discussed a variety of local events, fundraisers, and business promotions. The next meeting will be held in March (date, time, and location to be announced) At the next meeting, we will discuss a variety of topics including: fundraisers, community events, non-profit outreach, and ideas for local business promotion. The meetings are a collaboration of non-profit organizations, local businesses, and residents in our community that want to promote and help each other with events that make our community stronger.

Your Councilman  
Michael Zuren, Ward 1

## Lake County Title Bureau Open by Appointment Only on Saturdays

Effective Monday, January 25, 2021, the two branches of the Lake County Title Bureau will be open to the public by appointment only on Saturdays between the hours of 8AM and 11:45AM. The first Saturday available for appointments will be Saturday, January 30, 2021. Appointments are being accepted at this time.

Effective Monday, February

1, 2021, the Lake County Title offices will be accepting appointments for assisting in the renewal and issuance of new passports Monday through Friday between the hours of 8AM and 11:30AM. We will begin scheduling appointments for passport services on Monday, January 25, 2021.

Commissioner guidelines for entering the county building

should be followed while accessing title services. Please observe distancing in all areas. Title services can still be procured via mail and our secure drop boxes at both locations.

"Due to the increased demand from the public and due to the challenges working families face with finding time during the week to stop by the offices, I am happy to announce that we

will be reopening the title offices on Saturdays. This will offer an additional option for the public to handle their titling issues in person quickly and efficiently. I am also happy to announce the reopening of passport services, as we are all looking forward to traveling again for both business and pleasure." – Faith Andrews, Lake County Clerk of Common Pleas Court

## Heating Assistance Available- Application Deadline: May 31, 2021

The Ohio Development Services Agency and the Lake County Council on Aging want to remind Ohioans that assistance is available to help with their home energy bills. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps Ohioans at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines pay their heating bills.

Applied directly to the customer's utility or bulk fuel bill, the benefit can help manage heating costs. Ohioans can visit [www.energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov) to apply online, download a copy of the application or find contact information for a local Energy Assistance Provider (EAP). The

Lake County Council on Aging is able to assist individuals over the phone to complete their application for HEAP benefits. If preferred, an individual can drop off their application and verifications using the agency's secure drop box for an Information & Assistance Specialist to review the application to ensure it is complete and submit on the individual's behalf. When applying, individuals need to have copies of the following documents:

- Most recent utility bills.
- A list of all household members (including birth dates and Social Security numbers).
- Proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members

(12 months for certain income types).

- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.

- Proof of disability (if applicable).

HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after January 1st. **Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2021.**

This is not an emergency program. Low-income households that have been disconnected (or have a pending disconnection notice), need to establish new service, need to pay to transfer service, have 25% (or less) of

bulk fuel supply remaining, or have a household member who was diagnosed with COVID-19 in 2020 may also be eligible for the HEAP Winter Crisis Program, which started on November 1, 2020. If you need immediate assistance with your energy bills, please contact your local EAP. A list of providers can be found at [www.energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov).

Applications for the HEAP Winter Crisis Program must be received by March 31, 2021. For more information on HEAP, visit [www.energyhelp.ohio.gov](http://www.energyhelp.ohio.gov) or call (800) 282-0880. Hearing-impaired customers can dial 711 for assistance.

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## High School Students Take Advantage of CCP Program to Save Thousands on College Education

Students in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to earn free college credit from Lakeland Community College while earning high school credits for the same classes by enrolling in the College Credit Plus (CCP) program.

The CCP program is free for high school students and they 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 take the

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

Students who wish to begin focusing on an information technology & computer science

or health care program, can start on a dedicated pathway within the CCP program.

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 partner programs available through Lakeland's Holden University Center.

Admission into the program is open to students who have clearly demonstrated the ability to handle college-level coursework. Successful CCP students typically have good self-management skills,

excellent class attendance and no disciplinary problems.

- High school students must declare their intent to participate by May 1. Visit [lakelandcc.edu/ccp](http://lakelandcc.edu/ccp) for more information.

- Students must meet college-ready scores on a state identified assessment exam. Test prep resources are at [lakelandcc.edu/web/about/test-prep](http://lakelandcc.edu/web/about/test-prep).

