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## COUNCIL'S CORNER



### Painesville City Council

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

*When fall kicks off I am always reminded of change  
The end of summer, how fast it can come upon us  
What the season brings in the splendor of color  
And what all this means in regards to what lies ahead...winter*

Greetings neighbors,

In the flurry of the Covid-19 pandemic, recognition of first responders has been a top priority across the nation. However, as I sat down to write this article, I wanted to recognize our residents, administration and city employees too.

Thank you for the warm hellos and smiles as I ride my bike or walk past you on the street. Although we are charged with keeping our distance, these small gestures are inclusive.

Thank you for your recognition of my wave as you pass me in a car, for taking the time to make sure that our children are safe by following the speed limit and reporting those who are careless and race or speed down your street. It's that time of year that we begin reminding everyone to watch out for children walking to school.

Thank you for cutting your grass, picking up litter and the time, money and resources you have used to upgrade your homes and property.

Too often we focus on the negatives or only give recognition to those on the front lines while forgetting the small things we do every day that make a difference and contribute to a spirit of community.

Cheers to us!

Lori DiNallo  
Councilwoman at Large  
ldinallo@painesville.com

## Sign up for Painesville Emergency Alerts

Get alerted about emergencies and other important news by signing up for Painesville's Emergency Alert Program. This system enables the City to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, boil notices, missing persons and

evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You pick the device and you pick how.

Go to [www.painesville.com](http://www.painesville.com) and look for the icons on the

home page in the top left corner. The first icon is "Citizen Alert." From there you will be able to sign up for the program.

Recently the city receive a lot of positive feedback from residents for using the alert system during the Bank Street water leak issue the weekend of July 11. Sign up today!

## Painesville Electric Upgrading Meters in September

Starting this September, Painesville Electric will begin upgrading the electric meters in your neighborhood.

More information will be announced regarding the contractor who will be installing the new meters throughout the city, however, they will be required to visibly display their ID badges. If

you ever have any concerns or are unsure if someone is working for Painesville Electric, call the non-emergency police line at 440-354-3535 and they will confirm for you.

It is estimated to take approximately 5 minutes to replace the typical electric meter. In order to do the work safely, your electric will be turned off briefly while the

work is being done. As long as the meter technician can access your meter, you do not need to be present. We will leave a door hanger notifying you that the work was completed.

If we are unable to access the meter, we will leave a door hanger providing you information to reschedule.

## Community Clean Up Day is October 10<sup>th</sup>

Painesville's second annual Fall Community Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, October 10. Volunteer to pick up litter in common community areas or use the day to clean up your own house, yard or garage.

Volunteer opportunities will be held 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for any individuals or family units that would like to help pick up litter and remove weeds

on the roadsides, parks and other common areas. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. If interested in volunteering, please contact Doug Lewis at 440-392-5903 or [dlewis@painesville.com](mailto:dlewis@painesville.com).

Community pride starts at home: clean out the garage, organize the house, spruce up the yard, paint the fence, clean the gutters, help your elderly neighbor... the sky's the limit! Trash pick-up will be on your

regular pick-up day, however, the city will have extra dumpsters for bulk and yard waste available on October 10 only.

Check [www.painesville.com](http://www.painesville.com) in the coming weeks for more information on dumpster locations and volunteer meet up points.

## Farmers Market Every Thursday

Painesville Farmers Market is in full swing! Shop amazing local produce, organic options, 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.

Please be aware there are new 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

## What Residents Can Do to Help Prevent Flooded Streets

If your street in flooding in certain 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 run-off. If you have a storm sewer outlet in front of your home,

please clean it off regularly by removing any 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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## ODNR Releases Children's Activity Book

Ohio Department of Natural Resources has released a new children's activity book to help guide stream exploration. Macroinvertebrates, often referred to simply as "bugs," lack a backbone and are large enough to be seen by the naked

eye. If you know where to look, it's easy to spot crawdads and hellgrammites in Ohio streams. The activity booklet uses streams and the bugs that live in them as a way to engage young readers to learn biology concepts like life cycles, habitat, adaptations, and

ecosystems.

Here are just a few of the fun facts found in the booklet:

- How do stonefly larvae breathe underwater? They do "push-ups" to get more oxygenated water rushing past their gills.
- How do caddisfly larvae find

shelter? They build tiny rock homes, and some carry them around like hermit crabs carry their shells.

- How do dragonflies find food? Most of their head is comprised of their eyes, an adaptation of a fierce predator that hunts for prey larger than itself.

The engaging activities are even more dynamic when paired with real-life stream exploration. We hope parents will join their children in trying to spot some

of these important critters in a stream near them. Remember: Some bugs are more sensitive to pollution than others, so if you find any of those sensitive species, it's an indication that the quality of your stream is good.

For more information and to download the book, please visit: <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr-core/documents/natural-areas-and-preserves-documents/scenic-rivers-activity-book>.

