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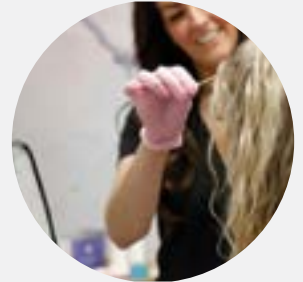
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On behalf of the Mentor City Council and our dedicated administrative staff, I am delighted to present the 2025 Mentor City Magazine. Inside, you'll find valuable information about city services and resources to serve as a reference throughout the year.

Mentor is a great place to live, work, and visit, thanks to the strong foundation laid by our predecessors as well as the thoughtful leadership of city councils past and present. We take our responsibilities seriously, and endeavor to constantly find ways to provide for a better Mentor today and in the future.

I hope the stories in this edition offer insight into the people and places that make our city a special place to call home. To our visitors, we wish you a pleasant stay!

To our residents, thank you for your support. It is a pleasure to serve you.

Best Regards,

Kenneth J. Filipiak | Mentor City Manager

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Built on a Solid Foundation

A lot of great things are happening in Mentor, thanks to careful planning and sound fiscal strategy. What's the recipe for Mentor's sustained success, and what can we expect in the near future?

Back in the 1950s, civic leaders recognized the importance of establishing a strong economic foundation while balancing the needs of residents and commerce. To provide services, you need a tax base. To build a tax base, you need business. To attract business, you need a workforce. To attract a workforce, you need amenities. And so, the cycle continues.

While some long for the "good old days," the truth is that communities can prosper by evolving with the times—or face decline. Mentor has redefined itself several times throughout its history. Once a sleepy little town, it's now known across the state as a retail and manufacturing hub. One spark for this transformation was a shopping center that sprouted from a strawberry field.

The Great Lakes Mall has served millions of northeast Ohio shoppers since opening with fanfare in 1961. Its presence spurred retail growth along Mentor Avenue and residential development for those seeking nearby amenities. Despite the strength of Mentor's retail sector, the future of the mall is uncertain. While it has remained vibrant for over 60 years by adapting to consumer demand, the reality is that as shopping habits change, so do the needs of the community. City leaders will continue working with businesses and property owners to address these needs.

Recently, there's been renewed talk about bringing manufacturing back to America. In Mentor, "Made in America" is nothing new. The city is home to over 300 manufacturers serving diverse markets, forming the backbone of our community. Each year, our industrial corridor produces over



New kayak and concession stand at Mentor Lagoons



Mentor's industrial corridor

\$2.5 billion in shipped goods around the world.

Mentor's legacy of manufacturing innovation began with the Hart Nut & Washer Company, established in 1868 on Station Street. Though short-lived, the company's space fueled innovation for the next 150 years, serving as a launchpad for dozens of businesses, including global health leader STERIS, founded here in the 1980s. Today, STERIS is valued at \$22 billion and employs over 18,000 people worldwide.

Mentor's continued success is rooted in careful planning for the future. This year, the city is engaging in the 2025 Comprehensive Land Use Update, which will chart its path

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What is now known as the Matchworks Building has been home to a number of Mentor-based startups including STERIS.

for the next 20 years. The participation of those who live, and work here is crucial to this plan's success. You can help shape Mentor's future by learning more at helpshapementor.com.

The goal is to ensure Mentor remains a great place to call home, offering residents a high quality of life through public safety, convenience, and amenities, including our extensive park system. Mentor boasts over 1,200 acres of protected green space, with 15 parks, including the recently acquired nursery property reimagined as Springbrook Gardens Park.

Springbrook Gardens was one of

many nurseries along Heisley Road during Mentor's "Rose Capital" heyday. In 2014, the longtime owners decided to move on and gave the city the chance to purchase the 52-acre property.

There's no point in buying it if you're not going to do anything with it. The city has spent the past decade transforming this flat, sandy parcel into what you see today with native plants on meandering moundings, a paved walking path, restored wetland area, expanded pond, playground, picnic areas, and the beautiful Springbrook Gardenhouse.

Protecting Mentor's unique natural splendor is key, as is providing sustainable public access. The Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve and Marina, acquired in the late 1990s, spans 450 acres and sits next to the Mentor Marsh. This land had been eyed by developers for over a century, nearly becoming a harbor, steel mill, boatel, racetrack, housing development, and finally a marina.

It seems like a scheme was always in place.

In the 1960s, salt tailings dumped in Black Brook, which feeds the adjacent Mentor Marsh, destroyed what was once a wetland forest. A generation of Mentorites grew up thinking the reed grass that overtook the marsh was native, when it was actually an invasive species.

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, along with the city of Mentor and other partners, has worked to clean up the marsh and restore native species. This ongoing effort has revitalized biodiversity at every level. Flora, fauna, and insects have returned at a rate unseen in over 60 years. The marsh, already a critical stopover for migrating species, is now even more vital.

The nature preserve features diverse geologic features—lakefront, marsh, upland forest, and more. Walking trails have drawn visitors for decades, and recent improvements include an ADA-accessible boardwalk, viewing

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platform, paddle sports facilities, and a concession stand. This past May, voters approved a new 92-foot observation tower, which will offer views of both the marsh and Lake Erie from its location along the marsh rim.

There's more: the city is actively engaged in finding ways to combat shoreline erosion at the preserve to protect this precious ecological asset. Leaders are working with partners on the state and federal level to find a solution to this long-term problem.

Black Brook Golf Course is another example of the city's commitment to protecting green space. The course was established over 100 years ago as the Mentor Headlands Country Club (see page 22). The city purchased Black Brook in 2005 and immediately went to work improving it. Today, the course plays as well (or better) than it did when

Bertie Way first designed it.

We value these public spaces today with the hope that future generations will be able to enjoy them, but we also entrust future leaders to make the right decision for Mentor a hundred years from now.

What's needed today may not be what's needed tomorrow.

A perfect example is DG Branch's tavern, built in 1815 at the northeast corner of Mentor Avenue (then Buffalo Road) and Center Street. The township's first framed building served as a post office before being demolished nearly 80 years later to make way for a library. That library moved to its current location at Nowlen and Center Streets in 1960 to accommodate a mill/corner store. The mill became a gas station, the gas station became a drug store, and the drug store became a medical building. That's a lot of change in a century.

Over just the past 60-years, Mentor has evolved from a farming community into a manufacturing and retail center. Who knows what tomorrow will bring? Our goal is to keep Mentor a great place to call home. Preserving Mentor's past is important but so is giving future generations the opportunity to redefine their needs and sustain our city's success—a core philosophy of city leaders since Mentor's incorporation in 1963.

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Celebrating Mentor's culinary diversity one plate at a time

Mentor's culinary scene is as vibrant and varied as the people who call it home. From family-run spots serving generations-old recipes to modern kitchens blending global flavors, the local dining landscape offers something to satisfy even the pickiest of eaters! Whether you're craving rich spices from across the globe, comforting classics, or inventive fusion dishes, you'll find no shortage of delicious options.

This is not a comprehensive guide to every great place to eat—we'd need a book for that. Instead, we are spotlighting five standout restaurants (plus short profiles of six more) that capture the spirit of our city's food culture. Each one offers not only exceptional meals but also a story worth sharing.

These are just a few of the many culinary gems waiting to be discovered. So grab your fork (or chopsticks), and let's explore some of the tastes that make our community unique.

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Jackpot Street Food

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Painesville natives Rick and Kristen Coleman have owned and operated restaurants in Lake County since 2015. In 2016, they launched the popular Jackpot Chicken food truck and recently, celebrated the one-year anniversary of Jackpot Street Food at

What started off as a ghost kitchen has evolved into multiple signature brand concepts served out of their Mentor location, including Jackpot Street Food, Jackpot Chicken, Munchies Mac, and the Quesadilla Company.

And their efforts have been met with great success.

“So far, the community’s support has been great. We got a lot of people from local businesses looking for something different than fast food for lunch,” says Rick.

Why did they choose Mentor?

“We wanted to stay in Lake County, and this is a hot area,” says Kristen, “it’s centrally located so DoorDash delivers to neighboring communities.”

They also chose their location due to its proximity to Mentor’s commercial corridor as well as their home. The couple lives in Mentor and are heavily involved with local youth organizations as well as school events and programs.

Jackpot’s journey started off with their signature wings, but the diversity of their menu offerings has helped fuel their growth.

“We’re known for our wings but our loaded mac & cheese, and quesadillas have been really taking off,” adds Kristen.

“If you’re not a wing person, that’s okay, you can grab a sandwich. If you want something a little healthier, we have salads and wraps as well,” says Rick.

When asked about their own favorite menu items, Rick says with a laugh, “The apple cinnamon barbecue or the pineapple habanero wings – it depends on how much I want to burn.”

Kristen’s personal favorites include



Rick & Kristen Coleman
Owners, Jackpot Street Food

the buffalo quesadillas, mac & cheese, or loaded fries.

The couple’s vision as well as their commitment is clear, as is their appreciation for the support they’ve received.

“There are a lot of food options in the area and people have a choice of where to spend their dollar and the fact that people choose to spend it with us, means a lot,” says Rick, “We can’t compete with price, but we can certainly compete when it comes to quantity and quality. When you purchase from us, you’ll usually have enough for another meal.”

Scooter’s Dawg House

9600 Blackbrook Road • 440-354-8480

Scooter’s World Famous Dawg House is the ultimate french fry lover’s dream. Known for its hilariously large portion sizes, Scooter’s has been a popular casual dining site for the past 25 years.

Emily Blauman, owner of Scooter’s, explains that her brother, Michael Blauman, purchased the restaurant ten years ago after owning several businesses in Geneva. She took over the business three years ago. When asked why the family chose to invest in a Mentor restaurant, Emily exclaimed that “Mentor is just booming! The citizens of Mentor are what make our restaurant great. We have such a great following of people who love and support Scooter’s.” Located near Headlands Beach, Scooter’s is a popular place for beachgoers to grab a quick bite to eat or some refreshing ice cream on a hot day.

On an average day, Scooter’s deep fries 500 hot dogs. Their menu includes classic American fast food op-

tions, like burgers, hot dogs, ice cream and more. Emily jokes that Scooter’s is not “fast food,” but rather “good food fast.” Scooter’s also provides healthier options like salads and wraps. They will be offering Dole whip this summer as a vegan option. There is a menu item to satisfy everyone’s palate.

“People love the quality of our food and our portions,” says Emily. “We have a ‘family fry’ that feeds 10–12 people.” Many diners are shocked to see what constitutes a “small fry,” which resembles a heaping mountain of hand-cut potato wedges. These massive portions are the reason so many people keep coming back. Not only are these portions economical because they can be shared by multiple people, but they are also humorous. Photos of Scooter’s fry portions have garnered quite a bit of attention on social media.

Emily explains that the heart of Scooter’s is their wonderful customer



Emily Blauman
Owner, Scooter’s Dawg House

service, with staff members “approaching every customer with a smile on their face and asking people how their day is.” Scooter’s is open on a seasonal basis, typically opening its doors in March and operating through most of September. You will definitely want to add a trip to Scooter’s World Famous-Dawg House to your summer to-do list!

Noosa Bistro

9500 Diamond Centre Drive • 440-953-1088

Some special occasions demand a more sophisticated atmosphere and this fine dining destination does not disappoint! Noosa Bistro, an elegant establishment with intense flavors and a diverse menu, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

Rob Stanovsek, the owner and founder of Noosa Bistro, is proud to be serving premium cuts of steak and high quality seafood to loyal customers who can't get enough even after three decades. To keep a fresh rotation of flavor profiles, Noosa Bistro's menu changes three times a year. Stanovsek explains that some popular menu items are permanent due to customer demand. "If we take the salmon off the menu, people complain," Stanovsek jokes.

There are several reasons that Noosa Bistro has remained a Mentor staple for so many years. "We've been around a long time and people know what they're going to get. We're very consistent," remarks Stanovsek. The quality of the

food and the integrity of the recipes remains the focus of everyone involved in the restaurant's operation. Restaurant-goers can always rely on their favorite dish tasting the same.

"I don't cut corners on the seafood and the meat that we buy. We use one of the best meat providers in the area. We always get fresh seafood, never frozen," says Stanovsek. This philosophy ensures that the food quality will never decrease. Noosa Bistro's specialty dishes, like rack of lamb, are complimented by a variety of soups, appetizers, and limited dishes that change daily.

"What distinguishes us now is that we are one of the few upscale dining places in the area, explains Stanovsek. If Mentor citizens are looking for a place to show off their new suit or gown, Noosa Bistro is the perfect place to complement any refined occasion. For those on a budget, happy hour specials are available throughout the week.

While he now lives in North Carolina



Shannon Russell Rivera
Chef, Noosa Bistro

with his wife, Stanovsek still looks forward to his visits to Noosa Bistro and feels confident that his business is in the most capable hands. "Every time I go there to sit and have a meal it's always wonderful," says Stanovsek. Noosa Bistro remains a classy and reliable piece of Mentor's dining culture.

