



MENTOR

Summer 2024 **SPECIAL EDITION**

Community Newsletter for the Residents of Mentor



BRING ON THE FUN!

Our family-friendly events offer the perfect opportunity to get outside and enjoy the season and our community. Enjoy incredible live entertainment, a big parade, and festival food, you'll have a summer to remember in Mentor!

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

MENTOR ROCKS

The popular Mentor Rocks summer concert series is held Tuesday evenings, June 4 through August 27, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 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. Learn more inside!

TUNES AT THE LAGOONS

Enjoy "Tunes at the Lagoons" as some of the area's top local bands bring live music to life at the Mentor Lagoons Marina from 7:00 – 9:00 PM two Fridays per month this summer. Attendees can also enjoy food and refreshments from local food trucks weekly, as well as a selection of beers and wines for those 21 and over. Admission and parking are free. The Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina is located at 8365 Harbor Drive.

Visit tunesatthelagoons.com for schedule and additional information.

WILDWOOD ARTS & WINE FEST

Join us for the Wildwood Arts & Wine Fest on Saturday, June 22, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate Independence Day at the Amphitheater with a free concert by Forever Seger followed by a spectacular 25-minute fireworks display. Grounds open at 5:00 PM. Music starts at 6:30 PM. Fireworks at 9:50 PM. Popular local food trucks will be serving their festival favorites. A selection of beers, wines, and sparkling beverages will also be available for sale. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Coolers are welcome. No pets, glass containers, or outside alcohol, permitted.

MENTOR CRUISE-IN

Mentor's annual car cruise was first held in 2002 and attracts upwards of 800 vehicles and 2,500 spectators each year. All cars are welcome, from classics, street racers, vintage RVs from the 1990's, to Scooby Doo's groovy van, and more! This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 10 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Mentor Civic Center Park. Pre-registration is not required. Free admission and parking. No dogs, alcohol, rollerblades, or bicycles. Learn more at mentorcruisein.com.

MENTOR CITYFEST

There is always time for one last summer bash! Mentor CityFest returns to Mentor Civic Center Park on Friday, August 16 & 17. This two-day family-friendly festival is packed with activities, games, entertainment, food and more! Enjoy live music on the Mentor Civic Amphitheater stage Friday night with ZOSO and Saturday night with Just Like Pink. Learn more at www.mentorcityfest.com.

Schedule is subject to change. Additional information on these events and more can be found at www.cityofmentor.com/events.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Mosquito Spraying

The Lake County General Health District (LCGHD) sprays most municipalities in Lake County to reduce the risk of mosquito borne diseases and provide a more comfortable summer environment. For more scheduled & additional information, contact their hotline, at 440-350-2088 or visit lcghd.org.

Garage Sales

A permit is not required for a garage sale, but the city does restrict where signs can be placed. Garage sale signs are permitted only on the property where the sale is being held. They may not be posted at the street corner, on tree lawns, or utility poles. Illegally posted signs may be confiscated by city staff without prior notice.

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.

Open Burning

Burning yard waste is not permitted in the City. Small outdoor firepits/ outdoor fireplaces are allowed but must not be used on an apartment balcony or within 10' of any structure. Recreational fires having a fuel area of 3' or less in diameter and 2' or less in height are permitted. No permit is required. Planning a bonfire (a fuel area of 3' or more in diameter)? You need a permit. To receive a bonfire permit, call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 440-974-5768 at least two business days before your planned bonfire.

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

YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE ON THE VALUE OF A SMOKE DETECTOR

Smoke detectors play a crucial role in safeguarding our residents. When a fire breaks out, every second counts. Having a working smoke detector can mean the difference between life and death.

A new smoke detector can cost anywhere from \$8 to \$50 but the value that it provides is immeasurable.

For Mentor residents who cannot afford to purchase a smoke detector, the Mentor Fire Department provides free ionization smoke detectors which can detect low-smoke fires faster than traditional photoelectric models.

