

Special EDITION

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Community Newsletter for the Residents of Mentor

for your information

Siren Tests

The next test of the Emergency Siren will be conducted at 11 a.m. on October 13.

Outdoor sirens are used throughout Lake County to notify the public when there is a Perry

Nuclear Power Plant or weather related emergency. The sirens are designed to notify those who are outdoors to take immediate shelter.



To be better prepared for weather related emergencies, it is recommended that residents purchase a weather radio to keep in your home. A weather radio will automatically broadcast severe weather warnings when issued by the National Weather Service.

City Offices Closed for the following Holidays

September 6 - Labor Day
November 11 - Veterans Day
November 25 & 26 - Thanksgiving
December 24 - Christmas

Garbage Cans -

Put out by 7 a.m. / Bring in by 7 p.m.

Please remember to put your garbage at the curb by 7 a.m. the morning of your collection. Remove your cans from the curb before 7 p.m. the same day. Call (440) 974-5781 if you have any questions.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Donate blood at the Mentor Civic Arena, Noon - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: September 13, October 12, November 9

Call 800-GIVE-LIFE

33ND ANNUAL

It's *Better* in *Mentor* Days

September 17, 18 & 19

Saturday, September 18

Parade Steps off at 10 a.m. from Shore Middle School on Hopkins Road
Theme: "The World Comes To Mentor"

The Parade Marshals this year are Mentor residents Patty Rancourt and her son, Dave who traveled to Haiti with Mentor Baptist Church to help those affected by the earthquake. Patty is a nurse at the Cleveland Clinic and Dave is a Warrensville Firefighter who got his start with Mentor Explorer Post 2911.



Amusement Ride Hours:

Friday

\$13 Arm Bands, 4 - 11 p.m.

Saturday

\$14 Arm Bands, Noon - 11 p.m.

Sunday

\$13 Arm Bands, Noon - 8 p.m.

Rides will benefit Lake Humane Society.

Pancake Breakfast

7 a.m. - Noon, Saturday and Sunday

\$5 adults; \$3 children under 12

DeMolay Youth Sponsored



Entertainment Schedule

Friday, September 17

Entertainment Tent

7-11 p.m. Vibe

Civic Center Stage

7-11 p.m. Dave's Planet

Saturday, September 18

Punt, Pass & Kick

Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Civic Center Ballfield
FREE competition open to boys and girls, ages 6-15. Registration takes place the day of the event.
Call (440) 974-5720 for information.

Entertainment Tent

2-5 p.m. Ronnie Fiorentino Band
7-11 p.m. Blue Moons

Civic Center Stage

1:30-2 p.m. Savelli Triple Threat

2-2:30 p.m. Karate Institute

3-4 p.m. Show Stoppers

4-5 p.m. Life Skills Martial Arts

7-11 p.m. Pieces of Eight

Behind Civic Center Stage

3-4 p.m. Jungle Terry

Festival Grounds

3-6 p.m. Robert Huebner, Balloon Artist

Sunday September 19

Civic Center Stage

1-1:30 p.m. Family Karate

2-3 p.m. Dance Theater

3-3:30 p.m. Mentor Combined

5-8 p.m. Martial Arts

Revolution Pie

Behind Civic Center Stage

3-4 p.m. Jungle Terry

Festival Grounds

3-6 p.m. Robert Huebner, Balloon Artist

Amphitheater

1-1:30 p.m. Shoreline Singers

2-2:30 p.m. Mentor's Mannheim

Orchestra

3-3:30 p.m. Top 25

5 mile Run / 2 mile walk

8:30 a.m. sponsored by Lake Health & Achilles Running Shop

Skyhoundz Canine Frisbee Disc

Competition

September 19, 11:30 a.m.
Call (440) 974-5720 for more information.

Money magazine says,

Mentor is - One of the 100 Best Place to Live

Well, now everyone else knows what we've known all along - Mentor is a great place to live! While it's true that Eden Prairie, Minnesota came in at the top spot, Mentor came in at a very respectable 37 - out of 746 small cities (population 50,000 to 300,000).