Zappitelli's

9570 Mentor Avenue • 440-352-1185

Anthony Zappitelli's story begins with something simple yet profound—a love of food. A family man who loves his community, Zappitelli has been passionate about sharing his Italian cuisine with Mentor's residents for over four decades. The friendly faces at Zappitelli's are renowned for their delicious recipes and warm hospitality.

Why was Zappitelli's founded? "It's the love of food," explains Zappitelli. "I love food. I love to eat." For 42 years, Zappitelli's has been serving authentic Italian dishes to fellow food lovers who share this passion. "I knew Mentor was the place to be," says Zappitelli. He is excited to have his establishment reside in such a vibrant area that is home to so many adventurous eaters.

Zappitelli's serves homemade pizza, pasta, sandwiches, soup and more. "I make the best meatballs around," proclaims Zappitelli, whose meatball dishes have become infamous throughout

Mentor for their bold flavor. Zappitelli's sauce is a staple of the restaurant and gallons upon gallons are cooked fresh each day. This rich, flavorful sauce makes Zappitelli's stand out from the competition and is always in high demand.

"We buy the best ingredients we can. You've got to buy good stuff. We buy the best tomato products. I buy the best cheese I can find," explains Zappitelli. "That's the secret to my success. You start out with good stuff, you make good stuff." Zappitelli's high quality entrees speak for themselves. Diners can be rest assured that the chefs at Zappitelli's invest nothing but the best into each meal. They do not believe in sacrificing the integrity of a good meal by cutting corners to maximize profit. Everything is crafted with authenticity and heart.

"We're a family-oriented restaurant," says Zappitelli, who reflected on his



Anthony Zappitelli

mother coming into the restaurant to help every single day for 25 years. Many of his employees have become like family and have chosen to remain at the restaurant for more than a decade. Zappitelli's family has always been directly involved in his business and continues to be an inspiration in every recipe. Zappitelli hopes to share his delectable dishes with Mentor residents for years to come. You can taste his "love of food" in every bite!

Primoz Pizza

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Whether you are hungry for robust ribeye steak or prefer controversial pineapple chunks, you can find just about any pizza topping at Primoz Pizza! Primoz Pizza is the prime location for Mentor's adventurous eaters. With 40 different signature pizzas to try, there is a unique flavor combination to please everyone!

Primoz Pizza is a family-operated company with four locations. The Mentor location, owned by Charles Franklin and Andrew Loconti, distinguishes itself as one of the city's most unique pizza joints. Franklin decided to invest in the Primoz brand after it was founded by his childhood best friend. Franklin's cousin, Michele Powers, is the manager at the Mentor Primoz Pizza.

There are dozens of pizza restaurants in Mentor, so what makes Primoz Pizza stand out? "It's the variety of pizzas," says Powers. "Our vegan menu is the

most unique thing here." Of the 40 specialty pizzas offered, 16 of them are vegan, making Primoz Pizza a more inclusive dining establishment for people with dietary restrictions. Primoz Pizza's creative creations give extra flair to the menu, which rotates items every so often to keep things fresh. Powers knows the recipe for all 40 pizzas by heart. One of their most popular pizzas, the Lake Erie Monster, has over 10 toppings, including pineapple chunks and black olives. As strange as these topping combinations sound, they keep the restaurant occupied with countless orders from hungry customers.

"It's family owned and operated," explains Powers. "Some of the staff are family and some of the staff are random strangers who became family."

Cleanliness is prioritized at Primoz Pizza, which prides itself on keeping the kitchen as tidy, organized, and bacteria-free as possible. "You can literally



Michele Powers • Manager, Primoz Pizza

eat off our floor," Powers jokes. Speedy service and spectacular, handmade food keep customers coming back time and time again. Powers reflects on her time as manager at Primoz Pizza.

"I love the fast pace. I love being super busy. I love the rush," states Powers. There is rarely a slow moment at Primoz Pizza. Give your taste buds that rush by visiting Primoz Pizza today!



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Federales Burrito Grill

8787 Mentor Avenue
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Federales Burrito Grill offers a vibrant, fast-casual dining experience with customizable burritos, tacos, bowls, and quesadillas. Specialties include Mexico City street tacos, spicy burritos, and quesabirria.

The menu features fresh ingredients, diverse proteins, and house-made salsas. You can also enjoy margaritas, sodas, waters, and desserts.



Nonna T's Restaurant

7345 Center Street
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A cozy, family-run Italian eatery offering modern takes on classic dishes. Favorites include made-from-scratch tortellini in home-made cream sauce, pesto gnocchi, seafood pasta, and pizzas. Guests enjoy a warm ambiance and attentive service. Reservations are recommended due to the intimate dining space. Nonna T's food is complemented by fine wines and craft cocktails.



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Kuhar's Carryout has been serving authentic Euro-soul comfort food since 1975. This family-run spot offers hearty dishes like wiener schnitzel, Hungarian goulash and stuffed cabbage, all made fresh daily. Known for generous portions and friendly service, Kuhar's is a local favorite for takeout and catering. Try their homemade strudel just like the ones from their grandmothers' kitchens.



Austin's Grill

8748 Mentor Avenue
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Austin's Grill is a family-owned steakhouse renowned for its hard-wood-grilled meats and scratch-made dishes. Hand-cut steaks, smoked ribs, and fresh seafood are all prepared over a wood fire. The restaurant offers a cozy atmosphere with a welcoming bar and various seating options. Guests praise its flavorful cuisine and attentive service, making it a local favorite.



Blue Fin Asian Fusion Hibachi & Sushi Bar

8820 Mentor Avenue
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Members can enjoy a variety of year-round programs and activities.

Family and individual annual membership plans are available for both residents and nonresidents. Memberships can be paid in full or through a payment plan. Single-day admission is available for \$10 per person. Nonmembers can also participate in recreation programs at the MCRC.

Eligible seniors can enjoy the benefits of the rec center with a free membership through United Healthcare's Renew Active program. Interested parties are encouraged to contact their health insurance provider for details. SilverSneakers programs are still hosted exclusively at the Mentor Senior Center.

Hours of operation are Monday–Friday from 5:30 AM–10 PM, Saturday from 7 AM–9 PM, and Sunday from 8 AM–6 PM.

The Mentor Community Recreation Center is located at 6000 Heisley Road. For membership rates, terms, and additional information, please visit www.mentorrec.com, email RecCenter@cityofmentor.com, or call (440) 205-3608.

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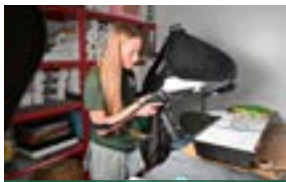




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A comprehensive plan ("comp plan") is a guidebook for the city, looking 20 years or more into the future of land use and how the city should evolve. The last comprehensive plan was adopted by city council in April 2011. The city of Mentor is excited to prepare an updated comp plan that will preserve what residents and businesses value, enhance what needs to be improved, and create opportunities that will address what the city is missing from a land use and zoning perspective.

The 2025 Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update will build on the Housing Study completed in 2024 and focus on an analysis of commercial and industrial zoned areas of the city where development or redevelopment opportunities exist. This review process will also factor in how current economic conditions will influence future development trends. This comprehensive review will result in the establishment of practical land use policy statements and goals and zoning code strategies that will guide development decisions for many years to come.

For the plan update to be successful, it must also be driven by the vision and values of the people that live and work here. There will be opportunities throughout this plan update for public engagement, from attending community open houses to completing an online survey. A steering committee has also been formed that is comprised of city leaders and community stakeholders who will offer guidance and participate in the plan review process.

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For specific questions on the project, please contact the Planning Department at (440) 974-5740 or planning@cityofmentor.com.

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Mentor Police: Keeping us safe

recruitment has been steadily increasing over the past few years. “We have a strong recruitment campaign effort to let people know we are hiring, to attract the best and most diverse candidates. This includes recruiting at local colleges and police academies” says Gunsch. Mentor police officers attend training throughout the year to keep them current on all emergency situations. Some of these programs include advanced drug recognition, drivers’ training, active shooter training, first aid kit and CPR, and more.

MPD’s equipment and resources are constantly evolving to meet the needs of ever-changing safety concerns. Last year, all police body cameras were replaced with the newest technology available. Recently, a new armored vehicle was ordered for the SWAT team. The department’s newest officer is a German shepherd named Ares, who began his service in April. K9 Ares was bred in Poland and recently made the long trek to Mentor to start his new career.

The MPD also engages with Mentor citizens on a regular basis through community outreach programs like Junior Police Academy, which guides seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-graders through various educational training classes. Citizen Police Academy is a program for adults who want to learn more about how law enforcement operates. Social media and open house events give locals a view into

the departments that exist to preserve their safety.

Gunsch offers some advice to Mentor citizens who aspire to keep our community safe. “See something. Say something,” Gunsch exclaims. “We’re here to serve the community and work together to identify problems and address the issues. When something unusual or suspicious is happening call us so we can respond. At times, people hesitate to call law enforcement when they witness suspicious activity for a variety of reasons. However, making a simple phone call could potentially save lives, interrupt a crime in progress, or prevent a crime from occurring. We all have a role in keeping the community safe.

~Article: Sophia Filipiak / Photos: city of Mentor

The city of Mentor is praised for its low crime rates and overall public safety. Mentor residents have a great appreciation for what it takes to keep their community safe and family friendly. This would not be possible without incredible efforts from the Mentor Police Department (MPD), led by Chief Ken Gunsch, who has worked for MPD for 32 years.

The Mentor Police Department is one of the most effective law enforcement organizations in Lake County. “We strive to be leaders in the law enforcement community. We are supported well by city administration, providing us with the equipment we need to perform our job. But our officers are the best resource we have to accomplish our mission” explains Gunsch. His team of officers are reliable, well-trained and always give 100% in every situation. Police



Above: Mentor patrolman Dan Radigan at the annual safety forces open house.
Upper left: Officer Terry Wurgler with the department’s newest officer, Ares.



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To The Rescue

Mentor firefighters are always up to the challenge

In the case of a medical emergency or natural disaster, having the necessary resources and a competent team is essential in achieving a positive outcome. The Mentor Fire Department is always evolving to meet the ever-changing needs of the community in a dedicated effort to provide the best emergency services.

Fire Chief Ron Zak has been in the fire service for over 30 years. In those decades, Zak's experience has earned him the leadership skills necessary to run a successful public safety operation. He prioritizes continuous training initiatives to ensure that Mentor's first responders are working to their full potential. "It's a great opportunity to dabble in different things and be more proficient in our work," says Zak. Some training programs include hazardous materials, dive team protocols, technical rescue, and more.

The Mentor Fire Department also offers public education and community outreach. CPR classes are offered to both individuals and businesses in corporate settings. Fire extinguisher training utilizing a fire trailer can prepare people to face emergency situations with confidence and possibly prevent a tragedy. Mentor Safety Village is an educational program designed to teach third-graders about personal safety. "I feel we are pretty well rounded with all the opportunities we provide," says Zak.

All the equipment utilized by



State-of-the-art equipment is a key to keeping Mentor residents safe.

Mentor Fire Department is extremely modern. The city purchases a new frontline fire engine every other year. "Being that our oldest is only 11 years old, we are in a good position," Zak explains. Mentor's oldest ambulance is only five years old. Given that 95% of fire department calls are for EMS, the Mentor Fire Department invests heavily into these vehicles with hopes that they will last six to seven years. "We are fortunate with the number of resources we have," says Zak.

Mentor operates five fire stations to cover the city. Land has been purchased, and architectural design is underway for a new Fire Station 3 to be located at the intersection of SR-84 and Plaza Boulevard. "The big focus on this station will be training,"

explains Zak, whose hope is to have four or five bays in the garage along with six individual bedrooms for first responders to rest while on duty. A training tower with a stairwell and a balcony, as well as different props for search and rescue, will play an important role in the structure and purpose of the building.

The Mentor Fire Department continues to grow in efficiency with each passing year. "The main focus on the job is taking care of the community and any needs they may have," declares Zak. No matter the challenge, Mentor's dedicated first responders are always ready to surge toward danger and uncertainty to keep their community safe.

