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Painesville Pride

Mayor's Report



Rich Regovich
Mayor/Safety Director

Lake County has been working to set up their procedure to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine. As of mid-January the county has received and distributed approximately 2000 vaccinations to those who qualify. The State of Ohio has ordered that we vaccinate the most vulnerable people in our population first. The County Health District is currently scheduling for phase 1B. To register please go to the Lake County General Health District web site www.lcghd.org or call 440-350-2543. This is the best place for up to date COVID-19 information as it changes so rapidly. As the vaccine becomes more available the county does expect to receive larger shipments.

Please continue to use the precautionary measures that have become our daily routine. Let's hope we can get through the next part of this as quickly as possible to get back to some normalcy. We all need to do our part to stay safe and healthy.

Willowick has hosted Meals

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Willowick Recreation Department: News & Notes

By, Julie Kless
Recreation Director

We are working on our Spring/Summer Activities Guide. They will be available on line starting March 1. All specific information is available on the city of website under the Recreation Department's

tab. Willowick Youth Leagues will be starting online registrations in February. Please visit their website for more information.

Baseball: willowickbaseball.org
Soccer: willowicksoccerclub.org
Girls Softball: leaguelineup.com/willo

Starting this year the Recreation Department will be running the 2 instructional divisions for baseball T-ball and mini's.

Registrations will begin March 1. Mon. - Fri. 9am to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm at Manry

Activities Center.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime with any questions or concerns you may have. jkless@cityofwillowick.com

Courage does not always roar, sometimes, it is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow."

Upcoming Virtual Library Programs for Families

During the month of February 2021, the following free programs will be offered VIRTUALLY at the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library. Registration is required. For a complete schedule of events or to register for one of our upcoming programs, visit www.we247.org.

All programs are via Zoom or YouTube. You must register to receive the link! Visit the Events Calendar at www.we247.org or call your library to register.

Make and Take Art Club Kits for Adults

Heart Woven in Handfolk Craft - February's Project: Associated with

the Amish and Shaker movements, these were used as tokens of love in the nineteenth century. We'll provide a simple mitten and heart for you to assemble. Contact the Willoughby Library during the month of February to pick up your supplies.

Make and Take Art Club Kits for Teens and Tweens

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

number of Art Club kits will be available. Contact the Willoughby Library to pick up your supplies. Ages 11-18.

Mondays, Feb. 1 & 15, 10 am

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

Monday, February 1, 2-3 pm
Arctic Animal Story & Craft

Enjoy a fun Tuesday afternoon listening to a story about an arctic animal and then making a craft about that animal.

Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16
3 pm

Cleveland State Hospital

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

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd 7-8 pm
New York Times Bestselling Author Shelley Shepard Gray

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

bestseller lists.

Thursday, February 4, 6:30 pm
Getting Started with Medicare

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

Monday, February 8, 6:30 pm
Take-Home Pokemon Terrariums

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

Black Innovators of Northeast Ohio

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

Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 pm
Car Capitol of the World

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

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7-8 pm
Zoom LEGO Club

Join us on Zoom to discuss the amazing LEGO creations you have been working on. The Wednesday before the program, Miss Sarah will send you a video about what the theme is and an example of something she has been working on, as well as the Zoom link for the next day. At 2 pm on Saturday, you'll be able to join a Zoom call and show off your

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Mayor

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on Wheels at the Community Center since January 1st of this year after they lost their location in Eastlake. The Community Center is working well for them to be able to prepare and deliver meals every week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you would like to volunteer call the Lake County Council on Aging at 440-205-8111.

The construction at Shoregate Shopping Center is well under way. The old Ground Round building and the former Chase Bank drive through has been taken down to prepare for a new construction retail space. There will be two new 6000 square foot buildings with up to 10 spaces available. There has been much speculation as to who the new tenants will be. I want to wait for

the construction to be completed and have lease agreements signed before I am comfortable sharing the news. I feel it will be very positive for Willowick.

It has become hard to rent retail space in Shoregate. The footprint is outdated for most modern retail and we have to reinvent these spaces for a new modern lifestyle. We will continue to help the owners of Shoregate and other retail business in Willowick to try and fill the open spaces. With that being said please patronize Willowick business's when possible. This past year has been hard on all of our retail establishments. It will take a community effort to help make sure these establishments have a chance to survive.

Please be safe and remember winter is almost over.

City of Willowick Council Reports



Charlie Malta
Ward 3 Councilman

Hello Wonderful Residents of Willowick!

Sat, February 6th - Budget Hearings at 8:00am: The only city in Lake County who opens their budget hearings to our constituents.

