



# MENTOR

Fall 2022

SPECIAL EDITION

Community Newsletter for the Residents of Mentor

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### OPEN BURNING

Burning trash, brush, or leaves is not permitted in the City of Mentor. Small, attended campfires for cooking purposes are permitted during favorable weather conditions without prior approval. Bonfires require approval from the Fire Prevention Bureau by calling (440) 974-5768.

### DEER SEASON

2022/2023 Deer Bow Hunting 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.

### SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES

Students are back in the classroom, and motorists need to exercise caution, especially in school zones. The Mentor Police Department reminds motorists to observe speed limits in school zones. The speed limit of 20 mph during the times school zones are active will be strictly enforced. Slow down and do your part to help keep Mentor students safe.

### FALL YARD WASTE

Starting October 24th, the amount of yard waste homeowners are permitted to put out each week increases from 12 to 25 units. 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) 974-5781.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Lake County residents can recycle Household Hazardous Waste at the Lake County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 24th from 8 AM to 2 PM. Accepted items include bulbs and batteries, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals and more. For a complete list of acceptable items visit [lakecountyohio.gov/utilities/](http://lakecountyohio.gov/utilities/) or call (440) 350-2908.

### NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month. Make sure you're prepared by making an emergency supply kit, having an emergency plan, and knowing where to find emergency information. Visit [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) to learn more.

### DEAD ANIMAL OR DEBRIS IN ROAD

If you notice a dead animal or debris in the road please let the City know. Weekdays between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., call the Public Works Department at (440) 974-5781. Call the Police Department at (440) 255-1234 at all other times.

## FALL FUN

**Hayrides, scarecrows, and Halloween, all highlight the fall season and the Mentor Recreation Department will host plenty of fun fall activities. Grab a sweater and make some fall memories!**

**MYSTERIES OF THE MANOR TRAIL** – The popular golf cart hayride is back! Explore the Manor Trail on a not-too-spooky family ride. The festive evening includes a bonfire, hay pyramid, dancing, games, and even a rotten Easter Egg Hunt. Food available for purchase. Cost is \$12 each (Children under 2 are free). Offered multiple times. Spaces fill up quickly so be sure to register early at [cityofmentor.com](http://cityofmentor.com) or call (440) 974-5720.

Adults can also sign up for a **21+ GOLF CART HAYRIDE** on October 21st at 7 PM. A fully immersive Halloween experience. Also, enjoy games, costume contest, dancing, and a whole lot of fun! Food and adult beverages available to purchase. Cost is \$15 each.

**HOWL-O-WEEN FOR DOGS** – Bring your dog (in costume of course) to the Mentor Dog Park on Friday, October 14th from 5:30 - 6:30 PM for a Halloween party like no other. Tails will wag as your pup participates in a costume parade, plays with the other partygoers, and takes part in trick or (dog) treats. Free.

**TRICK OR TREAT** – Happy Halloween! Trick or Treat is observed on Monday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

**FAMILY SCARECROW CONTEST** – Get creative and enter the Family Scarecrow Contest! Pick up a kit (wood, nails & straw) at Wildwood starting September 19th. Scarecrows will be displayed at Wildwood starting October 3rd. Prizes will be awarded to winning entries. Cost is \$20 for residents, and \$24 for nonresidents.

**HALLOWEEN PUBLIC SKATE** – Have a spooky good time at the Mentor Ice Arena on October 29th! Our Halloween skate featuring DJ Stray is fun for the whole family! Wear a costume for free skate rental. Admission: Adults \$9 / Children \$7.

## HEY...WHATCHA DUNE?

If you've visited Headlands Beach State Park this summer, you've no doubt noticed the construction equipment in the western boundary of the property and wondered what's going on.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is in the midst of replacing the frequently flooded parking lots with a coastal wetland dune / swale plant community.

Crews are removing approximately 7-acres of asphalt parking lots, moving sand to establish dunes and depressions, and planting native wetland species. Most work will be completed before winter 2022 with the planting of the wetland plants in spring 2023 by ODNR staff and volunteers. Native wetland species including seeds, plugs and trees will be planted to stabilize the soil and establish a coastal wetland dune/swale plant community.

The western portion of the park will resemble the dunes at the eastern end, providing migrating species an attractive stopover and further enhancing the importance of the area to migrating species.

This project is supported by a grant from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.