The Mentor Fire Department goes a step further by offering free installation services for those who are unable to install smoke detectors themselves. Ensuring proper installation is crucial for effective fire safety.

If you're in need of a smoke detector or want to learn more, reach out to the Mentor Fire Department at (440) 974-5769 or email fireeducation@cityofmentor.com. Remember, a small investment in a smoke detector pays you back with safety and peace of mind.





GET READY TO ROCK!

Mentor Rocks from June through August at the state-of-the-art Mentor Civic Amphitheater.

Northeast Ohio's most popular free summer concert series delivers a festival-like atmosphere each Tuesday night (unless otherwise indicated) from 7 - 9 PM with great music, great food, and a whole lot of family fun.

This year's featured original recording artists include Finger Eleven, LeAnn Rimes, and Maddie & Tae.

LeAnn Rimes is an international multi-platinum selling acclaimed singer and ASCAP award-winning songwriter who has sold more than 48 million units globally.

Maddie & Tae first broke out in 2013 with their brilliant "Girl in A Country Song," which took Country radio by storm, skyrocketing to the top of the charts and quickly going platinum.

Finger Eleven's genre defying sound has helped them sell over a million albums driven by hits including "Paralyzer" and "One Thing".

The "Amp" has lawn seating so chairs and blankets are encouraged. Outside food and refreshments are permitted but come hungry because a dozen of the area's favorite food trucks will be on hand each week serving their fare. A variety of beers, wines, and seltzers are also available for purchase for those 21+.

Outside alcohol, glass containers, and pets are not permitted on Amphitheater grounds. Admission and parking are free thanks to the generosity of our corporate sponsors. The Mentor Civic Amphitheater is located at 8600 Munson Road.

2024 SCHEDULE

June 4	Queen Nation
June 11	Fresh Horses
June 18	Finger Eleven <small>NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST</small>
June 25	Def Leggend
June 26 <small>Wednesday</small>	122nd Army Band
July 2	Hotel California
July 4 <small>Thursday</small>	Forever Seger
July 9	Uptown Funk
July 16	Lovesong
July 23	Best of Foo – Boston
July 28 <small>Sunday</small>	LeAnn Rimes <small>NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST</small>
July 30	Dirty Deeds
August 6	Bruce in The USA
August 13 & 14	Katy Ellis as Taylor Swift
August 16 <small>Friday</small>	ZOSO
August 17 <small>Saturday</small>	Just Like P!nk
August 20	Maddie & Tae <small>NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST</small>
August 27	ESCAPE



FRIDAYS, 2:00 to 6:00 PM

June 14 - Sept 13, 2024

Eleanor B Garfield Park, 7967 Mentor Ave.

mentorfarmersmarket.com

Don't miss Fantastic Fridays on June 14, July 26, and August 30, from 2:00 - 7:30 PM!



MENTOR SENIOR CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Are you 55 or older and looking to stay active, engaged, and connected? Look no further than the Mentor Senior Center!

The Mentor Senior Center offers a variety of fun and stimulating activities, from fitness classes and social gatherings to educational workshops, travel, and ways to explore creative interests. Make new friends, learn new skills, and enjoy delicious meals – all in a welcoming and supportive environment.

The Mentor Senior Center is hosting an **Open House on June 20, 2024**, from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

Prospective members are invited to tour the facility, enjoy delicious made-from-scratch refreshments, and learn firsthand about the number of available programs. The open house will conclude with free demo classes and a rousing game of bingo.

This event is free, but registration is required.

The Mentor Senior Center is located at 8484 Munson Road. Learn more at mentorseniorcenter.com or by calling (440) 974-5725.



ENJOY A WHOLE NEW VIEW

Rent a kayak, canoe, stand-up paddle board, or pedalboat, and explore the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve in a whole new way.

Check out the blue trail that meanders through 3-miles of flat water and observe nature at its finest.

Equipment is available to rent on an hourly basis, weekdays 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, and weekends 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM (Last launch: 7:00 PM) through Labor Day.