## Why trash bags are your friend...

Trash bags are a common topic of conversation when it comes to refuse and garbage cans. "Should I use trash bags? Do I really have to close the bag?" The answer is always yes! Below are some reasons why:

### 1. Trash bags keep your trash can clean

Ever open your garbage can and get a whiff of a stinky aroma? It's not fun! Without trash bags, a trash can will become very dirty on the inside week in and week out. After a while a mixture of scents, residues and grime takes hold. Before you know, you unintentionally start inviting insects, mold, critters and offensive odors to takeover. Add hot and humid temperatures and you are looking at a real smelly problem.

### 2. Bagging helps keep you and others safe

When your trash is picked up, usually an automated truck dumps the trash cart directly into the vehicle. If there is loose garbage, that requires someone to get out of the truck and pick it up,

causing exposure to germs and decreasing efficiencies. It also has the potential to attract dogs, wild animals and rodents.

When there is debris around the cart, it causes operations to be slowed, meaning routes run slower, costs increase and customers are impacted.

### 3. Windy times

Another issue is wind. Painesville is known for all kinds of weather, sometimes in the same week. Keep your mess out of the yards of your neighbors and street. Bagging helps to ensure the trash stays where it is supposed to.

### 4. Trash bags help us keep

### our rates down

Bagged trash is more efficient to pick up and pack into the trucks. Keeping operating costs lowered helps the price you see on your bill. And, as far as caring for Mother Earth, the less time on the roads means a smaller carbon footprint.

### 5. It is the right thing to do

Bagged trash is much nicer, cleaner and easier to handle than loose trash. We strive to keep Painesville clean and safe, and we thank you for your commitment to bagging your trash and tying it off when you are ready to dispose of it.

## Have You Responded to the 2020 Census?

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

Think of your morning commute: Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, subways, and other public transit systems.

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](http://my2020census.gov) to begin

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## Grass Violations: Everything You Need to Know

Ever received a grass violation letter? It's not fun.

To avoid the headache and fees, here is the complete City of Painesville process on grass violations:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. If the property owner fails 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.



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# Mike ZUREN

## for Lake County Treasurer



### INVESTED IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

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- Current Eastlake City Councilman
- Wife, Amy, a W/E School Board Member
- VFW 3863 Member
- Graduated Willoughby South High School
- Children all attended/attending W/E School District
- Established Vine Street Corridor Business Meeting

### QUALIFIED & EXPERIENCED TO BE TREASURER

- Graduated from Lake Erie College MBA, Painesville
- Ph.D. from School of Business & Tech. at Capella University
- Experienced with finance as VP American Midwest Mortgage

### ORCHESTRATED COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Taste of Eastlake** 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- **Best Christmas Ever** 2017, 2018, 2019
- **Fundraisers**
  - Veterans
  - Amy's Adoptables
  - Eastlake Police K9
  - Eastlake Women's Club Hurricane Relief
  - Fight Against Addiction
  - Hosted Four Kids Grab and Go Lunch Fundraisers
  - Willowick Pet Food Pantry
  - Operation S.T.A.T.
  - 100 Youth That Care
- **Retro Outdoor Movie Night**
- **Job Fairs** 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- **Volunteer Fair & Kids Fair**
- **Christmas in July**
- **Trick or Treat Street** Vine Street in June
- **Nature Day** 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- **Meet the Presidents** Good Shepard Church



### GOALS

- Implementing cost savings measures
- Updating Computer Software
- Creating a friendlier culture for residents and municipalities
- Looking for a better return on investments
- Coordinating with fellow Treasurers to develop best practices that will benefit all county & local governments

**ELECT MIKE  
ZUREN  
TREASURER**



# Bankruptcy 101:

*Peace of Mind Now  
Through Bankruptcy*

You are in financial distress. You are going insane. You NEED some peace of mind. You are thinking about filing bankruptcy but the whole idea makes you uncomfortable and you don't know where to start. No worries. This is what you do and what happens when you file bankruptcy. First, you interview an attorney. This is probably the most important part of the whole process. The interview is called an initial consultation and you should not have to pay for it. Do not hire anyone who wants you to pay for the initial consultation. The initial consultation is the meeting in which you determine your comfort level with the attorney and vice versa. First and foremost, you need to be comfortable with your attorney. He or she will be the pilot of a big part of your life and you do not want a slacker or someone who thinks they are doing you a favor to listen to you.

You as a potential paying client are (or should be thought of) as a valuable commodity. You should be treated with the utmost respect and handled with sensitivity because you are going through a very tough period. It is natural for a potential bankruptcy client to be afraid, vulnerable and questioning their decision to file bankruptcy. A good lawyer is a good listener and sensitive to the needs and feelings of their clients. So, pay a great deal of attention to the attorney's and the office staff's attitude toward you.

