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We are excited this year to open several new facilities for our residents and guests to enjoy, including the Springbrook Gardenhouse, the Memorial Promenade at the Mentor Cemetery, the Mentor Recreation Center, and a new boardwalk and observation deck at our Nature Preserve. Whether you're planning a wedding reception, taking advantage of some of the best bird watching in the nation, or focusing on staying in shape, these new venues add even more ways to enjoy life in our city.

It is my hope the stories you read in this edition will give you a better understanding of the people and places that make our city the special place we call home.

If you are visiting, please enjoy your stay and we hope you'll find time to take advantage of the many recreational, cultural, shopping and dining opportunities that we offer. To our residents, thank you for your support. It is a pleasure to serve you!

Best Regards,

Kenneth J. Filipiak | Mentor City Manager

Mentor City Council

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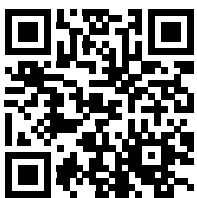


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The course was designed by Bertie Way—who also designed The Country Club of Detroit, the Mayfield County Club and the famous South Course at Firestone Country Club in Akron. The facility has been owned and operated by the city of Mentor since 2005. Since then, a number of improvements have been implemented to improve the golf experience including the addition of a state-of-the-art practice center with all-grass tees, sand bunkers and other natural features to help golfers sharpen their swing.

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Mentor Community Recreation Center

The new Mentor Community Recreation Center will open to the public on July 1, 2023. The 128,000 sq. ft. facility is one of the largest facilities of its kind in northeast Ohio and includes an indoor soccer field; basketball, tennis, racquetball, and pickleball courts; indoor and outdoor swimming pools; cardiovascular and weight training areas; group exercise rooms; a childcare room and other amenities.

Members can also enjoy a variety of year-round activities including aquatics; fitness and wellness; sports; infant and preschool; youth and teen; adult; older adult and family programs.

Family and individual annual membership plans are now available beginning for both residents and nonresidents.

A resident is defined as a person who lives within Mentor city limits. Family members must live in the same residence to qualify for family plan rate. Memberships can be paid in full or through a payment plan. Single-day admission is also available for \$10.00 per person.

The Mentor Community Recreation Center is located at 6000 Heisley Road. For more information, call (440) 974-5720 or visit mentorrec.com.

Watch It Your Way

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The Mentor Channel App is available for ROKU, Apple, Android, and Fire devices. The channel also streams live to YouTube so you can watch it your way 24/7.

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Made-from-scratch lunches have been pleasing members for decades.

"We needed something to do," wrote Ann Beck in 1977, about becoming one of the first members of the brand new Mentor Senior Center in 1973.

Having something to do, and people to socialize with was the impetus for a facility that would offer a variety of activities for those who didn't look, feel, or act their age of 55 and older. And that remains the greatest part of the mission 50 years later.

In those early days, activities were held at Mentor Beach Park in Mentor-on-the-Lake, a scenic 13-acre park with a two-story lakefront pavilion. Back then, there was no Laketrans bus service, so a hired driver would pick up members who couldn't drive and bring them to the facility. As memberships grew, so did its locations. In 1978, the center moved to the old Ohio Bell building on Prospect Street before it outgrew that space as well, and it be-

came clear that the popular recreation center would need a larger and permanent home. And so, a 22,000-square-foot building was erected on Center Street and opened in 1995, much to the delight of all the "recycled teenagers" — a phrase coined long ago by a former president of the advisor board.

The only thing that hasn't expanded much through the years is the annual membership fee, which is still affordable to everyone. Currently Mentor residents can join for just \$10 per year. Nonresidents are welcome as well at \$15.

Today, the Mentor Senior Center, the largest of the Lake County centers with over 4,000 members, is a thriving meeting place that keeps the older generation active, informed and entertained with a fitness center, billiards room, computer room, kitchen (with daily lunches), library, main hall with stage, and an inviting lobby and reception area that features a double-faced fireplace.

Fun, Friends and Food

"I'm here every week," says Kathryn Foxx, 82. "I use the elliptical machine for my arthritis and always take part in the Classic Silver Sneakers program. I especially enjoy chair volleyball, which you'd think would be boring, but it

sure isn't!"

Foxx, a retired Lake County court reporter, joined the center with her husband, Norb, in 2015. "We did many things here together, and when he passed in 2018, I kept coming because I meet a lot of people, and now I have most of my meals here because they're delicious and I don't have to cook for just one person."

The lunches have always been a big hit, not only for its appetizing menu, but also nutritional value and reasonable prices. The "made-from-scratch" entrees, sandwiches, salads, soup, and desserts, are available weekdays from 11:30 AM–12:15 PM. The daily specials are just \$5.

But it's the activities that are the longstanding draw. You can stay active with fitness classes such as stretch and balance, yoga, low impact aerobics, and line dancing, or relax with arts and crafts, or get a group together for a game of pinochle or bridge. And yes, there's always bingo.

Since its inception five decades ago, it's no surprise that members are now multi-generational, like Gwen Giddings' family. "My mother, Colletta Knight, started going there in 1999," recalls Giddings, who is 88. "She played a lot of games there and enjoyed many of the classes. She didn't

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Kathryn Foxx takes a moment to catch her breath at the Mentor Senior Center.

drive, so she'd hop on Laketran. In 2001, she got a kick out of being in the Better in Mentor parade where she sat on an old-fashioned rocker on the float," she says with a laugh. "She was a great card player too."

Giddings adds that she often volunteered in the kitchen with her mother

before joining after retirement. She's now a regular at the center. "I come on Tuesdays and Thursdays for my art and ceramic class and exercise classes, and on Wednesdays for lunch." Now her daughter, Brenda Smolen, a recently retired RN, is an active member as well and enjoys the exercise classes and a quilting class she takes with her mother.

For those who prefer to exercise or engage in other programs at home, the center's online classes, which became popular at the onset of COVID-19, remains a welcome option.

Oh, The Places You Will Go!

Aside from the more than 100 different courses offered each year, there are always opportunities to travel through the Mentor Senior Center. "We're always adding more trips every year, and there's something for everyone," says recreation director, Renee Ochaya, adding that many opt for day trips. "Some seniors love going out but they like being close to home so we take them to Cleveland Guardians



A game of pool among the recycled teenagers is as popular today as it was back then.

games, the downtown theaters, and wineries, which are always fun."

The center has its own "tour bus," which enables easy drop-offs and eliminates often exorbitant parking fees. For longer journeys, they partner with a tour service. "We're excited to resume our big trips again," Ochaya says, referring to pandemic shut downs. "Last year, it was Rhode Island, this year, the Smoky Mountains in Ashville, North Carolina, and next year, we'll be going to Alaska."

"I love every aspect of my job," says Ochaya, who's worked at the center for 15 years. "I especially enjoy interacting with these seniors who are just a delight. Dave Duricky (recreation coordinator) and I serve the special lunches together and it's such fun chatting with them. It means a lot to us at the center that we are adding to their quality of life."

That mindset apparently goes hand in hand. "I have so many fond memories of the center through the years," Giddings says. "As I get older, I realize how much I've gained from being a part of it."

The Mentor Senior Center is located at 8484 Munson Road and is open from 8 AM–8 PM Mondays and Wednesdays and from 8 AM–5 PM on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. To register for any program, call (440) 974-5725, or simply stop in!

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Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. It is played on a smaller court with a solid paddle and a perforated plastic ball. It's easy to learn and accessible to people of different ages and skill levels.

