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### Painesville City Council

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

Welcome to Spring! This is the time of year we all celebrate the glow of sunlight whilst cursing the smoosh of mud. This Spring has been well earned after everything we have all gone through over the last year. I know we are not entirely out of the COVID woods yet, but there is a light that is giving me hope.

To help with your spring cleaning, Republic Services will begin their collection of yard waste as of April 1. Yard waste is collected every other week on the same day as your trash collection. Be sure to place all materials in a brown kraft bag that does not exceed 50 lbs in weight. All sticks and branches must be tied and bundled into bunches that are no more than 30 lbs and 4 ft in length.

Speaking of yard waste, be sure to check out the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation's website for information about how to avoid fertilizer run off. They also have wonderful guides about what trees and plants are native to our area. Adding a winterberry shrub to your garden now will yield beautiful red berries in winter! Or think about adding a sycamore tree around the area in your yard that is just a bit too wet! Whatever you do, be sure to get out and enjoy every nice day we have in whatever way you can.

Katie Jenkins Councilmember, Ward II kjenkins@painesville.com

#### Trash and Yard Waste Pickup Reminders

Curbside yard waste pick up begins April 1 for Republic Services. Remember, yard waste is picked up on your regular trash day, every other week. Grass, leaves and twigs should be placed in biodegradable paper bags or in open cans marked "Yard Waste." Branches under 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length should be bundled and tied.

For more information on trash, recycling and yard waste collection in the City of Painesville, please contact Republic Services at 1-800-968-7789.

## City Facilities Now Re-Opened to the Public

12 Pages

All Painesville City facilities, excluding the Painesville City Fire Department, have re-opened to public foot traffic beginning on Monday, March 8. Visitors are once again able to pay their utility bills at City Hall or visit our offices for appointments. We still encourage everyone to utilize the

City's COVID-friendly options, like drop boxes, email, phone or online bill payment.

A few exceptions to the re-opening include the Fire Department to protect our frontline employees from being exposed at the station; the Painesville Water, Waste Water and Electric plants to keep these essential services as unexposed as possible; and City Council will continue to host virtual live streaming meetings until further notice. Watch them live on our website or @CityofPainesville Facebook page.

### Painesville Recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 33rd consecutive year, the City of Painesville Finance Department has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This award, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"On behalf of the City, I am was honored to receive this award," said Andy Unetic, Painesville Finance Director. "It is my professional desire to serve the City to the best of my ability for the benefit of its residents. I would also like to thank my staff for all of their efforts in helping the City achieve this award."

The Certificate of Achievement

awarded for comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standard of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate the organization's financial story.

### Painesville Electric Helps Student with Light Project

When she was in the fifth City Council on light pollution and raise the \$300 to pay for it. A grade, Painesville's Addison Nance started researching light pollution as a science fair project. That research sparked her interest in changing a streetlight near her house in the city. Addison's persistence and hard work, along with assistance from Painesville Electric, resulted in the installation of a new LED light that direct light down, instead of to the sides.

On November 18, 2019 Addison gave a presentation to

and the effects on plants, animals and the atmosphere. She provided alternatives for the light post on her street and prompted the City to help her achieve her goal.

City Council was impressed by Addison's research and activism. Former City Manager Monica Irelan and Council decided they would move forward with the project if Addison was able to secure signatures from her neighbors in favor of the new light Painesville Electric crew would install it and the new light would be supported by the Painesville Electric system.

A little over a year later, Addison had both signatures and the \$300, and the City purchased the specialty light from a local manufacture. Painesville Electric installed the new light on March 3 and had a small ceremony for Addison and her family on March

### Open Burning Reminders from Painesville City Fire Dept.

With spring on the way, may residents have questions regarding the use of fire pits and open burning within city limits. Bonfires and recreational fires are permitted with some simple, common sense, rules.

Allowed open burning includes campfires, bonfires and the use of outdoor fireplace equipment or fire pits, for the purposes of cooking, warmth, ceremonial or recreation. They can be fueled with clean seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any

clean burning fuel.

Open burning cannot be used for waste disposal purposes or the burning of yard waste and leaves. Remember, in the city homes are closer together, so burning anything other than wood or natural fuel can be a fire and smoke hazard to your neighbors.

