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Painesville City Council

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

I would like to wish a 'Happy New Year' to all Painesville residents. January 2022 brings some changes to the makeup of Painesville City Council. As a result of the election in November, Council says goodbye to Tom Fitzgerald and welcomes Derrick Abney to one of the Council-at-Large positions. Congratulations to Lori DiNallo and Jim Fodor on their re-elections.

Tom Fitzgerald has been a resident of Painesville City for over 20 years. He began his commitment to Painesville by serving as chairman of the Planning Commission for 13 years and was elected to City Council in 2014. Tom and his wife, Debra, are retiring from their beautiful Fitzgerald's Irish Bed and Breakfast, but will continue to operate Fitzgerald Tours. Thank you, Tom, for your dedication to Painesville. We wish you safe travels!

I would also like to officially welcome Derrick Abney to Painesville City Council. Derrick is a lifetime City resident and was a Painesville City employee for 26 year in various departments. He is the sole proprietor of Abney Family Landscaping and volunteers on numerous boards and non-profit organizations. Thank you, Derrick, for bringing your leadership to Painesville City Council.

Happy 2022. Remember the first day of Spring is less than 80 days away!

Christine Shoop, Vice President, Ward I
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Welcome Councilman Derrick Abney

Derrick Abney is a lifelong resident of Painesville and was elected to Painesville City Council in January 2022. Before being elected, Derrick retired as a City of Painesville employee after 26 years of service. He is a U.S. Army veteran and graduate of Harvey High School.

Derrick is involved in numerous local organizations including the American Legion (past Commander), Lake County Council of American Legion (past Commander), the VFW, Unity in Community (Founder/President),

Band Boosters (President), the National Association of Realtors, Prince Hall Mason, Operating Engineers Local 18 Union, Painesville Community Improvement Corporation, Andy Nowaki Scholarship Committee and 40/8 La Societe. Since 1994, Derrick has been the sole proprietor of Abney Family Landscaping.

Abney says he believes in representing all people, from all walks of life and that City Council needs to be inclusive in order to grow and progress as a



community together.

Abney has six children, all of whom attended Painesville City Local Schools. This is his first term on Painesville City Council.

Former Chase Bank Building to Become Lake Erie College Dorms

At the December 6 meeting, Painesville City Council approved legislation that would allow dormitories to be located in a B3 zoning district. This allows the developer, Renew Partners LLC, to renovate the former Chase

Bank building, on the corner of S Park Place and Liberty Street, into dormitories for Lake Erie College students.

The plans show 170 beds available in apartment-style living spaces featuring kitchenettes and

private bathrooms. The bottom floor will feature a public eatery or café style establishment.

Painesville City administration has collaborated with the developer and college over the past two years to see the project to fruition. The main goal for all parties involved, is to create a stronger connection between the Lake Erie College campus and the downtown area where students can patron local businesses and participate in activities.

Laketrans Partners with Harvey High School for Free Rides

Painesville City Local Schools has recently collaborated with Laketrans to provide a new student transit benefit program.

Raiders GO is a partnership that will allow Harvey High School students, grades 9-12, to ride

Laketrans' Local Route 1-9 free of charge wherever they are traveling – be it to campus, internships, activities, local resources, or after school jobs.

For more information or to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/31q8jOR>

Safe Routes to School Program

The City of Painesville and Painesville City Local Schools want to learn caregivers' thoughts about children walking and biking to school. The Safe Routes to School program is an ODOT led project that is funded \$4 million annually to help encourage and enable students in grades K-8 to walk or ride their bike to school. This can include improved crossings, sidewalks, right-of-ways, education programs and more.

Three public meetings will feature open house style discussion with information shared about the Safe Routes to School program

and asking participants to identify areas in the city that may need to be improved to provide better access for students and families.

The first meeting was held on December 20. The second opportunity will be on Wednesday, January 5 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Go to www.painesville.com/saferoutes for the meeting link to participate.

The final meeting will occur on Tuesday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting at Painesville Municipal Court. At this event, initial findings will be presented.

