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Dear Neighbors and Guests,

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We like to say that there is "always something to do in Mentor." Whether it's enjoying a free concert at the amphitheater with a few thousand of your closest friends, immersing yourself in nature at one of our 15 parks, getting some sand in your shoes at the largest natural beach in Ohio, discovering the wealth of shopping and dining our city has to offer, or experiencing some hometown history at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site, there's something for everyone in Lake County's largest 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 make yourself feel at home.

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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Just last year, the Mentor Senior Center celebrated their 50th anniversary. Over the years, the senior center has always been a place to meet and make friends, but it is even more so today. The center offers many vital programs to more than 5,000 members and continues to thrive and be a necessary part of the community. If you haven't thought about becoming a member before, here is some information on just some of the first-rate fea-

tures that you will find at the Mentor Senior Center.

This dynamic 22,000 square foot facility features a library, billiards room, computer room, fitness center with aerobic and strength training equipment, fitness studio offering a variety of fitness classes, arts and crafts room, health services room, meeting rooms, kitchen, main hall with stage, and an inviting lobby and reception area with double-face fireplace.

Senior center membership is required to participate in all programs, but for those 55 and older, it is the best bargain in town! The cost is just \$10 a year for Mentor residents and \$12 a year for nonresidents. If you have Silver Sneakers included in your Medicare Advantage Plan, you get membership at no cost.

Activities offered at the facility include all levels of exercise classes, games including bingo, chess and duplicate bridge, ceramics, woodcarving, chair volleyball, ping pong, quilting, painting, weight training, weekly movies, line dancing, support groups,



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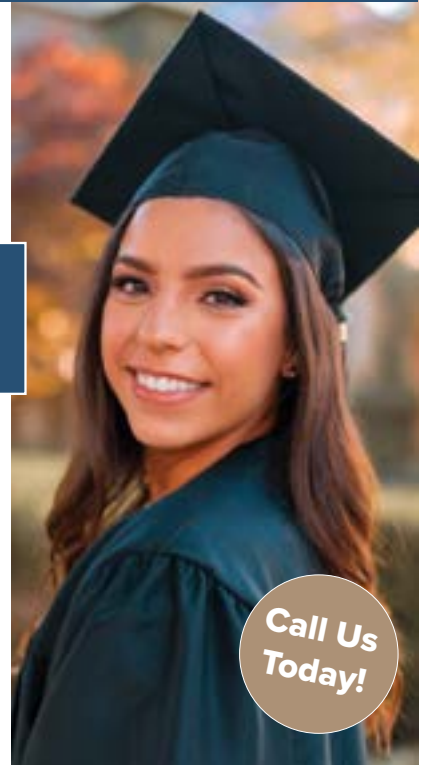
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One of the most popular features of the Mentor Senior Center is the travel program. We return to the road in 2024 with motor coach day trips to a Guardians game in Detroit, Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh, a progressive winery tour through Dover and West Lafayette, Ohio and many more. You can also register for overnight destinations. This year some of the exciting options are the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky and an overnight stay in a caboose with the opportunity to ride the Oil Creek Railroad.

The senior center is open Monday through Friday. One of the best features are daily made-from-scratch, hot lunches which include some delicious options like chicken marsala or stuffed pork chops. These meals are available weekdays, 11:30 AM–12:15 PM; however, many members take them to go, and then don't worry about cooking dinner that day. In fact, the daily special is the best \$5 deal in town! Homemade soup and sandwiches are also available.

So, as you can see, the Mentor Senior Center is a thriving hub of activity which is available to anyone age 55 and older. For complete details on all programs, visit www.mentorseniorcenter.com or call 440-974-5725. The Mentor Senior Center is located at 8484 Munson Road.

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The popular chili cook-off sells out each year and is just one of the fun events put on by senior center staff.



The senior center has a wide range of amenities including a library.

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| | 6:30–7:30 PM | USA Boxing |
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| T Tuesday | 6:00–7:00 PM | Muay Thai |
| | 7:15–8:15 PM | Mixed Martial Arts |
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| | 9:30–10:30 AM | Elder Fit |
| | 11 AM–NOON | Morning Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu |
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| | 6:30–7:30 PM | USA Boxing |
| | 7:45–8:45 PM | Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu |
| T Thursday | 6:00–7:00 PM | Muay Thai |
| | 7:15–8:15 PM | Mixed Martial Arts |
| F Friday | 4:00–8:00 PM | Open Gym |
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Mentor Ice Arena: The coolest place in town

Abigail Menser was about 18 months old the first time she skated at Mentor Ice Arena. Her grandfather would bring her, and she'd use a bucket to balance herself on the ice. So, she was practically a veteran when she started Learn to Skate lessons at 3 years old.

Abigail is now 11 and a competitive figure skater. The ice arena has become her second home as it has for generations of skaters in and around Mentor.

"It's been amazing for Abigail," her mother Stacy said, "She has gained a ton of self-confidence. She's also learned to be competitive but compassionate too."

For more than 40 years, the Mentor Ice Arena has provided a home base for figure skaters, synchronized skaters, hockey players, their families, and fans. It also hosts open skates and birthday parties for more casual skaters who are looking for somewhere cool to chill.

It's been a crucial locale in the community for decades, though it has a humble origin. It began with a field by the fire station that would often flood and then freeze in winter. As the ice attracted more skaters, the city decided to build a rink to accommodate them. The arena opened on September 18, 1982, to a line that ran out the door. Popularity necessitated growth, and the arena added a second rink in 1998.

Mentor Ice Arena remains in demand. It hosts the second most popular Learn to Skate program in Ohio with more than 400 participants.

It also serves as home ice for several youth hockey leagues and high school teams, including Mentor High School and Lake Catholic. The arena is festooned with the championship banners those teams have earned over the decades.

The arena also hosts parties, open skates, special events, and even the occasional turkey roll. Kenn Kaminski, the city of Mentor's director of parks, recreation, and public facilities, said his favorite arena memory is when Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan visited the arena in 2022.

"I had fond memories of her skating for the United States in the Olympics,

and it was great seeing her skating at our arena with all in attendance," Kaminski said, "She did a great job and was very appreciative of all that we did for the youth skating community."

Over 300,000 people pass through the Mentor Ice Arena's doors each year!

Because of its popularity and tenure, it's easy to forget how unique it is to have an ice arena of this scope and quality — with three rinks, an equipment shop, and concessions stand — in a city the size of Mentor.

