



MENTOR

SUMMER 2026 SPECIAL EDITION

Community Newsletter for the Residents of Mentor



ANOTHER ROCKIN' SUMMER!

It may seem a bit hard to believe but this year will mark the tenth-season of great live music at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater!

Mentor Rocks - Northeast Ohio's most popular free summer concert series - delivers a festival-like atmosphere each week with great music, great food, and a whole lot of family fun. Over 125,000 people attended in 2025!

Each year's schedule showcases a variety of music across the pop/rock/country spectrum and includes national recording artists as well as the best tribute acts from across North America. This year's featured original recording artists include Phillip Phillips and Night Ranger, as well as a rising country star who will be announced at a later date.

Phillip Phillips rose to fame after winning the eleventh season of American Idol in 2012. His hit "Home" Since then, has released four studio albums and ten singles and his music has been streamed nearly 2 billion times.

Night Ranger has been rocking venues for over 40 years and sold over 17 million albums fueled by hits including "Sister Christian", "Don't Tell Me You Love Me", "When You Close Your Eyes", "Sentimental Street", and many more!

The "Amp" has lawn seating so chairs and blankets are encouraged. Be sure to 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+.

One big change this year is the adoption of a **NO COOLERS** policy. Outside food and non-alcoholic refreshments are permitted but they will need to be hand carried.

As a reminder, outside alcohol, glass containers, food deliveries, and pets are also not permitted on Amphitheater grounds.

Admission and parking to Mentor Rocks are free thanks to the generosity of our corporate sponsors including title sponsor Ken Ganley KIA of Mentor.

Entertainment funds are raised through corporate sponsors, beverage sales, and food vendor fees so please remember to support those who support Mentor Rocks!

The Mentor Civic Amphitheater is located at 8600 Munson Road. Showtimes at 7 PM unless otherwise indicated. Celebrate another summer of fun with us at the Amp! Learn more at mentorrocks.info.

2026 SCHEDULE

- JUN 2 FOREVER SEGER**
- JUN 9 TENNESSEE WHISKEY & ULTIMATE ERIC CHURCH**
- JUN 16 FLEETWOOD GOLD**
- JUN 23 CRAZY TRAIN**
- JUN 30 PHILLIP PHILLIPS**
- JUL 4 HOTEL CALIFORNIA**
- JUL 7 NEW WORLD MEN**
- JUL 14 NIGHT RANGER**
- JUL 21 RED NOT CHILI PEPPERS**
- JUL 28 CREEP & HOLLOW**
- AUG 4 REO SURVIVOR**
- AUG 11 RISING COUNTRY ARTIST**
- AUG 14 JUST LIKE PINK**
- AUG 15 7 SUMMERS**
- AUG 18 ABBA REVISITED**
- AUG 25 ESCAPE**



A WILDWOOD TRADITION CONTINUES

Don't miss Wildwood Arts & Wine Fest on Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Wildwood Cultural Center, located at 7645 Little Mountain Road.

For over 40 years, this festive celebration has been set against the beautiful backdrop of the historic Wildwood Estate, and brings together talented local artisans and crafters showcasing their one-of-a-kind creations. Browse and shop an impressive variety of original artwork, including watercolor and acrylic

paintings, multimedia pieces, jewelry, pottery, woodcraft, glass art, and so much more.

Enjoy live entertainment on multiple stages throughout the day, sip and savor wine, and take a self-guided stroll through the historic Wildwood Manor Estate to soak in its rich history and stunning grounds.

A perfect day of art, music, wine, and culture — right in the heart of Mentor!



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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 lcghd.org.

Backyard Fireworks
Just a reminder that although fireworks are legal in the state of Ohio, sale or discharge within Mentor city limits is still not permitted. A violation of the city fireworks ordinance is a fourth-degree misdemeanor.

The Mentor Police Department encourages everyone to have a fun and safe Fourth of July but to leave the fireworks out of your home celebration. Instead, join your friends & neighbors at the fireworks display at Civic Center Park.

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.

