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Painesville City Council

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

The holidays are upon us and winter is fast approaching, leaving fall in our rearview window. The leaves on the trees have burst with color and fallen, and it's that time of year when raking them up is a never ending chore. Please remember to try and keep the leaves off the sidewalks, roads and away from the storm sewer drains. Clogged drains can cause hazardous conditions not only for traffic but also for our residents who walk.

This is my final article in the Painesville Pride as a City Council member. I would like to thank our City Manager, Doug Lewis, for his outstanding leadership in moving our City forward. Also, I would like to thank our City Council members for their dedication and work in assisting our City Manager and staff. Our staff is dedicated, hardworking, knowledgeable and here for all residents.

Finally, I would like to thank residents for your support. It's been my honor to have served you and received your support and trust during my past eight years on City Council. I will miss being on Council, but feel assured that the City of Painesville is in good hands and its future even brighter. Again, thank you very much. It was an honor.

Tom Fitzgerald
Councilmember at Large
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Santa's Mailbox Returns to the Square

Santa's mailbox is available in Painesville Square now through December 17. Please make sure your child's letter or envelope has a return address so Santa knows where to send his reply!

City Departments Acknowledge Accomplishments of 2021

During the annual end of year budget hearings in front of City Council, city department heads spoke in regards to the various accomplishments they saw in 2021 and the progress made in each division. Listed are a few of the highlights:

- Painesville City Fire Department completed over 1,000 man-hours of professional development training, officer development and fire investigator training. PCFD is on pace to complete 4,200 emergency responses in 2021, back to pre-pandemic numbers.

- Painesville Police Department was able to hire seven new police positions in 2021. They also purchased a new prisoner transport vehicle with the capacity to transport up to 13 prisoners and a Polaris Ranger ATV for patrolling downtown. The Painesville Intersection Camera System is nearing completion in preparation for 2022.

- The Engineering Department entered into a public partnership agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers on the Bank Street Retaining Wall which will begin construction in 2022. Skinner Ave and Button Ave waterline replacement and resurfacing were completed, as well as North State Street, despite many logistical obstacles. Design work was started for Chester Street and Reed Ave which are slated for resurfacing in 2022 along with Chestnut Ave and Newell Street.

- The Public Works Department saw the construction and completion of a new city salt dome housing approximately 2,000 tons of salt. With easier access, enhanced lighting and security cameras, city plows are ready to battle any conditions during the winter season and are in full compliance with EPA and Storm Water standards. The department also hired several new employees and has set up a process to ensure that all staff are sufficiently trained

and cross-trained in all positions.

- The Economic Development Office saw some major projects come to fruition in 2021. The Signature Health Painesville Medical Campus, a \$6 million investment, is projected to open by end of year, adding 50 new jobs and \$3 million in new payroll to the city. Avery Dennison announced the expansion of their Chester Street facility, adding 30 new jobs and \$1.8 million in new payroll. The Office was also instrumental in securing grants including the \$1 million Vibrant Communities Grant through Jobs Ohio for Victoria Place and an environmental clean-up grant for \$350,000 at 735 S State Street for future development on the site.

- City Communications had a busy year with the completion of a website redesign, launching in June 2021. Since the launch, mobile visitors are up 86% and desktop visitors are up 65%. Social media remains a strong outlet for information distribution. In August 2021, City Communications was recognized at the 2021 Lake County APEX awards, taking home silver for print newsletters and gold for the Painesville Hometown video.

- The Community Development Department worked on redesigning zoning permits to streamline the process and allow permits to be filled electronically via www.painesville.com/permits. Both of the two full-time housing inspector position were filled in February/March 2021. Since then, inspectors have handled over 4,100 complaints, inspections or re-inspections of properties.

- Under our Public Lands & Recreation Division, the Recreation Department worked creatively to adjust programs and events to current and ever-changing COVID-19 restrictions. The installation of two new futsal courts in Kiwanis Recreation Park was a great addition to the park's free amenities. The Cemeteries

Division continues to work on opening a new division at Riverside Cemetery, grading the area this year and bring in topsoil and seed next year. Staff averages 200 burials at Riverside each year as the cemetery continues to grow.

- The employee Human Resources Department successfully negotiated three-year terms for the seven collective bargaining agreements in the city. The department conducted three civil service exams for the Police Department and two civil service exams for the Fire Department. 22 full-time positions were filled and two part-time positions were filled. 20 employee departures occurred due to either retirements or resignation.

