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Painesville City Council

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

March brings with it the promise of gardening and warm(er), sunny days. There are also a few dates to keep in mind as we (hopefully) watch the weather change.

Sunday, March 8 is the start of Daylight Saving Time, which begins at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to 'spring forward' and set your clocks ahead one hour. March 8 is also International Women's Day, which is a day that not only celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights, but brings attention to the ongoing struggles for equality around the world.

Thursday, March 19 brings about the spring equinox, marking the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. On this day, the sun is directly over earth's equator. I think we all hope for a little bit more sun here in Painesville as well.

As we all look forward to the buds and blooms of spring, let's not forget that yard waste collection begins on April 1st. All yard waste must be in a brown paper bag and any items 4' in length or longer must be tied, bundled or somehow contained. Yard waste is collected every other week, and is collected at the same time as your scheduled garbage/recycling day.

Finally, I would like to thank the residents of Ward II for showing their faith in me by electing me to another term on council. Thank you!

Katie Jenkins
Councilwoman Ward II
kjenkins@painesville.com

April 1st is National Census Day

The 2020 Census is closer than you think! April 1 is National Census Day. Here's are some quick reminders:

It's easier than ever to respond to the Census. You have three options for responding: online, by phone or by mail. In mid-March, households will begin receiving official mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. Once you respond, you will stop getting mail!

If you do not respond by April 1, a U.S. Census Taker will walk your neighborhood to follow up on missing information. Don't

have internet access at home? No problem! Morley Library is trained and ready to help you access the Census online at the library.

The U.S. Census is 100% confidential and does not ask if you are a U.S. Citizen. All Census responses are kept confidential and private. It's the law. Your responses cannot be shared and cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way. Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even



to law enforcement agencies, like ICE or the FBI. All Census Bureau staff take a lifetime oath to protect your personal information, and any violation comes with a penalty of up to \$250,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison. They take confidentiality very seriously!

Painesville's Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt

Join Painesville Recreation for their annual Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 in Painesville Square. The Breakfast will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the Egg Hunt will start at 10:00 a.m.

The Bunny Breakfast at Painesville United Methodist Church starts at 8:30 a.m. features pancakes, eggs, french toast, donuts, coffee and juice. Enjoy

pictures with the Easter Bunny, goodies for the kids and a chance to win Easter Egg Baskets full of prizes. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids and free for children under 2. Please be aware you must register to attend. Painesville's Bunny Breakfast usually sells out. Call Painesville Recreation Office at 440-392-5912 to reserve your spot.

Everyone's favorite Easter Egg

Hunt starts at 10:00 a.m. sharp in Painesville Square. The egg hunt is free with over 6,000 eggs in the park. The event is for children ages 0-10 (with times for different age groups). Prizes include candy, stuffed animals, toys and special golden tickets. This event is generously sponsored by Painesville Community Improvement Corporation (PCIC).

Painesville Police Looking for Old Photos

The Painesville Police Department is currently working on a department history display. They are searching for any historical photos/stories featuring

Painesville police officers or any scene involving police. Specifically, any photos pre-1990s. The older, the better. Please reach out with photos to

Lt. Toby Burgett at tburgett@painesville.com

Painesville Hosting "Learn to Cook!" Class for Ages 10-14

Sign up to cook with Lake Erie College's Executive Chef Laszlo Tomaschek!

Painesville Recreation will be hosting their first Learn to Cook class, for kids ages 10 to 14, on Thursday, March 12 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Erie College Cafeteria. Cooks will go through all the different cooking stages for making homemade tacos -

ranging from prepping the food to tasting their creations. Tours of the college campus will be given and cooks will get to hang out in the college social area where there are numerous games to play.

The event is free but pre-registration is required. Please call Painesville Recreation at 440-392-5912.

Summer Camp Sign-ups

It might still be cold outside, but Summer Camp sign ups are already here. Painesville Recreation Summer Camp is expected to sell out again this year, so plan ahead and sign up early. This year's camp runs May 26 through July 31. Pay by the week or for the whole summer. Sibling discount is available.