## LEARN TO SKATE

Skating is a lot of fun and it's a sport that can be enjoyed by all ages. Mastering skating skills provides a variety of benefits beyond the excitement of staying on your feet and gliding over the ice. Ice skating helps build muscle, is low-impact and easy on joints, and can boost balance, flexibility, quickness, and agility. These benefits are great for young children building small and large motor skills and even better for adults interested in burning calories and staying fit.

The Mentor Ice Arena offers lessons for youth and adults through the Learn to Skate USA Program. Whether you're enrolling a child to learn basics, or starting as an adult, you can rest assured that the skills you are learning and the lesson program is designed with the specific age and skill set of the students in mind. In fact, all instructors in the program, including our own Mentor Ice Arena Skating instructors, are held to the highest standards and certified to teach Learn to Skate USA skills.

The Learn to Skate USA program is endorsed by US Figure Skating, USA Hockey, and US Speedskating - creating a standardized nationwide program to teach basic skills. So, whatever ice sport you choose to pursue, the skills you learn in Mentor or anywhere across the country are the same.

At the Mentor Ice Arena, ice skating lessons are progressive in nature, meaning you start with the basics and build on fundamental skills. The program starts with Tot Learn to Skate - where children ages 3 to 5 learn to sit and stand up with skates - and advances to Basic 6 that focuses on turns, T-stops, and lunges.

Adult / teen classes are offered separately and cover all the basic skills taught to younger skaters but tailored to the abilities of older students.

The Learn to Skate USA program requires all students to be members of the organization. Annual memberships are valid July 1 through June 30 and cost \$17.25. Membership benefits include a welcome packet, subscription to Learn to Skate USA magazine, access to their member-specific app, and more.

Learn to Skate USA lessons start in mid-September (seven-week session) and are offered again starting in November (six-week session). To find out more about lessons, visit [mentoricearena.com](http://mentoricearena.com) or call the Mentor Ice Arena at (440) 974-5730.

## TURKEY ROLL ON ICE

Adults 21+ are invited to register for the Turkey Roll on Ice at the Mentor Ice Arena on Saturday, November 19th from 7 to 10 PM. This unique Thanksgiving event is guaranteed to be fun and exciting. In fact, we're sure it's the most fun you'll ever have...with a frozen turkey.

Gather four friends, come up with a team name, team uniform (silly or serious), and get ready for (un)heated competitive bowling.

Teams can win prizes, gobble up snacks, and compete for the title of Turkey Roll Champs! You are welcome to bring your own beverage of choice. All Turkey Roll team members must wear rubber soled shoes. Team captains call (440) 974-5730 to register. Cost is \$80 per team of four.



## NATURAL IS NICE

Our yards should be fun, beautiful, and relaxing right? But we want to protect our environment and keep it healthy for our families at the same time.

We should use water efficiently, reduce yard waste and reduce chemicals that can create an unhealthy environment by getting into our waterways. We can protect our rivers and Lake Erie if we conserve our precious water supply, reduce the need for chemicals, and recycle yard trimmings back onto our lawns.

Never dump yard waste along creeks and ravines. Also, try keeping your yards healthy by striving to:

- Create loose soil that allows air, water, and healthy root growth into the soil.
- Store water until the plants need it. Use a rain barrel to help save on water usage at the same time!
- Direct downspouts out into lawns and beds.
- Recycle nutrients for plants.

Compost or mulch helps our soils hold nutrients and water reducing the need for excessive amounts of fertilizers and watering. You can even make compost at home by using leaves, flowers and grass from your own yard. Keep the compost moist and you're on your way to creating beneficial soil life for your plants.

For more information, contact the City of Mentor Building and Engineering Department at (440) 255-1100.

## PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST SCAMS

Anyone can be the victim of a scam; however, senior citizens are more frequently targeted because they often have a higher accumulation of assets and tend to be more trusting of others than those in younger generations.

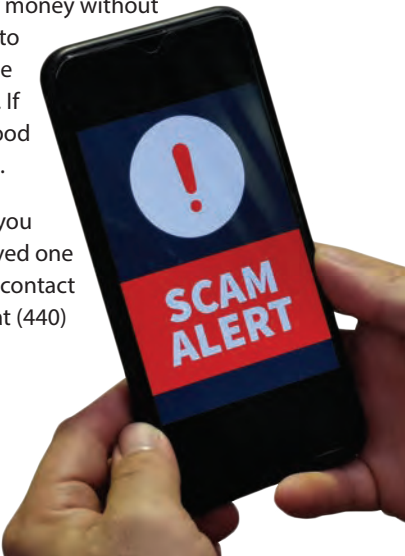
In our region, there are several common scams known to affect seniors, including the **lottery scam**, in which a fraudster tells you that you won a prize but need to pay a fee to collect your winnings; the **grandchild scam**, in which a fraudster identifies as your grandchild, says that they are in jail, and requests money for bail; and the **virus scam**, in which your computer prompts you to download antivirus software, and when you do, the program sends your personal information to a fraudster.