A good attorney welcomes client questions. Question their experience and how many bankruptcies they do a year. If the attorney does not do at least one per month I would be concerned. Robert Delchin, our bankruptcy attorney is a partner and founding member of our firm. His entire practice is focused only on bankruptcy. He teaches other attorneys at bankruptcy seminars. He has over twelve years experience in exclusive bankruptcy practice and knows what the bankruptcy court judges like and do not like. He knows all the different bankruptcy trustees (the people who represent the creditor's interests) and how they want their cases prepared to ensure they are approved. Most importantly, Mr. Delchin is respected by the court and trustees because he has a reputation for being on time and prepared. He has established Biales Delchin Law

as a highly competent, seasoned professional bankruptcy firm. A reputation that directly benefits our clients.

Today it is a common practice for many bankruptcy firms to send inexperienced lower paid, younger attorneys to represent their clients at the meeting of creditors and in court. Oftentimes the clients that are put into this unfortunate situation meet their attorney for the first time a few minutes before they are questioned by the bankruptcy trustee. This will never happen at Biales Delchin Law. If you retain us for bankruptcy Mr. Delchin will be your attorney. In addition, you will have a dedicated bankruptcy paralegal who will be available throughout the week to answer your questions and provide assistance.

The practice of bankruptcy has become highly specialized. It's not really something an attorney can do once in awhile and maintain a competent skill level. Fees and costs should be quoted up front in an understandable fashion. You should understand exactly what is covered in the fee and what, if any, added charges might arise. You should meet with the attorney for the initial consultation. You should not meet with a paralegal or legal assistant for the initial consultation unless it is your preference due to a time crunch or some other legitimate reason. The attorney you meet with should be the attorney who will be representing you at the meeting of creditors and be responsible for your case throughout the duration of your representation. The information gathering process at the first meeting is profound and needs to be gathered by the professional so that any potential problem is identified early. Most importantly, you should follow your intuition. If you are not comfortable with the attorney, the office staff or the office environment you should not hire that firm.

In our office, when you come to the initial consultation bring a month of current pay stubs. If you do not have a month of pay stubs bring your most recent pay stub. If you are not employed or self-employed bring account statements or the records you keep of the income you are receiving. Have an idea who you owe money too. Bring any lawsuit, garnishment, repossession, utility shut off, license suspension or foreclosure court papers. If you do not have anything- do not worry. Just bring yourself and we will help and guide you to get what is

needed. We try to keep it simple and make the process as easy as possible.

We give the client a worksheet to take home and fill in his/her creditors and other relevant information. Then the client comes back, and we go over it with them to help them complete it. If the client decides to hire us, she/he puts a portion of the fee down and is put on an affordable payment plan. Once they put the initial payment down (as little as \$300.00 for our firm) we start taking all their creditor calls. We stop the creditors from calling them. The creditors are not allowed to call the client anymore once a bankruptcy attorney has been retained. We do not wait until we are paid in full to stop the creditor calls. The client needs peace of mind which cannot be obtained until all the creditors are backed off from calling. We focus on taking all the financially related stress out of the client's life so they can focus on getting back on their feet.

Once the case is paid in full, we will have a final meeting to go over the client's worksheets. We then enter it into our computer and create what is called a petition and schedules. The client is called in to review and sign it and then we file it electronically from our office. In about a week the attorney and the client will receive a notice of a meeting of creditors which usually is held approximately four to six weeks from the filing date. The meeting of creditors will be in Cleveland, Akron, Jefferson or Youngstown depending upon where the client resides.

The client will have to attend the meeting of creditors with the attorney. It takes between ten and thirty minutes depending upon the issues in the case. The client will be asked questions by a person called a bankruptcy trustee. The questions are basically about what the client owns and how much money she/he makes. We meet with

our clients early and thoroughly prepare them for this hearing so that everything goes smooth. It is rare for creditors to attend even though it is called a "meeting of creditors." Any problems or issues will be disclosed at the meeting of creditors. Clients usually are required to attend only one meeting of creditors.

After the meeting of creditors, for all practical purposes, the process is over for the client. A creditor has sixty days from the meeting of creditors to object to the client's discharge. Unanticipated objections seldom occur, and if they do, we resolve them so the

client can receive their discharge. The "discharge" is the court order that forgives all the client's debt. This is called "a fresh start." The client receives the discharge order which is a piece of paper in the mail. She/he needs to keep the discharge order in a safe known place because that is the paper they will send a creditor if that creditor claims the debt is still owed.