For more information go to www.painesville.com/summercamp or call the Recreation office at 440-392-5912.

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PUMC Announced as John F. Clair Award Winner

Congratulations to Painesville United Methodist Church and Pastor Jan Yandell, this year's recipient of Painesville City's Economic Development John F. Clair Award.

PUMC always promotes Painesville in a positive manner and encourages others to visit

the community. Specifically, they created the group known as POP CAN (People of Painesville Community Action Network) which provides free support at city events, Downtown Painesville Organization events and the weekly Farmers Market in the warmer

months. They also host 'Hotdogs on the Hill' during the weekly Friday Night Car Cruises.

The city's Economic Development department honors one business or organization yearly for their support of the Painesville community.

Harvey & Riverside Musicals Featured This March

Both Harvey High School and Riverside High School will be hosting their annual spring musicals this March. Be sure to support these local students!

Harvey's spring musical is Bring It On the Musical, based on the 2000 hit cheerleading film.

Performances are Friday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Harvey High School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door, \$4 for students and \$6 for adults.

Riverside's spring musical is

Cinderella. Performances are Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 14 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Riverside High School Auditorium.

Senior Citizen Appreciation Night will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 4:00 p.m. and includes dinner in the cafeteria. This night is free for community senior citizens. Tickets at the door are \$10 for students and \$12 for adults.

Used Book Sale at Morley Library

Friends of Morley Library Used book sales

Wed., March 18: 4-7PM*

MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW NIGHT

Valid 2020 membership required. Memberships sold or renewed at the door.

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Sat., March 21: 10AM-3PM*

General Public sale.

2020 members will still receive a \$1 discount on purchase. Memberships will be on sale.

and music CDs. We have Books in Spanish and a large assortment of LARGE PRINT BOOKS.

No electronic devices permitted at these sales.

Funds raised by Friends activities support and supplement Morley Library programs.

*Sales will be held weather permitting. For more information please call 440-352-3383.

City Skate Center

Check out the schedule at City Skate Center in Painesville!

We are NOW booking reservations for birthday parties call for available times.

We offer beginner group lessons and private lessons are available for all ages call for scheduling and times. Speed Team practice will resume on Saturday and Sunday morning 10- 12pm and Wednesday 6-8 pm.

As the weather turns cold and your looking to stay in shape don't overlook this sport Roller Skating. Roller skating is for all ages and is one of the most fun and easy activities that the whole family can enjoy together. Roller skating is recognized and recommended by the American Heart Association (AMA) as an aerobic fitness sport. One hour of skating per week can burn 600 calories, 30 minutes of skating produces a heart rate of at least 148 beats per minutes, roller skating works most muscle groups including: glutes, quads, abs calves, arms and causes 50% less stress to joints than running.

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



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DAY	TIMES	SESSION TYPE	ADMISSION
MONDAY	PRIVATE PARTY & SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS AVAILABLE! CALL 440-352-2002		
TUESDAY	6:00-8:00pm	\$2 TUESDAY OPEN SKATE	\$2 Admission \$2 Skate Rental
WEDNESDAY	PRIVATE PARTY & SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS AVAILABLE! CALL 440-352-2002		
	6:00-8:00pm	CSC SPEED TEAM PRACTICE	\$5 Admission
THURSDAY	PRIVATE PARTY & SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS AVAILABLE! CALL 440-352-2002		
FRIDAY	5:00-6:30pm	Private Skating Lessons	Call for pricing
	7:00-10:30pm	OPEN SKATE	\$7 Admission
SATURDAY	10:00am-12:00pm	BEGINNER SPEED PRACTICE	\$5 Admission
	12:15-1:00pm	LEARN TO SKATE CLASS <i>Starts October 5th</i>	\$10 Admission <i>Includes skate rental and 1-4pm family skate</i>
	1:00-4:00pm	FAMILY FUN SKATE <i>Parents skate free w/paid child admission</i>	\$6 Admission
SUNDAY	7:00-10:30pm	OPEN SKATE <i>Buy one admission get one free</i>	\$7 Admission
	10:00am-12:00pm	CSC SPEED TEAM PRACTICE	\$5 Admission
	1:00-4:00pm	FAMILY FUN SKATE <i>Parents skate free w/paid child admission</i>	\$6 Admission

For the beginning skaters we have Skate Mates available for rental for \$5.00 per session. Skate Rental is \$3.00 if needed. Skate rental extra unless indicated.



