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#### Painesville City Council

Front Row: Lori DiNallo, Paul Hach, Tom Fitzgerald Back Row: Nick Augustine, Christine Shoop, Katie Jenkins and Jim Fodor

As things begin to solidify to the new normal, post pandemic, I would like to highlight four unique and charming hospitality options available for guests in Painesville: Rider's Inn, Fitzgerald's Irish Bed and Breakfast, Steele Mansion Inn and Gathering Hub, and Candoren Guest House.

The building, which today is called Rider's Inn, has been in Painesville since 1812. Owner, Elaine Crane, will be celebrating her 32nd anniversary of operation in 2020. Throughout the summer on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, visitors can stop by to enjoy drinks and free musical performances on the back deck. If you like a bit of the supernatural, Rider's Inn has its own resident ghost, Suzanne Rider, who continues to welcome guests to the Inn. Check things out at: www.ridersinn.com

Fitzgerald's Irish Bed and Breakfast recently received a Congressional Proclamation honoring their 20th anniversary of welcoming guests to their unique sixteen-room, French Tudor built in 1937. As the owners Tom and Debra Fitzgerald like to say, "There's a touch of Irish in all of us". Fitzgerald's Irish Bed and Breakfast offers one of the best romantic getaway destinations in Northeast Ohio. The central location in downtown Painesville puts all Fitzgerald's guests within walking distance to city parks, unique gift shopping, spa services and a wide variety of dining experiences. Check things out at: www.fitzgeraldsbnb.com

Steele Mansion Inn and Gathering Hub is celebrating its 5th anniversary of operation in 2020. The Mansion was built in 1867. It was saved from demolition and lovingly restored to its breathtaking grandeur by owners Carol and Art Shamakian. The Inn has sixteen luxurious guest rooms, each with its own distinctive décor, and the entire first floor is available for entertaining or meeting purposes.

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#### Painesville's 2020 Road Plan Changes

The City of Painesville has Council and the residents of restructured their 2020 Road Plan as a result of the State's hold on funds during the Covid-19 pandemic. With critical funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) on hold state-wide and no clear solution in sight, the paving of Button Avenue and Skinner Avenue will be postponed. It is unlikely these projects will be completed in 2020. Using the resources available, the City will complete Casement Avenue, Watson Street and the replacement of sidewalks damaged by City owned trees in Ward I. The Engineering Department will also oversee the rehabilitation of sanitary and storm sewers throughout the City in need of repair.

In 2018, Painesville announced a 5-year road plan for 2019-2023. During this period, the City has scheduled approximately \$16 million in road project improvements and continues the momentum of the 2014-2018 road plan which saw \$8.2 million in road investments. Road improvements remain a high priority for Painesville City

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beautiful flowers, soaps and

more. The farmers market is held

every Thursday from 12:00 noon

to 4:00 p.m. in beautiful, tree-

lined Painesville Square.

#### Farmers Market Every Thursday Painesville Farmers Market Please be aware there are new

Painesville has established.

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Painesville. Residents approved

a five-year road levy in both 2013

and 2017 to help repair the roads.

source of funding and provides

much of the local match in order to

complete these large multi-million

dollar road projects, City Council

has also committed funding to the

roads from the City's general fund.

Using the road levy and general

fund monies as a local match,

staff has been very successful in

applying for and receiving State

and Federal grants, as well as

funding from the Lake County

Commissioners. Roughly 50% of

Painesville's road budget comes

from these outside opportunities.

When water lines need replaced or

storm sewers improved on streets

scheduled in the plan, the City

also uses resources from the water

capital fund, the sewer capital

fund and level 2 storm water fees.

Without all the funding sources

coming together, these large-scale

road improvement projects are not

possible on the aggressive timeline

"Everyone is waiting to see

what the financial ramifications

While the road levy is a critical

Covid-19 regulations to follow when visiting and the Gazebo Kids Corner is not available.

For more info call 440-392-5795 or visit the market's Facebook page @PainesvilleFM

#### Friday Night Car Cruises in the Square

Browse an array of vehicles from old classics to new hotrods for a perfect summer evening in the Square.

Painesville Friday Night Car

#### Summer Gazebo

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the sounds of summer in beautiful Painesville Square. Concerts in the Park are every

Cruise is every Friday, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and are hosted by the Downtown Painesville Organization (DPO). Covid-19 regulations apply.

#### Concert Series

Wednesday, July 8 through August 26, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event is free and features live music from a different local band each week.

will be from Covid-19," Doug Lewis, Assistant City Manager. "Not only is the funding sources from the State and Federal government going to be limited, the local income tax we receive will most likely be reduced. There is no precedent for this. As a result, our plans are on hold until we determine when and if these

funding sources will be available."

While all cities and townships will be limited in infrastructure programs, Painesville is still looking into ways to fund the planned road projects. "We might need to get creative, and even then, it might have to be a phased approach instead of the whole road," said Lewis in regards to the on-hold Skinner Avenue project. "We know this is a top priority for residents and we are trying to work with everything we currently have available."

