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I'd like to extend a special thanks to the advertisers which made this publication possible. They represent a portion of Mentor's robust business community that strongly supports our institutions and make so many high-quality public services possible.

If you are visiting, make yourself at home and please enjoy your stay. We hope you'll find time to take advantage of the many recreational, cultural, and shopping and dining opportunities that we offer.

Best Regards,
Kenneth J. Filipiak | Mentor City Manager



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Chief Kenneth K. Gunsch

Ask the Chiefs

Mentor police and fire chiefs weigh in on some commonly asked questions

The police and fire departments are vital to the health and well-being of any city. The job of the police is to protect citizens by preventing crime, enforcing laws, apprehending suspects, and monitoring traffic. They respond to calls for help, violations, and make arrests.

The job of the fire department is to respond to calls to extinguish hazardous fires that threaten life, property and the environment, as well as to rescue people and animals from dangerous situations.

We asked the leaders of these important community heroes a few questions many might be wondering about.

Police Chief Gunsch

Kenneth K. Gunsch joined the department in 1993 as a patrol officer. After serving as an evidence technician, field training officer, and detective with Mentor's Criminal Investigation Unit, he rose through the ranks and was promoted to captain in 2012. In May of 2019, he was appointed as police chief.

Q: What do you find are residents' most common concerns in the community?

A. Residents want to be safe and know if they need assistance, they can call us, and we will be there. Many residents are concerned about traffic issues and count on us to enforce traffic laws to ensure safety in their neighborhoods. We have a comprehensive traffic program as our main purpose for traffic enforcement is to change the driving behavior of drivers, either by issuing a citation, or written/verbal warning, and to make the roads safer for everyone.

Q: Do you have stats stating how safe it is to live in Mentor?

A. Mentor is a very safe place to live and is evident in our crime stats we publish every month. The large majority of our crimes are related to theft offenses. This is understandable since we have such a large volume of retail sales in the city. Our violent crimes are low and have been low for many years. I attribute this to the professionalism of our officers and quick response when issues arise. Per the FBI Uniform

Crime Report, Mentor had 41 violent crimes in 2018 with a population of 47,118. Our monthly crime and traffic statistics are published on our department website under quick links/latest statistics tab. Crime statistics for all Ohio cities are also published by the FBI-Uniform Crime Reporting.

Q: Your job, of course, is keeping Mentor safe. During these challenging times, have you had to make changes in how you approach what used to be "normal circumstances?" Such as, have you had more distress calls and emergency calls, than usual? Are you finding that people are much more worried about, well, everything?

A. The global pandemic has forced us to adjust some of our operational techniques. Wearing masks and keeping our social distance from people is our main focus to stay safe. Obviously, in police work, it's not always possible to keep the distance when officers have to make arrests.

In regards to an increase in calls, I thought we would see an increase in domestic violence and assaults during the governor's stay-at-home order. However, our domestic violence arrests were relatively equal to 2019 through April and our assaults and thefts have been down during this time period. Overall, our call activity decreased 36% during the stay-at-home order but is returning to normal levels with the opening of the economy.

Q: We've all seen weaving cars, and often, we don't know if the driver

is drunk, on their phone, or just being distracted. What should a motorist do if they fear the driver is a threat?

A. Distracted/impaired drivers are a danger to the traveling public. If you notice a vehicle driving in front of you that appears to be impaired (weaving in their lane) call 911. If this person is impaired, we want to do all we can to get them stopped and off the road before they possibly cause an accident and injure someone. Sometimes we have people send us a Facebook message and photo of the vehicle's license plate to report the driver. This information will not get to the officers on the street in a timely manner. Calling 911 and staying on the phone to provide location updates to the dispatcher works the best for us to locate the vehicle and take appropriate action.

Q: Given today's circumstances, what changes are possible to improve the city overall, and/or likely to change at this time concerning continued safety among home residents, store owners, motorists? Should residents do something they aren't doing right now? What would you like the public to know that's not often mentioned in the news?

A. I take the safety of the city residents and businesses seriously and we do everything we can to keep them safe, along with our visitors. We as a police department accomplish this by having professional and well-trained officers. Our officers adhere to the highest ethical standard and pride themselves on their commitment

to protect and serve all those in our community with impartiality. One message I always want to share with the community is to call us if you're having a problem or you believe there is some type of suspicious activity occurring. Many people will call us the following day to report a suspicious person or event because "they didn't want to bother us." That limits our capabilities to take action or conduct follow-up. We are here to help and will always respond when needed to keep our community safe.

Fire Chief Searles

Robert Searles joined the department in 1988 and has held every rank within it. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1992, battalion chief in 1994, deputy chief in 2000, and became the Mentor fire chief in 2014. He has served on the Ohio attorney general's school safety task force and works with the Mentor Public Schools and police department on hazard preparation and response planning for school-based emergencies. He is also the recipient of the 2014-2015 Department of Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars Firefighter of the Year Award.

Q: What do you want people to know about your work?

A. The Mentor Fire Department, and the city of Mentor, have a long and rich tradition of caring for one another, and working together. Over the years, we've evolved to what I refer to as a full service fire department. Because of the tremendous support of our community, we're able to make use of some of



the most sophisticated and technologically advanced equipment available. We've developed a culture that has empowered our firefighters to look beyond basic fire and EMS services to find ways to improve the wellness of our community. Our service delivery capabilities and specialty services we are able to offer is only possible because the residents support their safety services, along with our business community and schools that have partnered with us to make things safer and better in Mentor. I would like our residents to know that we are here for them and we are grateful for the partnerships that we have developed with our community.

Q: Everyone knows they should have fire and CO detectors, but what other life-saving measures people should know, or do, that they may not be aware of?

A. Smoke detectors, fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are very important, and we have developed programs that have a strong focus on fire prevention. But there are many risk factors present in our community. Our primary goal is to improve the overall strength and wellness of our community by reducing harm. The key is

working together and we are fortunate to have strong community partners—whether it is with other city departments, mental health, our schools or neighboring public safety agencies.

Q: Why does the fire department always send out two big trucks when responding?

A. At least two big trucks are sent to most emergencies because we want to ensure the best outcome possible. We operate with a tiered response system that has proven to be effective. All of our multi-station responses are managed using a standard management system that allows our officers the flexibility to reduce, or increase, the response assignment based on need.

Our experience has taught us that, in most cases, we can do more for our residents than just treat the patient. Because we respond with the ambulance and fire engine, we're able to provide more than just good EMS care. The crew on the fire truck not only assists caring for the patient but can do more once the ambulance leaves for the hospital.

Examples include comforting the family by providing updates on their loved one, giving directions to the hospital, securing the house, making sure other hazards are abated like turning the stove off or locking up the house.

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Ask the Chiefs

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Q: What is the most common cause of fires and how best to prevent them?

A: Below are three common causes that we have seen reoccur:

1. Unattended candles, especially around the holiday season. They have been knocked over by pets, or too close to curtains that wind blows into the flame or left burning long enough to overheat and break their holder.
2. Unattended food on the stove. We often see this at night when someone comes home from a night out and starts cooking, then falls asleep in a chair or on the couch.
3. Improper disposal of hot ashes from a fireplace or fire pits. We've had a number of fires where the homeowner discards ashes in the trash can that later catches on fire and extends to the house.

It's important to mention that in all cases, a working smoke detector made a difference. We also offer free home safety inspections.

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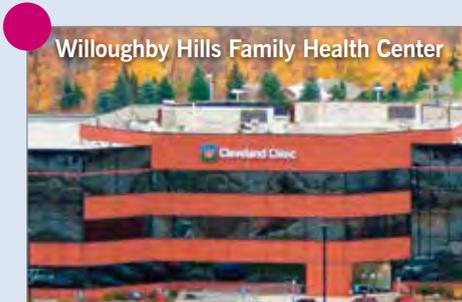
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Small businesses are the foundation of our local economy. We salute the following 17 businesses for choosing Mentor as the place to offer their products and services to the community.

This is only a sampling of the many businesses who have been here for more than 25 years. Watch for next year's Mentor City Magazine for more great establishments who have enjoyed a long run of success in Mentor.

If you are one of those businesses, feel free to reach out to us at dan@directmarketpublishing.com.



Mentor Lumber & Supply

Established: 1922
 7180 Center Street
 (440) 255-8814
www.mentorlumber.com
President: Thomas Kirk

Mentor Lumber began when Mentor was still a farm town, serving the local needs for coal, feed, lumber, and building materials. In 1963, the company expanded into a full-service lumber yard. Today, they provide builders, remodelers, and homeowners with quality materials and professional services, such as cabinet design, and installation for any new construction or remodeling project.



Wyatt's Greenhouse

Established: 1940
 6440 Reynolds Road
 (440) 257-7313
www.wyattsgreenhouse.com
Owner: Bill Wyatt

This popular nursery is in its fourth generation of family ownership and still has the original barns and family farmhouse from 100 years ago. They're known for their signature giant petunia hanging baskets, always visible along Route 306, as well as being a local supplier of high-quality annuals, perennials, and all garden products for its generations of loyal customers.

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Owner: John Young

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www.brunners.com

Owners: Nancy Brunner Sanden, Adam Sanden, Jason Sanden, Chuck Brunner, Brian Deitrick

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Established: 1961

7850 Mentor Avenue

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Owner: Washington Prime Group

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Sun Rental Center, Inc.