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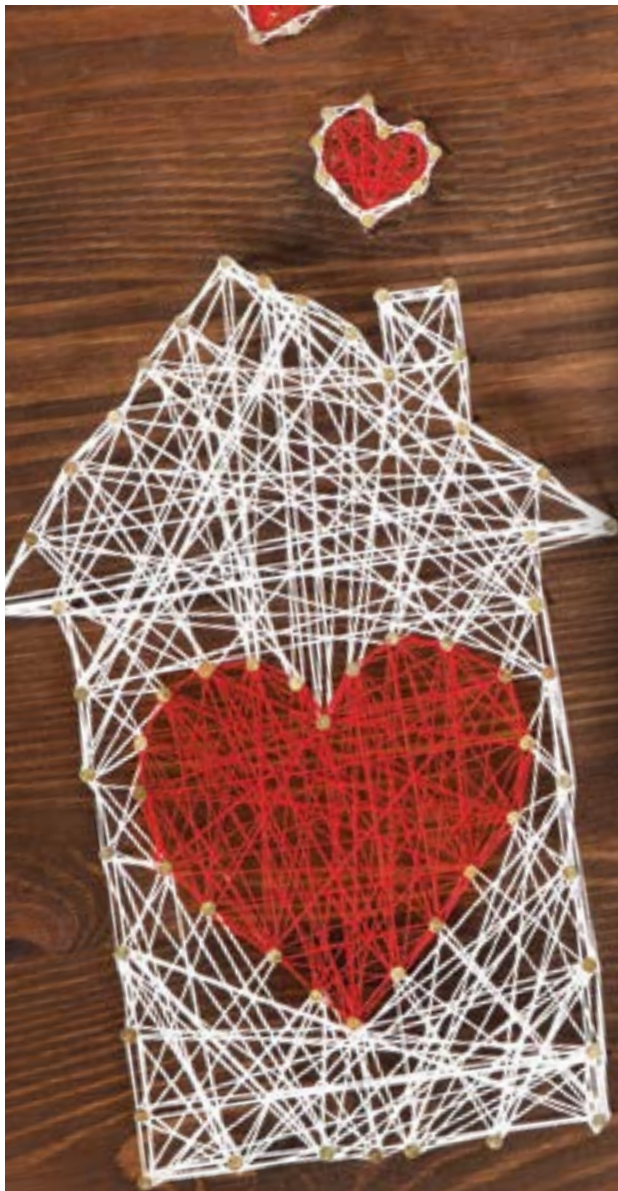
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Black Brook Golf Course

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In 1920, the Williams Murphy Company of Cleveland, Ohio began marketing their brand-new development, Mentor Headlands Park, for those seeking summer homes. The 50' x 150' home sites could be had for as little as \$400. A few years later, they expanded their plans by envisioning a year-round development which included beach access as well as country club membership offering bathing, tennis, golf, and more.

The Mentor Headlands Country Club opened as a private nine-hole course in September 1924 and hosted its first championship a month later, which was won by Donald McBride, a well-known Mayfield player, who scored an 80 after circling the course twice.

Course designer Bertie Way was not thrilled with the conditions at the time. He felt that it was rushed as the course was seeded just that June, and several holes in use were considered, in his words, “temporary affairs.”

Originally intended as an 18-hole course, the developers assured him that the next nine would be ready by

1925. Way wasn't so confident and he knew what he was talking about. For those unfamiliar with him, he was a renowned course designer in his day whose body of work also included the south course at Firestone Country Club, the Mayfield Country Club, and the Country Club of Detroit. He even designed the old Euclid Golf Club and taught the game to owner John D. Rockefeller.

Way's vision finally came to life in 1928 when the new nine were finally added and the course was reconfigured to his liking. It was described by leading players and newspapermen as “scenic and wooded” and “said to be one of the finest in the [Cleveland] district.”

One member was the most popular athlete the city of Cleveland had known at the time: baseball great Napoleon “Larry” Lajoie.

“Lajoie hits a golf ball just like he does a baseball,” said club head professional Ralph Weidenkopf, “and how that ball does travel! His drives are tremendous, and though his short game isn't anything extra, he scores

mightily well. We've never had much success getting him into tournaments, but I'm pretty sure he'll play on our team.”

They finally got him into tournaments, and he won the club championship in 1928. It would be the first of many tournament wins. But they couldn't get him on the club team. Although he was listed on the roster for the Cleveland District Golf Association championship in 1929, he did not participate.

The Great Depression hit in October 1929 and the country club went into bankruptcy that winter. It was purchased by E.N. Mathews of Mentor and reopened the next spring as the Black Brook Golf Club which operated until 1938.

In 1951, the course was purchased by Floyd Hopkins and reopened as the semi-private Black Brook Golf Course. Hopkins gave local golf pro Bob Shave, Jr., 49% ownership in the venture to come on board. They, and their heirs, would go on to run the course for the next five decades.

In the 1960s, a new clubhouse was

Black Brook Golf Course cont'd

constructed, and the course was rerouted. The original first hole is where hole 6 is today and other minor changes were made as well.

In the 1990s, the partners were thinking of moving on. The city had long had an interest in purchasing the course and had made a number of overtures, but the ball really started rolling in November 2004.

A phone call was made, an offer was submitted, a counteroffer followed, and a deal was quickly struck for \$6.25 million with two stipulations: 1) the city would agree to operate the golf course for at least five years, and 2) the full-time staff would be retained for at least one year.

Upon hearing the news, a local developer offered an extra \$1 million the next day. The group declined, citing the verbal agreement with city leaders.

Legislation was passed and the city took possession of the course in February 2005.

City Parks and Public Works crews got to work immediately on drainage, tree work, path improvements, and more throughout the course.

Current course manager and PGA pro Tim Ausperk has been with Black Brook since 1990, and he says the support provided by the city to make improvements has been tremendous. Playability and aesthetics have been improved, and the course looks as good as it's ever been.

A state-of-the-art practice center was added in 2012 with



An advertisement published in the Plain Dealer in 1930.

all grass tees, bunkers, and other features, that attract golfers from across the region who are looking to improve their game. That addition led to growth in classes and lessons – especially among kids.

And the improvements will continue. In 2025, the parking lot will be expanded and beautified with islands, decorative lighting, and the relocation of utilities underground. Plans for a new clubhouse are also under consideration as well.

Black Brook has welcomed golfers for over 100 years and the city of Mentor is committed to sustaining the course's reputation as one of the finest around for the next century, as well.

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Mentor offers rentals for your next event

While the city of Mentor serves its residents in traditional ways by providing law enforcement and administrative services, many do not realize that the city also offers beautiful rental spaces to host your special events.

While many private rental venues exist within the city limits, citizens should be aware of other available options operated by the city of Mentor that are available for short-term event rentals.

Mentor's director of parks and recreation, Kenn Kaminski, explains why these rental spaces are a great value. "We offer some of the most competitive rental rates in the area, and residents can save even more — just show your ID and utility bill to unlock local pricing," says Kaminski.

The city offers six indoor venues, which can accommodate from 15 to 300 people. They also offer seven outdoor picnic pavilions for rent. "Our wide range of indoor and outdoor venues, from intimate spaces to large banquet-ready halls, gives renters the



Springbrook Gardenhouse

flexibility to host events exactly how they envision them," says Kaminski.

One of Mentor's most popular rental facilities, Wildwood Cultural Center, is a 1908 mansion located in the heart of a 34-acre forested estate. This charming, historic site is the perfect venue for weddings, bridal showers, or any special occasion that requires a sophisticated setting. The tranquil atmosphere of Wildwood, compounded with its rich, historic roots, makes for a unique and unforgettable experience. It can be booked year-round, has an accessible patio, and features a large kitchen to simplify food service.

Built in 2023, Springbrook Gardenhouse is Mentor's newest event venue. Rustic timber trusses and a dramatic central fireplace give a rustic-chic vibe that is an elegant reflection of the surrounding park. "The crown jewel of our facilities, Springbrook Gardenhouse, offers a stunning natural setting that's ideal for elegant events and serene celebrations," says Kaminski.

These properties are designed with guest convenience in mind. Banquet tables, chairs, and parking are all available and are included in the rental cost. Kaminski explains that Mentor's rental spaces are beautifully maintained and full of character. "From picnics at Edward R. Walsh Park, to formal functions at Wildwood Cultural Center, our facilities combine affordability, quality, and unmatched variety."

For more information on renting from the city of Mentor and to view a list of available properties, visit www.cityofmentor.com.

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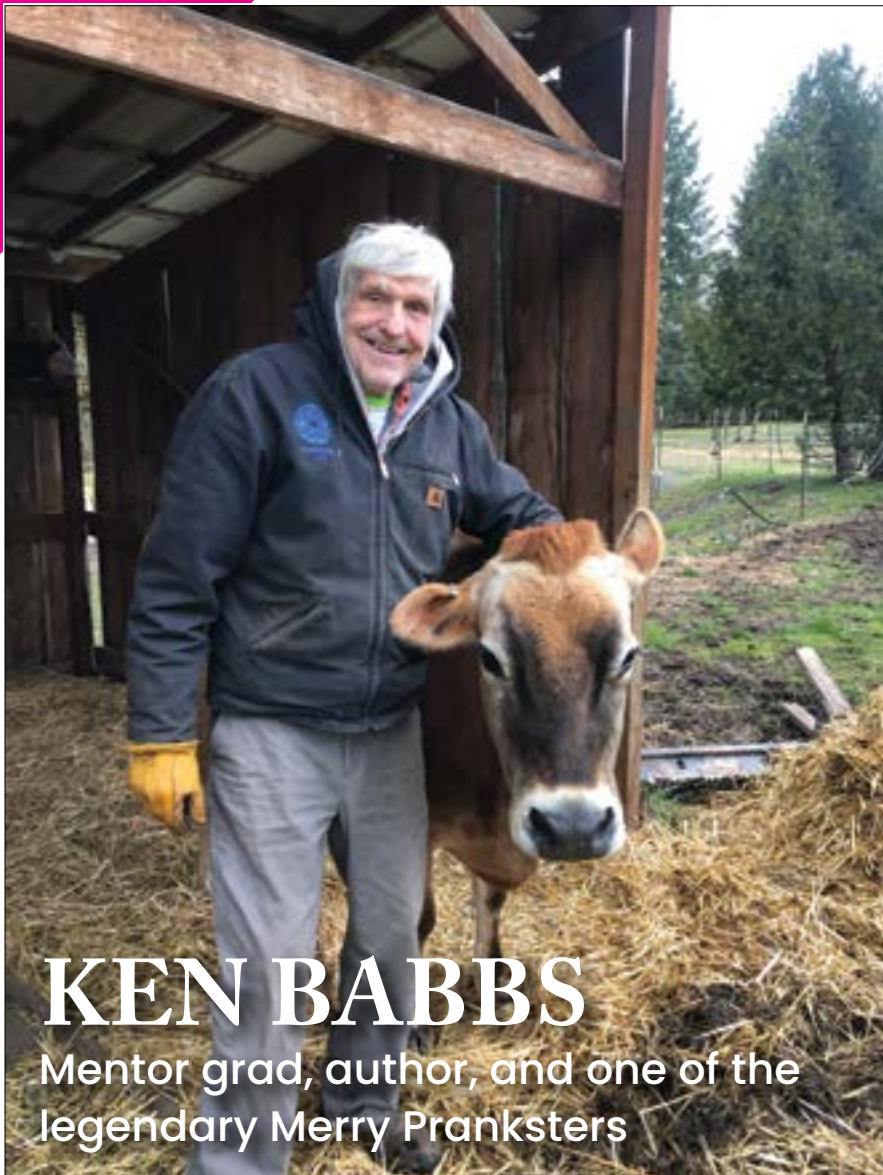
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KEN BABBS

Mentor grad, author, and one of the legendary Merry Pranksters

Those of a certain age may recall the tale of the Merry Pranksters, a group of “hippies” from a commune near San Francisco who went on a psychedelic cross-country adventure in an old school bus dubbed, “Furthur.”

Ken Babbs was one of those who went along for the notorious ride and lived to talk about it. It was indeed a long way from growing up in the small township of Mentor, Ohio.

“I went to Mentor schools from the first grade all the way till I left for college,” says Babbs, a 1953 graduate of Mentor High School. “We lived across from the cemetery at Hopkins and Jackson streets. That area was pretty much country then. Very rural.”

Soon, a group of 14 friends including Babbs, painted an old school bus and took off on what would become an infamous “trip” in more ways than one.

Babbs, now 89, recalls how he ultimately ventured so far from his roots. “After graduation, I went to Miami University [Ohio] on a basketball scholarship,” he says, “I wanted to get into their writing programs because I got the bug while still in high school. I

credit my English teachers in Mentor for that!”

After graduating from Miami in 1958, Babbs was accepted into graduate school at Stanford University, where he enrolled in the creative writing program. “I can still recall driving out west, headed for San Francisco, and ended up parked at a friend’s house for two weeks,” he says with a laugh. “It was a freewheeling time.”

It was at Stanford that he met the man who changed his life and became his lifelong best friend.

That man was Ken Kesey.

“He and I hit it off right away,” Babbs recalls. “We hung around and partied a lot, but we also talked a lot about the writing process.” Both would become published authors. Kesey’s most famous book, “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” became a popular movie with actor Jack Nicholson and won five Academy Awards in 1975, including Best Picture.

From 1958–1963, Babbs, in fear of getting drafted, went ahead and joined the Marines, and served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. The former Mentor resident finished his first novel in Vietnam in 1963, sending Kesey chapters to critique.

