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Mayor's Report



Dennis Morley
Mayor/Safety Director

As every day passes I know it is more difficult to get back to our normal lives with the continued changes that we all have had to do since March. I hope that all of you and your families are safe and healthy. With school starting it will be unprecedented how your children will also adapt. I hope the best for all of you through these difficult times.

For those of you that are on social media there has been an ad that pops up about solar energy with a picture of city hall on it stating you can save \$2000. The city is not part of this company and have asked them to take it down. They have not responded. Please always be aware of any calls or posting on social media. Thank you to those who called my office to bring it to my attention.

This year will mark the 19th year anniversary of the attacks on 9/11. I will be doing a video and post it on our social media and website. www.eastlakeohio.com

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WE Public Library: Upcoming Virtual Library Programs for Families

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

All programs are via Zoom or YouTube. You must register to receive the link! Visit the Events Calendar at www.we247.org or call your library to register.

American Girl Book Club

Take a trip back in time during the American Girl Book Club! We will be having discussions and hands on activities based on 3 different American Girls. We will meet once a week for eight weeks starting on Wednesdays, starting August 26th from 5-6

through Zoom! All 3 books will be bundled for check out, and a hands on activity packet will be provided that will be worked on throughout our meetings.

Wednesday, September 2, September 9, September 16, September 23, September 30, 5 pm
The Cleveland Years of Eliot Ness

Eliot Ness served as Cleveland's Safety Director for Mayor Harold Burton during the years of 1935 to 1941. In these short years, Eliot Ness made an impact on the city of Cleveland that has lasted for generations. He came at a time when our city was very corrupt and when it was regarded as the most dangerous city in the country. Within a few short years we were awarded the "National Safety Award" thanks to Eliot's relentless pursuit of justice and honesty. Two

of his 3 wives were popular in their own right within the artistic community of Cleveland. Today's photos and stories will share the Eliot Ness that you won't get from the movies - because, in this case, the truth is more fascinating than fiction.

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 7 pm
Young and Restless

Join our popular music and movement class for toddlers with shakers, bubbles, the parachute and more! Ages 1-6.

Thursday, Sept. 3, 6:30 pm
Zoom Lego Club

Join us on Zoom to discuss the amazing Lego creations you have been working on! The Wednesday before the program, Miss Sarah will send you a video about what the theme is and an example of something she has been working on, as well as the Zoom link for

the next day. At 2pm on Saturday, you'll be able to join a Zoom call and show off your amazing creation! Be sure to have a name for the creation and a little story that explains it!

Saturday, September 5, 2 pm
Doo-Wop of the 1950's

Are you interested in the early Rock-n-Roll group harmony sound? Are you familiar with the Chords, Crests and Dion and the Belmonts? Join us as we take a historical tour of Doo-Wop music. We will trace the 'sound' from its beginnings in Africa, to the African-American slave songs. We'll see how rhythm and blues and gospel music influenced the later groups, and how these genres merged with the sound of the street. You will see and hear the groups performing both through videos and recordings. Tuesday, September 8, 7 pm

Homeschool Travelers

Take a trip around the world without leaving your house! Each month features a different location, complete with facts & fun activities!

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2 pm

Between the Lines: Author David Giffels

Barnstorming Ohio author David Giffels has written six books of nonfiction, including the critically acclaimed memoir, *Furnishing Eternity: A Father, a Son, a Coffin, and a Measure of Life*, published by Scribner in 2018. The book has been hailed by the New York Times Book Review as "tender, witty and ... painstakingly and subtly wrought," and by Kirkus Reviews as "a heartfelt memoir about the connection between a father and son." It was a Book of the Month pick by Amazon and Powell's and a New York Times Book Review "Editors' Choice." His previous books include *The Hard Way on Purpose: Essays and Dispatches From the Rust Belt* (Scribner 2014), a New York Times Book Review "Editors' Choice."

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GFWC of OHIO: Eastlake Women's Club

Summer is almost over and soon we will be able to take brisk walks and enjoy the colorful trees of Fall.

> Throughout the Summer our club has been busy with activities. Members volunteered at Willow Praise Church passing out lunches for children to those that drive by on Mondays and Fridays. It was very rewarding for all who participated.

> Our president Joyce Bates held a Garage Sale for the

neighbors with the help of Club members and raised enough money for the annual scholarship to a senior high student from either Eastlake, Lakeline, or Timberlake for the upcoming school year.

> Saturday, September 19, Willow Praise Church will be sponsoring a Garage Sale with citizens of the community registering for a space. Details will follow for the community to participate.

Mayor

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eastlakeohio.com and City of Eastlake Facebook page. We look forward to next year going back to our normal ceremony. We must Never Forget the events of 9/11

We have received calls about the auctions of the schools on August 25th. Please remember that the Willoughby /Eastlake Schools are a separate entity from the city. If the schools are sold the buyer will have to

submit any plans they have to the city for review.

As far as Taft where the senior center is located we are looking for alternatives for our center to be relocated. We do not own the building, we lease from the school system.

We will have a 3 Mills Renewal Levy - Roads - 5 Years - Commencing 2021 tax year. There is no increase in taxes as it is a renewal. Please vote yes on Issue 1.