Established: 1961

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www.sunrental.com

Owner: Frank Felice and sons, Tom and Larry

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President: D.D. Coley

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Owner: Joe Longo

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Spudnuts

Established: 1970
 6930 Center Street
 (440) 255-7257
Owner: Geta Sidley

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 www.mentorheisleyfitness.com
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www.barbandpattys.com

Owners: Barb Wisch, Patty Ardire

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Owner: Timothy Allen

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Owners: Tim and Siham Shaker

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www.molinaris.com

Owner: Randal Johnson

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Sometimes this support can be straightforward: a little help with transportation, preparing some meals, household chores or assisting with shopping.

But in other cases, these friends and family members find themselves having to take on quite a lot. This is often due



to health issues affecting the older person's ability to remain independent and manage various aspects of life.

The Council on Aging is proud to have served Mentor residents and greater Lake County since its founding in 1972. The nonprofit agency has become the most trusted resource for the caregivers and seniors who seek information and assistance on concerns involving aging in our community.

The experienced staff of the Council on Aging understand that trying to help an older parent tends to bring up lots of different issues that people aren't always prepared to address. And meanwhile, there are other responsibilities to attend to, children to care for and job duties to deal with, while balancing a new role as caregiver.

Although the agency's main office on East Avenue in Mentor is currently closed to the public due to coronavirus, staff continue to provide support services and referrals for seniors, caregivers and family members by phone. If you have concerns about an aging loved one, the Council on Aging encourages you to take the first step and call the office at (440) 205-8111. Resource specialists are ready to assist you with your questions and if they can't help you directly, they'll connect you to other organizations that can.

The Council on Aging offers social work services, Meals on Wheels, homemaker service, benefits assistance and volunteer opportunities.

To learn more on how the agency can help you or your loved one, please visit the Lake County Council on Aging website at lccoa.org.

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Mentor Marsh home to over 260 bird species

The Mentor Marsh region is of the premier birding sites in northeast Ohio. The 230-acre Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve includes 1.5 miles of shoreline with rare dune plants, a riverine marsh, and mature oak bluff. It is located on the western boundary of the over 800-acre Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve, which is also one of the best birding sites in the state of Ohio.

Mentor Marsh contains diverse wetland communities and habitat types that serve as important breeding and nursery areas for fish and waterfowl, as well as a 'stopover' resting site for neotropical birds and butterflies as they migrate up to several thousand miles in the spring and fall.

Over 260 bird species have been recorded within or offshore of the marsh. The large-scale removal of invasive phragmites, led by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, has increased occurrences of highly sought-after marsh birds. The potential for

rare bird sightings and new breeding species continues to increase. All of these factors, as well as the abundance of protected species like the once rare Bald Eagle, have helped designate the marsh as an Important Bird Area (IBA) within the Grand River-Lower Watershed.

Along the east portion and south side of the preserve, you can overlook the marsh and several mudflats, which are excellent spots for shorebirds and waterfowl in migration. The Overlook Trail begins by cutting through deciduous forest, full of warblers, vireos, and flycatchers from spring to fall, and hosts a diversity of species year-round. The trail continues to the bluffs, which offer excellent scoping opportunities for mergansers, gulls, scoters, and many species that overwinter on Lake Erie.

Trail maps and a bird field checklist can be found at the lagoons office or kiosk or downloaded at cityofmentor.com/birding.



Birds species like this great blue heron can routinely be spotted in the Mentor Marsh.



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The State of our City

Exploring where we've been,
where we are, and where we are going

As Mentor residents know, our ever-evolving lakeside community is a patchwork of old and new, with a unique blend of historic homes, contemporary structures, thriving businesses, and picturesque natural spaces.

A number of changes have taken place since Mentor was first settled in 1797 as a part of the Connecticut Western Reserve. What was once a sleepy little farm town has become an important manufacturing and retail center in the state of Ohio. Let's explore where our town has been, what we enjoy today, and where we are headed in the future.

Nothing is certain but change

Like much of northeast Ohio, Mentor began as a farming community and much of that remained unchanged

through the 1950s - but change it most certainly did! Take a drive down Mentor Avenue today and it's hard to imagine that just 60 years ago, this was a collection of nurseries and cross-roads.

Mentor first rose to national prominence during James A. Garfield's successful front porch presidential campaign in 1880. The Hiram native purchased his 160-acre farm in 1876 to relocate his large family. One of the major reasons he chose the property was that he wanted his sons to learn about farming. A congressman at the time, Garfield was a self-made man in every respect whose reputation as an abolitionist, Civil War hero, and thoughtful legislator, put him on the path to the presidency.

After securing the Republican nomination, Garfield retired to the comforts of his family farm which was dubbed "Lawnfield" by the cadre of reporters

who camped out on his property to report on the campaign. It was frowned upon in those days for a candidate to actively seek office, so instead, he addressed his supporters from his front porch. Over 15,000 well-wishers came to tiny Mentor, with its population of just 540, to see and hear Garfield that year.

By the turn of the 20th century, Lake County was becoming an attractive and convenient getaway for nearby Clevelanders thanks in large part to the Interurban electric railway which cut an eight-hour carriage ride into a one-hour trip. Many wealthy Cleveland industrialists chose to call our area home, even if it was just for the summer. Among them was John J. Oliver, whose Tudor-inspired summer estate on Little Mountain Road was designed by President Garfield's son, Abram. The home and grounds are now known as the Wildwood Cultural Center.

Nurseries became big business in Mentor through the 20th century. The “Rose Capital of the Nation” held its crown from the 1920s through the 1970s when over a dozen producers raised approximately five million plants a year from their Mentor fields. Famous growers included Gerard K. Klyn, the largest rose grower in the Midwest; Joseph Kallay, who in 1932 received U.S. patent No. 10 for “Blaze;” Melvin E. Wyant, accredited rose grower, judge, and lecturer; Joseph J. Kern, nationally recognized expert on old fashioned roses; and Paul R. Bosley, who specialized in hybrid tea roses. In fact, mail order nursery giant, Wayside Gardens, was founded here in 1920 and operated in Mentor prior to moving to South Carolina in the mid-70s.

Mentor has had its share of influential citizens over the years. Among them was Garfield’s granddaughter-in-law, Eleanor, who became Mentor village mayor in 1952 and whose vision and persistence helped make Mentor what it is today.

After World War II, Mentor started seeing a shift in its way of life. This sleepy little town was starting to grow as families and businesses made their way east from Cleveland. Lake County was the fastest growing County in the state in those days because of affordable housing opportunities as well as newfound accessibility due to improving roadways and the growing highway system.

Thanks to Garfield and like-minded civic leaders, what was once a waypoint was about to become an economic powerhouse.

“Mentor’s leaders were ahead of their time when they planned our community. Sound municipal planning

integrates residential, commercial, and industrial areas so that growth can occur in harmony instead of conflict,” says Mentor city manager, Kenneth J. Filipiak.

The establishment of the industrial corridor and rerouting of the Lakeland freeway in the late-50s helped launch Mentor’s growth and is the bedrock upon which the City of today was built.

“The vision they articulated ensured that Mentor had allocated areas well-positioned for smart growth in manufacturing, retail, and professional services, while securing areas for greenspace and residential development,” adds director of economic development, Kevin Malecek.

As a result, Mentor underwent explosive growth. In 1960, 4,354 people called Mentor home. By the end of the decade, that number would grow nine-fold!

Today, Mentor is the largest city in Lake County with a population of just under 50,000. The City is home to over 1,700 businesses, including over 300 manufacturers, 300 retailers, and 170 eateries, and these businesses constitute nearly 40% of Lake County’s economy.

Early business investment in the industrial corridor, as well as along Mentor’s commercial sector, helped pave the way (as well as the roads) for the Mentor of today. Income taxes generated by business enabled the expansion of city services, establishment of full-time safety forces, purchase of land for parks and recreational opportunities, as well as many of the other amenities that we enjoy today.

“The city of Mentor has always been about balance, and that balance has assured prosperity and growth over our last



The Great Lakes Mall opened in 1961 as an open-air shopping center and was built on a strawberry field.

Source: Cleveland Public Library



The W.S. Tyler Company featured 5,000 different components, spare and replacement parts for Tyler screening machinery that were kept ready. In most cases, same day shipment was available through parcel post, truck or the adjacent railroad. Photo circa 1962.

Source: Cleveland Public Library



Mentor was once known as the “Rose Capital of the Nation” when area growers produced five million plants per year. Aerial view of Wayside Gardens in 1964.

Source: Cleveland Public Library



STERIS was founded in Mentor in 1985. Today, the company conducts operations in over 100 countries.

60 years,” says Filipiak, “In our time as an incorporated city, Mentor kept pace with innovation and evolution in commercial and industrial markets, providing the core employment that has guaranteed a vibrant and dynamic economy.”

That tradition continues today as the City welcomes new investment from international firms, including ACO, DeNora Tech, and Heiland Electronics as well as expansions from home-grown companies like STERIS, Avery Dennison, and Polychem.

One of the most exciting upcoming additions is the Cleveland Clinic’s new state-of-the-art hospital which will include emergency care, in/outpatient services, and specialty disciplines to be built at I-90 and SR-615.

There’s no place like home

Mentor isn’t just a great place to do business, it’s also a great place to live. Mentor homes are typically on the market for a shorter period of time and sell for more than those in other communities in Lake County. Highly-rated schools, high-quality city services, and low overall taxes are just a few of the reasons why people love to call Mentor home.

Another major incentive is that recreational activities abound for Mentor residents. With over 1,200 acres of

parkland, miles of bike and multi-purpose trails, ball courts, pools, and more, there is always something to do no matter what the season.