Interested students should check with their high schools for details. Those ready to start may apply at [lakelandcc.edu/apply](http://lakelandcc.edu/apply).

Watch the video at <http://lakelandcc.edu/web/about/info-sessions-ccp>.

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Interested students should check with their high school guidance office for details on their school's CCP information night.

**Intent to participate must be declared by May 1. Visit [lakelandcc.edu/ccp](http://lakelandcc.edu/ccp) for more information.**

**Lakeland**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Library Programs

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romantic film?"

Tuesday, February 16, 3 pm

#### Sensory 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 16, 6:30 pm

#### 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 17, 2 pm

#### Homeschool Thursdays

Children will enjoy a variety of fun and educational virtual programs. Ages 6-12.

Thursday, February 18, 2 pm

#### Network to Freedom

The Network to Freedom is a mosaic of local historical places, museums and interpretive programs geared toward telling the story of the Underground Railroad. The James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor was added to the Network to Freedom in 2017. Park Ranger Allison Powell will tell us about what that designation means and more about the Network.

Thursday, February 18  
6:30 pm

#### Joe the Coupon Guy: Cutting the Cord

Joe Daugirdas, the Coupon Guy, will help you find options to get rid of your cable by using streaming video services and "free" TV.

Monday, February 22, 6:30-7:30 pm

#### Miss Sam & Sarah's S.T.E.A.M. Spotlight

Follow along with Miss Sam & Miss Sarah as they take you through the steps of a fun activity highlighting concepts from Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math! (Registrants will be informed of necessary supplies in advance of this LIVE demonstration).

Wednesday, February 24  
3:30 pm

#### Midnight in Vehicle City with Author Edward McClelland

Proud Midwesterner Edward McClelland returns to Willoughby Library (virtually) to discuss his new book about the most significant labor dispute in American history, which helped usher in national prosperity with the rust belt as its industrial engine! The tumultuous Flint Sit-Down Strike of 1936-1937 symbolized the start of the United Auto Workers and set the standard for wages in every industry. This historic transformation of the economic structure in the U.S. ultimately established the golden age of the American middle class. In addition to Midnight in Vehicle City, Ted is the author of Folktales and Legends of the Middle West. He is also the author of How to Speak Midwestern.

Wednesday, February 24  
6:30 pm

#### The Babysitter's Club Book Group

Join us for the first virtual Babysitter's Club Book Club! Meetings will be held weekly.

Wednesday, February 24, 5 pm

# Bankruptcy 101:

## The Miracle of Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy is the most affordable, fastest working, constitutionally backed legal mechanism available for Americans in financial trouble. Most importantly, bankruptcy offers powerful protections to people that cannot be had in any other way. Some of those protections are as follows:

1.) Protection of Assets: Once a bankruptcy is filed the Court protects many assets from being taken. It also prevents garnishment of wages. In almost all cases we are able to keep a person in their home, keep their cars, and all of their personal belongings to name just a few of the benefits.

2.) Protection from Creditors: Once your bankruptcy is filed, you receive a legal protection called an Automatic Stay. This "stay" prevents creditors and debt collectors from making contact with or trying to collect money from you. The automatic stay will stop foreclosure, lawsuits, wage garnishments, vehicle repossession, utility shut off, license suspensions for uninsured accident damage

to another motor vehicle and more.

3.) Discharge of Debt: Upon completion of the bankruptcy your debt is eliminated and does not ever have to be paid back.

4.) Time to catch up on Payment: In many cases bankruptcy filers get a chance to catch up on payments that are overdue on your home, car, or other assets.

5.) Re-build Your Credit: Bankruptcy clears up and resolves your debt, judgments, delinquencies, foreclosure and other bad marks on your credit rating and gives you a "fresh slate" upon which to re-build your credit. It also prevents creditors from coming after you years down the line for debts that are labeled "write offs" or "charge offs" by the bank on your credit report but that, unknown to most, are still collectible.

6.) It Works Fast: We are able to stop creditor harassment, lawsuits, foreclosures, garnishments, repossessions and a whole lot of other problems FAST with

bankruptcy. Bankruptcy is not like applying for a bank loan. It moves fast. The protections discussed can be used the same day we file. Some of these protections like stopping harassing phone calls are available immediately upon giving us money down for representation.

