Summer 2022 SPECIAL EDITION

Community Newsletter for the Residents of Mentor

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Mosquito Spraying

The Lake County General Health District (LCGHD) sprays most of the municipalities in Lake County to reduce the risk of mosquito borne diseases and to provide for a more comfortable summer environment. For more information, contact the Spray Schedule Hotline, 24/7 at 440-350-2088 or visit lcghd.org.

Grass and Weed Control

Lawns and landscaping should be maintained so as not to cause a negative effect on the neighborhood. Generally, grass in residential neighborhoods must be controlled in height or growth (under 8"). Property owners with excessively high grass or weeds will be given notice by Mentor's Code Enforcement Office and have 48 hours from receipt of notice to cut the high grass or remove the weeds. If the notices are ignored, legal action will be pursued for City crews to cut the grass at the owner's expense. Call 440-974-5740 with questions.

Power Outages

Report all outages DIRECTLY to FirstEnergy at 888-544-4877. You may also report power outages online and even via text. Learn more at firstenergycorp.com/outages. Please do not call 911 unless you have an emergency

RV, Boat and Trailer Parking

RV's, boats and trailers of any kind 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 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, and a permit is required for any type of driveway construction or expansion.

MENTOR SENIOR CENTER: FULL SPEED AHEAD

In-person classes, celebration lunches, SilverSneakers classes, arts and crafts, games, and just hanging out with friends, are all back at the Mentor Senior Center. Perhaps the one positive take away from the pandemic is realizing just how much we appreciate companionship. Whether it is taking a trip together, exercising in a group or enjoying lunch in the Great Room, being together and enjoying activities with friends enhances all that we do.

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And, while the Mentor Senior Center was always a place to meet and make friends, it is even more so today. We have brought back old familiar activities and created some new ones that invite folks to gather, learn, embrace adventure, create healthy habits, and share.

Senior Center membership is required to participate in all programs – but for those 55+ it is the best bargain in town! The cost is just \$7 a year for Mentor residents and \$10 a year for non-residents. If you have SilverSneakers 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 and Duplicate Bridge, ceramics, chair volleyball, ping pong, quilting, painting, weight training, movies, support groups, culture groups. There truly is something for evervone.

Our travel program returns to the road. We offer day trips on motor

Or, register for our Senior center bus and travel to the Music Box Supper Club, Playhouse Square for "Ain't Too Proud to Beg", the Erie Station Dinner Theater and Cleveland Guardians games.

If you prefer overnight destinations, check out our trips to Hudson Valley and New York City.

A common topic for many seniors is balance, so the "Matter of Balance Class" is a perfect fit for anyone who would like to reduce the likelihood of falls and reduce the fear of falling. A Parkinson's exercise class also returns to the center. This class is designed to empower people with Parkinson's by optimizing their physical function and helping delay the progression of symptoms.

And, where else can you get a \$5 made-from-scratch hot lunch? Specials include everything from roast turkey to cabbage rolls. Not only are the meals delicious, they fill a void by providing nutrition and variety for members that may not cook hot meals for themselves anymore.

Summer brings special meal opportunities. if you enjoy barbecues and good company, register for picnics on the patio the second Thursday of each month.

Valued above all else is the companionship the Menter Senior Center offers to those in the community. Members can always find a friendly face, conversation and a warm welcome.



coach buses traveling to Sauder Village, Amish Country, World's Longest Garage Sale, Lunch with a President, and Hidden Cleveland.

For complete details on all programs, visit mentorseniorcenter.com. The Mentor Senior Center is located at 8484 Munson Road.

ENJOY TUNES AT THE LAGOONS

Tunes at the Lagoons returns this summer season! The free concerts will take place twice a month on Friday nights from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Mentor Lagoons Marina.

Attendees can also enjoy food and refreshments throughout the season from popular local food trucks including Jackpot Chicken, Just Wing'n It, Fuoco Fire Pizza, Classic Kettler Corn, and Pop Culture; as well as a selection of beers and wines for those 21 and over. Free admission and parking.

The Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina is located at 8365 Harbor Drive in Mentor.