Living on the shores of Lake Erie provides the perfect backdrop to boat, fish, bird watch, or simply lounge in the sun. Headlands Beach State Park’s mile-long stretch of sand makes it the longest natural beach in Ohio and



Hundreds of thousands of people have attended concerts at “the Amp” since the facility opened in 2017.

Pictured: Robin Wilson of the popular ‘90s rock band Gin Blossoms who performed in June 2019.

Source: City of Mentor

attracts over two million visitors each year. The adjoining Nature Preserve features an all-access boardwalk that guides you through the natural splendor of sand dunes and native vegetation that extends to the water’s edge and offers a commanding view of the famous lighthouse.

The nearby 800-acre Mentor Marsh State Park and the city-owned 450-

acre Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina are birding havens. Over 260 species of birds have been recorded in the area in the past year alone.

Mentor Civic Center Park, adjacent to the Mentor Municipal Center, features ball fields, a pool/waterpark, ice arena, skate park, pickleball courts, picnic ground and shelter, playground, and an impressive state-of-the-art amphitheater. The facility is home to a number of events, including the City’s popular Mentor Rocks concert series which draws an average of over 6,000 music-lovers per week during summer months.

Veterans Park, located on Hopkins Road, is a popular place for family fishing, dog walking and hiking. And, Eleanor B. Garfield Park, on Mentor Avenue, offers a fishing pond, soccer field, basketball and tennis courts and baseball diamond, outdoor pool, picnic pavilion, and playground.

Springbrook Gardens is Mentor’s newest permanent greenspace. Dedicated in 2019, this 52-acre park occupies the former Springbrook Gardens nursery property. Park improvements and addition of amenities are ongoing, but residents are already enjoying the pond, boardwalk, and 1.7 miles of paved walking paths.

Black Brook Golf Course has been a local favorite for over 90 years. Established in 1927, Black Brook was designed by the legendary Bertie Way – who also designed the Country Club of Detroit, the Mayfield County Club, and the famous South Course at Firestone Country Club in Akron. The facility has been owned and operated by the city of Mentor since 2005 with a number of improvements made to the course.

For those 55+, the Mentor Senior Center is a favorite place to spend time with dear friends as well as make new ones. It is the largest senior center in Lake County with over 5,000 members. They offer wide assortment of programs including fitness classes, arts and crafts, health service information, and more. The home-cooked lunches are a particular standout for the community. The 22,000-square-foot facility features a library, dou-



These African-American Civil War veterans visited James A. Garfield's Mentor, Ohio property during the 1880 "front porch" presidential campaign. The Garfield home is visible in the background. Garfield was one of the few Republicans still openly talking about race and civil rights as late as 1880.

(Source: National Park Service)



Mentor's population grew at a rate of nearly 25% per year in the 1960s. New homes on Jeremy Avenue in 1967.

Source: Cleveland Public Library



Eleanor B. Garfield and Ray Dawson reviewing Mentor's industrial corridor.

Source: Cleveland Public Library

ble-faced fireplace, billiards room, computer room, fitness center with aerobic and strength training equipment, and meeting rooms.

Aside from the parks and facilities, Mentor Recreation offers more than 1,200 ways to enjoy life every season of the year through a multitude of athletic, cultural, arts, and nature programs for all ages and levels to choose from.

Keeping in mind all of the great things that Mentor has to offer today is something that wouldn't have been possible had the people in the "little village that could" not had the persistence to forge ahead with their vision. It's clear that Mentor has changed a lot in just the past 60 years, we can't wait to see what the next 60 years bring.

What's also clear is that despite the downturns of 2020, this northeast Ohio city has never been better.

So, if anyone asks, "What's so good about Mentor?"

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The Mysterious Wreck of the 20th Century Limited

Cause of deadly 1905 derailment never solved

Many northeast Ohioans have heard about the great Ashtabula train wreck which occurred in 1876. A train on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway was traveling through Ohio bound for Chicago in a blinding snowstorm when the bridge collapsed. It was the worst U. S. railroad accident of its time, killing nearly 100 people.

In 1905, another accident occurred along the same line, this time right here in Mentor. Although this one was much less known, it was just as notable.

The tragedy occurred at the former railroad passenger depot located on Station Street, just east of Center Street behind what is now Deeker's Bar & Party Center. The accident raised some controversy before becoming a part of Mentor's forgotten history.

Historic Train Derailment

The 20th Century Limited express passenger train was the fastest long-distance train in the world at the time of the crash. On June 21, 1905, at approximately 9:20 p.m., it was traveling eastbound at a rate of 70 miles per hour through the sleepy farm town of Mentor, when it was diverted from the main line and straight into the freight station. An emergency application of brakes could not stop the train before the locomotive, tender, and the first few cars derailed and fell onto their side. Immediately after the crash, the engine's boiler exploded, and the ensuing fire spread quickly since most

cars were still made of wood. Locals bravely rushed to the scene, but the flames were too intense for them to be very helpful and they were forced to abandon their efforts.

Despite the rapid appearance of the fire department, it took up to five hours before the flames were under control. Twenty-one people died, including the locomotive's engineer. Several passengers were hurt, some seriously, while others were able to walk away from the wreckage.



The Mentor railroad depot was rebuilt in 1909 and still stands today.

So, what was the cause of the derailment? Upon inspection, it was widely suspected that the switch had been tampered with. The question of who or why has never been answered.

The assistant general superintendent, D. C. Noon, stated soon afterward, "So far as can be learned, the switch was opened and locked open by some party unknown, probably a crank, and evidently with malicious purposes." He went on to say that another fast east-bound train had passed through the switch 45 minutes earlier, without incident. The crash also created a fervent debate over the speed of the

engine, which was over the designated limit. There was talk that the train was behind schedule and trying to make up time.

The railroad was insistent that this was no accident. The conductor of No. 26 examined the switch immediately after and told general passenger agent W. J. Lynch, who was on the train, that it was set and locked for the sidetrack with the lights extinguished. The switch was not damaged and worked perfectly after the accident.

The man who was firing the locomotive that night recalled that light signals indicated a clear track ahead and that nothing was out of the ordinary.

Although it was reported that "every possible effort is being made to locate the party who misplaced the switch," nothing ever came of the investigation. If there indeed was malice involved, the train wreck remains Mentor's greatest unsolved crime.

Mentor has undergone many changes since 1905. The freight station was destroyed in the accident and rebuilt shortly thereafter. The passenger depot across the tracks remains intact and recognizable, although the building has changed a bit of its look since becoming a restaurant/bar.

The Mentor station, located at 8455 Station Street, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern RR Depot and Freight House.

— Article by Deanna Adams
— Photos courtesy of Cleveland Public Library



Eleanor B. Garfield

Mentor's second First Lady

own Jordan Motor Company. At a country club function, she mentioned to him that she needed a car, but that they were all "too drab, too dark, too big, or too small," thus inspiring the design of the Playboy Roadster in which she spirited around town.

Eleanor attended prestigious Brown University. After graduation, she returned to the area and married the President's grandson, Rudolph H. Garfield, in 1925. The couple raised two children before her husband unexpectedly died at the age 47.

Throughout her lifetime, Eleanor was described as brilliant, pretty, energetic, ambitious, and a "girl of action." The death of her husband seemed to motivate her even more. She soon opened up her own furniture refinishing business and became a member of the Mentor Girl Scout Council. When she learned the local Episcopal church didn't have enough money for a steeple, she obtained a real-estate license, sold three homes, and paid for the steeple out of her commissions.

served just one term, but her boundless energy and ambitious nature proved to be a great asset for our community.

She forged a reputation for getting the job done and has been referred to as our "industrial strength mayor" as well as the "iron lady" for her tough stance on issues concerning what was at the time, Ohio's fastest-growing county.

Hands-on doesn't even begin to describe her involvement in the community.



Eleanor B. Garfield led the way in planning the industrial area along Tyler Boulevard.

President James A. Garfield and his wife, Lucretia, are among the most famous names in Mentor. However, there is another Garfield who is also a highly regarded figure in our history. She shares the same last name – not through DNA but through marriage – and also displayed her own brand of smarts, ambition, and a bold vision, that has had an impact on our city to this day.

History of a Dynamo

Eleanor Borton was born in 1899, the daughter of a Cleveland stockbroker. In the 1920s, she embraced the flapper craze; she enjoyed jazz music, dancing, exhibited a zest for life, and was a well-known and admired Cleveland socialite.

She served as the muse for Edward "Ned" Jordan, owner of Cleveland's

First Lady of Mentor

Garfield ran for mayor in 1952. The two men she ran against argued that they were more qualified. As it related to politics, that may have been true, but it didn't stop her from running a vigorous and successful campaign. Mentor's first, and only, female mayor

Once, she hid in the bushes of the Old Newell Estate (which later became Garfield Park) with Mentor's police chief during a stake-out to gather evidence to break up an illegal gambling operation.

She also petitioned (although some would say, strong armed) then-gover-

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nor C. William O'Neill to relocate the Lakeland Freeway (SR-2) to accommodate an industrial park along Tyler Boulevard between SR-306 and SR-615. Ray Dawson, longtime Mentor builder/developer and planning commission member, helped her with that cause, as well as other endeavors.

This industrial corridor served as the foundation for Mentor's economic growth and stability over the decades and was vital in funding the range of city services and facilities that we enjoy today.

There is no doubt, that Eleanor Garfield changed the face of Mentor, Ohio. She played an essential role in the development of property in our community as well as the consolidation of the Mentor Village and Township school districts. She also played a pivotal role in creating the park that is now named in her honor.