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. 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 7PM to 9PM at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater. This year's schedule includes national recording artists Phillip Phillips, Night Ranger, and a rising country star (TBA in late June) 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 7PM - 9PM 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 for schedule and additional information.

WILDWOOD ARTS & WINE FEST

Join us for the Wildwood Arts & Wine Fest on Saturday, June 20, from 12PM to 5PM 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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebrate Independence Day at the Amphitheater with a free concert by Hotel California followed by the BIGGEST fireworks display in Mentor's history as we celebrate



America's 250th birthday! Grounds open at 5PM. Music starts at 8PM. 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. No coolers, pets, glass containers, or outside alcohol, permitted on Amphitheater viewing grounds.

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, and more! This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 8 from 10AM to 2PM 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.

MENTOR CITYFEST

There is always time for one last summer bash! Mentor CityFest returns to Mentor Civic Center Park on August 14 & 15. This two-day family-friendly festival is packed with activities, games, entertainment, food and more! Enjoy live music Friday night with Just Like Pink and Saturday night with 7 Summers. Learn more at mentorcityfest.com.



TUNES AT THE LAGOONS

Live music, food, and family fun at the Mentor Lagoons Marina!

June 12 – Monica Robins and Ninja Cowboys

June 26 – Treble in CLE

July 10 – Abby Rodeo

July 24 – Shadow of Doubt
(Tom Petty Tribute)

August 7 – One
(Tribute to U2)

August 21 – Pieces of Eight

tunesatthelagoons.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events and activities are posted to the City of Mentor website as that information becomes available.

June 13 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Mentor Pop Culture Show

Mentor Community Recreation Center
Comic books, trading cards, video games, toys, vintage clothing, vinyl records, and more! \$5 entry fee - children 3 & under free.

June 20 | 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Wildwood Arts & Wine Fest

June 29 | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Senior Center Open House

Free admission. Registration required.

July 3 | 6:00 PM

Garfield Statue Dedication & Community Picnic

Open to the public.

July 4 | 5:00 PM

Independence Day Celebration

Family-friendly activities and patriotic program followed by Hotel California at 8 PM and fireworks at 10 PM. Free admission.

August 1 | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mentor Safety Forces Open House

Family friendly fun with Mentor Police & Fire

August 8 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mentor Cruise-In

Free admission and free registration for cruisers.

For additional information or to register, visit cityofmentor.com.

MANAGING SUMMER RUNOFF

Rain is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreational activities, and keeping healthy wildlife habitats, but a problem can arise when stormwater runoff generates from land surfaces and is impacted by the activities we conduct on a daily basis. These activities have the potential to generate stormwater pollution. Follow these recommendations to prevent storm water pollution:

- Properly store and dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint. Never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does. ****Take advantage of the Lake County Hazardous Waste Collection Events this year!****
- Clean up any chemical spills on your property immediately before the rain carries it away. Use rags or absorbents (kitty litter works great) and dispose of them in the garbage.
- Clean up your yard waste for proper disposal or composting. Never dump along a waterway.

- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides as instructed and sparingly to prevent excess runoff pollution. Recommend storing chemicals in a secondary container (bin) and in a safe location to prevent spills/leaks.
- Consider installing innovative storm water practices, such as rain barrels or rain gardens to capture storm water and keep it on site.
- Bag your pet's waste right away and dispose of in the garbage.
- Keep all waste stored indoors, or in leak proof containers with tight fitting lids if storing outdoors.

It's important to be aware of the significance of our behavior and that our actions can either pollute or protect our waterways. Decide to make a conscience effort.

For more information, contact the City of Mentor Building and Engineering Department at (440) 255-1100.



Civic Center Park Pool Complex



MEGA MAKEOVER

Over the past several years, major improvements have been taking place at Mentor Civic Center Park. In 2025, the city added three new pickleball courts (bringing the total to 22), two new basketball courts, and more than 150 parking spaces.

This year, construction is underway to completely transform the pool complex with the addition of a dramatic 44-foot-tall, three-chute waterslide, an expanded spray pad with multiple play features, new restrooms and locker facilities, a concessions stand to serve both the pool area and the pickleball courts, a new concrete deck, and new decorative fencing.

