



# MENTOR

Summer 2025

SPECIAL EDITION

Community Newsletter for the Residents of Mentor



## GET READY TO ROCK!

Mentor Rocks from June through August at the state-of-the-art Mentor Civic Amphitheater.

Northeast Ohio's most popular free summer concert series delivers a festival-like atmosphere each Tuesday night (unless otherwise indicated) from 7 - 9 PM with great music, great food, and a whole lot of family fun.

This year's featured original recording artists include Gavin DeGraw, Uncle Kracker, Eli Young Band, and Five for Fighting with special guest Vertical Horizon.

Gavin DeGraw has blessed music-lovers over the past two-decades with a number of hits including "Follow Through," "Chariot," "I Don't Want To Be," "In Love With a Girl," "Not Over You" and many more!

Uncle Kracker has consistently soundtracked such good times with his boldly breezy blend of country, pop, and rock spiked with a splash of hip-hop since his 2000 release "Follow Me" burned up the charts.

The Eli Young Band have brought a Texas-rock edge to modern country for the past 25 years.

Five for Fighting is best known for mega-hit "Superman (It's Not Easy)" as well as other major hits, including the chart-topping "100 Years," "The Riddle," "Chances," "World," and "Easy Tonight," which have earned over one billion streams and a place in the top-10 Hot Adult Contemporary artist for the 2000s.

Vertical Horizon experienced meteoric success in 1999 with "Everything You Want" which was followed up by hits including "You're a God" and the "Best I Ever Had (Grey Sky Morning)".

The "Amp" has lawn seating so chairs and blankets are encouraged. Outside food and refreshments are permitted but come hungry because a dozen of the area's favorite food trucks will be on hand each week serving their fare. A variety of beers, wines, and seltzers are also available for purchase for those 21+.

Outside alcohol, food deliveries, glass containers, and pets are not permitted on Amphitheater grounds. Admission and parking to all Mentor Rocks events are free of charge thanks to the generous support of Mentor Rocks sponsors.

The City of Mentor would like to thank our 2025 sponsors, including presenting sponsors, Meijer and Cleveland Clinic, and supporting sponsors, Raising Cane's, IBEW Local 673, Just Windows, Classic Chevy + The Chevy Network, Waste Management, Michelob Ultra, ProBuilt Homes, Pella Windows, NUTRL, Ken Ganley CDJR Mentor, and Mimi Vanderhaven.

Mentor Main Stage events are also generously supported through grant funding courtesy of Tour Lake County and

NOPEC. This city also thanks the Community Arts Commission for their hard work and support.

The Mentor Civic Amphitheater is located at 8600 Munson Road in Mentor, Ohio. Learn more at [mentorrocks.info](https://mentorrocks.info).

## 2025 SCHEDULE

JUNE 3	20 RIDE
JUNE 10	IN THE END
JUNE 17	GAVIN DEGRAW <small>NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST</small>
JUNE 24	UNCLE KRACKER <small>NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST</small>
JULY 1	DON'T LOOK BACK
JULY 4	ESCAPE
JULY 8	RUN TO YOU
JULY 15	7 SUMMERS
JULY 22	ANIMALS
JULY 29	LIVE FROM EARTH
AUGUST 5	ELI YOUNG BAND <small>NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST</small>
AUGUST 12	FIVE FOR FIGHTING W/ VERTICAL HORIZON <small>NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST</small>
AUGUST 15	DEF LEGGEND
AUGUST 16	QUEEN NATION
AUGUST 19	DARK SIDE OF THE MOON
AUGUST 26	LIVING ON A BAD NAME



## INSIDE

Bring on the Fun

Meet K9 Ares

Paddle Power

Changes at Civic Center Park

...and much more!

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Mosquito Spraying

The Lake County General Health District (LCGHD) sprays most municipalities in Lake County to reduce the risk of mosquito borne diseases and provide a more comfortable summer environment. For more scheduled & additional information, contact their hotline, at 440-350-2088 or visit [lchghd.org](https://lchghd.org).

### Garage Sales

A permit is not required for a garage sale, but the city does restrict where signs can be placed. Garage sale signs are permitted only on the property where the sale is being held. They may not be posted at the street corner, on tree lawns, or utility poles. Illegally posted signs may be confiscated by city staff without prior notice.