Road work will continue

on Stevens Blvd. Estimated completion date on the west side from 91 to Lakeshore Blvd. is November of 2020 pending no weather or other issues as the old road is taken out. I will have more information as soon as I receive it for east bound to the Willoughby line. Thank you for your patience during construction.

Have a safe and healthy Labor Day holiday
Dennis

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City of Eastlake Council Reports



Michael Zuren
Ward 1 Councilman

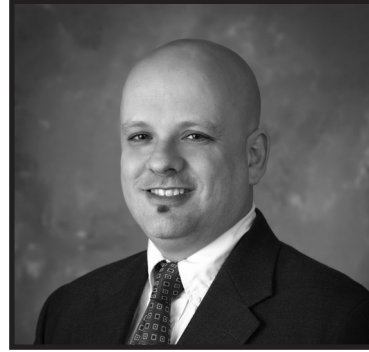
Pet Food Pantry Fundraiser:

On August 22, 2020, a fundraiser was held at Sports Fanatics in Willowick for the benefit of the Willowick Pet Food Pantry. The pantry was originated in 2016 by Elvira Bellegoni and has since helped thousands of families with their animals (food, medical, and education).

During the fundraiser, local elected officials served drinks and food (Dine-in or Carry-out). Sports Fanatics Restaurant donated 20% of all sales to the Willowick Pet Food Pantry. Cleveland Legend Dick Goddard was honored at the event and a memorial fund was set up in his name to provide education for pet parents who adopt new or senior dogs and cats.

The event was capped off with a 60's themed costume contest with winners receiving baskets full of dog and cat goodies. All directives from the Lake County Health Department concerning health and safety were followed

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John Meyers
Ward 2 Councilman

Hello Everyone,
Hopefully all of you are doing well in these difficult times.

The Election is about two months away and absentee voting starts in a month, so I would like to touch on a few things of importance to the City of Eastlake.

First of all we have a road renewal levy on the ballot. This is a Renewal and will not raise your taxes. Renewal of this levy is vital as it provides necessary funds which allow the city to repair our roads.

There are two charter changes on the ballot one of which changes the number of signatures needed in order to place your name on the ballot to run for office. In the past this was based on the number of votes cast in the last election, this change will allow for a set number of votes in order to run.

The other charter change would make our elections dates consistent with the rest of the county. We are one of only two cities in the county whose election dates do not align with the county schedule.

Please make sure to vote in November. If you are not registered to vote please register and vote. It is your right and an important one.

Construction on Stevens Blvd east of 91 should begin soon. Detours will be posted.

Bids have gone out and repairs will start soon on the outfalls at the end of Quentin and Plymouth roads. There is significant erosion under both outfalls and repairs are necessary. Hopefully construction will be completed by December.

As always, stay well in these trying times.

If you need to reach me please contact me at 440.341.0212, or at jmeyers@eastlakeohio.com

Thank You.



Todd Gulley
Councilman-At-Large

You are invited to the following events:

Thrifty Outdoor Flea Market:
Saturday, September 19th, from 9am-1pm, at Willow Praise Church, 32901 Vine St, Willowick. Vendors: \$10 for two parking spaces, each additional space is \$10 each.

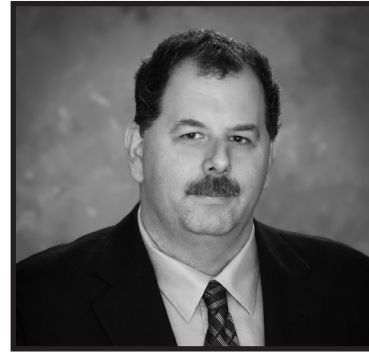
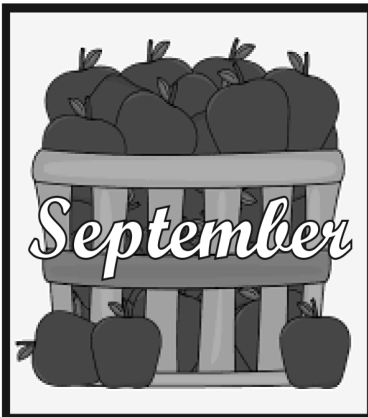
To register or for more information, please call Pastor Andy Moses at (440) 862-2600, or Joyce Bates at (440) 946-0797.

VFW Post 3863 Sunday Breakfasts: VFW Post 3863, 33641 Vine St, Eastlake (behind Sav-a-lot) hosts an all-you-can-eat breakfast for just \$5 the last Sunday of each month, from 9am-Noon. You do not need to be a member of the post to come in and enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our post staff, as well as our auxiliary and canteen staff. If you are interested in joining the VFW, please stop in or call (440) 942-3980.

If I can help in any way, please feel free to contact me at tgulley@eastlakeohio.com or my phone number, (440) 951-2200, ext. 3511.

Indians great Bob Feller once said, "Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is."

Regards,
Todd Gulley
Councilman-at-large



Dave Spotton
Ward 4 Councilman

Hello Ward 4,
You may have seen the Eastlake Fire Department out training in the 2 new fire trucks. These trucks were ordered last year and have just arrived to replace 2 that were nearly 30 years old and in need of replacement.