Live music at the Mentor Lagoons Marina Performances held from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. June 10, 2022 – China Grove (Doobie Brothers Tribute) June 24, 2022 - Grunge DNA (90s) July 15, 2022 - Sumrada (Party) July 29, 2022 – Wreck'n (Country) August 12, 2022 – Aftermath (60s) August 26, 2022 - Back & Forth (Foo Fighters Tribute) www.tunesatthelagoons.com



www.mentorfarmersmarket.com

Waste Collection Holiday Schedule

If a holiday falls on a weekday, service will be conducted the day after your regular pick-up day. If the holiday falls on a weekend, your service will NOT be delayed. Applicable holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Drug Disposal

Pharmaceutical drugs can be safely disposed in the special collection bin located at the Mentor Police Department at 8500 Civic Center Blvd. Items collected include unwanted and expired prescriptions, cold/ flu medications, pain relievers, pet medications, vitamins, creams, cough syrups, pills and prescription pain killers. Remove, or black out the personal information printed on the pharmacy labels, but leave the medicines in their original package or container. Absolutely no needles or syringes are permitted in these bins.

GET READY TO ROCK

University Hospitals

RAELYNN - JUNE 21

FASTBALL - AUGUST 2

Mentor rocks this summer with another great lineup of free concerts at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater. Join us every Tuesday night from 7 to 9 PM for great music, food, and family fun.

This year we welcome national recording artists Everclear, Fastball, and RaeLynn, as well as some of North America's best tribute bands.

Alt-rock legends, Everclear, have delivered a number of iconic hits through their career – among them "Santa Monica", "Father of Mine", "Wonderful", and "AM Radio". Here's news – Art Alexakis and crew rock as hard as ever with same passion that fueled mosh pits through the 90s.

National recording artists, Fastball, showed us "The Way" back in 1998 and continue to explore musical boundaries to this day. This Austin-based Grammy nominated trio has released seven albums and is currently touring in support of their last release, "The Help Machine". Their distinct and ethereal sound is easy to fall in love with and hard to forget.

Two-time American Country Music New Female Vocalist nominee, RaeLynn, heats up the Amp on the first day of summer with top hits including "Lonely Call", "Queens

Don't", "God Made Girls", and more. Her debut album, WildHorse, arrived at No. 1 on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart in 2017. Fans of the NBC show, The Voice, may remember her as a Season 2 contestant. Mentor Rocks is an all-ages event which promotes a festival-like atmosphere each week. In addition to great music, attendees can enjoy a great selection of food from area vendors as well as an assortment of beers and wines. The venue features lawn seating so bring your own blankets or chairs. Outside food and beverages are permitted. Outside alcohol is prohibited. Coolers will be checked at the gate. No pets. Free admission and parking.

> The Mentor Civic Amphitheater is located at 8600 Munson Road in Mentor, Ohio.

Learn more at mentorrocks.info.

2022 SCHEDULE

JUNE 7	THAT ARENA ROCK SHOW
JUNE 14	ELTON ROHN
JUNE 21	RAELYNN NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST
JUNE 28	GEORGE MICHAEL REBORN
JULY 5	THE HEART OF ROCK & ROLL
JULY 12	EVERCLEAR NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST
JULY 19	NO DUH
JULY 26	RED NOT CHILI PEPPERS
AUGUST 2	FASTBALL NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST
AUGUST 9	LIVING ON A BAD NAME
AUGUST 16	20 RIDE
AUGUST 23	Z0S0
AUGUST 30	MATCHBOX TWENTY-TOO

Admission and parking to all Mentor Rocks concerts are free thanks to the generous support of University Hospitals and all of our corporate sponsors.



MENTOR LAGOONS IMPROVEMENTS

Over the last several years, the Mentor Lagoons Marina and Nature Preserve has become a popular destination for boaters, kayakers, hikers, and birdwatchers. Miles of trails lead along the rim of the Mentor Marsh and upland forest to a wild beach and the crashing waves of Lake Erie.

In 2020, Mentor voters approved issues authorizing the City to offer marina-related amenities and build an ADAaccessible boardwalk, observation deck, and tower. The new boardwalk will provide deck. The next phase will add an observation tower.

The cost of the first two phases of the project amounts to \$466,806 which is offset by two Coastal Management Assistance Grants totaling \$236,706 received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

We thank NOAA for helping to fund the project and the Ohio Department





north side of the Dock A access road approximately 2 feet high and 14 feet wide to prevent wave surges that may go around the revetment.

Crews also finished replacing 436 lineal feet of bulkhead along Dock D along with a paved walkway, finish grade, and over-seeding of the construction area. Bulkhead



MENTOR NEEDS LIFEGUARDS

Get out in the sun and in on the fun. The City of Mentor has an immediate need to fill lifeguard positions. New guards can start at up to \$14.00 per hour based on availability and you can get free training and certification with a season commitment.