Eleanor B. Garfield Park

What was known as the Newell Estate was a 65-acre property located a block west of Lawnfield. The estate originally served as a summer resort for John Newell (brother of Helen Newell Garfield, wife of Garfield's second son, James R.). The family sold the property in the 1940s. It was eventually abandoned by subsequent owners and the home (located where the swimming pool is today), fell into disrepair before being destroyed

in a fire. The old carriage house still stands and is used by the City's parks department.

A citizens group, led in part by Eleanor, directed the charge to raise funds to purchase the property for the establishment of a private community park. The result of their efforts became Mentor Recreation Park.

The city of Mentor purchased the park in 1980 and renamed it in Eleanor's honor. Her grace and wry sense of humor cut through while accepting the honor. "I'm alive and get to see my name on a park," she quipped, "Usually they do this type of thing once you are dead."

Today, Garfield Park is one of the City's most-utilized public spaces with an outdoor pool, playground, baseball/softball diamonds, basketball court, picnic pavilion, five-acre fishing pond, soccer fields, lighted tennis courts, barrier-free restrooms, and a wildlife area.

After retiring to South Carolina in her later years, Eleanor B. Garfield moved back to northeast Ohio in 1991 to be closer to family. She died on June 30, 1994 at the age of 95 and is buried near her husband in Mentor Municipal Cemetery.

She was a colorful, driven, innovative, and effective leader in a time when it was considered a man's world and her impact on our community is felt to this day.

— Article by Deanna Adams
— Historical photos courtesy of
Cleveland Public Library

Fun Facts!

Do you know how Mentor, Ohio, acquired its name? Mentor is named after the Greek figure, Mentor, who was the tutor of Telemachus, and the son of Odysseus, and originated in Greek literature. The pronunciation of the city's name has some residents pronouncing it as "men-ter," while others use the term, "men-tore." However, true Mentorites go with "men-ner."

The term, "Mentorite" was coined by President James A. Garfield, after purchasing his home here in 1876. He began using it whenever he referred to his hometown residents.

Famous residents

James A. Garfield was our 20th president and the last one to be born in a log cabin. He was known for giving speeches right on his lawn, known as his "Front Porch Campaign." Garfield's home was affectionately known as Lawnfield. Now, it is officially known as the James A. Garfield National Historic Site and is widely recognized as the first presidential library established in the United States.

Lucretia Garfield was born in Garrettsville, Ohio, and spent her years in Mentor as wife of President Garfield and First Lady of the United States. She was an advocate for literacy and raised funds to construct Mentor's first Library building.

James (Jim) Tressel was born in Mentor and served as head coach of The Ohio State Buckeyes, 2001 to 2010, earning three Bowl Championship Series title game appearances, one national title in 2002, and a 9-1 record against Michigan. He has held the position of president at Youngstown State University since 2014. His father, Lee Tressel, was head coach at Mentor High School before becoming head coach for Baldwin-Wallace College.

Katie Spatz, born in Mentor in 1987, and a 2005 Mentor High School graduate became the youngest person to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean from January to March in 2010. She is the first person to swim the entire length of the Allegheny River in New York and Pennsylvania.

Drummer **Jim Bonfanti** and guitarist **Wally Bryson** are both Mentor music icons, having started their musical careers with teen bands, The Mods, and The Choir... then on to fame with 1970s pop-rock favorites, The Raspberries. Bonfanti currently drums for local band, Abbey Rodeo.



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Residential streets are evaluated on a biannual basis using Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) pavement condition ratings. Recommendations are made in the fall for work to be conducted in the spring of the following year. All projects are posted on the city of Mentor website and social media sites. Projects can be impacted by weather and other scheduling factors.

For further questions on road projects, contact the Engineering Department at (440) 974-5786.

Q Why isn't work done at night?

A. Temperatures, traffic volume, and noise, are major factors. Some materials, such as asphalt, may not always be available during nighttime hours. Engineers try to assess the best way to proceed with a project with minimal inconvenience to property owners and motorists.

Q Who do I call to report a pothole?

A. General road maintenance inquiries should be directed to the Public Works department at (440) 974-5781 or email pubworks@cityofmentor.com. If a pothole exists on private property, such as in a parking lot or private street, it is the responsibility of the property owner to address it as well as any possible claims. If that's the case, contact our Code Enforcement division at (440) 974-5792.

Q Why can't I get a stop sign at the intersection near my house to reduce speeding?

A: Many studies have shown that stop signs are not an effective measure for controlling or reducing midblock speeds. In fact, the overuse of stop signs often result in drivers carelessly "rolling" through a stop sign, or not stopping at all. Stop signs can give pedestrians a false sense of safety if it is assumed that all vehicles will come to a

complete stop at the location.

Unfortunately, there is no perfect solution to the problem of speeding traffic. There will always be drivers that speed through residential areas and it's important for neighborhood residents to be aware of this. Often times, the problem stems from drivers that live in the neighborhood. By simply raising awareness of the issue, drivers in the neighborhood may adjust their driving and decrease their speeds.

Q What should I do if the power goes out?

A. Immediately call the Illuminating Company's Automated Outage Reporting Line at (888) 544-4877. Do NOT call the emergency dispatchers; the use of 9-1-1 is only to report a crime in progress, or a fire, or if an ambulance is needed.

Q How can I learn more about our city council sessions?

A. All current council agendas are posted the Friday before the upcoming meeting on the city council page on www.cityofmentor.com. If you have questions about an agenda item, please call (440) 974-5755.

For any questions concerning common ordinances, visit the Ordinances page listed under the About Mentor tab on the city website.

—Article by Deanna Adams

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Mentor Public Library

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Times change, and they are changing more quickly than any ever before in Mentor Public Library's 200-year history. This year, the unimaginable happened and the Mentor Public Library temporarily shuttered its doors to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In a short time, circumstances changed dramatically. But the library's mission never altered – to serve its community.

The library has since reopened its doors, but some of the changes it made during its brief closure remain.

For example, it invested more in digital resources than ever. Now patrons have more access to ebooks, audiobooks, digital copies of magazines and comics, streaming music and movies, and online classes than ever before. And they're free for patrons to access with their library card.

Likewise, when the library couldn't host programs in its buildings, it took their programs online where people could enjoy them in the comfort and safety of their home.

Mentor Public Library has shared story times, weekly craft ideas, tutorials for beginning readers, book club discussions, author talks, historical programs, and more videos on its Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website, www.mentorpl.org.

Even with its doors reopened, the library continues to share a varied slate of programming for all ages online via Zoom or its social media for those who prefer to stay home – for whatever reason.

Meanwhile, the library continues to look to the future.

Its Lake Branch recently received a renovation and addition that was funded in part by a generous donation by former MPL board member Francis "Bud" Paulson. With the addition of the Beryl B. Paulson annex and meeting room, the Lake Branch will be able to host more and larger programs and community meetings than ever before.



A renovation at the Mentor Public Library's Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch will allow it to host more and larger programs than previously possible. The project started with a generous donation from former MPL trustee Francis "Bud" Paulson.



Main Branch



The HUB at Mentor H.S.



Lake Branch



Headlands Branch

Even with constant change around it, Mentor Public Library finds itself in the same place – at the forefront of technology and the center of its community.

For more information on Mentor Public Library, its services and programs, visit www.mentorpl.org.

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Download the city of Mentor mobile app at iTunes or Google Play. You'll get up-to-the-minute updates on news and events as well as a handy push notification system for emergencies and important news updates.

The Special Edition community newsletter is produced quarterly and mailed to all households in Mentor. It provides information about services, ordinances, public meetings, construction projects, and upcoming events. Additional copies are available at the city buildings and the

Mentor Library's main branch.

The Mentor Parks & Recreation Guide promotes more than 500 recreational and cultural programs offered by the city. The guide is mailed to residents three times a year. Additional copies are available at city buildings.

The Mentor Senior Center newsletter is mailed bimonthly to members.

The Mentor Channel features live coverage of city council and planning commission meetings as well as other content. Watch live on Spectrum Channel 1024, U-Verse Channel 99, thementorchannel.com, or on YouTube, ROKU, Apple, or Android app.

Mentor Radio 1620 is a low-powered AM station which provides residents and travelers general information on the city.

Managing the City's Business

Mentor officially became a city on December 18, 1963. It has been operating under its own charter since January 1962, when voters adopted the council-manager form of government.

Under this system, a seven-member council is elected by voters on a nonpartisan basis; three members serve at-large, the remaining four are ward representatives. Each council member serves a four-year term.

Every two years, the council chooses one of its members to serve as president of council.

You can reach the city council office at 440-974-5755.

You can email ALL members of council at citycouncil@cityofmentor.com.

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Mentor City Council Meetings

Council meetings are held at the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Mentor Municipal Center; 8500 Civic Center Blvd. Meetings are open to the public. All regularly scheduled meetings are carried on Spectrum Channel 1024 and U Verse Channel 99 as well as thementorchannel.com, YouTube, ROKU, Apple, or Android app.

Meeting agendas and archived meetings are posted on the website. Announcements regarding council work sessions and public hearings are posted in the local newspaper, on the website, and on The Mentor Channel.



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City Department Directory

Contact the city department or office by dialing the numbers listed below.