We also had to order a few need service vehicles, due to the social distancing, for the service department. These vehicles were funded with a Covid grant and not from the Cities general funds.

With summer coming to an end and the schools starting back, be aware of school buses and children who may be walking to/from school.

The Car cruise at City Hall is still going on with social distancing in place

Have a safe Labor Day holiday with friends and family.

Dave Spotton
Your Ward 4 Council Person
440-212-3575

during the fundraiser.

Free Grab & Go Lunches for Children:

A huge "Thank You" to all the individuals, businesses and non-profits that have volunteered their time and donated to the FREE Grab and Go Kids Lunch Program which started on March 30th in partnership with the Eastlake Women's Club.

In August, Kindness & Justice Eastlake Eagles held a Nature Day contest during the Free Lunch Program. Congratulations to the winners, which included: Callie, Krissy, Dom, Brittany, Joey, Audrey, Anthony, Clement, Raniyah, Christopher, Raylyne, and Renae. The prizes included \$25 Target gift cards, Audubon Bald Eagle toys with real bird calls, hugging Bald Eagle stuffed toys, and surprise gifts for each participant.

We celebrated everyone's birthday during the Birthday Bash (considering many birthday parties were cancelled), held a bubble mania day, partnered with the Salvation Army and handed out over 500 book bags to local students, and worked with other local organizations seeking a way to help the local community.

We are working with local businesses to continue the Free Kids Lunch Program throughout the school year and will announce details soon. Since starting the program on March

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection October 3, 2020

For Lake County residents only, **no businesses**
Lake County Fairgrounds, enter only from Mentor Ave. entrance
1301 Mentor Ave., Painesville Twp. 44077

Saturday, October 3, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Rain or shine

ACCEPTED ITEMS: FREE, no fees associated with this collection.

- ✓ **Automotive fluids:** motor oil, gasoline, coolants, antifreeze, grease.
- ✓ Oil based paints, varnish, shellacs, stains, aerosols, polyurethanes, primers, & grout.
- ✓ **Bulbs & Batteries:** all sizes (lead acid & household) & fluorescents.
- ✓ **Household cleaners & solvents:** thinners, kerosene, turpentine, lighter fluid, & paint strippers.
- ✓ **Liquids/solids:** pool, lawn & garden chemicals, pesticides, weed killers, spray insecticides, photography, "hobby" chemicals, mercury, empty propane tanks, roofing tars, drive sealers, and adhesives.

PROHIBITED ITEMS: Ammunition, explosives, medical waste including prescription medicines, smoke alarms or any other item not listed above.

NEW GUIDELINES: Leave product in original container, or label contents if known. Due to social distancing, all items must be in the trunk area of the vehicle; items located in the front/back seat will not be accepted. Bring materials **ONLY** during collection event, as trained technicians will unload your vehicle.

Sponsored by the Lake County Board of Commissioners, Lake County Solid Waste District, and the Lake County Department of Utilities.

For more information about the HHW Collection:
LakeCountyOhio.gov/Utilities – See Special Collections Information
Call the Solid Waste District at 440-350-2644 or Utilities at 440-350-2645

Mike ZUREN

for Lake County Treasurer



INVESTED IN LOCAL COMMUNITY

- 37 Year resident of Willoughby/Eastlake
- Current Eastlake City Councilman
- Wife, Amy, a W/E School Board Member
- VFW 3863 Member
- Graduated Willoughby South High School
- Children all attended/attending W/E School District
- Established Vine Street Corridor Business Meeting

QUALIFIED & EXPERIENCED TO BE TREASURER

- Graduated from Lake Erie College MBA, Painesville
- Ph.D. from School of Business & Tech. at Capella University
- Experienced with finance as VP American Midwest Mortgage

ORCHESTRATED COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Taste of Eastlake** 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- **Best Christmas Ever** 2017, 2018, 2019
- **Fundraisers**
 - Veterans
 - Amy's Adoptables
 - Eastlake Police K9
 - Eastlake Women's Club Hurricane Relief
 - Fight Against Addiction
 - Hosted Four Kids Grab and Go Lunch Fundraisers
 - Willowick Pet Food Pantry
 - Operation S.T.A.T.
 - 100 Youth That Care
- **Retro Outdoor Movie Night**
- **Job Fairs** 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- **Volunteer Fair & Kids Fair**
- **Christmas in July**
- **Trick or Treat Street** Vine Street in June
- **Nature Day** 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- **Meet the Presidents** Good Shepard Church



GOALS

- Implementing cost savings measures
- Updating Computer Software
- Creating a friendlier culture for residents and municipalities
- Looking for a better return on investments
- Coordinating with fellow Treasurers to develop best practices that will benefit all county & local governments

**ELECT MIKE
ZUREN
TREASURER**



Bankruptcy 101:

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You are in financial distress. You are going insane. You NEED some peace of mind. You are thinking about filing bankruptcy but the whole idea makes you uncomfortable and you don't know where to start. No worries. This is what you do and what happens when you file bankruptcy. First, you interview an attorney. This is probably the most important part of the whole process. The interview is called an initial consultation and you should not have to pay for it. Do not hire anyone who wants you to pay for the initial consultation. The initial consultation is the meeting in which you determine your comfort level with the attorney and vice versa. First and foremost, you need to be comfortable with your attorney. He or she will be the pilot of a big part of your life and you do not want a slacker or someone who thinks they are doing you a favor to listen to you.