- The Water Division was able to complete major improvements at the Painesville Water Plant including repairs to filter #6, the completion of the new carbon feed building, structural repairs to the building, window replacements, repairs to the security gate and capping off the old raw water intake in Lake Erie. Complete water line replacements occurred on Button Ave, Skinner Ave and Sterling Ave.

- The Electric Division had a busy year as the Smart Meter program continues. 95% of residential meters have been replaced, with commercial and industrial meters left for install. New wire installation occurred on Shamrock Blvd to Brookstone Blvd for the H10 circuit expansion. New customers continue to be added to the system via the development of Encore Estates, Clover Senior Apartments and Community Lane.

- The Water Pollution Control Plant completed many plant improvements including the rebuilding of the #3 primary clarifier, replacement of hypochlorination piping, new grit screw wear bards, a new belt filter press sludge pump and the replacement of the perimeter security fence facing N State Street.

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Painesville Holiday Lights Contest Judging on Monday, December 13

The Painesville Community Improvement Corporation (PCIC) will be hosting their annual Painesville City Holiday Lights

Contest. Leave your lights on for judging on Monday, December 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

2021 Divisions include: Ward I

(north end), Ward II (downtown, east end), Ward III (college area, south end) and Ward IV (Mentor Ave area, west end) and Heisley

Park/Encore Estates area.

Prizes include PCIC Bucks which are redeemable at Painesville restaurants and shops.

This is not a city event but run through PCIC.

For questions or concerns, please reach out to PCIC President Pam Morse at pam@morsevanlines.com.

Community Development Dept. Accepting Contractor Registrations for 2022

The Community Development Department is now accepting 2022 contractor registrations.

Per City Code, any and all contractors doing work

in Painesville City must be registered annually, with a current copy of their State of Ohio license and Federal Identification Number on file.

Registrations received prior

to January 31, 2022 are \$100. Registrations from February 1 through August 31 are \$150. 2022 registrations received after September 1 are \$75.

at www.painesville.com/contractors.

For questions or concerns, contact the Community Development Office at 440-392-5931 or visit in person at 66 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, Ohio 44077.

Contractor registration forms and instructions can be found

Lock it or Lose it

A friendly reminder to always lock your vehicle and remember to take your keys or key fob with you. Theft happens everywhere, but we don't have to make it easy for the criminals!

Make a habit of the following before going to bed at night:

- Close all windows, lock your vehicle and take the keys inside. An unlocked vehicle is an open invitation.
- If you do not have a garage, park in a well-lit area if possible.
- Never leave valuables in your vehicle, especially if they can be seen from the outside.
- Alarm systems that disable the starter or fuel system are effective against theft.

Holiday Safety Tips from PCFD

Painesville City Fire Department has a few simple tips to ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season:

- Choose holiday decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant
- Keep lit candles away from decorations or anything that can burn
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both!
- Replace any string lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections

• Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged

• ALWAYS turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed

• Keep children and pets away from lit candles and make sure to blow out lit candles when leaving the room

• Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop and check it frequently. Keep children at least 3 feet away from stoves and ovens.

Happy holidays from PCFD!

Leaf Pick Up Through Dec. 15th

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As a fall reminder, Republic Services collects yard waste and leaves from city residential units weekly through December 15. Yard waste and leaves must be containerized, bagged or tied into bundles that do not exceed four feet in length and four inches in diameter with limbs and branches. Please make sure you are placing leaves in biodegradable bags, paper bags or containers that are labeled "Yard Waste." No plastic

bags will be accepted. Bags or containers should be curbside by 6:00 a.m. on pickup day.

Help avoid street flooding by cleaning leaves out of storm sewers. As the temperatures get colder, water that flows off the roads can pool in blocked drains and potentially freeze, causing flooding issues and headaches.

For issues or concerns, contact the Public Works office at 440-392-9676.

Wreaths Across America

On Saturday, December 18 at 12:00 noon, Wreaths Across America will be at Painesville Evergreen Cemetery and Riverside Cemetery to remember and honor veterans through the laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of Painesville's fallen heroes. Evergreen alone has over 1,600 veterans.

To volunteer to lay wreaths or to sponsor a wreath, please go to <https://bit.ly/3cfEPpi>.

Rent the Rink for a Private Skate

Have a private skate and rent the rink for your group of 10 or more! We are booking reservations for birthday parties and private skate, call for available times.

We offer beginner group lessons and private lessons are available for all ages call for scheduling and times.