"Of all of the rinks in the Cleveland area, just a small handful can boast two NHL-sized rinks and a studio rink," explained Bill Furman, the arena's manager, "Having two regulation sheets of ice not only offers the best ability to accommodate all of our local users, but it also enables us to attract many large outside events and competitions."

And those events boost more than Mentor Ice Arena. This season alone, the arena hosted four youth hockey showcases and two annual tournaments, collectively called the Ice of March, run by the Mentor Youth Hockey Booster Club.

"These six weekends involved many out-of-town participants," Furman said, "They stay in our hotels. They eat in our restaurants. And they fuel up and shop locally. We also host skating competitions that bring teams into our community." →



Nancy Kerrigan in 2022

Mentor Ice Arena cont'd

And the tournaments continue to grow in scope. Next year, the arena will host one with 45 teams from outside Ohio. That's a lot of visitors!

Of course, Mentor Ice Arena has grown alongside the city. Kerin Smith has enjoyed a front-row seat to those changes. She spent as many as six days a week there when both of her children (Shaun, 16, and Abby, 12) played hockey.

"Both of my children started with the Learn to Skate Program. Shaun was 6 and Abby was 3. It was extremely helpful and was a great way to introduce them to the ice," Smith said.

The city continues to invest in the arena that brings so many to Mentor, and renovations including new benches and fresh paint are noticed and appreciated by the masses who visit.

As a hockey mom, Smith has visited her share of rinks, and Mentor Ice Arena hangs in the top tier.

"It is always clean, updated, and just gives off a really welcoming vibe," she said, "The staff is by far the best of any arena I have ever been to. They really take pride in it."

Similarly, Menser has spent a lot of the last 11 years inside Mentor Ice Arena and calls it her second home. It isn't just a place where her kids learned to skate. It's where they learned about themselves.

"The arena is an amazing asset," Menser said, "It has made my child who she is today."

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Building a community at the Recreation Center

The city of Mentor operates 15 parks spanning over 1,200 acres that offer both active and passive amenities. The city also operates a variety of recreational facilities including an ice arena, senior center, golf course, marina, and more.

The latest addition to the city's portfolio of fun is the Mentor Community Recreation Center (MCRC).

The former Heisley Racquet and Fitness Club (HRFC) was purchased by the city in late 2021. The building was closed for a year for a ground-up renovation and reopened in July of last year. Since then, over 120,000 visitors have walked through the door taking advantage of hundreds of recreation programs.

"The City had long held an interest in expanding its ability to offer indoor

programming that could serve a large number of participants," says Kenneth J. Filipiak, Mentor city manager, "The new recreation center adds even more access to quality programming at an affordable price for families."

At nearly 130,000 square feet, the MCRC 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 Kids Corner, and more.

Former HRFC members or guests might wonder what's different today. The answer is, "a lot."

"The city renovated every square inch of the building. Members can expect new equipment, updated fea-

tures, and more diverse recreational offerings," says Nita Justice, recreation superintendent.

Kenn Kaminsk, parks and recreation director adds, "The biggest difference is the number of programs that we provide. They're not just geared for adults; we have programs for everyone from toddlers to seniors."

Members and nonmembers of all ages can 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.

The golf simulator room is one of the most popular new additions which features two state-of-the-art Foresight simulators. Members can rent a simulator by the hour and up to four players can play at a time on each simulator.

A community room has also been added and is available for everything from birthday parties to corporate events. Rentals can range from two hours to a full day. "Gym or swim" options are available with half-day rentals so guests can enjoy the pool or use of a reserved recreational court.

"In addition to the updated facility, new members can expect a commitment to superior customer service from a caring and attentive staff," says Nick Standerer, facility manager. "We want to present a safe, supportive, and clean, environment for our members each and every time they visit."



Parents can drop the kids off at the Kids Corner for up to two hours for a small fee.

Rec Center cont'd

So far, the response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. As of this writing, the membership tally is over 6,300 single and family memberships consisting of 20,000 individuals. Nearly 15,000 day passes have been sold as well.

But don't let the numbers detract you from visiting because there is plenty of room for everyone, even at peak hours.

"People who arrive to a full parking lot are pleasantly surprised to see they can usually get right onto a machine," adds Standering, "The main fitness room has nearly 70 stations including treadmills, ellipticals, recumbent bikes, and more. The free weight area measures over 3,200 sq. ft. and features 19 stations. The 1,600 sq. ft. circuit training room features 13 pieces of resistance training equipment."

Standering is also pleased with the frequency of repeat visits he sees from members as well as the friendships that are formed.

One familiar face is that of Matt Ghaffari, an accomplished Greco-Roman wrestler with a silver medal from the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympic Games as well as numerous other medals and titles throughout his career. Now retired, Ghaffari seeks to maintain his fitness as opposed to maxing out his mass at his former competition weight of 280 lbs.

When asked what stands out to him about the MCRC, he immediately responded with "a sense of community" →



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Rec Center cont'd

pointing out old and new friends he's made at the facility. "As a retired person and retired athlete, I was looking for camaraderie," he says. A long-time member of the HRFC, Ghaffari joined this past January and is very pleased with the changes.

"This building means a lot. My daughter learned to swim here," he adds, "Everything is new, everything is fixed, everything is clean, and the staff is very nice."

With less than a year under their belt, the staff at the MCRC have made great strides but still have a way to go to reach their goals. They estimate that they are currently at about 50% of programming capacity which means plenty of room for program growth.

"Bear in mind that every program was started from scratch," says Kaminski, "One year later, we have 126 soccer teams, 37 pickleball teams, and eight golf teams competing in their respective leagues and we are working on developing our basketball, flag football, and other leagues as well.

With over 100 employees already on board, they are looking to hire additional staff — especially instructors to help expand their offerings.

"We are always looking for new and innovative ideas to serve our members," adds Justice, "We're proud of what we've been able to accomplish so far but we're really excited to see what the next several years brings." →

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ships can be paid in full or through a payment plan. Single-day admission is available for \$10 per person. Nonmembers can also participate in recreation programs at the MCRC.

Eligible seniors can enjoy the benefits of the rec center with a free membership through United Health-care's Renew Active program. Interested parties are encouraged to contact their health insurance provider for details. Silver Sneakers programs are still hosted exclusively at the Mentor Senior Center.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 5:30 AM–10 PM, Saturday from 7 AM–9 PM, and Sunday from 8 AM–6 PM.