### Grass and Weed Control

Lawns and landscaping should be maintained so as not to cause a negative effect on the neighborhood. Generally, grass in residential neighborhoods must be controlled in height or growth (under 8"). Property owners with excessively high grass or weeds will be given notice by Mentor's Code Enforcement Office and have 48 hours from receipt of notice to cut the high grass or remove the weeds. If the notices are ignored, legal action will be pursued for City crews to cut the grass at the owner's expense. Call 440-974-5740 with questions.

### Open Burning

Burning yard waste is not permitted in the City. Small outdoor firepits/ outdoor fireplaces are allowed but must not be used on an apartment balcony or within 10' of any structure. Recreational fires having a fuel area of 3' or less in diameter and 2' or less in height are permitted. No permit is required. Planning a bonfire (a fuel area of 3' or more in diameter)? You need a permit. To receive a bonfire permit, call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 440-974-5768 at least two business days before your planned bonfire.

### Power Outages

Report all outages DIRECTLY to FirstEnergy at 888-544-4877. You may also report power outages online and even via text. Learn more at [firstenergycorp.com/outages](https://firstenergycorp.com/outages). Please do not call 911 unless you have an emergency.

# BRING ON THE FUN!

*Our family-friendly events offer the perfect opportunity to get outside and enjoy the season and our community.*

There is always something to do in Mentor. In fact, the City hosts over 40 events each year for all ages and interests. Here are some of the most popular that you're going to want to circle on your calendar.

### MENTOR ROCKS

The popular Mentor Rocks summer concert series is held Tuesday evenings, June 3 through August 26, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater. This year's schedule includes national recording artists Gavin DeGraw, Uncle Kracker, Eli Young Band, Vertical Horizon, and Five for Fighting, along with the nation's best tribute bands. Free admission and parking! See front cover for details.

### 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 7:00 – 9:00 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 [tunesatthelagoons.com](https://tunesatthelagoons.com) for schedule and additional information.

### WILDWOOD ARTS & WINE FEST

Join us for the Wildwood Arts & Wine Fest on Saturday, June 21, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 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.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebrate Independence Day at the Amphitheater with a free concert by ESCAPE followed by a spectacular 25-minute fireworks display. Grounds open at 5:30 PM. Music starts at 7:00 PM. Fireworks at 9:50 PM.



Popular local food trucks will be serving their festival favorites. A selection of beers, wines, and sparkling beverages will also be available for sale. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Coolers

are welcome. No pets, glass containers, or outside alcohol, permitted.

### MENTOR CRUISE-IN

Mentor's annual car cruise was first held in 2002 and attracts upwards of 800 vehicles and 2,500 spectators each year. All cars are welcome, from classics, street racers, vintage RVs from the 1990's, to Scooby Doo's groovy van, and more!



This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 9, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Mentor Civic Center Park. Pre-registration is not required. Free admission and parking. No dogs, alcohol, rollerblades, or bicycles. Learn more at [mentorcruisein.com](https://mentorcruisein.com).

### MENTOR CITYFEST

There is always time for one last summer bash! Mentor CityFest returns to Mentor Civic Center Park on August 15 & 16. 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.

Learn more at [mentorcityfest.com](https://mentorcityfest.com).



## HELP SHAPE MENTOR'S FUTURE

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 re-development 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.

To find out more, visit [helpshapementor.com](https://helpshapementor.com).

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

## PADDLE POWER

Rent a kayak, canoe, stand-up paddle board, or pedalboat, and explore the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve in a whole new way.

Check out the blue trail that meanders through 3-miles of flat water and observe nature at its finest.

Equipment is available to rent on an hourly basis, weekdays 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, and weekends 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM (Last launch: 7:00 PM) through Labor Day.

### HOURLY RENTAL RATES

- Single Kayak: \$10.00
- Double Kayak: \$15.00
- Canoe: \$15.00
- Stand Up Paddle Board \$10.00
- Pedalboat \$25.00

Rentals are first-come / first-served. Those 16 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult. Life jackets will be issued and must be worn at all times. Groups of 10 or more can make a reservation by calling (216) 399-2347.

Experience the Mentor Lagoons by paddle. The City of Mentor has established a water trail through the Lagoons waterways, including a brief exploration of the Marsh Creek and access to the shoreline paddling on Lake Erie. The trail flows for approximately 3 miles in protected flat-water, which is perfect for paddling. Mentor Recreation offers a variety of paddle programs during the summer months.