You as a potential paying client are (or should be thought of) as a valuable commodity. You should be treated with the utmost respect and handled with sensitivity because you are going through a very tough period. It is natural for a potential bankruptcy client to be afraid, vulnerable and questioning their decision to file bankruptcy. A good lawyer is a good listener and sensitive to the needs and feelings of their clients. So, pay a great deal of attention to the attorney's and the office staff's attitude toward you.

A good attorney welcomes client questions. Question their experience and how many bankruptcies they do a year. If the attorney does not do at least one per month I would be concerned. Robert Delchin, our bankruptcy attorney is a partner and founding member of our firm. His entire practice is focused only on bankruptcy. He teaches other attorneys at bankruptcy seminars. He has over twelve years experience in exclusive bankruptcy practice and knows what the bankruptcy court judges like and do not like. He knows all the different bankruptcy trustees (the people who represent the creditor's interests) and how they want their cases prepared to ensure they are approved. Most importantly, Mr. Delchin is respected by the court and trustees because he has a reputation for being on time and prepared. He

has established Biales Delchin Law as a highly competent, seasoned professional bankruptcy firm. A reputation that directly benefits our clients.

Today it is a common practice for many bankruptcy firms to send inexperienced lower paid, younger attorneys to represent their clients at the meeting of creditors and in court. Oftentimes the clients that are put into this unfortunate situation meet their attorney for the first time a few minutes before they are questioned by the bankruptcy trustee. This will never happen at Biales Delchin Law. If you retain us for bankruptcy Mr. Delchin will be your attorney. In addition, you will have a dedicated bankruptcy paralegal who will be available throughout the week to answer your questions and provide assistance.

The practice of bankruptcy has become highly specialized. It's not really something an attorney can do once in awhile and maintain a competent skill level. Fees and costs should be quoted up front in an understandable fashion. You should understand exactly what is covered in the fee and what, if any, added charges might arise. You should meet with the attorney for the initial consultation. You should not meet with a paralegal or legal assistant for the initial consultation unless it is your preference due to a time crunch or some other legitimate reason. The attorney you meet with should be the attorney who will be representing you at the meeting of creditors and be responsible for your case throughout the duration of your representation. The information gathering process at the first meeting is profound and needs to be gathered by the professional so that any potential problem is identified early. Most importantly, you should follow your intuition. If you are not comfortable with the attorney, the office staff or the office environment you should not hire that firm.

In our office, when you come to the initial consultation bring a month of current pay stubs. If you do not have a month of pay stubs bring your most recent pay stub. If you are not employed or self-employed bring account statements or the records you keep of the income you are receiving. Have an idea who you owe money too. Bring any lawsuit, garnishment, repossession, utility shut off, license suspension or foreclosure court papers. If you

do not have anything- do not worry. Just bring yourself and we will help and guide you to get what is needed. We try to keep it simple and make the process as easy as possible.

We give the client a worksheet to take home and fill in his/her creditors and other relevant information. Then the client comes back, and we go over it with them to help them complete it. If the client decides to hire us, she/he puts a portion of the fee down and is put on an affordable payment plan. Once they put the initial payment down (as little as \$300.00 for our firm) we start taking all their creditor calls. We stop the creditors from calling them. The creditors are not allowed to call the client anymore once a bankruptcy attorney has been retained. We do not wait until we are paid in full to stop the creditor calls. The client needs peace of mind which cannot be obtained until all the creditors are backed off from calling. We focus on taking all the financially related stress out of the client's life so they can focus on getting back on their feet.

Once the case is paid in full, we will have a final meeting to go over the client's worksheets. We then enter it into our computer and create what is called a petition and schedules. The client is called in to review and sign it and then we file it electronically from our office. In about a week the attorney and the client will receive a notice of a meeting of creditors which usually is held approximately four to six weeks from the filing date. The meeting of creditors will be in Cleveland, Akron, Jefferson or Youngstown

depending upon where the client resides.

The client will have to attend the meeting of creditors with the attorney. It takes between ten and thirty minutes depending upon the issues in the case. The client will be asked questions by a person called a bankruptcy trustee. The questions are basically about what the client owns and how much money she/he makes. We meet with our clients early and thoroughly prepare them for this hearing so that everything goes smooth. It is rare for creditors to attend even though it is called a "meeting of creditors." Any problems or issues will be disclosed at the meeting of creditors. Clients usually are required to attend only one meeting of creditors.

After the meeting of creditors, for all practical purposes, the

process is over for the client. A creditor has sixty days from the meeting of creditors to object to the client's discharge. Unanticipated objections seldom occur, and if they do, we resolve them so the client can receive their discharge. The "discharge" is the court order that forgives all the client's debt. This is called "a fresh start." The client receives the discharge order which is a piece of paper in the mail. She/he needs to keep the discharge order in a safe known place because that is the paper they will send a creditor if that creditor claims the debt is still owed.