For more information on the City of Painesville's Road Plan, www.painesville.com/ visit roads. To reach a Painesville City Council member, visit www. painesville.com/council contact information.

#### Party in the Park Cancelled

Painesville Community Improvement Corporation (PCIC) has announced the cancellation of the 2020 Painesville Party in the Park scheduled for July 17, 18 and 19.

Due to the close proximity of tents, food and stages, the group unanimously decided it was not safe to host and are already planning 2021's event. PCIC is looking to make the End of Summer Block Party on Main Street (September 18) bigger and better than ever.

For more information, go to www.painesvilleimprovement. com/party-in-the-park Facebook page their painesvilleimprovement.

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#### Painesville City Fire Department Acquires New Aerial Fire Truck

Department (PCFD) is proud to announce the arrival of the City's new aerial ladder truck. The Sutphen SPH100, features a 100 foot ladder with a large bucket capable of carrying 1,000 lbs.

The new purchase comes

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Additionally, every Friday is Happy Hour at the Mansion and for a small cover charge, guests can enjoy a cash bar and walk around the beautiful mansion. Check things out at: www. steelemansion.com

Last but not least, the newest place for lodging and events in Painesville is Candoren Guest House. Owner, Lisa Lewins, is excited to celebrate their first anniversary in business on August 1. The 1911 Edwardian Mansion features five bedrooms and four bathrooms on the renovated first and second floors. This beautiful guest house can accommodate a one-day event or an overnight stay in a private suite. Guests can reserve the entire property for a special occasion or celebration. Watch their website for information on an upcoming summer outdoor garden tea party. Check things out at: www. candoran.com

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after the late 2019 discovery that PCFD's 1990 Sutphen 90 foot aerial ladder truck had developed serious frame corrosion issues. Coupled with other costly repairs, the City took the truck out of service permanently for safety reasons. Through collaboration with Painesville City Council, the City's finance department and the

5-year Fire Equipment Levy, PCFD system that is viewable from the was able to set up a finance plan to cab, and multiple compartments purchase the new truck.

The Sutphen SPH100 features many new and exciting features including a state of the art generator, hydraulic/electric multiple LED scene lights, an enclosed cab with room for six firefighters, a 360 degree camera

to safely store all equipment. The truck can pump over 1,500 gallons of water per minute to nozzles on either side of the ladder bucket. The new truck will offer PCFD much greater capability at commercial and industrial fires, as well as operations at the many multi-story

Painesville.

PCFD personnel are currently training with the new truck, which is scheduled to be put in service in July 2020. "Just like when you buy a new vehicle and have to get used to it, so do firefighters with a new truck," said Chief Tom Hummel. "It's a very large vehicle, so we train extensively on it before we bring it to an actual emergency situation. We want to make sure all our firefighters are comfortable and

PCFD is excited to show off their new aerial truck to Painesville residents and thank them for their continued support of the Fire Equipment Levy. Once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, PCFD plans on hosting a public open house at the fire station to showcase the new apparatus. Look out for more information in the coming months on PCFD's Facebook page and www.painesville.com.

familiar with the apparatus before

they have to use it to save lives."

#### Blackbrook Audubon Continues Bird Hike

Blackbrook Audubon will refocus their binoculars at Beaty Landing and resume their monthly bird survey following the spring cancellation due to pandemic guidelines. Accompany Blackbrook Sunday, July 26 at 8:00 a.m. as members and guests meet at the larger, lower parking lot of Beaty Landing, 543 East Walnut Avenue, Painesville.

Blackbrook plans to monitor this site on the fourth Sunday of each month until March 2021. If the assembled birders number greater than 10 people, they will split into two groups to facilitate physical distancing. Wearing masks is optional, but binoculars can not be shared.

The list of birds found is posted on eBird.org. Last July's list included Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Spotted Sandpiper and Baltimore Orioles.

The trail is rated moderate on compacted gravel and has four access points to view the Grand River. As a Lake Metropark facility, Beaty Landing occupies an oxbow of the Grand River within the Grand River - Lower Watershed Important

Bird Area (IBA). National Audubon designated this IBA for its unique mix of habitats: river, forested floodplain and open field.

As a local chapter of National Audubon Society, Blackbrook Audubon covers Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake Counties.

For more information, visit blackbrookaudubon.org or www. lakemetroparks.com/parkstrails/beaty-landing. Email blackbrookaud@aol.com.

Follow Blackbrook Audubon Society on Facebook.

#### Lake Humane Society Opens TNR Clinic & Offers Discounted Microchips

On June 30th, Lake Humane Society began offering TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) services.

Community cats humanely trapped (with live/ box traps), brought to the shelter to be spayed or neutered, given a rabies vaccine, ear tipped (the universal sign that a community cat has been neutered and vaccinated), and then returned to their outdoor home.

"TNR is the humane approach to addressing community cat populations. TNR improves the lives of cats, addresses community concerns, reduces complaints about cats and stops the breeding cycle." said Lee Nesler, Executive Director of Lake Humane Society.