The sport has been around since the 1960s but has recently exploded in popularity and is now the fastest-growing racquet sport in the country.

About a decade ago, the city recognized the growth potential of this activity and started converting some of their

Civic Center tennis courts into pickleball courts. Today, they have 15 courts at the facility which makes it one of the largest complexes in the region.

Courts are open from sunrise to 10 PM and available on a first-come, first-served basis except during scheduled tournaments. The courts are a hive of activity with players arriving throughout the day so there is always someone ready to play.

Visit to www.mentorpickleball.org for the most complete and up-to-date information on pickleball activities in Mentor.

History of the Game

After playing golf one Saturday during the summer, Joel Pritchard, congressman from Washington state and Bill Bell, successful businessman, returned to Pritchard's home to find their families sitting around with nothing to do. The property had an old badminton court so Pritchard and Bell looked for some badminton equipment and could not find a full set of rackets. They improvised and started playing with ping-pong paddles and a perforated plastic ball.

At first they placed the net at badminton height of 60 inches and volleyed the ball over the net. As the weekend progressed, the players found that the ball bounced well on the asphalt surface and soon the net was lowered to 36 inches. The following weekend, Barney McCallum was introduced to the game at Pritchard's home.

Soon, the three men created rules, relying heavily on badminton. They kept in mind the original purpose, which was to provide a game that the whole family could play together.

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The city of Mentor is a manufacturing leader in the state of Ohio with a strong concentration of research and development, engineering, and metalworking firms. Nearly 300 manufacturers have chosen Mentor as their home.

Not unlike bigtime football games on Friday nights, shopping centers with something for everybody, or the national historic site of President James A. Garfield, manufacturing is among the first things people associate with Lake County's largest city.

"Manufacturing is the backbone of the Mentor economy," said Kevin D. Malecek, director of economic development and international trade for the city of Mentor.

There's no surefire way to account for everything that is made in Mentor, but the breadth of that list is impressive. The labels found on the beauty products in your cabinet? Manufactured here by Avery Dennison. How about the antireflective coating for the visors Tom Cruise wore in the cockpit in the 2022 film *Top Gun Maverick*? Created in Mentor by North American Coating Laboratories (NACL).

The city is home to 1,700 businesses, and nearly 20 percent of them are manufacturers. That's the sixth-largest amount in the state, according to the city's Department of Economic and Community Development. The city has 11 industrial parks and nearly 8,000 acres of land that is zoned for manufacturing. Mentor manufacturers are making great use of that space, with product shipments exceeding

\$2.5 billion annually.

"Mentor is a growing community of manufacturing companies from low to high technology and could not be more welcoming and helpful with opportunities to grow your business," said Brian Wilson, president and CEO of NACL.

Since Mentor's 1963 incorporation, a variety of successful manufacturers like Libra Industries, Fredon, and De Nora Tech have flourished after opening, renovating, or relocating to Mentor. Still, it takes more than a rich history to attract firms that could take their talents anywhere around the state, country, or world. Kenneth J. Filipiak, Mentor's city manager, knows success does not happen by chance, "Our entire administration and city council work hard to create a climate where businesses of all sizes feel they have a partner in the city that values them and will work to meet their needs. It's not just lip service. The success of our community relies on a strong economy, especially our manufacturing segment."

On the brink of its 50th anniversary, NACL moved from Highland Heights to its Mentor location at 9450 Pineneedle Drive. The firm started out by primarily providing coating for eyeglasses, sunglasses, and mir-

rors, but now that represents just 15 percent of NACL's work, Wilson said. The company has been focused on developing products for autonomous vehicles, machine vision and robotics, augmented and virtual reality technologies, and space exploration. "Our customer base could be one of the most diverse in the world—we work (with everybody from) the mom-and-pop optical shop down the street in Mentor where you get your eyeglasses prescription filled, and I've also put on presentations in the boardrooms of Tesla, SpaceX, Google, and Apple," Wilson said.

Manufacturers like NACL have relocated to Mentor because of its



NACL is an industry leading thin-film optical coating provider working with a diverse array of customers in fields including military, medical, automotive, consumer device, augmented reality, machine learning, and LIDAR/UAV systems. —Photo credit: NACL



Making ground with VFX in film production, Bloc Corp collaborated with Urban Canyons to not only recreate but visually reincarnate the Chinese Warrior Queen, Fu Hao, in all her historical glory. The heroic and empowering drama-documentary series will be broadcast from Germany to the USA, and China to the UK!
—Photo credit: Bloc Corp.

reputation for helping them grow. The size of the economy and services provided to manufacturers provides both a built-in customer base and convenient partnering opportunities. Mentor also offers very creative performance-based incentives and grants, and works hard to connect businesses to regional, state, and federal sources to help identify growth capital. But it's the personal touch that makes the biggest difference.

"We do try to be very business-friendly, in terms of helping manufacturers start up and making linkages and connections for them," Malecek said. "I think it's really all those attributes, starting with that rich history we've had here. But history is not going to mean anything for a manufacturer without what's happening at the present."

Wilson agrees after joining Mentor city representatives on an international trade mission. "They were very strategic in helping me get contacts and meetings that I probably would not have been able to get otherwise," Wilson said. "They got me to the right people in these large organizations that I could speak to about our services. All of this was basically a direct result of the introductions that the city of Mentor made for me."

Mentor is one of the only cities in Ohio that has an international presence. Since 2015 the city has grown its International Trade Initiative, which is highlighted by an annual trip to Europe to promote Mentor as

a potential place for companies to set up U.S. operations and to promote companies in Mentor as potential partners. NACL accompanied the city this past year, and in Scotland, where Wilson met with representatives from local chambers of commerce. The visit was so successful that it inspired Wilson to open an NACL European sales office in The Netherlands. He later secured a spot in Electro Optics' inaugural "Photonics 100" list of the 100 people driving the photonics industry forward. Wilson will also go on a similar trip with the Mentor group to Ireland this summer and NACL will be an exhibitor in a couple of European trade shows.

A recent success from the program is the company Bloc Digital, a digital technology company located in Derby, United Kingdom, in the process of establishing an office in Mentor. Its owner, Keith Cox, was introduced to Mentor through a presentation city representatives gave at a local chamber of commerce meeting. Although interested in a U.S. presence, they had not established a clear timeline. After the chance encounter, a conversation began.

"It wasn't on our agenda, but it was the right time, right person, right meeting," Cox said. "As we talked, Mentor seemed to be the ideal place because we had grown our company in the UK in the Midlands, surrounded by industrial and engineering businesses. A tech company is often located down in London, and in the States,

it might be in Silicon Valley. But our clients are not in Silicon Valley — our competitors are. Our clients are in places like Cleveland and Mentor."

Bloc Digital uses its immersive digital technology studios to create bespoke digital visualization, augmented and virtual reality, web, and mobile marketing solutions for manufacturers and industrial clients. Cox and business partner, Chris Hotham, launched its Derby operations in 2000 and have enjoyed servicing a roster of blue-chip companies like Shell, Rolls-Royce, Lubrizol, and Siemens. Mentor's infrastructure, proximity to clients and universities, and its cost of living ultimately made it the best choice.

"It's really cost effective to set a business up there ... yes, we could be anywhere in the world, but it's affordable, clients are there, and it's in the middle (of the U.S.), so you can go left, right, down, up when you need to travel," Cox said.