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Landlords Required to Enroll in Rental Registration Program

As a reminder, Painesville City's Rental Registration Program requires all residential rental properties to be registered with the City of Painesville.

The purpose of the program is to educate property owners on how to find suitable tenants and improve safety through the Crime Free Rental Housing Program.

The rental registration process establishes an efficient way to communicate important information to rental property owners. The objective of the program is to work with the rental owners by informing them of any potential problems and what

is expected of them as landlords within the city. In addition, it assists in the prevention and correction of property maintenance violations pertaining to residential rental properties in order to maintain safe and attractive neighborhoods for the

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For properties registered after June 1, 2014, proof of completion should be provided within six months of registration. Please contact Officer Quintillo at 440-392-5819 for further information or questions about this program.



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Evergreen & Riverside Cemeteries: Spring Clean Up

Spring clean up will begin March 1 at both Evergreen and Riverside Cemeteries. Per the rules and regulations, all decorations will be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel. If there is a decoration on a grave

site that you do not want thrown away, please remove it by March 1.

Spring clean up allows the cemetery personal to begin yard clean up of the grounds in preparation for the spring. Easter

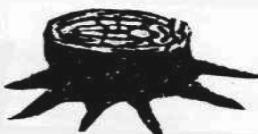
March Madness Skills Zone at LEC March 21st

Want to really get into college basketball's March Madness? Basketball fans ages 5 to 12

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The event is free and open to the public on Saturday, March 21 starting at 1:00 p.m. in the Jerome T Osborne Athletic and Wellness Center at Lake Erie College (on the corner of Gillette Street and W Walnut Avenue).

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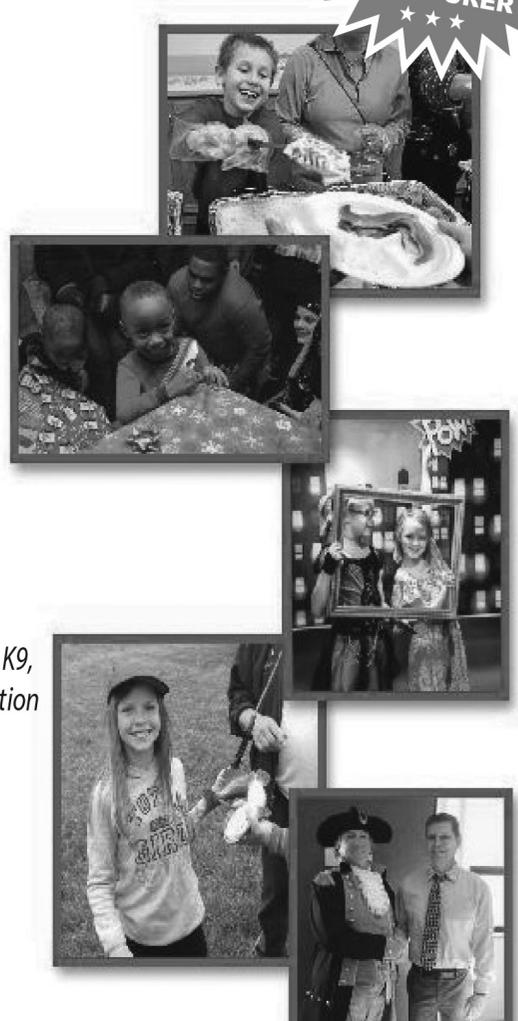