Learn more at [mentorlagoons.com](https://mentorlagoons.com)

## JOIN THE MENTOR SENIOR CENTER

Are you 55 or older and looking to stay active, engaged, and connected? Look no further than the Mentor Senior Center!

The Mentor Senior Center offers a variety of fun and stimulating activities, from fitness classes and social gatherings to educational workshops, travel, and ways to explore creative interests. Make new friends, learn new skills, and enjoy delicious meals – all in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Affordable memberships are available for residents and non-residents.

The Mentor Senior Center is located at 8484 Munson Road. Learn more at [mentorseniorcenter.com](https://mentorseniorcenter.com) or by calling (440) 974-5725.



# MEET K9 ARES

The Mentor Police Department is deeply committed to using all tools at their disposal to help keep our community safe and K9 units are an integral part of that effort.

Officer Terry Wurgler has been with the department for 19 years and a K9 handler for the past 12. During that span, he was paired with K9s Titan and Achilles. Sadly, Achilles passed way due to an illness last year, but Wurgler was united with a new partner in April. We recently caught up with him during his rounds when he introduced us to K9 Ares.

**What breed is Ares?** He is a German Shepherd.

**Where did Ares come from?** Ares was born in Poland and sent to a facility in Pennsylvania where I trained with him for six weeks.

**What attracts you to this breed?** I love the fact that they are so intelligent, loyal, hardworking, and beautiful. I've been lucky to have worked with a German Shepherd and a German Shepherd/Malinois mix and saw great qualities in both.

**How did you know he was the one?** It came down to three dogs that I really liked and there was something special about Ares that drew me to him.

**Can you tell us a little about his training?** He's a dual-purpose K9 certified through the state of Ohio in patrol and special purpose. He's trained in the detection of narcotics (cocaine, heroin, and

methamphetamine), suspect apprehension, tracking, area searches, article searches, building searches, and most importantly, obedience.

**After spending some time with him, what personality traits do you see shining through?** Ares is very eager to please, he loves to work and train as well as play. He is very social and seems to be chomping at the bit to get out and meet as many people as he can. We have been going through the department, dispatch, and Fire departments socializing him with everyone that we can.

Officer Wurgler assures us that they are both excited to continue their training, strengthen their bond, and hit the ground running on the road to help out the other officers not only at our department but surrounding agencies as well.

So, welcome officer Ares! We look forward to watching you make a *paws-itive* impact on our community!



## BEWARE OF AI CONTENT

We've seen a significant rise in AI generated content online recently. Most of it is harmless and can be a lot of fun, but it's not always correct.

We want to remind residents that if you want to get accurate and official information related to the city of Mentor, be sure to visit our website [www.cityofmentor.com](http://www.cityofmentor.com) or follow @cityofmentor on Facebook, X, and Instagram.

Can't find what you are looking for? Then contact us at (440) 255-1100 or email [pubinfo@cityofmentor.com](mailto:pubinfo@cityofmentor.com) and we'll put you in touch with the right person.

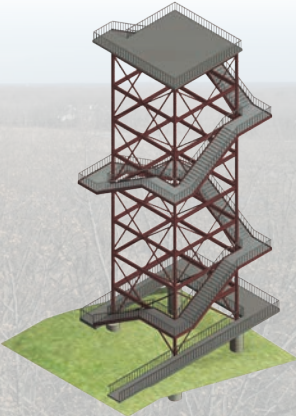
We can't police social media...and definitely don't want to. There are a number of great community pages out there and some helpful content creators as well that help people find answers to their questions fast. But, when it comes to official information related to city business including meetings, projects, programs, and more – get it directly from the source. Get it from us.

Happy scrolling!

## A WHOLE NEW VIEW

Last month, Mentor voters approved the construction of a 92-foot observation tower along the marsh rim approximately 1,000 ft north of the main trailhead at the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve.

Construction will begin later this year and it will be ready for use in 2026!



## JOIN US AT THE REC!

The 128,000 SF Mentor Community Recreation Center is one of the largest facilities of its kind in Northeast Ohio and includes an indoor soccer field, basketball, tennis, racquetball, and pickleball courts, golf simulators, an open concept fitness center, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, cardiovascular and weight training areas, group exercise rooms, a childcare room, an outdoor playground, and other amenities.