Infrastructure is always a big draw for Mentor, Malecek said. The presence of CSX and N&S rail service, access to Interstate 90, and the Cleveland Hopkins International and Akron-Canton Regional airports mean Mentor manufacturers are located within about 500 miles of half of the nation's population. Mentor is also about 18 miles from the Port of Cleveland, which handles more than 13 million tons of containerized and noncontainerized cargo per year with an express route to Europe that connects the Great Lakes to the Port of Antwerp.

Cox envisions Bloc Digital growing incrementally to 26 employees eventually, but for now he is continuing to make local connections and looking to hire a manager.

"They've been nothing short of amazing to put it bluntly," Cox said of the city. "They've hosted us, set us up with all the contacts we'd need, colleges, universities, the chamber, you name it. They're our one-stop Rolodex."

The future of manufacturing in Mentor looks even brighter thanks to the efforts of groups like the Alliance for Working Together Foundation

(AWT), an organization focused on the workforce of tomorrow. In the last year, AWT opened its Transformation Training Center on Tyler Boulevard. With the latest and best equipment, they are working with Mentor High School and other educational partners to train the next generation of employees entering the manufacturing workforce on the hard skills they will need to meet the growing job demands.

Said City Manager Filipiak, "our staff does an excellent job of business recruitment, but we need more young people to understand the tremendous benefits of a career in manufacturing to fill our growing needs. A manufacturing renaissance is underway in Ohio that will succeed if fueled by a talented, ample workforce."

"I think that investment in the future of our workforce and workforce development is essential and that's something else that kind of keeps that vibrancy in this sector going and makes us a place where you want to be," Malecek said.

Local business leaders like Wilson at

The AWT Transformation Center will provide training and pathways for northeast Ohio's collective skilled manufacturing labor force and serve as a hub for workforce development for the region. The AWT Foundation has partnered with area manufacturing companies, and county, state, and federal legislators to provide training for skilled manufacturing jobs.

—Photo credit: AWT



NACL are excited to see the next wave of manufacturers come to Mentor. Whoever they are and whatever products they make, Wilson knows they'll receive ample assistance from the city.

"They provide a lot of resources that if companies take advantage of them, it can be very fruitful for them," Wilson said. "When I first moved here, I never thought I'd be traveling with the city manager and the economic development director looking for ways to help me grow my business and mutually be a spokesperson for the city of Mentor,

saying, 'hey, we're a great place to live, to work, and to set up a manufacturing facility.' We work together and for mutual benefits."

—Article by Brandon Baker

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The Lock Box Program enables fire/EMS/police personnel to gain access to your home in case you can't reach your door to open it for them during an emergency. The program provides a secure lock box that can only be accessed by fire/EMS/police personnel by using a special key. No tools or drilling required for installation. Simply hang it on your door. One-time fee of \$35.00.

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Well Check Database

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The Lock Box Program can save precious seconds if safety forces need to enter your home during an emergency.

Ohio Staying Connected Program

This service is provided by the Ohio Department of Aging and will provide a daily call, during the same one-hour time period every day, to a qualified participant in the program. These will be automated calls. If no one answers the call, the program will call the alternate contact person, if one has been selected by the participant. If the program is unable to contact the participant, or leave a message with participant's alternate contact person, the program will notify participant's local nonemergency service.

Any Ohio resident age 60+ who would like to be checked on with a daily phone call can enroll in the service.

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Mentor Rocks is an all-ages event which promotes a festival-like atmosphere. In addition to great music, attendees can enjoy a great selection of food and refreshments from the area's top food trucks.

Northeast Ohio's hottest summer concert series is brought to you by Prosperity Haven Addiction Recovery Center and other great sponsors. Admission and parking are free! Lawn seating, so bring your own blankets or chairs. No pets or outside alcohol. The Mentor Civic Amphitheater is located at 8600 Munson Road in Mentor.

Visit www.mentorrocks.info to learn more.



2023 Schedule

June 6	The Prince Experience	Prince Tribute
June 13	Nirvani	Nirvana Tribute
June 20	Parmalee	National Recording Artist
June 27	Queen Nation	Queen Tribute
July 4	E5C4P3	Journey Tribute
July 11	Simply Spice	Spice Girls Tribute
July 18	Right Now	Van Halen—Hagar Era Tribute
July 25	Terry Lee Goffee	Johnny Cash Tribute
August 1	Just Like Pink	Pink Tribute
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Then again, to those who have resided in Lake County’s largest city, these accolades come as no surprise.

“My husband, Mark, and I lived in Mentor from 1990 to 2001, and just loved it,” recalls Susan Schervish. “When we moved to another city for closer proximity to work, we found that we didn’t care for the isolation of the houses and soon wanted to get back to the neighborhoods of Mentor and all the city has to offer.”

Among the many things the city has to offer are great housing options. Mark and Susan have been rehabbing houses for years and they know that Mentor appeals to every walk of life. “It’s pretty amazing the variety of houses there are here,” Schervish says. “Not only that but you can find a house that meets any budget, and compared to some other suburbs in northeast Ohio, you can get more land too.”

When the couple moved back to

Mentor in 2004, they vowed to never leave again. “We found the perfect house here, and our daughter loved attending Mentor High School,” she says. “We try to take advantage of all the amenities, such as the paved bike paths, the lagoons, variety of parks, and soccer fields. Best of all, we happily discovered that it really doesn’t take much longer to commute to work because the access to the freeways is an easy hop on, hop off. So yes, we’re here for good.”

Finding the Perfect Mentor Home

One of the biggest decisions in life is where to live and there are a number of factors to consider when searching for the right house. What you might be looking for in a starter home as a single person can be quite different than if you’ve already established your family, and different still when you’re looking to downsize in your retirement years. Style of homes are a wide-ranging choice in Mentor, too. You can choose from condos, ranches, split levels, colonials, Cape Cod styles, newly constructed contemporary designs, or even century homes.

Jacob Vitale recently purchased his first home at age 23. “I wanted to live in Mentor because it has the best access to stores and gyms, and close proximity to family and the freeway, making it

easy to commute to Cleveland where I work,” says Vitale, who is a chemical engineer. “I wanted a house in a nice, safe location that can be turned into a home.”

“Mentor is definitely a popular place to live because there’s a great lifestyle to be had here,” says Amanda Alafi, real estate agent at Home Smart in Mentor. “The value of the homes are very good and so are the schools.”

According to Realtor.com, home values in Mentor have risen 5.1% over the past year, with the typical home averaging around \$289,900. It’s been a seller’s market for some time and that’s often the case in this lakeside city.

“People move here to raise their family and often just stay because there’s really no reason to leave,” says Alafi, who has been a licensed agent since 2017. “So there’s a bit of a housing shortage because there isn’t a lot of turnover. Oftentimes there are less houses to consider for the amount of people who want to move here.”

Because of that, some who want to live in Mentor opt to begin by renting a home. Houses to rent in Mentor start at about \$900, which is fairly reasonable compared to other cities.

While the Schervish family moved away from Mentor only to return, many Mentorites never left. Generations, in fact. “My mother moved here

in 1943, raised all seven of us kids here and my father had his own business here as well, J&N Cycle Shop,” says Annie Felice Kline. “I’ve never even considered moving away, not even when I attended Ursuline College.”

It Really Is Better in Mentor

Once you find the right house and school for your family, the fun really begins. Whether your interests include hiking, biking, swimming, golfing, shopping, dining, basking on the shores of Lake Erie, observing wildlife, or taking in your favorite music outdoors, Mentor has it covered. With over 170 eateries, the city has a restaurant to please every palate. It’s a shopper’s delight as well, with over 300 retailers ranging from big box retailers to cozy mom-and-pop establishments.