TNR appointments be scheduled on Tuesdays. Thursdays and Saturdays will be added as the schedule fills. All animals must arrive at the Lake Humane Society clinic between 7:30 AM-8:00 AM on the day of their scheduled appointment. All cats must be community or feral and arrive in a humane trap. LHS will provide a trap if one is not owned.

The cost for TNR is \$25 for Lake County residents and includes the following:

- Spay or neuter surgery
- Ear-tipping
- Rabies vaccination
- FVRCP vaccination

Additional services upon request include FELV/FIV Snap tests, topical flea treatments and tapeworm injections.

Please email scheduling@ lakehumane.org or call 440-951-6122 X116 and include number of cats, approximate age and the best phone number to reach you.

In addition to offering TNR Services, Lake Humane Society will microchip animals for a discounted rate of \$20 through July 31st. Microchipping is especially important around the Independence Day holiday due to many pets fearing the sounds of fireworks.

"A microchip increases the chance that an animal who has run off will be reunited with their owner. A microchip is simply injected in the same way as a vaccine and your pet will be trackable for the rest of their life." said Lori Caszatt, Director of Marketing and Community Partnerships. To schedule an appointment for microchipping, please call the shelter 440-951-6122.

Lake Humane Society is not currently open to the public. However, to encourage animal adoptions, a foster to adopt program has been put in place. When someone is interested in adopting an animal from the shelter website, they have 7 days to foster and decide if

they would like to commit to adoption. Additionally, for much of the global pandemic, only emergent animals that were sick or injured were being accepted as surrenders. Lake Humane Society is now able to accept most surrenders and continues to support the entire community and their animal needs.

The mission at Lake Humane

Society is to protect animals and build connections between pets and people through advocacy and education. Lake Humane Society is a 501c3 charitable nonprofit organization operates solely on donations.

For more information on Lake Humane Society or to donate, please visit www.lakehumane. org.



#### Now is the Time to Start - or Finish - Your College Degree

We've seen changes in our communities in recent months. Some high school graduates have decided not to go away to college yet. Working adults have lost jobs or have been furloughed.

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• Students can fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be eligible for federal and state aid, and scholarships (studentaid.gov/fafsa).

• High school students can get assistance through the Lake/ Geauga Educational Assistance Foundation (LEAF-Ohio.org).

• Many scholarships available are specific to those living in Lake County including the cities of Willowick, Mentor, Painesville City/Township, Concord, just to name a few.

Now more than ever, we stand ready to play a part in bringing some peace of mind when it comes to your education. New applicants who register for fall 2020 semester classes will have the application fee waived. Apply at Lakelandcc.edu/apply.

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#### Pent-up Demand Drives Home Repairs and Remodels

Wow, What a year 2020 has been so far. Even in these crazy times we couldn't be more thankful to serve Painesville residents. We are currently fielding phone calls from over 25 new customers a day for home repairs and remodels. Our customers are amazing. This has allowed us to create many new jobs and put talented tradesmen to work right here in our community of Painesville. This has truly been a year to remember. We are doing the best we can to get back to new customers as quickly as we can but prioritize serving our current customers at the highest level. If you have an emergency

project we will do our very best to get you in. We understand that everyone wants to get their projects done right now. We are working aggressively to fill positions in our company with the highest quality tradesmen you are used to seeing from us.

To the community of Painesville, Thank you for being a part of something so much bigger than just home repairs. Helping us fulfill our dreams of making the world a better place one home at a time. Helping our local economy by employing one talented person at a time.

To the community of Painesville, Thank You.



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#### Bankruptcy 101:

Bankruptcy to Regain Your Peace of Mind

The way they train elephants to be handled and tethered in the circus is they first capture the elephant in the wild using tranquilizer guns. Then one end of a chain is attached to a huge tree that the elephant cannot pull down. The other end of the chain is attached to a cuff that is put around one hind leg. The elephant violently pulls and kicks for about a week trying to escape. He then gives up and becomes resigned to the fact he cannot escape. Then he is taken to the circus and tethered to a small stake that is put into the ground. At this point, if he tried, he could just walk away and pull the stake out of the ground with no effort at all. But he does not try. He remains enslaved not by reality but by his mind. He has succumbed to the psychological conditioning of others and thus remains enslaved throughout his life by a burden that he could shed anytime by simply acting and moving forward.

People in financial distress can be like the elephant in our oversimplified example. They become conditioned to financial hardship and its enslavement. The misery, fear, and anxiety of being continually harassed and victimized by bill collectors, the uncertainty and panic of how to pay the bills and keep food on the table or pay the mortgage and the feeling of helplessness and despair that there is nowhere to turn is worse then enslavement. It is a living hell.

the elephant (if he chose to) the financially distressed individual can easily break free from the bonds of his or her financial enslavement and regain a fresh start in life. The tool by which to cut the chain is bankruptcy. People become slaves to their condition of mind all too often when it comes to freedom from debt. They are conditioned to believe that filing bankruptcy is a "negative" act which reflects in some way on their character. This could not be further from the truth. In fact, if you are in financial distress it is the most responsible act you can take. It is the symptoms of anxiety, fear, paranoia, hopelessness, distress and lack of self worth that are negative. We were not meant to live that way. Money is just money. It comes and goes. It can be replaced. But your life, your mental and emotional health and that of your loved ones cannot be replaced.