Members can enjoy a variety of year-round programs and activities. Family and individual annual membership plans are available for both residents and non-residents. For membership rates, terms, and additional information, visit [mentorrec.com](http://mentorrec.com) or call (440) 205-3608.

**Single-day admission** is available for \$10.00 per person (age restrictions apply).

The Mentor Community Recreation Center is located at 6000 Heisley Rd.



## SUMMER STORMWATER SAFEGUARDS

It may surprise you to learn that everyday activities around your home can contribute to pollution and harmful algae growth in Lake Erie. Fertilizers, pesticides, yard waste, wastewater, and pet waste contain phosphorus and nitrogen, nutrients that fuel algae blooms. When these pollutants are left on the ground, rainwater washes them into storm sewers, which flow directly to Lake Erie without treatment. Excessive nutrients and pollutants from lawns and gardens can contaminate the

lake, harming fish and other aquatic life.

To help protect our waterways and Lake Erie, follow these tips when working in your yard this summer:

- Use only the necessary amount of fertilizers and pesticides, and apply them when rain isn't forecast. Sweep up any excess from driveways or sidewalks.
- Properly dispose of or compost yard waste. Never dump it in storm drains, ditches, or streams.

- Ensure all household wastewater flows to your septic system or sanitary sewer. Never dump wastewater into waterways or storm drains.
- Pick up after your pets and dispose of their waste properly.

Do your part to protect our waterways and Lake Erie! For more information, contact the City of Mentor Building and Engineering Department at (440) 255-1100 or [building@cityofmentor.com](mailto:building@cityofmentor.com).

# UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## JUNE - AUGUST 2025

**2025 ROAD PROGRAM** – This annual program will resurface or repair approximately 42 asphalt and concrete streets throughout the City. In 2025, the City will invest roughly \$1.8 million in resurfacing and repairing local roads including: Snowberry Ct, Kellogg Creek, Justin Way, Bishop Ct, Filmore Ct, Cornwall Ct, Garden Ln, Katherine Ct, Leah Ct, Center St, Heisley Rd, and Munson Rd., Sandtree Ln., Cherrystone Dr., Omega Ct., Bernard Rd., Biltmore Rd., Foothill Dr., Curtis Ct., Beaver Creek Dr., Colony Ct., Edward St., Forestview Ave., Sharonlee Dr., Haverford Blvd., Bryson Dr., Kayne Dr., Campbell Rd., Tall Oaks Dr., Homewood Dr., South Shandle Blvd., Little Mountain Rd., Rosewood Lane., Garden Lane, Patterson Dr., Corduroy Rd, Hoose Rd., Cannon Ridge Dr., Mecantile Dr., N. Weatherby Dr., Brandywine Dr., and Lakeshore Blvd from Andrews Rd. to Willoughby.

**SIDEWALK PROGRAM** – This annual program will replace deficient concrete sidewalk slabs in Ward 4 (Zone D) through an assessment process that were not replaced by property owners as a result of 2024 inspections by the City. This zone consisted of 12.8 miles of sidewalk. The sidewalk inspections found roughly 1,800 slabs of sidewalk to be deficient and in need of repair or replacement. The remainder of the 2024 construction portion of the sidewalk program will also be competed in 2025 in Ward 1 (Zones D and E).

**MENTOR LAGOONS MARINA BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT PHASE 6** - This project will repair and replace approximately 552-feet of bulkhead in the marina along E Dock with steel sheet piling and concrete walk at a cost of around \$500,000.

**CIVIC CENTER POOL PARKING LOT** - This project will construct a new 158-space asphalt parking lot just to the southeast of Civic Center Pool on Munson Road. The new lot is expected to cost around \$2,450,000.

**CORDUROY ROAD RESURFACING** - This project consists of milling and resurfacing the asphalt pavement on Corduroy Road from the south end of the causeway to Garden Lane. The total investment in this project is \$491,000, of which half will be covered by OPWC.

**BELLFLOWER / MEADOWBROOK DITCH RESTORATION** - This project will consist of clearing out fallen trees and debris as well as removing sediment that has built up in the ditch and the connecting storm sewer and restoring the ditch to its original design capacity. The total length of the ditch to be restored is 4,310 linear feet. The total investment in this project will be \$462,191.

**MERCANTILE DRIVE CONCRETE ROAD REPAIR** – This project consists of removing and replacing concrete pavement on Mercantile Drive between Hamilton Drive and the new Mercantile Drive extension. The Total investment in the project is \$940,000 of which \$400,000 will be covered by OPWC.