In addition, construction is underway to add a spray pad complex at Eleanor B. Garfield Park where the old pool once stood. This new facility will include a variety of fun and exciting water features, a new restroom and storage building, shaded areas for parents and caregivers, and gated entry to keep the little ones safe while they play.

Due to unforeseen construction circumstances and poor weather conditions, construction on these projects will not be complete this season.

We are confident that both facilities will meet and exceed the expectations of our residents when they are unveiled for the 2027 season.

In the interim, residents will be able to enjoy the pool and splashpad at Morton Park which will open as scheduled on June 1st. Seasonal passes will be available now at a 20% discount. The splashpad at Edward R. Walsh Park is also open this summer and can be accessed free of charge.

City leaders are excited to cut the ribbon on both of these new landmark facilities in June 2027 so they can serve Mentor residents for decades to come!



Splashpad at Eleanor B. Garfield Park

CELEBRATING A PRESIDENT

The City of Mentor will unveil a statue of James A. Garfield at the Mentor Municipal Center on Friday, July 3, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

The slightly larger-than-life figure is being designed and built by renowned artist Alan Cottrill whose body of work includes over 400 pieces including that of Thomas Edison in Statuary Hall at the US Capitol Building.

Following the unveiling ceremony, the community is invited to a free picnic on the grounds of the Mentor Civic Amphitheater. The evening will feature a variety of family-friendly activities including a 1776 Yard Race which is open

to runners and walkers of all abilities, the chance to view and collection of vintage military vehicles, and screenings of the "What America Means to Me" community video project, along with a behind-the-scenes video showcasing the design and construction of the Garfield statue

The City will serve free hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, and ice cream sandwiches. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for comfortable lawn seating.

All are invited to attend this historic community event!



HEALTHY EATS & TASTY TREATS

The popular Mentor Farmers Market is back for the 2026 season, inviting the community to gather under the beautiful century-old shade trees at Eleanor B. Garfield Park.

Mark your calendars for Fridays from June 12 through September 11, 2PM - 6PM, where you can shop from more than 30 vendors offering delicious fresh-picked fruits and vegetables, pies, plant starts, honey, specialty baked goods, and other farm-related products.

This year brings even more excitement with art and craft vendors featuring a wide variety of handmade items, plus live vendor demonstrations, fresh food options, live music, and plenty of family-friendly fun. Join us for an afternoon filled with local flavor and community spirit!

Established in 2003, the market continues to grow as a beloved local tradition. Come support our hardworking farmers, artisans, and small businesses while enjoying a vibrant afternoon outdoors.

Learn more at mentorfarmersmarket.com.



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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

JUNE - AUGUST 2026

ANNUAL ROAD PROGRAM – This annual program will resurface or repair approximately 16 asphalt and 11 concrete neighborhood streets throughout the City.

ANNUAL SIDEWALK PROGRAM – This annual program will replace deficient concrete sidewalk slabs in Ward 1 (Zone F) through an assessment process that were not replaced by property owners as a result of 2025 inspections by the City. This zone consisted of 12.4 miles of sidewalk. The sidewalk inspections found roughly 1,400 slabs of sidewalk to be deficient and in need of repair or replacement.

MENTOR LAGOONS MARINA OBSERVATION TOWER – Construction is underway on the 95-foot tall (approx.) steel observation tower at the edge of the Mentor Marsh.

MERCANTILE DRIVE CONCRETE ROAD REPAIR – The project consists of removing and replacing concrete pavement on Mercantile Drive.

TYLER BOULEVARD SIDEWALK – This project consists of installing concrete sidewalk on the south side of Tyler Blvd. from Hopkins Rd. to Heisley Rd.

BLACK BROOK PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS – This project includes curbing and resurfacing the Black Brook Golf Course Parking Lot. Other improvements include installation of new storm sewer, relocation of utility lines underground, new lighting fixtures, and fresh painting of the lot.

SR -615 GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT – This project involves removing and replacing existing guardrail that has become old and rusted, installing new impact new guardrail and impact attenuators.

SR-283 BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT – ODOT is replacing the bridge deck on the Lakeshore Blvd. bridge over SR 44.