No Street Parking During Emergency Snow Bans

All Painesville residents and visitors are reminded to move vehicles off the street during heavy snowfall to allow for plowing.

Whenever there is a snow fall of two (2) inches or more within a 24 hour period, an emergency snow ban takes effect and parking is prohibited on the street.

Christmas Tree Pick up

Christmas tree pick up by Republic Services runs January 3-14. Discarded trees must be on the tree lawn on your regular trash/recycling day in order to be picked up. For questions, contact Republic Services at 216-441-6300.

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Legislative Update: State Representative Troy

Common sense solutions to protect our citizens

When I ran for office in 2020, I talked about trying to deliver for families, and especially seniors, by addressing the challenges in our western Lake County community with common-sense solutions. Now, as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, I've put forward several bills that, if enacted, would improve the safety and financial security of the seniors that I represent.

One particular issue that I've prioritized relates to home affordability. As Ohio's aging

population continues growing, many seniors, especially those on fixed incomes, are severely burdened by increasing property taxes. Often, these households are stretched to their financial limits and forced to cut spending on basic necessities, including healthcare, transportation, and quality food. The unfortunate reality is that we have too many seniors spending too much money to cover housing costs, and it's negatively impacting their quality of life. That's why I sponsored HB 207, which reduces the property tax burden

on Ohio's fixed-income seniors by expanding the eligibility for homestead exemption programs and increasing the taxable value exemption. This legislation will help seniors stay in their homes and keep some extra money in their pockets. As we move forward, I will continue looking at additional ways to reform and improve our local property tax system.

Another problem I am addressing is the increasing prevalence of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable senior citizens. Having served on a Lake County committee tasked with researching and raising awareness regarding elder justice issues, I was eager to tackle this matter at the state level. Though Ohio has laws on the books criminalizing elder abuse, a loophole within the state's mandatory reporting statutes prevents individuals who knowingly fail to report elder abuse from being held accountable. To protect seniors and ensure those who break the law are punished, I have

worked in a bipartisan manner with my Republican co-sponsor, Representative Bill Seitz, to introduce HB 419. Our legislation eliminates confusion, strengthens penalties, and sends a clear message that Ohio will not tolerate elder abuse. Also, as a member of the Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee, I co-sponsored and helped pass SB 58, also known as "Esther's Law," which will assist in preventing nursing home abuse by allowing video cameras in long-term care facilities. I was recently honored to be recognized as Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Association of Area Agencies in Aging at their annual state-wide meeting for my work on elder justice issues and increased senior community services funding.

In addition to senior issues, I have continuously advocated for common-sense consumer protections. According to a recent report from the Ohio Consumers Council, since 2009, utility ratepayers have been wrongly charged more than \$1.5 billion

by corporate utility companies. As both a member of the Public Utilities Committee and a firm believer in looking out for the interests of ordinary people, I found this unacceptable. My bill, HB 260, also co-sponsored in a bipartisan fashion with a Republican colleague, mandates refunds to improperly charged consumers and prevents big utility companies from ripping off ratepayers to further enrich wealthy shareholders and campaign donors.

Serving as your State Representative for Ohio's 60th House District is truly an honor and a privilege. While many of my colleagues across the political spectrum engage in way too much divisive behavior and rhetoric, I remain committed to building consensus and compromise around policies that improve the lives of everyday people. I represent you, and I won't forget that. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office at (614) 466-7251 or Rep60@ohiohouse.gov.

Reminder to Keep Sidewalks and Fire Hydrants Clear After Snowfalls

Residents and business owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to keep sidewalks and fire hydrants clear after snowfalls.

For snow falls under four inches, it is the property owner's responsibility to shovel any sidewalks, curbs or gutters abutting their property. For snow fall more than four inches, city crews plow sidewalks throughout city limits. Plowing begins at 12 midnight after a snow fall and typically takes 12 hours to complete. Sidewalks around schools are given first priority for plowing.