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- 37 year resident of Willoughby/Eastlake
- Current Eastlake City Councilman
- Wife, Amy, a W/E School Board Member
- VFW 3863 Member
- Graduated Willoughby South High School
- Children all attended/attending W/E School District
- Established Vine Street Corridor Business Meeting
- Graduated from Lake Erie College MBA, Painesville
- Ph.D. from School of Business & Tech. at Capella University

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
- Retro Outdoor Movie Night
- Job Fairs ~ 2017, 2018, 2019
- Voluteer Fair & Kids Fair
- Christmas in July
- Trick or Treet Street ~ Vine Street in June
- Nature Day ~ 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Meet the Presidents ~ Good Shepard Church



Bankruptcy 101:

SAYING GOODBYE TO THE STIGMA OF BANKRUPTCY

In 2011 there were 1.4 million consumer bankruptcy filings (Federal Court Website- www.uscourts.gov). Since then consumer bankruptcy filings have averaged over 1 million per year. Bankruptcy is now commonplace because it has become the only affordable source of financial planning for a large segment of the financially distressed population. This recessionary economy which is now the new and apparently sustained state of the world's financial outlook has dried up funds that used to be available through lending institutions, family members, savings and home equity. It is further complicated by creditors' general unwillingness to work with debtors by offering reasonable payment plans to help them get caught up. So, for many people, the choice becomes whether to pay bills or put food on the table.

Beyond this, there is the continued fallout from the housing crisis and the still high number of foreclosures and people who are "underwater" on their mortgages. For these people, the choice is pay bills or lose the roof over their head. There is also extremely high inflation and ever-increasing gas prices with no end in sight. It used to be that grocery items would increase in penny increments. Now, it is not unusual to see them increase in fifty cent or even one dollar or greater increments. Further, there are the government entities at every level which are constantly looking for

anything and everything that can be taxed, ticketed, or fined. On top of this and most pernicious and reprehensible is the human greed factor: The politicians who live lavishly off the sweat of the taxpayer's brow and put their own self interest, always, above that of the people. The large corporations who overcharge and engage in less than ethical business practices. And certain individuals and businesses who out of desperation or dishonesty take advantage of others in the name of the almighty dollar. Certainly, it is not all politicians, corporations, people or businesses. But it is too many.

The law of Bankruptcy is the only tool that middle-class Americans must level the playing field. The fact is without it many people would be homeless or unable to survive. When I started in this business twenty-six years ago there was a stigma attached to filing bankruptcy. And it really was not justified even then because the largest part of our clientele was made up of people who had catastrophic medical bills and no insurance. But it was perpetuated because there were a certain percentage of filings attributable to people who had simply "over lived" by spending too much on fancy cars, vacations, clothes and "toys" and used the filing to "skate" out of their debt. This type of bankruptcy simply no longer exists. Yes, it was tightened up in 2005 with the introduction of more stringent laws. But the main reason it does not exist anymore is because people have not had the money or the mindset to engage in that type of frivolous spending for some time. Moreover, the

government has forced lenders to tighten credit to the extent that people are not able to borrow for frivolous unsecured purchases anymore.

The people who use bankruptcy now are honest, decent people who are using it to survive. They basically fall into two types. First, there are the people who are in an emergency. They are using bankruptcy (whether chapter 7 or chapter 13) to stop a lawsuit, a foreclosure, creditor harassment, a garnishment, utility shutoff, prevent a car from being repossessed or any number of the other types of relief it provides. And, second, are the people who see the disaster coming and want to cut it off at the pass so to

speak. Either way, Bankruptcy is financial planning. It is a mechanism by which one can exercise control over his or her financial future in a positive way.