Then the client uses their fresh start to rebuild his or her life and credit rating and lives happily ever after (hopefully). That is what happens when you file a basic Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

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Your Checklist if You Need a COVID Test

You would be hard pressed to find anyone today who is not aware of the need for COVID-19 testing. However, questions quickly arise once a person decides they need to get a

COVID-19 test. *Where should I go to get the test? What will it cost? Will Medicare cover it? What if I need to be hospitalized?*

Here are some of the basics

about COVID 19 testing:

Where to begin?

Start by contacting your physician's office as soon as you have concerns. They will help you assess your situation and tell

you where to go to get tested. If you do not have a doctor, call your local hospital, the health department, or an urgent care center for guidance.

Is the test covered by Medicare?

Testing for COVID-19 is covered under Medicare Part B. Medicare will also cover serology tests that can determine whether an individual has been infected with COVID-19 and has developed antibodies to the virus. Medicare Advantage plans are required to cover all Medicare Part A and Part B services, including COVID-19 testing.

Will hospitalization be covered?

Medicare covers all medically necessary hospitalizations. This includes if you are diagnosed with COVID-19 and might otherwise have been discharged from the hospital after an inpatient stay, but instead you need to stay in the hospital under quarantine. You will still pay for any hospital deductibles, copays, or coinsurances that apply.

What if I get a surprise bill?

You can help avoid unwelcome surprise bills by taking a few minutes to contact Medicare,

your Medicare Advantage plan, or other health insurance company in advance of any tests or treatment. Ask about your coverage and note the names of the people you talked to about this. Follow this call up by contacting your healthcare provider to confirm their billing policy.

If you receive a bill that you did not expect, do not pay it right away. Contact your insurer and healthcare provider to see if you were billed in error. If this fails, file an appeal.

Will a vaccine be covered?

Currently, there is no vaccine for COVID-19. However, it will be covered by Medicare if one becomes available.

If you would like to learn more about your Life and Health insurance options including Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplements, Prescription Part D plans, please contact me at 440-255-5700 or email Lmutsko@mutskoinsurance.com.

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

Mentor Window has earned the home improvement industry's coveted Angie's List Super Service Award for the 8th year in a row. This award reflects exemplary years of service provided to customers throughout Northeast Ohio, along with honest, fair prices.

Steve Douglas the owner of Mentor Window was asked about how they continue having such success in the home improvement industry. "We have crews that have been with us for decades, and we are very particular about the installers we hire. We won't just hire anyone to catch up if we are backed up a bit, quality is at the top of our list when it comes to workmanship. When it comes to pricing, we are straight forward with people, they don't want to hear any buy 1 get 1 free nonsense. They want a fair, honest price up front without all the gimmicks you see out there in advertising. We

Hospice of the Western Reserve Virtual Volunteer Training Sept. 9th

Are you looking for a way to stay engaged in your community? Are you willing to engage with homebound patients and families by phone or by mail? Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer.

We are excited to announce virtual volunteer training for new volunteers. For more information, contact us at 216.255.9090 or fill out an online application hospicewr.org/volunteers.

Volunteers who complete virtual training will be able to provide in-person visits as soon as Ohio's Stay at Home order is lifted.

Virtual Volunteer Training starting September 9th at 9 am.

About Hospice of the Western Reserve

Hospice of the Western Reserve is a community-based, non-profit agency providing comfort and emotional support to patients and their families. The agency cares for people in a variety of settings including the home, hospital, long-term care facility, David Simpson Hospice House overlooking Lake Erie and Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake.

For more information, visit hospicewr.org or call 800.707.8922.

treat each and every one of our customers like family."

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

Angie's List Super Service Award 2018 winners have met strict eligibility requirements,

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.

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New Laketran Routes to Connect Tyler Blvd., Mentor Headlands, Mentor-on-the-Lake & Painesville

Laketran is launching its first new route service in over twenty years on Monday, September 14.

Laketran board of trustees approved a long awaited bus service to improve transit access along Lake County's largest employment corridor. City of Mentor's Tyler Boulevard is the major arterial connecting ten industrial boulevards lined with over 300 employers and 7,500 jobs, making it the 7th largest concentration of manufacturing companies in the state.

"Requests for fixed route transit service to Tyler Boulevard, Mentor-on-the Lake, and Mentor

Headlands have been going on for 20 years from both employers and residents," explained Laketran CEO Ben Capelle.

Laketran's new Route 8 will connect Tyler Boulevard to major destinations including Lakeland Community College, Great Lakes Mall, Mentor Park-n-Ride, Mentor High School, Mentor Civic Center area, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Mentor Headlands and Laketran Headquarters in Painesville Township, operating hourly on weekdays and every two-hours on Saturdays. Service will operate from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The agency held multiple public meetings to gather input from residents and businesses on the needs of the community to design the routes.

"During our public hearing process and focus groups with Mentor businesses, we learned we also needed to better connect the east end of the county to jobs along Tyler Boulevard. So in addition to Route 8 in Mentor, we have launched Route 9 so residents in eastern Lake County can better access jobs," continued Capelle. "These routes will fill a transit gap in the center of the county with improved connectivity throughout our entire system making it easier for customers to transfer in county or to Cleveland using one of our Park-n-Ride routes."

