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Painesville Pride

Mayor's Report



Rich Regovich
Mayor/Safety Director

March is already upon us and the year is moving swiftly. The weather remains unpredictable and somewhat hard to plan for. The Service Department will continue to take it as it comes and do what needs to be done.

Please remember to vote on March 17. I know it falls on a much anticipated holiday in our area, but the school levy is very important, not only to the children and the school system, but also to all the cities that the schools serve. Royalview and Willowick Middle School represent the largest employer in the City of Willowick. The loss of staff would directly affect our General Fund with the loss of income tax revenue. Income tax represents 40% of our General Fund revenue. This would also hurt our property values. Willowick is still approximately 14% behind the 2008 evaluation. Any new families with children would think twice about moving to a

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What's Happening at the Willowick Senior Center

By Kerri Davidson

I hope everyone's start to 2020 has been a positive one. The seniors have been keeping busy at the center with a variety of exercise classes, some trips, crafts and ceramics and much more. There is a group who have been exercising their brains by participating in the Mind

Challenge Trivia event. Teams of 6 are competing against other senior centers around northeast Ohio once a month for the right to earn their place in the finals at Jack Casino in May. Depending on how they did in February, the next event is scheduled for March 10th at the Mentor Senior Center. Win or lose they are having an amazing time so far!

Have you always wanted to learn how to line dance? Now's your chance! Starting March 24th we have a true beginners class that will be every Tuesday from 1-2 pm. Learn something new and have fun too!

Spring is hopefully right around the corner. Stop by the center on Wed. April 8th from 9-2 pm for our mini Spring Boutique. We'll

have craft and ceramic items for all your spring and Easter needs plus some other fun things.

Check out our newsletter at www.cityofwillowick.com for details or call us at 440-585-5112. To join it's just \$10 and you don't have to live in Willowick.

Save the date! Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market Sat. June 13th from 9-2 pm.

Free Library Programs Offered Throughout February

During the month of March 2020, the following free programs will be offered 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.

Eastlake Library- 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Willoughby Library- 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Willowick Library- 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Willoughby Hills Library- 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

The Collinwood School Fire of 1908

Join local author Edward Kern as he shares the tragic story of the Collinwood School Fire.

Wednesday, March 4, 7 pm

Willowick Library

Sewing for Adults

Learn to sew a decorative envelope pillow. Library provides the sewing machine, fabric and tools needed.

Thursday, March 5, 5:30-7:30 pm. Willoughby Hills Library

An Afternoon with Mystery Writer Abby L. Vandiver

Local Cleveland author Abby L. Vandiver will talk about her journey from successful self-published Amazon #1 bestselling author and a Wall Street Journal bestselling author to teaming up with Penguin Berkley, who will publish her new Cozy mystery

books beginning in spring 2020. Abby is a former lawyer who has turned her gift for telling stories into cozy mysteries with amateur sleuths. She is the author of several series including Logan Dickerson Cozy Mysteries, Normal Junction Cozy Mysteries, Tiny House Mysteries and more.

Saturday, March 7, 2-3 pm

Eastlake Library

The Beatles at Shea Stadium

Dave Schwensen presents The Beatles at Shea Stadium, which tells the story of one of the most influential and exciting events in the history of popular music, complete with memorabilia display.

Tuesday, March 10, Display at 6:00 pm/Lecture 6:30 pm

Willoughby Library

Novel Conversations Book Discussion

Paragon Hotel by Lyndsay Faye • Tuesday, March 10, 7 pm, Eastlake Library

Between the Lines Author Series: Sisters of Notre Dame of Cleveland with Author Sister Eileen Quinlan

Since their arrival in Cleveland in 1874 to serve German Catholic immigrants, the Sisters of Notre Dame have given their time, skills and compassion to the people of Northern Ohio and beyond. Meet author Eileen Quinlan S.N.D., a native of Greater Cleveland, who has been a Sister of Notre Dame since 1973 and learn all about the fascinating history of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 pm Willoughby Library

Council on Aging: Everything You Want to Know

A representative from the Lake County Council on Aging will explain the services they offer and what you and your loved ones should know about aging in Ohio.

Thursday, March 12, 7 pm

Willowick Library

Essential Oil Series at Eastlake Library: Experience 17 Essential Oils in Three Sessions!

Maggie Kimble, a Licensed Massage Therapist, Certified Reiki Master and Aromatherapist, will cover the many aspects of Aromatherapy and will introduce everyone to how each oil can be used for medicinal applications. Please plan on attending all three sessions to learn about all the different essential oils, how to safely blend oils and how to get their synergistic effect.

Class 2 – Bergamot, Lavender, Roman Chamomile, Marjoram and Clary Sage – Using plant oils in their natural form, their synergistic effect and how to know you are getting a pure essential oil.

Thursday, March 12, 6:30-8 pm Eastlake Library

An Evening with Regina Brett

New York Times bestselling author Regina Brett will talk about Finding Magic in the Messy Parts of Life. Regina is a two-time Pulitzer finalist and columnist for the Cleveland Jewish News. Her

life lessons have been shaped by her experience as a single mother, cancer survivor and journalist for 30 years. All three of her books will be available for purchase and signing.

