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NO PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCY

A Snow Emergency is defined as that time when there has been an accumulation of snow, sleet, hail, or ice on any streets or roads. No parking is permitted on any city street during a Snow Emergency. Snow Emergency alerts are posted on City of Mentor Facebook, Twitter, as well as through the Mentor App.

Summer camp registration is underway at Mentor Recreation

Registration for summer camps February 1st for residents and February 4th for nonresidents.

With more than 100 camps for children ages 4 – 14, you can visit www.cityofmentor.com/play to view our online Parks & Recreation Guide and get all you need to know about Mentor's summer camp lineup.

FREE online registration is available at www.cityofmentor.com/play. It's fast, easy, convenient and secure. However you must first call our office to set up a new account. Just call our office at (440) 974-5720, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. We'll verify your address and provide you with everything you need to get started. Please have your email address, name, address, and phone, and the birth dates of each family member available when you call. It's that easy!

For further information, call (440) 974-5720.

Mentor Recreation Department: Summer Job Opportunities

The City of Mentor Recreation Department is currently hiring summer lifeguards. To apply, individuals must be at least 15 years old and have current American Red Cross Lifeguard Certifications. Lifeguards work a minimum of 16 hours a week, weekdays and weekends, mornings, afternoons and evenings.

Camp counselor applications

are also being accepted. Energetic and enthusiastic college students and graduates in the fields of education or recreation with an interest in helping the Recreation Department create fantastic camp experiences for our campers, are preferred.

The Recreation Department is also seeking an Intern for the summer. Energetic and enthusiastic college students

and graduates in the fields of education or recreation with an interest in helping the Recreation Department implement programs and events for the community, are preferred.

Positions are limited.

Qualified candidates can apply online at www.cityofmentor.com or in person at Mentor City Hall in the HR Department, Monday – Friday, 8 am -5 pm.

Mentor Rolls: Public Art Project - Call for Artists

Mentor already rocks, but soon it will be rolling too. The city is hosting the Mentor Rolls art contest that will showcase local artists and create unique art.

Lake County artists can apply to decorate, paint, or otherwise adorn one of four aluminum bike racks – transforming each into a distinctive work of art. Selected artists will receive a \$600.00

honorarium and a showcase for their talent at the Mentor Civic Center Complex.

“Mentor Rolls encapsulates so much of what's important to us. It supports local artists, it's creative, and it also encourages upcycling and reimagining public spaces. Anything can be art,” said Commission President, Jacqueline Sajewski.

Mentor Rolls is sponsored

by the Mentor Community Arts Commission, a group of volunteers who support and promote art in the city.

Those who wish to apply can get more information at www.mentorrolls.com or by calling Wildwood Cultural Center at (440) 974-5735.

All artist entries must be received by February 12, 2021.

Mentor Public Library - Children & Teen Programs

Mentor Public Library Children & Teen Programs for February

Fun for the whole family! All of these programs are being offered online. Some will be hosted live via Zoom and require registration. You can sign up by calling the library or at www.mentorpl.org. Others will be broadcast on the library's:

- Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mentorpubliclibrary
- YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/mentorpubliclib
- And website: www.mentorpl.org.

Bookmark Drawing Challenge

All Month

Kids in kindergarten through sixth grade can draw a bookmark for the library's contest. Winners will have their bookmarks printed for everyone to take at the library. The theme for the bookmark must be based on books, reading, or a favorite character. Visit the children's department in the Main

Branch to pick up a template for your bookmark.

All entries must be submitted by Feb. 28. One winner will be chosen from each grade by Kent State University art students.

February Reading Challenge

All Month

Kids can win prizes for reading or being read to! Visit the Children's Department at Mentor Public Library's Main Branch for a reading log. For children, newborn to 12.

Grab & Go Crafts

Families can pick up supplies for crafts that they can make at home from MPL's Main, Lake and Headlands Branches. Get different crafts throughout the month. Call branches for details.

Online Family Story Time

Mondays at 10 a.m.

Enjoy pre-recorded story times at your convenience on the library's website (www.mentorpl.org), Facebook page, and YouTube

channel. Each story time will have a different theme and will be filled with stories, songs, and rhymes. No registration required and perfect for kids from birth to six years old.