HOURLY RENTAL RATES

- Single Kayak: \$10.00
- Double Kayak: \$15.00
- Canoe: \$15.00
- Stand Up Paddle Board \$10.00
- Pedalboat \$25.00

Rentals are first-come / first-served. Those 16 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult. Life jackets will be issued and must be worn at all times. Groups of 10 or more can make a reservation by calling 440-392-4295.

Experience the Mentor Lagoons by paddle. The City of Mentor has established a water trail through the Lagoons waterways, including a brief exploration of the Marsh Creek and access to the shoreline paddling on Lake Erie. The trail flows for approximately 3 miles in protected flat-water, which is perfect for paddling. Mentor Recreation offers a variety of paddle programs during the summer months.

Learn more at mentorlagoons.com

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE 9 PM ROUTINE?

The 9 PM Routine is a simple yet effective practice that encourages residents to establish a nighttime routine focused on safety and security.

Theft can happen anywhere at any time. While Mentor is a safe community, the police department encourages residents to do what they can to protect themselves against theft. Simply set a reminder at 9 PM to do the following:

Lock Your Doors: Ensure that all exterior doors, including your front door, back door, and garage door, are securely locked. This helps prevent unauthorized entry into your home.

Close Your Garage: If you have a garage, close it before bedtime. An open garage is an invitation for theft or unwanted access.

Secure Valuables in Your Car:

Remove any valuable items from your car and lock it. Don't leave purses, electronics, or other valuable belongings visible through the windows.

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

Turn On Exterior Lights: Illuminate the outside of your home by turning on porch lights, pathway lights, or any other outdoor lighting. Well-lit areas deter potential intruders.



Activate Alarms and Security

Systems: If you have a home security system, make sure it is armed. Activate alarms, motion sensors, and any other security features you have in place. If you haven't invested in a video surveillance system, consider doing so. There are several inexpensive systems available on the market with motion activated cameras that save video directly to the cloud.



It's no secret that thieves look for easy targets. By incorporating these simple steps into your nightly routine, you can make a big difference in protecting your home and belongings and reduce the risk of preventable crime.

This is just one of many programs that the Mentor Police Department supports to protect our residents and businesses.

Learn more at cityofmentor.com/police.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

JUNE - AUGUST 2024

2024 ROAD PROGRAM

This annual program will resurface or repair approximately 20 asphalt and concrete neighborhood streets throughout the City. In 2024, the City will invest roughly \$1.5 million in resurfacing and repairing local roads.

2024 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

This annual program will replace deficient concrete sidewalk slabs in Ward 1 (Zones D and E) through an assessment process that were not replaced by property owners as a result of 2023 inspections by the City. These zones consisted of 17.6 miles of sidewalk. The sidewalk inspections found roughly 2,300 slabs of sidewalk to be deficient and in need of repair or replacement.

MENTOR LAGOONS MARINA BULKHEAD REPLACEMENT PHASE 5

This project will repair and replace approximately 600-feet of bulkhead in the marina along D Dock with steel sheet piling and concrete walk at a cost of around \$600,000.

SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT

This project will construct a new 90-space asphalt parking lot just to the north of the existing parking lot connecting to Munson Road. The new lot will roughly double the amount of parking at the Senior Center and is expected to cost around \$1,500,000.

EDGEHILL ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT

This project will replace an existing 42" diameter deteriorating steel culvert with a new 42" diameter high density polyethylene corrugated culvert and install concrete headwalls.

LAKESHORE BLVD. STORM SEWER

This project will replace approximately 600-feet of undersized storm sewer on the south side of Lakeshore Boulevard from Green Oak Drive to Dearborn Road with 12" pipe.

CENTER STREET BRIDGE DECK

ODOT will continue to work on the underside of the project in 2024. Work will mostly be confined to under the bridge and includes steel beam painting. Traffic on Center Street should not be impacted.