If your driveway is plowed, please remember to clear the snow mounds left behind on the sidewalks. Many children walk to bus stops and snow mounds block

a clear and safe path.

Also remember to not run any kind of cords for holiday displays across your sidewalks, especially electrical cords. All displays, retaining walls, fencing, etc. should be at least two feet off the sidewalk (some brick and stone walls being an exception). Staking or posting your sidewalk edges is always helpful to our crews.

The area around fire hydrants should also be kept clear after heavy snowfall. Shovel around your hydrant to be ready if an emergency occurs.

Rent the Rink for a Private Skate

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We offer beginner group lessons and private lessons are available for all ages call for scheduling and times.

If your looking to stay in shape don't overlook this sport, roller skating. Roller skating is for all ages and is one of the most fun and easy activities that the whole family can enjoy together. Roller skating is recognized and recommended by the American Heart Association (AMA) as an aerobic fitness sport.

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

If you are looking to stay in shape, get in shape or just wanting to have some good family fun come join us at the City Skate Center 63 West Walnut Ave, Painesville, Ohio 440-352-2002.

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Painesville City Schools and Laketran Launch "Raiders GO" to Improve Access for Harvey High School Students

Painesville City Local Schools and Laketran recently announced a new student transit benefit program. Raiders GO is a partnership that will allow Harvey High School students, grades 9-12, to ride Laketran's

Local Route 1-9 free of charge wherever they are traveling – be it to campus, internships, activities, local resources, or after school jobs.

"Transportation for our families is a continual barrier in which we

are always looking for solutions," explained Kristin Oriani of Harvey High School.

To address this, Painesville City Local Schools collaborated with Laketran to provide an additional transportation opportunity for

high school students to increase access to real-world learning opportunities and community resources in northeast Ohio.

Raiders GO is now available to students. Permission from parents or guardians is required for students to participate in the program and students can register at the school's hub.

"We are very excited to be launching Raiders GO with Painesville City Local Schools," shared Laketran CEO Ben Capelle. "This program will provide a reliable and affordable way for students to access educational

and economic opportunities, as well as bring awareness to public transportation."

"We have many parents contact us about transportation options so students can take advantage of programs off-campus, including internships, college classes, and career development programs," continued Capelle. "Neither Painesville City Local Schools nor Laketran want transportation to be a barrier for students to participate in these programs. Raiders GO guarantees students can access these programs and get jobs that will help them now and into the future."

Students at Harvey High School have many route options when choosing public transportation to get where they need to go. Laketran's Painesville Circulator, Route 5, travels throughout Painesville with service to the high school, downtown Painesville and Fairport Harbor. The Painesville Transfer Center along N. St. Clair Street provides connections to Routes 1, 4 and 9. Laketran's Route 1 serves Mentor Avenue and continues to Lakeland Community College. Route 9 travels to Heisley Road via Diamond Centre during peak hours with access to the Tyler Boulevard manufacturing corridor. Route 4 travels eastbound through Painesville Township and Perry to Madison.

More details are available at <https://harvey.painesville-city.k12.oh.us/>



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Make a habit of the following before going to bed at night:

- Close all windows, lock your vehicle and take the keys inside. An unlocked vehicle is an open invitation.
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Answer: Back in the 1950's a company called the Fair Isaac Corp. (FICO) developed a formula which was marketed as a way for lenders to realistically

evaluate their risk with regard to lending to a specific person. FICO assigned mathematical quantities to patterns of behavior (like how often one pays late, whether they have unsatisfied legal judgments, etc.) and computes those quantities into a numerical risk factor which is known as our "credit rating." FICO sells people's credit ratings to lenders based on their FICO formula which is a trade secret and

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There are other companies like FICO which have come up with their own secret form of credit rating which they also sell to credit reporting agencies such as Equifax, Transunion and TRW. In my mind, these companies secrecy causes me to question their integrity and the efficacy of their formulas. FICO should willingly disclose the science behind their mathematical formula so it can be challenged and discussed. It only seems fair that a rating factor which affects so many people's lives, whether it be for getting credit, a job, security clearance or the trust of another person, should be open to investigation. How do we really know its not complete voodoo?