Interactive Family Story Time Room on Zoom

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Children of all ages and their families can spend some time together while enjoying stories and songs in our online story time room. The story time will be a live Zoom event. Registration is required. Sign up at www.mentorpl.org

Artpocalypse

Tuesdays at 12 p.m.

Get fun and colorful craft ideas with Mr. Josh from Mentor Public Library's Headlands Branch. Can be viewed on the library's Facebook page, YouTube channel, or at www.mentorpl.org/artpocalypse.

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In Rosey's Words....



Rosey Gamiere
Guest Writer

A local hero

Today I'd like to honor another hero of our community that has passed on, Mr. Thomas Walsh, only 69 years old. He was a remarkable man and one of our own.

Tom retired as Chief Investigator of the Lake County Prosecutor's office after 16 years of service. He also worked as 'special agent' for the Cuyahoga Sheriff's Department and our Mentor Police Department.

I hired him as a chauffeur for my limousine company part time. I found him personable, but somewhat reserved, honest, reliable and clean cut.

As his obituary stated, he as 'a loving man who loved a good prank, dry humor included.' He could win an Academy Award for a straight face while pulling off an 'I got you' joke.

I'd say he was close to another good friend, comedian Tim Conway, in his ability to pull off the funniest stunts- as I can explain.

A local major corporation CEO called me to pick up a group of Asian clients at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. This CEO was from Texas with that typical drawl (if you will) and was friendly and professional.

I called Tom Walsh to do the limousine run and he promptly responded.

I gave him a poster board sign with the Asian company's name on it to hold at the gate when the guests arrived. I explained that there would be an interpreter to assist in the trip back to Lake County.

Tom phoned me from the limousine to tell me he let them out at Chuck E. Cheese by Great Lakes Mall to have some fun. I went ballistic and he tried to explain that they insisted.

I told Tom to retrieve them and get them to the corporation immediately, as there were no

plans to stop. He further explained that they planned to stop at McDonald's for something to eat.

By now I was going into cardiac arrest (I thought) when he said the interpreter couldn't come.

I asked Tom to call me when he got to the company to smooth over this debacle with Mr. Texas CEO.

An hour later I got the call, 'This is Tom. I think you need to come down here and speak to the CEO in person.'

'What happened, Tom?' I asked. 'Well, I guess I picked up the wrong people,' Tom said.

You could have knocked me over with a feather.

Trying to be composed, I asked Tom how this happened and he proceeded to tell me that since there wasn't an interpreter, he waved over a bunch of non-English speaking Asians who nodded yes, yes, yes to him as he escorted them to the limousine.

'They kept pointing to the Asian company's name on the sign,' Tom said.

I took a shot of whiskey, jumped into my car and right to the company.

You see, this never happened before and I was very conscientious and detailed in my operation to ensure perfection at all costs. This was unacceptable.

My 'Visine' in one hand and my 'Secret' stick deodorant in the other, along with a wad of Trident in my mouth, I gingerly made it to the company.

Greeted by the tall Texan CEO with a beautiful tan Stetson cowboy hat on, I was somewhat relieved when I saw his smiling face and big, bright white teeth.

Tom stood beside him, straight-faced and solemn.

After I stretched out my hand for a shake, the two men began laughing hysterically.

Yep, they got me. True story.

Apparently Tom and the CEO conspired this 'prank' on me!!!

And the succeeded!

I think I aged 20 years into the future that day, one I'll never forget. Lovingly executed by both men.

After a group hug I was somewhat functional and we all enjoyed a good laugh and a great lunch.

This would truly become one of my fondest memories of Tom Walsh and his remarkable ability to follow through with a straight face in his irresistible desire to enjoy a good prank.

He was so fun, brave, loyal, lovable and respected by everyone who knew him.

A wonderful husband, father, grandfather, son and dedicated officer of our entire community, he will be greatly missed and remembered always.

I share this memory to honor our local hero, Thomas P. Walsh, may he rest in peace.

For his family and in our hearts always!