Bankruptcy is about having peace of mind and relief now but it is also about financial planning for the future. It is about re-establishing credit, keeping the lion's share of your property and resolving all of your current debt and bad marks on your record so that you will be in good financial standing in a few years. It is about a fresh start in life. Everyone deserves

a fresh start.

Even though a bankruptcy is technically public record, the fact that you are filing bankruptcy will only be known by a few people who you probably will never even come in contact with- let alone know. It is not published in the local newspapers. The truth is that no one really cares whether you file bankruptcy anyway. They are too concerned with their own problems.

I have often stated that bankruptcy is an act of love to yourself and your family. You do not need to live in fear of debt collectors, lawsuits, losing your home or any of the other dreaded consequences of

financial problems. You do not have to deal with the unbearable anxiety of financial stress. We cannot cure your cancer but we can cure your debt problems. We can help you regain your peace of mind. It is important to remind yourself that financial problems are temporary. They come and they go. Your health is permanent. Do not allow yourself to lose your permanent health over your temporary financial problems.

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# Laketrans Retrofits Dial-a-Ride Bus to Serve as Mobile Food Pantry

A new Mobile Food Pantry will be visiting communities throughout Lake County each week to provide fresh produce to seniors in need of food.

A retrofitted Laketrans Dial-a-Ride bus, re-branded as the Lake County Mobile Food Pantry

with vehicle graphics donated by Avery Dennison, will visit two locations each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays to distribute 60 boxes of fresh produce to senior participants.

Lake County seniors, 60 years and older, may register for one

pick-up per month by calling Lifeline at 2-1-1 or Lake County Council on Aging at 440-205-8111.

Offering a completely contactless pick up process, Laketrans employees and volunteers from RSVP of Lake

County will place groceries in the trunk of seniors' cars as they arrive. Volunteers are equipped with PPE to ensure all participants' safety.

Similar to Laketrans' produce pick-up program organized last summer with Lake County Commissioners Senior Services, RSVP of Lake County, Council on Aging and Lifeline, the agencies worked together to secure food donations from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and each play a role in taking reservations, sorting donations and distributing the food.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank donations are purchased through the Ohio Association of Food Banks or supplied by the USDA funded Farm to Families Food Box program that purchases farm surplus and distributes it to those in need during the pandemic.

Each month, 480 households

will receive over 14,000 pounds of fresh, healthy produce.

"Food assistance remains a top need among seniors during the coronavirus pandemic and while there are 40 food pantries throughout Lake County, this program is unique because it provides fresh produce," shared Laketrans CEO Ben Capelle. "We're excited to be able to repurpose a bus to meet this community need. We have donations secured through March, but anticipate the program will continue with the support of the Cleveland Food Bank."

Locations and dates for the Lake County Mobile Food Pantry are:

- Eastlake Transit Center at Captains Stadium, 35300 Vine St.: Feb. 9 and March 9 at 10 a.m.

- Wickliffe Senior Center, 900 Worden St.: Feb. 11 and March 11 at 10 a.m.

- Madison Senior Center, 2938 Hubbard Rd.: Feb. 16 and March 16 at 10 a.m.

- Perry Senior Center, 2800 Perry Park Rd.: Feb. 18 and March 18 at 10 a.m.

- Lake County Central YMCA, 933 Mentor Ave.: Feb. 23 and March 23 at 10 a.m.

- Concord Community Center, 7671 Auburn Rd.: Feb. 25 and March 25 at 10 a.m.

- Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Dr.: Feb. 2, March 2 and March 30 at 10 a.m.

- Mentor Park-n-Ride, 8650 Market St.: Feb. 4 and March 4 at 10 a.m.

Future distribution dates are listed at [www.laketrans.com](http://www.laketrans.com).