There is a widely held belief that FICO and the entire individual

credit rating system was developed by the elite to keep the average person in their place. "Their place" is presumably in a constant state of fear over their financial rating willing to pay the banks any interest rate or penalty without question.

In our bankruptcy practice, we spend a large portion of our time helping people get back on financial track. I see people regularly who enter my office in a state of hopelessness and are healthy, happy, laughing and spirited six months down the line. Bankruptcy stays on your credit for ten years. But my response to that is "So what?" Anybody who really wants to get credit and buy another house can do it in three years or better. Even with a very low credit rating. They will have to be creative

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Birders are often asked why birds were given the names they were, such as nightjar, phalarope or killdeer. Blackbrook Audubon will host "Where Did You Get That Name?" by Mary Huey 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 18 at Penitentiary Glen's Nature Center. A former interpretive

naturalist for Lake Metroparks, Huey researched the topic to satisfy her own curiosity when pondering the Blackburnian Warbler. She will share how the names of native birds evolved and introduce some 19th century ornithologists who laid the groundwork for contemporary

bird study.

Participants can attend the program in person or register on the event page of blackbrookaudubon.org to receive a link to view the program live

online. Refreshments will not be served at the in-person program, which will be at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road in Kirtland.

Blackbrook Audubon covers Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake

Counties as the local chapter of National Audubon Society. For more information, email blackbrookaud@aol.com. Follow Blackbrook Audubon Society on Facebook for updates.

Bathroom Remodel Horror Story

Let us paint a horrific picture for you. You pay the wrong contractor \$9,000 upfront to give you the perfect bathroom and 9 months later you still have no working bathroom and it's less than 25% done. To make matters worse the 25% that was "completed" was completed incorrectly and needed to be torn out. This is the unfortunate story of a Lake County Resident and neighbor of yours.

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Money Back from Medicare? Here are some facts.

We have all seen the celebrity-endorsed television ads for Medicare Advantage plans that say they will pay you \$140 to \$148 a month. Can this be real?

While the plans these celebrities are promoting are perfectly legitimate, they may not deliver everything these pitchmen appear to promise. The commercials do not tell the full story.

Let's begin with some facts. To enroll in one of these plans, you must:

- Be a Medicare beneficiary enrolled in Part A and Part B,
- Be responsible for paying the Part B premium,
- Live in a service area of a plan that has chosen to participate in this program, and
- Find a plan that offers this 'give-back' benefit

While this type of plan is widely promoted, it is not available everywhere, and the specifics of each plan will vary. Unfortunately, if you live in an area that does not

provide one of these plans, there is no way for you to take advantage of this benefit.

Not everyone gets the full \$148 reimbursement back. The plan determines the amount of the reduction which can range anywhere from \$25 on up. The 'giveback benefit' is not a direct payment to the insured. It is a reduction in their Part B premiums.

The television commercials make references to providing benefits not offered by Original Medicare. They list things like private home aides, home delivered meals, vision, hearing, dental and prescription drug coverage. This can be misleading because not all plans include these benefits.

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Eviction Diversion Program

Lake County's Fair Housing Resource Center (FHRC) is offering a newly formalized Eviction Diversion Program for landlords and tenants. FHRC has offered informal mediation and negotiation with landlords in the past to resolve eviction issues. Now FHRC is offering a more formalized, no-cost mediation program. The program features a trained mediator who will listen

to both parties and guide them in clarifying issues, identifying areas of agreement, developing possible solutions and writing their own agreement.

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One student's winning design will be featured on a Dial-a-Ride bus wrap for six months and travel throughout the county. Entries are due Monday, January 31, 2022 and the bus wrap will be installed from March – July 2022.

The contest is open to middle school and high school students from Lake County or students enrolled in a Lake County school, art school or homeschooled during the 2021-2022 school year.

be able to offer this contest to our young Lake County artists again this year," shared Laketran spokesperson Julia Schick. "Many transit systems incorporate public art into their transit properties or vehicles, because it's a great way to share art in the community."

