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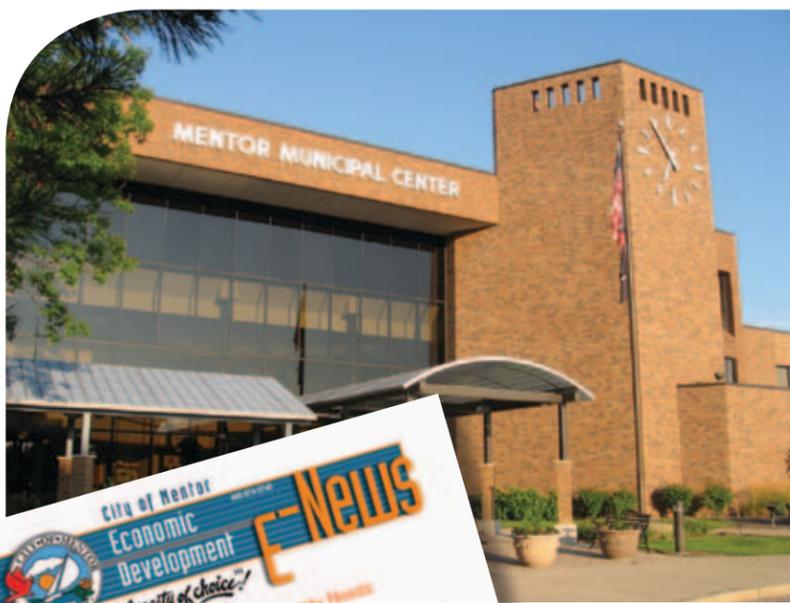
Community Newsletter for the Residents of Mentor

Residents Urged to Complete Community Needs Survey

Mentor residents are being asked to complete a Community Needs Survey to provide opinions on what activities are important for the federally-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Opinions, along with other data, will help produce a five-year Consolidated Plan, which will help guide the use of CDBG funds in the coming years.

The broad range of allowable activities that may be eligible for funding includes: Housing and Homelessness, Social Services, Economic Development, and Public and Community Facility Improvements. Eligible applicants are primarily low to moderate income, handicapped, veterans, seniors and youths. The geographic boundaries are within the City of Mentor, but social service providers serving Mentor residents should also complete the survey.

Please visit cityofmentor.com and click on Community Needs Survey under the LIVE tab. If you have questions, or would like a survey mailed to you, please contact city planner Tom O'Hara at 974-5740 or ohara@cityofmentor.com.



Vacant Dwellings Must be Registered with City

Pursuant to Mentor City Ordinance 1373, owners of any vacant residential property must register that dwelling with the Economic and Community Development Department no later than 90 days after the dwelling becomes vacant, or no later than 14 days after being notified by the Economic and Community Development Department of the requirement to register.

Exemptions may be permitted if one of the following conditions exist:

- A dwelling is under active construction/renovation and has a valid building permit(s) at the time of initial inspection.
- A dwelling that has suffered fire damage or damage caused by extreme weather conditions can be exempt for up to 90 days if the property owner requests an exemption from the Code Enforcement Supervisor.
- A dwelling that is for sale and listed with a licensed state of Ohio real estate broker, or for sale by owner, shall be exempted for a period of 12 months from the start of vacancy so long as it is continuously listed and/or continuously and conspicuously advertised for sale at the dwelling location.



Code Enforcement personnel will inspect the exterior of all vacant dwellings to ensure compliance with local ordinances. Registration forms are available at cityofmentor.com, under the Useful Links tab. For more information, please contact Code Enforcement at (440) 974-5792.

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for your information

Everyone Loves Summer Camp
Registration is already underway for Mentor's more than 100 different camp experiences. Visit cityofmentor.com and click on Summer Camps on the PLAY tab.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

June 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lake County Fairgrounds. Free service.

Acceptable items: household cleaners & solvents: thinners, kerosene, turpentine, lighter fluid, strippers, automotive fluids: used motor oil, gasoline, coolants, antifreeze, grease, oil-based paints, varnish, shellacs, stains, aerosols, polyurethanes, primers, grout, liquid/solid: pool, lawn & garden chemicals, pesticides, weed killers, spray insecticides, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, photography, "hobby" chemicals, mercury, empty propane tanks, roofing tars, drive sealers.

Lake County Marathon Returns in October

On Sunday, October 12, runners will take to the streets of Mentor for the 2nd Annual Lake Health Northern Ohio Marathon & Half Marathon. Last year, more than 1,200 runners and walkers competed in Lake County's only marathon that starts and finishes in Fairport Harbor, but travels along much of northern Mentor. The race attracted competitors from over 20 states, including Ohio. This year, there will also be a five-person relay that will allow beginner runners to compete alongside the distance runners in the marathon. For race details, visit lakehealthrunning.com.