Then came 1964, the time of a seismic shift in popular culture when many baby boomers lived on a steady diet of rock music, free love (a social term used during the 1960s) and drugs like marijuana and LSD, became prevalent in the hippie circles.

“Kesey was living with his wife at Perry Lane, which was next to Stanford’s golf course,” Babbs recalls. That residence played a significant role in Kesey’s life, where he engaged in the LSD-laced punch bowl parties that became legendary. Soon, a group of 14 friends including Babbs and Kesey, painted an old school bus in psychedelic colors and took off from California bound for the New York World’s Fair, all while high on hallucinogens.

The 41-day trip was filmed by the Merry Pranksters themselves. “We had a 16-millimeter camera through the whole trip, and suddenly we were movie makers!” Babbs says with a

laugh. It was then chronicled in print by author, Thomas Wolfe, who famously documented their journey and use of psychedelic drugs in his book, "The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test," in 1968, which also became a movie.

Once the trip was in the history books, most of the Pranksters drifted apart and Babbs married and settled in Oregon, where he still lives today with his wife, Eileen, a retired high school English teacher. They enjoy a simple life on a six-acre farm in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. He has written several books including "Who Shot the Water Buffalo," a novel inspired by his experiences in Vietnam, and "Cronies: Adventures with Ken Kesey, Neal Cassady, the Merry Pranksters and the Grateful Dead," a memoir about his escapades and enduring friendship with Kesey.

Despite all the adventures he has lived through, Babbs has never forgotten where he came from. Although he never moved back to Mentor, he did return when his mother passed away



in 1991 and took some time to gaze around and reflect on his childhood here. "Oh my gosh, the memories," Babb says. "We had a great time growing up in what was then Mentor Township. A lot of space to roam then and the good schools paved my way to becoming a writer because of the great teachers we had."

~Article by Deanna Adams
~Photos courtesy of Ken Babbs

Pictured (above): The original bus the Merry Pranksters drove from La Honda, California to New York. It was abandoned on Ken Kesey's farm in Oregon where it sat for decades, rusting and deteriorating.

In 2005, there was an effort to restore the original bus, but it was determined to be too far gone.

(Opposite page): Ken Babbs on his six-acre farm in Oregon.

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	5:30–6:30 PM	Junior MMA
	6:30–7:30 PM	USA Boxing
T Tuesday	7:45–8:45 PM	Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
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	6:00–7:00 PM	Muay Thai
	7:15–8:15 PM	Mixed Martial Arts
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	6:00–7:00 PM	Muay Thai
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	5:30–6:30 PM	Wrestling
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	9:30 AM–2:30 PM	Open Gym
	10:00–11:00 AM	Junior MMA
	10:00–11:00 AM	Elder Fit
	11 AM–NOON	Muay Thai
	NOON–1:00 PM	USA Boxing
	NOON–1:00 PM	Wrestling
	1:00–2:00 PM	Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu



DANITA HARRIS

News anchor/philanthropist puts down roots in Mentor

Longtime TV news anchor, Danita Harris, has been a fixture in our living rooms for decades and is well known as a staunch Clevelandlander.

But did you know that she's been a Mentorite since 2007?

"I got married in 2006 and had not been to Lake County much before that," Harris recalls, "but then my husband found a house in Mentor and after living here, I just fell in love with the area."

When she and husband, Brad Pratt, decided to divorce, Harris chose to stay in Mentor. "I love it here; the people are so nice and friendly and there's always so much to do!" Her son, Chase, now 15, attends Lake Catholic High School. "He loves sports and loves to run," she says, "so he's into cross country but also loves to go to the football games."

It's been a long road to get to where she is today. Harris is originally from Chester, PA and attended the University of Maryland in College Park, where

"I enjoy all the personal greetings I get from this community and when they tell me that I make them smile and laugh, that's what it's all about."

she majored in broadcast journalism. Clevelanders first got to know her in 1998 on The Morning Exchange program, which aired on WEWS Channel 5 from 1972 until 1999. "It was my first experience in live television, and it was great working with Fred Griffith, who was kind and generous, a real pleasure to work with. He was exactly what you saw on the show."

After that show's cancellation in the fall of '99, Harris decided to make a big change herself. She moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked as a reporter and weekend evening anchor at WJLA-TV but the following year

she returned to Cleveland.

"My parents have lived in Cleveland longer than I have, 35 years," she says. "And I remember visiting them a few times and telling my mom that I would never live in northeast Ohio because of the winters," she says, laughing. "But then I came here and found the area wonderful. It's the people here who make it so special. They are down to earth with a great sense of family and community. I've grown to love northeast Ohio."

And northeast Ohio has loved her right back. Her bright personality has been a mainstay since she returned to NewsChannel 5 in 1999 as news anchor, in which she received an Emmy when Good Morning Cleveland won Best Morning Newscast in 2004. Harris was also a popular host for Academic Challenge during the 2006 season, the first woman and first African-American to do so.

After anchoring the morning show for six years, Harris became the evening anchor position, which she held

until March of 2020, when she opted to return to Good Morning Cleveland and News5 at noon for one very good reason. “Working from 3:30–11 PM, gave me little time to spend with my son,” she says. “Those hours take a toll on parenting so when the morning anchor left, it opened the door for me, so the timing was perfect! Motherhood is number one to me.”

As many now know, last year she left the station she worked at for 24 years for an opportunity to be the morning news anchor on GO! at WKYC, the morning show that airs from 4:30–7 AM. However, she is quick to point out that her years at Channel 5 were a blessing. “It’s a great station and really helped me grow up professionally.” She remains close to her former colleagues, especially Rob Powers and Meteorologist Mark Johnson, who she has said “has been like my brother.”

But it’s perhaps her philanthropic work that she’s becoming best known for. “I’ve always had a desire to give back, but it took a while because I had

to first work on myself and my own self-esteem,” she says candidly. She said her low point was in 1997 when she got laid off from her job and found herself unemployed. “I got very depressed, so I know what that feels like.”

The memory of that dark time was the impetus that drove her to use her well-known TV personality to help others. And so, in 2016, Danita started her nonprofit 501c3 organization, S.H.I.N.E., to provide women with practical life skills and spiritual knowledge to improve their lives. “It’s about empowerment, what’s in your mind, heart and soul, and fostering your relationship with God.”

She adds that her initial goal was to target women who were going through a tough time. “But then my son asked, what about the boys? And he was right. So I approached [former Cleveland Browns player] Josh Cribbs to help out and he is just great with the kids.” Harris launched S.H.I.N.E. Men of Integrity in 2023, with Cribbs as director. She says she has many mentors

in her life but probably the greatest one has been her mother. “She’s taught me so many things, but she leads by example. Working hard, setting goals and seeing the fruits of your labor. I get as much back from the women as I give to them.”

With everything this Emmy-Award winning journalist does on a daily basis she still makes sure to enjoy the city where she lives. When asked what she loves best about Mentor, she couldn’t pinpoint just one thing. “Well, first, I love all the wonderful choices in restaurants, and of course, Headlands Beach is great to have nearby.

She also loves going to Atlas Cinemas to see a movie and is often seen at Walgreen’s. “I enjoy all the personal greetings I get from this community and when they tell me that I make them smile and laugh, that’s what it’s all about.”

“All of Mentor has a really good vibe and I’m proud to call it my true home.”

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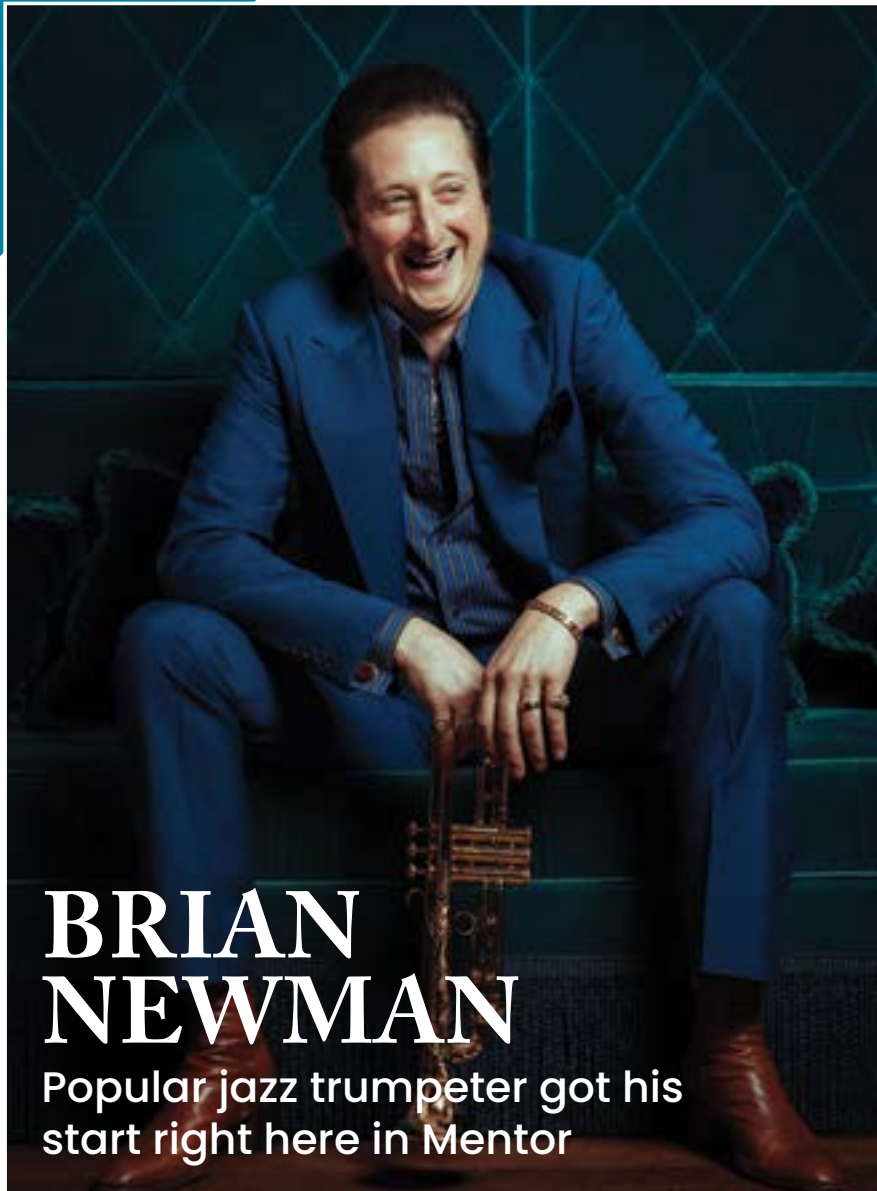
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BRIAN NEWMAN

Popular jazz trumpeter got his start right here in Mentor

Jazzman Brian Newman wasn't immediately a virtuoso the first time he touched a trumpet, but he worked hard and appreciated opportunities.

His first opportunity came while he was a student at Memorial Middle School in Mentor.

"I was getting in trouble in band for improvising," Newman said. "I didn't know what it was back then, but I was taking solos over written sheet music."

A quick jazz primer for the unhip: jazz—unlike, say, middle school orchestra compositions—features improvised solos. In the right context, a good solo will earn you a standing ovation. In the wrong setting, it'll get you detention.

Lady Gaga had a driver waiting for him at the airport and Newman made the soundcheck. Thus began 14 years of friendship.

Instead of getting upset about Newman's improv, his band leader Tim Yowell recognized a simmering talent.

"He said, 'You know, Brian, you should really do my jazz course over the summer.'"

That summer ignited a lifelong flame. Jazz became Newman's goal. In his room, he would practice playing along with luminaries like Chet Baker

and Miles Davis.

Now history is filled with artists — including the aforementioned Miles Davis — who had to disobey their parents to pursue their art. It wasn't that way with Newman's folks.

Kim and Tony Newman took him to gigs before he had a driver's license — starting at places like Arabica and Molinari's before extending his reach to legendary nightclubs like the Odeon.

"My parents really let me follow my dream and gave me the tools necessary," he said.

Speaking of tools, Brian remembered lusting after a beautiful Vincent Bach trumpet for sale at the Sam Ash music store on Mayfield Road. The catch, of course, was that the horn cost more than \$2,000.

Two thousand dollars is a lot of money now. It was an astonishing figure back in the 1990s. But one night, his parents listened to him perform at a show. He doesn't recall the song, but he remembers how it made his mother feel.

"We've got to get him that trumpet," she said to her husband.

Newman's parents supported him, even if they were unsure about him leaving the University of Cincinnati to pursue his career in New York City.

And — in his parents' defense — it's a difficult thing to watch a beloved child take the road less traveled. And it wasn't as if Newman left the familiar arms of academia for a sure thing.

No, Newman migrated to a percolating jazz scene, but he needed to start on the bottom rung. Thus began years of waiting tables, bartending, and playing wherever and whenever he could.