Then the client uses their fresh start to rebuild his or her life and credit rating and lives happily ever after (hopefully). That is what happens when you file a basic Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

Robert C. Biales



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# Your Checklist if You Need a COVID Test

You would be hard pressed to find anyone today who is not aware of the need for COVID-19 testing. However, questions quickly arise once a person decides they need to get a

COVID-19 test. *Where should I go to get the test? What will it cost? Will Medicare cover it? What if I need to be hospitalized?*

Here are some of the basics

about COVID 19 testing:

## Where to begin?

Start by contacting your physician's office as soon as you have concerns. They will help you assess your situation and tell

you where to go to get tested. If you do not have a doctor, call your local hospital, the health department, or an urgent care center for guidance.

## Is the test covered by Medicare?

Testing for COVID-19 is covered under Medicare Part B. Medicare will also cover serology tests that can determine whether an individual has been infected with COVID-19 and has developed antibodies to the virus. Medicare Advantage plans are required to cover all Medicare Part A and Part B services, including COVID-19 testing.

## Will hospitalization be covered?

Medicare covers all medically necessary hospitalizations. This includes if you are diagnosed with COVID-19 and might otherwise have been discharged from the hospital after an inpatient stay, but instead you need to stay in the hospital under quarantine. You will still pay for any hospital deductibles, copays, or coinsurances that apply.

## What if I get a surprise bill?

You can help avoid unwelcome surprise bills by taking a few minutes to contact Medicare,

your Medicare Advantage plan, or other health insurance company in advance of any tests or treatment. Ask about your coverage and note the names of the people you talked to about this. Follow this call up by contacting your healthcare provider to confirm their billing policy.


If you receive a bill that you did not expect, do not pay it right away. Contact your insurer and healthcare provider to see if you were billed in error. If this fails, file an appeal.

## Will a vaccine be covered?

Currently, there is no vaccine for COVID-19. However, it will be covered by Medicare if one becomes available.

If you would like to learn more about your Life and Health insurance options including Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplements, Prescription Part D plans, please contact me at 440-255-5700 or email [Lmutsko@mutskoinsurance.com](mailto:Lmutsko@mutskoinsurance.com).

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# New Laketrans Routes to Connect Tyler Blvd., Mentor Headlands, Mentor-on-the-Lake & Painesville

Laketrans is launching its first new route service in over twenty years on Monday, September 14.

Laketrans board of trustees approved a long awaited bus service to improve transit access along Lake County's largest employment corridor. City of Mentor's Tyler Boulevard is the major arterial connecting ten industrial boulevards lined with over 300 employers and 7,500 jobs, making it the 7th largest concentration of manufacturing companies in the state.

"Requests for fixed route transit service to Tyler Boulevard, Mentor-on-the-Lake, and Mentor Headlands have been going on for 20 years from both employers and residents," explained Laketrans CEO Ben Capelle.

Laketrans's new Route 8 will connect Tyler Boulevard to major destinations including Lakeland Community College, Great Lakes Mall, Mentor Park-n-Ride,

Mentor High School, Mentor Civic Center area, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Mentor Headlands and Laketrans Headquarters in Painesville Township, operating hourly on weekdays and every two-hours on Saturdays. Service will operate from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The agency held multiple public meetings to gather input from residents and businesses on the needs of the community to design the routes.

"During our public hearing process and focus groups with Mentor businesses, we learned we also needed to better connect the east end of the county to jobs along Tyler Boulevard. So in addition to Route 8 in Mentor, we have launched Route 9 so residents in eastern Lake County can better access jobs," continued Capelle. "These routes will fill a transit gap in the center of the county with improved

connectivity throughout our entire system making it easier for customers to transfer in county or to Cleveland using one of our Park-n-Ride routes."

Route 9 will provide peak service connecting downtown Painesville and Tyler Boulevard with service to Diamond Centre. Service will operate weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Route 9 service will operate with a smaller Dial-a-Ride style bus equipped with amenities of a traditional fixed route bus including bike racks, stop cords, a destination sign and fare box.

The new routes, made possible by the passage of Laketrans's one quarter of one percent sales tax levy last November, will provide access for nearly 58,000 residents and to 33,000 jobs.

"One of the primary roles of transit is to increase economic activity, and one of the most impactful ways transit does that is by providing a reliable way

to get people to work," said Laketrans board president Brian Falkowski. "Lake County voters passed our sales tax levy based on a promise to improve access to job corridors with this route in mind. Even though the current pandemic has created uncertain times, we are committed to fulfilling that promise, especially when people may be looking for new job opportunities."

Mentor City Ward-4 Councilperson, John Krueger, has petitioned for service expansion in Mentor for a number of years, "We're excited to finally have service to our Headlands area and through our vital manufacturing corridor. Laketrans plays a significant role in our local economy by providing direct access to high-paying, skilled positions in our City. This new route will enhance connectivity throughout Mentor and surrounding communities."

Mentor-on-the-Lake residents that attended a public hearing for

the service in March were eager for a more affordable transit option.