If your looking to stay in shape don't overlook this sport, roller skating. Roller skating is for all ages and is one of the most fun and easy activities that the whole family can enjoy together. Roller skating is recognized and recommended by the American Heart Association (AMA) as an aerobic fitness sport.

One hour of skating per week can burn 600 calories, 30 minutes of skating produces a heart rate of at least 148 beats per minutes, roller skating works most muscle groups including: glutes, quads, abs, calves, arms and causes 50% less stress to joints than running.

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

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FRIDAY: 7-10:00pm, \$7 Admission & \$3 Skate Rental
SAT & SUN AFTERNOON: 1-4pm, \$6 Admission & \$3 Skate Rental
CHRISTIAN SKATE: December 11
Subject to change.

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December 5th, 2021 | Winter Wonderland | 10am - 3pm

For photo sessions on this date, families will be offered the opportunity to take their photo sessions WITHOUT Santa. Pets will be set upon a lovely backdrop

that is winter wonderland themed for the most perfect holiday photo. There will only be 30 sessions available on December 5th and families MUST book in advance. Each session will be offered in 5-minute increments and the rooms will be sanitized and cleaned between sessions. *Santa will NOT be present on the 5th.*

December 12th, 2021 | Sessions with Santa | 10am - 3pm

For photo sessions on this date, families will be offered the opportunity to have photo sessions WITH Santa. Jolly old St. Nicholas will make for the perfect addition to pets holiday

photo. There will only be 30 sessions available on December 12th and families MUST book in advance. Each session will be offered in 5-minute increments and the rooms will be sanitized and cleaned between sessions.

All sessions are \$30 each and include 2 electronic photos, holiday frame, treats and a festive pet stocking full of goodies (while supplies last). Printed photos may be purchased at the event for an additional \$5 each.

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It's that time of the year that we all love and dread at the same time. The increased financial pressure of the holidays often dampens a time that should be remembered as exciting and joyous whether we have that much money or not. This little article is specifically for people

who are being bothered and harassed by creditors and how to end that now so you do not have to deal with it over the holidays or ever.

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your behalf.

You can rest assured you and your family will not be bothered during the holiday season. We will handle the creditor calls for you. When the New Year arrives you are put on a liberal payment plan that is affordable to you and we continue to monitor your case. When your fee is paid in full we file the case. We are available to help you whenever needed.

I hope that no one needs this service but if you do please feel free to set up a free initial consultation with our bankruptcy attorney. The consultation is entirely free and there is no obligation to make any type of commitment or decision. We will not recommend bankruptcy unless absolutely necessary for

your financial survival based on your specific circumstance. Your case will be evaluated and you will be advised as to what is in your best interest.

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degree while still in high school, saving thousands of dollars on a college education!

Upon high school graduation, CCP students can continue on 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.

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exam. Test prep resources are available at lakelandcc.edu/web/about/test-prep.

On Lakeland's campus, CCP students participate in student organizations and hold leadership positions, including:

- Honors Program participants
- Orientation leaders
- Outstanding Student award recipients
- Lakeland representatives at national mathematics competitions
- Membership in Lakeland's honors societies

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Holiday Handyman: First Come, First Serve

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There is no better time than now to get items repaired before the holidays. Making sure your home is in tip-top shape for guests.

Painesville's handyman company keeps hearing from customers "we planned on getting this done anyway, so it just makes sense to do it now."

They have staff working tirelessly to get Painesville residents serviced before the holidays. Some common

service this time of year are toilet mainentence calls and mailbox repairs. Monthly Upkeep Handyman also offers assembly services on furniture and other ready to assemble items.

They currently have customers booking into the into of next year for kitchen and bathroom remodels. These customers understand that by locking in the price now they are making sure they are getting the best price with prices on the rise. They also understand the sooner they get the planning started the smoother the project will go.

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Estate Liquidators Multi-Vendor Market & Estate Sale Shop Now Open

Estate Liquidators 8,000 square foot multi-vendor market and estate sale shop is now open and featuring several events throughout the month of December.

Featured events:

1. Sunday Dec. 5th 10-5pm Open House and Meet & Greet Vendors as well as various

storewide sale events.

2. Our kids Twigbee shop (registration & payment for the little shoppers will be required in exchange for play money for them to shop) The Twigbee shop will be open three Sundays - Dec. 5, 12, & 19 from 10-5pm. All funds for this event will be donated to a cancer for kids

foundation.

