

Mentor

SPECIAL EDITION

Community Newsletter for the Residents of Mentor

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City Targets. Invasive Plants AT LAGOONS

Garlic mustard is a non-native, biennial herb that grows 5 to 46 inches tall. It originated in Europe and was introduced in the U.S. for medicinal purposes; by 1991, it had invaded 28 Midwestern and northeastern states. The herb spreads into high quality woodlands and upland forests and significantly alters habitat that is suitable for native insects, birds and mammals.

In an effort to take back some of the natural habitat lost to invasive, non-native plant species, like the garlic mustard, the city is organizing a garlic mustard pull at the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve. According to Nick Mikash, a natural resource specialist with the city, "We are inviting interested residents, student groups and other volunteers to help us remove these plants because they force out native plants like asters, trillium, violets and shrubs such as spicebush and winterberry holly." Removing the invasive plants is critical in promoting the recovery of the forest underbrush. Although it's labor intensive, removing the plants by hand is one of the best ways. A garlic mustard pull is scheduled for April 19, May 3 and May 17. Those interested in helping to remove the garlic mustard plants should contact Nick Mikash at (440) 974-5720 or mikash@cityofmentor.com.

The work is being aided by a grant from the Native Plant Society of Northeast Ohio, whose goal is to promote native plant conservation through habitat protection and fostering public knowledge and appreciation of such plants.



Garlic Mustard

Trillium

Aster

Deer Deter Devices Installed

One of the goals of Mentor's Deer Management Plan is to reduce the number of deer/vehicle accidents. With grant funds received from the Ohio Department of Transportation, the city agreed to test Deer Deter units. The devices have been known to reduce accidents in other states by as much as 70-90%. Mentor is the first city in Ohio to use the units.



The devices were installed in November on sections of Lake Shore Boulevard, Hopkins Road and State Route 306. The units capture solar radiation so they are always charged. When headlights hit the side of the unit, it becomes activated and emits a blinking light and a beeping sound, which is intended to distract the deer and keep them from crossing in front of the oncoming vehicle. In the last ten years, nearly 800 deer/vehicle accidents have occurred in Mentor. The devices have been installed in many of those high incident locations.



Insurance companies list Ohio as a high-risk state. Motorists are reminded that deer generally travel in herds; if you see one, there is a strong possibility that others are nearby.

for your information

State of the City

Mentor City Manager Ken Filipiak will present his State of the City address on Tuesday, March 25 at LaMalfa Centre as part of the Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting. Reservations are required by March 19. Tickets are available by calling (440) 255-1616.

Community Shred Day

Get rid of your unwanted papers and sensitive documents.

When: Saturday, April 19, 9 AM to 1 PM

Where: Mentor Public Library's Auxiliary Parking Lot (at Sharon Lee & Mentor Avenue) Five box limit.

No charge to Mentor residents. Shredding provided by Xpress Shredding of Mentor.



Welcome Aboard

Kim Holizna is the city's new international trade administrator. Her expertise in international trade will be an asset in seeking markets compatible with the city's diverse business clusters and in assisting Mentor businesses interested in learning about exporting.

Lake County Special Collections – Lake County Fairgrounds

- Computers and related equipment can be dropped off Saturday, April 26 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Includes home computer equipment, monitors, keyboards, printers, etc.
- Scrap Tires will be collected Saturday, May 10 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Up to six tires without rims will be accepted at no charge. Additional tires without rims are \$2.

Tax Filing Deadline

April 15 is the deadline to file your taxes. Residents are also required to file a Municipal Income Tax Return, if they have earned income. Details at ritaohio.com or by calling 800-860-RITA (7482).

Mentor's Linked In

Join "Choose Mentor, Ohio" on Linked In to keep up with the latest news from Mentor's Economic & Community Development Department.