So, how did they pick the top 100? The Money magazine editors began by looking at statistics, excluding places that are retirement communities, towns

with significant job loss and those with poor education and crime scores. They ranked the remaining places based on affordable housing, school quality, arts and leisure, safety, health care and other criteria including the economy.

Some of the reasons cited by Money magazine are some of the same reasons we love living here - "There's a lot to do in Mentor, from boating on Lake Erie to enjoying the hiking trails on 500 acres

of natural reserve. While just a half-hour away from Cleveland, Mentor doesn't rely on a big neighboring city to fuel its economy. With a strong corporate and biotech presence mixed with a number of manufacturing companies, Mentor has weathered the financial downturn better than many towns in the area."

Mentor first made the Top 100 list in 2006 when it was ranked 68.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Mentor's Cruise-In

NOTE: NEW LOCATION

Spend a day among hundreds of vintage cars and trucks at the City of Mentor's 9th Annual Cruise-In, Saturday, September 11 from 2 - 8 p.m. at the Great Lakes Mall, 7850 Mentor Avenue. Admission is free.



Do you have a 1985 or older vehicle that you would like to show? Register on site after 11 a.m. the day of the event. No vehicles will be allowed on the premises until after 8 a.m. Registered car owners will receive goodie bags (first 300 cars) and dash plaques (first 600 cars), and one free ticket for great door prizes. There will be trophies and a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds from the event will benefit the United Way of Lake County and the Simon Youth Foundation.

No pets, alcohol, rollerblades or bicycles permitted. Rain date is Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. The Mentor Cruise-In is sponsored by the City of Mentor, Great Lakes Mall, 1330 AM WELW and the Mentor Museum of Speed.



More information is available by calling (440) 255-8932 or visit www.mentorcitycruise.com.

Join us in Kalahari

Join the City of Mentor's Recreation Department on Friday, November 5th for a quick family getaway at America's largest indoor waterpark. You'll also save money when you take advantage of the special group rate for Mentor families and friends. For only \$144 (a \$229 value), you'll receive standard room overnight accommodations and four passes to the waterpark. Up to two additional guests may be added to your room for \$20 per person - which also includes waterpark admission. Last year, more than 65 families joined us and had a great time!

To book your getaway, call Kalahari Resorts directly at (877) 525-2427. Remember to ask for the City of Mentor Group Rate to get the discounted price.



misc.

Meeting Dates

Mentor City Council*

- Municipal Center, 7 p.m.
- September 7, 21
- October 5, 19
- November 2, 16
- December 7, 21

Board of Building & Zoning Appeals

- Municipal Center, 7 p.m.
- September 14
- October 12
- November 9
- December 14

Municipal Planning Commission*

- Municipal Center, 7 p.m.
- September 16
- October 7, 28
- November 18
- December 9

Beautification Commission

- Municipal Center, 7 p.m.
- September 14
- October 12
- November 9
- December 14 (held at Wildwood)

*Meetings are broadcast on The Mentor Channel 12 on Time Warner, on Channel 99 on AT&T U-verse and at www.cityofmentor.com

Calendar of Events

August 28

Just Kids' Stuff Garage Sale

Garfield Park Pavilion, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



October 10

Porcelain Treasures Show

Wildwood Cultural Center, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

October 26

Halloween Party for Dogs

Mentor Dog Park, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

October 31

Halloween

Trick or Treat Hours, 6-8 p.m.



November 11

Veterans Day Service, 7 p.m.

Veterans Memorial at Center Street and Civic Center Boulevard

Visit cityofmentor.com, or call 974-5720 for more information on these City events.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Keeping our waterways safe

Concrete wash water creates hazards

Are you aware that the sanitary sewer system and the storm water systems (drains, inlets, and catch basins) are separate piping systems that are not connected? Sanitary sewer water gets treated at the wastewater treatment plant, but everything else that washes into the storm sewers from gutters, footer drains and yard inlets, flows untreated directly into our streams, rivers, and ultimately Lake Erie. This can lead to elevated levels of pollution in our streams and rivers and may contribute to local beach closures along the Lake Erie shoreline. But there are ways that residents and businesses can prevent pollutants from reaching our streams, rivers and Lake Erie.

