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Mayor's Report



Rich Regovich
Mayor/Safety Director

February is here and this means it is time for the annual City Budget. Our Budget Hearings are Saturday, February 5th from 8 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. This is when we get together to review the budget and I present it to Council for their approval. We review the budget as a whole then break each department down throughout the day with the directors and chiefs. This gives everyone an understanding of where the city's money is spent. We are one of few cities that do this. I feel this is the most important thing we do all year. After these hearings in the Budget Committee we place the budget on three readings at the following Council meeting. By law we have to have a passed working budget by April 1st each year.

We have been lucky so far with snow accumulation this winter. I would just like to remind everyone that when the snow does come, please keep

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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 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

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cars off of the streets to allow the plow drivers and equipment easy access to roads. Also please slow down when we have precipitation. We have had two major accidents in January that closed State Route 2 right by East 305th Street. For some reason since the lockdown the driving habits of some have been extremely dangerous, especially with the use of speed. Let's look out for each other and make sure we all stay safe.

With the Virus still raging, there is a staffing shortage in our local hospitals. This has greatly

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, 440-943-4151

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
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 *Where the Sidewalk Ends* and other poems. Members can participate in-person or via Zoom.

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

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Willowick Service Dept.

Hello, I would like to introduce myself as the new Service Director for the City of Willowick. My name is Todd Shannon. I am new to the position of Service Director but not new to the Service Department. I have worked in the Service Department for the last 19 years, with the last 10 holding the position of Road Department Foreman. I grew up here in Willowick, having gone to St. Mary Magdalene for grade school and I am a graduate of Eastlake North. I am a military retiree from the Ohio Air National Guard, having spent a combined time of 23 and a half years in service with

16 years in the Army, including a yearlong deployment to Iraq in 2005 and 7 and a half years in the Ohio Air National Guard. Living and working in the city I work for enables me to have a strong connection with our community.

We are now in the thick of the winter months. Our parks guys typically take this time of the year to focus on indoor repairs and improvements to our city buildings. Things they are working on include fixing and repairing broken picnic tables, floor care in our city buildings and a lot of painting also gets accomplished this time of year. Our sewer department continues to take care of point of sale dye tests throughout the winter months. They continue to handle sewer snake requests as well as televising and jetting our cities main sewer lines. The road department is out handling the ever present potholes that plague northeast Ohio this time of year. They also handle the picking up of Christmas trees this time of year. When snow and ice are present, it is first taken care of by the road crew, and then if more operators are needed they will be called on from other crews. So far, we have been pretty lucky with a mild winter. Only a few more months until Spring.

the ER and the ER is full, the ER staff may transfer a patient from the ambulance to the waiting room with those already waiting. If the condition is serious, the ER staff may have our EMS team wait with the patient in the ambulance until they can see the patient inside, which prohibits our squad from responding to other emergencies in the City for many hours. If you are not feeling well, please consult with your primary care physician. Of course, if there is an emergency call 911. We will continue to serve all residents.

City of Willowick Council Reports



Charlie Malta
Ward 3 Councilman

Dear Wonderful Residents of Willowick,
Hearts & Hammers 2022 Fundraiser:

At the time of the printing of my article we were two weeks away from the actual Fund Raising Event. With the surge of Covid, I am praying & crossing my fingers that we have the event.

I will report on it in my next column.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands:

I was assigned a project for our Committee, initiated by a resident from our city, Mike Bowen to preserve the history of the old Nike Site. This is very exciting for me as I played there as a kid.

We will be building a display case if you have any recollection of the Nike Site, maybe you were even a soldier who was housed there. Contact, Mike Bowen with your story 440-487-1243.

When it is ready to view I will give you a heads up in a future column.

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Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman

Hi Everyone,
The Willowick City Budget Review for 2022 will be in council chambers on 2nd floor of city hall on Sat Feb 5, 2022, 8am-until all departments have been reviewed with a break for lunch. All residents are welcome to attend for part or the entire day. This is a good way to understand where money is being spent in the city and what they have planned for that year.

I have received several calls regarding the Kimble bill. Our contract is for 5 years (Feb to Jan) and includes yearly increases. The 5-year contract started on Feb 1, 2020 and will end Jan 31, 2025. The contract has yearly increases:

- Year 2 (2/1/21 to 1/31/22) 3% increase
- Year 3 (2/1/22 to 1/31/23) 3% increase
- Year 4 (2/1/23 to 1/31/24) 4% increase
- Year 5 (2/1/24 to 1/31/25) 4% increase

Your invoice amount depends on the type of service you have:

- Full Service went from \$17.58 to \$18.11 monthly
- Bag only Service went from \$29.36 per roll to \$30.24 per roll
- Bag Service Plus went from \$8.76 to 9.03

Reminder the trash is to be placed on the curb after 4pm the day before or make sure it is out before 6 am the day of, incase the Kimble driver picks up earlier then they normally do. Kimble will send out a phone message if they are delayed by a day or the city website may have information if Kimble contacted them. If your trash or recycling is not picked up, please call Kimble to let them know so it can be picked up the next day. Totes must be removed from the curb the same day that is was collected.