Further, the stigma is largely gone. It has become like divorce. In the fifties and sixties people who got divorced were stigmatized. Now it is the norm. Anyone that made comments about a person because they got a divorce, nowadays, would be considered ignorant. It is the same with bankruptcy. Bankruptcy is a relatively affordable and fast mechanism by which one in financial distress can simplify their lives and regain their peace of mind. That is why so many people are using it. I always try

to remind and encourage people that if you are truly in financial distress you need to recognize it and admit it so that you can fix it. You need to know financial hardship is temporary and fixable. Like anything, the earlier you fix it the better off you'll be. And the more money you and your family will have to start fresh and begin to live in peace again.

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Families Can Learn About Job Pathways at Campus Visit Days

Lakeland Recently Ranked No. 2 in Student Goals Reached

For more than 50 years, Lakeland Community College has made an impact on thousands of students. Today, the college continues to attract people of all ages from the entire region with its offering of more than 130 associate degree and certificate programs at a lower tuition rate

than many other schools. Families are invited to learn more at either of two Campus Visit Days, April 3, from 9-11:30 a.m., or April 9, from 6-8:30 p.m., at 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland. The event and parking are free and open to the public. Attendees will learn about close-

to-home college opportunities and the college application admission fee will be waived for high school seniors who attend. Campus Visit Day will include how to apply for admission and financial aid, an overview of degree and certificate programs at Lakeland, information on

bachelor's degree programs at the Holden University Center, and a walking tour of campus. Sign up at lakelandcc.edu/visit.

medical office roles. Sign up at lakelandcc.edu/health.

Lakeland was recently ranked No. 2 among two-year public colleges nationwide based on a combination of three student measures that included transferring to a four-year institution, according to a report by The Chronicle of Higher Education, the leading publication for higher education.

Visit lakelandcc.edu for more information.

The April 9 session will be held immediately following the college's Health Technologies Open House from 4-6 p.m. Attendees may come earlier to learn more specifically about health technologies programs in patient care, medical lab or

2020 Campus Visit Days



Current **high school seniors and juniors** and their parents are invited to Lakeland Community College.

- Learn about Lakeland and steps for admission.
- Receive information about financial aid.
- Interact with current students.
- Take a walking tour of campus.
- Experience a classroom setting.

Current **College Credit Plus** students are welcome to join us to learn more about continuing at Lakeland or Lakeland's Holden University Center following high school graduation.

Application fee will be waived for all high school seniors who attend.

Refreshments will be provided. *Seating is limited - register early!*

Register online at: lakelandcc.edu/visit

Questions?
440.525.7900

Dates/Times:
Friday, April 3, 9-11:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 9, 6-8:30 p.m.

Students interested in health programs are invited to attend our Health Programs Open House before the April 9 Campus Visit Day, from 4-6 p.m. Campus Visit Day will immediately follow.

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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 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,

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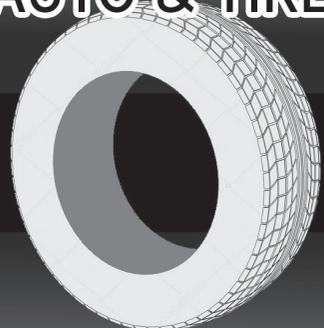
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Laketran Seeks Public Input on New Route Serving Tyler Blvd., Mentor High School, Mentor-on-the-Lake and Mentor Headlands

Laketran is hosting a series of public hearings to gain public input on a new fixed route bus line that would serve Tyler Boulevard, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Mentor Headlands, and parts of Center

Street and Heisley Road as well as connect to Great Lakes Mall and Lakeland Community College.

The new route, made possible by the passage of Laketran's sales tax levy last November, will provide

access for 36,000 residents and to 27,000 jobs.

"This is an ambitious route that aims to address many of top service requests we receive which is route service to Tyler Boulevard, Mentor Headlands and Mentor-on-the-Lake," explained Laketran CEO

Ben Capelle. "Route 8 will improve access to manufacturing and retail jobs, shopping, and education. But first we want feedback from residents about how they envision this route to best serve them."