In addition to great pay, you'll work outdoors, help protect our community, and develop valuable leadership skills. So get out in the sun and in on the fun – apply today!

The City of Mentor is an equal opportunity employer. Learn more at **cityofmentor.com/employment**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 15 6:30 – 8 PM Music at the Manor - Cats on Holiday Free Concert Wildwood Cultural Center

June 18 8:00 - 10:00 PM Mentor Comedy Night Mentor Civic Amphitheater

June 20 5:30 – 6:30 PM Organic Lawn Care Workshop Springbrook Gardens Park

June 29 7:00 - 8:30 PM

a vantage point along the western edge of the Mentor Marsh and the waterfowl, birds, plants and animals that live there.

Construction of the first two phases of the boardwalk project will soon be underway and anticipated to be completed by the end of the year. This includes construction of an accessible walkway from the main trailhead along the marsh rim as well as an observation



of Natural

Resources for their assistance in developing the project that will provide additional access to this natural area.

Other improvement projects at the Lagoons include the recently completed revetment extension. The City, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, extended the stone revetment along the western shoreline an additional 600 feet to combat erosion and protect the marina and marsh from being breached by Lake Erie. An earth mound was also added along the replacement will take several decades but will ensure the long-term integrity of the Marina.

Finally, a gas dock will be added to the marina area to benefit both those who dock at the Lagoons as well as visiting boaters. The improvement, approved by Mentor City Council in May, should be installed and operational this boating season. The City of Mentor boasts over 1,200 acres of parkland attracting thousands of residents and visitors each year. Maintaining and improving our parks is a job we are committed to. We thank our state and federal funding martners for balance

funding partners for helping make improvements possible. For a complete list of city parks, visit cityofmentor.com/mentor-parks. **The 122nd Army Band Rock in the USA** Mentor Civic Amphitheater

July 4 8:00 PM July 4th Concert & Fireworks Mentor Civic Amphitheater

July 17 2:00 - 3:00 PM Lakeland Civic Band Mentor Civic Amphitheater

July 30 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Mystic Mentor Yoga & Wellness Festival Mentor Civic Amphitheater

August 13 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Mentor Cruise-In Civic Center Park

Visit **cityofmentor.com** or call 440-974-5720 for more information on upcoming city events.

CHILD SAFETY SEAT HELP AVAILABLE

Installing a car seat can be tricky – especially if you're a new parent or a grandparent tasked with transporting the grandkids. Take the guess work out of installation and make sure that your most precious cargo will be riding safe and secure in a properly installed car seat.

The Mentor Police Department offers Child Passenger Safety Seat installations and inspections by certified technicians. The services are offered by appointment only and can be scheduled Monday through Friday, during the hours between 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Schedule your appointment by calling the Mentor Police Department's Tracey Woodward, Crime Prevention Specialist and Certified Car Seat Technician, at 440-974-5760, extension 4017. She will discuss and demonstrate proper harnessing and installation techniques, and make sure you know how to install the child safety seat correctly in your vehicle. This is a free service.

Residents needing help with their child safety seat, but unable to schedule an appointment at the times offered by the Mentor Police Department, should call for assistance in finding another technician or checkpoint. Ohio's child passenger safety law requires:

- Children less than 4 years old or 40 pounds must use a child safety seat meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards.
- Children less than 8 years old, unless they are at least 4 feet, 9 inches tall must use a booster seat.
- Children ages 8-15 must use a child safety seat or safety belt.

Although this is the law, it is best practice to keep your child rear facing until they are 2 and always keep them in a child safety seat until they reach the height or weight limit of that seat. They are ALWAYS safer in a child safety seat.



CELEBRATE SUMMER IN MENTOR

Our family-friendly festivals offer the perfect opportunity to get outside and enjoy the season and our community. From amazing sand sculptures on the beach to a big parade, festival food, and awesome entertainment, you'll have a summer to remember in Mentor! Come and celebrate the season at a Mentor festival.



Wildwood Fine Arts & Wine June 25, 2022 11 AM – 6 PM Wildwood Cultural Center 7645 Little Mountain Road

Stroll among the gallery style booths as you sip a glass of local wine at the beautiful Wildwood estate.