It begins at 8:00, am Sat., Feb. 6th. This year, because of Covid, it will be on WebX. If you are interested, call me, or e mail me if you want me to send you the link.

Kids Lunch Program: A tip of the cap to Eastlake Councilman Mike Zuren & his staff for suppling 130,000 free meals in 2020 and 1,000 pounds of pet food through Willow Praise Church.

We kicked off this year Jan.7th with a coat drive and 500 Pizzas from Master Pizza to our kids in Willowick & Eastlake. Thanks to all of you who donated 500 coats, hats, scarves and boots for 500 kids.

Special Needs Childrens Birthday Club:

Our newest project for 2021 will

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Monica Koudela
Ward 1 Councilwoman

2021 is finally here. It is my hope that the new year brings new beginnings and brighter outlooks. 2020 was difficult for everyone and it would be nice to have our lives go back to normal. As we move forward, I ask that you keep in mind that everyone is fighting some type of struggle. Please be a good neighbor and look for opportunity to do good.

City council and the department directors will be discussing the proposed budget this month and voting to approve in March. Please reach out if there is something you would like to see purchased or something you would like to see cut.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas. Thank you!

Monica
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Mike Vanni
Ward 1 Councilman

Council will be conducting the annual Budget hearings on Saturday, February 6, 2021 starting at 8:00 am. The meeting may be held virtually this year as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Please refer to the City website for updated information or you can reach out to me as well.

Please remember to not put out your garbage and/or recycling

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Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman

Hi Everyone,
I can't believe it is February already. Hopefully spring is right around the corner!

Thirty Willowick Businesses took advantage of the small business grant that the City was offering. I am so glad the city could help them, especially in a time of uncertainty of how their business would survive during COVID.

I would like to congratulate Sue Wovrosh the Mayors Administrator and City Council Clerk on her retirement. She dedicated 8 years to the city and now she can relax and enjoy her time off with her husband. I enjoyed working with Sue and she will be missed.

I would like to welcome Angela (Angie) Trend to her new position as the Mayors Administrator and City Council Clerk. Angie is no stranger to the city. She was a Willowick Police Department Dispatcher for 20 years. I look forward to working with Angie.

If you have not heard or seen the article in the News Herald, Lake County residents have a new reverse 911 system. All of the landline and wireless information from the old system VESTA Alert was migrated to the new WENS system.

Please visit the following link to sign up or update your information.

Entry.inspironlogistics.com/lake_oh/wens.cfm

You can select to receive city emergency information along with selecting any weather alerts you want to receive 24/7 or between 6am-11pm. Everyone that signs up will automatically receive 24/7 tornado warning alerts. If you have questions, email EMA@LakeCountyOhio.gov or call County Administrator Jason Boyd 440-350-2334 or EMA Direct Joseph Busher 440-350-5499.

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David Phares
Ward 3 Councilman

I want to thank Charlie Malta for inviting me to participate in the Coats for Kids event at Willow Praise Church on Vine Street on January 8th. We handed out lots of coats and 500 pizzas donated by Masters Pizza in Eastlake. It was a great event to help out the community.

WENS is the Lake County Wireless Emergency Network System which is a notification system used by the Lake County Emergency Management Agency to notify residents who have registered for the service of alerts and emergencies. You can sign up at: https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/lake_oh/wens.cfm.

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

25 years ago in Willowick: Two resolutions were introduced to Council urging the Federal Government and State Legislature to create and enforce regulations to make users of the "internet" accountable for their actions.

50 years ago in Willowick: The City of Euclid informed Willowick that the Lake Shore Boulevard - Euclid City bus route to Shoregate Shopping Center is showing a dramatic loss in revenue and would like the merchants at Shoregate Plaza to pay to subsidize this loss of revenue. Shoregate responded that they have no interest in doing that. There was a recent discussion about bringing the railway or rapid to Shoregate but the cost was \$32 million. To bring it to the Euclid line would cost \$8 million.

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Robert Patton
Council President

Budget Hearings- Council will be conducting our annual budget hearings on February 6, 2021 starting at 8:00 a.m. We are now in the process of determining whether the hearings will be virtual or live. This is council's most critical function during the year. The directors of each department will present their proposed expenditures for the coming year. Willowick is unique among cities in Lake County in the amount of time and attention devoted to this task.

After the budget hearings, the ordinance setting forth the City of Willowick's expected budget will be placed on three readings at successive council meetings. The three readings at three separate Council meetings offer multiple opportunities for residents to comment on the proposed budget. All the tax money in the budget is your money, it is Council's responsibility to make certain that it is spent wisely.