The Mentor Community Recreation Center is located at 6000 Heisley Road. For questions or additional information call 440-205-3608 or email RecCenter@cityofmentor.com.

Learn more at www.mentorrec.com.
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So, what's next? The city is currently looking at expanding the facility in 2025 by adding a leisure pool feature that would include depth entry, lap lanes, water slides, geysers, and perhaps a current channel, and a wet

room off of the deck space. The project is in the planning stages, so stay tuned!

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windows. In 2023, Mentor Police responded to 45 theft-from-vehicle calls. In most cases, vehicles were left unlocked.

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The tombstone of Charles Hopkins who died at 27 years old in 1902.

Mentor Municipal Cemetery

A place to reflect on Mentor's past

Michael Hissam has been involved in a number of major remodeling and construction projects throughout the city of Mentor over the years. When he was hired to be the new Mentor Municipal Cemetery sexton, Hissam's boss had high hopes for the property at 6881 Hopkins Road.

"He told me he wanted it to look like Arlington (National Cemetery)," Hissam recalled.

Since then, his crew has done their best to continuously improve the 60-acre property — including planting more varieties of trees and flowers for additional color and leveling out crooked stones in the older sections.

And those aren't the only improvements. In 2022, the city replaced an 80-year-old maintenance building with a new office and maintenance facility and in 2023 the memorial promenade was completed.

Mentor's cemetery was originally located at the intersection of Mentor Avenue and Center Street on property deeded to the schools. The current location came to be in 1854 with a commitment to upkeep.

When many of the early residents returned to visit their former homes in New England, they noticed the churchyard burial plots were neglected and overgrown with briars. To avoid a similar situation in Mentor, they set out to create a cemetery that would be "kept up," according to longtime resident Jeannette Munson in a 1954 interview with the Painesville Telegraph.

The cemetery is the final resting place for a number of prominent Mentorites whose names are familiar, including the Reynolds, Munsons, Sawyers, Parkers, Hopkins and of course, the Garfields.

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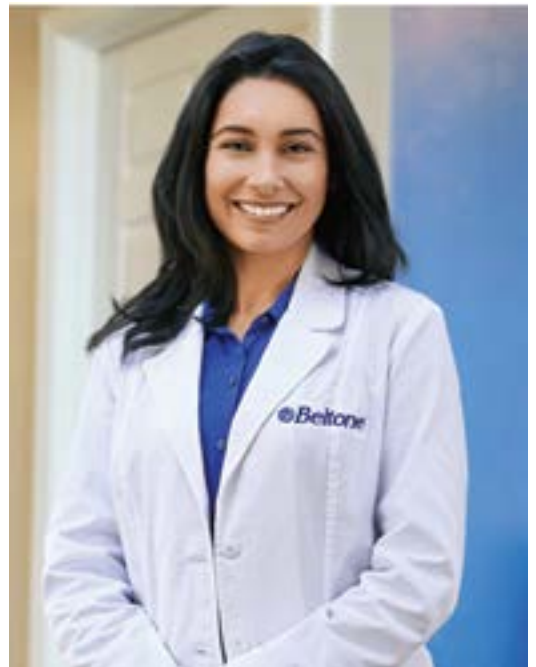
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field and first lady Lucretia are buried at Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland, a number of their family members are in Mentor Cemetery section 15.

In section 14 lies Deputy Marshal Lawrence R. Yaxley, who was hired in 1926 as Mentor Village's first-full time law enforcement officer. Yaxley's career was soon over at the age of 21 when he died after his weapon accidentally discharged while attempting to cover an open manhole on Mentor Avenue. Yaxley's name is listed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and will be placed on the city's memorial to fallen police officers and firefighters set to be unveiled this summer.

Section 14 is also home to Melvin E. Wyant, Sr., a commercial grower with a worldwide following as "the rose specialist." In 1925, Wyant bought 10 acres on Johnnycake Ridge after hearing Mentor was an ideal climate for growing roses. He later would name a hybrid tea rose after the city.

The Sawyer family is buried in section 4. Joseph Sawyer established the first grist mill in Mentor in 1810 using waterpower from Marsh Creek. The Sawyers became nurserymen and once owned property along Mentor Avenue. Daniel's home, built in 1843, was known as the Sawyer House and was occupied by multiple businesses over the years once serving as headquarters for Wayside Gardens.

Section 2 is home to Col. Warren Corning, who bought a square mile of real estate from Center Street west along Mentor Avenue in 1810. He donated land for the first school and first church in the city. When he retired, he and his wife, Elizabeth, moved in with their son, Nathan, to what is now known as the Corning-White House. Nathan Corning became the first mayor of Mentor Village in 1855.

Warren Corning's youngest daughter, Harriet, would go on to sell some of the property she inherited from her late husband, James Dickey, to Congressman James A. Garfield in 1876. The Dickey Farm — originally built as a two-room cabin — would later



Memorial Promenade

become known as Lawnfield during Garfield's successful 1880 presidential campaign.

Today, the Mentor Cemetery contains nearly 800 graves in each of its 37 sections, with about 39 of its 60-acres in use.

Hissam said that people like the fact that Mentor, unlike some cemeteries, doesn't have restrictions on stone size or carvings as long as it fits on the plot and is not disrespectful.

"We have stones with cats, boats — even one in the shape of a Ford Model

T," said Hissam. "One that's kind of interesting is in the older section," he said, "They have the family monument in the middle with the names on it. They usually put little stones like 'Father' and 'Mother.' But the matriarch just says, 'This is me.' It's interesting to see how personalities are reflected in memorial"

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Old Mentor Village

Where past meets present

Mentor's roots date back to 1797 when Charles Parker, a member of Moses Cleaveland's survey team, first settled here. Other pioneers soon followed due to the area's superior soil, temperate climate, and abundant fresh water supply, which made it ideal for farming. Soon, this new community built permanent homes, developed roads, and established its own churches, schools, and library. In 1815, Mentor Township was formed, and by 1855, an area of 3,000

acres in the center of the town was incorporated as Mentor Village.

In 1876, Congressman James A. Garfield purchased the Dickey farm. He soon expanded the home to accommodate his family. It was here that the Civil War Medal of Honor recipient famously campaigned for president on his home's front porch and was ultimately elected 20th president of the United States in 1880.