Love, Rosey

MPL Programs

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Storytime Stars on Zoom

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Children and their families can enjoy an interactive online story time with Ms. Lisa from the library's Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch. She'll share a half hour filled with stories, songs and fun. The story time will be a live Zoom event. Registration is required. Sign up at www.mentorpl.org.

Jewelry Workshop for Teens & Tweens

Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Teens and tweens (ages 11 to 18) can enjoy a night of jewelry making and online trivia. RSVP

and pick up your jewelry kit from the library's Main Branch. Then join us on Zoom. You can craft unique jewelry and win prizes during the trivia challenges. This program will be a live Zoom event and registration is required.

Yoga Kids! Zoom Edition

Thursday, Feb. 4, at 11 a.m.

Children (ages three to six) can join an online yoga session with special guest, Darlene Kelbach. Ms. Darlene is a certified yoga instructor who will lead little ones and their grown-up through exercises in breathing and movement, all put together with a story and music that you can enjoy from the comforts of your

own home. Don't forget your yoga mat or towel. This program will be a live Zoom event. Registration is required.

Zoom Your Child to the Library

Saturday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m.

Kids can enjoy stories, activities, and discover what's new from the Children's Department at Mentor Public Library during this live Zoom event. Registration is required. Sign up at www.mentorpl.org. You can pick up your activity packet for the program after you RSVP.

Virtual Vittles

Monday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m.

Kids (ages seven to 12) can learn

how to make tasty no-bake treats during the library's Virtual Vittles program. MPL's Chef Robin will show children how to follow a recipe via Zoom. The library will even provide all the ingredients that kids need to participate. Registration is required. Families can sign up online at www.mentorpl.org or by calling the library at (440) 255-8811 ext. 220.

Virtual Valentine's Bingo

Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m.

Players can win prizes during a Valentine-themed game of online bingo. For kids, ages seven to 12. Sign up required at www.mentorpl.org.

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

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

Students who wish to begin focusing on an information technology & computer science

or health care program, can start on a dedicated pathway within the CCP program.

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

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

good self-management skills, excellent class attendance and no disciplinary problems.

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

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

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

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Interested students should check with their high school guidance office for details on their school's CCP information night.

Intent to participate must be declared by May 1. Visit lakelandcc.edu/ccp for more information.

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- Pony 13-14
- Colt 15-17
- Senior 18+

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FEES:

- T-Ball: \$90
- M6- Majors: \$110
- Pony 13/14: \$120
- Colt 15/16 17/18: \$135
- Seniors 18+: \$135

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Bankruptcy 101:

The Miracle of Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy is the most affordable, fastest working, constitutionally backed legal mechanism available for Americans in financial trouble. Most importantly, bankruptcy offers powerful protections to people that cannot be had in any other way. Some of those protections are as follows:

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

2.) Protection from Creditors: Once your bankruptcy is filed, you receive a legal protection called an Automatic Stay. This "stay" prevents creditors and debt collectors from making contact with or trying to collect money from you. The automatic stay will stop foreclosure, lawsuits, wage garnishments, vehicle repossession, utility shut off, license suspensions for uninsured accident damage

to another motor vehicle and more.

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

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

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

6.) It Works Fast: We are able to stop creditor harassment, lawsuits, foreclosures, garnishments, repossessions and a whole lot of other problems FAST with

bankruptcy. Bankruptcy is not like applying for a bank loan. It moves fast. The protections discussed can be used the same day we file. Some of these protections like stopping harassing phone calls are available immediately upon giving us money down for representation.

Bankruptcy is about having peace of mind and relief now but it is also about financial planning for the future. It is about re-establishing credit, keeping the lion's share of your property and resolving all of your current debt and bad marks on your record so that you will be in good financial standing in a few years. It is about a fresh start in life. Everyone deserves

a fresh start.

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

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

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

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Laketrans Retrofits Dial-a-Ride Bus to Serve as Mobile Food Pantry

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each month, 480 households

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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When a closed indoor environment continues to fill with the mycotoxins, they can become a health risk. The affect it has on the human body is dependent on three variables. Our individual immune systems, the type of spore and the volume of fungal gas, determines the impact on our bodies.