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 pm

Eastlake Library

Eastlake Library Yarns

Join this group of knitters and crocheters & bring a project to work on. Open to all ages and skill levels.

Monday, March 23, 7 pm

Eastlake Library

Delicious Discussions

The Testaments by Margaret Atwood

Monday, March 23, 7 pm

Barrio in Downtown Willoughby

W-E Library Boosters Spring Book Sale!

Thursday, March 26: Members Pre-Sale from 4 - 8 pm

Friday, March 27: Book Sale from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday, March 28: Book Sale from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 29: \$5.00 Bag Sale from 1:30 - 4:30 pm - The Boosters will supply the bags!

Willowick Library

Chapter Chat Book Discussion- Sergeant Stubby by Ann Bausum

Saturday, March 28, 3:30 pm Willowick Restaurant and Lounge

The Results Are In! Using Your DNA to Find Answers

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City of Willowick Council Reports



Charlie Malta
Ward 3 Councilman

Dear Wonderful Residents of Willowick,

HEARTS and HAMMERS- A COLOSSAL SUCCESS:

Thanks to all who made this sold out event, a incredible night. From donations of items worth \$1.00 to 1 item donated worth over \$900.00, to 56 baskets, delicious food, catered by Regovich Catering, a wheelbarrel full of cheer, sideboards, heads and tails, DJ John Skolny and people having FUN. I will be dropping hints all year when next years is. Here's a clue, I would bet on the last Saturday, in January. To the board, and everyone who just pitched in and volunteered... THANKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE BUDGET WILL GO ON- Three (3) readings:

If you have questions please come to the council meetings and ask.

To the Directors, each of you crossed your t's & dotted your i's.

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Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman

Hello Everyone

There are a lot of groups and organizations that our residents are involved with, so I would like to include their events in my monthly articles. If you belong to a group or organization that has something special coming up, please let me know at least 2 months in advance since my articles have a print deadline for the following month's currier.

Stacy Andrulis is a Willowick resident that does a yearly Easter basket project. Four years ago, Stacy took over the responsibility of working with the Hospice of the Western Reserve for Easter. She organized volunteers who created beautiful baskets for children in Hospice, whether they are a patient or have a sibling, parent or grandparent that is terminally ill. Hospice provides her with the number of baskets needed based on age group and gender. She assigns a child to a volunteer and they create a basket for the child. The volunteer can request a boy or girl and age range that they are interested in doing a basket for. The volunteers can be creative, as they would like. People have used toolboxes, book bags and even toy wagons in place of an actual basket. The baskets are filled with candy, toys, coloring activities, puzzles, games, clothes, and gift cards.... It is just amazing.

Last year due to the amount of people interested in helping her and donating a basket, Stacy branched out and worked with two additional groups, Jeremy Cares and Flashes of Hope. These organizations work with cancer patients at Rainbows and Akron Children's Hospital. Stacy has decided to call this project The Easter Basket Project and is currently researching making this a 501c3.

This year, she will be working with The Hospice of the Western Reserve, Jeremy Cares, and Providence House in Cleveland. She also has phone calls into a few

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David Phares
Ward 3 Councilman

By the time you read this Spring will be just around the corner but you usually can't tell from the weather.

There are some changes coming to Shoregate Plaza in the near future. A book store is moving in at the Subway end and a beauty supply store is moving in at the Marc's end. The area where the old Chase Bank drive-thru now sits and the empty building behind it will be the site of two 6,000 square foot buildings, each with five units for retail space.

At the recent Birthday lunch at the Senior Center, Robert Zook brought in a photo of the Willowick Baptist Church dated from 1936. The photo shows the congregation standing in front of the building and in the front row is 6 year old Robert. I think it's great that he brought a copy of the photo and I encourage anyone else who has old photos of Willowick to contact me.

If you have questions regarding the increase of your trash bill, please contact your council members. Their contact information can be found on the city website at cityofwillowick.com or call City Hall at 440-585-3700.

The Service Department webpage on the city website is a good source of information for the following:

- Kimble recycling information
- 2020 Lake County Special Collections schedule
- Rats - A Homeowners Guide
- Preventing Rodent Problems
- Lake County General Health District
- Rat-proofing Checklist for Residential Areas

March 17th is the primary election. Here are some important deadlines:

- February 19th - Start of early voting
- March 14th - Final mailing of absentee ballots
- March 17th - Election Day

One very important issue on the ballot is the Willoughby-Eastlake

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Robert Patton
Council President

Election Day – March 17th – Please go out and exercise your most important civil right and vote. If you have questions regarding the Willoughby-Eastlake School Levy, please go to the website: supportweschools.org for additional information.

Budget – Council held its annual budget hearings with Mayor Regovich on February 8, 2020. The budget, in the form of an Ordinance, was read on February 18th and will be read again on March 3rd and March 18th. Each of these three readings represents your opportunity to comment on the proposed budget. All the tax money in the budget is your money, it is Council's responsibility to make certain that it is spent wisely.

I would like to thank Budget Chair Councilman Mike Vanni and the other members of Council for their efforts and attention to Council's core function.

Please contact me at 216-409-0364 with any questions or comments.