In general, recreational fires should not exceed three feet in diameter and two feet in height, and should be located a minimum of 25 feet from any structure or combustible material. Be sure to

have a method of extinguishment nearby, like a garden hose, bucket of sand or water, or a fire extinguisher. Fires should be attended continuously until properly extinguished.

Every year, PCFD is called out to open burning fires that have violated these rules. Most cases involve burning yard waste, burning tires or when a recreational bonfire has grown too big. Avoid a visit from the fire department by following the simple rules above and remember, stay safe!

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# High Grass and Weeds: Avoid Property Maintenance Fees!

High Grass and Weeds: Avoid Property Maintenance Fees!

FYI mowing season is coming! The City of Painesville stipulates that grass or weeds may not exceed six inches on any residentially zoned property and twelve inches or higher on all other lands in the

Övergrown yards are not only an eyesore, but can be a community safety issue as well. Weeded yards or lots give an impression no one cares for the neighborhood. This can attract crime and vandalism, eroding community safety and value. Tall grass and weeds also harbor rodents and other vermin that are unsafe and unpleasant in residential communities. In some cases, one uncared for lot may lead to a cluster of neglected

To ensure community safety and maintain property values, the City Housing Inspectors identify properties with high grass and issue a violation letter. The letter provides the property owner seven days to mow the overgrowth and trim around all trees, fences, sidewalks, fire hydrants, telephone poles, flower beds and any other structures on the property to bring the property into compliance.

If the property owner fails to accomplish the required mowing/ cutting within seven days of the first notice, Section 917.04 allows the City to mow/remove the excess vegetation at the property

owner's expense and bill for this work, plus a \$75 re-inspection fee and any other associated costs incurred by the contractor performing the work on the City's behalf. If the invoice for this service is not paid within 30 days, the entire amount is certified to the Lake County Auditor for placement on the relative property tax duplicate, including a 3% processing fee assessed by the Lake County Auditor.

The bill to mow an averaged sized lot in Painesville City was approximately \$98 per mow last year. As a result of residents failing to mow, the Housing Inspectors sent approximately 545 violation letters and mowed properties 395 times in 2020. Yikes!

917.04 states "one notification per calendar year will be deemed notice for all subsequent violations during the same calendar year" or in other words, the Housing Inspector will only send one notice of violation that is effective for the entire year, not each time your property is overgrown. If the property is found to be in violation more than once in the same year, the City will take action and no additional notices will be sent. The City will have the property brought into compliance every time after the first notice, the cost for which the property owner will be held responsible.

If you ever have any questions, please contact the Community Development Department at 440-

## Leroy 2020 +1 Bicentennial Festival Back on Track

The Leroy 2020+1 Bicentennial Festival is back on track to be held on Sat., June 19, 2021 at the Leroy Community Center outdoor spaces and adjacent Ball Park, beginning at 3:00 pm and running until fireworks at dark.

Most everything planned for last year's event is on tap, with adjustments to keep everyone safe.

We will have a parade, dedication ceremony, craft and makers market, live music, petting zoo, concessions, food trucks, loads of family fun and games including Alumni Baseball game, antique cars and tractors, and more!!

Planning meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Community Center, Leroy Center Rd. (adjacent to the Fire Station).

We need LOTS of help with planning and volunteering to make this a big success!

Please contact Hanusosky at 440-254-4235 or recreation@leroyohio. e-mail

# Osborne Park Market & Flea Looking for Vendors By: Kathie Pinkerman something for everyone. clean of litter.

The Osborne Park Market & Flea will be at Osborne Park in Willoughby again this year, rain

We look forward to another great year. The "Trendy" Pop-up Shop vendors will be joining us along with a variety of vendors and local produce who will have

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The Market & Flea runs June through September, every Wednesday from 4 - 8pm. There are some new changes that will take place this year. You can download an application from our Facebook page, Willoughby Lakefront Business Association.