By the late 19th century, wealthy Clevelanders began purchasing farmland here, building country estates and enjoying the benefits of rural living within an easy distance of the city. And so, this area was also a popular summer retreat for many of Cleveland's wealthy families.

The 1950s became a plentiful time for Old Mentor Village with a rapidly growing population and emerging industries. Mentor's first female mayor, Eleanor B. Garfield, had much to do with that. The granddaughter-in-law of President Garfield served as mayor from 1952-56 and became well known for her tough stance on all city issues. She was a forceful advocate of establishing zoning in our community, planning Mentor's first industrial park to attract manufacturing businesses, as well as expanding housing opportunities. And, she was a major factor in combining the Village and Township School districts, as well as incorporating Mentor Village as the city of Mentor in 1963.

"We lived across the street from the

Garfield home," recalls Mentor Ward 4 councilman, John Krueger, whose father, Donald, served as councilman for 27 years, beginning in 1962. "I have great memories going to see Eleanor Garfield, who lived in the house behind [the Garfield home]. We always called her Grandma G, and when we were little, we'd go around picking up sticks in her yard and she'd pay us a quarter," he says with a laugh. "We'd also visit her at the Village Hall a lot. She always had licorice for the kids, and was big on manners. You had better be polite talking to Grandma G!"

Krueger's mother, Marguerite, also had close ties with Mrs. Garfield. The two women were instrumental in the 1956 construction of St. Andrew Episcopal Church on Little Mountain Road. Both Mr. and Mrs. Krueger spent their lives in public service to the community. Growing up in a town bursting in growth, John Krueger has many memories of the numerous changes that took place in the area throughout the '60s and '70s. He fondly recalls when the Great Lakes Mall opened in 1961, which, at the time, was the largest enclosed shopping center in the country.

"That was a big deal," Krueger says. "They'd actually bus people from Erie just to go there. And we loved going there. And it was still a laid-back village then, a tight community. I think there were just around 10,000 residents at the time [by 1970, it had grown to more than 39,000]. We only had the one junior high, which was Shore, and



Mentor Lumber circa 1930
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Mentor Library being moved in 1960
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Old Mentor Village con'td

the high school was at Memorial, before the new school was built on Rt. 615. So everyone knew everyone else, especially us kids.” Memorial High School, built in 1923, was Mentor’s first four-year high school.

Another former councilman, James Struna, was a professor of social sciences at Lakeland Community College when he moved to Mentor in 1974. “My first visit to Mentor was in the mid-1960s,” he recalls. “We lived in Euclid then, and when it came time to move closer because of my job, we knew we wanted to live in Mentor. We bought a nice house in an old neighborhood off of Lakeshore Blvd. and I remember it was still quite rural then.”

War veteran, Bob Zonneville, has memories of moving to the area in 1978. “We moved to Mentor because we found a house we liked, but also we knew about all the good things about Mentor, like the tremendous school system, great police and fire departments, and all the beautiful parks.” Through his years in Mentor, Zonneville, 99, has become well known. After retirement, he spent several years serving lunches at Mentor Senior Center, and now gives talks at area schools, libraries, and volunteers for the Veteran to Veteran Hospice Volunteer Program. “I like how Mentor has grown yet still has so much green space. I enjoy going to Veterans Memorial Park with the grandkids, and Springbrook Gardens too is great.” →



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Historic buildings in Old Mentor Village

While the 20th century saw changes by leaps and bounds to the area, with homes and businesses throughout the municipality, the city as a whole has managed to maintain several historic buildings that are still in existence and utilized today. In fact, anytime you drive anywhere through town, you'll likely see a building that has a rich history, although, perhaps with a different look.

Old Council Hall was built in 1856 as Mentor Christian Church on the northeast corner of Mentor Avenue and Jackson Street. Congressman Garfield attended services here and preached on occasion. The building was moved to its current location at 7250 Jackson Street and served for a number of years as Mentor Township Hall.

The **Old Village Hall** (Mentor Village Hall), 8383 Mentor Avenue, was built in what is known as the Queen Anne-

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style structure in 1888, and is close to other historical buildings in Mentor's Old Village, such as the former Mentor Village School (Center Street Elementary School, now Salon Lofts) James A. Garfield National Historic Site, and the Corning-White House. All are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The **Corning-White House**, stands prominently at the northeast corner of Center Street and Mentor Avenue, 8353 Mentor Avenue. The large white house dates back to 1814 when Colonel Warren Corning built it and is among the oldest buildings in Mentor that is still being utilized today, housing a few local businesses.

The first **Mentor Public Library** was designed by Abram Garfield and opened in 1903 at the corner of Center Street and Mentor Avenue. For nearly 100 years previous to this, the libraries volumes were kept in private residences or at Village Hall. The building had outgrown its usefulness but was saved by Lila Moore Schaefer who recognized the value of the building, purchased it, and had it moved to its present location in 1960 at the corner of Center Street and Nowlen Street where Confectionary Cupboard now operates.

Wildwood Cultural Center at 7645 Little Mountain Road, is another Mentor gem designed by Abram Garfield. Built in 1908, it served as the summer home of Cleveland industrialist John G. Oliver. Today, the 34-acre estate is

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enjoyed year-round offering workshops, hike trails, and hosts a popular wine and art festival every summer.

Mentor Lumber & Supply, located at 7180 Center Street, has been an integral part of Mentor, serving local needs for lumber, coal, feed, and building materials since it was established in 1922. The full-service lumberyard remains where it began and is a constant resource for the community.

The oldest home in Mentor is in the heart of old Mentor Village. The home at 7597 Center Street was built in 1814, renovated in 1936, and was last sold in 2015.

The pride of Mentor

"I'm really proud of all we've managed to accomplish over the years," says Krueger, who will continue his work as vice president of council for Ward 4 through 2027. "We make hard decisions sometimes, but we always keep in mind what's best for the city of Mentor. We've made improvements on all the parks, with the next one coming for Garfield Park by way of a new splash park, the Headlands area has all newly paved streets, and while we've built many new buildings, we make a conscience effort to try and save the older buildings whenever possible, making improvements on those as well.

"Mentor has a lot to enjoy and be proud of."



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Garfield's Legacy in Mentor

His brief stay had a lasting impact

Much of James A. Garfield's legacy was forged before he made his home in Mentor. As a former college president, abolitionist, war hero, and statesman, he was well-known and well regarded by many of his era.