Route 9 will provide peak service connecting downtown Painesville and Tyler Boulevard with service to Diamond Centre. Service will operate weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Route 9 service will operate with a smaller Dial-a-Ride style bus equipped with amenities of a traditional fixed route bus

including bike racks, stop cords, a destination sign and fare box.

The new routes, made possible by the passage of Laketran's one quarter of one percent sales tax levy last November, will provide access for nearly 58,000 residents and to 33,000 jobs.

"One of the primary roles of transit is to increase economic activity, and one of the most impactful ways transit does that is by providing a reliable way to get people to work," said Laketran board president Brian Falkowski. "Lake County voters passed our sales tax levy based on a promise to improve access to job corridors with this route in mind. Even though the current pandemic has created uncertain times, we are committed to fulfilling that promise, especially when people may be looking for new job opportunities."

Mentor City Ward-4 Councilperson, John Krueger, has petitioned for service expansion in Mentor for a number of years, "We're excited to finally have service to our Headlands area and through our vital manufacturing corridor.

Laketran plays a significant role in our local economy by providing direct access to high-paying, skilled positions in our City. This new route will enhance connectivity throughout Mentor and surrounding communities."

Mentor-on-the-Lake residents that attended a public hearing for the service in March were eager for a more affordable transit option.

"Mentor-on-the-Lake residents, who have had to rely on Dial-a-Ride or just live without, now have a transit option that runs more frequent and is less expensive," shared Mentor-on-the-Lake Mayor Dave Eva. "We have a perfect mix of businesses and residents, plus a very pedestrian friendly community to have transit thrive here and we appreciate all the efforts Laketran has given to make this route a reality."

Laketran will also make a slight route change to Route 3 along Lakeshore Boulevard in Willoughby to travel along Tamarac Boulevard and Lost Nation Road to better serve the residential area.

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DIVORCE 101:

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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 a dissolution or an uncontested divorce the parties agree on everything. 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. Yes, you heard right our job is to make your life easier and less stressful

by making the process as simple and affordable as possible. From my point of view I'd rather have regular infusion of smaller fees coming in that can be turned around fast ensuring client satisfaction rather than some monstrosity where the people are spending thousands of dollars an hour fighting over silverware (which I simply would not do.) And, of course, the client's going to be angry at the attorney when he comes to his senses- and his anger is justified in a situation like that where a client is taken advantage of in an emotionally charged state. Not Cool! Happens every day. But dissolutions are so relatively inexpensive and simple that there is no way really to be taken advantage of. Lawyers concentrating in dissolution law are really more about providing a cost effective option to the average income Jane or Joe to be able to move on with their lives in this current

pandemic crap economy where most people are either out of work or out of money. And the client doesn't really have to worry about getting bamboozled by dissolution attorneys because attorneys who are that way don't practice dissolution because its more of a low buck, discount area. Contested divorce practice is where people can throw away money with no viable objective other than to hurt each other which is, also, a very sad commentary on the current state of the practice of domestic relations.

Bottom line. If both parties can be open and honest throughout the process a dissolution is the best way to go. Like in everything, 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 simplify and bring to a peaceful conclusion a situation that, otherwise, has the potential of turning into an ugly thing in times that are already about as ugly and uncertain as we have ever seen.

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Lakeland Community College wants to assure adults considering college—whether as a new start or a return to finish a degree—that resources are available to become a student this fall.

"Session" webinar is slated for each month and is intended to address concerns about going to college that are specific to adult learners. More than 30% of Lakeland's student population is comprised of adults ages 25 or older.

"When you haven't seen the inside of a classroom or taken a test in years, it can be a bit intimidating to think about going back to college," said Leslie Mohr, recruitment coordinator. "Lakeland has hundreds of adult students who take classes each

semester, so we'd like anyone thinking about going back to school to know that they wouldn't be alone."

The session will focus on commonly asked questions among adults returning to school such as:

- Why should I return to school?
 - How long will it take for me to earn a degree or certificate?
 - How can I afford college and can I get financial aid?
 - How can I start?
- Other topics discussed that are

important to adult learners include child care, online classes, credit for prior learning/experience and resources to balance work, home and study. Participants will also learn about bachelor's or master's degrees available through 4-year university partners at Lakeland's Holden University Center.

To register for the free info session, email recruitment@lakelandcc.edu or call 440.525.7900.

For more information visit lakelandcc.edu/web/about/adult-learner-departments.

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We get bathroom remodels that are expensive. However, we are doing 5-10 bathroom remodels in Eastlake every month. Here's why:

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While this might seem like a lot of money, there are ways to lower the cost of a bathroom remodel while still adding a ton of value to your home.

Let's look at several ideas you can use to add value to your home via bathroom remodeling in 2020.

Let's Talk Countertops:

The pros to upgrading are low maintenance and high impact. These come with high upfront cost, but make a huge impact on

the value of your home.

Safety Features for Seniors can make life in the bathroom a lot less stressful, the cons are they may be unattractive to younger buyers.