If you are interested in selling at the market, you will need the following:

- 1. An application must be filled out (completely) before entering the market.
- 2. There will be a donation of \$5.00 payable at the gate per week (with the exception of the classic cars.)
- 3. Set up times start at 2pm-no earlier, no exceptions.
- 4. All vendors must have tables.
- 5. If you are a direct sales, please check with the market administrator before the event, only one of each will be allowed. You can contact Deb or Monica at trendypopupshop@gmail.com to make sure of no duplicates.
- 6. We ask that you have a tent, (not mandatory for this year, but will be for the future market.)
- 7. There will be no cars allowed to enter after the market starts at 4pm.
- 8. All vendors must stay until the end of the market at 8pm.
- 9. You must have a mask and hand sanitizer at your table.
- 10. All vehicles will be assigned a spot when entering.

11. You must leave your spot

We look forward to the return of DJ STRAY from All About You Entertainment Inc., who supplies us with music.

There will be a variety of food vendors to satisfy your hunger

We are always looking for artists, crafters, bakers and food trucks, and this year we would like to add classic cars to the

If you have a classic car you would like to show off, please contact Kathie at (216) 224-0925 for more information.

Last year we had a whopping 96 vendors!! We also want you to know that Osborne Park is a Dog Park, Willoughby's Recreation and Service Department has done an incredible job at making the city's parks an outstanding experience for everyone to enjoy.

Please remember to keep your dog on a leash and under control at all times. The Willoughby Lakefront Business Association will have a table with dog cookies, poop bags, and a water dish for our 4-legged friends.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Market & Flea! Remember to shop and buy

The Osborne Park Market & Fleas is Sponsored by the Willoughby Lakefront Business Association.

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More information at: LakeCountyOhio.gov/Utilities or call 440-350-2645

# Top Reasons Why Lakeland Appeals to Students of All Ages

students who have job and family commitments that need to come first. With flexible options such as online, hybrid and night classes, most are able to pursue their dream of earning a college degree at their own pace.

Additionally, many students can the cost of four-year public utilize summer classes as a way to catch up or get ahead.

Here are some other top reasons students of all ages choose Lakeland:

- 100+ program choices 1.
- Tuition is one-third

universities

- Credits transfer to Ohio public universities
- Accredited college with faculty experts
- Smaller classes allow 5. for more personalized attention

like nights, online and hybrid

- Safe and clean campus
- 8. Bachelor's degree Lakeland's through options Holden University Center
- Support services: free tutoring, veterans center, online support and more

10. Successful grads: 96% find employment or go on to further their education

Virtual visits are available. Go to lakelandcc.edu/visit for dates. For those who previously

Flexible class options attended Lakeland, whether it was last year or 10 years ago, they may contact the student service center at 440-525-7050 sscenter@lakelandcc.edu to see how to start back up in college where they left off.

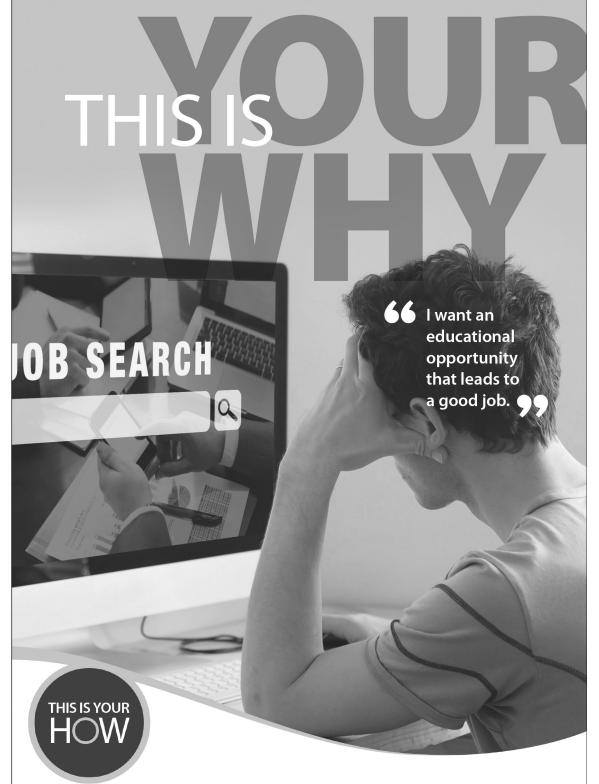
> Summer registration is now open. Applications are being accepted for both summer and fall, and for a limited time the application fee is being waived. Visit lakelandcc.edu/apply. The last day to apply for fall semester is Aug. 13.