Although his time in Mentor was brief, his impact was substantial.

It has been 143 years since his legacy was sealed by an assassin and nowadays, he isn't as well known as he should be – even here in Mentor. At the time, he was among the most respected members of Congress drawing admiration from both sides of the aisle.

His assassination gripped the nation, but as the years passed, so did his legend. A self-made man in every respect, his life was full of lore, but we would like to shine some light on his time in our hometown.

Born in 1831 in Orange Township (now Moreland Hills), Garfield was the youngest of four surviving children. His father died when he was just 18 months old and his mother never remarried, choosing instead to raise her family on her own.

Growing up in poverty was painful for young James and he was proud of

rising above his poor upbringing. His days were filled with farmwork; his evenings with reading and self-improvement which led him from the farmhouse to the White House.

In 1872, the village of Hiram was technically home to then 19th District Ohio Congressman Garfield when he was impacted by redistricting. After spending years in Washington D.C., he sought a place to set down roots where he could teach his sons the merits of farmwork.

A bucolic setting far from the bustle of the capital is exactly what he had in mind, so Garfield looked north towards the heart of his district in Mentor and purchased the 120-acre Dickey farm in 1876 for \$17,500. Soon, they would add another adjoining 40-acres.

Work got underway almost immediately renovating the nine-room farmhouse into what the Garfields envisioned as their forever home. Both he and his wife Lucretia were heavily involved in the effort as they settled into their new community.

Garfield preached at the Disciples of Christ Church which is now Old Council Hall. He was integral in the establishment of the West Mentor Post Office and was known to spend time

chatting with friends in front of what is now the Gray-Coulton Building.

Restoration work continued on their home until Garfield set off for the Republican National Convention in June 1880. He had already been elected to the Senate after spending 17 years in the house and was on a mission to nominate and advocate fellow Ohioan John Sherman's bid for presidency.

After 36 ballots, and somewhat to his chagrin, it was Garfield who would come home with the nomination. Aside from a few short trips, Garfield spent most of the summer in Mentor during his campaign welcoming curious visitors from his front porch.

With a population of just 540, Mentor was little more than a whistlestop between Willoughby and Painesville. An estimated 17,000 people from across the country came by train or trail to visit what would become known as Lawnfield – a name coined by the press much to Garfield's amusement.

Many of the visitors disembarked from the small railroad stop on the Lake Shore and Michigan and Southern Railroad which traversed his property, then trudged up the path that cut through their fields. Others came

Garfield cont'd

by horse and carriage along Mentor Avenue.

At the time, the image of the gentleman farmer was a popular one and it was a role Garfield could genuinely portray. What was not popular at the time was for a candidate to campaign on their own behalf. Surrogates were relied upon to do the heavy lifting.

As people started descending on his property, he wanted to be a good host but also recognized the opportunity to appeal to potential voters. So, he happily ventured outside to talk to his guests who wanted to know more about him. The front porch campaign was born.

"He was very good at tailoring the message to the group he was talking to," says Todd Arrington, Ph.D., site manager for the James A. Garfield National Historic Site, "If he was talking to a group of German immigrants, he would talk to them in German. If he was talking to a group of businessmen from Cleveland or Indianapolis, he would talk to them about the interests of business."

Groups large and small flocked to the family farm including businessmen, women's groups, choirs, Civil War veterans, immigrants, and others. He addressed a group of Black Civil War veterans who journeyed to show their support, "You were not made free to merely be allowed to vote, but in order to enjoy an equality of opportunity in the race of life, and to stand equal before the law."

Amidst the festive atmosphere, serious political work still needed to be done.

The Stalwarts (a faction of the Republican Party) were still smarting from their defeat at the convention and Garfield, who was aligned with the Half-Breeds (another faction of the Republican Party), knew that he needed their support to secure the presidency. Although the vice-presidency was offered to Stalwart Chester A. Arthur, it wasn't enough, and the response to his continued outreach was tepid at best. He traveled to New York, only to be snubbed by New York Senator and



Treaty of Mentor | Photo courtesy of Lake County Historical Society

Stalwart boss Roscoe Conkling.

On September 28, 1880, an entourage including former president Ulysses S. Grant and Conkling traveled to Mentor to meet with Garfield after addressing a crowd of 40,000 people in Warren. The group was introduced to 200 local supporters gathered around Garfield's porch before being led inside where Mrs. Garfield served some light refreshments. Some of the gentlemen then adjourned to Garfield's upstairs study to smoke cigars and talk politics. One hour later, they were gone.

What happened during that conversation? That's up for debate. Stalwarts claimed that a deal had been struck where Garfield would consult with their faction regarding appointments for federal service positions in New York. Garfield, on the other hand, recorded that "I had no private conversation with the party, but the call was a pleasant and cordial one all around."

The ballyhooed Treaty of Mentor never happened but the claims resulting from that meeting, and the growing tension between factions in the party, would ultimately prove fatal for Garfield.

October came and went with crowds continuing to descend on Mentor as Garfield prepared to find out if he was heading to the White House or Senate chambers.

Mere steps from the rear of the home sits a small outbuilding that was

originally built by the Dickeys as a bunkhouse for farm laborers. Garfield had it converted into a correspondence office. It was here that he received the telegram notice on November 2, 1880, notifying him that he had been elected 20th president of the United States.

After the election, those seeking appointments continued to trek to Mentor to personally plead their case. Garfield did what he could to manage those meetings with grace. Much of the winter was spent by the president-elect preparing for his term including the selection of his cabinet.

On February 28, 1881, amongst the cheers of friends and neighbors as well as the Lane Cornet Band, Garfield boarded a train leaving Mentor and his former life behind.

To his throng of supporters, he said, "What awaits me I cannot now speak of; but I shall carry to the discharge of duties that lie before me, to the problems and dangers I may meet, a sense of your confidence and your love, which will always be answered by my gratitude. Neighbors, friends, constituents, farewell."

He would never set foot in Mentor again.

On July 2, 1881, a crazed office-seeker named Charles Guiteau would shoot the president at close range at the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Station in Washington, D.C. This politically motivated act was the climax of



African American Civil War veterans visiting Garfield's Mentor home during his 1880 presidential campaign. Photo credit: origin unknown

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beach house in Long Branch, New Jersey, within a view of the ocean outside his window.