3. Estate sales online & virtual and on Marketplace Facebook as well as estatesales.net local national.

4. Our online 5050auctions.com featuring several closeouts from estates, buyouts and clean-outs.

5. We are hooking up with a

auctioneer to offer live auctions either at the shop and/or at one of the warehouses in Mentor, Ohio

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Our Address is 35500 Lakeland Blvd. Eastlake, Ohio 44095.

Text me on my cell for any information at 440-382-6789.

Morley Library Events for Teens & Adults

All events are free and open to the public. Registration not required unless indicated. More information & registration available at www.morleylibrary.org or (440) 352-3383.

Adult Craft Kits| Friday, Dec. 3 and Monday, Dec. 13

Salt Dough Ornaments (begins Friday, Dec. 3): Create your own beautiful, lasting holiday decorations! Check out our video on Facebook and YouTube where Michaela will show you how to make winter-themed salt dough ornaments. These crafts will be available as to-go kits, which can be picked up at the third floor reference desk, or through our drive-up window starting Friday, Dec. 3. Kits are limited, so be sure to pick yours up as soon as you can!

Image Transfer Pillar Candles (begins Monday, Dec. 13): Create your own holiday decor this winter! Check out our video on Facebook and YouTube where Michaela will show you how to transform plain pillar candles into holiday-inspired ones. These crafts will be available as to-go kits, which can be picked up at the third floor reference desk, or through our drive-up window starting Monday, Dec. 13. Kits are limited, so be sure to pick yours up as soon as you can!

Visit our Morley Library Facebook page on Dec. 3 and Dec. 13 for the 10 a.m. video posts, or view any time after the premiere on our Morley Library YouTube channel. Looking for more easy holiday decor ideas? Visit morleylibrary.org to check the catalog.

Morley Movies | Saturday, Dec. 4, 1pm - 3pm

There are 101 reasons to visit Morley on December 4 for Morley Movies! For movie title and information, check our online calendar at morleylibrary.org or call (440) 352-3383. Registration is not required, but we do reserve the right to limit attendance in order to maintain social distance. We know everyone loves to snack during a movie, but no food is permitted

in this event due to public health concerns.

Reel Talk: Book Into Film Discussion Group | Monday, Dec. 6, 3pm - 4:30pm

We'll be reading News of the World by Paulette Jiles and viewing the film by the same title. Read the book and watch the movie in the comfort of your home, then join us

in Meeting Room B at the library for discussion. Please register at morleylibrary.org or by calling (440) 352-3383. Copies of the movie and the book are available for request via the library catalog. A limited number of copies of this book will be available for pick up at Morley Library's checkout desk beginning Monday, November 8.

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Plowing the roads in Painesville is a full time job. During the winter months, the City works around the clock with two shifts every day. When the snow is heavy, those shifts become 12 hours to keep up with Mother Nature.

- In all, the City of Painesville has seven snow plow trucks in commission, all with salt spreaders.

Roads are plowed in order of importance - starting with emergency routes, busy roads, hills and bridges. Once those roads are cleared, the secondary streets are plowed.

- There is an automatic parking ban when two inches of snow falls within 24 hours.
- Keep your snow on your own property. Plowing into the street

is dangerous for other drivers and doubles our plow drivers' workload when they are trying to keep the streets safe.

- While the City plows the streets, it's the property owner's responsibility to shovel snow on any sidewalk abutting their property. In general, sidewalks should be shoveled within 24 hours after the

final snowfall. After heavy snow fall, the City's Parks Department will plow sidewalks around the schools and major roadways for students and residents.

- Make sure you keep fire hydrants unblocked. It's the property owner's responsibility to keep them uncovered. This allows our Fire Department to quickly and

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Various Road Projects Postponed Until Spring

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Streets, Sterling Ave, Paige Place, Nottingham Place and Stonehaven Drive, will be postponed to next spring 2022. Karvo, the contractor completing both the N State Street

project and the Various Roads project, will focus their time and resources on completing N State Street before end of season.

Apply for a Passport at Fairport Library

Fairport Harbor Public Library is pleased to announce that it now accepts passport applications on behalf of the US Department of State. US Citizens planning international travel may apply for their passports at the library by appointment only during regular library hours.

website <https://travel.state.gov>. Please call 440-354-8191 to make your appointment or ask any questions. All current safety protocols, including the wearing of masks inside the library, will be followed. The library is located at 335 Vine Street in Fairport Harbor.

