



# MENTOR

Fall 2019 **SPECIAL EDITION**

*Community Newsletter for the Residents of Mentor*



## AUTUMN ADVENTURES

*The air is crisp, leaves turn brilliant hues of red, yellow and orange and days get shorter. Autumn arrives in Mentor and while nature puts on a show, we encourage you to get out and enjoy the season. The City of Mentor boasts over 1,200 acres of parkland just waiting for you to explore. The City also offers many fun fall activities that will make this an Autumn to remember!*

**HOWL-O-WEEN PARTY FOR DOGS** - On Friday October 18th at 5:30 PM, bring your favorite pup and join us for a Halloween party just for dogs at the Mentor Dog Park. Enjoy a costume contest, prizes, and doggone good fun. Dogs must have up-to-date vaccinations, be licensed, and not be in heat, to visit the dog park. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call (440) 974-5720 for more information. FREE!

**MYSTERIES OF THE MANOR TRAIL HAYRIDE** - Celebrate the season with a family-friendly evening at Wildwood Cultural Center. Decorate a pumpkin, climb the hay pyramid, dance to a DJ, enjoy a bonfire with fall snacks and go on a moonlit hayride to hear the spooky story of the Manor Trail. Register to join us on Friday or Saturday October 25 & 26 (6:30 - 8:30 PM), or on Sunday October 27th (2 - 4 PM). Cost is \$8 per person. Children under 2 are free. Call (440) 974-5735

**HALLOWEEN PARTY AT WILDWOOD** - A fun and silly costume party for kids ages 4 to 8 years-old. Dress up in your best Halloween costume and enjoy an afternoon of fun including crafts, stories and a chance to trick or treat Wildwood style. Join us on Tuesday, October 29th from 4 to 5 PM. Resident: \$5/Nonresident: \$6. Call (440) 974-5735 to register.

**TRICK OR TREAT** - Calling all ghosts and goblins! Trick-or-treating in the City of Mentor is on Thursday, October 31st from 6 to 8 PM.

**HALLOWEEN SKATE PARTY** - Celebrate Halloween on skates at the Mentor Ice Arena! Gather your friends on Saturday, October 26th from 8:30 to 10:30 PM for a fun-filled evening of ice skating to your favorite music! DJ, games, prizes, and if you dress in costume admission is only \$5 and includes skate rental (\$10 no costume). This is a scary good deal!

**TURKEY ROLL ON ICE** - Join us at the Mentor Ice Arena on Friday, November 15 at 7 PM for the most fun you'll ever have bowling with a frozen turkey. Gather four friends, come up with a team name, team uniform (silly or serious), and get ready to have fun! Win prizes, enjoy snacks, and bowl like you never have before! You are welcome to bring your own beverage of choice. Team members must wear rubber soled shoes. Team captains call (440) 974-5730 to register. For Adults 21+. Cost is \$80 per team of 4.

## HONORING OUR VETERANS

The City of Mentor will host a ceremony on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th, to honor the men and women who have served our country in the military.

The ceremony will take place at 11:11 AM at the City's Veterans Memorial located on the corner of Center Street and Civic Center Boulevard adjacent to the Mentor Senior Center.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved inside the Mentor Senior Center.

Veteran groups are invited to participate.

Please contact the Mentor Recreation Department at (440) 974-5720 for details.

The ceremony will also be recorded and aired at a later date on the Mentor Channel for those unable to attend.



*The Mentor Senior Center and Perkins Pancakes will be hosting a Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast at 9:30 AM on Saturday, November 9th at the Senior Center. Reservations must be made in advance by calling the Mentor Senior Center at 440-974-5725. Breakfast is free for all veterans. Non-Veteran guest breakfasts are available for \$5.*



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION**  
The amount of yard waste homeowners can put out each week increases from 12 to 25 units on October 21st. A unit is one bag, bundle, or container of yard waste. If you have questions about the Yard Waste Program, call the Public Works Department at (440) 974-5780.

**DEER SEASON**  
2019/2020 Deer Bow Hunter Permit Applications are available at the Mentor Municipal Center, or for download at [cityofmentor.com/natural-resources](http://cityofmentor.com/natural-resources). Hunting is only permitted on properties where the owner has granted permission. An archery proficiency test form must be returned with your application.

**POWER OUTAGE - WHO DO I CALL?**  
If your power goes out call FirstEnergy's Automated Outage Reporting Line at (888) 544-4877. Doing so will allow them to restore service that much quicker. Please do NOT call 911. Only call 911 to report a crime in progress, or a fire, or if an ambulance is needed.

**ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**  
There are many programs available to Ohio customers who are having difficulty paying their electric utility bills. FirstEnergy has information on different programs which you may qualify for. Call (800) 589-3101 or visit [cityofmentor.com](http://cityofmentor.com) and click on the Resident Info menu for details.

**HOUSE NUMBERS REQUIRED**  
The Mentor Code of Ordinances states that each house and building shall bear the identification of the address in numeric form. The minimum size of number on the house or building is four inches. If the house or building is located between 61 and 100 feet from the road right-of-way and the address is posted on the building, the minimum size is six inches. The number size for posting on buildings beyond 100 feet from the road right-of-way is ten inches.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**  
Lake County will hold the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, September 21st at the Lake County Fairgrounds. You can dispose of oil-based paints, lawn & garden chemicals, batteries, fluorescent bulbs and other hazardous wastes. Call (440) 350-2908 with questions.

**STREETLIGHT BURNED OUT?**  
FirstEnergy is responsible for maintaining streetlights, but if you notice a burned-out streetlight, you may call Public Works at (440) 974-5781. Please have an accurate description of the location of the pole. The outage will be reported to FirstEnergy.



# FIND YOUR "WAY" TO BLACK BROOK

Fall is the perfect time to play a round of golf at Black Brook Golf Course and Practice Center (8900 Lake Shore Blvd.). The 18-hole public course is open year-round and features paved cart paths and a great Practice Center equipped with target greens, sand bunkers, uneven lie area, and a 1½ acre natural grass tee.

Did you know that Black Brook was designed back in 1927 by famed course designer Bertie Way? The golf legend also designed the Country Club of Detroit, the Mayfield County Club, and the famous South Course at Firestone Country Club in Akron.

A native of England, he emigrated to the United States in 1869 and became a naturalized citizen. Way finished second in the 1899 National (U.S.) Open, and in later years served as golf pro at the Mayfield Country Club from 1911 to 1952.

The esteemed golfer passed away in 1963 and was voted into the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame in 1978.

Although Black Brook has undergone a number of improvements over the years, it is very much as Way originally designed it.

Winter rates start October 1st so why not swing by and save? To learn more or book a tee time, call (440) 951-0010 or click [blackbrookgolf.com](http://blackbrookgolf.com).



# STOP MEANS STOP

You've no doubt seen numerous videos of careless drivers rolling past school buses with their lights flashing.

Mentor Schools are now equipped with cameras, enabling bus drivers and police to track down drivers who ignore this important safety law. Over two-dozen violations were recorded just last year in our school district!

There is simply no excuse to drive past a school bus with its flashers on.

For the safety of our children, stop means stop! All it takes is one moment of lapsed judgement for tragedy to strike.

On roads with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching a school bus from either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the bus until the bus beings to move or the driver signals motorists to proceed.

On roads with four or more lanes, traffic traveling in the same direction as the school bus is required to stop.

Those who violate school bus traffic stop laws may receive a \$500 fine and could have their driver's license suspended.

If you have questions, please contact the Mentor Police Department at (440) 974-5760 or [police@cityofmentor.com](mailto:police@cityofmentor.com).

# SOCIAL MEDIA MATTERS

The City of Mentor manages a number of social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube, in an effort to keep residents informed on what's happening. We also follow a number of accounts to keep a finger on the pulse of the community.

Socially media has become a preferred method of communication today. It's helped us connect like never before but has some shortcomings as well.

Although we do our best to answer questions and respond to inquiries, it's difficult to track all of the community pages that are out there as well as the comment strings. The *best way* to ensure your concern is addressed is by contacting the city directly instead of relying on social media.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

If you have an emergency, dial 911 immediately. If have a public safety concern, contact the Mentor Police non-emergency line 24/7 at (440) 255-1234 to ensure that your complaint has been received and is addressed in a timely manner.

Be advised that Police and Fire may answer questions on social media but will not be dispatched as a result of a social media or email complaint.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Our Code Enforcement Office works hard to bring code violations into compliance by directly addressing issues with property owners.

You can reach the Code Enforcement Hotline at (440) 974-5792 or via email at [codeenforcement@cityofmentor.com](mailto:codeenforcement@cityofmentor.com).

## ROADS

If you have questions related to road maintenance or wish to report a pothole, please reach out to our Public Works department at [pubworks@cityofmentor.com](mailto:pubworks@cityofmentor.com) or call (440) 974-5780.