Assessments (Special City)
440-974-5770

Athletic Field Maintenance
440-974-5720

Black Brook Golf Course
440-951-0010

Blockwatch Program
440-974-5760

Building Permits and Fees
440-974-5785

City Council Office
440-974-5755

City Manager's Office
440-974-5790

Clerk of Council
440-974-5755

Code Enforcement
440-974-5792

Ditch Enclosures
440-974-5785

Drainage Assistance
440-974-5785

Economic Development
440-974-5740

Employment Inquiries
440-974-5795

Engineering & Building
440-974-5785

Finance
440-974-5770

Fire Non-Emergency
440-255-1212

Fire Prevention
440-974-5768

Fire Public Education
440-974-5769

Human Resources
440-974-5795

Ice Arena
440-974-5730

International Trade Programs
440-205-3743

Keep Mentor Beautiful Program
440-974-5780

Law Director
440-974-5755

Mentor Cemetery
440-974-5733

Mentor Channel
440-974-5794

Mentor Lagoons Marina
440-205-3625

Municipal Court Civil Case
440-974-5745

Criminal & Traffic
440-974-5744

Planning & Development
440-974-5740

Police Non-Emergency
440-255-1234

Prosecutor
440-974-5752

Public Information Office
440-974-5794

Public Works Department
440-974-5780

Recreation
440-974-5720

Recycling
440-974-5780

Road Resurfacing
440-974-5780

Senior Citizen Center
440-974-5725

Sign & Fence Permits
440-974-5740

Snow Plowing
440-974-5781

Storm Sewer Maintenance
440-974-5781

Stormwater Help Desk
440-974-5785

Street Lights
440-974-5780

Traffic Signals & Signs
440-974-5781

Wildwood Cultural Center
440-974-5735

Victim Assistance Program
440-205-2438

Yard Waste Program
440-974-5780

Zoning
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- AIDS Hotline
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- American Red Cross
216-431-3010
- Bureau of Employment Services
877-644-6562
- Cable Complaints –
Ohio Dept. of Commerce
800-686-7826
- Child Abuse Hotline
800-422-4453
- Crossroads Health
(Adolescent Counseling)
440-255-1700
- Forbes House (Women’s Shelter)
440-357-1018
- Game Warden
330-644-2293
- HEAP – Home Energy Assistance
440-350-9160
- Lake County Crisis Hotline
440-953-TALK
- Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center
440-256-1404, x2131

- Missing Children’s Hotline
800-843-5678
- National Runaway Switchboard
1-800-RUNAWAY
- Premier Behavioral Health
(Adult Mental Health)
440-266-0770
- Salvation Army
440-354-3774
- SMART Recovery USA
Free addiction recovery support meetings
440-951-5357
- Waste Management
866-797-9018

Other Useful Numbers

- Attorney General’s Office
800-282-0515
- Auto & Driver’s License Bureau
440-974-9000
- Better Business Bureau
216-241-7678
- Board of Education
440-255-4444
- Board of Elections
440-350-2700
- Dog License
440-350-2534

- Dog Warden
440-350-2640
- Income Tax
800-860-RITA
- James A. Garfield
National Historic Site
440-255-8722
- Lake County Auditor
440-350-2534
- Lake County Cooperative
Extension Service
440-350-2582
- Lake County Council on Aging
440-205-8111
- Lake County Department
of Jobs & Family Services
440-350-4000
- Lake County Landfill
440-350-2644
- Lake County Title Bureau (Mentor)
440-350-2800
- Lake Humane Society
440-951-6122
- Lake Metroparks
440-639-7275
- Lake County Visitor’s Bureau
440-975-1234
- Laketrans
440-354-6100
- Marriage Licenses
440-350-2326
- Mentor Area
Chamber of Commerce
440-255-1616
- Mentor Monitor
440-946-2577
- Mentor Post Office
440-255-2798
- Mentor Public Library
Main Branch
440-255-8811
Headlands Branch
440-257-2000
Lake Branch
440-257-2512
- Mosquito Spraying
440-350-2543
- Ohio E-Check Hotline
800-CARTEST
- Ohio Tourism
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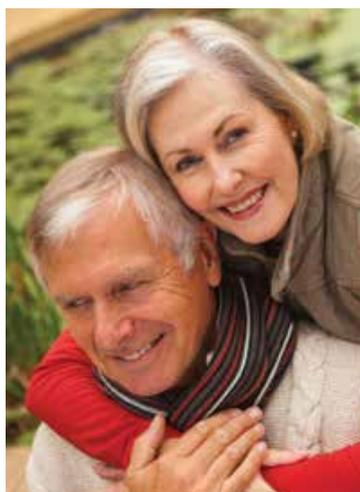
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Wildlife Officer – Game Warden
330-644-2293

Utilities

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866-802-3522

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877-987-2782

Dominion East Ohio Gas
800-362-7557

First Energy
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800-589-3101

Automated Outage Reporting
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Lake County Sanitary Sewer
440-350-2070

NOPEC
(Utility Consortium)
855-667-3201

Spectrum
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Emergency

For help in an emergency – including police, fire, or emergency ambulance – dial 9-1-1.

When you dial 9-1-1, the call is answered at the Mentor Dispatch Center, where the address and phone number from where the call originates will automatically appear on the dispatcher’s screen.

A dispatcher answers the call by saying “9-1-1, what is your emergency?” State the problem or emergency first, and then give the location of the incident.

The dispatcher will start the fire and/or police departments en route while obtaining additional information from the caller.

Stay on the line until the dispatcher tells you to hang up.

Remember to speak slowly and clearly so that the dispatcher can get the correct information.

Hospitals & Medical Services

Cleveland Clinic Express Care Clinic
7533 Center Street, Mentor
440-974-8362

Lake Health Mentor Campus
9485 Mentor Avenue
440-974-6800

Lake West Medical Center
36000 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby
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Animals

Households in residential districts may not have any more than three dogs over the age of four months. Dogs should be leashed at all times when outside. Owners must not permit their dog to bark or howl so that it disturbs the peace. All dogs over three months must be registered with the Lake County Auditor and wear a valid registration tag. Animal bites should be reported to the police department within 24 hours. Owners of both dogs and cats are responsible for picking up after their pets, both on public and private property. Contact the

warden's office at 440-350-2640 to report stray dogs. Hunting is prohibited within city limits.

Dead Animals

Contact Public Works at 440-974-5781 weekdays between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.; other times, call the Police Department at 440-974-5789.

Exotic and Wild Animals

Keeping any undomesticated animals, including primates other than monkeys, poisonous reptiles, alligators, lizards over two feet long, etc. is restricted. A complete list of wild and exotic animals is available at cityofmentor.com, click on Ordinances under the About Mentor tab.

Farm Animals

Farm animals are not permitted on premises less than two acres in size. These include horses, goats, cows, chickens, ducks and similar animals. Additional zoning requirements may apply. Call 440-974-5740 for specifics.

Nuisance Health Risk Animals

Feeding or harboring of deer, rats, raccoons or skunks is prohibited.

Vicious Animals

Keeping dangerous or vicious animals is prohibited.

Bicycles

The Mentor Police Department offers citizens a no cost bicycle registration program that helps to identify a bike's rightful owner if the bike becomes lost or stolen. When riding on a road, cyclists must follow the traffic laws and ride WITH traffic. Bike paths are to be shared by pedestrians and bicyclists. Bike lanes are exclusively for bicycles, unless there is no sidewalk or shoulder.

Building Permits

Building permits are required for all construction including decks, pools, sheds, porches, enclosures, etc., and must be obtained through Mentor's Engineering & Building Department. Applicants for accessory-type structures need to provide two copies of the construction drawings, consisting of a site plan showing where the structure will be situated on the property, and the distance from all property lines. Plans must also show how the structure will be built, materials used, etc.

Once submitted, the plan review process takes about five working days (permits for sheds built from a kit can be obtained at the time of submission). A permit fee is charged, along with a refundable construction deposit, which can be returned if the structure passes all inspections.

Both building permit and zoning permit applications are required for all construction projects including (but not limited to): additions, decks, garages, pools, fences, siding, sheds, porches, driveways and enclosures.

For accessory buildings 200 square feet or less, only a zoning permit is required for review and approval by the Department of Planning and Development. If the accessory building is larger than 200 square feet, a review by both the Building Department and the Planning Department will be required. Applications for any new building or structure include two copies of the construction drawings and a site

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Cars for Sale

Vehicles that are for sale in residential districts must be titled to the current resident, properly licensed, operable, displayed for a maximum of two weeks and parked on an improved parking surface (not on the lawn). The number of vehicles for sale is limited to two per year.

Curfew

Children under 12 are prohibited from being outside between 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m.; children 12- to 16-years-old between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., and 16- to 18-years-old from midnight to 5 a.m. A new daytime curfew restricts school-aged children from being out of school during regularly scheduled school hours, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or the child has an authorized written excuse.

Drainage Ditches

All premises shall be graded and maintained to prevent the accumulation of standing water. No owner or occupant of any premises shall cause or permit any natural watercourse, drainage ditch, creek, brook, culvert, or drain located upon the premises to become obstructed with leaves or other debris so that water flow is hindered. Call 440-974-5785 with questions.

Fences

A permit is required if you plan on installing, altering, or relocating a fence. Fences in the rear yard of a residence must not exceed six feet in height. Fences in the front yard or on a corner lot facing a side

street may not exceed three feet in height and must be decorative and at least 50 percent open.

Garage Sales

A permit is not required; however, sales are limited to three per year and no sale shall exceed four consecutive days. Garage sale signs are permitted only on the property where the sale is being held. Signs may NOT be posted at any street corner or on tree lawns or utility poles. Illegally posted signs will be confiscated by the City without notice.

Garbage & Recycling

Garbage cans, recycling containers, bulk items, and yard waste may only be placed at the curb after 3 p.m. the day before the items are to be collected.