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OR COUNCIL ON AGING AT 440-205-8111.**

**THE LAKE COUNTY MOBILE FOOD PANTRY WILL PROVIDE FRESH PRODUCE AT TWO  
LOCATIONS IN LAKE COUNTY EACH WEEK.**

**FEBRUARY DATES:**

FEBRUARY 2 | 10 A.M. | LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE | 7700 CLOCKTOWER DR.  
 FEBRUARY 4 | 10:00 A.M. | MENTOR PARK-N-RIDE | 8650 MARKET ST.  
 FEB. 9 | 10 A.M. | EASTLAKE TRANSIT CENTER | 35300 VINE ST./CAPTAINS STADIUM  
 FEBRUARY 11 | 10 A.M. | WICKLIFFE SENIOR CENTER | 900 WORDEN RD.  
 FEBRUARY 16 | 10 A.M. | MADISON SENIOR CENTER | 2938 HUBBARD RD.  
 FEBRUARY 18 | 10 A.M. | PERRY SENIOR CENTER | 2800 PERRY PARK RD.  
 FEBRUARY 23 | 10 A.M. | CENTRAL YMCA | 933 MENTOR AVE.  
 FEBRUARY 25 | 10 A.M. | CONCORD COMMUNITY CENTER | 7671 AUBURN RD.

Visit [www.laketrans.com](http://www.laketrans.com) for dates/locations of future distributions.

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Our meetings are typically held on the last Thursday of the month. The LCGS has been meeting on Zoom due to Covid-19. Please

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Visit our website at [www.lcgsohio.org](http://www.lcgsohio.org) and email us for an invitation to the Zoom presentation. You can also go to our web site to

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# Mentor Window Earns Yet Another Angie's List Super Service Award - 8 Years Straight!

Mentor Window has earned the home improvement industry's coveted Angie's List Super Service Award for the 8th year in a row. This award reflects exemplary years of service provided to customers

## Irruptive Birds are in Audubon's Sights

Certain bird species are spending this winter in Northeast Ohio in especially high numbers. Blackbrook Audubon Society encourages everyone to connect with these rare visitors and record them, as well as resident birds, for the Great Backyard Bird Count February 12-15.

Common Redpolls and Evening Grosbeaks have flown here from Canadian latitudes. They are part of a group known as irruptive species. Both of these finches visit feeders and are easy to spot. Participants in the GBBC are invited to count all bird species and individuals for at least 15 minutes on one or more days that weekend, regardless of age or birding skill level. Instructions, apps and bird ID tips are available at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

Blackbrook Audubon lists popular birding spots and links on the resources page of their website, [blackbrookaudubon.org](http://blackbrookaudubon.org). Follow Blackbrook's Facebook page for current sightings. Contribute to this international count by adding the irruptive species to your list before they head back north and before the annual spring migration begins. Blackbrook wants participants to bird safely following the current Covid-19 guidelines.

Whether counters record birds at their feeder, in a park, or any other location, submitting these numbers will enhance the snapshot of bird distribution and abundance. This will help scientists answer questions on migration patterns, spread of diseases and the effects of weather and climate change. When the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society launched GBBC in 1998, they created the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds and display the results in near real-time. Birds Canada joined the effort in 2009. Birds observed locally can be compared to other reports in the region with maps on the project website during and after the count.

Last February, participants in almost 200 countries counted more than 6,900 species of birds on over 260,000 checklists. Make sure the birds in your favorite spot aren't overlooked!

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Steve Douglas the owner of Mentor Window was asked about how they continue having such success in the home improvement industry. "We have crews that have been with us for decades, and we are very particular about the installers we hire. We won't just hire anyone to catch up if we are backed up a bit, quality is at the top of our list when it comes to workmanship. When it comes to pricing, we are straight forward with people, they don't want to

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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."

Angie's List Super Service Award 2018 winners have met strict eligibility requirements,

which include an "A" rating in overall grade, recent grade, and review grade period; the company must be in good standing with Angie's List, pass a background check and abide by Angie's List operational guidelines.

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Visit [www.lcghd.org/WIC](http://www.lcghd.org/WIC)

to see if you qualify. The WIC application is available under "WIC" on the Ohio Department of Health website, [www.odh.ohio.gov](http://www.odh.ohio.gov).

Lake-Geauga WIC are following all COVID-19 guidelines per the Ohio Department of Health. WIC has five locations in Lake and Geauga counties.