### Mosack's Christian Gifts & Books: Easter Essentials & Faith-Based Gifts

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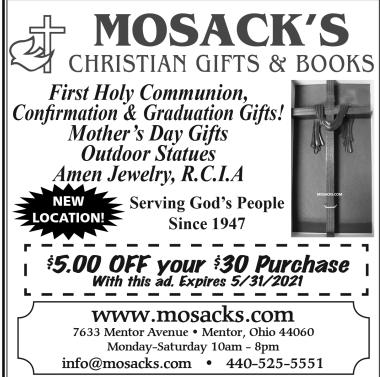


With a wide range of resources, plus a network of university partners, Lakeland Community College builds bridges and opens doors to a world of possibilities. We'll help you design a path that aligns with your needs as well as your goals. LEARN MORE AT LAKELANDCC.EDU/YOURHOW

### **Campus Visit Days 2021**

Current high school seniors and juniors and their parents are invited to learn more about Lakeland Community College during Campus Visit Days 2021. For more information and to register online go to lakelandcc.edu/visit.







# Bankruptcy 10

Question: What is your credit score and why do the lenders make such a big deal about it? How will it affect me in these times?

Answer: Back in the 1950's a company called the Fair Isaac Corp. (FICO) developed a formula which was marketed as a way for lenders to realistically evaluate their risk with regard to lending to a specific person. FICO assigned mathematical quantities to patterns of behavior (like how often one pays late, whether they have unsatisfied legal judgments, etc.) and computes those quantities into a numerical risk factor which is known as our "credit rating."

You are Not Your Credit Score FICO sells people's credit ratings to lenders based on their FICO formula which is a trade secret and legally protected.

There are other companies like FICO which have come up with their own secret form of credit rating which they also sell to credit reporting agencies such as Equifax, Transunion, and TRW. In my mind, these companies' secrecy causes me to question their integrity and the efficacy of their formulas. FICO should willingly disclose the science their mathematical behind formula so it can be challenged and discussed. It only seems fair that a rating factor which affects so many people's lives, whether it be for getting credit, a job, security clearance or the trust of another person, should be

open to investigation. How do we really know its not complete voodoo?

There is a widely held belief that FICO and the entire individual credit rating system was developed by the elite to keep the middle class in their place. "Their place" is presumably in a constant state of fear over their financial rating willing to pay the banks any interest rate or penalty without question.

In our bankruptcy practice, we spend a large portion of our time helping people get back on financial track. I see people regularly who enter my office

in a state of hopelessness and are healthy, happy, laughing and spirited six months down the line. Bankruptcy stays on your credit for ten years. But my response to that is "So what?" Anybody who really wants to get credit and buy another house can do it in three years or better. Even with a very low credit rating. They will have to be creative nowadays. But that is a topic for a different day. So, the focus should not be on your credit rating, but on your ability to pay back a specific amount of a loan within a specific period of time. I tell our bankruptcy clients: "yes, try to get a loan you can afford as soon as possible and pay it back early.

This is the beginning of your life of financial responsibility."

The "fresh start" that one can receive, often times, through bankruptcy is extremely valuable in terms of peace of mind and freedom from stress. Do not put yourself or your family through unnecessary mental hardship. If you think bankruptcy can help, there is only one way to find out. Schedule a free consultation. Often times, we can do the consultation over the phone. The bottom line is that a bankruptcy will not make most people's credit rating much worse than it was already. And it is a new start for your credit rating also.

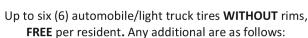
#### TIRE COLLECTION

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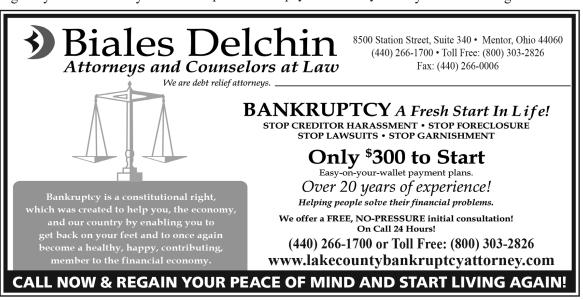
- \$2 each, tires without rims, cash/check only
- \$4 each, tires on a rim, cash/check only
- \$10 each, any oversized tire, cash/check only

COVID Safety Requirements: Masks are required while in line. Masked personnel will be on hand to collect fees and to remove tires. Make checks payable to the Lake County Dept. of Utilities. All items must be in the trunk area of the vehicle or in a trailer.