The nation was cast into mourning and donations poured into a subscription fund for the young widow and her children. The fund reached \$360,000 which translates to an estimated \$11 million today. With the mortgage paid off and the family's roots planted firmly in Mentor, Mrs. Garfield set upon building a memorial library to house her husband's books and correspondence. It is widely accepted as the first presidential library.

Lucretia lived in the family home for several more decades and would add a number of other buildings as well including the iconic windmill, the carriage house (which now serves as the visitor center), and the red tenant house.

In her later years, she also spent time in her Cleveland townhouse and wintered in Southern California with her daughter and son-in-law before

tensions between Republican factions. Guiteau considered himself a Stalwart who believed Garfield was leading the country down the wrong path and killing Garfield would result in Arthur becoming president.

News of the shooting flashed across the nation. The message was, however,

mercifully couched within earshot of the train car occupied by his young sons Irvin and Abram who were on their way home to Mentor.

Garfield was rushed to the White House and underwent months of grueling and bungled treatment. He died on September 19, 1881, in a small



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Garfield cont'd

building a home in Pasadena in 1904.

Lucretia Garfield died in 1918 at the age of 85. Her brother, Joseph Rudolph, lived at Lawnfield until he passed away in 1934. At that time, the Garfield children made the decision to donate the home to the Western Reserve Historical Society, who opened it as a museum in 1936. In 1980, the National Park Service (NPS) came on board as a partner to help operate and preserve the estate.

In the mid-1990s the National Park Service obtained \$12.5 million in funding to rehabilitate and restore the buildings on the property. It was during this restoration that the home was repainted dark grey as opposed to the white that those in the community had become accustomed to.

The home was originally painted white during the President's time but was repainted grey by Mrs. Garfield when the library was added in 1885. It was subsequently repainted white again at some point.

According to Arrington, the NPS sought to achieve a consistent experience from room-to-room as well as "inside and out." The decision was made to restore the appearance of the property to when the library was added.

It's hard to imagine Mentor as a sleepy little town. It's equally hard to imagine the stir of activity that this community experienced in the summer of 1880. Today, James A. Garfield National Historic Site continues to welcome



Garfield Library
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an average of 40,000 visitors each year on a quest to learn about the life and legacy of James A. Garfield.

To learn more or plan your tour, visit www.nps.gov/jaga.

Sources: Interview with Todd Arrington, PhD., *Garfield* by Alan Peskin, *President Garfield: From Radical to Unifier* by C.W. Goodyear, *Reminiscences of James A. Garfield* by Corydon E. Fuller.

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The popular Mentor Rocks summer concert series is held June 4 through August 27, 2024 from 7–9 PM at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater. This year’s schedule includes national recording artists LeAnn Rimes, Maddie & Tae, and Finger Eleven, along with the nation’s best tribute bands.

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See schedule on page 19 or visit www.mentorrocks.info.

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Join us for the Wildwood Arts & Wine Fest on Saturday, June 22, from noon–6 PM on the beautiful grounds of the Wildwood Cultural Center. Come to Wildwood Park for a day filled with art, music, wine and more! This outdoor event features over 65 gallery-style booths filled with vendors from every medium of fine art, fine craft and specialty foods lining the wooded estate grounds. Savor a glass of wine from several local wineries! Musical entertainment and food trucks round out the day’s festivities. \$2 admission.



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Visit www.mentorcruisein.com to learn more.



MENTOR CITYFEST

There is always time for one last summer bash! Mentor CityFest returns to Mentor Civic Center Park on Friday, August 16, 2024 from 5–11 PM and Saturday, August 17, 2024 from noon–11 PM.

This two-day family-friendly festival is packed with activities, games, entertainment, food and more!

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The Adult Zone features a beer trailer, cornhole and other party games as well as the return of axe throwing.

Mentor CityFest will feature all-day interactive entertainment and activities including strolling performers, the “Fest Money” game, plus community sponsored activities and games. Festivalgoers can also visit with a number of local businesses, service organizations, and nonprofits, that call Mentor home in the popular Main Street tent.

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Learn more at www.mentorcityfest.com.

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Headlands Beach to host birding festival

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The Headlands/Mentor Marsh region hosts some of the highest diversity and volume of migratory birds in the state with 352 species documented in Lake County.

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Jim McCormac, author of "Birds of Ohio" and renowned nature photographer will give a keynote speech at the Springbrook Gardenhouse on Friday night. Greg Miller, known for breaking the record for most bird species seen in North America in a single year, will give the keynote speech on Saturday night. Greg's record-breaking year was adapted into the film "The Big Year" starring Jack Black and Owen Wilson. Participation from a wide range of experience levels is welcomed.

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Mentor Public Schools is a suburban school district that serves more than 7,600 students from prekindergarten through twelfth grade from the cities of Mentor, Mentor-on-the-Lake, Concord Township, and Kirtland Hills. Mentor Public Schools operates seven elementary schools, two middle schools, and one state-of-the-art specialized school for students with autism.

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. "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.



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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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Mentor High School junior Hailey Ambrus wins local transit art contest

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As the top winner, Ambrus’s design will be displayed on one of Laketrans’s Dial-a-Ride busses for one year.

“When I was thinking of ideas for the Laketrans contest, I thought about all of the well-known buildings that are in Lake County like the Garfield House, Fairport Lighthouse, and the Lakeland clock tower,” Ambrus explains of her design. “I was also thinking about the 50th anniversary and how Laketrans has created a greener community for us so I incorporated the saying ‘50 years of a greener, greater community.’ Lastly, I created a gradient that looks like a sunny blue sky to remind me of the sunny summer days in Lake County.”

The contest was open to middle school and high school students from Lake County. Students were encouraged to design a bus wrap showcasing Laketrans’s 50th anniversary and could include iconic images of Lake County and/or promote public transportation.

A panel consisting of transit employees, graphic art pro-



fessionals, and community leaders served as judges for the contest.

Avery Dennison, a Lake County-based manufacturer and distributor of pressure-sensitive adhesive materials, sponsored the contest and donated the vinyl material used to wrap the vehicle.

Winning designs can be viewed online at <https://laketrans.com/laketrans-announces-2024-art-contest-winners>.

Laketrans has the top 20 entries on display at Laketrans’s Frank J. Polivka Transit Center at Lakeland Community College.