"Mentor-on-the-Lake residents, who have had to rely on Dial-a-Ride or just live without, now have a transit option that runs more frequent and is less expensive," shared Mentor-on-the-Lake Mayor Dave Eva. "We have a perfect mix of businesses and residents, plus a very pedestrian friendly community to have transit thrive here and we appreciate all the efforts Laketrans has given to make this route a reality."

Laketrans will also make a slight route change to Route 3 along Lakeshore Boulevard in Willoughby to travel along Tamarac Boulevard and Lost Nation Road to better serve the residential area.

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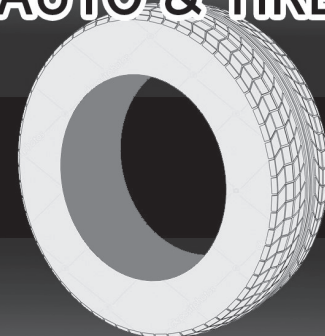
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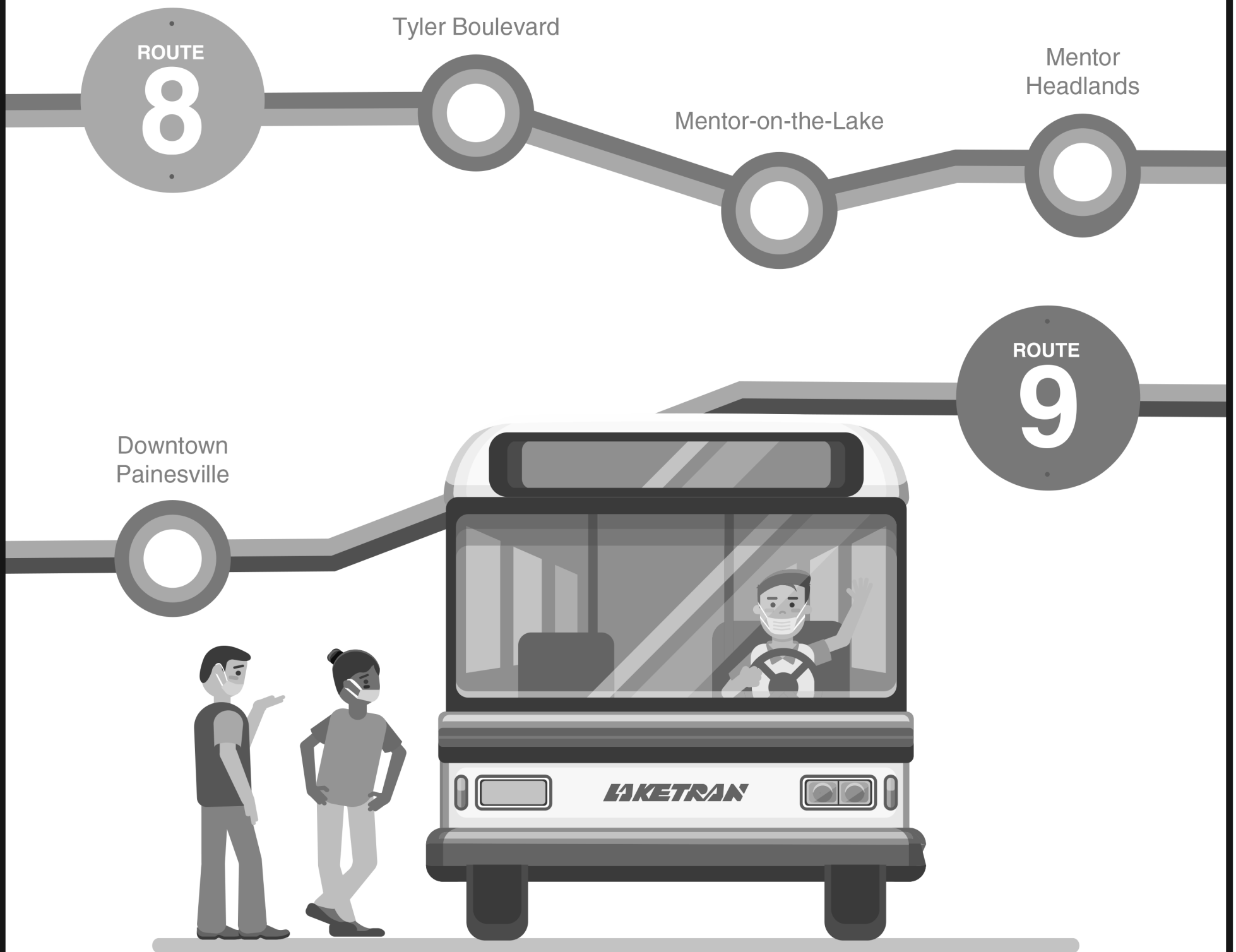
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The most fundamental difference between a contested divorce and a dissolution and/or uncontested divorce is that in a contested divorce the parties cannot agree on one or more of the issues whereas in a dissolution or an uncontested divorce the parties agree on everything. Dissolutions and uncontested divorces are very cost effective and can be finalized in as little as six weeks from the date of the filing. The cost of the divorce or dissolution will vary on the number of issues in the case. In a dissolution or uncontested (no fighting) divorce the financial cost can be dramatically less than a contested divorce (the parties cannot agree on one or more of the issues) but, most importantly, the emotional cost to both parties and their children, if applicable, is much lower.