Mark your calendar now for these two great, **SUMMER EVENTS**



July 26, Headlands BeachFest Headlands Beach State Park

Spend the day on Ohio's longest beach and learn to fly a kite, paddle a kayak, make a sandcastle, search for buried treasure, play a game or make a sand art project. Live music, food and arts & craft vendors. It's a family celebration of wind, water and sand. Held rain or shine. Free admission and parking. headlandsbeachfest.com



August 22-23, Mentor CityFest Civic Center Park

Two days, one big event, and fun for all ages! This year's event has an entirely new line-up of activities and entertainment. Everything from a 135-foot zip line and an extreme trampoline, to a mechanical surfboard, giant Mad Cap puppets, obstacle courses, magic shows and more. Live bands will perform for free shows on Friday and Saturday. Small fee charged for activities. If you'd like to serve on a committee to help organize the event, call (440) 974-5720. Mentorcityfest.com



Community Theatre Comes to Mentor



Frank Krupa

There's an exciting new community theatre in Northeast Ohio, called Center Stage Mentor, or CSM. It will debut on Friday, June 6 at the Mentor Senior Center with a performance called, "Showtime Broadway." The show, created and directed by Frank Krupa, is a special fusion of comedy, music and dance.

Actress Linda Brown will be appearing in the show and said, "It's great to have a vibrant, community theatre in Mentor. And considering Frank's record of sellout shows, I know Center Stage Mentor will be a great source of community pride."

The Senior Center's Main Hall stage will be the home of this and future CSM performances. Tickets are \$8 if purchased before May 6 and are expected to sell quickly.

For more information contact the Mentor Senior Center at (440) 974-5725.

Improved Greens at Black Brook Golf Course

The city continues to make improvements to Black Brook Golf Course & Practice Center. This past fall, drainage was installed in all 19 greens, and stressed areas were patched with bent grass sod by TDI International, experts in the field of greens restoration. The drainage system lowers the water table, which forces the roots to push deeper into the soil. This will allow the greens to handle the stress from downpours, heat, drought, disease and pests. The greens can be consistently cut at a preferred height, which will enhance play. The city also purchased a greens roller machine, which will be used to keep the greens smooth and at a consistent speed.



Calendar of Events

MARCH

March 8, **Mother Child Skate**
Mentor Ice Arena, Noon - 3 p.m.

March 19, **The Chardon Polka Band**
Mentor Senior Center, 6 - 8 p.m.

March 25, **Crime Safe 2014**
Mentor Senior Center, 10-11:30 AM



APRIL

April 9, **Taste of Mentor**
Mentor Civic Arena, East Rink, 6-8 PM
Call 255-1616 for tickets.

April 12, **Egg Hunt for Kids**
Civic Center Amphitheater, 11 a.m.

April 19, **Battle of the Bands**
Mentor Civic Arena, Starts at 11 AM.
Admission \$2



April 26, **Mentor Senior Center Garage Sale**
Mentor Senior Center, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

MAY

May 2, **Wildwood Singers Spring Concert**
Mentor Senior Center, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

May 11, **Mother's Day Moms Play Free**
Black Brook Golf Course, All Day

May 17, **Wildwood Garden Club Plant Sale**
Wildwood Cultural Center,
11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

May 29, **Just Kids Stuff Garage Sale**
Garfield Park Pavilion, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Friday, May 30, **Mentor Farmers Market**
Civic Center Park, 3 - 7 p.m.

Visit cityofmentor.com, or call 974-5720 for information on city events.

Get a Jump on the Summer Season

Purchase your season Pool Pass between March 31 and April 30, and pay 2010 rates. Just stop by the Mentor Recreation office on the second floor of the Municipal Center, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Tuesdays and Thursdays until 6 p.m. To receive the resident rate, you must show a current utility bill with your name and address on it and a photo ID. Pool passes serve as photo identification, so each person must be photographed.

If you purchased a pass last year and will be purchasing the same type of pass this year, you can renew online at cityofmentor.com/play.

So, save money and avoid the day-after-school-gets-out rush. Call 974-5720 for more information or visit cityofmentor.com and click on Aquatics/Passes under the PLAY tab.



FOR ADULTS ONLY

It's a Flashlight Dash Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12, 7 p.m.

Release your inner child at this new egg hunt for adults 21 and over. Participants will head out to the Practice Center at Black Brook Golf Course at dusk with flashlights in hand. On the word GO, you'll take off to collect as many of the 3,000 eggs hidden on the practice range. More than 100 of those eggs contain special prizes donated from local businesses including hotel accommodations, gift cards to local restaurants, salon services, hair cuts, automotive services and one grand prize - a flat screen TV! \$10 per person includes light snacks. Pre-registration is required by April 10, or when we reach maximum capacity.

Register by calling (440) 974-5720 or online at www.cityofmentor.com; click on Upcoming Events under the PLAY tab.