Any items located in the front or back seat area will **NOT** be accepted.

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# Time to Take Another Look at Affordable Care Coverage

Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment Period ended in December, folks would have to wait to sign up for a Health Insurance Marketplace® plan until the following November unless they qualified for a Special Enrollment Period. This

The ACA window recently re-opened, providing a lifeline to affordable comprehensive insurance coverage health those without it. The Market Place will accept new applications for ACA plans through May 15, 2021. It is one

say could provide access to health plans for millions of uninsured Americans.

In addition, the recently passed coronavirus relief plan contains a number of provisions to make coverage more affordable. Most people who will receive additional premium subsidies under the new law. That is because Congress is changing the way subsidies are calculated and are lowering across the board — how much consumers are expected to pay, based on their annual income. An example provided by a Kaiser Family Foundation analysis indicates premiums would drop by around 50% to 80% depending on the plan for a 60-year-old with a \$55,000 income. The people who will benefit the most are those who make just over the poverty level because their premium costs will go down to as low as \$0, according to several estimates.

According to estimates by the Kaiser Family Foundation, approximately 2 to 3 million health plans between March and September 2020. Even before the pandemic, roughly 30 million Americans were without coverage. Unfortunately, many who could best use this type of insurance were not familiar with the enrollment process, did not know they qualified for subsidies, or missed the deadline in December to enroll. The additional Open Enrollment period gives them an opportunity to get health care coverage for themselves and their families.

To learn if you qualify or to enroll in an Affordable Care Plan, please contact me at 440-255-5700 or email me at Lmutsko@mutskoinsurance.



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## Mentor Window Earns Yet Another Angie's List Super Service Award - 9 Years Straight!

Mentor Window has earned the home improvement industry's coveted Angie's List Super Service Award for the 9th year in a row. This award reflects exemplary years of service provided to customers

### "A Musical Montage" Presented by The Women's Committee of the Fine Arts Association

The Women's Committee of the Fine Arts Association will hold their May luncheon at the Kirtland Country Club, 39438 Kirtland Road, Willoughby on May 12.

The program will be "A Musical Montage" featuring Joe Fried on the clarinet and Nina Fried at the piano.

The menu is chicken, mushroom and spinach crepes; frosted grapes; fresh fruit; mixed greens salad; melba toast, dinner rolls, and sticky buns. Creme brulee and macaroons are the dessert.

Reservations are required no later than May 7 by email: anthonyjanem@yahoo.com or phone: 440-579-5020. The cost is \$40.00 per person payable at the door in cash or by check. Valet parking will begin at 11:00 a.m., lunch at 11:30 with program to follow.

Covid protocols will be adhered to (please wear a mask).

The Women's Committee is an independent auxiliary whose 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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Steve Douglas the owner of Mentor Window was asked about how they continue having such success in the home improvement industry. "We have crews that have been with us for decades, and we are very particular about the installers we hire. We won't just hire anyone to catch up if we are backed up a bit, quality is at the top of our list when it comes to workmanship. When it comes to pricing, we are straight forward with people, they don't want to

hear any buy 1 get 1 free nonsense. They want a fair, honest price up front without all the gimmicks you see out there in advertising. We treat each and every one of our customers like family. '

'Only about 5% of the Home Improvement companies in Northeast Ohio have performed consistently well enough to earn our Super Service Award," said Angie (founder of Angie's List.) "It's a really high standard."

Angie's List Super Service Award 2020 winners have met eligibility requirements,

which include an "A" rating in overall grade, recent grade, and review grade period; the company must be in good standing with Angie's List, pass a background check and abide by Angie's List operational guidelines.

Service company ratings are updated daily on Angie's List. Companies are graded on an A to F scale in areas ranging from price to professionalism to punctuality.

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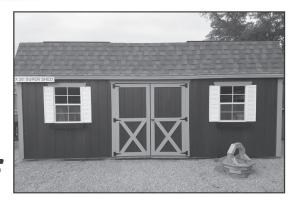
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Laketran is providing free, accessible transportation to any resident in need of a ride to a COVID-19 vaccination appointment in Lake County or to the mass vaccination site at the Cleveland State University Wolstein Center that operates

"Our job is to give residents access to what they need," shared Laketran CEO Ben Capelle. "Transit is a means to make sure there is equal access for everyone to be vaccinated, or really to get anywhere, and we're happy to

do our role in making sure all residents can get to a vaccination site."