MARINA PAVER PARKING LOT

At a cost of around \$550,000, this project consists of installing a 16,000 square foot permeable paver parking lot at the Mentor Marina accommodating 22 boat trailers. In addition to the pavers, vegetated buffers will be installed and the existing bioswale by the office/storage building will be restored. The City received \$270,594 in financial assistance from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation towards this project.

NORTON ESTATE STREAM RESTORATION

This project consists of rerouting a section of stream around an existing dam that is no longer structurally sound. This project will also restore hundreds of feet of stream downstream of the dam that has encountered elevated levels of erosion. The total cost of this project is \$366,000 which is primarily funded through a grant received with the help of Chagrin River Watershed Partners.

HOPKINS ROAD RESURFACING

This project consists of milling and resurfacing the asphalt pavement on Hopkins Road from Plains Road to Lakeshore Boulevard. The total investment in this project is \$468,000 of which half will be covered by OPWC.

MENTOR MARINA DOCK ROAD

This project consists of rehabbing the access roads for D and E Docks as well as the front entrance area of the Marina. The method of rehabilitation will be a double chip seal as well as the addition of stone base in certain areas. The total investment in Marina Road Rehabilitation will be about \$225,000.

OTHER PARKING LOT RESURFACINGS

Blackbrook Golf Course, Krueger Park, Cemetery Road, and Civic Center Path behind the Ice Arena.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Election season will soon be in full swing and the City has received a number of inquiries related to what is and what isn't permitted related to political yard signs. The City's sign ordinances allow for the following:

- One ground sign per development unit (your yard) may be displayed year-round.
- During the election cycle, additional ground signs are permitted up to, but not more than, the total number of candidates and ballot issues for which a voter in the City may cast a ballot.
- Yard signs are limited to a maximum of 15 square feet.
- Yard signs may not be illuminated.
- No signs are permitted to be placed in the public right of way, including tree lawns.
- Signs cannot be posted within 15 feet of a side lot line.
- Temporary signs are not permitted on commercial properties where a ground sign already exists.

Sign content is protected under the First Amendment. Although a message may be considered disagreeable, it is a matter of free speech. Signs are also considered personal property. Trespassing, as well as theft and/or destruction of yard signs are punishable offenses.

Let's continue to respect each other's right to free speech as well as property for the duration of this election season.

If you have additional questions on what is permissible, or if you wish to report a nonconforming sign, please contact the Code Enforcement Department at codeenforcement@cityofmentor.com.

JOIN THE NEW REC CENTER

The 128,000 SF Mentor Community Recreation Center is one of the largest facilities of its kind in Northeast Ohio and includes an indoor soccer field, basketball, tennis, racquetball, and pickleball courts, golf simulators, an open concept fitness center, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, cardiovascular and weight training areas, group exercise rooms, a childcare room, an outdoor playground, and other amenities.



Members can enjoy a variety of year-round programs and activities.

Family and individual annual membership plans are available for both residents and non-residents. Memberships can be paid in full or through a payment plan.

For membership rates, terms, and additional information, visit mentorrec.com or call (440) 205-3608.

Single-day admission is available for \$10.00 per person (age restrictions apply).

The Mentor Community Recreation Center is located at 6000 Heisley Road.

ENVIRONMENTAL CARE IN WASTE REMOVAL

Did you know it only takes a quart of motor oil from your car to make an oil slick many acres in size?

Anything rinsed from a garage floor or driveway, or dumped down a storm drain will flow to Lake Erie untreated and can be harmful to the aquatic life that lives there.

To prevent that rainbow sheen in the creek near your house, always properly dispose of used motor oil, never dump oil in a storm drain, and fix any leaks on

your car. Also, use absorbents like rags or kitty litter to soak up any leaks and spills before the rain carries it away. Check with our area auto part stores to accept your used motor oil for disposal.

Other chemicals like left-over solvents, pesticides, and paints can be taken to the Lake County Fairgrounds in June 1st and September 21st during the 2024 Lake County Solid Waste District Special Collection Event. Learn more at lakecountyohio.gov/utilities/special-collections.

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, call (440) 974-5785 or email building@cityofmentor.com.





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"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."