There are plenty of ways to enjoy nature as well. Headlands Beach State Park is Ohio’s largest natural beach and attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. The dunes are a major birding destination and serves as the northeast terminus for the 1,400-mile

Buckeye Trail.

Nearby Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina includes 1½ miles of shoreline, winding wooded paths, and a brand-new marsh-rim boardwalk and observation deck. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, and pedal boats are available for rental during the summer months.

Mentor is rich in history as well. The first presidential library established in the U.S. is located in the James A. Garfield National Historic Site, which is commonly referred to as Lawnfield. The 20th president purchased the Mentor Avenue home in 1876 and conducted the first front-porch campaign. Managed by the National Park Service, the home and museum are available to tour year-round.

The historic Wildwood Cultural Center & Park, located at 7645 Little Mountain Road, is a cultural gem consisting of 34-acres of stately trees and scenic gardens that is a beloved location for events and photographing special moments. The 1908 manor house is one of the earliest versions of



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the English Tudor Revival style in northeast Ohio, and has been on the National Register of Historic Homes in 1981. The facility is used year-round for a number of programs and workshops, and is available for rent by the public for social and business functions.

Among the highlights in Mentor each year is the ever-popular Mentor Rocks summer concert series which takes place each Tuesday from June through August at the state-of-the-art Mentor Civic Amphitheater. The Amp has been compared to a “mini-Blossom” and features a 3,000 square-foot stage, 35,000-watt sound system, and two 14’ x 7’ video screens. Nearly 6,000 music lovers converge each week to enjoy top touring tribute acts as well as special performances by national recording artists which have included Lita Ford, Gin Blossoms, Darryl Worley, Everclear, Soul Asylum, and Cracker, just to name a few! Admission and parking to Mentor Rocks is free.

What’s New in Mentor?

Mentor has a legacy of forward-thinking city councils that have worked hard over the years to make Mentor a great place to call home through thoughtful acquisitions as well as new business attraction. The 52-acre Springbrook Gardens Park now includes the 4,400 square foot Springbrook Gardenhouse. The much-anticipated state-of-the-art Cleveland Clinic Hospital is opening this summer, as is the new Mentor Community Recreation Center. And, more is on the way to keep Mentor a vibrant and inclusive community for all.

“I think the biggest appeal is that Mentor offers so much at every stage in life,” notes Susan Schervish. “Whether you have kids, no kids, are young or a senior, whatever your interests may be, Mentor really does have it all.”

More information is always available at www.cityofmentor.com.

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More importantly, they also donate their time and effort to help those in need.

This past December, members of the Mentor Fire Department and their families once again braved the elements for the 27th year to collect food and cash during their Rescue the Needy food drive.

100% of proceeds from the event directly benefits the Salvation Army Painesville Corps which serves Lake County. Donations stay in the com-



munity in which they are received to help serve those most in need. Since 1994, over \$150,000 in cash and food donations have been raised.

For the past nine years, Mentor Police have collected nonperishable food items and cash donations at their



annual Fill-a-Cruiser event. Donations are distributed to food pantries to benefit families in Mentor. Over the years, 22 police vehicles have been filled with food and nearly \$17,000 has been raised.

Since 1983, the "Kops N Kids" program has provided a fun-filled evening complete with dinner, entertainment, and holiday gifts for kids in need. Families are identified with the help of Mentor Public Schools, the Mentor Victim Assistance Program as well as by police officers themselves.

For the past several years, the "Shop with a Cop" program has also helped kids in need and has provided an opportunity to spend valuable one-on-one time.

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Bring On The FUN!

There is always something to do in Mentor. The city is known for the wide array of recreation opportunities available including programs, activities, and events. In fact, the city hosts over 40 events each year for all ages and interests. Here are some of the most popular that you're going to want to circle on your calendar.

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MENTOR ROCKS

The popular Mentor Rocks summer concert series is held Tuesday evenings, June 6 through August 29, 2023 from 7–9 PM at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater. This year's schedule includes national recording artist Parmalee along with the nation's best tribute bands.

Mentor Rocks is an all-ages event which promotes a festival-like atmosphere each week. In addition to great music, attendees can enjoy a great selection of food and refreshments

from the area's best food trucks. The venue features lawn seating, so bring your own blankets or chairs. Outside food is permitted. No outside alcohol; coolers will be checked at the gate. No pets. Admission and parking are free of charge. Grounds open at 5PM. The Mentor Civic Amphitheater is located in Mentor Civic Center Park at 8600 Munson Road. See schedule on page 17. More info at www.mentorrocks.info.

TUNES AT THE LAGOONS

Enjoy "Tunes at the Lagoons" as some of the area's top local bands bring live music to life at the Mentor Lagoons Marina from 7–9 PM two Fridays per month this summer. Attendees can also enjoy food and refreshments from local food trucks, as well as a selection of beers and wines for those 21 and over. Admission and parking are free. The Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina is located at 8365 Harbor Drive.

Visit www.tunesatthelagoons.com for schedule and additional information.

MENTOR COMEDY NIGHT

Comedy night returns to the Mentor Civic Amphitheater on Saturday, June 17, from 8–10 PM. Attendees are advised that this will be a PG-13 show for some adult content and innuendo. Food trucks and beverage sales. Free admission and parking.



WILDWOOD FINE ARTS & WINE FESTIVAL

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HEADLANDS BEACHFEST

Looking for something fun to do with the kids this summer? Then don't miss "the ultimate beach party" on Saturday, July 15, from 11 AM–7 PM that will feature all-day entertainment, family-friendly activities, food trucks, and arts-and-crafts vendors. World class sand sculptors will also be on hand to dazzle attendees with their

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MENTOR CRUISE-IN

Mentor Cruise-In has been wowing crowds for nearly two decades. Now, it's bigger and better than ever with over 800 cars, 2,500 spectators, live entertainment, food, and refreshments. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 12 from 10 AM–4 PM at Mentor Civic Center Park. This is a free event. Free registration for cruisers.

Visit www.mentorcruisein.com to learn more.

MENTOR CITYFEST

There is always time for one last summer bash! Mentor CityFest takes place August 18–19, 2023 at Mentor Civic Center Park and promises great family fun! This popular annual event attracts over 20,000 people from across the area and features all-day entertainment as well as interactive activities for kids of all ages. Live music both nights! Attendees can also get their fill of fair food as well as enjoy exhibits in the Main Street Tent. Nearly 100 community groups will be taking part in the CityFest parade Saturday at 10 AM and the most colorful event of the summer will take place at 6 PM with the Mentor CityFest Color Dash & Walk. Admission is free. There is a fee for some activities. Learn more at www.mentorcityfest.com.

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Section off part of your yard where you can plant native wildflower seeds. Adding a nice border with stone can help keep this area looking neat.

We recommend prairie mixes that include common and butterfly milkweed, black-eyed Susan, purple cone-flower, and aster species. These flowers attract monarchs and other butterflies,

which are important pollinators in our ecosystem.

Adding a flowing water feature can also help attract species of dragonflies, especially if your yard gets a lot of sunlight. The best thing about dragonflies is that they eat a lot of mosquitos!

Having a pollinator garden with a water feature is a sure way to attract them.

Birds also eat mosquitos and other biting insects. Adding structure in the way of native shrubs will be sure to attract species such as eastern bluebird, eastern phoebe, Baltimore oriole, and yellow warbler to your yard.