All bulk items, mattresses, carpeting and fabric furniture must be completely wrapped/sealed in plastic that can be purchased at

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David Phares
Ward 3 Councilman

There are many prospective businesses looking to move into the city. Along Vine Street, Speedway is looking to replace their current station with a new and bigger station. This will entail tearing down the small brick building that once housed Willowick Hardware. The old Walker Hardware building will be the home of Cleveland Pizza headquarters as well as a restaurant and offices. The old Taco Bell building is empty also. The space that housed Cala's PIZZA will be filled by Mama Primozz PIZZA in the near future. Those are just some of the prospective businesses coming to Willowick. Monica Drake, our Economic Development Manager, gives updates at every Council meeting. Meeting minutes can be found on the City website under, Government, then 'City Council.'

One new issue the Safety Committee will be reviewing is fireworks. The State of Ohio has passed legislation that will take effect July 1, 2022 that will allow fireworks to be set off for 20 days which includes certain holidays. We will be looking at whether to adopt different legislation or go along with what the State has passed.

Willowick resident Mike Bowen is spearheading a historical project at Manry Park with the help of the Service, Utility and Public Land Committee. The plan is to set up a display in the Manry meeting room showing old photos of the Nike missile site that used to be on the Manry Park property. Mike is also putting together a model that will show the location of the buildings and the landscape. If you have any old photos that you would like to provide for the project, contact Mike Bowen at mikebowen@att.net or myself.

Operation S.C.R.A.M. (Security Camera Registry and Mapping) is still available for homeowners and businesses who have security cameras and would like to register

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Mike Vanni
Ward 1 Councilman

Council will be conducting the annual Budget hearings on Saturday, February 5, 2022 starting at 8:00 am. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall and is open to the public. This is Council's most important responsibility as our number one priority is to make sure that all tax payer money is being spent efficiently.

Please do not hesitate call to me with any questions or concerns at 440-346-3227.

Michael Vanni- Ward 1

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them with the Police Department. Help make our community safer - go to the city website under 'Departments', 'Police' and 'Security Camera Registration' and

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For of those that did not know. The Nike Site housed soldiers & manned the radar towers which protected Cleveland and surrounding communities from a Russian Missile attack in the 50's & 60's.

God Bless,
Stay Healthy,
Sincerely,
Charlie Malta

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Ace Hardware, Lowes or Home Depot. Call Kimble at least one day prior to let them know you have bulk items that need picked up. (Kimble 1-800-201-0005)

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

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Councilwoman

sign up today.

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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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CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY -
A highly effective tool for those who cannot file regular bankruptcy

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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Snow Doesn't Stop This Local Remodeler

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them if you don't take care of yourself, and sometimes just a little outside help can make the world of difference to a caregiver. We can be there to help so you're not missing work or using your vacation /sick time, save that for yourself.

Don't ignore these caregiver burnout warning signs.
Crying more often -Trouble

Sleeping - Low Energy -
Headaches - Chest Pains -
Change in appetite

These emotions are not uncommon when caring for a loved one.

-Guilt -Sadness Exhaustion
- Loneliness - Helplessness

- Frustration

Here are some tips for reducing caregiver stress:

- Ask for and accept help
- Don't feel guilty that you are not perfect
- Accept what you can and cannot change
- Find out about caregiving resources in your community

We have felt all these emotions and the stress that comes from caring for our loved ones. That is why we are so passionate about what we do to help others.

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· Are enrolled and excel in a college Teacher Education Program.

· Have a home residence located in the Ohio cities of Mentor, Eastlake, Kirtland, Timberlake, Wickliffe, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, or Willowick.

Applications may be requested by e-mail to dkgscholarship@gmail.com. Questions may also be sent to that e-mail address.

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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,

clothing, home furnishings, high end upscale resale...etc.

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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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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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
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LEGO Club

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

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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
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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

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

Lake County Genealogical Society Meeting - Feb. 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.

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

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

Covid protocols will be respected.

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

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

RESERVATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PROGRAM LUNCHEON.

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

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BASIC PACKAGE

\$176 average price

- Federal Return
- State Return
- City Return
- E- file
- Direct Deposit
- Kids Return \$69 (Federal, State, City) with parents return

EARNED INCOME

CREDIT PACKAGE

EIC

\$272 average price

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

SOLE PROPRIETOR

PACKAGE

\$274 average price

Schedule C, Self Employment/ Gig Workers

- Federal Return
 - State Return
 - City Return
 - E- file
 - Direct Deposit
- EACH ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE C \$60.00

RENTAL PROPERTY

PACKAGE

Schedule E

\$274 average price

- Rental Property
 - Federal Return
 - State Return
 - City Return
 - E- file
 - Direct Deposit
- EXTRA RENTAL PROPERTY \$60.00 EACH

BUSINESS OWNERS

PACKAGE

\$388 - \$688 average price

S-Corps, C-Corps, Partnerships
Non Profits, Multi-Member LLC's

- Federal Return
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