Dial 2-1-1 for Confidential Referrals or Service

Anyone can dial 2-1-1 from a landline phone and speak with an information and referral specialist who can provide confidential referrals or help with housing, food, utility assistance, clothing or counseling. This service is available 24 hours a day.

Public Auction

The Mentor Police Department will hold a public auction on Saturday, June 28 to sell off surplus property, including unclaimed bicycles and evidence. The auction starts at 10 AM and will be held behind the Police Station, 8500 Civic Center Boulevard.

Summer's Here!

Headlands BeachFest

July 26, Noon to 8 p.m.

Not your typical day at the beach!

Spend the day on Ohio's longest beach flying a kite, paddling a kayak, making sandcastles, making art or playing beach games. There will also be nonstop music, acrobats, performance artists, dancers, face painting, food and over 20 arts and craft vendors. All this, plus Ohio's 1st Master Sand Sculpting competition as three World Champion sculptors compete for the title. Held rain or shine. Admission and parking are free. We'll see you at Headlands Beach State Park. HeadlandsBeachFest.com



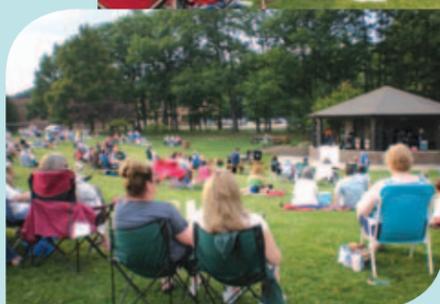
Concerts in the Park

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Tuesdays, June 24 – August 12 • Civic Center Amphitheatre, 7-9 p.m.

We continue our summer tradition by bringing some impressive local bands to Mentor. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket; no chairs are provided. The concerts are FREE and open to the public. For more information, call (440) 974-5735.

- June 24 **Good Vibrations** – Beach Boys Tribute
- July 1 **Jersey** – Springsteen Tribute
- July 8 **Reil Young** – Crosby, Stills & Nash Tribute
- July 15 **Penny Lane** – Beatles Tribute
- July 22 **The Diamond Project** – Neil Diamond Tribute
- July 29 **Fastlane**– Eagles Tribute
- August 5 **Evil Ways** – Santana Tribute
- August 12 **Monica Robins & the Ninja Cowboys** – Country



Mentor Farmers Market and Final Fridays

May 30-September 19

The city's 15-week market has just begun and will continue on Fridays from 3-7 p.m. through September 19. Shop for locally grown herbs, vegetables and fruits, certified organic produce and cheese, starter plants, flowers, as well as specialty jams, olive oils and vinegars, artisan breads and more. On the last Friday of June, July and August the growers are joined by dozens of arts and craft vendors, live music and kids activities. Please note: there is no market on July 4 or August 22.

Get out and play...

Mentor Cityfest

August 22-23, Civic Center Park
Friday, 4-11 p.m. • Saturday, Noon to 11 p.m.

Two days, one big event, and fun for all ages!

An all new line-up of activities this year includes a 135-foot zip line, climbing wall, extreme trampoline, giant MapCap puppets, obstacle course, BMX demos and magic shows, laser tag, Digital Graffiti Wall and LED Sound & Light Screen – plus community run games, dozens of food vendors and a beer and wine garden.

Entertainment includes Dueling Pianos, 1988 Band, and Chicago Tribute Band - Sounds of Society, along with Mentor's Top 25 and Mannheim Orchestra. Saturday's fun starts off with Lake County's biggest parade, which steps off from Shore Middle School at 10 a.m. and ends with a fabulous fireworks display! Small fee charged for some activities. MentorCityfest.com



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Under construction

The following projects are scheduled over the next few months:

■ Roads & Drainage

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. The project should be completed by late August;

The City has awarded a contract to Chagrin Valley Paving for the widening and resurfacing of Jordan Drive from Corduroy Road to Rambler Drive. The road will be widened providing for 5' bike lanes on each side of the roadway. The project will also include some minor drainage improvements;

The City has awarded two contracts for constructing improvements on various City Streets. The project will consist of repaving portions of 13 asphalt City streets and performing concrete joint repairs on 37 concrete streets;

Replace existing storm sewers on Warrendale Drive and Southgrove Road with 15" HDPE pipe;

Complete the installation of 14 decorative streets lights on SR 306 between I-90 and SR 84;

■ Parks

Rehabilitate tennis and basketball courts at Edward R. Walsh Park;

Install energy conservation lighting at Civic Ice Arena East Rink and install new cooling tower;

Upgrade HVAC at Mentor Municipal Center;

Replace HVAC at Senior Center;

Extend waterline on B Dock at Mentor Lagoons Marina;

Rehabilitate and repave the entrance drive and parking lot at Wildwood Cultural Center and relocate and widen walking path.