First, it's important to limit what gets dumped down the drain. One common source of pollution from "Do it Yourself" or general contracting projects (such as driveway, sidewalk or foundation repair work) is concrete wash water. Concrete trucks should never be rinsed, cleaned or washed out into the street or down the storm sewer drain. Concrete is full of cement, sand, gravel and chemical additives that will pollute our streams.



Remember The 3 Cs:

- **Control** - The best line of defense is to prevent materials and debris from entering the storm drain.
- **Contain** - Isolate your work area to prevent discharges from leaving the site. Construct or dig a pit to contain concrete wash water and make sure it does not have the potential to discharge into the street. Allow the water to soak into the ground and then clean up and throw away the concrete residue, once it hardens, in the trash.
- **Capture** - Clean up the work area by sweeping or vacuuming any residual pollutants that could flow into the storm drains, and properly dispose of the residue.

Contact the Engineering and Building Department at (440) 974-5785 if you have any questions on how to implement these recommendations, and always check to make sure you have all the appropriate permits before beginning a project.

For more hints on how to keep our water clean, check out www.cityofmentor.com and click on Storm Water Info under the LIVE tab.

construction

The following projects are scheduled over the next three months:

Roads & Drainage

- The Ohio Department of Transportation will continue constructing a third lane in each direction on SR 2 from SR 91 to just east of SR306. Noise walls will also be added where justified. The project will be completed in 2011.
- The Ohio Department of Transportation has begun constructing the third phase of the SR 2 Widening and Reconstruction, which is adding a third lane, noise walls and new pavement on the section of SR 2 from just east of SR 306 to SR 44. Work will continue thru October 2012.
- Pavement repairs and an asphalt overlay are being constructed on Tyler Boulevard from SR 615 to SR 306. Work on this project will be completed this fall. The project is being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).
- The parapet walls, concrete curbs and walkways on the SR 615 Bridge over the NS and CSX Railroad Tracks will be repaired and resurfaced. This project is scheduled for completion this fall. The City was awarded an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant of \$49,900 toward the cost of this project.
- Pavement repairs, inlet basin repairs, and an asphalt overlay will be made to Plaza Boulevard from US 20 to SR 84. Handicap ramp replacements and traffic loop detectors will also be replaced when necessary. The project is being funded in part by a \$299,900 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant. The work will be completed this fall.
- Concrete pavement repairs will be completed this fall on White Oak Drive between Hendricks Road and Harvest Home Drive.
- Pavement repairs will be made to a 2,000-foot section of Market Street, west of Mansion Boulevard. The work should be completed in October.
- Roadway repairs will be made to the Mentor Lagoons Marina roadways, along with relocating the road along "E" dock. Work on this project should be completed in September.

Public Facilities

- New playground equipment will be installed at Krueger Park;
- A new Sprayground will be constructed at Civic Center Waterpark this fall, replacing the old water play area;
- The following construction will occur at the Black Brook Golf Course Driving Range in late fall: drainage will be improved and artificial tees added for use in wet conditions. Also the natural grass tee area will be expanded;
- The concrete floor in the Marina Rack Storage Building will be replaced. Work will be completed so as not to interfere with boat haul-out and storage.

tidbits

Yard Waste & Brush Collection

Brush and yard waste pick up is available as part of the rubbish collection service offered to single-family homes on public streets. Collection is limited to 12 units per week, but increases to 25 units per week in order to accommodate the fall clean up of leaves (October 25 to December 31). Please limit each unit to 35 pounds or less. Call (440) 974-5780 or visit cityofmentor.com and click on Garbage & Recycling for complete details.

Sign up for Mentor E-Mail Updates

Can't get enough information from the city? Go to www.cityofmentor.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and look for the blank box beneath the words "Join our Mailing List." Carefully enter your e-mail address and to automatically begin receiving e-mail news. You will be able to opt out at any time.