For smaller shrubs that provide berries, look at black chokeberry, common serviceberry, or winterberry.

If you want to add color to your yard and benefit pollinators, choose flowering dogwood, buttonbush, or redbud.

Most importantly, make sure the plants you choose are native to Ohio,



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Cleveland Clinic Mentor Hospital opens its doors to the community



Richard D. Parker, MD
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Mentor Hospital

A message from Richard D. Parker, MD, President of Cleveland Clinic Mentor Hospital:

I want to welcome you, the members of our community, to your new hospital.

When Cleveland Clinic designed a hospital for the city of Mentor and the surrounding areas, we focused on the needs of those communities' residents. The result is what I would describe as a "hospital of the future" that will serve patients' needs – not only today – but for generations to come.

But before I tell you about the hospital, I want to recognize that the most important aspect of Mentor Hospital is the people who will be providing care for your families. Mentor Hospital is a brand-new facility, however, the caregivers running it are an experienced team.

Mentor Hospital will be managed by Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital, allowing for easy access and staffing between facilities. Many Mentor Hospital caregivers have worked for years at other Cleveland Clinic locations. In addition, experienced caregivers have recently joined Cleveland Clinic to work at Mentor Hospital where they will be able to provide care in their own city for the first time in their careers.

Some physicians from Hillcrest Hospital and other locations will provide services at Mentor Hospital. When patients schedule with one of these providers, they can stay at their current location or be seen at Mentor Hospital.

Cleveland Clinic has served the residents of Lake and Geauga counties for many years from offices in Chardon, Concord, Madison, the Mentor Wayside Building and at the Willoughby Hills Family Health Center. We will continue to provide care at those facilities.

Mentor Hospital gives us the opportunity to provide a broader range of care for Lake and Geauga counties. The hospital features 34 inpatient and observation rooms, four operating rooms and 12 pre- and post-anesthesia care beds. Mentor Hospital services include cardiology, urology, bariatric surgery, general and colorectal surgery, vascular surgery, pulmonary medicine, orthopaedics and sports medicine, lab and imaging services.

Thanks to feedback during our design process from local fire and EMS leaders, the Emergency Department – which is Mentor's first – includes the addition of a drive-through canopy. This will provide EMS teams and patients with some cover in the winter months.

Mentor Hospital serves patients who have shorter hospital stays with follow-up care at home, based on their less critical



needs. If patients need more acute or specialized care, they are transferred to the appropriate Cleveland Clinic location, such as Hillcrest Hospital, Euclid Hospital, or main campus.

The first thing you will notice when you enter Mentor Hospital is the stunning artwork in the atrium. We know that visiting the hospital can at times be a difficult experience, so we use art to provide beauty and calm for our patients and caregivers. Mentor Hospital also has plenty of natural light, which helps boost wellness. There are many sustainability initiatives, including preservation of natural wetlands and woodlands on the property.

Mentor Hospital's design is versatile, allowing us the opportunity to grow to meet local communities' changing needs.

We think you will be pleased with your new hospital, and we look forward to serving your families.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Parker, MD

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portant breeding and nursery area for fish and waterfowl and an extremely popular resting place for neotropical birds and butterflies as they migrate each year.

The preserve is a part of the Lake Erie Birding Trail. Mentor Natural Resources specialists host a number of programs all year round including an important banding program which helps track migrating species.

A new ADA accessible boardwalk and observation deck was recently

completed near the parking area and offers magnificent views of the marsh. A 90-foot tower is currently being designed with construction anticipated next year.

On the marina side, visitors can rent kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, and pedal boats. Construction of a new concession building will begin later this year.

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Springbrook Gardens

The 52-acre Springbrook Gardens park on Heisley Road has undergone many changes since the city purchased the property in 2015. What was once a flat, sandy plot has been transformed with moundings and native plantings, restored wetlands areas to attract native species, winding paved trails, a boardwalk, and a new playground.

The most recent addition is the completion of the Springbrook Gardenhouse. This 4,400 sq. ft. facility features a main hall that is punctuated with dramatic timber trusses and a dominant fireplace faced with stone reclaimed from the former Sawyer House. Operable glass sectional panels on three sides of the hall allow access to the outdoor seating area. The building also features a warming kitchen as well as interior and exterior restrooms. The facility is available for rental.

Two additional picnic pavilions will be added later this year.

Springbrook Gardens Park is a wonderful oasis that provides a get-away nature experience in the middle of the city! Come and see for yourself!



Springbrook Gardenhouse

Civic Center Park

Multiple improvements have been made to Civic Center Park over the past several years including the addition of an all-inclusive playground and outdoor exercise stations. Civic Center pool also features a climbing wall as well as a fun—and challenging—obstacle course.

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Mentor Public Schools provide career tech education

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Like many school districts, Mentor Public Schools has long offered career technical education in fields including criminal justice, culinary arts, HVAC and welding as potential career paths. But Mentor's program stands out above others in growing local partnerships to provide expertise and resources to help prepare students for a variety of in-demand jobs that meet pressing needs in their community.

Partnerships with Lakeland Community College and with businesses and community organizations can provide college credit, hands-on training, and credentials in high-demand fields to Mentor's students. In fact, Mentor's career tech program is something that attracted Mentor Public Schools Superintendent Craig Heath to the district from Central Ohio nearly a year ago. "What our students learn here will help them more easily step into these roles upon graduation," Heath noted.

One such career tech program is the Fire EMT Academy. This cutting-edge program was developed in collaboration between the Mentor Public Schools and the Mentor Fire Department to help attract future applicants

to meet the need for firefighters and EMT applicants not only in Mentor, but in communities around northeast Ohio.

The course also gives students the opportunity to earn EMT-basic certification and credentials necessary to fill open jobs at the Mentor Fire Department. Now in its second year, the Mentor Fire Department has already made a hire from this program.



Automotive Training Center on Tyler Blvd.

Another successful collaboration is in the area of automotive service technology. The program was designed in partnership with Classic Automotive, Inc. which provided the facility and hands-on training for students in the district's classroom.

"Classic had trouble hiring trained automotive technicians," shared Kristen Estes, director of communications at Mentor Public Schools. "The hands-on training students receive in

our auto service program not only provides them with valuable, in-demand training and skills, but the opportunity to be hired on after graduation."

Heath noted that the district applied for a grant through the Ohio Department of Education to set up an IT and cybersecurity CTE program.

"We'll set up this innovative learning space with the latest and greatest technology equipment, so our kids can really dig into that field," Heath explained. "This program will afford students in Mentor the skills to jump into this rapidly growing career."

The district is working to tap into local trade unions, as well. Heath is optimistic that a collaboration with the Electrical Workers labor union could result in a career tech electrical pre-apprenticeship program; a similar trade program in plumbing is also under discussion. "There are such great opportunities in these fields right now," Heath noted.

Officer shortages highlight the need for more criminal justice training, something Heath sees as a career tech opportunity to help get highly qualified students into the police academy sooner.

"It's one of the strengths of being a big district in a big city," Heath noted. "We have the opportunity to affect other communities who lack the resources we have." He concluded, "How can we take care of our own, but also help the northeast Ohio community?"

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Laketrans extends service hours for Local Routes and Dial-a-Ride

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Laketrans now operates Monday – Friday from 5–9 PM and Saturdays from 8 AM–7 PM with new hourly service. Route 9 that serves Tyler Boulevard now operates on Saturdays, too.

By increasing service hours, Laketrans' goal is to support local businesses, as well as social and cultural events through the community, by providing more access for people who rely on public transportation.