The juried art and stunning handmade items are created by talented area artist and sold at this annual event. Pick up an original oil or watercolor, browse the unique hand-crafted jewelry or add a touch of whimsy to your landscape with an imaginative garden sculpture.

Live music and gourmet fare from popular food trucks complete this perfect summer afternoon.

Admission \$2.



Headlands BeachFest July 16, 2022 11 AM – 7 PM Headlands Beach State Park 9601 Headlands Road

Celebrate wind, water and sand at Headlands BeachFest - the ultimate beach party! Ohio's longest beach is the perfect backdrop for a day of fun that includes sandcastle building contests, kite flying, entertainment, food, beach-themed craft vendors and amazing sand sculptures. You'll be thrilled and astounded by the creative skills of all three of the World Champion sand sculptors competing in our Ohio Master Sand Sculpting Competition. The family-friendly day also features strolling artists and entertainers, kid craft activities and more. Admission and parking are free.



Mentor CityFest August 19, 2022 5 – 11 PM August 20, 2022 12PM – 11 PM Civic Center Park, 8600 Munson Road

Mentor's biggest community festival features activities for all ages, a huge commercial tent for businesses to connect with the community, the biggest and best parade in Lake County, fabulous food, a beer and wine garden, inflatables, strolling entertainment, the CityFest Color Dash, and if that's not enough two amazing evenings of live music.

Friday Night GrungeFest features The Ten Band (Pearl Jam Tribute) from 6 – 8 PM and STP2 (Stone Temple Pilots Tribute) performing from 8:30 – 10:30 PM.

Saturday Night features national recording artists, the Spin Doctors on stage from 8:30 – 10 PM.

Don't miss the fun. Admission and

parking are free. For a detailed

schedule of events visit www.

mentorcityfest.com

UNDER CONSTRUCTION JUNE - AUGUST 2022 ROADS

I-90/SR 306 Bridge Deck Replacement

This project will reconstruct the bridge deck on the SR 306 bridge over I-90 in Willoughby. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction for the duration of the construction. The project is anticipated to be complete by November 2022.

Brooksdale Road Reconstruction Project

This project will provide full reconstruction of Brooksdale Road from Lake Overlook Drive to Woodridge Lane. Storm sewer and limited sanitary sewer work began in April 2022 with construction anticipated to be complete by September 2022.

2022 Road Repair Program

This project will provide full depth concrete repairs or provide an asphalt overlay on portions of included streets. Streets to be included this year are Birchwood Drive, Brimfield Drive, Buena Vista Drive, Camelot Court, Culver Boulevard, Dartmoor Road, Dunbar Drive, Durham Court, Gallowae Court, Green Oak Avenue, Green Ridge Court, Hidden Glen Drive, Ivana Court, Links Road, Longhorn Road, Markwood Drive, Meloria Lane, Orchid Avenue, Rambler Drive, Silver Court, St James Drive, Sunrise Court, Sycamore Road, Terrace Park Drive, Union Street, Washington Avenue and Wayside Drive. Construction should be complete by the end of August 2022. \$1.86 million was allocated to this program in 2022.

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 begin in August 2022 with completion by November 2022.

Market Street Rehab and Resurfacing

This project will provide full depth concrete joint repair and an overlay of Market Street between Center Street and Munson Road. The project is anticipated to begin in August 2022 with completion by November 2022.

2022 Mentor Facilities Resurfacing

This project will provide for an overlay of the new Recreation facility parking lot, paving of four Cemetery roadways, overlay of the multi-use path on Hopkins Road between Plains Road and Lakeshore Boulevard and a replacement of the Fire Station 5 parking lot. Work is anticipated to begin in June 2022 with an August 2022 completion.

Hendricks Road Bridge Deck Replacement

This ODOT project will reconstruct the bridge deck on the Hendricks Road bridge over SR 2. The project will require a complete closure of Hendricks Road at SR 2 with a posted detour of Hopkins Road, Tyler Boulevard, and Heisley Road. Work is anticipated to begin in early-summer with a late 2022 completion.



GARFIELD HISTORIC SITE CONCERTS The Garfield National Historic Site will present free concerts on the lawn this summer. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy.



June 9, 7:30 PM – University Heights Symphonic Band July 23, 2 PM – Lake Effect Concert Band July 31, 2 PM – Lakeland Civic Band August 20, 2 PM - Great Geauga County Fair Band

DON'T DRIP IN THE DRAIN

Do you change the oil in your car at home? Do you have old cans of paint just hanging around in your garage? Remember that anything you rinse from the garage floor or driveway or dump down a storm drain will flow to Lake Erie and can be harmful to the aquatic life that lives there. Whatever enters a storm sewer in the street flows directly to Lake Erie without getting treated.