Bob Patton
Willowick Council President

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School Levy. It's important to remember that supporting or not supporting a school levy doesn't just affect your bottom line or the students. It has a ripple effect on entire communities including home sales, property taxes and future investments. It's an important decision that shouldn't be taken lightly. If you are not registered to vote, get registered and make a difference.

I am going to repeat what I said in my February article about social media and getting correct information. I again encourage residents to attend the Council meetings, Board meetings and Commission meetings and ask



Theresa Bisbee
Ward 2 Councilwoman

Will we see March come in as a Lion or Lamb? With our crazy weather you never know ☺

Remember registration is open online for Willowick Girls' Slow and Fast Pitch. Registration ends April 4th. Also, registration is open online for Willowick Baseball and T-Ball. Registration is also open for their two Tournaments – 2020 Dan Ertter Memorial Day Weekend Tournament and the 2020 Mitey Mite (8U) tournament held in July. Check out their websites for more information.

The Annual Spring Collectibles/ Flea Market takes place Saturday, March 21, from 9:00am-2:00pm at Manry Park. Admission is Free and concessions will be open, come browse around for that "great find!" For more information call 440-516-3011.

Senior Center Mini Spring Boutique will be held Wednesday April 8th 9a-2pm. Spring and Easter items will be sold.

There is a School Levy Informational Meeting March 3rd at 1pm at Willoughby Senior Center, 36939 Ridge Road Willoughby. Also, check out their website: <http://supportweschools.org/> for more information on the school levy.

Don't forget to Vote Tuesday March 17th. Let your voice be heard.

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

— Mahatma Gandhi

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questions or contact your Ward representative if you can't make it to these meetings. Getting the correct answers to your questions is just as important as asking the questions in the first place. Social media plays an important role in facilitating discussions and expressing opinions on current issues but going directly to the people who are involved in the issue in question is the best way to get clear, concise information.

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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.

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 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.

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.

STRONG SCHOOLS KEEP COMMUNITIES STRONG



Willoughby-Eastlake **STUDENTS** Need Your Help!

Vote on March 17

LEVIES ARE FOR LEARNING



YES on ISSUE 1

Paid for by the Willoughby-Eastlake Levy Campaign, Bruce Allaben, Treasurer

PLEASE VOTE YES ON ISSUE 1 ON MARCH 17TH

Decreased state funding, coupled with levy failures, have forced the district to cut several vital student programs and services including:

- busing for public & private school students, art and music programs, sports, middle school safety officers and many extra-curricular activities

If the March 17 levy fails, there will be even more cuts to the programs mentioned above as well as the elimination of some teachers and counselors and all elementary music and art classes.

Voting YES supports STUDENTS.

No longer have kids in school? The passage of Issue 1 ensures strong schools, stable property values and a healthy community. It is critical that we all support our seniors, our students and our communities.

Voting YES supports your COMMUNITY.

This 4.94 mill Emergency Operating Levy replaces cuts made by the State of Ohio totaling more than \$8.2 million/year. The last time the district asked for money for operations was 2012.

- This levy will cost an owner of a \$100,000 home 47 cents per day (\$172.90 per year).
- The money from this levy will not be used for construction; a bond passed in 2015 was used to build the new schools.

Learn More at: WWW.SUPPORTWESCHOOLS.ORG

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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.

If you want more information please feel free to come in for a free, no pressure consultation. You will find it extremely informative. Also please feel free to learn more about our firm or post questions on our Google My Business page.

Robert C. Biales

8th Annual "Pasta for Puppies" Event

Have you ever thought about what you would do if you became blind? Would you still be able to work? You certainly couldn't drive. How would you get around? Would you even want to get around? Would you treat it like your life was over, or is it just a challenge for you to overcome?

It's almost impossible to answer these questions unless it has really happened to you. But it is possible to help others that are living with loss of vision by supporting the efforts of Puppy Raisers for the Blind, Inc.

Through our puppy raising program, we can help people who have lost their sight, but not their vision of living a full and productive life. We encourage their bravery in moving forward with two beating hearts but only one set of working eyes. Receiving a guide dog is a life-changing event that opens the doors to independence, mobility and self-worth to individuals without sight. Even with all the advanced technology helping people with blindness, the most effective form of independence is still provided by four paws and a cold nose.

Becoming a working Leader Dog is perhaps the most difficult career a service dog could achieve. Complete training takes almost two years and it begins with volunteer Puppy Raisers. The Puppy Raiser will socialize and set the foundation for the skills they'll need to become successful guide dogs. The training starts when the pups are seven-weeks-old

and they remain with the raiser for approximately one year. During this year, volunteer Puppy Raisers are responsible for all expenses incurred, including veterinarian, dog food, supplies and travel to and from the Leader Dog school.

The volunteer position is both heartbreaking and rewarding. It is a major commitment of time, love and patience and the Puppy Raiser must be willing to give of themselves. In most cases, when the puppy is ready to return to Leader Dog school to begin its formal guide dog training, the Puppy Raiser is assigned another seven-week-old puppy and begins the year-long process all over again.

You can help support Puppy Raisers for the Blind by attending "Pasta for Puppies!" on Monday, April 6th, 5-9pm at the American-Croatian Lodge, 34900 Lakeshore Blvd. in Eastlake. Admission is \$20 per person. There will be a huge Chinese auction, a 50/50 raffle and lots of door prizes along with a great pasta dinner. You will also get the chance to meet working Leader Dogs, Service Dogs and puppies in training.