Mentor's Kiddie College

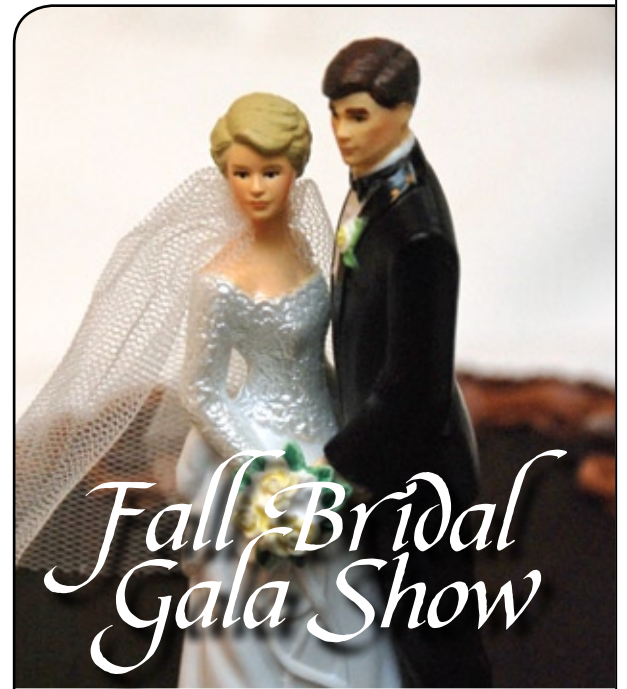
Gives your preschooler a head start

Kiddie College is a nine-month program that follows the Mentor Public Schools vacation and holiday calendar. Approximately 20 children will be registered in each class and all children must be toilet-trained. The preschool program is held at the Mentor Community Center, 8600 Munson Road.

Kiddie College I: two and half hours per day, two days a week. Circle time, arts and crafts, story time, field trips and show and tell all help children engage in learning new advanced, skills.

Kiddie College II: three-hours per day, three days per week. Designed to prepare four and five year olds for an easy transition to kindergarten. Circle time emphasizes verbal expression and cognitive thinking, while phonics, numbers, counting and the alphabet are extended to a kindergarten level. Arts and crafts, field trips and show and tell contribute to your child's development of essential skills, confidence and readiness for kindergarten.

To speak with the program director, or register for the program, please call the Recreation Department at (440) 974-5720.



Sunday, October 10, at 12 Noon
Comfort Inn Hotel and
Cappelli's@Comfort Inn
7701 Reynolds Road (Rte. 306)

See the latest in bridal fashions, travel, and wedding planning. 30 exhibitors, fashion show, refreshments, door prizes. Admission is \$2. Call (440) 974-5735.

This event is sponsored by Wildwood Cultural Center, Community Arts Commission, Comfort Inn Hotel, Cappelli's@Comfort Inn, Expressions Bridal & Formal, Jesse Webb Entertainment, and Ladies & Gentlemen Salon & Day Spa.

Annual Quilt Show

Mentor Senior Center, 8484 Munson Road

Are you a quilter -- or do you just love quilts? In either case, you won't want to miss the Wildwood Quilt Guild's Annual Quilt Show to be held Sunday, November 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mentor Senior Center.



Shop for holiday gifts and purchase a raffle ticket for a beautiful quilt. A \$2 donation is requested at the door. For more information, call Wildwood Cultural Center at (440) 974-5735.



Mentor City Council



Seated from left to right:
Vice President Ronald L. Micchia, President Robert M. Shiner, Louis S. Aliberti. Standing left to right:
Carolyn P. Bucey, Scott J. Marn, Ray Kirchner, Edward R. Walsh

Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center. Meetings are open to the public and can be viewed live over the Time Warner cable system on Channel 12 and on AT&T's U-verse Channel 99.

You can also watch a live stream by logging on to www.TheMentorChannel.com. Meetings and other videos are archived on the city's web site, so you can watch at your convenience.

Welcome!

Are you new to Mentor? Let us know and we'll send you a New Resident Packet. Call us at (440) 974-5794 or send an e-mail to pubinfo@cityofmentor.com.



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