For assistance or feedback on other issues check out the "Contact Us" tab at [cityofmentor.com](http://cityofmentor.com) for phone numbers and email addresses for every city department. You can also find a list of our feeds at [cityofmentor.com/connect](http://cityofmentor.com/connect).

If you're not sure who to reach out to, call (440) 255-1100 or email [pubinfo@cityofmentor.com](mailto:pubinfo@cityofmentor.com) and your question will be directed to the proper department.

Have a question? Just get in touch...we're here to help!



# FOR THE BIRDS

Experience fall's splendor and witness the majesty of native and migrating birds (including a number of rare species) at the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve and the adjoining Mentor Marsh.

Over 250 species were observed this season alone by our expert spotters - underscoring the remarkable progress that has been made with the ongoing effort to restore biodiversity to this important watershed.

Learn more about the Mentor Marsh at [cmnh.org/mentor-marsh](http://cmnh.org/mentor-marsh).

# HELLO KITTY

Nearly every community struggles with the problem of controlling feral cats in neighborhoods and public spaces. Feral cats are those living in the wild that cannot easily be domesticated and placed for adoption.

The City of Mentor has taken steps to help reduce this population. Recent legislation now places feral cats under the definition of "nuisance animals," making it illegal to feed them. However, the same legislation also introduced a Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) program intended to limit continued breeding and the spread of infectious diseases. The TNR program allows a property owner in a neighborhood where a feral cat colony exists to legally feed and care for the colony under the supervision of a designated Animal Welfare Organization registered with the city.

The volunteer "caretaker" agrees to provide vaccinations and medical care as needed, document colony activities, help resolve nuisances caused by the colony, and to work with the Animal Welfare Organization to trap the animals so they may be spayed or neutered. Kittens and suitable adults are removed for adoption, and the neutered cats are released back into the colony. The desired goal is the gradual elimination of the colony as the animals live out their natural lives.

For more information, please contact Code Enforcement at (440) 973-5792 or visit [cityofmentor.com/natural-resources](http://cityofmentor.com/natural-resources).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 28

### National Public Lands Day

*Garfield National Historic Site*

Tour the home of the 20th President for free from 10 AM to 5 PM!

## OCTOBER 31

### Trick or Treat

6 – 8 PM

## NOVEMBER 3

### Wildwood Quilt Guild Small Quilt Show & Sale

*Mentor Senior Center*

See the display of award winning quilts from 10 AM - 4 PM. \$5 donation at the door.

## NOVEMBER 9

### Mascot Day

*Mentor Ice Arena*

Skate with your favorite Mascots from 1:30 – 3:30 PM. Admission: \$5 / Skate rental free

## NOVEMBER 11

### Veteran's Day Ceremony

*Mentor Veteran's Memorial*

Honor the men and women who have served our country in the military at a ceremony at 11:11 AM. Veteran groups are invited to participate.

## NOVEMBER 23

### Arts & Crafts Sale

*Mentor Senior Center*

9 AM – 3 PM. Huge sale with hand-made items great for Christmas! Bake Sale too! Free admission. Call (440) 974-5725 for details.

Visit [cityofmentor.com](http://cityofmentor.com) or call (440) 974-5720 for more information on upcoming city events.



# CLEAN UP YOUR CLIPPINGS

Recently, Mentor City Council amended the Code of Ordinances to include stricter penalties for blowing grass clippings, leaves, and limbs, in the street.

## **Mentor Code of Ordinances Chapter 311, section 311.01**

*"No person shall deposit, place, or blow onto any roadway or bike path or multipurpose path, or cause or permit to be deposited, placed, or blown onto any roadway or bike path or multipurpose path, grass, leaves, weeds, limbs, trimmings or other yard waste."*

These materials create a safety hazard for motorcycles, bicycles, and people walking or jogging on streets and walking/bike paths. Because of their high moisture content, clippings tend to be extremely slippery and can cause accidents.

Grass and leaves in the street can also wash into storm drains, potentially clogging them and causing the street or nearby properties to flood. Storm sewers flow untreated into local waterways and eventually Lake Erie.



Clippings and yard waste add unnecessary nutrients to these waterways resulting in algae growth and/or reduced oxygen levels...and can harm to aquatic life.

Homeowners and landscapers are reminded to always clean up clippings, leaves, or other debris that is inadvertently blown into the street. Let's keep our roads and bike/walking paths safe for everyone.

First-time violators could be charged with a minor misdemeanor and penalties may increase for repeat offenders.

# FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

October is National Fire Prevention month and the Mentor Fire Department would like you to take a moment to review your home or business fire escape plan and make sure that your smoke detectors are working.

The Public Education division of the Mentor Fire Department assists the general public with

training and safety information and offers free classes including Fire Extinguisher Training, Emergency Planning, and Wildlands Fire Safety classes for individuals and groups.

For information or to schedule a class, contact Mentor Fire Prevention at (440) 974-5768.



# MEDICATION MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

As we age, it almost seems inevitable that to maintain our health we will be taking some type of prescription medication – and not just one, but several. But if prescriptions are not taken properly, or combined with noncompatible medicines or supplements, they can actually do us more harm than good.

The Mentor Senior Center is hosting a Medication Management Presentation and medication review on Thursday, October 17 at 12:30 PM to help address the topic and teach Senior Citizens about prescription safety, recognizing possible side-effects from interactions, and what questions to ask when they are prescribed a new medication.

RSVP Lake County is teaming up with the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, Great Lakes Pharmacy, the Lake County Council on Aging, and the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board to offer these presentations free of charge.

The Brown Bag Medication Reviews will be offered courtesy of Great Lakes Pharmacy located in Mentor. A pharmacist will be available to review current medications one-on-one to discuss possible interactions, how to best take the medications and offer safety tips.

Participants must register in advance for one of the limited timeslots. Each presentation will offer many tips, as well as drug disposal pouches, Vial of Life kits from the Lake County Council on Aging and other medication management related material.

The presentation is free, but you need to register if planning to attend. Call the Mentor Senior Center at (440) 974-5725.



# KEEP OUR WATERSHED CLEAN

Did you know that all the rainwater that flows into the street and storm sewers goes untreated to our area rivers and Lake Erie?

Let's do our part to our watershed clean by following these tips.

1. Always clean up after your pets. Pet waste contains bacteria and parasites that can make us sick.
2. Properly dispose of your yard waste and grass clippings. Compost the waste and use the nutrient-rich soil in your garden. Never dump yard waste on the banks of a stream, ditch, storm sewer.
3. Perform a soil test on your lawn and garden to determine if you even need to fertilize. Remember, fall is the best time to fertilize and always use a phosphorus-free fertilizer.

4. Fix oil or antifreeze leaks from your car. If there is a leak on your driveway, use kitty litter or oil dry to soak it up, sweep up the soiled materials, bag them, and throw them in the trash. If you change the oil in your car at home, take the used oil to an area auto parts store or the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days at the Lake County Fairgrounds.
5. Have some old cans of paint around the house? If the paint is water-based or latex, it can be dried out with kitty litter or sawdust and thrown in the trash. If it is an oil-based paint, it can also be dropped off during Household Waste Hazardous Collections Days.
6. Don't be a litter bug! Throw all your trash in the garbage. Take large, unwanted items directly to the Lake County Landfill for proper disposal. Never dump waste!

For more information contact the City of Mentor Building and Engineering Department at (440) 974-5785.

# UNDER CONSTRUCTION

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2019

## ROADS

### **Belle Meadow Road Reconstruction Project**

This project will reconstruct Belle Meadow Road from Woodridge Lane to Lake Overlook Drive. Work will begin this Fall and will be complete by late 2020.

### **Hendricks / Hopkins Road Resurfacing**

This project will resurface portions of Hendricks Road from SR 2 to White Oak Dr. and Hopkins Road between Market St. and Hendricks Rd. The project will begin late summer and be complete by November 2019.

### **Bridge Improvements at SR 306 over SR 2**

This project will remove the existing fence on the SR 306 bridge over SR 2 and replace it with a coated fence. Parapet surfaces will be patched and then painted and "City of Mentor" signage will be installed. Existing sidewalk will be replaced as needed. Fence and concrete repairs will be performed this fall. Painting and other aesthetic treatments will be completed Spring of 2020 in warmer weather.

## SIDEWALK AND BIKEWAY

### **Pedestrian Safety Program**

Sidewalk repairs in Zone 4B will be starting May 2019 and will be complete by August 2019. Zone 4B is bounded by Hendricks Road, Jane Drive, Lakeshore Boulevard and Birchwood Drive

## STORM DRAINAGE

### **Maple Street Storm Sewer Improvement**

Approximately 500 linear feet of 15" and 18" storm sewer will be replaced with 24" storm sewer from Merkel Avenue to the railroad tracks. Project completion is scheduled for November 2019.

## MENTOR ROCKS!

Over 100,000 people joined us this year at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater for Mentor Rocks and other events.