According to Officer Scott Bell of Mentor Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit, "all the usual scams, such as these, have been around for a while, but that doesn't make them any less threatening...seniors in our community need to stay vigilant."

The Crime Prevention Unit urges you to keep the following prevention tips in mind to protect yourself and your loved ones against scammers:

- Be suspicious of any unsolicited call or message. Ask yourself, if the message make sense before clicking on links or taking the desired action, especially when you are urged to act immediately.
- Check your accounts often. Regularly checking accounts will give you the chance to react quickly and report unusual activity.
- Verify Information with a trusted source. Never send personal information or money without asking a trusted source to confirm any claims made by a potential scammer. If the claim sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

For more information, or if you suspect that you or your loved one has been scammed, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (440) 974-5760.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events and activities are posted to the City of Mentor website as that information becomes available.

**September 24**  
National Public Lands Day, 10 AM – 5 PM  
Celebrate with a tour of the Garfield Historic Site  
8095 Mentor Avenue  
Free

**September 28**  
Fall for Jazz, 7 - 9 PM  
An evening of music paired with wine and appetizers.  
Wildwood Cultural Center  
Cost: \$20

**October 12**  
Art to Go, 6:30 – 8 PM  
Cleveland Museum of Art brings treasures from Ancient Greece and Rome. Wildwood Cultural Center  
Cost: Resident \$15/Nonresident: \$18

**October 31**  
Trick or Treat at the Mentor Public Library – Main Branch, 9 AM – 4:30 PM. Children wear your costume! No registration necessary.  
Free

**November 4 & 5**  
Wildwood Murder Mystery, 7 PM  
A Cut above the Wrist  
Participate and try and figure out "who done it!"  
Cost \$22

**November 6**  
Wildwood Quilt Guild Show, 10 AM – 4 PM  
at the Mentor Senior Center.  
Admission \$5

**November 10**  
Veterans Breakfast  
Mentor Senior Center, 11:30 AM  
Veterans eat free / Guests: \$9  
Reservations by 11/1/22 Call 440-974-5725

**November 19**  
Arts & Crafts Sale, 9 AM - 3 PM  
Mentor Senior Center  
Free

For additional information or to register, visit [cityofmentor.com](http://cityofmentor.com).



# HONORING OUR VETERANS

On Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th, the city of Mentor will hold a ceremony to honor the men and women who have served our country in the military.

Originally known as Armistice Day, the observance was first held November 11, 1919, marking the first anniversary of the end of World War I and honoring the heroism of those who died in the country's service. In 1954, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day – a national holiday celebrating all veterans.

The Mentor ceremony will take place at 11:11 AM at the 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.

The public is encouraged to attend. Veteran groups are invited to participate. Please contact the Mentor Recreation Department at (440) 974-5720 for details. The ceremony will be recorded and aired at a later date on the Mentor Channel for those who are unable to attend.



## FIRE SAFETY MATTERS

The Mentor Fire Department has recently named firefighter/paramedic Rollin Pachinger as their new public education specialist. The Public Education division of the Mentor Fire Department assists the general public with training and safety information. Besides providing first aid, CPR, AED, and fire extinguisher classes for individuals and businesses in the city, educators also visit the schools with fire and injury prevention classes.

Mentor businesses and organizations may call (440) 974-5769 or email pachinger@cityofmentor.com for additional information on training opportunities.



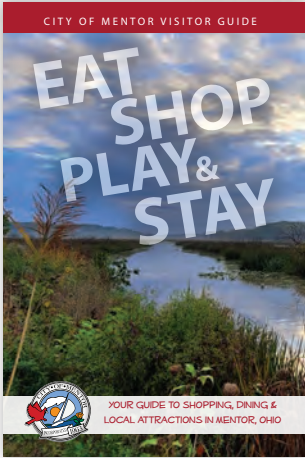
## SHOP & DINE

With over 175 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. Prefer paper? You can pick up your free copy at the Mentor Municipal Center and other city facilities.