Throughout history there are countless people who have lost everything and regained it: P.T. Barnum (Barnum and Bailey Circus), Kim Basinger (famous actress), Lenny Bruce (famous comic), Francis Ford Coppola (director of the "Godfather movies"), Walt Disney (Disney Productions), Don Johnson (Miami Vice), Mick Fleetwood (Fleetwood Mac), Zsa Zsa Gabor (famous entertainer), Marvin Gaye (famous singer), Tom Petty (rock star), Larry King (talk show host), Cyndi Lauper (rock star), Jerry Lee Lewis (famous singer), Wayne Newton (Las Vegas entertainer) Ulysses S. Grant (18th president, General of the Union Army), William Mckinley (25th president) and even Abraham Lincoln (16th president, Commander in Chief of the Union Army) are just a few examples of famous people who went broke, filed bankruptcy and regained their

The good news is that like

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Or think of your local schools: Census results help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special



education.

The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults.

Please complete your form online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives. Visit my2020census.gov to begin.

fortunes. Yes, Abraham Lincoln, the president most looked up to for his honesty, integrity, courage and compassion had to use bankruptcy to save his sanity and get back on his feet.

Bankruptcy is the cheapest, fastest, surest way that a person can be relieved from their debt, keep their home, stop a garnishment, attachment, repossession, utility shut off, car repossession, license suspension, or lawsuit. It is the fastest way to regain your peace of mind and get a fresh start in life.

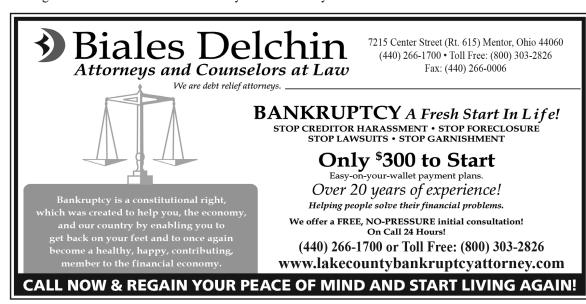
The reason it works so well is because that is what our founding fathers intended. Many people do not know this, but bankruptcy is a right which is founded in the

powers granted to Congress by the United States Constitution. Article 1, Section 8, Clause 4 of the United States Constitution authorizes Congress to enact "Uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States." It provides that Congress shall enact bankruptcy laws to allow Americans to exercise their bankruptcy rights. The reason is simple. You cannot help the United States economy if you are financially pinned down.

So, bankruptcy is a right created by Congress and authorized by the United States Constitution. It is the patriotic duty of every citizen to use it if needed. It helps the person. It helps the country. It helps the family. A financially distressed home can become dysfunctional due to the worry and stress. This hurts the family unit. Therefore, bankruptcy (if needed) is not only an act of responsibility to one's family, spouse and children but it is also an act of love toward them.

Do not be the elephant that is able to break free from its captivity but remains imprisoned by its own mind. Free yourself from the bondage of debt and its destruction of your life. Bankruptcy is the only law in America that instead of helping the rich get richer helps the poor and middle class get richer. Just walk away to your freedom. You have the power.

Robert J. Delchin





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#### Important Information for Swimmng Pool Season

It's swimming pool season in Painesville. Here are a few reminders for swimming pool owners to follow for a safe and fun summer:

WATER **AND ELECTRICITY** IS **DANGEROUS COMBINATION** TO HUMANS. Every year people are electrocuted while in or around a swimming pool. This is the main reason Painesville requires permits when a swimming pool is installed. Remember, a person does not have to be standing in a pool to receive an electrical shock. Merely being wet from exiting a pool and touching a radio or outlet can cause injury from a lethal shock.

• Pools are categorized into two basic types: kiddie pools, which are usually plastic tubs or inflated plastic tubes that have no electrical filter pumps and are less than 24 inches deep and pools with an electrical connection or are over 24 inches

- Kiddie pools require no permit or inspection, but owners should be aware that children typically splash water, so placement of the pool should be at least 10 feet away from any electrical outlets or hazards.
- Pools deeper than 24 inches or with an electrical connection do require zoning, pool and electrical permits from the City. Any pool that has an electrical connection needs an electrical permit regardless of depth.
- Any above-ground pool 24 inches to 48 inches is required to have a perimeter fence that is 48 inch high with a lockable gate. Above-ground pools of 48 inches or deeper are not required to have a fence only if they are equipped with a removal or lockable ladder to restrict access. ALL in-ground pools must have a 48 inch high perimeter fence with a lockable gate. The key element to a lockable gate or a lockable ladder is to prevent a child's entry into the pool when it is unattended by an adult.
- Electrical connections, fixtures, outlets and equipment must be properly bonded and grounded to ensure safe operation. Therefore, electrical work should be done by a licensed electrician and must be performed in accordance

Code- Article 680-Swimming Pools, Fountains and Similar Installations. When zoning, pool and electrical permits and subsequent inspections are required, the intent is to ensure compliance. This is an added expense to being a pool owner and should be budgeted when considering the purchase and installation of a pool.