#### **Appointments** in Lake County

Lake County residents can use Laketran's local route buses or door-to-door Dial-a-Ride service.

For Laketran's door-to-door Diala-Ride service, customers must schedule a reservation by calling 440-354-6100. Reservations for Dial-a-Ride can be made a minimum of one day in advance and up to 12 days prior to an appointment.

If a vaccination appointment is at a drive-thru site, Laketran customers will remain on the bus for the entire trip. Laketran will transport residents through the entire vaccine process and return them home safely.

Residents who prefer to take Laketran's Local Routes 1-9 can call Laketran Customer Service at 440-354-6100 and request four bus passes be added to their EZfare account or mailed to them.

#### **Appointments** at **CSU** Wolstein Center vaccination site

Laketran is providing free transportation to Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center mass vaccination distribution Monday-Friday between 8:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. from Laketran's new Frank J. Polivka Transit Center at Lakeland Community College starting on Wednesday, March 17. The last daily shuttle departure to Cleveland is 4:15 p.m.

Laketran Local Routes 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, and 9 can get you to the Laketran Transit Center at Lakeland Community College. From there, you can take our special Vaccination Shuttle service to Cleveland. Shuttle service will depart every 30 minutes from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Free parking is available at the Transit Center, located at 7601 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland, OH 44094.

Once you arrive in Cleveland, Laketran will layover at RTA's Stephanie Tubbs Jones Transit Center that is located next to the vaccination site. From the Transit Center, you will cross E.21st Street to the CSU Wolstein

A detailed Vaccination Shuttle schedule and map is available at Laketran's website.

Laketran plans to operate the special shuttle service throughout the duration of the eight-week vaccination program. This service is being provided free of charge, supported by the ODOT Rides for Community Immunity program and FEMA.

# Lake County Genealogical Society Meeting - April 29<sup>th</sup>

The Lake County Genealogical the Zoom presentation. You can Society (LCGS) meeting will be held on April 29 from 10:00 am to noon. The LCGS has been meeting on Zoom due to Covid-19.

Please join us to hear our speaker Annette Lyttle talk about, "Our Quaker Ancestors: Their History and the Records They Left." Visit our web site at www.lcgsohio.org to find the email address so you can email us for an invitation to

also go to our web site to learn more about us.

If you have any questions you can call Bonnie at 440-428-3783 or Cynthia at 440-951-0914.

Please join us to learn how to research and organize your findings on your ancestors, find your "Roots", and create your own "Family Tree."



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APRIL 15 | 10 A.M. | PERRY SENIOR CENTER | 2800 PERRY PARK RD.

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APRIL 21 | 10 A.M. | MENTOR PARK-N-RIDE | 8650 MARKET ST.

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### Audubon Takes Viewers on a Backyard Safari in Geauga County

Wildlife adventure can be found not only in faraway destinations. Nature enthusiast Chris Parker will share his face to face encounters with "The Wildlife of Bass Lake" in a virtual program 7:00 pm Tuesday, April 20 for Blackbrook Audubon Society.

Everyone is invited to register on the event page at blackbrookaudubon.org receive a link to the program.

Chris has documented the variety of wildlife that swims, flies and crawls at Geauga Park District's Bass Lake Preserve in Munson Township. He will reveal nature moments that unfolded in front of him while on his quiet canoe with a camera, coffee, and patient observation.

He's watched Canada Geese squabble as one dove completely underwater to escape the challenger, with the second one diving in pursuit.

In this presentation, Chris will detail his chance encounters with muskrat, Bald Eagles, river otters, mink, Osprey, swans, loons, Prothonotary Warblers and much more.

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# Sit. Stay. And Drink! for the Homeless Animals of Lake County

Do you enjoy great drinks, entertainment, and adoptable dogs?