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Some health effects include, headaches, shortness of breath, dizziness, lethargy, fever, and digestive problems. More severe reactions are hypersensitivity, and asthma symptoms. Although rare, certain Aspergillus species release aflatoxins that are carcinogenic.

There are many things in life we cannot control, but exposure to fungal gases is not one of

them. With a little effort, we can reduce or eliminate this health hazard by using a disinfectant or removing the affected material. In some instances, it may be necessary to seek a professional opinion or get professional help.

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I offer a new sleek treatment called Eyebrow Lamination. This is a non invasive alternative to Microblading. This 3 part treatment takes about 45 minutes and straightens the hair so you can style your eyebrows to be sleek,

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

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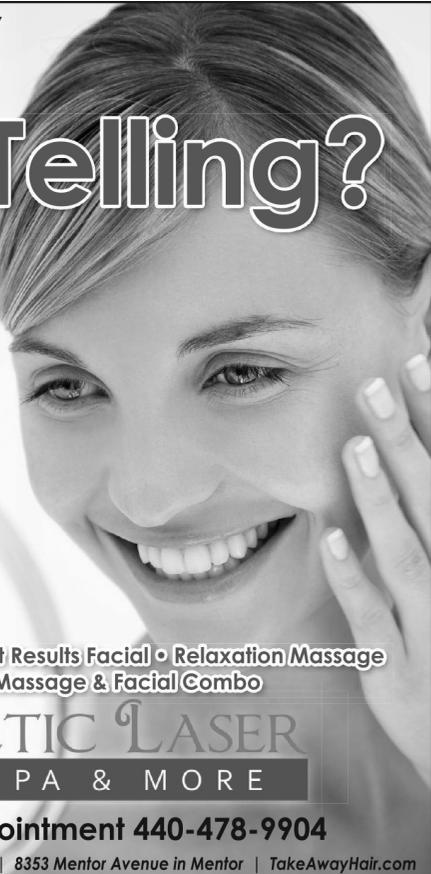
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Mentor Window Earns Yet Another Angie's List Super Service Award - 8 Years Straight!

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

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.

Last February, participants in almost 200 countries counted more than 6,900 species of birds on over 260,000 checklists. Make sure the birds in your favorite spot aren't overlooked!

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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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"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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Applied directly to the customer's utility or bulk fuel bill, the benefit can help manage heating costs. Ohioans can visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online, download

a copy of the application or find contact information for a local Energy Assistance Provider (EAP). The Lake County Council on Aging is able to assist individuals over the phone to complete their application for HEAP benefits. If preferred, an individual can drop off their application and verifications using the agency's secure drop box for an Information & Assistance Specialist to review the application to ensure it is complete and submit on the individual's behalf. When applying, individuals need to have

copies of the following documents:

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

HEAP benefits are applied to an individual's energy bill after

January 1st. **Applications for the HEAP program must be received by May 31, 2021.**

This is not an emergency program. Low-income households that have been disconnected (or have a pending disconnection notice), need to establish new service, need to pay to transfer service, have 25% (or less) of bulk fuel supply remaining, or have a household member who was diagnosed with COVID-19 in 2020 may also be eligible for the HEAP Winter Crisis Program, which

started on November 1, 2020. If you need immediate assistance with your energy bills, please contact your local EAP. A list of providers can be found at www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

Applications for the HEAP Winter Crisis Program must be received by March 31, 2021. For more information on HEAP, visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov or call (800) 282-0880. Hearing-impaired customers can dial 711 for assistance.

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Volunteers are an essential part of the clinical team. Now, more than ever, volunteers are needed to safely welcome families at David Simpson Hospice House in Cleveland and through phone

calls and virtual visits to other families.

Virtual volunteer training begins on: February 1- afternoons, or February 16- evenings. To join our team, please visit hospicewr.org/volunteer or call 216-255-9090.

MPL Programs

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Virtual Chips & Chapters

Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 4 p.m.