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The Burroughs Nature Club of Willoughby was founded by outstanding Cleveland area men (scientists, scholars, naturalists, and photographers) who shared a common love of hiking, wildlife watching, and other investigations of the natural world. They also enjoyed a good hike together in the "wilds" of Lake County. Their Burroughs Nature Club remains one of the oldest such nature clubs in the nation.

As we celebrate our 105th year in 2020-2021, Burroughs Nature Club continues to extend an invitation to all who share a common interest in the study and enjoyment of nature and the conservation of natural resources.

The club will host free, virtual programs on Friday, February 19 and March 19, via Zoom, both beginning at 7:00 pm.

The February meeting is

titled: "Good Plants Gone Bad: An Overview of Invasive Plants in Ohio," presented by Jennifer Windus, President, Ohio Invasive Plants Council.

The March program, presented by Denise Ellsworth, concerns "Pollinators in Your Ohio Backyard" -why pollinators matter, who they are, and how to protect them."

One in every three bites of food we take can be traced back to animal pollinators. Who are these vital creatures, what exactly do they do, and how are they threatened across the globe? This program emphasizes the identification and role of bees as vital pollinators and highlights steps we can all take to help pollinators.

Denise is the Program Director of Pollinator Education, Department of Education/Entomology, The Ohio State University.

To register to attend either of these programs via Zoom or for further information, please email [secretary@burroughsnatureclub.org](mailto:secretary@burroughsnatureclub.org).

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gangs. Cagan will share how he contributes to community resistance to these threats with his camera.

Anyone interested in hearing the presentation must register on the event page of blackbrookaudubon.org. A link will be sent to each registrant's email address.

While the program starts at 7:00 p.m., Trevor Wearstler, the host and president of Blackbrook, will allow people into the meeting about 6:30 to familiarize themselves with the

software features or to chat with other attendees.

As a local chapter of National Audubon Society, Blackbrook Audubon covers Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake Counties. For more information, email blackbrookaud@aol.com. Follow Blackbrook Audubon Society on Facebook for updates.

## Space Heater Safety

The cold weather is back and chances are good that those with space heaters have taken them out of storage and put them back to work for the season.

While a space heater can make a colder room more comfortable, they can also be dangerous if not used properly. Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires in the United States.

More than 65,000 home fires are attributed to heating equipment each year – and space heaters factor into 43% of those home heating fires.

Follow these safety tips if you plan to use a space heater.

- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when leaving the room and before going to sleep.

- Plug the space heater directly into a wall outlet. Never use a power strip or an extension cord. Space heaters draw a high amount of electricity that can overload a circuit and cause an extension cord

to overheat and cause a fire.

- Keep your space heater flat on the floor, preferably on a smooth surface to avoid it accidentally tipping over. Many space heaters now come with a feature that will shut them off when tipped over. When selecting a space heater be sure to look for safety features that minimize the risk of fire.

- Avoid using a space heater near flammable objects. Place your space heater well away from curtains, pillows, blankets, paper, furniture or anything that may overheat and cause a fire.

- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from a space heater in use to avoid the unit being accidentally tipped over or burning a child or pet.

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**Health District, and Lake Health**

**Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution For Phase 1B Populations in Lake County**

In support of Ohio's statewide effort to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to Ohioans in Phase 1B, Lake County Emergency Agency (EMA) and Lake County General Health District (LCGHD) are notifying Lake County residents of local providers who will begin vaccine distribution during the week of January 18.

Governor DeWine has announced a tiered system for offering vaccinations to the estimated 2.2 million people who are eligible for the vaccine under this phase, beginning with those who are 80 years of age or older. During this phase, vaccine supply will remain extremely limited. *Vaccine distribution is scheduled to begin as follows:*

- The week of January 18: Ohioans 80 years of age and older.
- The week of January 25: Ohioans 75 years of age and older; those with severe congenital or developmental disorders.
- The week of February 1: Ohioans 70 years of age and older; employees of K-12 schools that wish to remain or return to in-person or hybrid models.
- The week of February 8: Ohioans 65 years of age and older.

It is important for Lake County residents to understand that the total number of vaccine doses being sent to each county to administer to its residents is quite small, with vaccine providers each receiving 100 - 200 doses. Lake County providers will receive 2,400 doses in total to administer to Phase 1B residents next week. Additionally, providers do not know how many doses they are to receive each week until several days before shipment, making it difficult to schedule clinic many days in advance.