Preparing Your Yard for Spring Rains

During the winter, there are all kinds of hidden wastes that accumulate beneath the snow. When spring arrives and the snow melts, these wastes are left behind on the sidewalks and driveways. Do not let it all wash away with the next rainfall. Keep the runoff clean by sweeping up the left over salt, dirt, litter, and debris from your sidewalks and driveway. If there is yard waste, leaves, and branches in your yard, properly dispose of them. Never dump them at the banks of streams or in a storm sewer as it will clog the sewers and streams and is harmful to the fish and bugs living in the water.

Keep in mind that stormwater does not flow to a wastewater treatment plant like our household wastewater does. Anything flowing into the storm sewers and streams in our neighborhoods washes directly into Lake Erie untreated. Help keep stormwater and Lake Erie clean! For more information, contact the City of Mentor Building and Engineering Department at (440) 974-5785.

Under construction

The following projects are scheduled over the next few months:

- Extend Plaza Boulevard across the NS and CSX railroad tracks to approximately 1,500 feet north of Mentor Avenue to intersect with St. Clair Avenue and connect with Tyler Boulevard via Clover Avenue. This project should be completed by late August.
- The City will advertise to receive bids for the widening and resurfacing of Jordan Drive from Corduroy Road to Rambler Drive. The road will be widened to 32 feet and the project will include minor drainage improvements.
- Bid and construct improvements on selected asphalt and concrete streets throughout the city.
- Continue sidewalk improvement program in Zone 3B (generally located between Bellflower Road, Reynolds Road, Lakeshore Boulevard and Melshore Drive). The City is currently receiving construction bids to finish uncorrected violations. Work should begin in May and be finished by the end of June.
- Demolish and remove the 186-foot Mentor Harbor Bridge over the Mentor Lagoons. Based on the boating season and other environmental constraints, the bridge would most likely be demolished prior to April 15 or after November 1.

Mentor Farmers Market

May 30 – September 19

Last year, we expanded the Mentor Farmers Market to 15 weeks at its new location at Civic Center Park. Residents were happy with the convenient location and vendors were happy with the number of customers. The market returns on Fridays beginning May 30 from 3-7 PM. The market is held rain or shine. There will be no market on July 4 and August 22.



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MENTOR CITY COUNCIL



Seated l-r: Bruce R. Landeg, Council President Ray Kirchner and
Council Vice President Janet A. Dowling. Standing l-r: Matthew E.
Donovan, Robert M. Shiner, John A. Krueger and Scott J. Marn.

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.

meeting information

Mentor City Council*

Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM
March 4, 18
April 1, 15
May 6

Board of Building & Zoning Appeals

Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM
March 11
April 8
May 13

Municipal Planning Commission*

Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM
March 13
April 3, 24
May 15

*These meetings are broadcast live on
**The Mentor Channel 12, on AT&T U-verse
channel 99, and online and on demand at
TheMentorChannel.com.**



Mentor Safety Town

Registration is going on now for this
safety awareness program designed
specifically for children ages 4-6.
Session 1 is from June 9-13; Session
2 from June 16-30. Classes are held
in the morning and afternoon hours.
Registration forms are available at the
Mentor Public Library, Mentor City
Hall or online at mentorjuniorwomen.org. Fee is \$40 (\$45 after April 15).

Mentor Safety Town is presented by
the Junior Women's Club of Mentor
and held at St. Mary of the Assumption
School, 8560 Mentor Avenue.

Are you a good neighbor?

Good neighbors contribute to the success of a city, by creating a sense of community and mutual
consideration for those who live around them. When people look out for one another, other good things
start to happen: friendships are formed and crime goes down because neighbors are keeping a watchful eye
on one another. But being a good neighbor is more than just being friendly. It's also about respecting those who live
around you.

Think what it's like to live by you. Pay attention to little things you do that could bother a neighbor, such as:

- Letting your pets wander around other people's yards.
- Allowing your dog to bark for long periods of
time, especially during the night.
- Playing music loudly.
- Not maintaining your yard or house.
- Not leaving trash receptacles in plain site.
- Parking vehicles on the lawn, or on your
neighbor's property.

These are a few of the common issues that
Mentor's Property Maintenance Division encounters.

You might want to familiarize yourself
with our local codes and ordinances
regarding noise, weeds and rubbish. You
can find them at cityofmentor.com, click on
Ordinances under the LIVE tab. Or, contact
our Code Enforcement Division at (440)
974-5792 with any questions or concerns.