Kids (kindergarten through second grade) can enjoy a snack and a story with Ms. Lisa from Mentor Public Library. Ms. Lisa will read from a chapter book while the children enjoy some chips and follow along. The library even provides the treat. Families can pick up their chips from the library after they register for the read-along.

Zoom Firehouse Friends

Thursday, Feb. 18, at 10:30 a.m.

Families with kids of all ages can join fireman Jerry from the Mentor Fire Department for a half hour of stories and fire safety tips. The story time will be a live Zoom event. Registration is required. Sign up at www.mentorpl.org.

Tie-Dye Mask Making

Thursday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m.

The library will guide kids (ages six to 12) through how to tie-dye their own facemasks. The program will be broadcast via Zoom but the library will provide all the supplies. First, families register for the program. They can sign up online at www.mentorpl.org or by

calling (440) 255-8811 ext. 220. Then they can pick up supplies from the Children's Department at MPL's Main Branch or its drive-thru.

Egg Drop

Starting Monday, Feb. 22, kids (ages six to 12) who register can pick up an Egg Drop Kit from the Children's Department at Mentor Public Library's Main Branch.

Then, they can take the kit home and build their best contraption to keep an egg safe during a fall. Return your contraption along with an egg - you'll need to provide your own egg - to the Children's Department by March. Once the builds are returned, they will be tested. The drops will be filmed and share on the library's Facebook and YouTube pages.

Golden Crust Bakery

Hello Everyone!

Hope you all had a peaceful and safe holiday season. Time is already flying by...it's hard to believe that Easter is right around the corner. Until then - we have some celebrating to do.

It's been really hard on couples trying to get married- canceling wedding plans and rescheduling. Valentine's Day is the perfect day to do something special for each other. Make a candlelight dinner with their favorite meal, add some flowers and nice music- you don't even have to go out! We will have some special goodies for a nice touch.

We've all had to make changes and compromises- it can be fun

to try things that are different. Sometimes it's all in how you look at it!

We will STILL do our traditional Fat Tuesday Paczskis on February 16th- place your orders by Thursday, February 11th.

Lent starts February 17th with Ash Wednesday and ends Easter Sunday. We will have our hot cross buns during that time.

Let's all try to stay safe and respect each other. Winter is a hard time for many people, especially the elderly. A simple gesture like getting their mail or shoveling their walkway is much appreciated. It also makes you feel good too!

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Mentor Public Library - Adult Programs for February

All of these programs are being offered online. Most will be hosted live via Zoom and require registration. You can sign up by calling the library or at www.mentorpl.org. A few will be broadcast on the library's:

- Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mentorpubliclibrary
- YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/mentorpubliclib
- And website: www.mentorpl.org.

Take & Make Crafts

Teens and adults can get craft kits from Mentor Public Library's Main Branch. Each kit comes with supplies and directions to make a fun and artsy craft at home. The library will offer different crafts throughout the month. Call (440) 255-8811 ext. 247 for details.

Blind Date with a Book

Win a gift card by reading and reviewing one of Mentor Public Library's "Blind Date" books between now and Feb. 14. The more you read, the better your chance of winning. Visit the library's Main Branch for details.

It's a Mystery Book Club

Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 p.m.
This monthly book club reads crime-related genres such as thriller, suspense, true crime and mystery/detective. In February, they will discuss "Someone

Knows" by Lisa Scottoline.

All Booked Up with Cailey & Meg

Saturdays, Feb. 6 and 20, at 12 p.m.

Every other week, MPL's librarians Cailey and Meg recommend and discuss books on a specific theme. They rotate their suggestions between teen and adult books. All Booked Up can be viewed on the library's website, www.mentorpl.org, as well as its Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Leaders & Legacies of the Civil War: The Life of Frederick Douglass

Wednesday, Feb. 10, at noon

In commemoration of Black History Month, revisit the life of Frederick Douglass. Douglass escaped enslavement in Maryland to become the most famous African-American in the country and a forceful voice for equality in the United States. Learn about his life and lasting impact. Speaker will be Todd Arrington of the James A. Garfield National Historic Site. This program will be hosted online via Zoom. Registration is required.