**HOOSE ROAD RESURFACING AND CANNON RIDGE DRIVE CONCRETE REPAIR** – This project consists of milling and resurfacing asphalt pavement on Hoose Road from King Memorial Road to the Concord Township line to the east. This project also includes concrete pavement replacement on Cannon Ridge Drive from Hoose Road to Brayes Manor Drive. The total investment in this project is \$668,000 of which \$300,000 is covered by OPWC.

**TYLER BOULEVARD SIDEWALK** – This project consists of installing concrete sidewalk from Hopkins Road to Heisley Road on the south side of Tyler Boulevard. The total investment in this project is \$562,000 of which \$416,000 is covered by a grant from Laketrans.



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and click on New Resident  
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*"Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained."*  
- James A. Garfield



## MENTOR CITY COUNCIL

Seated: (L-R) Janet A. Dowling – Councilperson at Large; Sean P. Blake – President of Council, Councilperson, Ward 1; and John A. Krueger – Vice-President of Council, Councilperson, Ward 4.  
  
Standing: (L-R) Ray Kirchner – Councilperson at Large; Mark T. Freeman – Councilperson, Ward 3; Scott J. Marn – Councilperson at Large; and Matthew E. Donovan – Councilperson, Ward 2.  
  
Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Mentor Municipal Center. Meetings are open to the public. To reach a member of City Council call (440) 974-5755 or email [citycouncil@cityofmentor.com](mailto:citycouncil@cityofmentor.com).

## MEETING INFORMATION

**Mentor City Council\***  
Mentor Municipal Center, 5:30 PM  
June 3, 17  
July 3  
August 19  
  
**Board of Building & Zoning Appeals**  
Mentor Municipal Center, 6 PM  
June 10  
July 8  
August 12  
  
**Municipal Planning Commission\***  
Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM  
June 12  
July 3, 24  
August 15  
  
**Tree Commission**  
Mentor Municipal Center, 4:30 PM  
June 12  
July 10  
August 14  
  
**Community Arts Commission**  
Wildwood Cultural Center, 3:30 PM  
June 5  
July 3  
August 7  
  
\*These meetings are broadcast live on Spectrum Channel 1024, U-Verse Channel 99, online at [thementorchannel.com](http://thementorchannel.com) and on our ROKU, Apple, Android, and Fire apps.



# BIG CHANGES AT CIVIC CENTER PARK

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

**NEW BASKETBALL COURTS & PARKING LOT**  
Two new basketball courts and a 158-space parking lot will occupy the space where the skatepark currently sits. The current basketball court will be converted into 3 additional pickleball courts as well. Work on the parking lot is expected to be completed this summer.

**NEW WATERSLIDES**  
Construction will begin this

spring on a 42-foot-tall waterslide structure which will consist of 3 separate chutes. The waterslide portion of the project is expected to be completed sometime this summer.



**NEW POOL COMPLEX**  
Demolition of the buildings in the Civic Center Pool area will begin right after swim season is over this

summer and will be replaced by a new series of inter-connected buildings with restrooms / locker area, concessions stand, a covered eating area, and more. Plans also include expansion of the pool pad and splash pad area.

All work is expected to be completed by the start of the 2026 swimming season and these improvements will serve Mentor residents for decades to come.



Live music, food, and family fun at the Mentor Lagoons Marina!  
  
Performances held from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
JUNE 6: SKINNY MOO  
JUNE 20: AUDIOPHILE  
JULY 11: BAD JUJU  
JULY 25: ABBY RODEO  
AUGUST 8: TRICKY DICK AND THE COVERUPS  
AUGUST 22: THE CALIBER BAND  
  
[www.tunesatthelagoons.com](http://www.tunesatthelagoons.com)



Established in 2003 as the Old Village Market, the Mentor Farmers Market has grown to over 30 vendors per week. Come enjoy an afternoon under century-old shade trees while supporting local farmers & artisans.

**FRIDAYS, 2 - 6 PM**  
**June 13 - Sept 12, 2025**  
  
Eleanor B Garfield Park, 7967 Mentor Ave.  
**[mentorfarmersmarket.com](http://mentorfarmersmarket.com)**  
  
*Don't miss Fantastic Fridays June 27, July 25 & August 29 !*