The Route 8 public hearing schedule is:

- Wednesday, March 4 from 6 p.m. to 7p.m. at Mentor Civic Center – 2nd Floor Conference Room
- Tuesday, March 10 from 6 p.m. to 7p.m at Mentor-on-the-Lake Community Room

Laketran will also be presenting options for a potential Route 3 modification to improve transit access to north end of Lost Nation Road in Willoughby.

The meetings will be an open house format and the public is encouraged to come anytime within the hour. The public will view and rank preferences on route designs.

Laketran is providing free Dial-a-Ride transportation to all meetings. Dial-a-Ride reservations are required 2-12 days in advance by calling 440-354-6100.

Details outlining the route designs are available at <https://laketran.com/about-laketran/route-8-public-hearings> along with a community feedback survey for those who cannot attend the public meetings.

The public has until Tuesday, March 24 to provide written comment on the new route to hearings@laketran.com or by mail to Laketran, 555 Lakeshore Blvd., Painesville Twp., OH 44077.

Route options will also be on display for comment and review at the Great Lakes Mall Home & Lifestyle Event on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Laketran display.





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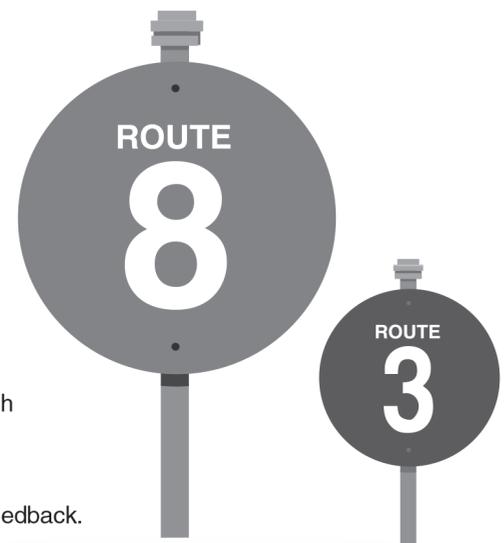
WHERE AND WHEN

Mentor Civic Center - 2nd Floor Conference Room 8500 Civic Center Blvd.	Wed., Mar. 4	6pm – 7pm
Mentor-on-the-Lake City Hall 5860 Andrews Rd.	Tues., Mar. 10	6pm – 7pm

View and comment on three potential route designs for Laketran's new Route 8 that will serve Tyler Blvd., Mentor High School, Mentor-on-the-Lake and Mentor Headlands.

A minor route change for Route 3 will also be discussed at these public meetings.

Come and go as you please. Help rank route designs. Laketran staff will be on-hand to answer questions and gather feedback.



Laketran provides free Dial-a-Ride transportation to all meetings. Please make reservations 2-12 business days in advance.

Written public comment can be submitted until Tuesday, March 24 at hearings@laketran.com.

Questions or additional information, contact: Julia Schick at (440) 350-1012 or jschick@laketran.com.

More details and community feedback survey at www.laketran.com.



Divorce 101:

**Divorce v. Dissolution:
What is the difference?**

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

The most fundamental difference between a contested

divorce and a dissolution and/or uncontested divorce is that in a contested divorce, the parties cannot agree on one or more of the issues; whereas, in dissolution or an uncontested divorce, the parties are in agreement. 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. Open and honest communication is key. Unfortunately, in many cases, the parties have so much resentment toward each other that they are simply unable to cooperate. This is never in anybody's best interest

and can be very damaging to children.

There are certainly ways to minimize the pain and cost of a divorce but it will never be as efficient and emotionally healthy as two parties coming to a voluntary agreement with dissolution. I believe that a 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 be enjoyed for the span of one's entire life.

Robert C. Biales

Morley Library - Adult Programs

Tai Chi Tuesdays - March 3 and 17, 12pm. De-stress and relax for 30 minutes with Libby Hill from Family Karate. Class size is limited to the first 12 participants to arrive.

Adult Craft of the Month
Wednesday, March 4, 6:30pm. It's Paint Night! We're decorating adorable clay pots for St. Patrick's Day. Paint your pot to look like a leprechaun hat and hide some "gold" beneath it! Registration required.