Vincent Van Gogh: Through the Eyes of the Artist

Thursday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Learn the true story of the

passions and obsessions of artist Vincent van Gogh. Art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelman will also dispel some of the common rumors surrounding van Gogh's life. This program will be hosted online via Zoom. Registration is required.

Men's Book Club

Monday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

This month's book is "The Watchmaker of Filigree Street" by Natasha Pulley. Copies of the book are available at the reference desk at MPL's Main Branch. Hosted online via Zoom. Registration required to attend.

Foot & Ankle Problems: Lake Health Talk

Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m.

Lake Health Podiatrist Andy Orta will share information and treatment options for foot and ankle problems.

Astrology for Beginners

Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Want to know more about astrology?

Learn how an astrology birth chart is constructed from Angie Agnoni of the Lake County Astrological Association. She'll also explain the unique traits of each sun sign and how learning astrology can be helpful in one's everyday life.

Repetitive Questions: Dementia

Monday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m.

When people have dementia, they often ask the same questions over and over... and over again. Chera Inhat from Kemper House – an assisted living facility that specializes in helping people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia – will share the best tactics for helping people who often repeat questions because of dementia. This session will also help caregivers understand why people who have dementia often repeat themselves. This program will be hosted online via Zoom. Registration is required.

Monday Night Book Club

Monday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Join librarian Cailey for a discussion of bestsellers, popular reads and books of interest. This month the book club will discuss "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk" by Kathleen Rooney. Copies are available at the Reference Desk for pickup. Book club will be hosted online via Zoom. Registration is required to attend.

Holistic Wellness & Yoga

Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m.

This hour-long class includes a relaxing yoga session and tips on holistic therapies for a restful sleep. Darlene Kelbach is the

yoga instructor. Hosted online via Zoom. Registration required to attend.

Green Book: The Black Travelers Guide to Jim Crow America

Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m.

Discover the story behind the Green Book, which provided a rundown of hotels, guest houses, service stations, drug stores, taverns, barbershops and restaurants that were known to be safe ports of call for African-American travelers. This program will be hosted online via Zoom. Registration is required.

No More Cable: Save Money & Switch from Traditional Cable

Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m.

There are more streaming services than ever to choose from: Netflix, Disney+, Apple+, Peacock, HBO Max, Hulu, Amazon Prime, and more. With cable prices skyrocketing, which streaming services are best for you and your family? Learn about streaming movies and shows over the Internet, the many different services out there, and even some free services your library provides. This program will be led over Zoom. Registration is required to attend.

Mentor Family Restaurant Goes Above & Beyond for the Safety of Patrons and Staff

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tables, bars, door handles, bathrooms, equipment and more, which as a result removes 99% of all germs, bacteria, and viruses. Additionally, surfaces that have been sprayed and cleaned continue to repel the negative charged particles found in pathogens for up to 90 days.

Mentor Family Restaurant is

part of PropiShield's Advantage Program which includes: monthly disinfection service with quarterly Reactive Biostatic Barrier Protection applied to high touch surfaces.

A PropiShield Certification of Service Certificate is provided to display at their location as well as window clings and dated table tents to notify their patrons and staff of the disinfection services completed.. Best of all, Mentor Family Restaurant is recognized as a Certified Location on the PropiShield website along with other PropiShield certified locations. PropiShield's sanitizing products and protocols meet the established guidelines directed by the CDC, OSHA, FDA, and EPA.

For information on the PropiShield Advantage Program and to learn more about their Safe. Effective. Affordable. business model visit www.PropiShield.com. PropiShield also offers discounted services upon confirming a positive COVID case in a home or business.

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Many older adults are vulnerable to scams when using computers, tablets and smartphones. Whether using technology in public or at home, you can help protect yourself and loved ones from fraud or financial exploitation.

Here are some tips from the Ohio Attorney General's Office to help keep you safe.

Internet Tips

- Install and use a pop-up blocker. Pop-up blockers are often available free, including within some internet browsers.

- Use a secure website whenever you purchase items online. Secure web addresses begin with "https" rather than "http."

- When conducting internet searches, remember that the top search results may not always be from legitimate companies or agencies.