Donations for the Chinese auction are being accepted. If you have an item that you would like to donate, please give Linde a call at 440-951-2468 or email to LeaderDogPuppies@gmail.com. Should you wish for them to distribute your catalogs, fliers or business cards at the event, please

include them with your donation as they would be happy to do this for you.

Thanks to volunteers, fund raisers and donations from the community, Leader Dogs are provided free of charge to the blind and visually impaired. If you can not attend but would still like to help, you can mail a monetary donation to this 501(c)3 non-profit, payable to Puppy Raisers for the Blind, Inc. at 1168 S. Beachview Road, Willoughby, Ohio 44094.

Leader Dog puppies are born to serve as eyes for those whose eyes no longer serve them.

Without Puppy Raisers, there would be no Leader Dogs. Help support Puppy Raisers who give so generously of their time and love to these special pups!

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

Laketrans 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.

by the passage of Laketrans'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 Laketrans 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

Laketrans 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.

Laketrans 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://laketrans.com/about-laketrans/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@laketrans.com or by mail to Laketrans, 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 Laketrans display.

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Laketrans Route 8 Public Meeting

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 Laketrans'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. Laketrans staff will be on-hand to answer questions and gather feedback.




Laketrans 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@laketrans.com.

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

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

Who Takes Care of the Caregiver?

When family cares for family, caregiver burnout is more common than you think. One reason caregivers have health problems is they are so focused on their loved ones, that they ignore their own health concerns.

FAMILY CAREGIVERS BURNOUT WARNING SIGNS:

- *Crying more often
- *Trouble Sleeping
- *Low Energy

- *Headaches
- *Change in appetite
- ARE YOU AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU?**

These Emotions are not uncommon when caring for a loved one:

- *Guilt
- *Loneliness
- *Frustration
- *Sadness
- *Helplessness
- *Exhaustion

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU TOOK TIME FOR YOURSELF?

Tips for reducing caregiver stress:

- *Ask for and accept help
- *Don't feel guilty that you are not perfect
- *Accept what you can and cannot change

*Find out about caregiving resources in your community

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Sometimes a little outside help can make all the difference in the world. Give us a call and let's talk about it! 440.946.6446

Antosh

Continued from page 2 other organizations.

Stacy has been blessed with so many volunteers for this project and many have been doing this since she started. New volunteers are always welcomed. Volunteers can make baskets or donate money or gift cards that will be used to create baskets. All baskets and donations are dropped off at her house in Willowick. With Easter being on April 12th this year, the baskets will be due by March 20 and the baskets need to be cellophane wrapped.

If you are interested in helping Stacy, please call her 440-283-9107 or email her at SKAndrulis@yahoo.com. Her address 331 Clarmont Rd, Willowick, OH 44095 "Like" her Facebook page: The Easter Basket Project

City Event: The Lake County Health Dept has offered to come and speak to Willowick residents regarding the rat issue. Sean Brennan will be scheduling a time and place sometime this spring. I will let you know once it is scheduled.

County Event: If you are not busy on Sat March 7, stop by Great Lakes Mall for the Home & Life Style Show that Lake County Chambers of Commerce will have from 10am-6pm. There are different vendors tables and different shows on the stage by Macys. This is a free event.

Don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions or concerns. 440-364-4663, NAntosh@CityOfWillowick.com

Natalie Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman

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Ways to Cut Prescription Costs Down to Size

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Fortunately, there are a number of legitimate resources designed to help you cut the cost of your prescriptions down to size. Not every one of these resources will work in every situation, but you may find one or more of these resources that can help you.

“Is this really the best price you can offer?”

Don't be shy about questioning your pharmacist about the cost. Ask him or her if you can save money by paying cash instead of going through your insurance plan. Also, ask your doctor whether there is a generic version of your drug or if he or she can give you free samples or discount.

Use an App to Comparison

Shop

Prescription costs vary widely between pharmacies. Get a quick idea of what your prescription will cost through any of the growing list of apps and websites that provide comparative pricing at pharmacies near you. Examples of these apps and website include [GoodRx](#) or [RetailMeNot Rx Saver](#) and [SingleCare.com](#) to name a few. Their comparative pricing service is provided free of charge. They often provide coupons and discount offers to help lower the final cost of your prescription, too.

Assistance for Life-Saving Medications

The [Assistance Fund](#) provides assistance that can make the difference between life and death for some patients. This non-profit helps pay for some medications by footing a significant amount of the out-of-pocket costs — including copayments, coinsurance, deductibles and other health-related expenses — for insured patients. [The Assistance Fund](#) tries

to approve people for assistance within 24 hours because they know time is of the essence in many cases. You can see a list of diseases that are covered by The Assistance Fund at <https://tafcares.org>.

Check Manufacturer Websites for Rebates

Manufacturers of brand-name drugs often offer rebates or other assistance to get people to try their medications at deep discounts or for free. You will need to visit the drug manufacturer's website to learn whether any coupons, rebates or introductory offers available.

Always talk to your physician if you cannot afford your prescription. He or she may be able to recommend other resources to help you. Skipping your prescriptions is never a good choice.