It only takes a quart of motor oil from your car to make an oil slick many acres in size. To prevent that ugly rainbow sheen in the creek behind your house, always properly dispose of used motor oil, never dump oil in a storm drain, and fix any leaks on your car. Some of our area auto part stores will accept your used motor oil for disposal. Also, properly dispose of any left-over solvents, pesticides, paints, and other chemicals. Take them to the 2022 Lake County Solid Waste District Special Collection Event at the Lake County Fairgrounds June 11th or September 24th from 8AM until 2PM each day.

Help do your part to keep Mentor beautiful and Lake Erie clean for everyone! This information is brought to you by the Lake County General Health District and the City of Mentor Engineering Department. For more information, contact the City of Mentor at 974-5785.

STORM DRAINAGE

Mentor Avenue Culvert Improvements

This project will pave the bottom of two corrugated metal culverts under Mentor Avenue by Great Lakes Mall with concrete to eliminate corrosion problems. An existing sandstone headwall associated with the culverts will also be repaired. Once repairs to the culvert are complete, pavement repairs and resurfacing of the north lane Mentor Avenue over the culvert will be performed. The project is anticipated to begin mid-summer and has a completion date of October 28, 2022.



City of Mentor 8500 Civic Center Boulevard Mentor, Ohio 44060



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WELCOME!

Are you new to Mentor? Visit **cityofmentor.com** and click on New Resident Resources under the Resident Info tab.



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"We can not overestimate the fervent love of liberty, the intelligent courage, and the sum of common sense with which our fathers made the great experiment of self-government."

-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.

MEETING INFORMATION

Mentor City Council* Mentor Municipal Center, 5:30 PM June 7, 21 July 5 August 16

Board of Building & Zoning Appeals Mentor Municipal Center, 6 PM June 14 July 12 August 9

Municipal Planning Commission* Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM June 16 July 7 & 28

August 18 **Tree Commission** Mentor Municipal Center, 4:30 PM June 8 July 13 August 10

Community Arts Commission Wildwood Cultural Center, 3:30 PM June 2 July 7 August 4

*These meetings are broadcast live on Spectrum Channel 1024, U-Verse Channel 99, online at thementorchannel.com and on our app.

WATER SAFETY TIPS



NEW ADDITIONS AT SPRINGBROOK GARDENS PARK

Springbrook Gardens Park visitors will notice some major improvements happening this summer.

Construction has begun on the park pavilion. The 4,400 square foot all-season pavilion will feature a view of the pond. Operable glass sectional doors will allow an open structure for summer use. The building will contain a warming kitchen, interior/exterior bathrooms, and a larger multi-purpose area. Other amenities will include a wood burning fireplace and an outdoor seating area with a covered canopy. The project is expected to be completed by this October

The weather is warming up and the pools are filling up. Mentor Fire Rescue wants everyone to have fun this summer but also to keep these important water safety tips in mind.

Teach children that swimming in open water is different from swimming in a pool. Know the hidden hazards of open water such as limited visibility, sudden drop-offs, uneven surfaces, currents and undertow.

Watch kids when they are in or around water. Watch kids carefully, without being distracted. Choose a Water Watcher if you're in a larger group to make sure you're clear on who is responsible for the kids.

Swim with a partner. Make sure older children swim with a partner every time. Young children and weak swimmers should always remain within arm's reach of an adult.

Teach children how to swim. Every child is different, so enroll children in swim lessons when they are ready. Consider their age, development and how often they are around water.

Learn CPR and basic water rescue skills. It is important for teens and adults to know how to respond in an emergency.

Make sure kids learn water survival skills. Children should be able to do these five things:

- 1. Step or jump into water over their head and return to the surface.
- 2. Turn around in the water and orient to safety.
- 3. Float or tread water.
- 4. Combine breathing with forward movement in the water.
- 5. Exit the water.

Visit www.redcross.org for more water safety tips!

pending timely delivery of building materials.

Kids will be thrilled with the addition of a playground at the park. The new all-inclusive playground will be similar to the one recently updated equipment at Civic Center Park. The playground is designed by Snider Recreation with a goal of all children having an equal access to participate in play regardless of ability, age, or comfort-level. The playground is expected to open in mid-July.



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