- Swimming pool plans must be submitted to the Painesville Building Department for permit approvals. This includes a site plan which locates all property lines, structures and the distance from property lines, electrical connections, fixtures, outlets and equipment.
- Once your pool is installed properly and operating, it is the pool owner's responsibility to perform consistent maintenance and chemical treatment to prevent water quality and nuisance issues. If pool water is left unattended and untreated in warm weather, algae, mosquito larva and other unsafe water issues can occur very quickly. When these pool problems become a "nuisance" to the surrounding community, as in Chapter defined of the Painesville Property Maintenance Code, the pool owner will be required to remedy these problems immediately.

Our goal is to make sure that you enjoy your pool to the fullest without incident. Please contact the Painesville Building Department at 440-392-5931 if you have questions.





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#### **Grass Violations:** Everything You Need to Know

letter? It's not fun. To avoid the headache and fees, here is the complete City of Painesville process on grass violations:

- When weeds or grass reaches a height of six inches or higher on any developed, residentially zoned property, and twelve inches or higher on all other lands or lots, the city will send one notice per year via certified or regular mail to the property owner. This one notice covers the entire mowing season.
- In this notice, property owners are given seven days to mow. After seven days, a re-inspection of the property occurs to see if the lawn has been cut. If not, the city will hire a private contractor to mow and remove the excess vegetation at the property owner's expense plus the cost of inspection.
  - If the property owner fails

Ever received a grass violation to pay within 30 days, the Finance Director shall certify the fee to the Lake County Auditor to be placed upon the tax duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected according to law. Continued violations could result in misdemeanor charges.

In summary, the city gives all residents and business owners one warning letter per a year if their grass is too high. Once that letter has been issued, any re-inspection of the property that violates the six inch (or twelve inch) rule will result in a fee (the cost of the inspection plus the cost of the private contractor mowing).

So don't make it a habit! If you are going on vacation, make sure to ask a neighbor to mow your lawn or hire a professional service. For any additional information, please call the Community Development Department at 440-392-5921.

#### What Residents Can Do to Help Prevent Flooded Streets

If your street in flooding in certain it off regularly by removing any areas, a clogged storm sewer outlet may be to blame. While residents can always call the Painesville Public Service Department to clear the outlet of leaves and debris, preventative maintenance is the best way to combat flooding issues.

The Public Service Department appreciates residents' assistance in preventing flooding and water runoff. If you have a storm sewer outlet in front of your home, please clean

leaves, sticks and debris. This small preventative measure goes a long way in preventing flooding.

If the storm sewer outlet should become blocked and you are unable to clear it, or you see it is not draining properly, contact the Public Service Department for assistance at 440-392-9676. Please remember to never remove a sewer cover, as they are heavy and a risk to injury.

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not stop just because you go on Medicare. But unfortunately, Original Medicare (Parts A & B) does not cover routine dental care including the costs of exams, teeth cleaning, tooth extractions, x-rays and dentures. Original Medicare will only cover the cost of dental procedures related to covered medical procedures that are necessary to treat a non-dental condition. In short, this means that you can expect to pay 100% of the

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Taking care of your teeth does costs for routine services if you only have Original Medicare.

There are affordable options to help you with these costs.

#### Look for a stand-alone dental insurance plan

Consider getting a dental-only policy to help with the cost of care. Some plans cover a percentage of your costs for cleanings, x-rays and exams while other are more comprehensive and will cover major dental services like crowns, bridges, root canals and dentures,

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in addition to your routine care. It all depends on the type of coverage you select.

#### **Choose a Medicare Advantage** plan

Plan to switch to a Medicare Advantage Plan during the next Open Enrollment Period. You will find a variety of plans to choose from with a range of premiums and coverage options. Most dental plans require that you see one of their in-network dentist. If you wish to continue seeing your current dentist, make sure the plan you select includes your dentist in their network.

If neither of these are an option, consider the following cost-cutting strategies before giving up on dental care altogether:

#### Ask for a discount

If your dentist recommends a particularly expensive treatment, negotiate on the cost before you get the work done. Many dentists will reduce your bill if you pay up front. Your dentist may also agree can make payments as the work progresses.

to do the work in phases so that you

Visit a dental school clinic

Another option is to check with dental colleges and dental hygiene schools in the area.

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#### Need Help?

challenges like job loss, loss of health insurance, foreclosure or other problems, Lifeline may be able to help. They are Lake County's designated Community Action Agency and their mission is to connect those in our community who need help with the appropriate providers.

Lifeline assists qualifying Lake County residents obtain counseling, healthcare, housing, education and training, energy assistance and much more.