Thank you for supporting our businesses!



## FREE STREET TREES

The City of Mentor, with the help of the Mentor Tree Commission, manages a Street Tree program to promote the beautification of our streetscapes as well as help manage stormwater runoff. Each year, trees are available free-of-charge to Mentor residents on a first-come / first-served basis and are installed by city personnel in the public right-of-way. Once the tree is installed, care and maintenance of the new tree is the responsibility of the property owner.

Trees are planted in the Spring and the Fall. A tree of appropriate size for the homeowner's tree lawn is planted during the next planting session after the application is received. Please note that if you have a dead tree or stump on your tree lawn, it must be

removed by the homeowner before a new tree will be planted. Removal of any street tree requires a permit.

The benefits trees bring to urban environments are endless and include cooler temperatures, cleaner air, higher property values and healthier residents.

To download a copy of the City of Mentor Street Tree Order form or Tree Removal Permit Application visit [cityofmentor.com](http://cityofmentor.com) and select "Street Tree Program" under Resident Info. If you have any questions regarding the Mentor Street Tree Program or other tree related programs, please contact the Public Works Department at (440) 974-5781 or [pubworks@cityofmentor.com](mailto:pubworks@cityofmentor.com).



## AUTUMN HIKES & MORE!

Change is in the air as Fall arrives in Mentor. Warm days and crisp nights lead to breath-taking vistas aglow with the natural beauty of autumn color. The City of Mentor's Natural Resources division is offering free guided hikes and programs to help you explore Mentor's 1200-acre park system

### GUIDED HIKES

**Departure of the Birds (ages 7+)** – Wednesday, September 21, 8 – 10 AM. Fall migration has begun, and our feathered friends are on their way south for the winter. Join us, bring binoculars and see who is stopping to rest at the Mentor Lagoons on their way to warmer weather.

**Seasons of the Marsh Hike (ages 10+)** – October 20, 5 to 6:30 PM. Explore the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve in Fall.

**Full Moon Walk (ages 18+)** – October 9, 9 to 10 PM. The full moon will light the trail as we look for nocturnal wildlife.

**Colorful History Hikes (ages 18+)** – Enjoy the fall leaves, look for migrating birds and learn about the history of our Parks. Mondays, 2-3:30 PM (age 18+)

October 10 – Springbrook Gardens Park  
October 17 – Wildwood Cultural Center & Park  
October 24 – Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve

*All Hikes are Free. Preregistration Required. Register online at [cityofmentor.com](http://cityofmentor.com) or call 440-974-5720.*

**Migratory Bird Banding (ages 7+)** See Migrating birds up close on October 1st from 8:00 - 11:00 AM! Learn from trained ornithologists on how they capture birds, band them, and safely send them on their way. Find out why scientists tag migratory birds and what reveals about bird populations.

Program is Free. Preregistration required. Online at [cityofmentor.com](http://cityofmentor.com) or call 440-974-5720



## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

### SEP - NOV 2022

### ROADS

#### I-90/SR 306 Bridge Deck Replacement

This project involves replacement of the deck on the SR-306 bridge over I-90 in Willoughby. This project is anticipated to be completed by November.

#### Brooksdale Road Reconstruction Project

Reconstruction of Brooksdale Road from Lake Overlook Drive to Woodridge Lane. This project is anticipated to be completed by late September.

#### Forest Road/Woodridge Lane Resurfacing

This project will provide full depth asphalt repairs, limited curb replacement and an asphalt overlay on Forest Road and Woodridge Lane. The project should be completed by November.

#### Market Street Rehab and Resurfacing

This project will repair concrete joints and resurface Market Street between Center Street and Munson Road. The project is anticipated to be completed by November.

#### 2022 Mentor Facilities Resurfacing

This project will resurface the new recreation facility parking lot on Heisley Rd, pave four cemetery roads, resurface the multi-use path on Hopkins Road between Plains Road and Lakeshore Boulevard, and replace the Fire Station 5 driveway on Civic Center Blvd. Work is anticipated to be completed by September.

#### Hendricks Road Bridge Deck Replacement

This ODOT project is reconstructing the bridge deck on Hendricks Road over SR-2. Hendricks Road is currently closed at SR-2 with a posted detour of Hopkins Road to Tyler Boulevard to Heisley Road. Work is currently under way and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.