Reglazing a Tub is a low cost way to bring a tub and surroundings back to life. The con is it typically is a 2-5 year fix.

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Blackbrook Audubon Co-Sponsors Chagrin River Bird Quest

Two local chapters of the National Audubon Society challenge everyone who enjoys birds to safely explore the Chagrin River Valley and find as many bird species as they can in the 6th annual Chagrin River Bird Quest. Bird alone or in teams and record species in one 24-hour period from 4 p.m. Friday, September 11 to 4 p.m. Saturday,

September 12. Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and Blackbrook Audubon Society are co-sponsoring this birding event which includes parts of Lake, Geauga, Cuyahoga and Portage counties.

All Bird Quest activities and materials are free, but registration is required by September 10.

Drive-thru team check-in will

be 4:00-6:00 p.m. September 11 at the Deer Run Shelter of The West Woods, 9465 Kinsman Road in Russell Township. Each check-in packet will have a map, checklist, a list of scheduled walks and t-shirts. Every registered quester will get a Subway gift card, a new feature this year. Team members are asked to comply with physical distancing and ethical

birding practices. Teams must send in their checklists by 4:00 p.m. September 12 according to instructions given at check-in.

This year's Quest Celebration will be 7:00 p.m. September 12 via Zoom using a link provided to each email address given at registration. Audubon will award prizes for the most species overall, most warblers seen, most habitats visited and most creative team name.

For more information, visit <https://clevelandaudubon.org> and click the Chagrin River Bird Quest logo or email birdquest@clevelandaudubon.org.

Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, which covers territory

along the southern half of the Chagrin River watershed, began this contest in 2015 to bring attention to the Chagrin River Corridor IBA, or Important Bird Area. National Audubon declared this watershed an IBA to highlight the many species who use riparian and other habitats along the Chagrin to nest each year and rest during migration. Once again, Blackbrook Audubon Society, which covers the northern half of the Chagrin River IBA in Lake and Geauga counties, joins ASGC as a co-sponsor and hopes to encourage its members to share in the quest. Geauga Park District is also a sponsor.

Laketrans Pilots Next Day Dial-a-Ride Service

On August 3, Laketrans began a pilot program offering Next Day Dial-a-Ride reservations to customers who use the agency's door-to-door transportation service.

Dial-a-Ride is an assisted transportation service primarily used by seniors and people with disabilities who cannot access the agency's Local Route service. Laketrans provides the service throughout Lake County and to limited Cuyahoga County medical facilities.

Reservations for Dial-a-Ride that can be made by phone or online, are normally required 2-12 days prior to a trip, but with the new pilot program customers can call for a ride for the next day.

"Since passing our sales tax levy last fall, we have continued

to look for ways to improve Dial-a-Ride service for seniors and people with disabilities and this is a service improvement we've heard requested from customers for quite some time," said Laketrans CEO Ben Capelle.

"We realize that plans can change last minute and that sometimes it's difficult to plan your transportation needs two or more days in advance," continued Capelle. "We still encourage customers to continue booking trips 2-12 business days in advance, but if something comes up do not hesitate to call for a ride or schedule it on Request-a-Ride."

Next Day Dial-a-Ride reservations are available on a first come, first served basis during the three-month pilot program.

Laketrans continues to take many precautions to make Dial-a-Ride safe during the pandemic including sanitizing buses daily, requiring masks, and limiting number of passengers on board to properly social distance.

A fare collection suspension is in effect until September 30 due to Covid, but Laketrans has removed fare boxes from all Dial-a-Ride buses and requires fare payment at time of scheduling a reservation.

"There are many benefits of a prepaid service, but most important now is that it avoids the need to interact with a driver and the fare box," explained Capelle. "Offering a contactless fare collection process reduces the risk of spreading any germs on high touch surfaces onboard."

LCCOA Offers Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Coupons

The Lake County Council on Aging will once again be a distribution agent for the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) for 2020. The program has been extended through November 30, 2020.

The SFMNP is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) and the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) and provides limited income seniors with coupons that can be exchanged for eligible foods at area farmers' markets. The purpose of this program is to improve the nutritional health of seniors with limited income and to increase business for local farmers throughout Ohio. To be eligible for this program in Lake County, you must be a Lake County resident, age 60 or older with an income (from all sources) of less than \$23,107 for a household of one and \$31,284 for a household of two.

The SFMNP program will be administered on a first come, first served basis.

Phone Application Only- Due to Covid-19, applications will only be received over the phone between the hours of 10:00am to 3:00pm beginning August 11th. Applications will be reviewed and eligible seniors will receive ten \$5 coupons (\$50 value) by mail. The Lake County Council on Aging office is closed to visitors, so no walk-ins will be accepted.

Eligible seniors interested in applying for the program will need to call the Council on Aging at (440) 205-8111 and ask for ext. 233 or 238 to complete an application over the phone. Seniors who need assistance with shopping may list a proxy to shop on their behalf. It is important to note that someone may only serve as a proxy for TWO individuals. The name of the proxy and their Driver's License number must be recorded at the time of application.

For more information, please contact Jennifer McLaughlin, ADRC Manager at (440) 205-8111 ext. 240.