For questions concerning your insurance, including Life, Health, Medicare Advantage Plans or Medicare Supplements, please call me at 440-255-5700 or email me at Lmutsko@mutskoinsurance.com to set up an appointment to discuss your insurance needs.

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Are You Ready to “Cut the Cable?”

In the past, many of you have asked me “Is it possible to cut the cable?” My reply has always been “not yet, but soon”. I've been saying it for 7 years. Well, “SOON” is HERE!!

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Making Willowick Bathrooms Great Again!

Before you get started this is not a political post. Just a post to come here to remind you that you deserve a great bathroom. The commode, Throne of the House, Porcelain God, The Potty. You get the picture. There's a list of words to describe your bathroom because we as humans are in there a lot. Let's make it a space you enjoy. We have done many bathrooms in Willowick this year already and it's only February. According to HGTV bathroom upgrades increase home values more than any other upgrade in the house.

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Angie's List Super Service Award 2018 winners have met

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It is a pleasure to work with each and every one of you.

MARCH 17th:

Issue 1 - The 4.94 Mill Emergency Operating Levy. I know this is a sore subject to some and I cannot tell you how to vote. We built beautiful schools and we need Operating Levy's to run them. On a \$100,000 market value of your home, it would cost you 47 cents a day, and I know some market values are higher and some are lower.

MONDAY MARCH 30th:

The Undefeated Broadmoor Bobcats will play the area High School Coaches, In a Basketball Game, @ Mentor High 7pm start. Monetary donations are accepted @ the door. Go once to this game, and you will go every year. Bring your whole Family.

SATURDAY APRIL 18th:

Eastlake North Football Reverse Raffle is Saturday, April 18th at The Croatian Lodge in Eastlake. Contact Krissy Hale @ 440-339-7440 for tickets.

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"Cakes and Hough Bakery" Presented on April 8th

The Women's Committee of the Fine Arts Association will present "Cakes and Hough Bakery" April 8 for the Second Wednesday

Program Luncheon. Maria will demonstrate the art of cake decorating from Hough Bakery recipes with tasting and history blended together.

This program will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the main gallery at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby, Oh with the luncheon at noon (limited seating).

The menu is individual ham and swiss cheese quiche lorraine, fresh fruit kabobs and brownies.

The cost is \$15/member or \$18/non-member and reservations required. Program only tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10. Call 440.951.7500, X 103 or email fineartsrsvp@gmail.com no later than April 3, 2020.

The Women's Committee mission is to support and promote The Fine Arts Association in the appreciation of the creative arts of music, dance, art and drama (www.fineartsassociation.org)

Beginning Beekeeping Class Held March 14th

Beginning Beekeeping Class sponsored by the Ashtabula County Beekeepers Association, will be held on Saturday, March 14th from 10 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. at Giddings Hall, located at 104 East Jefferson Street, Jefferson, OH 44047 behind the police station.

Topics include knowing your equipment, installing your bees,

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Registration for the 2020 - 2021 school year takes place on Wednesday, March 4 from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.

After March 4, open registration will continue daily from 9:30 am- 12:00 pm by appointment.

For more information or to schedule a visit please call 440-944-5422, e-mail us at register@shoregatepreschool.com or visit us on the web at www.shoregatepreschool.com.

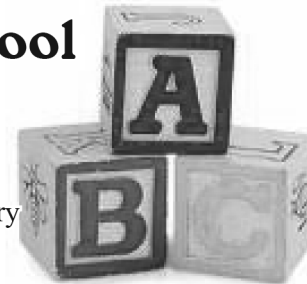
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Lake County Genealogical Society

Have you ever wanted to find your "Roots" by learning how to research your ancestors; create a family tree, or even find some unknown past and present relatives? Please join us as we share information on where and how to conduct genealogical research from society members and local genealogy experts. On Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 10:00 am, the Lake County Genealogical Society (LCGS) will have our monthly meeting. Our speaker will be Chris Staats who will tell us about "Analysis and Correlation: Two Keys to Sound

Conclusions." Lake County Genealogical Society meetings are typically held on the last Thursday of the month from 10:00 am to noon. We do not meet the months of August and December. We meet in the Morley Library basement (184 Phelps St., Painesville). Please check our web site (www.lcgsOhio.org) for any changes in meeting date/time/location or call Bonnie at 440-428-3783 or Cynthia at 440-951-0914 for additional information.

Learn and meet people and have fun - Please come join us!!!

Prayer Shawl Ministry at Shoregate United Methodist

Barb Shannon, a longtime member of Shoregate United Methodist Church, organized a prayer shawl ministry in October of 2007. We have 18 women who knit and crochet shawls, lap robes and baby blankets. Men are welcome too.

We reach out to people who are in need of comfort or who are celebrating joyous events. To date, we have given 1,720 gifts of love to those who are ill or have lost a loved one. We give to couples getting married, those growing their families with new

babies and our youth who are graduating from high school and are beginning a new phase in life.

Members of the ministry pray over each completed shawl and blanket. They are then dedicated on the altar of our church.

If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, join us on the second Tuesday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the fourth Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please pray for those who are creating the shawls. We also accept donations of shawls and blankets.

If you have any questions or want to request a shawl or blanket, please call Dale Kennedy at 440-209-1467 or contact the church office at 440-943-0382.