If so, join us for the 4th Annual Pup Crawl: UNLEASHED! Fundraiser for Lake Humane Society on Saturday, June 5th from 1:00- 6:00 p.m., in Downtown Willoughby. The Pup Crawl is a bar crawl with special "pup crawler" guests at each bar, the dogs of Lake Humane Society! The event will include the chance to win great prizes in various raffles, a bake sale, drink and food

specials, and much more.

The participating bars in Downtown Willoughby will be announced closer to the event date. In 2019, over a dozen bars participated and over 800 attendees joined LHS for this great event and helped raise over \$30,000 for the homeless animals in their care.

Admission is \$30 in advance and \$35 the day of the event at the door. Your admission includes a t-shirt, drink koozie, face mask, and various featured menus at participating bars. Only 800

tickets available. Must be 21+ to attend. All COVID-19 policies and procedures in place at the time of the event must be followed by all attendees.

Get your tickets today by visiting our website: www.lakehumane. org. All proceeds raised will go directly towards helping to save the lives of the homeless animals who call Lake Humane Society their temporary home.

Is your company looking for a way to not only promote your business but also make a difference in the community? If so, consider sponsoring one of Lake Humane Society's continuously growing events like Pup Crawl. These events reach thousands of Northeast Ohioans and help LHS continue to save lives and provide invaluable programs and services to the community.

By sponsoring a Lake Humane Society event, you can show that your company supports homeless animals on their journey to finding a forever home and the people within the community who love their pets. To learn more about sponsorship levels and benefits, please contact the Events Department at events@ lakehumane.org

The mission at Lake Humane Society is to protect animals and build connections between pets and people through advocacy and education. Lake Humane Society is a 501c3 charitable nonprofit organization and operates solely on donations.

For more information on Lake Humane Society or to donate, please visit www.lakehumane.org.

# City Skate Center

Check out the 2021 schedule at City Skate Center in Painesville!

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

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

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.

### Wildwood Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

The Wildwood Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale on May 15,2021 from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 o'clock noon at Wildwood Cultural Center.

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WEDNESDAY	PRIVATE PARTY & FUNDRAISERS AVAILABLE! CALL 440-352-2002		
	6:00-8:00pm	CSC SPEED TEAM PRACTICE	\$5 Admission
THURSDAY	PRIVATE PARTY & FUNDRAISERS AVAILABLE! CALL 440-352-2002		
FRIDAY	5:00-6:30pm	Private Skating Lessons	Call for pricing
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SUNDAY	10:00am-12:00pm	CSC SPEED TEAM PRACTICE	\$5 Admission
	1:00-4:00pm	FAMILY FUN SKATE Parents skate free w/paid child admission	\$6 Admission

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# Homecare Program for Lake County Seniors Seniors living in Lake County significantly improve a senior's Services Levy and is administered to address future needs as they

who need assistance with personal care, bathing, meal prep, light housecleaning, laundry and other essential tasks have an option for assistance if they meet eligibility requirements. The non-medical program, administered through the Lake County Council on Aging, currently has several openings available for seniors, 60 and over. Non-medical

ability to maintain independence and allow them to continue to live in the comfort and security of their own home. This program is designed to provide support to Lake County seniors who are not eligible for traditional Medicaid based programs but cannot afford to pay privately for the care they need. The program is funded through the Lake County Senior at no cost to eligible seniors.

"The collaboration between the social workers at the Council on Aging and the home care agencies offers a unique support system for seniors aging in place and their families," said Danielle Phillips, Program Manager. "It not only gives families peace of mind that immediate needs are being met, it also provides a system prepared

By 2030, one in three individuals residing in Lake County will be 60 years of age or older. This program is just one of several programs put in place by the Board of Lake County Commissioners in their continued effort to position the county to handle the increasing senior population.

Participants must meet income

verification guidelines and have an assessment completed by a social worker from the Council on Aging. The Council on Aging has contracted with three local home care agencies that provide handson care and support to seniors enrolled in the program. Eligible seniors are assigned to a home care agency promptly after the social work visit.

For more information on the program, eligibility requirements and program availability, please call the Lake County Council on Aging at (440) 205-8111.

### Painesville's Handyman Company Not Looking for

Monthly Upkeep has been very blessed with the support of their community and our customer base.

Contrary to the title they love working with new customers, but are faced with a unique challenge right now. While they are continuing to service our previous customers, as well as all of new customers needs, we are actively looking for experienced tradesmen. The key trait Monthly Upkeep is looking for is a 'no excuses, get the job done' attitude.