The City has come to an agreement with Karvo to complete the Various Roads project no later than June 15, 2022 at no additional cost to the City.

For more information on the road plan, please contact the Painesville Engineering Office at 440-392-5795.

For information on application forms, documentation requirements, and fees visit the library's website <https://fairportlibrary.com/passport-service/> or the State Department

Winter Decorations at the Cemeteries

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All programs begin at 11:00 a.m. at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby, followed by the luncheon at noon in the lobby. Covid protocols will be respected.

The menu is Hungarian Chicken Paprikash over egg noodles, garden salad, rolls with lemon squares for dessert.

Women's Committee members Paul Holm, CEO of The Fine Arts, and Roy Smith, Board President of The Fine Arts will be host servers.

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Searching for a policy will take some investigative skills on your part. Here are some ideas to

help you begin your search:

Take advantage of policy locators. While there is no national data base for insurance policies, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners provides a free website that is a good place to begin. Go to <https://eapps.naic.org/life-policy-locator/> to use the policy finder tool. If you think the policy may have been purchased in Canada, try contacting the Canadian Ombudsman for

Life and Health Insurance for information.

Search reputable websites. Insurance companies are supposed to reach out to beneficiaries when the policyholder dies, but sometimes they cannot track down the right people. After a period, they turn the benefits over to the state's unclaimed property program. Missingmoney.com or unclaimed.org may provide some answers. Both organizations match people up with money that may be owed to them from various sources.

Comb through old paperwork and email files. Look through old records for billing statements, account summaries and other communications from any insurance companies if you have access to these records.

Contact past employers and groups. Contact old employer/s, fraternal organizations, labor union, credit union, and pension plans.

Contact professionals. Talk to the deceased's attorneys, accountants, investment advisors, bankers, business insurance agents/brokers and other financial professionals who may be able to help with the search.

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who can request information about another person's finances. In general, the only ones who will be able to access a deceased's financial information including insurance policy documents include:

- The executor of a person's estate
- The deceased's next of kin
- Named beneficiaries to any life insurance policies

This is a good reminder for you to always keep important documents in a safe place and prepare a paper trail of all your investments and insurance policies. In this way, you can make sure your estate, no matter how big or small, goes to the people you choose.

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The Grinch and Santa at Fairport Library on December 4th and 6th

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* Friends of the Library Booksale - Fill a bag for \$5. Books make great holiday gifts!

* Make-or-Take craft in the children's area - stay and make a holiday gift or take a kit home with you to make later.

* 11am - 12pm: Visit with the

Grinch and get your photo taken. Purchase an autographed copy of the book for \$5 (supply is limited)

Santa will be visiting us during story Time on Monday Dec. 6 at 10 am. Please register to join Us!

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Morley Library December Events for Children

All events are free and open to the public. Registration not required unless indicated. More information & registration available at www.morleylibrary.org or (440) 352-3383.

Holiday Makerspace | Saturday, Dec. 4, 10:30am - 1:30pm

Stop in on our 2nd floor and make an extra-special gift from the heart! We'll provide crafting supplies and some inspiration. You supply the creativity!

Toddler Time | Mondays, Dec. 6 & 13, 10:30am

Calling all toddlers and their grown-ups: join us in the story room on the 2nd floor for stories, dancing, BUBBLES, and more! This interactive storytime builds readers through talking, singing, reading and playing. Stories and activities are prepared for children ages 18 months - 3 years old, but all children are welcome. *Masks are required for everyone

two years of age and older.*

Family Holiday Cookie Decorating | Saturday, Dec. 11, 10am - 12pm

There's nothing like making colorful, festive cookies for the holidays! Families are invited to join us to decorate pre-baked cookies, then enjoy them here or take them home for a special treat. Cookies and decorating supplies will be provided. Registration required.

Paws 2 Read | Thursday, Dec. 16, 4pm - 6:30pm

Come hang out in the library with a therapy dog as your reading buddy! Registration and masks required for this event. Program suggested for grades K-4th grade. Please call 440-352-3383 to reserve your 15-minute reading slot.

Graphics Gossip: Graphic Novel Book Club | Saturday, Dec. 18, 3:30-4:30pm

Attention, graphic novel fans aged 8-12: Stop in and join us for our first meeting of the new Tween Graphic Novel Book Club! We'll enjoy snacks, talk about our favorites and choose the first book we will read.