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Mayor

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district that is in financial crisis, with state minimum standards. This would hurt our efforts to fill our 1950's bungalows with families rather than investors looking for cheap houses to put up for rent. It has never been easier to vote. You can go to the county website and check out the Board of Elections' information regarding early voting if you need to do so. Please be informed and check out supportweschools.org to see the facts.

Since the weather has been mild this winter, we continue to have a few rat sightings. Please contact the Building Department or the Lake County General Health District as we continue to map and bait these areas. The Health District is planning a public informational meeting to address this issue. We will post the date, time, and location once we have that information.

The proposed 2020 budget is in front of Council for three readings. If there are no changes, it should be passed by the second meeting in March. By law the budget needs to be passed by April 1 to maintain city operations. The city's total proposed 2020 budget is \$16,516,136. The city's proposed General Fund budget is \$8,288,302. Of that 76% is for wages, benefits, and hospitalization. Excluding transfers, less than 26% is for operating. This continues to be

a problem, and as these areas increase (they always do), it will consume our operating budget. We made some cuts in many departments. We are losing a police officer through attrition. The city will no longer have a Senior Center bus, so transportation for all trips will be provided by Laketran and paid for by the seniors at the Center. We will also use Laketran to bus camp kids to field trips which will be a savings. We are not making capital expenditures like paving parking lots and replacing equipment.

Our hope is to gain revenue before our operating funds are depleted. I will continue to assist the retail parts of the city in finding new business. I will continue to promote the city and work to update our housing stock to today's market. I will also continue working with neighboring cities to maximize the ability to obtain grants. It is a lot to do, but I believe in Willowick and will continue to improve and plan for the future.

By the time you read this, we are hoping to have a city Facebook page which will be used solely to provide information to residents. It will not be a place for discussion or reporting problems, so you are encouraged to contact your Council representative, city departments, or the Mayor with any issues.

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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 property and all other marital 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

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.

- Training: Can the dog be physically managed while participating in obedience training to improve manners?

We encourage seniors to do a compatibility assessment of a potential pet to assure that the dog can be safely handled at home and in public before committing to the new pet.

For more information about training and dog behavior contact Digging Dogs Training Center (440) 255-3500 or visit www.diggingdogs.biz



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Hospice of the Western Reserve Hosts Warehouse Sale March 7th-8th

Whether it's sprucing up a home, staging a property, locating a "like new" desk for a student, or finding a dining room table large enough for holiday gatherings, Hospice of the Western Reserve's Warehouse Sale is the place to be to find gently used home furnishings, accents and accessory pieces—all priced at a fraction of their original retail prices!

In addition to furniture, framed artwork and lamps, the selection often includes matching sets of fine china, glassware, antiques, jewelry, collectibles and one-of-a-kind treasures. The proceeds not only support seriously ill patients

and their families, but veterans in need of specialized care, grief and trauma counseling in schools and other community-based programs provided by the nonprofit agency throughout northern Ohio.

Cash and major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, and Discover) are accepted for payment (no checks). Ample parking is available in the Hospice of the Western Reserve parking lot. (Follow the "Warehouse Sale" signs upon arrival at the agency's site.)

Donations of Furniture and Household Goods Sought for Sale

Donations of furniture and

household goods are still actively being sought. Furniture items will be previewed by volunteers or by submitted photos prior to acceptance for donation. Tax receipts will be provided. Arrangements can be made to pick up large furniture free of charge from some locations in northern Ohio. (Donations to help defray the cost of movers are greatly appreciated.) Those interested in contributing items for the sale should contact the Warehouse Sale Team at 216.255.9090.

NOTE: The agency does not accept bedding, books, clothing, car seats, electronics, major

appliances, medical supplies, sporting goods, children's toys and games, computers, mattresses, televisions and stuffed animals.

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

Date/Location: Saturday, March 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, March 8, Noon to 4 p.m., at Hospice of the Western Reserve Headquarters, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland.

About Hospice of the Western

Reserve - Hospice of the Western Reserve is a nationally acclaimed non-profit agency providing comfort and emotional support to patients and their families. The agency provides palliative end-of-life care, caregiver support and bereavement services throughout the region, and cares for people in a variety of settings, including private residences, assisted living and retirement communities, nursing homes, at Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake, David Simpson Hospice House on Cleveland's east side and Hospice of Medina County. For more information, visit hospicewr.org, or call 800.707.8922.

Nominations Sought for Lake County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

The Lake County Council on Aging is seeking nominations for the Lake County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame – Class of 2020. Established in 1994, the Hall of Fame is a tribute to seniors who have generously given their time and energy to improve the quality of life in their communities or the county at large. Their contributions can be from their professional lives, or through volunteer work.

Judging will focus on the nominee's contributions toward improving the community or the lives of others. An independent panel will then select the top nominees for induction in May during the Council on Aging's Annual Meeting and Awards

Ceremony.

"Each year we recognize contributions made by older persons in the county. These extraordinary individuals work as volunteers, serve as role models, or use their talents to help others," said Joe Tomsick, CEO of the Lake County Council on Aging. "There certainly is no shortage of Lake County seniors who have been incredible contributors in their communities."