Are you currently looking for a

full time job? Or maybe you are a retired tradesman looking for a part time job? Do you have great customer service skills and a can do attitude?

If you have any experience with electrical, plumbing, tiling or general carpentry we would love to meet with you. Monthly Upkeep has a great crew that customers love. They are looking to add some great talent to their team.

If you are retired and want to get back into the business, but don't want to do all the heavy work, we have just the job for you. We are

# also looking for someone who is

great with customers and knows enough about home remodeling to add to our Office Staff.

Monthly Upkeep received a surge throughout the pandemic and is growing 20% month over month. They need Painesvilles's help and support to continue to service more customers in our community.

In closing whether you are a customer who wants to hire or have a recommendation for a great new employee, Monthly Upkeep would love to hear from you.

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Exercise is most known for controlling body weight but did health conditions, diseases and affect your mood? Physical activity boosts the body's "good" cholesterol and decreases unhealth triglycerides which reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease. It can also manage conditions with high blood pressure, type II diabetes, depression, anxiety, and arthritis. Regular exercise can help you sleep better, improve your sex

life, and give you a boost in daily energy. It can even make your skin look better by naturally increasing the body's antioxidant production which offsets the free radicals produced during metabolism. Free radicals accelerate the aging process and any means of increasing antioxidant either through consumption or your body's production is beneficial.

Regular exercise is especially important for older individuals. Increasing your blood flow will encourage brain stimulation and improve memory. It can also help alleviate chronic pain. In the past it was erroneously recommended to rest and be inactive for conditions like fibromyalgia and soft tissue pain but studies now show that lower back pain and shoulder pain

muscles are strengthened.

The facility offers around 3,000 square feet of free weight and free weight machine work space, the largest in Lake county. There is a circuit training area with suggested exercises prepared weekly. We use rubber coated weights to soften the noise to keep a pleasant atmosphere. Other equipment available at The Rock House are ellipticals, treadmills, kettle bells, BOSU balls, medicine balls, punching bags and plyo boxes. There is a multipurpose room in the back for using the calisthenic equipment which is also a great area for stretching and yoga. Žumba classes are available to the public on Sunday mornings and run in three-week cycles. Our

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# Parents: Prepare Your Teens for Safe Driving

If you are a parent of a teenage driver, your child's safety is your first concern. Though you cannot always be by their side, you can take steps to help keep them safe behind the wheel. Educating yourself and your teen driver about the risks of unsafe driving can save lives and money.

"Reminding young drivers about the dangers of distracted driving is so important," Governor Mike DeWine said. "Having rules limiting the number of passengers in the car and reminding teens to keep their eyes on the road and hands on the wheel are other easy ways to help increase the safety of young drivers."

"Today's world presents many distractions while driving and we must talk to teens about the dangers and consequences of unsafe and distracted driving," Ohio Department of Insurance Director Jillian Froment said. "I urge parents to establish rules that will help keep their teen drivers and those around them safe while on the road."

Froment encourages parents with an agent to determine options and their teens to create a teen driver contract using the online template at www.insureuonline. org/teen driver certificate.htm. A contract can help teen drivers avoid common mistakes and increased insurance rates, while defining the consequences associated with driving privileges.

Froment said there are actionable steps parents can take to keep their teen drivers safe and to save money on insurance coverage. She shared the following insights:

#### **Set Expectations**

- Research suggests parents who set rules cut accident risk in half.
- Set a driving curfew. More than 40 percent of teen auto deaths occur between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- The relative risk of a fatal crash increases as the number of passengers increases.
- Texting or talking on a cell phone can double the likelihood of an accident.

#### **Keep Costs Down**

• Conduct an insurance review

for insuring your teen driver. Adding a teen driver to your auto insurance policy can be costly.

- The type of vehicle a teen driver uses as well as driving violations can impact the cost of insurance.
- Many companies grant discounts to drivers whose records have been clean for three or more
- Some companies offer discounts if your teen completes a defensive driving course and upholds a good grade-point average.
- Ask your insurance company about an "accident forgiveness" clause that guarantees premiums will not increase after one minor accident.
- Install a smartphone application that limits or prevents texting and driving.

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