Thanks to everyone who attended and to all of the sponsors who made these events possible. We hope you'll be able to join us again next year!

Bookmark [cityofmentor.com/calendar](http://cityofmentor.com/calendar) to stay up to date on upcoming events.



# SHOP & DINE

With over 170 eateries, taverns and independent shops – as well as most major retailers – Mentor is at the heart of the Lake County shopping & dining experience.

Whatever your taste, you'll find it right here...and we've made it easier to find!

Go to [visitmentor.com](http://visitmentor.com)

to download a copy of our Visitor's Guide which contains information on restaurants, shopping, events, activities and more.

Thank you for supporting our businesses!







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Let us know and we'll send you a New Resident Packet.  
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### MENTOR CITY COUNCIL

Standing: (L-R) Matthew E. Donovan (Ward 2), Scott J. Marn (At-Large), Ray Kirchner (At-Large), and Sean P. Blake (Ward 1).

Seated: (L-R) Council Vice-President Bruce R. Landeg (Ward 3), Council President John A. Krueger (Ward 4), and Janet A. Dowling (At-Large).

Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Mentor Municipal Center. Meetings are open to the public. To reach a member of City Council call 440-974-5755 or email [citycouncil@cityofmentor.com](mailto:citycouncil@cityofmentor.com).

### MEETING INFORMATION

#### Mentor City Council\*

Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM  
October 1 & 15  
November 6 & 19  
December 3

#### Municipal Planning Commission\*

Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM  
October 3 & 24  
November 14  
December 5

#### Board of Building & Zoning Appeals

Mentor Municipal Center  
October 8  
November 12  
December 10

#### Tree Commission

Mentor Maintenance Facility, 4 PM  
October 9  
November 6  
December 11

#### Community Arts Commission

Wildwood Cultural Center, 3:30 PM  
October 3  
November 7  
December 5

\*These meetings are broadcast live on Spectrum Channel 1024, U-Verse Channel 99, online at [thementorchannel.com](http://thementorchannel.com) and on our app.

## THE PUCK STOPS HERE!



Professional hockey returns to the Mentor Ice Arena as the Mentor Ice Breakers kick off their second season on Saturday November 9th at 6:30 PM. Many of the team members from last year's inaugural season are returning this year including Goalies Derek Moser and John Sellie-Hanson.

The Ice Breakers are part of the Single-A Federal Hockey League (FHL). Teams play a 58-game regular season schedule which runs from October through April.

With so many returning players and Coach Iain Duncan, the team is anticipating improving its 17/35 record. Duncan is happy so much of the team is returning.

"I'm really looking forward to getting back on the ice with this core group of guys," says Duncan, "We started laying the foundation last year, and bringing back a large number of our veterans, who know the system and have the fire and passion to play at this level, allows us to build on that foundation to achieve even greater results."

For tickets and additional information, call (440) 290-8502 or visit [mentoicebreakers.com](http://mentoicebreakers.com).

## OPEN BURNING

Autumn has arrived. There's a chill in the air and hosting a clambake or end-of-the-season cook-out with a bonfire is lots of fun. But, if you're planning a bonfire, you'll need to request a permit from the Mentor Fire Department to ensure safety and prevent the fire from getting out of hand. Bonfires are not allowed within 50 feet of any structure or combustible material, and a responsible person must remain by the fire until it is extinguished. View the complete rules regarding bonfires posted under Mentor Ordinances and City Charter online at [cityofmentor.com](http://cityofmentor.com).

You must request a permit at least two business days before your planned bonfire by calling the Mentor Fire Prevention Bureau at 440-974-5768.

Burning trash, brush, or leaves is not permitted in the City of Mentor.

Small, attended campfires for cooking purposes or patio fire pits are permitted during favorable weather conditions without prior approval.

## WATCH IT YOUR WAY

With traditional pay-TV subscriptions on the decline, the City of Mentor made the decision several years ago to launch the Mentor Channel App for ROKU, Apple, and Android...and this past year, we've started streaming live to YouTube so you can watch it your way 24/7.

Stay on top of what's happening in the City of Mentor including live broadcasts of City Council and Planning Commission Meetings, community bulletin boards, community news, and other great content.

Of course, you can continue to watch on Spectrum 1024 or AT&T U-Verse 99.9 if you prefer. The **FREE Mentor Channel App** offers you the extra flexibility of watching at home or on the go on your TV, computer or favorite hand-held device. Download it today at [thementorchannel.com](http://thementorchannel.com).