### STORM DRAINAGE

#### Mentor Avenue Culvert Improvements

This project will repair two corrugated metal culverts under Mentor Avenue by the Great Lakes Mall. An existing sandstone headwall will also be repaired. Once repairs to the culvert are complete, pavement repairs and resurfacing of the westbound curb lane on Mentor Avenue over the culvert will be performed. The project is anticipated to begin late summer and be completed by late October.

### FACILITIES

#### Mentor Marina Public Access Project

This project will construct approximately 430 feet of ADA accessible boardwalk along with an ADA accessible observation deck along the bank of the Mentor Marsh for visitors and nature enthusiasts to enjoy year-round. The boardwalk will be connected to the existing trail system providing an accessible loop which will connect to a future observation tower. The project is expected to be completed by November 2022.

### MENTOR MARSH

#### Mentor Marsh Salt Fill Remediation

This project is currently underway and will remove approximately 200,000 cubic yards of salt fill and fly ash originally deposited in the marsh in the 1960s near SR-44 and Lakeshore Blvd. The project is being managed by the Ohio EPA and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.





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### WELCOME!

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“There are men and women who make the world better just by being the kind of people they are. It really matters very little whether they are behind the wheel of a truck or running a business or bringing up a family. They teach the truth by living it.”

-James A. Garfield



## MENTOR CITY COUNCIL

Seated: (L-R) Janet A. Dowling - Councilperson At-Large; Matthew E. Donovan – President of Council, Councilperson, Ward 2; and Scott J. Marn - Vice-President of Council, Councilperson-at-Large.

Standing: (L-R) Ray Kirchner – Councilperson at-Large; Mark T. Freeman – Councilperson, Ward 3; Sean P. Blake – Councilperson, Ward 1; and John A. Krueger – Councilperson, Ward 4.

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  
September 6, 20 / October 4, 18  
November 1, 15

**Municipal Planning Commission\***  
Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM  
September 8, 29 / October 20  
November 10

**Board of Building & Zoning Appeals**  
Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM  
September 13 / October 11 / November 8

**Tree Commission**  
Mentor Municipal Center, 4:30 PM  
September 14 / October 12 / November 9

**Community Arts Commission**  
Wildwood Cultural Center, 3:30 PM  
September 1 / October 6 / November 3

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



### MENTOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FALL SAFETY CHECK LIST



While house fires occur year-round, they're most common in the fall and winter. As temperatures drop and leaves fall, it's important to prepare your home for cold weather. Clip this handy list from the Mentor Fire Department.

- ☐ Have your furnace and chimney cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional. Make sure they check your flue. If you turn your furnace on and then see water on the inside of your windows, that may indicate that your flue is blocked which is a risk for carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ☐ Make sure your carbon monoxide detector is properly placed, has working batteries, and is not expired (most expire in 5-10 years and should have an expiration date on the unit).
- ☐ Do a thorough clean-out of your dryer vent.
- ☐ Exercise your main water shut-off. This will help ensure that the valve will operate if you need to shut the water off during an emergency or repair.

If you have questions about fire safety, call the Mentor Fire Department's Public Education Office at (440) 974-5769 or [pachinger@cityofmentor.com](mailto:pachinger@cityofmentor.com).

## STOP MEANS STOP

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

Mentor school buses are now equipped with cameras, enabling drivers and police to track down drivers who ignore this important safety law.

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 judgment for tragedy to strike.

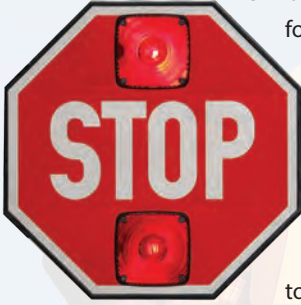
On roads with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching a school bus from either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the bus until the bus begins to move or the driver

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).



## MENTOR RENTAL INSPECTION PROGRAM

The City of Mentor's Rental Inspection Program is designed to ensure that rental properties are safe, habitable, and remain attractive. These inspections can help preserve housing stock, protect vulnerable tenants, promote safe interior conditions, and assure that properties are maintained in compliance with Mentor's Property Maintenance Codes.

If you have questions or need information, please visit [cityofmentor.com](http://cityofmentor.com) and select Code Enforcement/Property Maintenance under the Resident Info tab. You may also contact Glen Benedict, Code Enforcement Officer, at (440) 974-5740 or [benedict@cityofmentor.com](mailto:benedict@cityofmentor.com).