Their healthcare programs help residents who are uninsured or underinsured and increase access to healthcare services including prescription medications and diabetic testing supplies. Lifeline helps residents secure safe and affordable housing, as well as the homeless in our County transition

If you or a loved one are facing back into stable housing. Their education and training programs include financial literacy training, building asset assistance, employment training, nutrition education, and tax clinics. And, for those struggling with the most basic of needs, Lifeline offers several utility related emergency services through the federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

Visit lclifeline.org to access their interactive database or dial 211 to speak with a representative programs. about available Representatives can be reached 24/7. This service is free and confidential.

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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 throughout Northeast Ohio, along with honest, fair prices.

Steve Douglas the owner of Mentor Window was asked about how they continue having such success in the home improvement industry. 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 hear any buy 1 get 1 free nonsense. They want a fair, honest price up front without all the gimmicks you see out there in advertising. We

#### Wheelchair Drive August 1st

Joni and Friends Wheels for the World nonprofit will be holding a wheelchair drive August 1, from 9 am to 1 pm in the parking lot of St. Noel Church, 35200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills.

Since this event will take place outdoors, with only a few collection volunteers, minimal contact will take place. We are collecting used wheelchairs (manual only) in any condition. Please no walkers or canes as we have an overabundance at this time. Tax deductible receipts are available.

Wheels for the World provides life-changing mobility to people impacted by disability around the world. Wheelchairs are cleaned and repaired to like-new condition in prison programs and sent to someone in need at no cost to the recipient.

Picture the person who is going to receive the wheelchair. A person with limited mobility is tragically often excluded from life in their community because they have no way of moving around. But the gift of a wheelchair literally lifts someone from the dirt to a seat of dignity and opportunity. A child may be able to go to school or an adult will be able to get around more easily, work, and not be bound to their house.

Change a life! For questions please contact Karen or Bruce Fraley at fraleyk@sbcglobal.net or 440-946-1605.

treat each and every one of our customers like family. "

"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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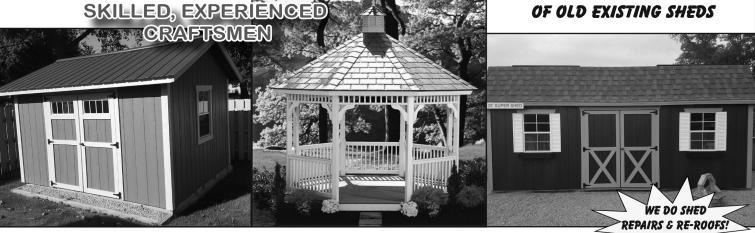
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#### Summit Academy Announces Openings for Families Seeking K-12 Special Education

As enrollment opens at many school districts, Summit Academy Community School – Painesville announces openings for local families with children in grades kindergarten to K-8, particularly those seeking special education.

"Our teachers and support staff are deeply committed to delivering high quality education with compassion to students with

social and learning challenges," says Principal Frank Cheraso. He adds that students with autism, ADHD and other special education needs make up about 70 percent of the schools' student

Summit Academy Community School – Painesville has two teachers or a teacher plus an instructional aide or intervention

specialist in each classroom. In addition, through therapeutic martial arts, music and fine arts programs, counseling/mental health services, and staterecognized positive behavior and intervention supports, the school helps students develop academic and social skills that enable them to thrive, according to Cheraso.

Summit Academy Community

tuition-free school.

For more information or to arrange a visit school visit

School – Painesville is a nonprofit, call 440-358-0877. Interested families can also visit https:// summitacademies.org/schools/ painesville-elementary.

#### Summer Program Starts July 1st

Development Services Agency and Lake County Council on Aging will help income-eligible Ohioans maintain their utility service through the Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program. The program helps eligible Ohioans pay an electric bill, purchase an air conditioning unit or fan, or pay for central air conditioning repairs. This year, the program will run from July 1 until September 30, 2020.

"In years past, the Council on Aging has assisted Lifeline, Inc., Lake County's Community Action Agency, with helping seniors apply for this program at various senior centers in our area. Unfortunately, the senior centers are still closed due to COVID-19 and it is not known if they will open in time (or in what capacity) for the Council on Aging to be able to assist with the application process at the centers,' Jennifer McLaughlin, Manager of the Aging & Disability Resource Center at the Council on Aging. "We will continue to do everything possible during this time to ensure seniors have information and resources to access the benefits they need."

The Summer Crisis Program assists low-income households with an older household member (60 years or older), or households that can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health. Examples of conditions can include lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, asthma, etc. This year, households that were diagnosed with COVID-19 in 2020,

Beginning July 1, the Ohio have a disconnect notice, have been shut off, or are trying to establish new service on their electric bill are also eligible for assistance.

Ohioans can visit energyhelp. ohio.gov to start their application prior to their required appointment. This year appointments can be held over the phone or in person at Lifeline, Inc. To schedule an appointment call, (440) 350-9160.