"The new hours will give employees reliable transportation to get to work at 6 AM, but also provide seniors and people with disabilities opportunities to enjoy evening events, like concerts in the park or dining out later than 7 PM at night," said Laketrans CEO Ben Capelle.

Capelle shared that Laketrans surveyed manufacturers along Tyler Boulevard in Mentor and learned 61% of the businesses operated earlier than Laketrans could get employees there.

"We need our routes to start at 5 AM, so employees can begin work at 6 AM, explained Capelle. "Our manufacturing industry provides a significant amount of jobs in Lake County and these businesses are struggling to find people to fill their jobs. This is one way Laketrans can help businesses and impact our local economy."

Residents that rely on Laketrans' door-to-door Dial-a-Ride service, primarily used by seniors and people with disabilities, will also benefit from the extended hours.

"Previously, our last reservation window for Dial-a-Ride trip was 7–7:30 PM and it will now be 8:30–9 PM," said Capelle. "We know senior isolation is rampant and we hope to



Driver Jim helps 100-year-old Gloria Fakult exit the bus at the Mentor Senior Center.

see more seniors enjoying community events with these new hours."

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Lake County Council on Aging

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Nonmedical care can significantly improve a senior's ability to maintain independence and allow them to continue to live in the comfort and security of their own home. This program is designed to provide support to Lake County seniors who are not eligible for traditional Medicaid-based programs and cannot afford to pay privately for the care they need. The program is funded through the Lake County Senior Services Levy and is administered at no cost to eligible seniors.

"The collaboration between the social workers at the Council on Aging and the home care agencies offers a unique support system for seniors aging in place and their families," said Danielle Phillips, program manager. "It not only gives families peace of mind that immediate needs are being met, it also provides a system prepared to address future needs as they arise."

By 2030, one in three individuals residing in Lake County



will be 60 years of age or older. This program is just one of several programs put in place by the board of Lake County commissioners in their continued effort to position the county to handle the increasing senior population.

Participants must meet income verification guidelines and have an assessment completed by a social worker from the Council on Aging. The Council on Aging has contracted with three local home care agencies that provide hands-on care and support to seniors enrolled in the program. Eligible seniors are assigned to a home care agency promptly after the social work visit.

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In Mentor, Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity is uniquely positioned to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners who struggle to maintain their homes due to limitations related to income, age, disability, or other circumstances. Through Habitat’s repair program, work is done with seniors who wish to remain in their home and gracefully “age in place.”

Habitat can also serve Mentor-based veterans to ensure their homes are safe and accessible. Habitat’s work ranges from exterior landscaping and painting to more significant issues like roof replacement and electrical safety, and also includes accessibility modifications such as installing ramps, grab bars, handrails, and more.

Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity’s repair program im-



pacts the entire community of Mentor by bringing people together to help revitalize the appearance of neighborhoods, building new relationships, and preserving affordable housing.

The Lake County Habitat for Humanity ReStore has served Mentor residents since 2016, and has expanded the store in order to help more residents in the community be part of “our story.”

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It's a potluck between pals, food and friendship. It's also a book club.

Mentor Public Library's Cookbook Club launched in January 2023. Every month, its members pick a cookbook. Then each person makes a recipe from it, and they share their dish with the rest of the club. The room is always packed.

The Cookbook Club may be new, but it's emblematic of Mentor Public Library. It involves books, sure. But just as importantly, it connects people.

The library creates connections for its patrons – to resources, to ideas, and to the rest of the community.

You can see people connect at the library every day – in clubs, after story times, during evening lectures, and along its storybook trail.

But the library connects people in more subtle ways too. It hosts dozens of story times at community pre-schools and brings books and movies

to homebound patrons with its Words on Wheels program.

People can also connect to technology at The HUB's makerspace. (The HUB is MPL's newest branch inside of Mentor High School.) They can use its green-screen studio, laser engraver, vinyl cutter, heat press and large-scale printer to make everything from vlogs to customized clothes to wedding favors to home décor.

The library also connects students of all ages to online and on-demand tutoring from tutor.com, thanks to a Libraries Accelerating Learning grant from the Ohio Department of Education. Receive help with homework, writing a paper, studying for a test, or even revising a resume at tutor.com/mentorpl.

Visit www.mentorpl.org or any of Mentor Public Library's four branches to find your connection.

–Submitted by Mentor Public Library



Families learn American Sign Language together during a free program at the Mentor Public Library's Lake Branch.



Members of Mentor Public Library's Cookbook Book Club gather for a program that's equal parts potluck and book club discussion.

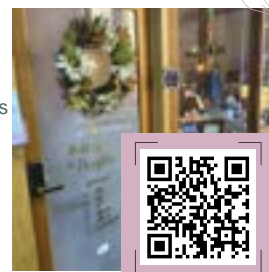
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The Mentor Finance Department's is responsible for accounting for the city's financial transactions. This includes, day-to-day budget administration, payment of bills, preparation of payroll, maintenance of capital asset records, receipt of monies, municipal income tax enforcement, auditing, debt administration, city insurance, and reporting the city's financial condition.

It's a lot to keep track of and we're proud to state that the department has received the GFOA Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting award for 38 consecutive years!

We get a number of

questions from our residents regarding finance. Here are some that are most frequently asked.

What is the income tax rate in Mentor?

The city of Mentor has a flat 2% municipal income tax for all residents and businesses with a taxable income, and for all persons earning income within the city.

Where does this money go?

Nearly 2/3 of the city's operating budget is supported through income tax and nearly 2/3 of that is generated by people who work in Mentor but live elsewhere.

These funds help support our safety forces, road repair programs, parks and facilities, programs, and much more.

Do I have to pay income taxes if I live in Mentor but work in another city?

Mentor residents are required to pay a 2% municipal income tax to the city of Mentor if they have any earned income, including lottery winnings, or rental income. Some cities offer a reciprocity and if they are taking city taxes out for their city, you will get credit for the 2% due to Mentor. It is still mandatory for all Mentor residents to file a city income tax return if you have any earned income.

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What if I live in a different city but work in Mentor?

Individuals who live in a city that collects municipal income tax may have Mentor taxes coming out of their paycheck; but as stated above, some cities offer a reciprocity for working in another municipality. Individuals who live in a township, village, or anywhere where city taxes are not collected will have Mentor taxes taken out of their paycheck, but they are not obligated to file an annual city tax return with the city of Mentor.

Does the RITA office still have a location in city hall?

The Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) no longer has an in-person office located in Lake County.

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**Who do I talk to
about my property taxes?**

Property taxes are assessed and collected by the county, not the city. Contact the Lake County auditor's office at (440) 352-2532 or www.lakecountyohio.gov/auditor.

**Where can I find information
about the city's budget?**

The Finance department publishes the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) each year. It is available to review at www.cityofmentor.com/finance.

The city of Mentor Finance Department is located on the 2nd floor of the Mentor Municipal Center, 8500 Civic Center Blvd. Mentor, Ohio 44060.

They are open Monday through Friday from 8 AM–5 PM and can be reached at (440) 974-5770 or finance@cityofmentor.com.

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A list of names, numbers and other useful information.

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Register for the Lake County Emergency Management Agency WENS System for text, voice, and/or email emergency notifications. Registration is free and takes less than 60 seconds. All Mentor residents are encouraged to sign up today at lakeohalerts.com.

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, Android, or Fire 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 city council at citycouncil@cityofmentor.com.