If you need to contact me, please text or call me on my cell phone at 216-409-0364.

Bob Patton
Council President

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be a Birthday Club for our special needs children in Willowick & Eastlake. Each child will receive a gift, birthday cake & a recognition letter. You can help in a couple of ways, either bake a cake or offer a donation toward the gift. We will pick one child each month from both cities. To nominate your child or offer a donation contact one of the five committee members: Charlie Malta, Mike Zuren, Terri Bowe-Kosey, Kathy Richards or Paula Price. Any Questions call Terri Bowes Kosey @ 440-567-0991.

God Bless,
Sincerely,
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Laketrans Retrofits Dial-a-Ride Bus to Serve as Mobile Food Pantry

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each month, 480 households

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Future distribution dates are listed at www.laketrans.com.



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FEBRUARY 4 | 10:00 A.M. | MENTOR PARK-N-RIDE | 8650 MARKET ST.

FEB. 9 | 10 A.M. | EASTLAKE TRANSIT CENTER | 35300 VINE ST./CAPTAINS STADIUM

FEBRUARY 11 | 10 A.M. | WICKLIFFE SENIOR CENTER | 900 WORDEN RD.

FEBRUARY 16 | 10 A.M. | MADISON SENIOR CENTER | 2938 HUBBARD RD.

FEBRUARY 18 | 10 A.M. | PERRY SENIOR CENTER | 2800 PERRY PARK RD.

FEBRUARY 23 | 10 A.M. | CENTRAL YMCA | 933 MENTOR AVE.

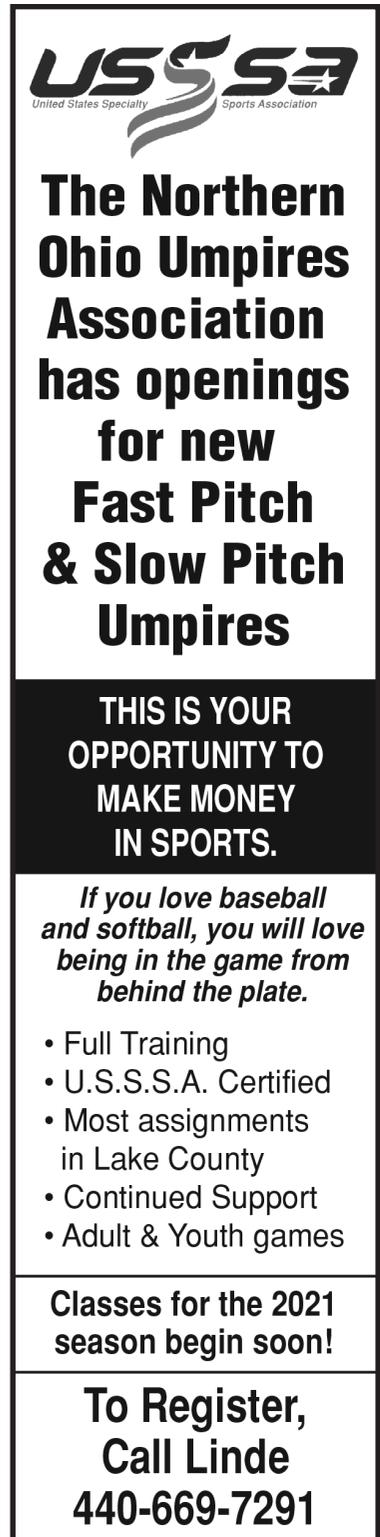
FEBRUARY 25 | 10 A.M. | CONCORD COMMUNITY CENTER | 7671 AUBURN RD.

Visit www.laketrans.com for dates/locations of future distributions.

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

2.) Protection from Creditors: Once your bankruptcy is filed, you receive a legal protection called an Automatic Stay. This "stay" prevents creditors and debt collectors from making contact with or trying to collect money from you. The automatic

stay will stop foreclosure, lawsuits, wage garnishments, vehicle repossession, utility shut off, license suspensions for uninsured accident damage to another motor vehicle and more.

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

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

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

6.) It Works Fast: We are able to stop creditor harassment, lawsuits, foreclosures, garnishments, repossessions and a whole lot of other problems FAST with bankruptcy. Bankruptcy is not like applying for a bank loan. It moves fast. The protections discussed can be used the same day we file. Some of these protections like stopping harassing phone calls are available immediately upon giving us money down for representation.

Bankruptcy is about having peace of mind and relief now but it is also about financial planning for the future. It is about re-establishing credit, keeping the lion's share of your property and resolving all of your current debt and bad marks on your record

so that you will be in good financial standing in a few years. It is about a fresh start in life. Everyone deserves a fresh start.