An action for divorce- if the parties cannot come to a voluntary agreement- can easily take a year or longer to finalize. There is the dread of runaway attorney fees averaging \$250- \$300 per hour. In a contested divorce (where the people are actively fighting) 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. The information gathering process referred to as "discovery" can become a costly and stressful nightmare. Discovery is not required with dissolution.

The emotional price 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 with to 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 are resolved. In most cases, you will not get a better result by engaging in prolonged 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. Yes, you heard right our job is to make your life easier and less stressful by making the process as simple and affordable as possible. From my point of view I'd rather have regular infusion of smaller fees coming in that can be turned around fast ensuring client satisfaction rather than some monstrosity where the people are spending thousands of dollars an hour fighting over silverware (which I simply would not do.) And, of course, the client's going to be angry at the attorney when he comes to his senses- and his anger is justified in a situation like that where a client is taken advantage of in an emotionally charged state. Not Cool! Happens every day. But dissolutions are so relatively inexpensive and simple that there is no way really to be taken advantage of. Lawyers concentrating in dissolution law are really more about providing a cost effective option to the average income Jane or Joe to be able to move on with their lives in this current pandemic crap economy

where most people are either out of work or out of money. And the client doesn't really have to worry about getting bamboozled by dissolution attorneys because attorneys who are that way don't practice dissolution because its more of a low buck, discount area. Contested divorce practice is where people can throw away money with no viable objective other than to hurt each other which is, also, a very sad commentary on the current state of the practice of domestic relations.

Bottom line. If both parties can be open and honest throughout the process a dissolution is the best way to go. Like in everything, 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 Robert C. Biales

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 dissolution really should be 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 accomplished- the financial and emotional rewards (including healing time) reaped are enormous for the parties and children and will simplify and bring to a peaceful conclusion a situation that, otherwise, has the potential of turning into an ugly thing in times that are already about as ugly and uncertain as we have ever seen.

## LCCOA Offers Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Coupons

The Lake County Council on Aging will once again be a distribution agent for the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) for 2020. The program has been extended through November 30, 2020.

The SFMNP is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) and the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) and provides limited income seniors with coupons that can be exchanged for eligible foods at area farmers' markets. The purpose of this program is to improve the nutritional health of

seniors with limited income and to increase business for local farmers throughout Ohio. To be eligible for this program in Lake County, you must be a Lake County resident, age 60 or older with an income (from all sources) of less than \$23,107 for a household of one and \$31,284 for a household of two.

The SFMNP program will be administered on a first come, first served basis.

**Phone Application Only-** Due to Covid-19, applications will only be received over the phone between the hours of 10:00am to 3:00pm beginning August 11th.

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# Online Info Sessions Help Adults Start or Finish College

Lakeland Community College wants to assure adults considering college—whether as a new start or a return to finish a degree—that resources are available to become a student this fall.

An "Adult Learner Info Session" webinar is slated for each month and is intended to address concerns about going to college that are specific to adult learners. More than 30% of Lakeland's student population is comprised of adults ages 25 or older.

"When you haven't seen the inside of a classroom or taken a test in years, it can be a bit intimidating to think about going back to college," said Leslie Mohr, recruitment coordinator. "Lakeland has hundreds of adult students who take classes each

semester, so we'd like anyone thinking about going back to school to know that they wouldn't be alone."

The session will focus on commonly asked questions among adults returning to school such as:

- Why should I return to school?
  - How long will it take for me to earn a degree or certificate?
  - How can I afford college and can I get financial aid?
  - How can I start?
- Other topics discussed that are

important to adult learners include child care, online classes, credit for prior learning/experience and resources to balance work, home and study. Participants will also learn about bachelor's or master's degrees available through 4-year university partners at Lakeland's Holden University Center.

To register for the free info session, email [recruitment@lakelandcc.edu](mailto:recruitment@lakelandcc.edu) or call 440.525.7900.

For more information visit [lakelandcc.edu/web/about/adult-learner-departments](http://lakelandcc.edu/web/about/adult-learner-departments).

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# Blackbrook Audubon Co-Sponsors Chagrin River Bird Quest

Two local chapters of the National Audubon Society challenge everyone who enjoys birds to safely explore the Chagrin River Valley and find as many bird species as they can in the 6th annual Chagrin River Bird Quest. Bird alone or in teams and record species in one 24-hour period from 4 p.m. Friday, September 11 to 4 p.m. Saturday, September 12. Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and Blackbrook Audubon Society are co-sponsoring this birding event which includes parts of Lake, Geauga, Cuyahoga and Portage counties.