"I took a lot of gigs on Craig's List. I took any gig really," Newman said of that era.

But he climbed by working hard and appreciating opportunities.

For example: It's May 9, 2011, and Newman is visiting his parents in Kirtland Hills. He receives a call from Lady Gaga, asking if he can play his trumpet with her that night at the Robin Hood Foundation Gala at the Javits Convention Center in Manhattan.

The call comes in at 9 AM. Sound check is at 2 PM. He is 450 miles away.

Newman said, “Yes.” And the answer changed his life.

Before we explain how, we should acknowledge that Lady Gaga is a seismic name to drop. But Newman knew her both before the fame and “THE fame.” He knew her when she was a go-go dancer with DJ Starlight at St. Jerome’s — a dive bar on the Lower East Side so divey that it could give you the bends when you reemerged.

And Gaga remembered that friendship when she became a household name — sitting in with Newman’s band at the Oak Room and offering him gigs like when she sang “Bad Romance” and “Someone to Watch Over Me” in the pouring rain on The Today Show.

And that fateful night at the Robin Hood Foundation Gala.

Gaga had a driver waiting for him at the airport, and Newman made the soundcheck. That night, Gaga performed “Orange-Colored Sky” — a jazz standard made famous by Nat



King Cole. Afterward, Tony Bennett came backstage and told Gaga, “We should make a record together.”

Thus began 12 years of friendship, collaboration, and music. Newman was there at the genesis, and he was there for what followed. He arranged and performed on Gaga and Bennett’s first duet album “Cheek to Cheek” and their follow-up love letter to Cole Porter, “Love for Sale.” He joined them on their tour, television special, and Gaga’s Vegas residency, “Jazz and Piano.”

He’s also earned his stripes as a music director, working with megastars including Bruno Mars for The Pinky Ring in Las Vegas and Jon Batiste for his jazz club at Baha Mar in

the Bahamas.

But all these glitzy names — Gaga, Mars, Bennett, Batiste — aren’t his favorite collaborator. That would be his wife, Angie Pontani. In addition to being a dancer, choreographer, and Broadway consultant, she also produced the New York Burlesque festival for 22 years. They co-produce all of their shows together, and she’s a spectacular sounding board when Newman is pondering a question about performance or design.

“She’s a great producer and performer and I learn so much from her,” Newman said.

Newman’s remarkable career is very much unfinished. But he’s grateful for the success he’s experienced so far, and it began with hard work and gratitude that he learned from his family in his hometown.

“That work ethic, it’s in the soil we all come from,” Newman said. “It’s good soil.”

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The 2025 Mentor Rocks schedule is on page 33. Or visit www.MentorRocks.info to learn more.



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June 3 20 Ride
June 10 In the End
June 17 Gavin DeGraw
June 24 Uncle Kracker
July 1 Don't Look Back
July 4 E5C4P3
July 8 Run to You
July 15 7 Summers
July 22 Animals
July 29 Live from Earth
August 5 Eli Young Band

August 12 Five for Fighting
w/ Vertical Horizon
August 15* Def Leggend
August 16* Queen Nation
August 19 Dark Side of the Moon
August 26 Living on a Bad Name

Zac Brown Band Tribute
Linkin Park Tribute
National Recording Artist
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Boston Tribute
Journey Tribute
Bryan Adams Tribute
Morgan Wallen Tribute
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Two new basketball courts will be placed next to the lot. The current basketball court will be converted into three additional pickleball courts bringing the total to 18.

NEW WATERSLIDES

Construction is already underway on a 42-foot-tall waterslide structure which will consist of three separate chutes. This project is expected to be completed sometime this summer.

NEW POOL COMPLEX

After the 2025 swim season, demolition will begin on the Civic Center pool buildings. They will be replaced by a new series of inter-connected structures including restrooms, locker areas, concessions stand, covered eating area, and more. Plans also include expansion of the pool pad and splash pad area.

The pool complex will be ready to

unveil to the public in time for the 2026 swimming season.

The city is proud to offer our residents a wide variety of recreational amenities and look forward to these improvements serving our community for decades to come.



Photos: Renderings of the new waterslides, waterpark entrance and new interconnected structures.

Mentor is a great place to live and a big reason for that is our park system which consists of 15 parks and facilities that draw nearly two million visitors each year. Nearly 500,000 of those visit the Civic Center Park complex which includes the ice arena, pickleball courts, basketball courts, pool and splash pad, and of course, the amphitheater.

Residents may have noticed trees being felled in front of the skate park on Munson Road earlier this year. This is the first step in the reimagining of Mentor's most popular park.

NEW PARKING LOT & BB COURTS

A 158-space asphalt parking lot will be constructed this summer at the location of the skate park in order to accommodate the need for additional parking.



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Tips on how to add eco-friendly features to your yard and attract pollinating species

In a modern world where preserving nature can be a challenge, Mentor's Natural Resources Division offers advice on how to add eco-friendly features to your yard and attract pollinating species.

Joel Throckmorton, a natural resource specialist, suggests incorporating native plants into your landscape. "Part of the reason so many insects are struggling is from people having a monoculture of plants with only one or two types of grass," says Throckmorton, who advocates for biological diversity in a healthy, natural environment. Cultivating plants like milkweed attracts butterflies and other declining pollinators. Gardeners can have success planting native fall species in the spring if they use seeds that have already been cold germinated.

Throckmorton warns about the dangers of planting non-native species in



your yard as they can outcompete and overtake native plants. "Invasive plants can be detrimental to species diversity," says Throckmorton. People should also be cautious of the pesticides they choose to spray in their yards. Many commercial pesticides have proven to be harmful to beneficial pollinator insects.

Throckmorton explains that people can also help pollinators by "being aware of what you're doing with your leaves." Important pollinator species often hibernate and lay their eggs in leaf litter. Many people collect and

dispose of leaf piles in the fall, but by throwing out these leaves, you may be throwing away pollinators and eggs that are overwintering.

Bird-lovers can do their part in helping Mentor's feathered friends stay healthy by ensuring that bird baths are kept clean. Throckmorton explains that stagnant water can harbor diseases that harm birds. Bird baths with flowing water generally attract more birds and are more sanitary. A drip system or flowing water feature can be installed next to a pollinator area for the benefit of birds and other wildlife.

By making simple changes to their garden, residents can do their part to foster a thriving ecosystem and protect Mentor's natural resources. Visit www.mentornature.com for a list of native plants to add to your garden and a list of plants to avoid.

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MENTOR ROCKS

The popular Mentor Rocks summer concert series is held Tuesday evenings, June 3 through August 26, from 7–9 PM at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater. This year's schedule includes national recording artists Gavin DeGraw, Uncle Kracker, Eli Young Band, Five for Fighting, and Vertical Horizon, along with the nation's best tribute bands.

Mentor Rocks is an all-ages event which promotes a festival-like atmosphere each week. In addition to great music, attendees can enjoy a great selection of food and refreshments from the area's best food trucks. The venue features lawn seating, so bring your own blankets or chairs. Outside food is permitted. No outside alcohol—coolers will be checked at the gate. No pets. Admission and parking are free of charge. Grounds open at 5 PM. The Mentor Civic Amphitheater is located in Mentor Civic Center Park at 8600 Munson Road. See schedule on page 33. More info at www.mentorrocks.info.

WILDWOOD ARTS & WINE FEST

Join us for the Wildwood Arts & Wine Fest on Saturday, June 21, from noon–5 PM on the beautiful grounds of the Wildwood Cultural Center. Come to Wildwood Park for a day filled with art, music, wine and more! This outdoor event features over 65 gallery-style booths filled with vendors from every medium of fine art, fine craft and specialty foods lining the wooded estate grounds. Savor a glass of wine from several local wineries! Musical entertainment and food trucks round out the day's festivities. \$2 admission at the door.



Alt-rock hitmaker Five for Fighting and special guest Vertical Horizon will appear Tuesday, August 12.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



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TUNES AT THE LAGOONS

Enjoy "Tunes at the Lagoons" as some of the area's top local bands bring live music to life at the Mentor Lagoons Marina from 7–9 PM two Fridays per month this summer. Attendees can also enjoy food and refreshments from local food trucks weekly, as well as a selection of beers and wines for those 21 and over. Admission and parking are free. The Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina is located at 8365 Harbor Drive. Visit www.tunesatthelagoons.com for schedule and additional information.



MENTOR CITYFEST

There is always time for one last summer bash! Mentor CityFest returns to Mentor Civic Center Park on Friday, August 15, from 5–11 PM and Saturday, August 16, from noon–11 PM.

This two-day, family-friendly festival is packed with activities, games, entertainment, food and more!

Enjoy live music on the Mentor Civic Amphitheater stage Friday night with Def Legend and Saturday night with Queen Nation.

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The Adult Zone features a beer trailer, cornhole and other party games as

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Mentor CityFest will feature all-day interactive entertainment and activities including strolling performers, the "Fest Money" game, plus community-sponsored activities and games. Festivalgoers can also visit with a number of local businesses, service organizations, and nonprofits, that call Mentor home in the popular Main Street tent.

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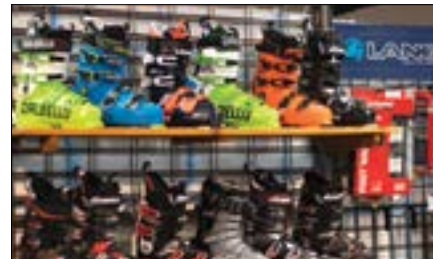


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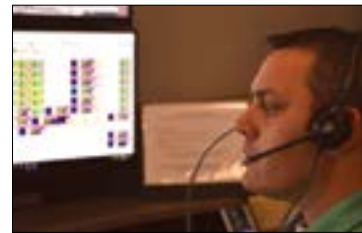
From police officers to firefighters, and camp counselors to lifeguards, the city requires a wide range of skill sets that translate into many different types of job openings. Whether you're looking for a first job or have years of experience, the city of Mentor is looking for you.

Our Public Works Department employs skilled laborers and often requires a CDL or other certificates and qualifications to operate heavy machinery – but on the other hand, there are also job openings which only require a high school diploma or GED.

The Mentor Community Recreation Center is looking to expand programming and has dozens of available positions that are ready to be filled.

Each year, the Mentor Civil Service Commission accepts applications for written exams to establish eligibility lists for positions at the Mentor Fire Department and the Mentor Police Department.

Temporary/seasonal jobs are posted year-round but increase greatly in February and March as the city looks to fill summer positions. Park maintenance workers, cashiers,



wait staff, greenskeepers, camp counselors, lifeguards, and event staff, are just some of the positions that are required to staff the city's parks and recreational facilities.

The city of Mentor is an equal opportunity employer. Job postings are updated regularly and full descriptions, including requirements, hours, and salary are posted at www.cityofmentor.com/employment.



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Mentor Public Schools

Preparing students for a successful future

Mentor Public Schools exemplify a commitment to academic excellence, career readiness, and holistic student development. Serving nearly 6,800 students, the district offers a comprehensive educational experience that prepares learners for success in college, careers, and beyond.

Academic excellence and innovation

Mentor High School boasts a robust academic program, including Advanced Placement (AP) courses and the College Credit Plus initiative, allowing students to earn college credits early. The district's Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, provide specialized training in fields such as allied health, fire academy, welding, and criminal investigation. These programs offer hands-on experiences, industry-recognized credentials, and college credits, ensuring students are well-prepared for their future endeavors.

To further support career readiness, Mentor Schools have introduced Career Academies, including the Aviation Academy and Young Professionals Academy. These academies integrate practical skills with academic learning, bridging the gap between education and the workforce.

Support for gifted students and students with special needs

The district's Gifted Program offers a continuum of services, including differentiated instruction, honors classes,

and specialized programs for students in grades 3–12. This approach ensures that gifted students receive the appropriate level of challenge and support to thrive academically and socially.

Mentor CARES (Cardinal Autism Resource and Education School) serves students aged 6–22 with autism from ten school districts. The program focuses on academics, behavior, social skills, communication, and independent living, providing individualized support to help students succeed.



Arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities

The district offers a vibrant arts program, with students participating in choirs, bands, orchestras, and theater productions. The Fighting Cardinal Marching Band, comprising nearly 200 students, has earned superior ratings at state competitions and performed at prestigious events like the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Athletically, Mentor High School competes in the Greater Cleveland Conference, offering 22 Division I sports. The school has a history of success, including state championships in boys basketball and girls track and field.

Extracurricular activities are abundant, which is a big part of helping make sure the children in our community receive the well-rounded, high-quality education they need.

Community engagement and student well-being

Mentor Public Schools prioritize student well-being through an array of initiatives, which you can learn more about by reading the district's Quality Profile report. The district also emphasizes community service, with students participating in events like Make a Difference Day and food distribution partnerships, fostering a sense of civic responsibility.