To date, over 15,000 Lake County residents have expressed interest in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine through LCGHD. For these reasons, it will take many weeks to reach everyone in Phase 1B who are eligible and seeking vaccination.

Vaccine will be offered at the following Lake County providers the week of January 18.

**Lake Health and Lake County General Health District**

At this time, Lake Health and LCGHD will be combining resources to vaccinate those who are eligible for Phase 1B. Anyone 65 years of age or older, and those with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset disorders is eligible for vaccination in 1B.

Anyone who is interested can be placed on a list to be contacted for scheduling when vaccine becomes available by visiting <https://www.lcghd.org/2019-novel-coronavirus-ncov/covid-19-vaccination/>, or calling (440) 350-2188. The link to sign up is located under the Phase 1B heading. Eligible individuals will then be notified through the Lake County Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS) via telephone and email with instructions on how to schedule an appointment. Clinic times and locations will also be provided at that time. It may take several weeks to be notified by the WENS system.

Initially, vaccine clinics will be limited to a few select sites, and later expanded as vaccine becomes more available. Laketrans has offered to provide transportation services to those who need it. LCGHD will be working directly with Lake County schools to coordinate vaccination of interested school personnel.

To support the response, Lake County is also utilizing the WENS system which has the ability to send out text notifications to update residents about important changes to the LCGHD's COVID-19 Vaccine website, <https://www.lcghd.org/2019-novel-coronavirus-ncov/covid-19-vaccination>. This system will be one of several resources available for residents to have easy access to the most up-to-date information. Residents are invited to text the keyword LAKEOHVAX to 69310 to sign-up to receive messages from the WENS system.

This is an optional service, and residents do not need to sign up for this service to be receive notifications when vaccine is

available.

**Signature Health**  
<https://www.signaturehealthinc.org>  
(440) 440-578-8203

The following Lake County retail pharmacies are also receiving doses the week of January 18.

**Discount Drug Mart**  
34100 Vine Street, Eastlake  
(440) 942-3330

8500 Mentor Avenue, Mentor  
(440) 255-0040

8023 Crile Road, Concord Township  
(440) 853-2542

Discount Drug Mart will have appointment windows that align with their normal pharmacy hours, seven days a week. Patients should call the store, and press "1" for the pharmacy to schedule an appointment.

**Giant Eagle Pharmacy**  
36475 Euclid Avenue,  
Willoughby (440) 946-7714

6556 N. Ridge Road, Madison  
(440) 428-6111

30320 Lakeshore Boulevard,  
Willowick (440) 944-6963

8383 Tyler Boulevard, Mentor  
(440) 701-1004

1201 Mentor Avenue,  
Painesville (440) 358-7769

6079 Andrews Road, Mentor-on-the-Lake  
(440) 306-0011

**Marc's Pharmacy**  
9700 Lakeshore Boulevard,  
Willowick (440) 944-2801

7353 Mentor Avenue, Mentor  
(440) 951-1721

Beginning January 14, a statewide vaccine provider search is available at [coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine). This search feature will identify vaccine providers in each Ohio county, as well as the number of doses allocated to each location. Residents are encouraged to check both websites frequently as information continues to develop.

Stay safe and healthy  
Mayor Morley  
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### CREDIT PACKAGE

#### EIC

**\$198 - \$210**

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- State Return
- City Return
- All EIC Forms ( usually 5-6 extra forms)
- E- file
- Direct Deposit

## SOLE PROPRIETOR

### PACKAGE

**\$198 - \$246**

#### Schedule C, Self Employment/ Gig Workers

- Federal Return
  - State Return
  - City Return
  - E- file
  - Direct Deposit
- EACH ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE C \$48.00

**Returns start off at \$88.00 - Additional Schedules \$22.00 Each**

## RENTAL PROPERTY

### PACKAGE

#### Schedule E

**\$198 - \$246**

- Rental Property
  - Federal Return
  - State Return
  - City Return
  - E- file
  - Direct Deposit
- EXTRA RENTAL PROPERTY \$48.00 EACH

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