Nomination forms for the 2020 Senior Citizens Hall of Fame are due by March 6th, 2020 and can be returned to the Council on Aging, 8520 East Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060. Induction is held during the Council on

Aging Annual Meeting in May, which coincides with Older Americans Month.

Nominating Criteria

• Each Nominee must be age 60 or older.

• Nominee must have been a resident of Lake County, Ohio for the past 5 years.

• An individual or couple who – as a senior citizen (60 or older) – has had significant impact on an individual, organization or community.

• This individual or couple may have an impact on another person, organization or community through his/her employment, civic or volunteer activities since age 60.

Who May Nominate / Eligibility

• A person, group, business or organization may nominate individuals.

• Self-nominations are not accepted.

• Awards may be given

posthumously.

• Individuals or couples who have been nominated in past years may be nominated again with a new form.

The Nomination form can be found online at www.lcco.org or call 440-205-8111 to have one mailed to you. Please keep in mind that we want biographical facts along with an anecdote that shows why the nominated person is unique.

Volunteers Needed for WE Library Boosters Book Sale

Volunteers are needed for the Willoughby-Eastlake Library Boosters book sale at the Willowick Public Library.

High school students are welcome. Sort, organize, and help set up books during the evenings of March 23, 24, 25.

Help is also needed to run the book sale on March 27, 28, and 29 during the day. All are

welcome to assist us for one or more hours.

The mission of the W-E Library Boosters is to promote closer relations between the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library and the citizens of Eastlake, Lakeline, Timberlake, Waite Hill, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills and Willowick;

to bring to the attention of the community the purpose and usefulness of the library; and to raise funds to help support the library in its various services.

For more information on volunteering for the book sale, please contact Karen Fraley by phone at 440-946-1605 or email at fraleyk@sbcglobal.net.

"Everyone Loves Dancing" Presented on March 11th

The Women's Committee of the Fine Arts Association Second Wednesday Program Luncheon will be "Everyone Loves Dancing" on March 11.

The Fine Arts premier dance ensemble will present a glimpse into the life of dance.

All programs begin at 11:00 a.m. at The Fine Arts Association,

38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby, Ohio followed by the luncheon at noon in the lobby (limited seating).

The menu is corned beef brisket, buttered cabbage, parsley redskin potatoes, rye bread and carrot cake cupcakes.

The cost is \$15/member or \$18/non-member and reservations required. Program only tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10. Call 440.951.7500, X 103 or email fineartsrsvp@gmail.com no later than March 6, 2020.

The Women's Committee mission is to support and promote The Fine Arts Association in the appreciation of the creative arts of music, dance, art and drama (www.fineartsassociation.org).

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Library Programs Continued...

Join Mary Jamba to learn how to interpret the results of a DNA ancestry test. This session will be a follow up to the Willoughby Library DNA 101 program in February.

Tuesday, March 31, 7 pm
Willowick Library

Children and Young Adult Programs:

Dr. Seuss Birthday Event

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with crafts, games & more!

Monday, March 2, 6:30 pm
Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Basement Writers

Write with us in our creative writing group. Bring your writing and ideas to share. All writing welcome. Positive feedback and fun environment provided. Grades 7-12. Ages 13-18.

Monday, March 2 & 23, 7-8 pm
Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Family Paint Night

Did you know that you can create art using Q-Tips? Join us for some easy painting fun.

Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 pm
Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Teen Art Club

Do you love to create art but never get the chance? Join other art-loving teens for art club. We supply the paint/pencils, you supply the genius. Ages 11-18.

Tuesday, March 3, 7-8 pm
Willoughby Library, 30 Public

Square, 440-942-3200

Tween Crafts & More Club

Children ages 9-12 are invited to create a variety of different projects together. Register for each class you plan to attend.

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 pm
Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Homeschool Travelers

Take a trip around the world without leaving the library! Each month features a different location & fun activities.

Wednesday, March 11, 2:30 pm
Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Switch in the Afternoon for Tweens and Teens

Bring your Switch (and favorite game) to the Willoughby Library for a fun filled afternoon of competition. If you don't have your own Switch, we have one you can play. We might even have a Smash Bros. or Mario Kart tournament. Ages 10-18.

Saturday, March 14, 1-4 pm
Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Gaming Club

Make friends and play video games provided by the library. Bring your trading card games to play against others or play a board game. Grades 6-12. Ages 11-18.

Saturday, March 14, 2-4 pm
Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

LEGO Club--

We provide

the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club. All ages welcome!

Saturday, March 14, 2-3:30 pm
Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Special Needs LEGO Club at Willowick Library meets on the same dates from 10:30 am-12 pm.

Saturday, March 14 1:30-3 pm
Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Saturday, March 21, 2-3:30 pm
Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

Police Officer Storytime

Patrolman Bruce Fedor from the Willoughby Police Department will present a storytime/craft at the library!

Monday, March 16, 10 am
Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Adapted Storytime

Specifically for children with special needs, this storytime features stories, rhymes, songs and other engaging activities in a welcoming environment.

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 pm
Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

All Things Disney Discussion Group for Teens & Adults

Join other Disney fan(atic)s to talk about everything Disney-TV shows, movies, theme parks, etc. Ages 12 & up.