Technology integration

Recognized as a member of the prestigious, nationwide League of Innovative Schools, Mentor Schools provide all K–12 students with personal learning devices, facilitating individualized instruction and access to digital curricula in an age-appropriate manner. The district's engagement with Project Lead the Way enhances STEM education, offering students hands-on experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Mentor Public Schools offer a forward-thinking and safe educational environment that nurtures academic achievement, personal growth, and community involvement, preparing students for a successful future.

~Article submitted by Mentor Public Schools

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Laketran is moving Mentor residents of all ages

Laketran continues to be a vital transportation resource for Mentor residents, providing reliable, affordable, and accessible travel options that connect the community to work, education, healthcare, shopping and recreation.

Dial-a-Ride - In 2024, Laketran provided 113,000 Dial-a-Ride trips in Mentor. This on-demand, door-to-door transportation helps seniors, people with disabilities, and others access work, the Mentor Senior Center, medical appointments, local shopping, restaurants, parks, and community events.

Cardinal GO - One of Laketran's newest initiatives is the Cardinal GO program, launched in partnership with Mentor Public Schools. Mentor High School students can now get around town on Laketran's Local Routes completely free of charge with a Cardinal GO pass. Last year the program provided over 1,500 rides, helping students get to after-school jobs, internships, and extracurricular activities—supporting both their academic and personal development.

Local Routes - With Laketran's central hub located at Great Lakes Mall, Mentor residents have six local bus lines to help get around town. Laketran offers free transfers between routes to get anywhere in Lake County for one affordable fare.

Mentor Park-n-Ride - For downtown commuters, Laketran's Park-n-Ride service from Mentor to downtown



Mentor resident, Judy Lustik, 87, gets picked up from volunteer training at Board of Elections by Laketran driver Lisa Phelps. Lustik has relied on Laketran to work the polls for many years.

Cleveland offers a stress-free alternative to daily driving. With over 30,000 trips taken annually, residents use this service not only to commute to work but also to enjoy taking in a Guardians, Browns, or Cavs game using Laketran's popular **Sports Express**.

Whether it's getting to a job, a game, or just getting out to enjoy the day, Laketran is proud to provide transportation solutions that support the diverse needs of the Mentor community. With a strong commitment to service and accessibility, Laketran is here to help Mentor residents and businesses—one ride at a time.

~ Article and photo submitted by Laketran

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Lake County Department of Job and Family Services

Assisting Lake County families with a variety of needs

The Lake County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) provides support and assistance throughout Lake County through a variety of programs and services. The agency strives to provide services in a manner that recognizes and preserves individual rights and responsibilities so that families, children, and adults are able to restore, maintain, or improve their capabilities for self-support and family life.

Public assistance programs include Ohio Works First cash assistance, SNAP (food assistance), Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) funds, childcare assistance, and an array of medical programs. Program eligibility varies and is based upon state and federal requirements.

Additionally, OhioMeansJobs Lake County operates out of the JFS building and provides workforce services to employers and job seekers, including assistance with resumes and interviewing, computer tutorials, and many other services at no cost.

The Child Support Enforcement Agency is responsible for the collection and enforcement of administrative and court-ordered child support payments.

The Child Support Division assists families and children

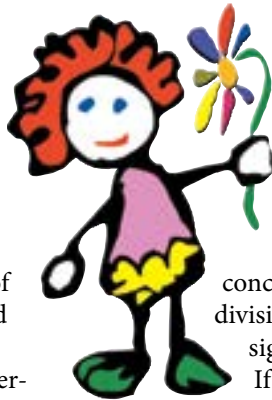
in meeting their diverse child support and other related needs in order to promote self-reliance, family stability, and child safety. The division assists with interstate enforcement, location services, and paternity establishment via genetic testing.

The Children and Adult Services Division provides protective services to children and vulnerable adults, age 60 and older. A 24-hour hotline is available to the community to report concerns of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The division works with children and their families or the vulnerable adult to alleviate safety concerns and stabilize the situation. Additionally, the division recruits and certifies foster homes. There is a significant need for foster homes in Lake County. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent, please call (440) 350-4218.

Please visit www.lakecountyohio.gov/jobs-family-services/ to discover additional services offered by the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services.

Pictured: Posey is the mascot for the Children Services Division. She represents a fun, carefree, happy child, which is the hope for all of the children in Lake County.

~Submitted by Lake County Department of Job and Family Services



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Lake County Council on Aging

Information and assistance for Lake County seniors

Often referred to as the front line of the Lake County Council on Aging, information and assistance specialists (I&As) make it easy to gain access to Lake County resources.

I&A specialists are part of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) within the Council on Aging. Serving individuals aged 60+, adults (18+) with disabilities, and their support system, I&A is the starting point for answers to questions about available community services and support. Through a simple phone call or a walk into the office, your needs are assessed, services are identified, and you are linked with providers of those services.

The support I&A specialists offer through phone calls and walk-ins are one of a kind; they work with the consumer to make sure all needs are being taken care of such as housing options, legal concerns, assistance with yard work, access to food, long-term care options, financial issues, and so much more. You may even see the I&A specialists at local Lake County senior centers each month during monthly outreach visits. If you see them at one of the centers, please feel free to stop by and say hello!

If you, or someone you know, need information about services and support available to seniors and adults with disabilities, please contact the I&A specialists at the Lake



A snapshot of the talent and dedication within the ADRC:
L-R: Kellie Blauman (benefits specialist) and
Selena Cox (options counselor).

County Council on Aging. You are welcome to call (440) 205-8111 or stop by for in-person assistance at the main office at 8520 East Ave. in Mentor between 9 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary.

~Article and photo submitted by Lake County Council on Aging



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Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood

Finding employment can be a challenge. The job search can have more of an uphill climb if you are someone with a developmental disability. Finding the right employee can also be difficult for employers. Fortunately, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood (LCBDD) can guide all involved so that individuals and businesses can thrive in ways they might have never imagined.

The LCBDD's employment navigators work with the team that supports a job seeker receiving services through the process of obtaining employment. They assist in the planning, coordinating and monitoring of employment-related supports by providers to reach desired outcomes. They also create awareness and educate business owners about the benefits of being an inclusive employer and how to take steps to do so.

"I had never heard of supports in this regard," said John Boland, owner



Adam was awarded employee of the month in recognition of his hard work. He is pictured here with Silco's owner John Boland and HR director Heather Fresenko.

and president of Silco. "Our human resources director prompted me to explore new options to fill open positions and, I can honestly say, that it was the best decision I have ever made. They are not just great employees, they are true angels who lift everyone's spirits in the plant while pushing great product out the door."

In addition to the group employment site supported by Deepwood Industries, Silco also added a direct hire who receives drop-in job coaching from CLW (both local providers).

"Silco has embraced the true meaning of inclusive employment," said Julie O'Neil, LCBDD community employment director. "Staff is welcomed, valued for their productivity, and appreciated for what they add to the company culture."

Boland added, "While the county board expresses their appreciation for Silco being an inclusive employer, I believe I should be the one thanking them for providing us the opportunity to work with amazing individuals who put forth extraordinary effort. The job coaches are amazing while working with the employees to incorporate their skills into our production process."

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Mentor Public Library

The starting point for a lifetime of learning

Kim Sidorick has witnessed the power of story time firsthand. As the manager of the Children's Department at Mentor Public Library, she has observed the effect it has had on generations of children.

"Story time is the introduction to reading," she explained. "You may not even realize that your child is paying attention. Then, two weeks later, you'll hear them singing a song or saying a rhyme they heard at the library."

The reading, rhymes, and songs are the building blocks that become literacy—a skill that's in ever-shortening supply.

According to the Ohio Department of Education, half of Lake County children begin school without the sufficient skills and knowledge to engage in kindergarten-level instruction. And according to the Nation's Report Card, students had record-low reading comprehension scores in 2024.

The silver lining to this ominous cloud is that the solution is already in the community... and it's free for everyone to use!

Lifelong learning starts at the library. In addition to a calendar stuffed with story times and shelves packed with books for readers of all ages and skill levels, Mentor Public Library offers:

- Kindergarten readiness bags where kids can enjoy fun and educational games that will help them prepare for school
- Early literacy backpacks with



Kim Sidorick, manager of the Children's Department at Mentor Public Library, leads a Dr. Seuss-themed story time at the library's Main Branch.

books, activities and activity guides designed for young learners — each with a different theme.

- Fun programs to encourage creativity, learning and exploration.
- Summer reading for readers of all ages. About 1,500 sign up for Mentor Public Library's children's program each year. That's 1,500 kids who are combating the summer slide, which is the learning cessation that can occur when children are out of school.

Kylynne Cartor started bringing her boys to Mentor Public Library shortly after the family moved to the area seven years ago.

"We'll start with story time," she remembered thinking.

And story time became a gateway—

as it so often does—to learning, fun, friendship and the wider community.

Over the ensuing years, Cartor's sons have enjoyed countless story times at Mentor Public Library. They've also built LEGO ships, raced balloon turkeys, discovered how to use an Ozobot, and learned about far flung points on the globe with the library's Travel Club.

The Cartors also regularly get together with other families, all of whom met at story time years ago.

"You see all the things happening in the community. Whether it's Safety Town or something happening at Wildwood (Cultural Center,) you learn about it at the library," Cartor said. "It's your starting point."

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Register for the Lake County Emergency Management Agency WENS System for text, voice, and/or email emergency notifications. Registration is free and takes less than 60 seconds. All Mentor residents are encouraged to sign up today at lakeohioalerts.com.

The special edition community newsletter is produced quarterly and mailed to all households in Mentor. It provides information about services, ordinances, public meetings, construction projects, and upcoming events. Additional copies are

available at the city buildings and the Mentor Library's main branch.

The Mentor Parks & Recreation Guide promotes more than 500 recreational and cultural programs offered by the city. The guide is mailed to residents three times a year. Additional copies are available at city buildings.

The Mentor Senior Center newsletter is mailed bimonthly to members.

The Mentor Channel features live coverage of city council and planning commission meetings as well as other content. Watch live on Spectrum Channel 1024, U-Verse Channel 99, thementorchannel.com, or on YouTube, ROKU, Apple, Android, or Fire app. Mentor Radio 1620 is a low-powered AM station which provides residents and travelers general information on the city.

Managing the City's Business

Mentor officially became a city on December 18, 1963. It has been operating under its own charter since January 1962, when voters adopted the council manager form of government.

Under this system, a seven-member council is elected by voters on a nonpartisan basis; three members serve at-large, the remaining four are ward representatives. Each council member serves a four-year term. Every two years, the council chooses one of its members to serve as president of council.

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Mentor City Council Meetings

Council meetings are held at the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at the Mentor Municipal Center; 8500 Civic Center Blvd. Meetings are open to the public. All regularly scheduled meetings are carried on Spectrum Channel 1024 and U Verse Channel 99 as well as TheMentorChannel.com, YouTube, ROKU, Apple, Android, or Fire app. Meeting agendas and archived meetings are posted on the website. Announcements regarding council work sessions and public hearings are posted in the local newspaper, on the website, and on the Mentor Channel.



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City Manager's Office
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440-205-3608

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440-974-5745

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Public Works Department
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Bureau of Employment Services
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(Adult Mental Health)
440-354-9924

Forbes House (Women's Shelter)
440-357-1018

HEAP – Home Energy Assistance
440-350-9160

Lake County Crisis Hotline
440-953-TALK

Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center
440-256-1404, x2131

Missing Children's Hotline
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Premier Behavioral Health
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Lake County Landfill
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Mentor Area
Chamber of Commerce
440-255-1616

Mentor Monitor
440-946-2577

Mentor Post Office
440-255-2798

Mentor Public Library
Main Branch
440-255-8811

Headlands Branch
440-257-2000

Lake Branch
440-257-2512

The HUB @ Mentor High School
440-205-6011

Mosquito Spraying
440-350-2088

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**Lake County Department
of Job and Family Services**

Other Useful Numbers cont'd

Pools (Seasonal)
Civic Center Pool
440-974-5723

Morton Pool
440-257-5719

Social Security Office
800-772-1213

Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance
440-352-2526

Wildlife Officer – Game Warden
330-245-3034

Utilities

AT&T
800-331-0500

Aqua Ohio Water Co.
877-987-2782

Enbridge Gas Ohio
800-362-7557

First Energy
(The Illuminating Co.)
800-589-3101

Automated Outage Reporting
888-544-4877

Lake County Sanitary Sewer
440-350-2070

NOPEC
(Utility Consortium)
855-667-3201

Spectrum
855-366-7132

Emergency

For help in an emergency – including police, fire, or emergency ambulance – dial 9-1-1.

When you dial 9-1-1, the call is answered at the Mentor Dispatch Center, where the address and phone number from where the call originates will automatically appear on the dispatcher's screen.

A dispatcher answers the call by saying "9-1-1, what is your emergency?" State the problem or emergency first, and then give the location of the incident.

