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Mayor's Report



Robert Fiala
Mayor/Safety Director

As we begin our budget process for 2021, we are happy to report that 2020 ended with Willoughby in a sound financial position. Although we suffered approximately \$1.2 million in lost income tax revenue, our CARES Act funding, advanced Bureau of Workers Compensation payments, and overall "belt-tightening" helped manage our balance sheet. With a very modest capital budget, we were able to purchase a needed replacement squad for our Fire Department and three new cruisers for our police department.

We are also happy to report that we received a total of \$600,000 in State of Ohio Capital Grants to begin planning the Chagrin River Trail and amphitheater. If permitted this summer, we are hopeful to engage our residents in visioning sessions to re-imagine our Chagrin River corridor and Todd Field. We also intend to continue our

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Willoughby Parks & Recreation: Upcoming Events

Summer Help, Program Instructors, Lifeguard Class, Sweetheart Drive-In & Pickleball
Seasonal Summer Help youth and/or adult programs in the Spring-Summer 2021. Interested individuals should inquire by email, please contact dsarosy@willoughbyohio.com

Wanted:

Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, Pool Managers, Water Safety Instructors, Summer Service Workers

Please go to: willoughbyohio.com/employment to print and fill out a Seasonal Employment Application.

Please mail or return it to the outdoor drop box at:

Willoughby City Hall 1 Public Square Willoughby, OH 44094

Program instructors needed...

Enthusiastic individuals wanted! Do you have a passion, talent or skill to lead a program with Willoughby Parks & Recreation? We are looking for motivated individuals to lead

Spring Break American Red Cross Lifeguard Class

Tuesday through Thursday March 23, 24, 25, 2021.

From 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Class Fee: \$175 / \$165

Willoughby Resident Discount

Class location: Willoughby Senior Center 36939 Ridge Rd.

Students must complete 8 hours of online blended learning prior to the first day of class, pass a prerequisite swimming skills on day one. Also they must attend all classroom and pool sessions, and pass written and skills tests

Sweetheart Drive-In Movie "The Princess Bride"

Pack your snacks, load up the family car and enjoy as much true love as-you-wish! Willoughby Parks & Recreation will park vehicles in assigned spots. All Trucks and SUV's in the back and cars in the front. Please tell us if you plan to have your hatch open for viewing so we can park you in the appropriate spot. Limited to the first 70 cars (Willoughby residents only)

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Time: 3:00 pm

We will start parking cars at 2:30 pm

Location: David E. Anderson

Willoughby Senior Center Parking Lot.

Class Fee: \$10 and includes carnations for children under 12.

Pickleball

Masks must be worn at all times, while playing and while sitting out.

February 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Time Slots: 9:00-10:30 am

11:00-12:30 pm

1:00-2:30 pm

Field House Court #4
16 people max per time slot
Fee is \$3 / \$1 resident discount per date

To register for programs, go to: willoughbyohio.activityreg.com

Or call Willoughby Parks & Recreation at: (440) 953-4200

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 Ilnat, 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

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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

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

Saturday, February 13, 2 pm

Mayor

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public engagement meetings with residents to discuss issues and projects throughout our City.

The Lakefront SID has finally been created and includes all 13 Lake County cities, townships, villages, and the City Euclid in Cuyahoga County. This will create a much-needed funding source for erosion control improvements to our residents. The law firm working with us is expecting a term sheet from Lake Erie Bank, and we anticipate about \$10 million in the first phase of funding. We are now reaching out to Lakefront property owners to assist them in the application process.

A long-awaited resolution to the EPA issues surrounding the Riverside Commons project located at State Route 2 and Lost Nation Road reached our office recently with the final signature by the Cleveland Federal Judge hearing the case. With his signature on the consent decree, our involvement in this case ends. We are hopeful the remaining lawsuit between the developers and the EPA will also be resolved quickly.

These settlements will allow our Economic Development team to begin marketing this site.

Our Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative project for the Vine Street Corridor study has been delayed due to the impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. This TLCI grant represents a \$120,000 study of Vine Street from Lakeshore Boulevard to our historic downtown. Of critical importance to this study are the traffic counts along this corridor. The reduced traffic due to the pandemic may impact design solutions, and our funding agency has postponed obtaining this data. NOACA and the Ohio Department of Transportation are evaluating alternatives for this problem to get the project underway.

Lake County is encouraging residents to sign up for their reverse 911 system. This system allows the county Emergency Management Agency to communicate with our residents in situations such as flooding, extreme weather conditions and other emergencies. Residents can find important information about this service at www.lakecountyoiohio.gov/ema.

Finally, we encourage our residents to visit our website to find the latest information on our projects and initiatives to see meeting dates and agendas. While general information on the pandemic and vaccination is on our website, our local authority is the Lake County General Health District at www.lcghd.org.

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

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The Network to Freedom

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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 DATES:

FEBRUARY 2 | 10 A.M. | LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE | 7700 CLOCKTOWER DR.

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.

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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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High School Students Take Advantage of CCP Program to Save Thousands on College Education

Students in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to earn free college credit from Lakeland Community College while earning high school credits for the same classes by enrolling in the College Credit Plus (CCP) program.

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>.

Puppy Socialization During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Socialization means introducing a pup to new situations and making them safe, positive, confidence-building experiences.

Many pet owners believed that getting a puppy during the pandemic would be ideal timing. The family is working from home and everyone has lots of time to spend with the puppy. Sounds great, right?

The home, however, is only part of a puppy's world. There are experiences that a puppy needs to have when being out and about: New and different sounds such as vehicles, construction equipment, and sirens; Meeting other non-family animals and lots of new people; Walking over, around and through different surfaces and objects. This exposure to different sounds,

people, animals and objects will help build a pup's confidence.

Experts believe that the period for socialization ends at approximately 20 weeks of age. In today's world of social distancing and limited mobility there are still options for socializing your pup. Group puppy classes can help introduce your pet to the outside world while maintaining a safe environment for all involved. Puppy-only playgroups by trainers can also facilitate the socialization process. Do your puppy a favor and help him/her to grow up to be a confident, well-adjusted pet.

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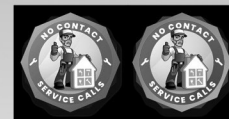


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Burroughs Nature Club was founded in 1916 and named after John Burroughs (1837-1921), the famous Hudson River Valley author whose popular books inspired many a turn-of-the-century naturalist.

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.

To register to attend either of these programs via Zoom or for further information, please email secretary@burroughsnatureclub.org.

Library Programs

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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

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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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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

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

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