TYLER BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - The Lake County Engineer will be replacing two bridges on Tyler Blvd. between SR-306 and SR-615.

HOPKINS ROAD CULVERT REPAIR - The Lake County Engineer will repair the culvert under Hopkins Rd. just north of Munson Rd. This work will include lining the culvert and making repairs and modifications to the upstream headwall.

MENTOR HARBOR CHANNEL CONSTRUCTION - The construction of the harbor channel continues. Work started on this project in the summer of 2025. This project includes repairing and reconfiguring the channel walls and dredging the channel.

AT&T FIBER UPGRADES - AT&T will continue to install fiber optics in various locations throughout the city.



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"Nothing is more uncertain than the
result of any one throw; few things
more certain than the result of many
throws."

- James A. Garfield



MENTOR CITY COUNCIL

Members of Mentor City Council. Seated: (L-R) Vice-President of Council and Councilperson-at-Large Ray Kirchner, President of Council and Councilperson-at-Large Janet A. Dowling, Ward 4 Councilperson John A. Krueger. Standing: (L-R) Ward 2 Councilperson Matthew E. Donovan, Councilperson-at-Large Brian G. Cook, Ward 1 Councilperson Sean P. Blake, Ward 3 Councilperson Charles E. Pinkerman.

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.

MEETING INFORMATION

Mentor City Council*

Mentor Municipal Center, 5:30 PM
June 2, 16
July 2
August 18

Board of Building & Zoning Appeals

Mentor Municipal Center, 6:00 PM
June 9
July 14
August 11

Municipal Planning Commission*

Mentor Municipal Center, 7:00 PM
June 11
July 23
August 13

Tree Commission

Mentor Municipal Center, 4:30 PM
June 10
July 8
August 12

Community Arts Commission

Wildwood Cultural Center, 4:30 PM
June 4
July 2
August 6

*These meetings are broadcast live on the Mentor Channel. For channel listings, app download links, and more, visit thementorchannel.com.



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IMPORTANT EBIKE SAFETY INFO

eBikes and electric scooters are now a common sight in Mentor. With national eBike sales tripling over the past five years, these devices offer convenient, efficient, and fun transportation. However, they also raise important safety concerns. More than 20,000 eBike riders are injured each year in the United States, with over 30 percent of those incidents involving motor vehicles. Electric scooters present an even higher risk, with more than 118,000 emergency room visits reported nationwide in 2024.

An eBike is a traditional bicycle equipped with an electric motor and battery that provides power-assisted pedaling or throttle propulsion. Ohio classifies eBikes into three categories. Class 1 eBikes offer pedal-assist only and cut off at 20 mph with no throttle. Class 2 models can use pedal-assist or a throttle but still cut off at 20 mph. Class 3 eBikes are the fastest, cutting off at 28 mph, and may use both pedal-assist and throttle. Because of their higher speeds, Class 3 eBikes face stricter regulations.

In Mentor, the motor must be turned completely off when riding on sidewalks, allowing the eBike to be operated like a regular bicycle. When riding in the street, all riders must obey traffic laws, stop at signs, and follow signals. From sunset to sunrise, every eBike requires a bright white front light and a red rear light with reflector. Class 1 and Class 2 eBikes are permitted on bike paths and shared-use paths, while Class 3 models are restricted to

roadways only. No eBikes of any class are allowed on hiking trails or natural surface paths.

Safety requirements are essential. Only riders age 16 and older may operate Class 3 eBikes, and all riders and passengers on these models must wear helmets that meet national safety standards. Parents should select equipment appropriate for their child's age and skill level, practice traffic rules together as a family, and always check lights, reflectors, and brakes before each ride. Helmets are strongly recommended for every trip.

Although these devices may look like toys, a child traveling at 20 mph can suffer serious injuries, especially in a collision with a motor vehicle. The Mentor Police Department encourages families to enjoy these devices responsibly while making safety the top priority.

Talk with your children about safe riding habits, insist they wear helmets, and remind them to stay alert and aware of their surroundings. Working together, we can prevent tragedies and keep our community safe.