After collection, garbage cans, recycling bins, and yard waste containers must be retrieved from the curb by 7 a.m. the day after your collection.

During the fall, the yard waste restriction does not apply begin-

ning on the weekend immediately preceding the fourth Monday in October through Friday of the second full week in December in any year of city-sponsored yard waste collection.

Grass and Weed Control

Generally, grass in residential neighborhoods must be controlled in height and kept less than eight inches. Weeds (such as goldenrod, ragweed, and thistle) that cause skin reactions and respiratory problems are not permitted to grow on any premises. No owner or occupant shall permit vegetation to create a safety hazard.

Property owners with excessively high grass or weeds will be given 48 hours from receipt of notice to comply with the ordinance. If compliance is not met, a city crew will be sent to cut the grass or weeds of any unoccupied properties and the property owner will be billed. Occupied properties in violation will be prosecuted in the Mentor court. Call 440-974-5792 with questions.

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House Numbers

House numbers must be displayed in a conspicuous location in order to ensure efficient police, fire, and postal services. Numbers, no less than four inches tall, are to be displayed on houses less than 61 feet from the road right-of-way. Numbers at least six inches tall are to be displayed on houses located between 61 feet to 100 feet from the road right-of-way.

Income Tax

All persons earning income in the city are subject to a two percent municipal income tax. Mentor residents must file an annual municipal income tax return with the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA); retired

persons can file an exemption to show no earned wages. Residents are granted 100 percent credit for city income tax paid to other communities. If you have questions, call 800-860-RITA.

Jogging

Joggers are encouraged to pursue their recreational activity of choice in a safe and responsible manner, and to follow these rules:

- Jogging upon a roadway is illegal if an accessible, adjacent sidewalk is provided.
- Where a sidewalk is not provided, jog only on the shoulder of the roadway, as far as possible from the edge of the roadway.
- Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, jog as near as possible to the outside edge of the road; if it's a two-way road, jog ONLY on the left side. Any joggers on a roadway shall yield the right of way to ALL vehicles.

Light Trespass

High intensity density (HID) lighting must have full cut-off fixtures or be shielded to prevent trespass or glare. All spot or flood lighting must be shielded or aimed to prevent light trespass. Call 440-974-5792 with questions.

Mosquito Control

The Lake County General Health District oversees mosquito control during the summer months. Spraying schedules are posted on The Mentor Channel as they become available. If you have concerns about the spraying, call the Health District at 440-350-2543.

Noise

No person shall unreasonably create a noise disturbance within the city. Any noise that annoys or disturbs a reasonable person, or causes adverse effects on humans, is prohibited before 7 a.m. or after 9 p.m. weekdays, and before 8:30 a.m. or after 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Call the Mentor Police

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Open Burning

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Parking

Overnight street parking between the hours of 2 to 6 a.m. is prohibited. Parking on the fire hydrant side of the street is prohibited. Parking on any city street whenever there is more than a two-inch accumulation of snow or ice is prohibited.

- **Motor Vehicles** – In residential districts, motor vehicles must be parked on an improved surface. Improved surfaces are those constructed of concrete, asphalt or permeable pavers, without excess weeds or grass.

- **RVs, Boats, and Dual-Axle Trailers** – RVs, boats, and dual axle trailers may not be parked in front of the main structure. A minimum three-foot set back is required from side property lines. On corner lots, no RV, boat, or dual axle trailer parking is permitted between the right-of-way and side of the main structure. Parking must be on an improved surface of concrete, asphalt or permeable pavers.
- **Commercial Vehicles** – No more than one commercial vehicle per dwelling unit may be parked on a residential property. No vehicle, having a net total weight of greater than 10,000 pounds, shall be parked on a residential property. Parking must be on an improved surface of concrete, asphalt or permeable pavers. No construction equipment or vehicle (including, but not limited to, backhoes, bulldozers, trenchers) shall be parked in residential districts for more than 30 days.

Property Maintenance

Property owners are required to maintain the exterior of their premises so that its appearance does not negatively impact the immediate neighborhood. All residential rental properties must be inspected every two years. If you are renting an apartment or house, and you feel the property is not properly maintained, call the Code Enforcement Office at 440-974-5792.

Refuse Collection (Commercial & Industrial)

Commercial and industrial rubbish haulers collecting in the city of Mentor are required to obtain a contractor's license and vehicle permit.

Satellite Dishes

Satellite dishes are permitted in rear yards only and must be at least 10 feet from the side and rear property lines. The maximum height permitted is 12 feet; the maximum diameter is 10 feet. A permit is required. Dishes less than a meter in diameter (39.37 inches) do not



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Sidewalks and Driveways

Property owners are required to keep their sidewalks and driveway aprons within the public right-of-way in a proper state of repair. If cracked, defective, or uneven, they must be repaired or replaced. An annual sidewalk inspection and maintenance program is ongoing. Property owners or persons responsible for the premises shall keep the sidewalk(s) adjacent to such building in a clean condition at all times (this includes clearing the property's sidewalks of snow and ice, per Ord. 521.06).

Signs

"Home for Sale," "For Sale," and "Garage Sale" signs are permitted only on the actual property where the sale is taking place and only when posted behind the tree lawn.

Similar signs are not permitted off-premises and will be confiscated, without prior notice, when observed by the City. (See "Garage Sales.")

Snow and Ice Control

- **Clearing of City Streets** – Arterial and major collector streets are given first priority for snow and ice control. All major intersections on the major arterial highway system are salted and/or cindered, along with certain hills and bridges. Residential neighborhoods are cleared when conditions warrant. Call 440-974-5781 with routine snow and ice control inquiries.
- **No Parking During Snow Emergency** – A snow emergency is when there has been an accumulation of more than two inches of snow, sleet, hail, or ice on any streets/roads. No parking is permitted on city streets during a snow emergency.
- **Depositing Snow & Ice on Public Sidewalks or Roadways** – Depositing snow or ice onto any

public sidewalk, street, road, or highway is not permitted.

- **Access to Fire Hydrants** – Property owners are urged to adopt the fire hydrant closest to their property to keep the hydrant clear from snow during the winter months.

Solicitation

It is unlawful to solicit without first obtaining a solicitor's permit from the Mentor Police Department. It is unlawful to solicit at any premise at which a "No Solicitors" sign is displayed. "No Solicitors" signs are available from the Mentor Police Department.

Streetlights

Streetlights within the city of Mentor are paid through assessment of the benefiting property owners. If you observe a streetlight in need of repair, please call 440-974-5781.

Trees on Right-of-Way/ Tree Lawn

- **Dead Trees** – No owner or occupant of any premises shall permit a dead tree to stand near to a public sidewalk or roadway as to endanger users should all or part of it fall. No owner or occupant shall permit a dead branch to overhang a public sidewalk or roadway.
- **Planting & Removing of Trees** – The city of Mentor has specific ordinances which property owners are required to follow when trimming, removing and planting trees within the right-of-way or tree lawn. Call Public Works at 440-974-5781 for details.

Traffic Signals/Signs

Traffic signals and signs are installed and maintained by the Public Works Department. For service requests, including repair or replacement of these devices, call 440-974-5781. Emergency or weekend repairs should be reported to the Mentor Police Department at 440-974-5789.

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Yard Waste Collection

The city offers weekly curbside yard waste collection from the first full week of April through the second full week of December. Residents can set out 12 units per week on their regular trash day. The limit increases to 25 units from the last full week of October through the second full week of December. A unit is a paper yard waste bag, a 32-gallon can, or a bundle of sticks. If you have questions, call 440-974-5781.

CITY FACILITIES

This is a listing of city offices and recreational facilities and the services available at each.

Civic Center Campus Mentor Municipal Center

8500 Civic Center Boulevard

The city of Mentor's administrative offices are located within the Mentor Municipal Center building. Offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The main number is 440-255-1100. City offices are closed: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and the day after, and Christmas Day.

1st Floor – Planning & Development, Engineering & Building, Information Technologies, Mentor Municipal Court, Police Department, and Mentor Jail.

2nd Floor – Finance Department, Public Information (The Mentor Channel) and Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities.

3rd Floor – Council Chambers, Council Offices, Law Director, City Manager and Human Resources.

Civic Center Ice Arena, Community Center, Mentor Civic Amphitheater, Civic Center Waterpark, Skate Park

8600 Munson Road

(Located on the
Civic Center Campus)

The Mentor Ice Arena is open year-round and features two full-sized indoor rinks as well as a studio rink. Available for open skates,

tournaments, parties and more. Full snack bar and pro shop.

The Community Center has three rooms which accommodate 50-200 people each. Available for meetings and banquets.

Campus also includes picnic grounds and shelter, playground, amphitheater, swimming pool, children's water play area, sand volleyball court, basketball courts, pickle ball courts, skate park, bike path and baseball diamonds.

Pool hours:

1 to 8 p.m. daily through the summer

Pool phone:

440-974-5723.

Arena phone:

440-974-5730

To rent the ice arena or community center, call 440-974-5730. To rent the pool, call 440-974-5720.

Fire Station No. 5

8467 Civic Center Boulevard

440-974-5765

Fire Administration, Emergency Dispatch Center, Fire Prevention and Public Education.

Senior Citizens Center

8484 Munson Road

440-974-5725

State-of-the-art facility provides activities and services for those 55 and over. Barrier free. Lunch is served weekdays from 11:30 am–12:30 pm and is open to the public. Facility is available for private rentals.