- James A. Garfield, upon leaving Mentor for his inauguration.



MENTOR CITY COUNCIL

Seated: (L-R) Janet A. Dowling – Councilperson at Large; Sean P. Blake – President of Council, Councilperson, Ward 1; and John A. Krueger – Vice-President of Council, Councilperson, Ward 4.

Standing: (L-R) Ray Kirchner – Councilperson at Large; Mark T. Freeman – Councilperson, Ward 3; Scott J. Marr – Councilperson at Large; and Matthew E. Donovan – Councilperson, Ward 2.

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 4, 18
July 2
August 20

Board of Building & Zoning Appeals
Mentor Municipal Center, 6 PM
June 11
July 9
August 13

Municipal Planning Commission*
Mentor Municipal Center, 7 PM
June 13
July 3, 25
August 15

Tree Commission
Mentor Municipal Center, 4:30 PM
June 12
July 10
August 14

Community Arts Commission
Wildwood Cultural Center, 3:30 PM
June 6
July 11
August 1

*These meetings are broadcast live on Spectrum Channel 1024, U-Verse Channel 99, online at thementorchannel.com and on our ROKU, Apple, Android, and Fire apps.



GRILL SAFELY THIS SUMMER

Nothing says summer like the smell of barbecue wafting through our neighborhoods. The Mentor Fire Department wants to offer a couple of safe grilling tips.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, over 10,000 home fires per year are caused by grilling. Both charcoal and gas grills can cause significant damage to home and injuries to people if not used properly. Stay fire-safe this summer.

- Only use your grill outside and keep it 3 feet away from siding, deck rails, and eaves.
- Keep a 3 foot safety zone about your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.
- Always open the lid of the

grill before lighting.

- Don't leave a grill unattended. If you are cooking never walk away.
- Clean the grill after every use.
- If using a charcoal grill, place coals from the grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.

Keeping your grill in tip-top shape matters. Regularly inspect gas burners, lines, and connectors for damage or leaks. If you smell gas while cooking - turn your grill off immediately!

Cleaning your grill is important as well. Drippings from fatty meats and oils from marinades can build

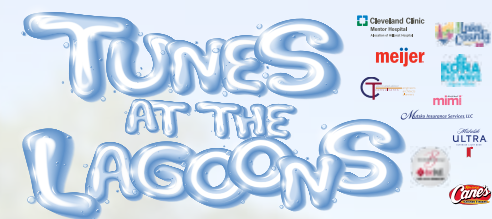
up and lead to a grease fire.

In case of a grease flareup, never use water to extinguish the flame. Grease fires must be smothered to be put out. If you are able, close the lid of the grill and turn off the heat source.

If the flames do not die down, it's always a good idea to have a fire extinguisher handy wherever you're cooking. Not all fire extinguishers are designed to put out grease fires.

Make sure the extinguisher is rated to fight gas, oil (Class B) or grease fires (Class K).

If you do have a fire emergency call 9-1-1. The Mentor Fire Department is available to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Live music, food, and family fun at the Mentor Lagoons Marina!

Performances held from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
JUNE 7 FOLLOW THE SUN
JUNE 21 SUMRADA
JULY 12 GIMME SUGAR
JULY 26 LOCONTI
AUGUST 9 COUNTRY REDFORD
AUGUST 23 CHEESEBURGERS IN PARADISE

www.tunesatthelagoons.com

FIREWORKS REMINDER

Independence Day is fast approaching, and our community will celebrate with family, friends, and food. However, some will choose to use fireworks during their celebrations. In 2022 the state of Ohio legalized the possession and discharge of fireworks, but it was left to each city to determine if it would be permitted in their community. The city of Mentor decided not to allow the sale or discharge of fireworks at any time during the year. A violation of the city fireworks ordinance is a fourth-degree misdemeanor.

The Mentor Police Department encourages everyone to have a fun and safe Fourth of July but to leave the fireworks out of your home celebration. Instead, join your friends & neighbors at the fireworks display at Civic Center Park.