Morley Movie Night
Monday, March 9, 6pm. Enjoy a free showing of a popular new DVD release on our big screen. For movie title and details, go to morleylibrary.org or call 440-352-3383.

It's Tea Time! Saturday, March 14, 2pm. Armchair travel with us to Ireland this month. Sample a traditional Irish blend of top quality Assam and east African teas. Enjoy a wonderfully robust flavor that is both strong and rich. Registration required.

Scribble Maniacs Writers' Group- Saturday, March 14, 9:30am. Whether you're just getting started or a lifelong writer, join us for support, encouragement, and

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Library Tuesdays at Concord Community Center: Milliner Makings

March 17, 10am - 11:30am. European women began wearing hats in the late 1500's. Then in the late 1700's, the first milliner began a business in Italy. Today, hats still tell the stories of the ages, including who wore them and why. Don your own hat or wear one of ours as we learn about the stylish history of hats and the historic Lake County women who wore them. Presenter: Angela Spencer Lake County History Center. This program takes place at the Concord Community Center, 7671 Auburn Rd., Concord Twp. Please register by calling the Concord Community Center at 440-639-4650.

Meet the Authors Book Discussion: Jill Grunenwald, Reading Behind Bars

Saturday, March 24, 1pm. Join Cleveland-area author Jill Grunenwald for a discussion of her latest memoir, Reading Behind Bars: A True Story of Literature, Law, and Life as a Prison Librarian.



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Assistance for Life-Saving Medications

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Meet Us in the Garden Series

"Meet Us in the Garden" for the 2020 season will start March 14. Join Lake County Master Gardener Volunteers for one Saturday each month from March through November to learn about a variety of garden topics.

Each class is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. And runs for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. This year's series will be held in the Community Room in the Painesville Township Offices at 55 Nye Road, Painesville next door to the Fire Station. An informational brochure is posted on the Ohio State Extension website at <http://lake.osu.edu/>.

Topics for March - June are:

• Saturday March 14, 2020 – Nature's Cues a.k.a. Phenology

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• Saturday April 4, 2020 – Square Foot Gardening

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• Saturday May 2, 2020 – Continuous Color Using Perennials

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• Saturday June 6, 2020 – "Bee" Friendly with Natives

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Safe Dog Handling for Seniors

Owning a pet can contribute to better health and a more active lifestyle. As more seniors become/continue to be pet owners, the benefits of owning a pet dog may come with some unfortunate side effects.

A recent University of Pennsylvania study found emergency room patients 65 and older with injuries from walking leashed dogs increased from 1,671 injuries in 2004 to nearly 4,400 in 2017. Nearly 80 percent of those patients were women, most commonly with hip fractures followed by injuries to the wrist or upper arm.

While some of these incidents can be attributed to the environment (slippery sidewalks etc.) many of the incidents were likely a result of a dog that was not trained to walk on leash. Leash skills are critical for any dog owner, but become increasingly important as the dog-owning population ages and more seniors are enjoying pet ownership.

Things to consider if you

are a senior or know a senior considering adding a dog to the household:

- Energy Level: Make sure that your physical condition and lifestyle can accommodate the dog's exercise needs
- Size of the Adult Dog: Large and giant breeds may be too physically demanding for a senior, particularly if the dogs have poor leash skills and manners (jumping.) Large dogs may also prove difficult to transport.
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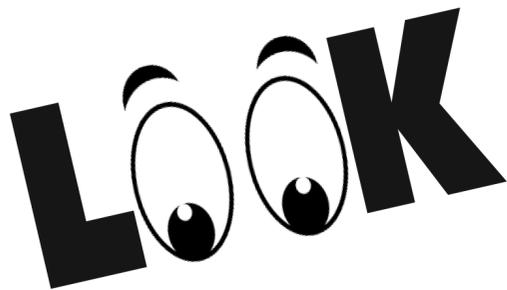
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