- To reduce security and privacy risks, log out of websites when you're finished. Wireless/Wi-Fi tips

- Verify the specific network name with the network owner before connecting to Wi-Fi.

- Never disclose personal information – passwords and credit card numbers included – when using a public WiFi connection.

- Assume that everyone can see what you're doing when you use a public network.

- Do not set your devices to automatically connect to any public Wi-Fi networks.

Email Tips

- Never respond to unexpected requests for your personal information, even if the sender appears to have some details about you or your account. Scammers may pretend to be your bank, your credit card company or a government agency and may ask you to confirm your account by submitting your account number, password and/or Social Security number.

- Do not click on links, open attachments or download

anything from a suspicious message, even when they appear to be from a friend or trusted source.

Social Media Tips

- When on social media, change privacy settings to meet your needs. Understand that when you leave your account "public," anyone can see information about you, including your pictures and names of your family members and friends.

- Watch out for scammers who may impersonate your social-media friends or who may tell you that they need money or unexpectedly have money to give to you.

- Imagine this: Imagine a scammer finds your social-media page. Could he or she pretend to know more about you to make a scam seem real? For instance, could the scammer pretend to know your grandchild's name is "Timmy"? Would that make a call from a scammer claiming to be "Timmy" seem more real?

Computer Maintenance Tips

- Install and maintain an anti-virus and anti-spyware program. Set the program to update automatically or check regularly for updates because new viruses are launched all the time. Do not buy protection software and services based on telephone calls, pop-up advertisements, unexpected virus warnings or email messages claiming that your device has a virus. They are probably scams.

- Visit www.staysafeonline.org for a list of free security products that scan for and detect malware.

Warning Signs of Fraud or Financial Exploitation

- Requests to send money via wire transfer, gift card or prepaid money card.

- Pressure to act immediately.

- Guarantees to make money quickly.

- Requests to keep conversations or relationships a secret.

- Anti-virus scan results indicate the presence of malware or other threats on your device.

- Unexplained withdrawals from your bank account, charges to your credit card or missing cash.

- Calls regarding unpaid bills.

Common Risk Factors

- Older adults who are socially or physically isolated.

- Older adults who rely on others to handle their finances.

- Older adults who have recently lost a loved one, especially if that person handled the older adult's finances.

- Older adults who suffer from the ailments of aging, a physical or mental impairment, memory issues or other disabilities.

To Avoid Potential Financial Fraud or Exploitation Online

- Be leery of those who contact you unexpectedly, even if they say they are from a trusted organization or the government, and even if the message appears to be legitimate.

- Never give out personal information such as your Social Security number or bank account number to someone over the internet unless it's a transaction you've initiated.

- Never allow remote access to your computer from an

outside source.

- Use a complex, unique password or passphrase for each of your online accounts.

- Limit the amount and type of information you post on social media.

- Read websites and emails carefully – if there are grammar mistakes, it's often the red flag of a scam.

- Always remember: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

To Report Fraud or Financial Exploitation

- Contact your local police department.

- Contact your local Adult Protective Services office.

- Contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

Ohio services and resources

- Ohio Attorney General's Office: To learn more about the Elder Justice Unit, to request a cybersecurity presentation

or to file a complaint, call 1-800-282-0515 or visit OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

- Adult Protective Services: For services that help vulnerable adults ages 60 and older who are in danger of harm, are unable to protect themselves and may have no one to help them, call 1-855-OHIO-APS (1-855-6446-277) or visit http://jfs.ohio.gov/county/County_Directory.pdf

- The Ohio Department of Aging: To learn more about the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and/or advocate for older adults receiving home care, assisted living care and nursing home care, call 1-800-282-1206 or visit aging.ohio.gov.

- ProSeniors: For free legal assistance for adults ages 60 and older, call 1-800-488-6070 or visit proseniors.org

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Visit www.lcghd.org/WIC

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

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

Please contact the closest clinic for more information:

WIC Painesville- 440-350-2552

WIC Wickliffe - 440-833-6007

WIC Madison - 440-428-2003

WIC Huntsburg- 440-636-5331

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

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

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

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

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

The February meeting is

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

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

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

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

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