All Bird Quest activities and materials are free, but registration

is required by September 10.

Drive-thru team check-in will be 4:00-6:00 p.m. September 11 at the Deer Run Shelter of The West Woods, 9465 Kinsman Road in Russell Township. Each check-in packet will have a map, checklist, a list of scheduled walks and t-shirts. Every registered quester will get a Subway gift card, a new feature this year. Team members are asked to comply with physical distancing and ethical birding practices. Teams must send in their checklists by 4:00 p.m. September 12 according to instructions given at check-in.

This year's Quest Celebration will be 7:00 p.m. September 12 via Zoom using a link provided

to each email address given at registration. Audubon will award prizes for the most species overall, most warblers seen, most habitats visited and most creative team name.

For more information, visit <https://clevelandaudubon.org> and click the Chagrin River Bird Quest logo or email [birdquest@clevelandaudubon.org](mailto:birdquest@clevelandaudubon.org).

Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, which covers territory along the southern half of the Chagrin River watershed, began this contest in 2015 to bring attention to the Chagrin River Corridor IBA, or Important Bird Area. National Audubon

declared this watershed an IBA to highlight the many species who use riparian and other habitats along the Chagrin to nest each year and rest during migration. Once again, Blackbrook Audubon Society, which covers

the northern half of the Chagrin River IBA in Lake and Geauga counties, joins ASGC as a co-sponsor and hopes to encourage its members to share in the quest. Geauga Park District is also a sponsor.

## Laketrans Pilots Next Day Dial-a-Ride Service

On August 3, Laketrans began a pilot program offering Next Day Dial-a-Ride reservations to customers who use the agency's door-to-door transportation service.

Dial-a-Ride is an assisted transportation service primarily used by seniors and people with disabilities who cannot access the agency's Local Route service. Laketrans provides the service throughout Lake County and to limited Cuyahoga County medical facilities.

Reservations for Dial-a-Ride that can be made by phone or online, are normally required 2-12 days prior to a trip, but with the new pilot program customers can call for a ride for the next day.

"Since passing our sales tax levy last fall, we have continued to look for ways to improve Dial-a-Ride service for seniors and people with disabilities and this is a service improvement we've heard requested from customers

for quite some time," said Laketrans CEO Ben Capelle.

"We realize that plans can change last minute and that sometimes it's difficult to plan your transportation needs two or more days in advance," continued Capelle. "We still encourage customers to continue booking trips 2-12 business days in advance, but if something comes up do not hesitate to call for a ride or schedule it on Request-a-Ride."

Next Day Dial-a-Ride reservations are available on a first come, first served basis during the three-month pilot program.

Laketrans continues to take many precautions to make Dial-a-Ride safe during the pandemic including sanitizing buses daily, requiring masks, and limiting number of passengers on board to properly social distance.

A fare collection suspension is in effect until September 30

due to Covid, but Laketrans has removed fare boxes from all Dial-a-Ride buses and requires fare payment at time of scheduling a reservation.

"There are many benefits of a prepaid service, but most important now is that it avoids the need to interact with a driver and the fare box," explained Capelle. "Offering a contactless fare collection process reduces the risk of spreading any germs on high touch surfaces onboard."

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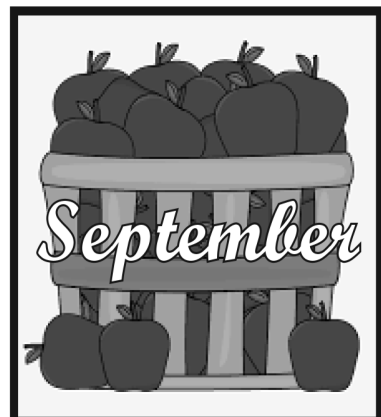
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Applications will be reviewed and eligible seniors will receive ten \$5 coupons (\$50 value) by mail. The Lake County Council on Aging office is closed to visitors, so no walk-ins will be accepted.

proxy and their Driver's License number must be recorded at the time of application.

For more information, please contact Jennifer McLaughlin, ADRC Manager at (440) 205-8111 ext. 240.

Eligible seniors interested in applying for the program will need to call the Council on Aging at (440) 205-8111 and ask for ext. 233 or 238 to complete an application over the phone. Seniors who need assistance with shopping may list a proxy to shop on their behalf. It is important to note that someone may only serve as a proxy for TWO individuals. The name of the



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"This is another example of how our administration is changing the culture of state government to be more customer-service friendly," said Lt. Governor Jon Husted. "You can run government more like a business and deliver convenience to your customers."

Customers can place their order for the temporary tag and complete the payment through OPLATES.com. A temporary tag number can then be immediately printed by the customer. Customers will be able to utilize all 45 days of the temporary tag and will not lose time through the mailing process. Customers are encouraged to either put the temporary tag in their back window or to place it in a plastic

sleeve in the license plate bracket to protect it from the elements.