~ Article and photo submitted by Laketrans



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Lake County General Health District

Cycling made easier for seniors



The Lake County General Health District is excited to increase the awareness of bicycles, promote bike safety, and share the benefits of cycling for all age groups, especially seniors. With that in mind, the Health District is proud to introduce the Senior Cycling program. With the help of Lake County Connections, the LCGHD is implementing a program that will allow seniors to enjoy the benefits of bike riding while indoors and with other members of the community.

The Senior Cycling Program is designed to provide participants with an engaging, interactive, low impact, cardiovascular and strength training workout. Physical exercise in tenured agers, especially cardio, has been shown to improve

a number of factors in day-to-day living, and overall health and wellness.

So how does it work? The virtual cycling class uses a sturdy portable trainer that incorporates smart technology, and a standard bicycle combined with a smart tablet pre-loaded with the MyWhoosh cycling app. As the rider pedals, they will be move through a virtual world on the app as an avatar with other participants, but without the mentally tasking parts like navigating oncoming traffic, for example. The program is set up with various goals and achievements for participants to engage with and accomplish as well as the ability to pedal along with hundreds of other program users from around the world.

With cycling being a low impact exercise, the goal of this class is to introduce bike riding without the ups and downs of the weather and the risks that come with riding on various kinds of terrain. The Health District will be offering this program through the county's senior centers and looks forward to pedaling into a healthier future with you!

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Lake County Council on Aging

Light housekeeping services available for qualifying seniors

As people age, everyday household chores can become increasingly difficult. The Council on Aging's Homemaker Program is a light housekeeping service committed to helping Lake County seniors sustain independent living by performing household chores they can no longer do or need assistance completing.

Independence gives our seniors a sense of purpose and the feeling they are still contributing to the lives of their family, friends and community. It enables seniors to retain control over their lives and age in place in familiar surroundings. Maintaining a sense of independence is essential to continued quality of life in our seniors. Interested seniors will be assigned a Council on Aging social worker who will determine if they meet the required criteria.

Eligibility requirements:

- 60 years and over
- Lake County resident

- Physically unable to clean
 - Cannot afford to hire private help
 - Lacking support system in maintaining home
 - Agree to cost share fee
- If you meet the criteria, you will be provided with 1.25 hours of light housekeeping biweekly.

Services provided:

- Dusting and vacuuming of main living area and master bedroom
- Disinfecting of primary bathroom floor, commode, sink, shower and tub
- Sanitizing of kitchen floor, cabinets, and appliances
- Emptying garbage
- Changing bed linens (optional)

The Lake County Council on Aging's mission is to provide aging adults and their support system with services and opportunities that enable them to achieve an optimal, self-defined quality of life.



Living independently helps our seniors preserve their overall happiness, comfort, and quality of life in a home that they cherish and a place that holds a lifetime of memories.

For more info on the Homemaker Program please call the Lake County Council on Aging at 440-205-8111.

~ Article and photo submitted by Council on Aging



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Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood

When you or someone you love is diagnosed with a developmental disability, it can feel overwhelming. There are many questions that need answers, and answers that can create more questions. You can take comfort in knowing that the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD)/Deepwood can guide you every step of the way and help open doors for a fulfilling life.

As a first step to find answers, the LCBDD's Service and Support Administration (SSA) helps identify and review services needed for a safe, healthy, and enriched lifestyle. The process begins with determining eligibility and assessing an individual's specific needs. The SSA team collects information to assist with completing assessments and identifying available resources.

Broadmoor School is the educational component of the LCBDD/Deepwood and provides services for children from birth to 22 years.

This includes early intervention, an integrated preschool program, and instruction for school age students (with an option to attend the Lake Education and Employment Program for students age 16–22). Starting services earlier can lead to significant improvements in development, setting students on a path towards a brighter future.

Individualized services focus on advancing social, leisure, employment, and independent living skills to help eligible individuals obtain desired outcomes. Whether it's a service supported by the county board or provided by a Home and Community Based-Services (HCBS) Waiver Provider partner, the goal is to promote choices and skill building experiences. For example, connections can be made with businesses who support inclusive hiring to open doors for individuals to work in the community or with schools who welcome individuals to showcase their talents, such as singing at an event.

The LCBDD's overriding vision is to



Charlotte Daprano shared her joy of singing with the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities which led to her opening a show choir event at Perry High School by singing "This is Me" to a crowd of 500.

offer Lake County citizens the highest-quality, most-inclusive, collaborative, and person-centered services and supports available within available resources.

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Explore the outdoors with services from Mentor Public Library

The next time someone's thinking about gardening or taking a hike, they should stop at one of the library's branches first. Mentor Public Library offers a surprising assortment of resources that are perfect for anyone who craves fresh air.

For example, patrons with a green thumb can enjoy monthly gardening talks with the Lake County Master Gardeners at MPL's Main Branch. Then they can use their cards to check flower, vegetable and herb seeds from its Seed Library.

Birders can borrow binoculars for their next walk in the park. (If someone needs to gaze even farther, they can borrow a telescope too.) The library also offers databases to help amateurs identify any type of tree... or snake, in case a reptile interrupts one's reverie.

Meanwhile, party planners can reserve a Bluetooth speaker, karaoke machine and bocce set from Mentor Public Library for their next backyard bash.

And the library's newest service encourages everyone to check out more of their community with membership passes for local landmarks.

Passes are available for:

- Akron Zoo
- Holden Forests & Gardens, including the Holden Arboretum and Cleveland Botanical Garden



Families who yearn for fresh air and something to read can enjoy the Storybook Walk outside of Mentor Public Library's Main Branch.

- Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens
- Western Reserve Historical Society, including Hale Farm & Village.

The passes can be checked out for up to seven days. For more information or to reserve a pass, visit mentorpl.org/passes.

~ Article and photo submitted by Mentor Public Library

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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 lakeohioalerts.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

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440-299-7572
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Mentor City Council Meetings

Council meetings are held at the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 PM 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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Contact the city department or office by dialing the numbers listed below.

Assessments (Special City)
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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 Community Recreation Center
440-205-3608

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
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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

If you're uncertain which department you need, dial the Mentor Municipal Center's main number at 440-255-1100 for assistance.