Black Brook Golf Course & Practice Center

8900 Lake Shore Boulevard

440-951-0010

blackbrookgolfcourse.com

This beautiful, 18-hole public course, features watered fairways, paved cart paths, a practice putting green and a practice center with ten target greens, practice bunker and 1½ acre tee area. The clubhouse has a fully stocked pro shop and snack bar with an attached pavilion for catered outings. The course offers golf schools and private lessons. Black Brook offers a variety of leagues for men, women, coed, couples and juniors. Discounts offered to Mentor residents.



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Commemorative Rose Garden

8537 Mentor Avenue

This garden was created in 1988 to commemorate the City's 25th anniversary. It features rose bushes, and an Ohio Bicentennial marker acknowledging Mentor's place in history as "The Rose Capital of the Nation."

Dog Park

6647 Hopkins Road

This is the perfect spot for our four-legged friends to run and play with dogs of the same size. The park features a doggie water fountain, park benches, agility equipment and a safe, and a fenced in entry/exit area. The park is located next to the municipal maintenance facility.

Eleanor B. Garfield Park

7967 Mentor Avenue

Community recreation center with barrier-free restrooms, pool, all people's playground, baseball diamonds, picnic pavilion, pond, fishing, soccer, lighted tennis courts, and wildlife area.

Pool hours:

1 to 8 p.m. daily, June–August

Pool phone:

440-205-0337

The pool, pavilion & recreation center are available for private rentals by calling 440-974-5720.

Hodgson Park

Hodgson Road and Route 306

Passive, open space area.

Donald E. Krueger Park

7556 Chillicothe Road

440-974-5720

Krueger Park House, barrier-free restrooms, soccer fields. Barrier-free facility. Krueger Park House is available for rent. Please call for more information and to reserve your time.

Mentor Beach Park

7779 Lake Shore Boulevard

Restrooms, picnic area, playground equipment, soccer fields.

Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina

8365 Harbor Drive

440-205-3625

Bird watchers and nature lovers enjoy this 450-acre nature preserve featuring hiking trails, water trails, and 1.5 miles of wild beach. The public marina provides direct lake access, year-round storage, and boat ramp with discounted rates for Mentor residents. Kayak, stand-up paddle board and canoe rentals available. Safe-boating classes also offered.

Morton Community Park

9325 Rosemary Lane

Amenities include: pool, restrooms, picnic pavilion, playground, basketball and splash park.

Pool hours:

1 to 8 p.m. daily, June–August

Pool phone:

440-257-5719

Pool and pavilion available for private rentals by calling 440-974-5720.

Municipal Maintenance Facility

6645 Hopkins Road

Public Works Department personnel and services related to road, public lands, equipment maintenance, storm drainage, street lighting and traffic.

Old Council Hall

7250 Jackson Street

Historic recreation center available for private rentals by calling 440-974-5720.

Presidents Park

7670 Buchanan Court

Picnic area, playground, bocce court and basketball.

Springbrook Gardens Park

6842 Heisley Road

The park features 52-acres of preserved green space, 1.7 miles of asphalt walking trails and a large pond with boardwalk.



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Veterans Memorial

Corner of Center Street and
Civic Center Boulevard

Created with support from Mentor VFW Post 9295. It is a site for reflection and remembering those who have served our country. Engraved bricks are available in the memorial walkway surrounding the monument by calling 440-974-5720.

Veterans Park

5740 Hopkins Road

Amenities include: fishing, hiking, picnic shelter, restrooms, playground, and wildlife area. This park is owned by the city of Mentor and maintained and operated by Lake Metroparks. Call 440-358-7275 to reserve the picnic shelter.

Edward R. Walsh Park

7221 Bellflower Road

Located west of Route 306 behind the Farmington Meadows development. Amenities: picnic pavilion, playground, spray park, baseball, restrooms, soccer, barrier-free fishing dock, tennis, basketball, and 1½-mile paved walkway. Reserve pavilion by calling 440-974-5720.

Wildwood Cultural Center

7645 Little Mountain Road

The 25-room English tudor manor house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and sits on 34-acres of wooded grounds. Amenities include the historic manor house, hiking trails, barrier-free restroom, picnic and wildlife area.

Annual activities include the Wildwood Arts Festival, held each June. The beautiful manor house is available for private parties, dinners or seminars by calling 440-974-5735.

**ALSO IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD...****History, Museums,
& Nature****James A. Garfield
National Historic Site**

8095 Mentor Avenue

Locals still call it Lawnfield, the name given to our 20th president's home by newspaper reporters during the 1881 campaign. Garfield purchased the c. 1830 nine-room house with nearly 119 acres of farmland in 1876. The home contains the first presidential memorial library. The carriage house is now a visitor center and the main house contains many original Garfield family pieces. Owned and operated by the National Park Service. Call for hours at 440-255-8722 or visit nps.gov.

Headlands State Park

Headlands Road at north end
of state Route 44

This 125-acre state park boasts a mile-long sandy beach — the longest in Ohio. Facilities are

open daily from 8 a.m. to dusk and include swimming, fishing, picnic areas, paved bike path, and public restrooms. Breakwall fishing is permitted 24 hours a day. To the immediate east is Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve. Call 440-466-8400 or visit dnr.state.oh.us.

Mentor Fire Museum

7262 Jackson Street

Constructed in 1942, this building served as the first Fire Station No. 1 until 1991. Now operated by the Mentor Firefighters' Historical Association. To arrange tours, email mentorfiremuseum@yahoo.com.

Mentor Marsh House

(Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve)

5185 Corduroy Road
440-257-0777

This 700-plus acre state nature preserve was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1966 by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Scenic trails, boardwalks, access areas, and a small nature center aid the public in appreciating the wonders of this natural area.

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EDUCATION

Mentor Public Schools

The Mentor Public Schools system serves 7,600 students from Mentor, Mentor-on-the-Lake, and small portions of Concord Township and Kirtland Hills. The school district offers a strong college preparatory program, vocational curriculum, and special education services. Local businesses help students explore career options through their participation in programs like job shadowing and Senior Project. Learn more online at mentorschools.net.

Administration

6451 Center Street
440-255-4444

Dr. Jacqueline A. Hoynes School

(Cardinal Autism
Resource Education)
5028 Forest Road
440-257-5951

Mentor High School

6477 Center Street
440-974-5300

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Memorial Middle School

8979 Mentor Avenue
440-974-2250

Shore Middle School

5670 Hopkins Road
440-257-8750

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Bellflower Elementary

6655 Reynolds Road
440-255-4212

Fairfax Elementary

6465 Curtiss Court
440-255-7223

Hopkins Elementary

7565 Hopkins Road
440-255-6179

Lake Elementary

7625 Pinehurst Road, M-O-L
440-257-5953

Orchard Hollow Elementary

8700 Hendricks Road
440-257-5955

Ridge Elementary School

7860 Johnnycake Ridge Road
440-974-5400

Sterling Morton Elementary

9292 Jordan Drive
440-257-5954

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Lake Catholic High School

6733 Reynolds Road
440-578-1020

Mentor Christian School

8600 Lake Shore Boulevard
440-257-3172

St. Gabriel School

9935 Johnnycake Ridge Road
440-352-6169

St. Mary of the Assumption School

8540 Mentor Avenue
440-255-9781

HIGHER EDUCATION

Lake Erie College

391 W. Washington Street
Painesville, OH 44077
1-855-GO-STORM6

Lakeland Community College

7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, OH 44094
440-525-7000

LIBRARIES

Mentor Public Library

mentorpl.org

The Mentor Public Library, formed on February 22, 1819, is the oldest library in Lake County. Renew, check out holds, and pay fines online at mentorpl.org. For general questions, send an email to a librarian at askalibrarian@mentorpl.org.

Main Branch

8215 Mentor Avenue
440-255-8811

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Headlands Branch

4669 Corduroy Road
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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

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CITY DEPARTMENTS

Office of the City Manager

The city manager serves as the chief executive officer and safety director and is responsible for planning, organizing, and directing the activities of all municipal operations.

The city manager appoints all department heads and employees; ensures that laws and ordinances governing the city are faithfully enforced; recommends to the city council measures or actions which appear necessary or desirable; recommends municipal ordinances and regulations; implements policies established by city council; prepares and submits to council the administrative budget and capital improvement program; and performs other activities as provided for in the city charter.

The city manager is appointed by city council for his expertise, educational background, and prior managerial experience. The following divisions are part of the city manager's office:

- **Human Resources** – Oversees employee recruitment, selection and testing; employee safety, training and development; labor relations; employee compensation and equal employment opportunity; and processing of accident and injury reports.
- **Information Technology** – Provides technical support services to city departments including application design and development, post implementation support and training, process analysis, technical consulting

and project management.

- **Public Information** – Responsible for disseminating information to the general public related to city projects, events, activities, and services through various means including press releases, newsletters, publications, city website, social media, apps, advertising, The Mentor Channel, and Mentor Radio 1620.

Clerk of Council

The clerk of council is appointed by city council members to keep its records and perform all duties as prescribed by the council.

Planning & Development

Responsible for establishing a diversified economic base with an emphasis on retention and expansion of existing firms, while attracting growth-oriented industries.

Provides staff to the International Trade Program. Oversees day-to-day development concerns and long-range land-use planning issues.

The department assists in administering the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, provides staff support to the Municipal Planning Commission and the Board of Building & Zoning Appeals, issues sign and fence permits, and prepares reports and studies dealing with land use, rezoning, subdivision and site plans, conditional use permits, signage, etc.

The department is also responsible for addressing property maintenance issues and administration of the multi-family and single-family rental inspection programs.