To make services more convenient and innovative, the BMV expanded many of its services online through BMV Online Services; in many cases, there is no need to immediately visit your local BMV agency. Additionally, during Ohio's state of emergency, if your license, ID card, or vehicle registration (including your plates and

stickers) expired on or after March 9, 2020, your expiration date has been automatically extended until 90 days after the state of emergency ends or December 1, 2020, whichever comes first.

If it is absolutely necessary to visit your local BMV, take advantage of BMV's other innovative service, "Get In Line, Online." "Get In Line, Online" is a virtual queuing system that

allows customers to check into the deputy registrar location online and advance in line without physically waiting in the office.

"The BMV has strived to use innovation to make our services more convenient," said Ohio BMV Registrar Charles Norman. "Initiatives such as the "Get In Line, Online" virtual queuing system, expanded online services, and now print-

on-demand temporary tags are all part of a continuous effort to enhance and improve our customers' experience."

The new print-on-demand temporary tags are being issued at most dealerships. Deputy registrar locations will continue to issue cardboard temporary tags until January 2021.

SOURCE: Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Press Release

# Hospice of the Western Reserve Warehouse Sale - Sept 12 & 13

Hospice of the Western Reserve Warehouse Sale will be held on SATURDAY, September 12th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and SUNDAY, September 13th from Noon to 4 p.m., at Hospice of the Western Reserve Headquarters, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland.

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Whether it's sprucing up a home, staging a property, locating a "like new" desk for a student, or finding a dining room table large enough for holiday gatherings, Hospice of the Western Reserve's Warehouse Sale is the place to be to find

gently used home furnishings, accents and accessory pieces—all priced at a fraction of their original retail prices!

In addition to furniture, framed artwork and lamps, the selection often includes matching sets of fine china, glassware, antiques, jewelry, collectibles and one-of-a-kind treasures. The proceeds not only support seriously ill patients and their families, but veterans in need of specialized care, grief and trauma counseling in schools and other community-based programs provided by the nonprofit agency throughout northern Ohio.

Cash and major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, and

Discover) are accepted for payment (no checks). Ample parking is available in the Hospice of the Western Reserve parking lot.

## Donations of Furniture and Household Goods Sought for Sale

Donations of furniture and household goods are still actively being sought. Furniture items will be previewed by volunteers or by submitted photos prior to acceptance for donation. Tax receipts will be provided. Arrangements can be made to pick up large furniture free of charge from some locations in northern Ohio. (Donations to help defray the cost of movers

are greatly appreciated.) Those interested in contributing items for the sale should contact the Warehouse Sale Team at 216.255.9090.

NOTE: The agency does not accept bedding, books, clothing, car seats, electronics, major appliances, medical supplies, sporting goods, children's toys and games, computers, mattresses, televisions and stuffed animals.

Hospice of the Western Reserve warehouse sales are held four times throughout the year. To receive notice of upcoming sales, send an email to: [warehousesale@hospicewr.org](mailto:warehousesale@hospicewr.org), or visit [hospicewr.org/warehousesale](http://hospicewr.org/warehousesale) for a schedule.

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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. "We have crews that have been with us for decades, and we are very particular about the installers we hire. We won't just hire anyone to catch up if we are backed up a bit, quality is at the top of our list when it comes to workmanship. When it comes to pricing, we are straight forward with people, they don't want to 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

## Hospice of the Western Reserve Virtual Volunteer Training Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

Are you looking for a way to stay engaged in your community? Are you willing to engage with homebound patients and families by phone or by mail? Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer.

We are excited to announce virtual volunteer training for new volunteers. For more information, contact us at 216.255.9090 or fill out an online application [hospicewr.org/volunteers](http://hospicewr.org/volunteers).

Volunteers who complete virtual training will be able to provide in-person visits as soon as Ohio's Stay at Home order is lifted.

Virtual Volunteer Training starting September 9th at 9 am.

### About Hospice of the Western Reserve

Hospice of the Western Reserve is a community-based, non-profit agency providing comfort and emotional support to patients and their families. The agency cares for people in a variety of settings including the home, hospital, long-term care facility, David Simpson Hospice House overlooking Lake Erie and Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake.

For more information, visit [hospicewr.org](http://hospicewr.org) or call 800.707.8922.

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.

Service company ratings are updated daily on Angie's List. Companies are graded on an A to F scale in areas ranging from price to professionalism to

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Mentor Window offers a full range of home improvements, including Energy Star Tilt-In double hung windows, slider styles, bay windows, casement windows, patio doors, fiberglass and steel entry doors, vinyl siding in over 50 colors & styles, cedar shake style siding, seamless gutter systems, gutter covers, blown in insulation, and

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