The 2021 art contest winners, along with 18 additional entries, are on display at the Frank J. Polivka transit center at Lakeland Community College that is open to the public Monday – Saturday.

Learn more about the contest and prizes on the Laketran website, where you can also download the entry form and art templates.

"We received over 75 entries last year and are excited to

Lake County Genealogical Society Meeting - January 27th

The Lake County Genealogical Society (LCGS) meeting will be held on January 27th from 10:00 am to noon. The LCGS is meeting on Zoom due to COVID-19. Please join us for a short business meeting followed by our speakers, Dr. Deborah Abbott and Louis M. "Lou" Lentine (an LCGS member). Our topic is "Lou's Brick Wall."

"So, You Think You Have a Brick Wall! Lake County Genealogical Society member Lou Lentine thought he had a brick wall. He shared his frustration in researching his father-in-law, Frank Piunno, with the Society's special interest group (SIG). Armed with oral history it would take more than Lou's eyes to see that his brick wall had a crack. Lou's ancestor talked about his days playing for the New York Celtics and even playing against the Harlem Globetrotters but left gaps. Dr. Abbott, who is very interested in basketball, took up the challenge and they bulldozed the brick wall and learned more. The methods used in this research can help you work through your brick walls as well. Come with us and follow the journey confirming the oral history of Lou's ancestor, Frank Piunno.

Deborah A. Abbott, PhD, is a professional genealogist, specializing in African American research, manuscript collections and genealogy methodology. She serves as a member of the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Archives Advisory Commission. She is an associate with the

Kentucky-Tennessee Associates based in Springfield, TN; past president of the African American Genealogical Society, Cleveland, OH; and a retired professor of Counseling from Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland.

Dr. Abbott is an instructor as well as the coordinator for both the weeklong African American tracts at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) held at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA and the Genealogy Research Institute of Pittsburgh held at LaRoche University in Pittsburgh, PA. She is also an instructor at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) in Salt Lake City, UT. She presents lectures and workshops at a variety of national, state, and local genealogy conferences across the country, as well as colleges, businesses & libraries.

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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Registrations received prior to January 31, 2022 are \$100. Registrations from February 1

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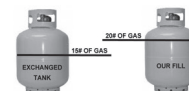
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New last fall, Case Western Reserve University's (CWRU) Siegel Lifelong Learning program

was added to the university center offering. Through this partnership, adults of all ages pursue their love of learning by participating in courses and lectures provided by CWRU faculty, renowned scholars and local subject-area experts. Topics include art, history, politics, science, religion, literature and more. The program also includes an 11-week Senior Scholars program.

New opportunities await in the new year! Learn more at "Holden University Nights" Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, from 6-7 p.m. The event is free, but registration is required at lakelandcc.edu/ucevents.



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The store is a wonderful place with so much to offer everyone. The variety is unbelievable and items range from old to new, antiques, collectibles, advertising, toys, glassware, handmade and the prices range from .50 to \$500. I will extend the hours at the end

of the month to **WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY 10-5 PM AND SUNDAYS NOON TO 5 PM.**

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Any questions please don't hesitate to text or call me and leave a message at 440-382-6789. We are always working to make not only the shop a success, but my dedicated vendors that are supporting me in all my efforts.

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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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Fairport Harbor Public Library was one of just 26 libraries in Ohio to receive this year's honor, and the only one in Lake County. Within its budget category, \$200-399.9K, FHPL placed 11th nationwide.

The LJ Index is a national rating

system designed to recognize and promote America's public libraries. The index measures how services provided by a library compare with libraries in its peer group. The peer groups are divided by the library's total operating budget. This year 5,608 libraries were rated using per capita usage of the library. Only 262 of these libraries received stars. The criteria used in the rankings included library visits, circulation of physical and digital materials, public computer usage, WiFi usage, and program attendance. LJ Index scores and Star ratings are based on data reported annually by public libraries to their state library agencies and compiled nationally by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

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