Eligible households receive up to \$500 if they are a customer of a regulated utility, or \$800 if they are a customer of unregulated utilities such as electric cooperatives and municipal utilities. The assistance is applied to their utility bill, or to purchase an air conditioning unit or fan, or pay for central air conditioning repairs. Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for assistance. For a family of four the annual income must be at or below \$45,850.00.

Also new this year, Ohioans enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus Program (PIPP) who meet the above criteria may be eligible for assistance towards their default PIPP payment, first PIPP payment, central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.

For more information about the features of the Summer Crisis Program locally and what is needed to apply, contact the Lake County Council on Aging at (440) 205-8111. Additional information can also be found at www.energyhelp. ohio.gov or by calling (800) 282-0880.

#### City Sidewalk Program In 2018 City Council passed hazardous to those sidewalks.

the Painesville City Sidewalk Program, a two phase infrastructure improvement plan aimed at improving walkability in the community. During Phase 1 (2018-ongoing), city staff replaced damaged sidewalk slabs that fell under city responsibility and removed any trees in the tree lawn that were deemed hazardous to sidewalks or infrastructure.

Phase 2 (2020-2021), has owners replacing sidewalk slabs that fall under their responsibility and any trees in the tree lawn that may be deemed

As a result, the city applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Lake County Commissioners Office and was awarded \$50,000 to fund the Disadvantaged Sidewalk Assistance Program for low to moderate income Painesville residents.

To qualify, the property must be owner-occupied and the owner must meet income eligibility requirements. For more information and program criteria please visit https://www.painesville.com/ sidewalks. Thank you for making our community a better place to live!



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#### DIVORCE 101:

Getting a Divorce Fast, Easy and Cost Effectively

This article simplistically identifies the main issues in the termination of the marital contract and explains the difference between a divorce and dissolution and why a dissolution is always the best, least stressful and most cost-effective means to terminate the marital contract. The issues in either a dissolution or divorce are the same. They are as follows: (1.) Allocation of Parental Rights and Responsibilities, if there are children. The main issues regarding the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities would include who pays child support and how much, companionship time (formerly "visitation"), who has custody or how is shared parenting (formerly "joint custody") to be allocated, who is responsible for health care/ insurance and how will the tax exemption be divided. (2.) Spousal support. Will one party pay the other spousal support and how much and for how long? (3.) Property distribution. How will the marital real and personal property and all other marital assets be divided. (4.) Pension and retirement division, if in existence. And, finally, (5.) Allocation of marital debt. These are the main issues in every divorce and/or dissolution.

The most fundamental difference between a contested divorce and a dissolution is that in a contested divorce the parties cannot agree on one or more of the issues whereas in a dissolution the parties must agree on ALL issues. Dissolutions are very cost effective. The cost of the dissolution varies based upon the number of issues in the case (listed above). The cost of a dissolution is dramatically less than a divorce (the parties cannot agree on one or more of the issues). The average cost of a divorce with children in Ohio is \$18,800 and without children \$12,500 (Lawyers.com survey). The average cost of a dissolution with children is \$3500 and without children \$2500. Most importantly, the emotional cost of a prolonged divorce is high to both parties and children.

Dissolutions fast. are dissolution can be finalized in as little as six-weeks from the filing date and, usually, requires only one hearing. An action for divorce- if the parties cannot come to a voluntary agreementcan easily take a year or longer to finalize. There are several hearings and a trial. The information gathering process referred to as 'discovery' can become a costly and stressful nightmare. Discovery is not required in a dissolution. In divorce, there is the dread of runaway attorney fees averaging

Annual Parade of Ponds - July 18th

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

With Covid-19 restrictions, our Parade of Ponds is a great way to get outside while still social distancing. The Parade of Ponds is a self guided tour for people to see ornamental ponds & water American Home & features. Energy Products hosts this yearly event and it all begins at their retail store in Painesville, across from the Lake County Fairgrounds.

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



Owner chris Bedrick pictured by one of American Home display ponds

will be able to talk with most of the homeowners about their project and find out why water gardening has become America's #1 growing landscape trend.

All you have to do is stop in anytime on Saturday, July 18th and pick up a map and description handout of the various features and away you go. The event is free and runs from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Saturday only. We do ask that you call the week prior so we are sure to have enough maps on hand.

For more information contact:

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\$250- \$300 per hour. There is always the worry (which is justified) that the attorney will quit if you run out of money or the fear of receiving another several thousand-dollar bill unexpectedly. Almost everyone has heard a horror story about attorney fees.

At Biales Delchin Law, dissolution is a flat fee. Our clients don't worry about getting a huge hourly bill after the initial payment.

Theemotionalprice of continuous daily resentment, depression, fear and worry can become overbearing and destructive to one's health. Dissolution avoids all of this. That being said; It is very difficult to get two people who are usually not the best of friends- to begin withto agree on all issues. All issues must be agreed to for a successful dissolution to occur. This requires compromise. The cardinal rule is that nobody walks away happy. Each party usually feels wronged in some way by the other. Each party usually feels that they could have obtained a better result if they would have just held out longer or been more aggressive. The truth is the law is pretty settled on how property and children issues are resolved. In most cases, you will not get a better result by engaging in prolonged divorce litigation.