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At-Large – Ray Kirchner
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kirchner@cityofmentor.com

At-Large – Scott J. Marn
Vice-President
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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, Android, or Fire 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 Nonemergency
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
440-974-5781

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 Nonemergency
440-255-1234

Prosecutor
440-974-5752

Public Information Office
440-974-5794

Public Works Department
440-974-5781

Recreation
440-974-5720

Recycling
440-974-5781

Road Resurfacing
440-974-5781

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
440-974-5781

Traffic Signals & Signs
440-974-5781

Wildwood Cultural Center
440-974-5735

Victim Assistance Program
440-205-2438

Yard Waste Program
440-974-5781

Zoning
440-974-5740

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216-431-3010

Bureau of Employment Services
877-644-6562

Cable Complaints –
Ohio Dept. of Commerce
877-207-2225

Child Abuse Hotline
440-350-4000, press 1

Crossroads Health
(Adolescent Counseling)
440-255-1700

Crossroads Health
(Adult Mental Health)
440-354-9924

Forbes House (Women's Shelter)
440-357-1018

Game Warden
330-245-3034

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
Adolescents 13+ and adults
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
440-350-2532

Lake County Cooperative
Extension Service
440-853-2625

Lake County Council on Aging
440-205-8111

Lake County Department
of Job & Family Services
440-350-4000

Lake County General Health District
440-350-2543

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

Laketran
440-354-6100

Marriage Licenses
440-350-2626

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

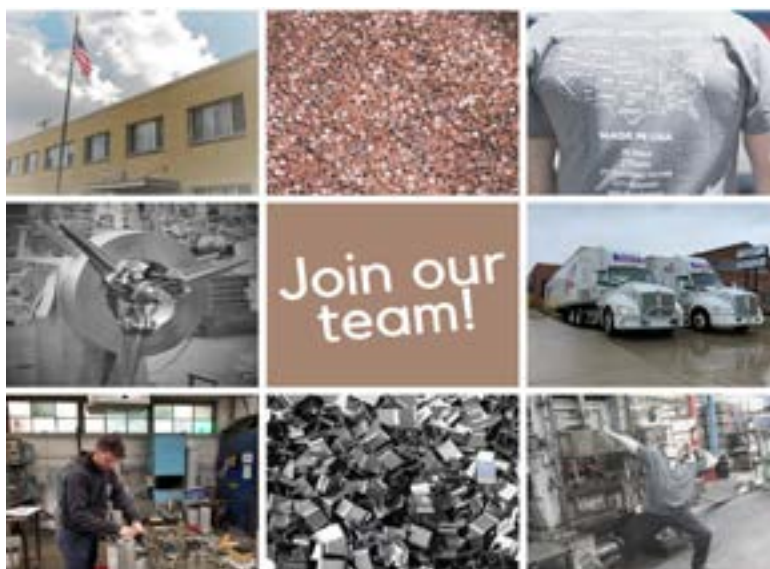
Headlands Branch
440-257-2000

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The HUB @ Mentor High School
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Mosquito Spraying
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Ohio E-Check Hotline
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Ohio Tourism
800-BUCKEYE

Pools (Seasonal)
Civic Center Pool
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Morton Pool
440-257-5719

Social Security Office
800-772-1213

Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance
440-352-2526

Wildlife Officer – Game Warden
330-245-3034

Utilities

AT&T
800-331-0500

Aqua Ohio Water Co.
877-987-2782

Dominion East Ohio Gas
800-362-7557

First Energy
(The Illuminating Co.)
800-589-3101

Automated Outage Reporting
888-544-4877

Lake County Sanitary Sewer
440-350-2070

NOPEC
(Utility Consortium)
855-667-3201

Spectrum
855-366-7132

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.

Hospitals and Medical Services

Cleveland Clinic
Mentor Hospital
8300 Norton Parkway
800-223-2273

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

UH Mentor Health Center
9485 Mentor Avenue
440-974-6800

UH Brunner, Sanden,
Deitrick, Wellness Center
8655 Market Street
(440) 255-6400

UH Lake West
Medical Center
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ORDINANCES & PROGRAMS

This summary of selected Mentor city ordinances and programs includes those areas and issues that are most commonly encountered by citizens. The complete Mentor Code of Ordinances can be viewed at cityofmentor.com; click on Ordinances under the "About Mentor" tab.

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

Those looking to access construction permits and related documents, schedule building inspections, submit applications, and other city services, can now do so through the Mentor Gateway online at www.thementorgateway.com.

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,

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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 plan that indicates where the structure will be located on the property, the size and height of the structure, and the distance from all property lines. Plans must also show how the structure will be built (materials used, etc.). Once submitted, the review process takes approximately 7 to 10 working days. A permit fee is charged, along with a construction deposit, which will be refunded if the structure passes all inspections. When a permit is issued, work on the project may begin.

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 pm and 5 am; children 12 to 16 years old between 11 pm and 5 am, and 16 to 18 years old from midnight to 5 am. 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 water-

course, 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 pm 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 am the day after your collection.

During the fall, the yard waste restriction does not apply beginning 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. 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.

Home Occupations

Any business conducted out of a residence requires one of two types of permits. One permit is administratively approved, while the other requires approval by the Municipal Planning Commission. Call 440-974-5740 with questions.

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.

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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, 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 am or after 9 pm weekdays, and before 8:30 am or after 9 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Call the Mentor Police Department at 440-255-1234 to report disturbances.

Open Burning

The burning of trash, brush, or leaves is not permitted. Small, attended cooking campfires are permitted during favorable weather conditions without prior approval. Bonfires require prior approval of the Fire Prevention Bureau by calling 440-974-5768.

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.

2023 Collection Calendar

Appliances, Electronics, Monitors, TVs, & Tires
Unloaded by Resident

Collection Season: Now through December 31st
Lake County Landfill & Recycling Center
2039 Blase Nemeth Rd. Painesville Twp.
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Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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\$3 EACH: Car and pickup truck tires – no rims, 6 max. per day, up to 20". **\$5 EACH:** Household appliances, flat screens/tube screens 27" and smaller, and semi-truck tires – no rims, 6 max. per day, over 20".
\$10 EACH: Flat/tube screens larger than 27", projection and console sets. **\$15 EACH:** Tractor and agricultural tires, no rims, 6 max. per day.

PROHIBITED: Batteries, broken/bare CRTs, any light bulb, carbon monoxide detectors, gas-powered equipment, hazardous waste, materials containing liquids, devices containing liquid mercury (thermostats, switches, medical devices, thermometers), PCB-containing materials, propane tanks, radioactive materials, and smoke detectors

Hazardous Waste Events
Unloaded by Collection Team

June 10 and September 23
Lake County Fairgrounds
1301 Mentor Ave., Painesville Twp.,
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ACCEPTED: Most automotive, household cleaners, lawn, pool, unknown chemicals. Bulbs and batteries. Aerosols, empty propane tanks, kerosene, mercury, paints (oil-based), polyurethanes, primers and grout. Roofing tars, shellacs, stains, thinners, turpentine and varnish

PROHIBITED: Ammunition, explosives, latex paint (dry it & toss it), medical waste, prescription medicines, and smoke alarms (mail to manufacturer)



Parking cont'd

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 one meter in diameter (39.37 inches) do not require a permit. It is recommended that the smaller dishes be located in the rear yard. DIRECTV and DISH residential units are exempt.

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. A 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).

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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 inter-sections 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.

STAY UP TO DATE



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.

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.