The dispatcher will start the fire and/or police departments en route while obtaining additional information from the caller.

Stay on the line until the dispatcher tells you to hang up.

Hospitals and Medical Services

Cleveland Clinic
Mentor Hospital
8300 Norton Parkway
800-223-2273

Cleveland Clinic
Express Care Clinic
7533 Center Street, Mentor
440-974-8362

UH Mentor Health Center
9485 Mentor Avenue
440-974-6800

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440-255-0800

ORDINANCES & PROGRAMS

This summary of selected Mentor city ordinances and programs includes those areas and issues that are most commonly encountered by citizens. The complete Mentor Code of Ordinances can be viewed at cityofmentor.com; click on Ordinances under the "About Mentor" tab.

Animals

Households in residential districts may not have any more than three dogs over the age of four months. Dogs should be leashed at all times when outside. Owners must not permit their dog to bark or howl so that it disturbs the peace. All dogs over three months must be registered with the Lake County Auditor and wear a valid registration tag.

Animal bites should be reported to the police department within 24 hours. Owners of both dogs and cats are responsible for picking up after their pets, both on public and private property. Contact the warden's office at 440-350-2640 to report stray dogs. Hunting is prohibited within city limits.

Dead Animals

Contact Public Works at 440-974-5781 weekdays between 7 AM and 4 PM; other times, call the police department at 440-974-5789.

Exotic and Wild Animals

Keeping any undomesticated animals, including primates other than monkeys, poisonous reptiles, alligators, lizards over two feet long, etc. is restricted. A complete list of wild and exotic animals is available at cityofmentor.com, click on Ordinances under the About Mentor tab.

Farm Animals

Farm animals are not permitted on premises less than two acres in size. These include horses, goats, cows, chickens, ducks and similar animals.

Additional zoning requirements may apply. Call 440-974-5740 for specifics.

Nuisance Health Risk Animals

Feeding or harboring of deer, rats, raccoons or skunks is prohibited.

Vicious Animals

Keeping dangerous or vicious animals is prohibited.

Bicycles

The Mentor Police Department offers citizens a no cost bicycle registration program that helps to identify a bike's rightful owner if the bike becomes lost or stolen. When riding on a road, cyclists must follow the traffic laws and ride WITH traffic. Bike paths are to be shared by pedestrians and bicyclists. Bike lanes are exclusively for bicycles, unless there is no sidewalk or shoulder.

Building Permits

Those looking to access construction permits and related documents, schedule building inspections, submit applications, and other city services, can now do so through the Mentor Gateway online at www.thementorgateway.com.

Building permits are required for all construction including decks, pools, sheds, porches, enclosures, etc., and must be obtained through Mentor's Engineering & Building Department. Applicants for accessory-type structures need to provide two copies of the construction drawings, consisting of a site plan showing where the structure will be situated on the property, and the distance from all property lines. Plans must also show how the structure will be built, materials used, etc.

Once submitted, the plan review process takes about five working days (permits for sheds built from a kit can be obtained at the time of submission). A permit fee is charged, along with a refundable construction deposit, which can be returned if the structure passes all inspections.

Both building permit and zoning permit applications are required for all construction projects including (but not limited to): additions, decks, garages, pools, fences, siding, ➔

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Building Permits cont'd

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For accessory buildings 200 square feet or less, only a zoning permit is required for review and approval by the Department of Planning and Development. If the accessory building is larger than 200 square feet, a review by both the Building Department and the Planning Department will be required. Applications for any new building or structure include two copies of the construction drawings and a site plan that indicates where the structure will be located on the property, the size and height of the structure, and the distance from all property lines. Plans must also show how the structure will be built (materials used, etc.). Once submitted, the review process takes approximately 7 to 10 working days. A permit fee is charged, along with a construction deposit, which will be refunded if the structure passes all inspections. When a permit is issued, work on the project may begin.

Cars for Sale

Vehicles that are for sale in residential districts must be titled to the current resident, properly licensed, operable, displayed for a maximum of two weeks and parked on an improved parking surface (not on the lawn). The number of vehicles for sale is limited to two per year.

Curfew

Children under 12 are prohibited from being outside between 9:30 PM and 5 AM; children 12 to 16 years old between 11 PM and 5 AM, and 16 to 18 years old from midnight to 5 AM. A new daytime curfew restricts school-aged children from being out of school during regularly scheduled school hours, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or the child has an authorized written excuse.

Drainage Ditches

All premises shall be graded and maintained to prevent the accumulation of standing water. No owner or occupant of any premises shall cause or permit any natural water-

course, drainage ditch, creek, brook, culvert, or drain located upon the premises to become obstructed with leaves or other debris so that water flow is hindered. Call 440-974-5785 with questions.

Fences

A permit is required if you plan on installing, altering, or relocating a fence. Fences in the rear yard of a residence must not exceed six feet in height. Fences in the front yard or on a corner lot facing a side street may not exceed three feet in height and must be decorative and at least 50 percent open.

Garage Sales

A permit is not required; however, sales are limited to three per year and no sale shall exceed four consecutive days. Garage sale signs are permitted only on the property where the sale is being held. Signs may NOT be posted at any street corner or on tree lawns or utility poles. Illegally posted signs will be confiscated by the City without notice.

Garbage & Recycling

Garbage cans, recycling containers, bulk items, and yard waste may only be placed at the curb after 3 PM the day before the items are to be collected.

After collection, garbage cans, recycling bins, and yard waste containers must be retrieved from the curb by 7 AM the day after your collection.

During the fall, the yard waste restriction does not apply beginning on the weekend immediately preceding the fourth Monday in

October through Friday of the second full week in December in any year of city-sponsored yard waste collection.

Grass and Weed Control

Generally, grass in residential neighborhoods must be controlled in height and kept less than eight inches. No owner or occupant shall permit vegetation to create a safety hazard.

Property owners with excessively high grass or weeds will be given 48 hours from receipt of notice to comply with the ordinance. If compliance is not met, a city crew will be sent to cut the grass or weeds of any unoccupied properties and the property owner will be billed. Occupied properties in violation will be prosecuted in the Mentor court. Call 440-974-5792 with questions.

Home Occupations

Any business conducted out of a residence requires one of two types of permits. One permit is administratively approved, while the other requires approval by the Municipal Planning Commission. Call 440-974-5740 with questions.

House Numbers

House numbers must be displayed in a conspicuous location in order to ensure efficient police, fire, and postal services. Numbers, no less than four inches tall, are to be displayed on houses less than 61 feet from the road right-of-way. Numbers at least six inches tall are to be displayed on houses located between 61 feet to 100 feet from the road right-of-way.

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Income Tax

All persons earning income in the city are subject to a two percent municipal income tax. Mentor residents must file an annual municipal income tax return with the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA); retired persons can file an exemption to show no earned wages. Residents are granted 100 percent credit for city income tax paid to other communities. If you have questions, call 800-860-RITA.

Jogging

Joggers are encouraged to pursue their recreational activity of choice in a safe and responsible manner, and to follow these rules:

- Jogging upon a roadway is illegal if an accessible, adjacent sidewalk is provided.
- Where a sidewalk is not provided, jog only on the shoulder of the roadway, as far as possible from the edge of the roadway.
- Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, jog as near as possible to the outside edge

of the road; if it's a two-way road, jog **ONLY** on the left side. Any joggers on a roadway shall yield the right of way to **ALL** vehicles.

Light Trespass

High intensity density (HID) lighting must have full cut-off fixtures or be shielded to prevent trespass or glare. All spot or flood lighting must be shielded or aimed to prevent light trespass. Call 440-974-5792 with questions.

Mosquito Control

The Lake County General Health District oversees mosquito control during the summer months. Spraying schedules are posted on The Mentor Channel as they become available.

If you have concerns, call the Health District at 440-350-2543.

Noise

No person shall unreasonably create a noise disturbance within the city. Any noise that annoys or disturbs a reasonable person, or

causes adverse effects on humans, is prohibited before 7 AM or after 9 PM weekdays, and before 8:30 AM or after 9 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. Call the Mentor Police Department at 440-255-1234 to report disturbances.

Open Burning

The burning of trash, brush, or leaves is not permitted. Small, attended cooking campfires are permitted during favorable weather conditions without prior approval. Bonfires require prior approval of the Fire Prevention Bureau by calling 440-974-5768.

Parking

Overnight street parking between the hours of 2 to 6 AM is prohibited. Parking on the fire hydrant side of the street is prohibited. Parking on any city street whenever there is more than a two-inch accumulation of snow or ice is prohibited.

- **Motor Vehicles** – In residential districts, motor vehicles must be parked on an improved surface. ➔

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- **RVs, boats, and dual-axle trailers** – RVs, boats, and dual axle trailers may not be parked in front of the main structure. A minimum three-foot set back is required from side property lines. On corner lots, no RV, boat, or dual axle trailer parking is permitted between the right-of-way and side of the main structure. Parking must be on an improved surface of concrete, asphalt or permeable pavers.
- **Commercial vehicles** – No more than one commercial vehicle per dwelling unit may be parked on a residential property. No vehicle, having a net total weight of greater than 10,000 pounds, shall be parked on a residential property. Parking must be on an improved surface of concrete, asphalt or permeable pavers. No construction equipment or vehicle (includ-

ing, but not limited to, backhoes, bulldozers, trenchers) shall be parked in residential districts for more than 30 days.

Property Maintenance

Property owners are required to maintain the exterior of their premises so that its appearance does not negatively impact the immediate neighborhood. All residential rental properties must be inspected every two years. If you are renting an apartment or house, and you feel the property is not properly maintained, call the Code Enforcement Office at 440-974-5792.

Refuse Collection (Commercial & Industrial)

Commercial and industrial rubbish haulers collecting in the city of Mentor are required to obtain a contractor's license and vehicle permit.

Satellite Dishes

Satellite dishes are permitted in rear yards only and must be at least 10 feet from the side and rear

property lines. The maximum height permitted is 12 feet; the maximum diameter is 10 feet. A permit is required. Dishes less than one meter in diameter (39.37 inches) do not require a permit. It is recommended that the smaller dishes be located in the rear yard. DIRECTV and DISH residential units are exempt.

Sidewalks and Driveways

Property owners are required to keep their sidewalks and driveway aprons within the public right-of-way in a proper state of repair. If cracked, defective, or uneven, they must be repaired or replaced. A sidewalk inspection and maintenance program is ongoing. Property owners or persons responsible for the premises shall keep the sidewalk(s) adjacent to such building in a clean condition at all times (this includes clearing the property's sidewalks of snow and ice, per Ord. 521.06).

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Signs

“Home for Sale,” “For Sale,” and “Garage Sale” signs are permitted only on the actual property where the sale is taking place and only when posted behind the tree lawn. Similar signs are not permitted off-premises and will be confiscated, without prior notice, when observed by the city. (See “garage sales.”)

Snow and Ice Control

- **Clearing of city streets** – Arterial and major collector streets are given first priority for snow and ice control. All major inter-sections on the major arterial highway system are salted and/or cindered, along with certain hills and bridges. Residential neighborhoods are cleared when conditions warrant. Call 440-974-5781 with routine snow and ice control inquiries.
- **No parking during snow emergency** – A snow emergency is when there has been an accumulation of more than two

inches of snow, sleet, hail, or ice on any streets/roads. No parking is permitted on city streets during a snow emergency.

- **Depositing snow & ice on public sidewalks or roadways** – Depositing snow or ice onto any public sidewalk, street, road, or highway is not permitted.
- **Access to fire hydrants** – Property owners are urged to adopt the fire hydrant closest to their property to keep the hydrant clear from snow during the winter months.

Solicitation

It is unlawful to solicit without first obtaining a solicitor’s permit from the Mentor Police Department. It is unlawful to solicit at any premise at which a “No Solicitors” sign is displayed. “No Solicitors” signs are available from the Mentor Police Department.

STAY UP TO DATE



Streetlights

Streetlights within the city of Mentor are paid through assessment of the benefiting property owners. If you observe a streetlight in need of repair, please call 440-974-5781.

Trees on Right-of-Way/ Tree Lawn

- **Dead trees** – No owner or occupant of any premises shall permit a dead tree to stand near to a public sidewalk or roadway as to endanger users should all or part of it fall. No owner or occupant shall permit a dead branch to overhang a public sidewalk or roadway.
- **Planting & removing of trees** – The city of Mentor has specific ordinances which property owners are required to follow when trimming, removing and planting trees within the right-of-way or tree lawn. Call Public Works at 440-974-5781 for details.

Traffic Signals/Signs

Traffic signals and signs are installed and maintained by the Public Works Department. For service requests, including repair or replacement of these devices, call 440-974-5781. Emergency or weekend repairs should be reported to the Mentor Police Department at 440-974-5789.

Yard Waste Collection

The city offers weekly curbside yard waste collection from the first full week of April through the second full week of December. Residents can set out 12 units per week on their regular trash day. The limit increases to 25 units from the last full week of October through the second full week of December. A unit is a paper yard waste bag, a 32-gallon can, or a bundle of sticks. If you have questions, call 440-974-5781.