Water Safety

A drowning can happen fast and silently. And it can occur in less than one inch of water. That's why drowning is the second most common cause of death among children under 14 years old. The Mentor Fire Department urges families to adopt the following water safety standards; they are the best way to insure a safe and fun experience.

Learn and Practice Water Safety Skills

- Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim.
- Learn to perform CPR on children and adults, and update those skills regularly.
- Only trained lifeguards should try to rescue an actively drowning person. Instead throw a life ring to them and call 911.

Stay Close, Be Alert and Watch Children in and Around the Pool

- Never leave a child unattended and always watch your child when he or she is in, or near water.
- Teach children about basic water safety.
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings to avoid entrapments.
- Have a telephone close by when you or your family are using a pool or spa.
- If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first.

Have the Appropriate Equipment for Your Pool or Spa

- Install a four-foot or taller fence around the pool and spa and use self-closing and self-latching gates; ask your neighbors to do the same at their pools.

- If you have a temporary pool or kiddie pool without a fence around it, then empty it when not being supervised by an adult.
- Install and use a lockable safety cover on your spa.
- If your house serves as a fourth side of a fence around a pool, install door alarms and always use them. For additional protection, install window guards on windows facing pools or spas.
- Install pool and gate alarms to alert you when children go near the water.
- Ensure that any pool and spa you use has compliant drain covers. Ask your pool service provider if you do not know if it is safety compliant.
- Maintain pool and spa covers in good working order.
- Consider using a surface wave or underwater alarm.

Remember

- Never swim alone, always have a buddy.
- Wear sunscreen, applying it before and after swimming and every two hours.
- Stop swimming or boating as soon as you hear, or see a storm approaching.
- Always wear a life jacket when boating.
- Toddlers can drown in buckets and toilets.

Calendar of Events

June 24, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Everything You Always Wanted To Do, Family Style
Civic Center Park

June 29, 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

34th Wildwood Fine Arts Festival
Wildwood Cultural Center

July 4, 9:50 p.m.

July 4 Fireworks
Civic Center Park

July 13, Noon - 4 p.m.

Family Fun Day & Picnic
Wildwood Cultural Center

July 19 - 20, Times Vary

Madness in Mentor Pickleball Tournament
Civic Center Park

July 23, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Scimitars Swing Band, Tickets \$3
Mentor Senior Center

August 9, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mentor Cruise-In
Civic Center Park

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



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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 also be
viewed live over the Time Warner cable system on Channel 12 and on
AT&T U-verse Channel 99. To reach a member of City Council,
call (440) 974-5755.

meeting information

Mentor City Council*

Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM
June 3, 17
July 1
August 19

Board of Building & Zoning Appeals

Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM
June 10
July 8
August 12

Municipal Planning Commission*

Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM
June 5, 26
July 17
August 7, 28

Tree Commission

Mentor Municipal Center, 3 PM
June 12
July 10
August 14

*These meetings are broadcast live on
The Mentor Channel 12, digital 96.12,
AT&T U-verse channel 99, and online at
TheMentorChannel.com.

Jump right in... the water's fine!

Civic Center Waterpark

Opens May 31
Open M-F, 1-9 PM
Weekends, 1-8 PM

Garfield Pool

Opens June 7
Open daily 1-8 PM
Lap Swim 7-9 AM
Open Swim 9 AM - Noon

Morton Pool & Spraypark

Opens June 7
Open daily 1-8 PM

Walsh Spraypark

Opens June 2.
Open daily 10 AM - 8 PM. Free admission

You can purchase your pool pass at the
Recreation Department all season long,
weekdays from 8 AM to 5 PM. If you purchased
a pass in 2013, you can renew it on line at
cityofmentor.com/play. Or call (440) 974-5720.



Reduce Runoff – Get a Rain Barrel

Any hard surface around your house can create runoff -- from your roof, to your driveway, to your patio. If you collect this water and use it around your yard, you will help reduce the amount of water that flushes through a stream during a storm, and filter out some of the pollutants as well. You might even reduce your water bill in the summer.

One way to do this is to use a rain barrel. When installed on downspouts around your house, they collect the rain that would otherwise empty into a storm drain or into a muddy spot in your yard. Up to 55 gallons of rainwater can be stored in a repurposed plastic barrel from every April shower or July cloudburst. This water is free of cost, and also free of utility additives, such as chlorine and fluoride that can be especially hard on your plants. Rain water is ideal for watering your garden, lawn and landscaping.

Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) collaborates with Lake Metroparks to provide rain barrel construction workshops. These are scheduled for June 11 and August 14 at the Lake County Fairgrounds and July 12 at Penitentiary Glen. You can also call the Lake SWCD office to make arrangements to pick up a pre-made barrel anytime during business hours.

For information, contact the Lake County
Stormwater Management Department at
350-5900 or visit lakecountyohio.gov/smd.