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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 am to 5 pm. 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 pm 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 served weekdays from 11:30 am – 12:15 pm and is open to the public.

Affordable membership open to residents and nonresidents. Available for private rentals.

Black Brook Golf Course **& Practice Center**

8900 Lake Shore Boulevard
440-951-0010

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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, all people's playground, baseball diamonds, picnic pavilion, pond, fishing, soccer, lighted tennis courts, and wildlife

area. The 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 Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Road

440-974-5733

Established in 1854. This beautifully maintained 60-acre property is the final resting place for over

15,000 souls including veterans of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War. New Memorial Promenade unveiled in 2023.

Mentor Community Recreation Center

6000 Heisley Road

440-974-5720

The 128,000 SF facility is one of the largest of its kind in NE Ohio and features a number of popular programs and activities for all ages. Resident and non-resident annual memberships and single day passes available. Learn more at www.mentorrec.com.

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, canoe, stand up paddleboard and pedal-boat 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 pm daily, June–August

Pool phone:

440-257-5719

Pool and pavilion available for private rentals at 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

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www.loveslearninglofts.com

Presidents Park

7670 Buchanan Court

Picnic area, playground, bocce court and basketball.

Springbrook Gardens Park

6842 Heisley Road

The park features 52-acres of restored grassland habitat and green-space, 1.7 miles of asphalt walking trails and a large pond with boardwalk and playground. Springbrook Gardenhouse all-season pavilion available for rentals by calling 440-974-5720.

Tiefenbach Park

Corduoy Road at Lake Overlook Dr.

Gazebo and picnic area, BMX bike and skate park.

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 re-

stroom, 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 am 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 ohiodnr.gov.

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 Nature Center

(Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve)

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Mentor Marsh Nature Center cont'd

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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

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Lake Erie College
391 W. Washington Street
Painesville, OH 44077
440-375-7050

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

For hours visit mentorpl.org.

Headlands Branch

4669 Corduroy Road
440-257-2000

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Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch

5642 Andrews Road
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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, education, 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 has two divisions:

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



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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 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.

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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



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- **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.
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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 pm 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.

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Tree Commission

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

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- Are 18 years or older by Election Day;
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You MUST register to vote if —

- You are voting for the first time;
- Your name has changed;
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- Lake County Board of Elections;
- Online at olvr.ohiosos.gov.

Voter registration closes 30 days before an election.

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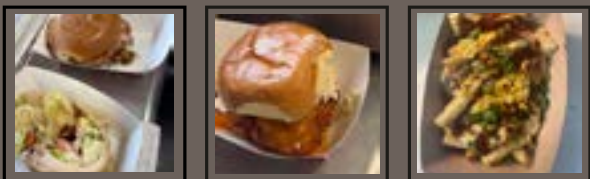
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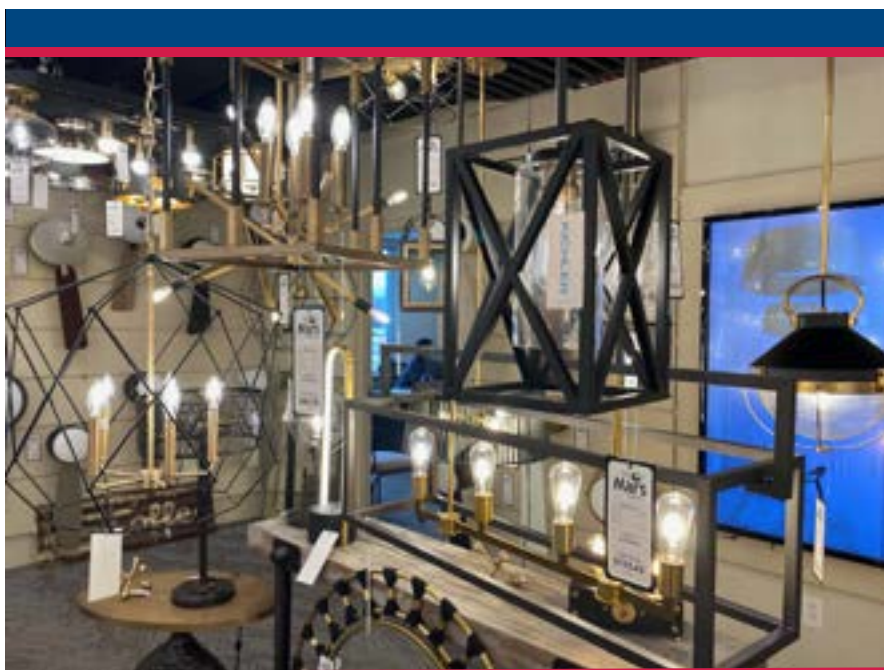
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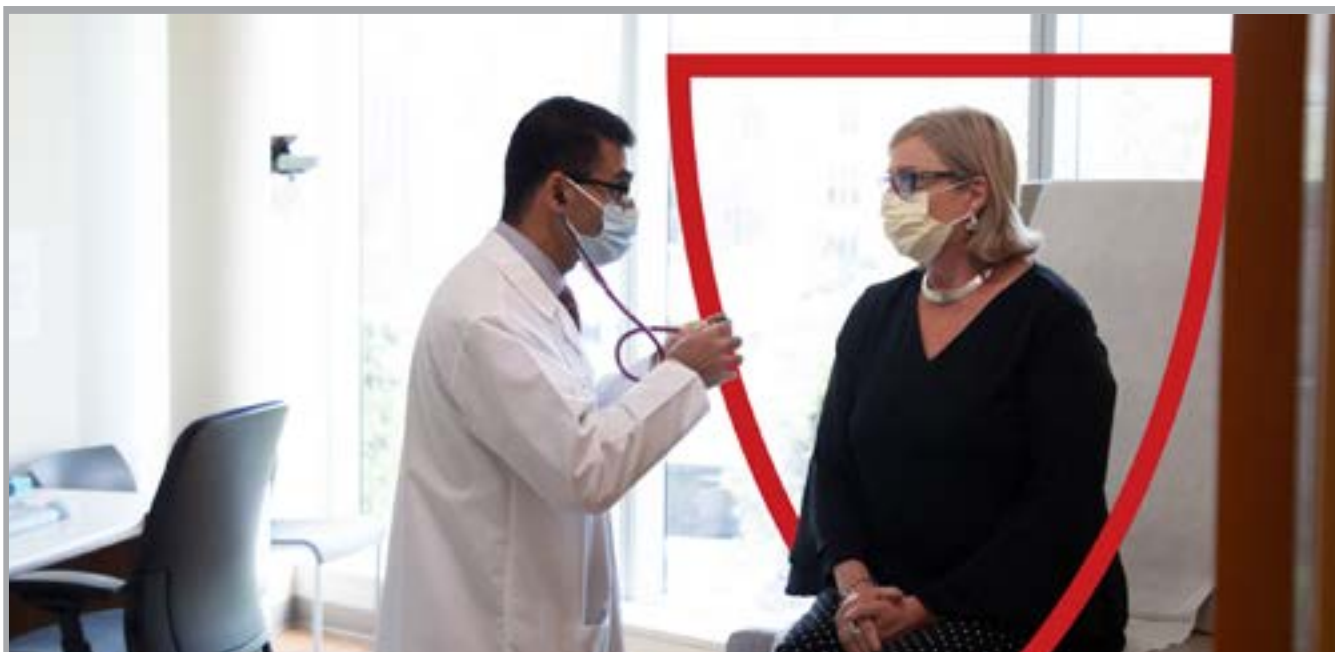
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