Important Service Numbers

24-hour Social Services Hotline
2-1-1

AIDS Hotline
800-332-2437

American Red Cross
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

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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

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Ohio Tourism
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Pools (Seasonal)
Civic Center Pool

440-974-5723
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

Enbridge Gas Ohio
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.

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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
36000 Euclid Avenue
Willoughby
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UH Tripoint 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 AM and 4 PM; 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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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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Income Tax

All persons earning income in the city are subject to a two percent municipal income tax. Mentor residents must file an annual municipal income tax return with the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA); retired persons can file an exemption to show no earned wages. Residents are granted 100 percent credit for city income tax paid to other communities. If you have questions, call 800-860-RITA.

Jogging

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

- Jogging upon a roadway is illegal if an accessible, adjacent sidewalk is provided.
- Where a sidewalk is not provided, jog only on the shoulder of the roadway, as far as possible from the edge of the roadway.
- Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, jog as near as possible to the outside edge

of the road; if it's a two-way road, jog **ONLY** on the left side. Any joggers on a roadway shall yield the right of way to **ALL** vehicles.

Light Trespass

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

Mosquito Control

The Lake County General Health District oversees mosquito control during the summer months. Spraying schedules are posted on The Mentor Channel as they become available.

If you have concerns, 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 AM 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.

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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 (includ-

ing, 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 intersections on the major arterial highway system are salted and/or cindered, along with certain hills and bridges. Residential neighborhoods are cleared when conditions warrant. Call 440-974-5781 with routine snow and ice control inquiries.
- **No Parking During Snow Emergency** – A snow emergency is when there has been an accumulation of more than two

inches of snow, sleet, hail, or ice on any streets/roads. No parking is permitted on city streets during a snow emergency.

- **Depositing Snow & Ice on Public Sidewalks or Roadways** – Depositing snow or ice onto any public sidewalk, street, road, or highway is not permitted.
- **Access to Fire Hydrants** – Property owners are urged to adopt the fire hydrant closest to their property to keep the hydrant clear from snow during the winter months.

Solicitation

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

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)

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
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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.

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Pool hours:

1–8 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.

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Black Brook Golf Course & Practice Center

8900 Lake Shore Boulevard
440-951-0010

www.blackbrookgolfcourse.com

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

Center Street Ballfield & Sledding Hill

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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.

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 online 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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Presidents Park

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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 restroom, picnic and wildlife area.

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

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD History, Museums, & Nature

James A. Garfield National Historic Site 8095 Mentor Avenue

Locals still call it Lawnfield, the name given to our 20th president's home by newspaper reporters during the 1881 campaign. Garfield purchased the c. 1830 nine-room house with nearly 119 acres of farmland in 1876. The home contains the first presidential memorial library. The carriage house is now a visitor center and the main house contains many original Garfield family pieces. Owned and operated by the National Park Service. Call for hours at 440-255-8722 or visit www.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 www.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) 5185 Corduroy Road 440-257-0777

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5028 Forest Road
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Mentor High School

6477 Center Street
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Memorial Middle School

8979 Mentor Avenue
440-974-2250

Shore Middle School

5670 Hopkins Road
440-257-8750

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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6655 Reynolds Road
440-255-4212

Fairfax Elementary

6465 Curtiss Court
440-255-7223

Hopkins Elementary

7565 Hopkins Road
440-255-6179

Lake Elementary

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

Orchard Hollow Elementary

8700 Hendricks Road
440-257-5955

Ridge Elementary School

7860 Johnnycake Ridge Road
440-974-5400

Sterling Morton Elementary

9292 Jordan Drive
440-257-5954

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Lake Catholic High School

6733 Reynolds Road
440-578-1020

Mentor Christian School

8600 Lake Shore Boulevard
440-257-3172

St. Gabriel School

9935 Johnnycake Ridge Road
440-352-6169

St. Mary of the Assumption School

8540 Mentor Avenue
440-255-9781

HIGHER EDUCATION

Lake Erie College

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Lakeland Community College

7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, OH 44094
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LIBRARIES

Mentor Public Library

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Main Branch

8215 Mentor Avenue
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Headlands Branch

4669 Corduroy Road
440-257-2000

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Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch

5642 Andrews Road
440-257-2512

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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:

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- **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.

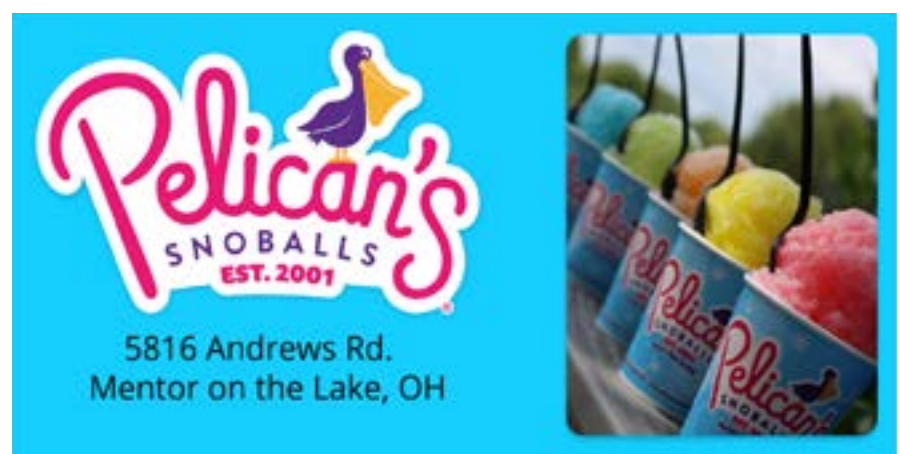
Finance Department

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 per day.
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Fire Department cont'd

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• **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.

Law Department

The law director is the adviser to, and the attorney and counsel for, the city of Mentor, its officers and

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

Municipal Court

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

Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities

This department enhances the quality of life for residents through the development and maintenance of a diverse and comprehensive system of parks and recreational facilities. The department's areas of responsibility include: recreation for youth, teens, and adults; operating and maintaining municipal pools, ice arena, Black Brook Golf Course and Practice Center, senior citizens center, Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina, Wildwood Cultural Center several community centers; cemetery operations; facility rentals; and maintaining city facilities and parks.

Police Department

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

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

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

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

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

Board of Building & Zoning Appeals (BZA)

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

Fair Housing Board

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

Lake County Combined General Health Board

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

Municipal Planning Commission

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

Tree Commission

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

VOTER INFORMATION

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