Engineering & Building

The department engineers and administers the city's capital improvements, regulates private utility work within the public right-of-way, and inspects building construction for community standards to promote the safety of homes and buildings. The department is comprised of two divisions:

- **Engineering** – Directly involved with all utility and publicly or privately funded roadway construc-

tion in Mentor, both in reviewing and approving the construction plans, and inspecting the construction work performed. It is also involved with planning future public improvement projects, storm drainage assistance, municipal architectural design, and traffic control.

- **Building** – Involved in all activities associated with residential and commercial building construction, including reviewing plans for conformance with building codes and performing on-site inspections to monitor building-code compliance. Helps with building-related concerns.

Finance Department

The finance department keeps accounts of all city financial transactions. This involves day-to-day budget administration, payment of accounts, payroll preparation, and maintenance of fixed asset records, receipt and investment of monies, municipal income tax enforcement, auditing, debt administration, city insurance, and reporting the City's financial condition.

Fire Department

The fire chief organizes, directs and coordinates all fire resources to accomplish the mission of saving lives and community property.

- **Fire and Rescue Division** – Provides lifesaving and property protection including: the handling of fires, rescues, medical and sudden mechanical emergencies, hazardous materials and natural disasters. Services are provided from five fire stations staffed 24 hours a day.
- **Fire Prevention Bureau** – Enforces the fire safety code and the ordinances of the city through routine inspections of businesses, industries, schools and shopping centers for the purpose of reducing the chance of fires. Also reviews all plans for new construction and investigates the causes of fires.
- **Training and Public Education** – The training division provides continuous in-service and

Fire Department cont'd

specialized training for members of the Fire Department as well as conducting home exit drills, evacuation planning, accident prevention, first aid, CPR and fire extinguisher training. The division also provides educational programs through schools, businesses, community organizations and civic groups, and works with the Fire Prevention Bureau on juvenile fire setter counseling programs.

Law Department

The law director is the adviser to, and the attorney and counsel for, the city of Mentor, its officers and divisions. The director and his staff represent the city for prosecutions for offenses against the ordinances of Mentor and the relevant Ohio laws. The law director is appointed by city council and is an attorney-at-law, admitted to the practice of law in the state of Ohio.

Municipal Court

The Mentor municipal judge tries all misdemeanors and ordinance violations occurring within the cities of Mentor and Mentor-on-the-Lake. Mentor Municipal Court hears traffic citation cases, civil cases valued up to \$15,000, landlord/tenant cases and all small claims complaints valued up to \$3,000. All felony cases are heard to determine probable cause and then bound over to the Lake County Common Pleas Court. The Court Probation Department oversees all persons placed on probation by the court for any offense.

Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities

This department enhances the quality of life for residents through the development and maintenance of a diverse and comprehensive system of parks and recreational facilities. The department's areas of responsibility include: recreation for youth, teens, and adults; operating and maintaining municipal pools, Ice

Arena, Black Brook Golf Course and Practice Center, Senior Citizens Center, Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina, Wildwood Cultural Center several community centers; cemetery operations; facility rentals; and maintaining city facilities and parks.

Police Department

The chief of police organizes, directs and coordinates all police resources to serve Mentor citizens.

- **Communications Center** – Receives information and requests from the public and dispatches calls to police and fire personnel.
- **Community Services** – Officers maintain a strong and effective working relationship with citizens.
- **Corrections** – Provides for the safety and security of the Mentor jail and the care of inmates.
- **Detective/Juvenile Bureau** – Responsible for follow-up investigations of all major felony crimes that occur in the school district, Lake County Juvenile Court and other youth service organizations in the community.
- **Patrol Services Bureau** – Responsible for the protection of life and property, the preservation of peace, repression of crime, apprehension of criminal suspects, prevention of delinquency, traffic direction and control, accident investigation, and traffic law enforcement.
- **Records Bureau** – Provides information to support the police department and assist the general public.
- **Victim Assistance Program** – Serves victims of crime through information, crisis intervention, referrals and court advocacy.

Public Works

Responsible for the construction and maintenance of city streets; the maintenance and operation of the storm water infrastructure system and the City's traffic signal system; the management of the city's fleet of vehicles and equipment; the City's waste collection programs, and the maintenance and improvements of all municipal public lands, urban forestry and street trees.

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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

More than 50 residents volunteer their expertise and input to city officials through their participation on city boards and commissions.

These citizens are appointed by city council and represent a valuable resource by making recommendations on various municipal issues.

For a listing of current members, or to inquire about a vacancy, contact the city council office at 440-974-5755.

Board of Building & Zoning Appeals (BZA)

The seven-member board hears and determines appeals for exceptions to and variations from the city's zoning and building codes to ensure that they remain in harmony with municipal ordinances and regulations. Members serve four-year terms. Members meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center. Agendas are posted at cityofmentor.com.

Civil Service Commission

Ensures that consideration for appointments and promotions within the police and fire department's classified service are made according to merit and fitness, based on competitive examination. Three residents serve four-year terms.

Community Arts Commission

Fourteen members provide direction and assistance to the Parks, Recreation, & Public Facilities Department in developing cultural programs to suit the needs of the community. Members serve three-year terms.

Fair Housing Board

Members serve three-year terms to review and oversee fair housing concerns.

Lake County Combined General Health Board

Two residents are appointed to serve on this board to oversee the operations and programs of the Lake County Health Department.

Municipal Planning Commission

Members review all new industrial and commercial buildings, subdivisions, rezoning requests, and conditional use permits. Seven members each serve four-year terms and meet every three weeks on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center. Meetings are carried live on The Mentor Channel (Spectrum 1024 and AT&T's channel 99). The meetings are also streamed live at TheMentorChannel.com. Meeting agendas and archived meetings are also available at cityofmentor.com.

Tree Commission

Four members establish and administer Mentor's Master Street Tree Plan. Each serves a four-year term.

VOTER INFORMATION

You can vote if you —

- Are 18 years or older by Election Day;
- Are a United States citizen;
- Have lived in Ohio for 30 days;
- You are registered to vote prior to 30 days before an election.

You **MUST** register to vote if —

- You are voting for the first time;
- Your name has changed;
- You have not voted in four years;
- You have moved since you last voted.

Register to vote at:

- Lake County Board of Elections
 - Online at olvr.ohiosos.gov
- Voter registration closes 30 days before an election.

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MENTOR BY THE NUMBERS

47,121
Population

21st Largest City in Ohio

20,472
Households

1,200+
Acres of Park Land

Parks - City & State 18

325+
Retailers

43%
All Retail Sales in Lake County

\$1.5B Annual Retail Sales

170
Eateries - 1st Per Capita in Ohio

10
Industrial Parks

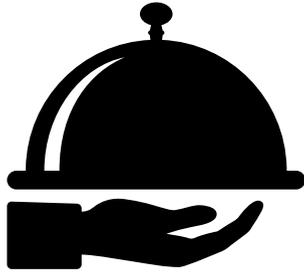
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Ever since the Mentor Exempted Village School District was, it has continued its overall focus—to ensure a safe learning environment, provide a balanced, high-quality education, maximize district resources, and encourage strong community partnerships. Simply put, the school adheres to its strategic values of ABCs—Adapting. Balancing. Collaborating.

Those principles are indeed essential with seven elementary schools, two middle schools, a specialized school for children with autism, and a high school that is one of Ohio's largest. Currently, enrollment consists of 7,600 students—preschool through 12th grade—and 1,000 employees.

“Because of our size, we are afforded the opportunity to offer students more than 200 courses through our current program of studies,” says Kristen Kirby, director of community relations. “Students have the opportunity to participate in more than 60 clubs, activities, and athletic teams, including clubs specifically focused on diversity, mental health awareness, and anti-bullying initiatives.”

Classes include college or honors level, advanced placement (AP), career technical education, art, music, a variety of elective options, and online learning courses.

Community service is also strong on the list of academics. “Our students learn the importance of community and giving back from the moment

they step into our schools,” Kirby says, “Each school building supports an array of service activities and causes. In a typical graduating class, students can celebrate having provided more than 15,000 community service hours to benefit their neighbors.”

All this, despite a global pandemic that created a challenge for every student and teacher. Still, the faculty kept in mind their “ABCs” and the district overcame obvious hurdles. “We are fortunate to have the technology in place, due much in part to the Straight A Fund grant we earned several years ago, so we had a solid foundation to



start with, and therefore, could provide meaningful lessons during the prolonged closure of our schools,” Kirby notes.

The Mentor Schools turned negatives into positives this year by providing meaningful activities and events in the midst of unusual times. In addition to immediately setting into place class assignments online, there were many Zoom meetings held for students to interact with each other and their teachers.

As a result, all students were able to celebrate their individual achievements, and the faculty made sure the moments were special. Elementary students enjoyed a car parade to wave



farewell to their teachers. The middle school teachers sent out a parade video to students and their families for their year-end closure, and the high school held a five-minute commencement ceremony for every high school senior.

“We are proud of our teaching staff and how they rallied together to meet this educational challenge head-on,” Kirby says, “Our team worked diligently to support students and help get them through these difficult times. This includes our nutrition services professionals. They continue their hard work, making sure our students who typically rely on us for meals are able to get breakfast and lunch each day.”

So what does the future hold as Mentor moves into a new school year with new rules and untapped changes?

“Keeping students safe and providing a high-quality education is a top priority,” Kirby says, “This includes maintaining fiscal responsibility by being good stewards of our taxpayer dollars, which is equally important.”

For more information on Mentor Public Schools, visit their website at www.MentorSchools.net.

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