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CITY FACILITIES

This is a listing of city offices and recreational facilities and the services available at each.

Civic Center Campus

Mentor Municipal Center

8500 Civic Center Boulevard

The city of Mentor's administrative offices are located within the Mentor Municipal Center building. Offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. The main number is 440-255-1100. City offices are closed: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and the day after, and Christmas Day.

1st Floor – Planning & Development, Engineering & Building, Information Technologies, Mentor Municipal Court, Police Department, and Mentor Jail.

2nd Floor – Finance Department, Public Information (The Mentor Channel)

3rd Floor – Council Chambers, Council Offices, Law Director, City Manager and Human Resources.

Civic Center Ice Arena,

Community Center,

Mentor Civic Amphitheater,

Civic Center Waterpark

8600 Munson Road

(Located on the Civic Center Campus)

The Mentor Ice Arena is open year-round and features two full-sized indoor rinks as well as a studio rink. Available for open skates, tournaments, parties and more. Full snack bar and pro shop.

The Community Center has three rooms which accommodate 50-200 people each. Available for meetings and banquets.

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Pool hours:

1–8 PM daily through the summer

Pool phone:

440-974- 5723

Arena phone:

440-974-5730

To rent the ice arena or community center, call 440-974-5730. To rent the pool, call 440-974-5720.

Fire Station No. 5

8467 Civic Center Boulevard

440-974-5765

Fire Administration, Emergency Dispatch Center, Fire Prevention and Public Education.

Senior Citizens Center

8484 Munson Road

440-974-5725

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Black Brook Golf Course & Practice Center

8900 Lake Shore Boulevard

440-951-0010

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Commemorative Rose Garden

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Dog Park

6647 Hopkins Road

This is the perfect spot for our four-legged friends to run and play with dogs of the same size. The park features a doggie water fountain, park benches, agility equipment and a safe, and a fenced in entry/exit area. The park is located next to the municipal maintenance facility.

Eleanor B. Garfield Park

7967 Mentor Avenue

Community recreation center with barrier-free restrooms, all people's playground, baseball diamonds, picnic pavilion, pond, fishing, soccer, lighted tennis courts, and wildlife

area. The pavilion & recreation center are available for private rentals by calling 440-974-5720.

Donald E. Krueger Park

7556 Chillicothe Road

440-974-5720

Krueger Park House, barrier-free restrooms, soccer fields. Barrier-free facility. Krueger Park House is available for rent. Please call for more information and to reserve your time.

Mentor Beach Park

7779 Lake Shore Boulevard

Restrooms, picnic area, playground equipment, soccer fields.

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Road

440-974-5733

Established in 1854. This beautifully maintained 60-acre property is the final resting place for over 15,000 souls including veterans of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War. New Memorial Promenade unveiled in 2023.

Mentor Community Recreation Center

6000 Heisley Road

440-974-5720

The 128,000 SF facility is one of the largest of its kind in NE Ohio and features a number of popular programs and activities for all ages. Resident and non-resident annual memberships and single day passes available. Learn more online at www.mentorrec.com.

Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina

8365 Harbor Drive

440-205-3625

Bird watchers and nature lovers enjoy this 450-acre nature preserve featuring hiking trails, water trails, and 1.5 miles of wild beach. The public marina provides direct lake access, year-round storage, and boat ramp with discounted rates for Mentor residents. Kayak, canoe, stand-up paddleboard and pedal-boat rentals available. Safe-boating classes also offered.

Morton Community Park

9325 Rosemary Lane

Amenities include: pool, restrooms, picnic pavilion, playground, basketball and splash park.

Pool hours:

1 to 8 PM daily, June–August

Pool phone:

440-257-5719

Pool and pavilion available for private rentals at 440-974-5720.

Municipal Maintenance Facility

6645 Hopkins Road

Public Works Department personnel and services related to road, public lands, equipment maintenance, storm drainage, street lighting and traffic.

Old Council Hall

7250 Jackson Street

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Presidents Park

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Tiefenbach Park

Corduoy Road at Lake Overlook Dr.
Gazebo and picnic area, BMX bike and skate park.

Veterans Memorial

Corner of Center Street and Civic Center Boulevard

Created with support from Mentor VFW Post 9295. It is a site for reflection and remembering those who have served our country. Engraved bricks are available in the memorial walkway surrounding the monument by calling 440-974-5720.

Veterans Park

5740 Hopkins Road

Amenities include: fishing, hiking, picnic shelter, restrooms, playground, and wildlife area. This park is owned by the city of Mentor and maintained and operated by Lake Metroparks. Call 440-358-7275 to reserve the picnic shelter.

Edward R. Walsh Park

7221 Bellflower Road

Located west of Route 306 behind the Farmington Meadows development. Amenities: picnic pavilion, playground, spray park, baseball, restrooms, soccer, barrier-free fishing dock, tennis, basketball, and 1½-mile paved walkway. Reserve pavilion by calling 440-974-5720.

Wildwood Cultural Center

7645 Little Mountain Road

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Annual activities include the Wildwood Arts Festival, held each June. The beautiful manor house is available for private parties, dinners or seminars by calling 440-974-5735.

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Headlands Beach State Park Headlands Road at north end of state Route 44

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open daily from 8 AM to dusk and include swimming, fishing, picnic areas, paved bike path, and public restrooms. Breakwall fishing is permitted 24 hours a day. To the immediate east is Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve. Call 440-466-8400 or visit www.ohiodnr.gov.

Mentor Fire Museum 7262 Jackson Street

Constructed in 1942, this building served as the first Fire Station No. 1 until 1991. Now operated by the Mentor Firefighters' Historical Association. To arrange tours, email mentorfiremuseum@yahoo.com.

Mentor Marsh Nature Center (Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve) 5185 Corduroy Road 440-257-0777

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Mentor Public Library

mentorpl.org

The Mentor Public Library, formed on February 22, 1819, is the oldest library in Lake County. Renew, check out holds, and pay fines online at mentorpl.org. For general questions, send an email to a librarian at askalibrarian@mentorpl.org.

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The city manager appoints all department heads and employees; ensures that laws and ordinances governing the city are faithfully enforced; recommends to the city council measures or actions which appear necessary or desirable; recommends municipal ordinances and regulations; implements policies established by city council; prepares and submits to council the administrative budget and capital improvement program; and performs other activities as provided for in the city charter.

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- **Information technology** – Provides technical support services to city departments including application design and development, post implementation support and training, process analysis, technical consulting and project management.
- **Public information** – Responsible for disseminating information to the general public related to city projects, events, activities, and services through various means including press releases, newsletters, publications, city website, social media, apps, advertising, The Mentor Channel, and Mentor Radio 1620.

Clerk of Council

The clerk of council is appointed by city council members to keep its records and perform all duties as prescribed by the council.

Planning & Development

Responsible for establishing a diversified economic base with an emphasis on retention and expansion of existing firms, while attracting growth-oriented industries.

Provides staff to the International Trade Program. Oversees day-to-day development concerns and long-range land-use planning issues.

The department assists in administering the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, provides staff support to the Municipal Planning Commission and the Board of Building & Zoning Appeals, issues sign and fence permits, and prepares reports and studies dealing with land use, rezoning, subdivision and site plans, conditional use permits, signage, etc.

The department is also responsible for addressing property maintenance issues and administration of the multi-family and single-family rental inspection programs.

Engineering & Building

The department engineers and administers the city's capital improvements, regulates private utility work within the public right-of-way, and inspects building construction for community standards to promote the safety of homes and buildings. The department has two divisions:

- **Engineering** – Directly involved with all utility and publicly or privately funded roadway construction in Mentor, both in reviewing and approving the construction plans, and inspecting the construction work performed. It is also involved with planning future public improvement projects, storm drainage assistance, municipal architectural design, and traffic control.
- **Building** – Involved in all activities associated with residential and commercial building construction, including reviewing plans for conformance with building codes and performing on-site inspections to monitor building-code compliance. Helps with building-related concerns.

Finance Department

The finance department keeps accounts of all city financial transactions. This involves day-to-day budget administration, payment of accounts, payroll preparation, and maintenance of fixed asset records, receipt and investment of monies, municipal income tax enforcement, auditing, debt administration, city insurance, and reporting the city's financial condition.

Fire Department

The fire chief organizes, directs and coordinates all fire resources to accomplish the mission of saving lives and community property.

- **Fire and Rescue Division** – Provides lifesaving and property protection including: the handling of fires, rescues, medical and sudden mechanical emergencies, hazardous materials and natural disasters. Services are provided from five fire stations staffed 24-hours per day.
- **Fire Prevention Bureau** – Enforces the fire safety code and

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Fire Department cont'd

the ordinances of the city through routine inspections of businesses, industries, schools and shopping centers for the purpose of reducing the chance of fires. Also reviews all plans for new construction and investigates the causes of fires.

• **Training and public education –**

The training division provides continuous in-service and specialized training for members of the fire department as well as conducting home exit drills, evacuation planning, accident prevention, first aid, CPR and fire extinguisher training. The division also provides educational programs through schools, businesses, community organizations and civic groups, and works with the Fire Prevention Bureau on juvenile fire setter counseling programs.

Law Department

The law director is the adviser to, and the attorney and counsel for, the city of Mentor, its officers and

divisions. The director and his staff represent the city for prosecutions for offenses against the ordinances of Mentor and the relevant Ohio laws. The law director is appointed by city council and is an attorney-at-law, admitted to the practice of law in the state of Ohio.

Municipal Court

The Mentor municipal judge tries all misdemeanors and ordinance violations occurring within the cities of Mentor and Mentor-on-the-Lake. Mentor Municipal Court hears traffic citation cases, civil cases valued up to \$15,000, landlord/tenant cases and all small claims complaints valued up to \$3,000. All felony cases are heard to determine probable cause and then bound over to the Lake County Common Pleas Court. The Court Probation Department oversees all persons placed on probation by the court for any offense.

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Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities

This department enhances the quality of life for residents through the development and maintenance of a diverse and comprehensive system of parks and recreational facilities. The department's areas of responsibility include: recreation for youth, teens, and adults; operating and maintaining municipal pools, ice arena, Black Brook Golf Course and Practice Center, senior citizens center, Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina, Wildwood Cultural Center several community centers; cemetery operations; facility rentals; and maintaining city facilities and parks.

Police Department

The chief of police organizes, directs and coordinates all police resources to serve Mentor citizens.

- **Communications Center** – Receives information and requests from the public and dispatches calls to police and fire personnel.
- **Community Services** – Officers maintain a strong and effective working relationship with citizens.
- **Corrections** – Provides for the safety and security of the Mentor jail and the care of inmates.
- **Detective/Juvenile Bureau** – Responsible for follow-up investigations of all major felony crimes that occur in the school district, Lake County Juvenile Court and other youth service organizations in the community.
- **Patrol Services Bureau** – Responsible for the protection of life and property, the preservation of peace, repression of crime, apprehension of criminal suspects, prevention of delinquency, traffic direction and control, accident investigation, and traffic law enforcement.
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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

More than 50 residents volunteer their expertise and input to city officials through their participation on city boards and commissions.

These citizens are appointed by city council and represent a valuable resource by making recommendations on various municipal issues.

For a listing of current members, or to inquire about a vacancy, contact the city council office at 440-974-5755.

Board of Building & Zoning Appeals (BZA)

The seven-member board hears and determines appeals for exceptions to and variations from the city's zoning and building codes to ensure that they remain in harmony with municipal ordinances and regulations. Members serve four-year terms. Members meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the municipal center. Agendas are posted at cityofmentor.com.

Civil Service Commission

Ensures that consideration for appointments and promotions within the police and fire department's classified service are made according to merit and fitness, based on competitive examination. Three residents serve four-year terms.

Community Arts Commission

Fourteen members provide direction and assistance to the Parks, Recreation, & Public Facilities Department in developing cultural programs to suit the needs of the community. Members serve three-year terms.

Fair Housing Board

Members serve three-year terms to review and oversee fair housing concerns.

Lake County Combined General Health Board

Two residents are appointed to serve on this board to oversee the operations and programs of the Lake County Health Department.

Municipal Planning Commission

Members review all new industrial and commercial buildings, subdivisions, rezoning requests, and conditional use permits. Seven members each serve four-year terms and meet every three weeks on Thursdays at 7 PM at the municipal center. Meetings are carried live on The Mentor Channel (Spectrum 1024 and AT&T's channel 99). The meetings are also streamed live at TheMentorChannel.com. Meeting agendas and archived meetings are also available at cityofmentor.com.

Tree Commission

Four members establish and administer Mentor's Master Street Tree Plan. Each serves a four-year term.

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- Are 18 years or older by Election Day;
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- You have moved since you last voted.

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- Lake County Board of Elections;
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