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30th over 15,500 lunches have been provided.

Restaurant Fundraiser for Kid's Lunch Program

A huge thank you to Revolution Pizza, Flavors on the Vine, Craggy Bogland's Pub, and Kecon Graphics which all held fundraisers in July and August benefiting the Free Kids Lunch Program. The donations received by the Free Kids Lunch Program were used for incidentals and special days, such as: hot dogs,

cupcakes, donuts, ice cream, etc.

Vine Street Corridor Meeting:

The time and date of the next Vine Street Corridor and Non-Profit Meetings will be announced shortly. The meetings are a collaboration of non-profit organizations, local businesses, and residents in our community that want to promote and help each other with events that make our community stronger.

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Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6:30 pm
Voting 101: Everything You Need to Know to Vote in Ohio

The 2020 general election is just around the corner. Presenter Erin Hoeffle will inform Lake County voters about necessary documents for voting, registration, vote-by-mail and more.

Thursday, Sept. 10, 7:30 pm
Toddler Storytime

Help your toddler develop literacy and social skills through age-appropriate stories, songs and other activities! Ages 2-3.

Monday, September 14, September 21, 28, 10 am

Elementary Storytime

Each storytime program is full of entertaining, age-appropriate stories and activities that encourage literacy development and help your child prepare to be a skilled reader. Siblings welcome! Ages 5-8.

Monday, September 14, September 21, September 28, at 6:30 pm

Sam's Science Spotlight

Join Miss Sam as she demonstrates a fun science experiment that you can do at

home! A new, pre-recorded video will be available every week.

Tuesday, September 15, September 22, September 29, 10 am

Baby Storytime

Each storytime program is full of entertaining, age-appropriate stories and activities that encourage literacy development and help your child prepare to be a skilled reader. Ages 0-23.

Wednesday, September 16, September 23, September 30, 10 am

Between the Lines: Author Derf Backderf

Join us for an evening with graphic novelist Derf Backderf, whose new book Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio commemorates the 50th anniversary of the May 4, 1970 shootings at Kent State University. Derf is also the author of the graphic novels My Friend Dahmer, which was recently made into a major motion picture and Trashed, which is inspired by the author's own experiences as a garbageman.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 pm

Preschool Storytime

Each storytime program is full of entertaining, age-appropriate stories and activities that encourage literacy development and help your child prepare to be a skilled reader. Ages 3-6.

Thursday, September 17,

September 24, at 10 am

Homeschool Thursday

September's Homeschool Thursday will have fun with karate with Avon Lake ATA! Learn the basics for what beginners would learn along with games. There will be some self-defense situations covered by the instructors with the children/parents or children/partners. Children ages 6-12 will enjoy a variety of fun educational virtual programs! Space is limited.

Thursday, September 17, 2 pm

Between the Lines: Author Christina Baker Kline

Join us as Christina Baker Kline visits to talk about her new novel The Exiles!

A #1 New York Times bestselling author of eight novels, including The Exiles, Orphan Train, and A Piece of the World, Christina is published in 40 countries. Her novels have received the New England Prize for Fiction, the Maine Literary Award, and a Barnes & Noble Discover Award, among other prizes, and have been chosen by hundreds of communities, universities and schools as "One Book, One Read" selections. Her essays, articles, and reviews have appeared in publications such as the New York Times and the NYT Book Review, The Boston Globe, The San Francisco Chronicle, LitHub, Psychology Today, and

Salon.

Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:30 pm
Family Storytime

Each storytime program is full of entertaining, age-appropriate stories and activities that encourage literacy development and help your child prepare to be a skilled reader. Ages 0-6.

Thursday, September 17, September 24, 6:30 pm

Khin's Craft Corner

Follow along with Miss Khin as she gets creative with materials you have around the house! A new pre-recorded video will be available every Friday.

Friday, September 18, September 25, 10 am

Weird But True

Did you miss it the first time? We're giving you another opportunity! Test your knowledge of weird facts at this game show style event that's fun for the whole family.

Saturday, September 19, 1 pm

Between the Lines: Murder at the Hills Book Club Discussion with Author D.M. Pulley

This recurring bi-monthly Murder at the Hills Book Club will feature a live "virtual" presentation by mystery author D. M. Pulley. Register here, and you will receive an email with instructions on how to access this special Zoom event! Ms. Pulley will discuss her current best seller No One's Home and read selections from her upcoming

title.

Thursday, September 24, 2 pm
Between the Lines: The Post Pandemic Liberal Arts College

Join professors Steve Volk of Oberlin College and Beth Benedix of Depauw University, as they discuss their manifesto for the reinvention of higher education! As the summer of 2020 heats up and the country navigates its way through an unrelenting pandemic and the much older burden of anti-Black racism, colleges are attempting to prepare for a fall without knowing who will come or how they will be taught, fed or housed. Examining the forces that have acted to hobble higher education and to sustain systemic racism, Volk and Benedix explore how small, liberal arts colleges have gradually ceded to others the power to create the kinds of schools that their mission statements claim they are. The authors call on liberal arts colleges to seize this moment of crisis to construct colleges that, finally, are affordable, equitable, just and transformative.

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