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

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

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

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until after 5:00 pm on the day before your scheduled pick-up. Many times garbage is being put out a couple of days before the

pick-up date resulting in it blowing into the street or a neighbor's yard.

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

Michael Vanni- Ward 1

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The CCP program is free for high school students and they do not pay for tuition or textbooks. They can complete classes on their high school campus or at Lakeland, earning high school and college credit at the same time. Many students take the

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

Students who wish to begin focusing on an information technology & computer science or health care program, can start

on a dedicated pathway within the CCP program.

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

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

excellent class attendance and no disciplinary problems.

- High school students must declare their intent to participate by May 1. Visit lakelandcc.edu/ccp for more information.

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

Interested students should check with their high schools for details. Those ready to start may apply at lakelandcc.edu/apply.

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

Library Programs

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amazing creation. Be sure to have a name for the creation and a little story that explains it.

Saturday, February 13, 2 pm

Miss Bryn's Bomb Book Club

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

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

Monday, February 15

6:30-7:30 pm

Online Film Discussion

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

Tuesday, February 16, 3 pm

Sensory Storytime

Children of all ages & abilities are welcomed to this interactive, inclusive storytime specifically designed to support the developmental needs of those with sensory challenges.

Tuesday, February 16, 6:30 pm

Homeschool Travelers

Take a trip around the world without leaving your house! Each month features a different location, complete with facts & fun activities!

Wednesday, February 17, 2 pm

Homeschool Thursdays

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

Thursday, February 18, 2 pm

Network to Freedom

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

more about the Network.

Thursday, February 18, 6:30 pm
Joe the Coupon Guy: Cutting the Cord

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 3:30 pm

Midnight in Vehicle City with Author Edward McClelland

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

Wednesday, February 24
6:30 pm

The Babysitter's Club Book Group

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

Wednesday, February 24, 5 pm

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Lake County Genealogical Society Meeting - February 25th

The Lake County Genealogical Society (LCGS) meeting will be held on February 25 from 10:00 am to noon.

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

join us to hear our speaker Cari Taplin talk about "Organizing Your Research: Making Molehills out of Mountains."

Visit our website at www.lcgsohio.org and email us for an invitation to the Zoom presentation. You can also go to our web site to

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

Applied directly to the customer's utility or bulk fuel bill, the benefit can help manage heating costs. Ohioans can visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online, download a copy of the application or find contact information for a local Energy Assistance Provider (EAP). The Lake County Council on Aging is able to assist individuals over the phone to complete their application

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

- Most recent utility bills.

- A list of all household members (including birth dates and Social Security numbers).
- Proof of income for the past 30 days for all household members (12 months for certain income types).
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).

notice), need to establish new service, need to pay to transfer service, have 25% (or less) of bulk fuel supply remaining, or have a household member who was diagnosed with COVID-19 in 2020 may also be eligible for the HEAP Winter Crisis Program, which started on November 1, 2020. If you need immediate assistance with your energy bills, please contact your local EAP. A list of providers can be found at www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

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

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

Irruptive Birds are in Audubon's Sights

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

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

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

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

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

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Audubon Shares Threats to Birds in Columbia

Cleveland-area photographer and author Steve Cagan will introduce Blackbrook Audubon guests to the Colombian Pacific coast rain forest area of El Chocó in a virtual program Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. He will describe the biodiversity of this natural treasure and the harm caused by mechanized gold mining and indiscriminate logging. His photographs also reveal how traditional human cultures are threatened by the

violence of the Colombian civil conflict and criminal gangs. Cagan will share how he contributes to community resistance to these threats with his camera.

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

While the program starts at 7:00 p.m., Trevor Wearstler,

the host and president of Blackbrook, will allow people into the meeting about 6:30 to familiarize themselves with the software features or to chat with other attendees.

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

Space Heater Safety

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

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

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

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

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

into a wall outlet. Never use a power strip or an extension cord. Space heaters draw a high amount of electricity that can overload a circuit and cause an extension cord to overheat and cause a fire.

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

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

- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from a space heater

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to see if you qualify. The WIC application is available under "WIC" on the Ohio Department of Health website, www.odh.ohio.gov.

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

Please contact the closest clinic for more information:

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Burroughs Nature Club Hosting Free, Virtual Programs in February & March

Burroughs Nature Club was founded in 1916 and named after John Burroughs (1837-1921), the famous Hudson River Valley author whose popular books inspired many a turn-of-the-century naturalist.

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

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

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

The February meeting is

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

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

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

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

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