If the parties are unable to come to an agreement regarding all the issues, as is often the case, a divorce must be initiated. I try to resolve as many issues as possible before hand and communicate with the other party or his/her attorney to coordinate the process. It is always best to work together and focus upon resolution of the issues on which the parties agree. The purpose of the attorney is to make the process as minimally painful, and least expensive as possible. Open and honest communication is key. Unfortunately, in many cases, the parties have so much resentment toward each other that they are simply unable to cooperate. This is never in anybody's best interest and can be very damaging to children.

There are certainly ways to minimize the pain and cost of a divorce, but it will never be as efficient and emotionally healthy as two parties coming to a voluntary agreement with dissolution. I believe that a fast, relatively inexpensive dissolution of marriage with minimal stress and pain to the parties and their children is possible in most cases if two factors are present (1.) the parties are mature, sensitive and intelligent and (2.) the matter is approached with a cost versus benefit business analysis, an open mind and sound professional guidance. I know this is easier said than done. But- if accomplishedfinancial and emotional rewards (including healing time) reaped are enormous for the parties and children and will be enjoyed for the span of one's entire life.

Robert C. Biales



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## Coronavirus (COVID-19)-Related Stress Factors and Resources

The impacts of COVID-19 aren't confined to physical health. If you or a family member experiences stress related to this pandemic we want to reassure you that help is available.

From the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board

#### Free, confidential local resources

#### **Crossroads Health Coronavirus Warmline: 440-754-3340**

- Call this number first for help with COVID-related stress, anxiety, or uncertainty.
- Warmline hours: Monday Friday, 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.

#### **Crossroads Health Virtual Support Groups (VSGs)**

- To access on line log onto https://crossroadshealth.zoom.us/j/6044743547
- You can also elect to participate by phone: 888-788-0098, meeting ID: 604-474-3547
- Virtual Support Groups are expected to last one hour.

#### **VSGs for first-responders and behavioral health/healthcare professionals:**

Mondays, 1:00 p.m. • Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

#### **VSGs for clients connected to Lake County ADAMHS provider agencies:**

Mondays, 11:00 a.m. • Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. • Thursdays, 4:00 p.m.

#### **VSGs for community members:**

Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m. • Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Lake Co. ADAMHS Board Compass Line: 350-2000 or 918-2000 (both 440)**

- Call the Compass Line for information about all behavioral health services, including those relative to COVID-related stress or anxiety, and/or to explore telehealth options.
- Compass Line hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

#### **Lake County Crisis Hotline: 440-953-8255**

• Free, 24/7 help for when you or a family member experiences overwhelming stress that impacts ability to function normally.

The ADAMHS Board is responsible for planning, evaluating, monitoring, and funding services available for Lake County residents who are dealing with mental illness and/or addiction disorders.



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#### Morley Library Enters Phase 3 Reopening on Monday, July 6th

After closing its doors on March 13 in an effort to stem the spread of COVID-19 in the community, Morley Library continued offering programming for all ages on Facebook and access to digital media via its website, then instituted a Phase 1 reopening consisting of drive-thru pickup of materials and telephone reference service in mid-May. Hours of operation are 9am – 5pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 11am – 7pm on Tuesday and Thursday; and 10am – 2pm on Saturday. These hours will remain in effect until further notice.

Phase 2 consists of appointmentonly access to computers as of Wednesday, June 24. Patrons wishing to use a computer may call the Library at (440) 352-3383 to schedule an appointment. Computers may be reserved for 1 hour and appointments are limited to one per day per patron.

Per the Library's Public Health Emergency Policy, patrons must always wear a cloth or disposable mask in the building, and Library staff will provide disposable masks if necessary. Appointments may be made for children 15 and younger, who must be accompanied by a are not able to provide computer assistance during appointments at this time. No walk-in/drop-in computer use will be available.

The Library will expand access on Monday, July 6, with Phase 3. Patrons may continue to make appointments for PC use and will also be permitted open access to browse materials and receive help from staff at all public service desks. Building capacity will be monitored and

younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the Library. Per the Library's Public Health Emergency Policy, patrons must always wear a cloth or disposable mask in the building, and Library staff will provide disposable masks if necessary. We ask that patrons time their visit to give priority to vulnerable individuals (those with underlying conditions or otherwise immunocompromised) during the

parent or guardian. Library staff possible. Children aged 15 and to be as brief as possible in order ensure safety. to maintain a safe environment for all, and to continue using the drive-thru window whenever possible. Patrons are asked to continue

returning all materials through the outside book drop until further notice. All materials will continue to be quarantined for 72 hours to

Morley Library, located at 184 Phelps St. in Painesville, serves the communities of Concord Township, Grand River, Leroy, Painesville City, and Painesville Township.

For more information about the library, visit www.morleylibrary.







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