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Lake County Free Clinic Plans Permanent Home

Since 1971, Lake County Free Clinic has made helping the community a priority, providing medical and dental care at no cost to adults and children who are uninsured or underinsured.

Now, as the premier free clinic in northeast Ohio, Lake County Free Clinic needs the community's help.

In early 2022, LCFC will be moving into a new permanent location in central Painesville from which to provide comprehensive primary and specialty medical care, dental care, case management, labs, prescriptions, referrals for vision and specialty care, supplies and education. To do that, LCFC is launching "Building for a Healthier Community," a capital campaign to raise \$615,000.

"This is definitely one of the biggest challenges LCFC has faced in its 50-year history," said LCFC Executive Director

Marty Hiller. "I always say that a strong free clinic is a sign of strong community support, and I am confident that, as they have in the past, the community will help us remain strong for years to come. We are proud to be able to tell the community that we have already raised nearly half of the funds needed for this community investment."

In the middle of the pandemic, LCFC leaders were told that the site where the clinic had operated for more than 15 years had been sold. Since January 2021, LCFC has provided chronic, acute and preventive medical care from much smaller temporary quarters while the clinic's site search team worked diligently to identify a facility that would not only meet the current need but could accommodate the clinic's growing caseload and list of services for many years to come.

In the last few years, LCFC

has worked toward adopting a social determinants approach to healthcare, not only identifying the medical or dental concerns of patients but adding a case management program to identify and address other basic needs that could impact their health, such as insufficient food or inadequate housing. This whole-person approach is being adopted by a wide array of healthcare providers and has demonstrated positive and long-lasting health outcomes.

The new facility will allow the clinic to resume its much-anticipated dental services, expand medical care and more fully integrate the case management program. Time is of the essence, Hiller noted.

"Our patients need us," he said. "Thousands of people who don't have medical or dental insurance in Lake and surrounding counties need us. An uninsured

person who visits an emergency department is twice as likely to declare bankruptcy in four years -- and if the patient decides to go, there are times the patient does not get the help they need. Emergency departments are great for stabilizing patients in urgent situations. They are not primary care providers. Lake County Free Clinic is."

Philip, a Mentor resident, came to LCFC in late 2020. He was uninsured and worried, because he hadn't had his blood pressure checked in more than a year. At his first visit, his provider found edema and noticed that Philip's blood pressure was reaching levels that could possibly cause a stroke. Philip left with medication and instructions on regaining his health.

By his next visit, he had started on medication, cut back on junk food and began hiking. He is excited for his next follow-up visit

and new lifestyle.

"Everyone here is most helpful and friendly," he said, adding that he was grateful to find a place where he could get care without insurance.

In 2020, LCFC provided more than 3,300 medical and dental treatment visits, even while limiting visits for two months due to the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. This year, LCFC is expecting to exceed the number of medical visits provided the year prior to the pandemic. More than 93 percent of patients are uninsured; more than 60 percent of patients have household incomes below 138 percent of the federal poverty level.

"The need for affordable healthcare is part of the larger picture of inequalities affecting many members of our community. This need continues to grow as our neighbors lose insurance coverage or employment," Hiller said. "Free clinics reflect the value a community places on the health of its residents, and the community's generosity is what allows that care to happen."

For more information, or to support the work being done at LCFC, visit www.lakefreeclinic.org.

Volunteers Needed at University Hospitals Lake Health

University Hospitals Lake Health is seeking individuals interested in donating their time to volunteer at many of our facilities.

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Storytime At-Home Kits Now Available at Morley Library

Storytime at the library is so much fun but getting there is sometimes a challenge for busy families. How about getting one to go? Morley Library now offers free Storytime At Home Kits, available to borrow at the Children's Services desk. The kits are geared to ages 2-4 and can easily be adapted for other age/skill levels. They include one library book, shaker eggs, scarves, and literacy and math

activities to enjoy with your little one. November's kits are all about animals, with new themes offered monthly. Kits are available on a first-come/first-served basis, can be checked out for 9 weeks, and are non-renewable.

"Morley Library prepared these kits with parents in mind. Time is hard to come by and we want to make developing a daily reading routine as simple as possible. It's

never too soon! School readiness begins at birth and is as simple as talking, singing, reading, and playing together," said Morley Library Children's Services Manager Jessica Smith.

In addition to the storytime kits, the library offers preschool activity packets, themed book bundles, and an online request book service for kids. Current packets and book bundles can be found at www.morleylibrary.org

or call (440) 352-3383 for more information.

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