Wednesday, March 18, 7-8 pm
Willoughby Library

to Giant Eagle, Walmart, and gas stations (\$5 and \$10 value only); large size shampoo, hair conditioner and body wash; bath towels (new or gently used), 1 gallon zip-loc bags; 13 and 30 gallons garbage bags; coffee (regular and decaf); 8-12 oz cold/ hot cups.

For more information please contact Agnieszka (Aga)Bieniek choirofhope2019@gmail.com.

Women's History Luncheon March 24th

The Lake County History Center is presenting the first Women's History Luncheon for 2020.

Date: March 24, 2020; doors open at 10am and program begins at 11am

Where: Pine Ridge Country Club 30601 Ridge Rd. Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

Program: Presenter: Cleveland's own story teller, Dan Ruminski. Dan will be focusing on women and how they operated in a man's

world. Dan is well known for his talks on the families that lived on Millionaire's Mile in downtown Cleveland in its gilded age.

Menu: Salad, Chicken Piccata, Green Beans Almondine, Cavatelli, and Raspberry Sorbet.

Price: \$35 for LCHS members and \$38 for non-members

There will be a raffle at 1pm.

Contact the Lake History Center for tickets. We accept cash, check or credit card. Call 440-639-2945.

Super Sleuth Jr. Book Club

Calling all junior detectives! Join us for an all new kids book club. Books will be available for checkout at least 3 weeks before each meeting. Club meet monthly from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Wednesday, March 18, The Luck Uglies by Paul Durham
Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

Homeschool Thursdays

Children ages 6-12 will enjoy a variety of different hands-on projects. Space is limited.

Thursday, March 19, 1:30-2:30 pm or 3-4 pm
Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Cookies and Chaos

Join us for a fun family game night with Minute to Win It style challenges and a cookie guessing game.

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 pm
Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Barks for Books

Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! Grades K-5. Choose one time slot.

Saturday, March 21, 9:30 and 10 am
Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Willowick Library Saturday Family Films

Join us for a Saturday matinee at the Willowick Library. Movies begin at 2 pm. Bring your own snacks, blankets and enjoy!

Saturday, March 21 - Featured Movie: Mulan
Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Sensory Movie Nights

A sensory-friendly environment including more light, less sound

and the option to move around the room will help children with special needs. All ages welcome! Featured Movie: Mulan

Monday, March 23, 6 pm
Willoughby Hills Library

SeussFest!

Celebrate Dr. Seuss with games & crafts brought to you by the GFWC Ohio Eastlake Women's Club!

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 pm
Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Spring and Easter Party

Enjoy a fun spring time story, crafts and games to celebrate Easter and the new spring season.

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 pm
Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Yoga Storytime

Try out our brand new class that incorporates yoga into storytime. Please bring a mat or towel. Ages 3-6.

Thursday, March 26, 10 am
Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Learn and Play Chess Club

Join us for an informal gathering of chess enthusiasts, including instruction & play, fun and refreshments. This is also a perfect opportunity for Scouts to earn their Chess Merit Badge. All ages and chessboards welcome!

Saturday, March 28, 12-4 pm
Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Homeschool Technology

Each month we will explore different facets of technology starting with the very basics.

Ages 10 & up.
Monday, March 30
1:30 or 3 pm.
Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Benefit Concert for Lake County Homeless Shelter

Join us on Sunday, March 8th at 4:00 p.m. at St. Noel Church (35200 Chardon Rd. Willoughby Hills, OH 44094) for this special concert.

The Choir of Hope (Agnieszka Bieniek, director) and the Lithuanian Choir Exultate (Rita Cyvas-Kliorys, director), soloists (Gabriela Martinez, soprano and Nikola Budimir, baritone) and chamber orchestra will present "Gabriel Fauré and Friends."

In Part I you will hear compositions of Gabriel Fauré, Ola Gjeilo, and Claude Debussy, and in Part II, Gabriel Fauré's famous and beautiful Requiem in D minor Op. 48.

The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be collected, with 100% going to support the Lake County Homeless Shelter - Project Hope for the Homeless. A small reception will be served in the narthex after the concert.

If you can't come to the concert, but still would like to support Lake County Homeless Shelter - Project Hope for the Homeless, you can give a monetary donation (check payable to St. Noel with Project Hope in MEMO) or any items from the list below from February 8 to March 8 in the narthex at St. Noel church. Items needed for Project Hope for the Homeless: gift cards

Volunteers Needed

The Osborne Park Market & Flea is looking for volunteers to help out. If you would like to volunteer, or you need to do community service, please give Kathie a call at 216-224-0925. The Osborne Park Market & Flea is held at Osborne Park in Willoughby off Lakeshore Blvd. every Wednesday from June to September 4-8pm.

We are always looking for Artists, Baker's, Crafters and more. There is no cost for a spot. We do have an application for the market which you can find on our Facebook page, please like us on Facebook, or email or call Kathie.

We have a wide variety of vendors so stop by and check us out.

We would like to add Classic Cars and Jeeps to our event. If you have a car or Jeep and are in a group that would like to be a part of this event, we would love to have you.

The Lakefront District of Willoughby has some great small businesses to check out, and a beautiful park to enjoy. Please stop down and see what we have to offer. On behalf of the Willoughby Lakefront Business Association we would like to thank you for checking us out.

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