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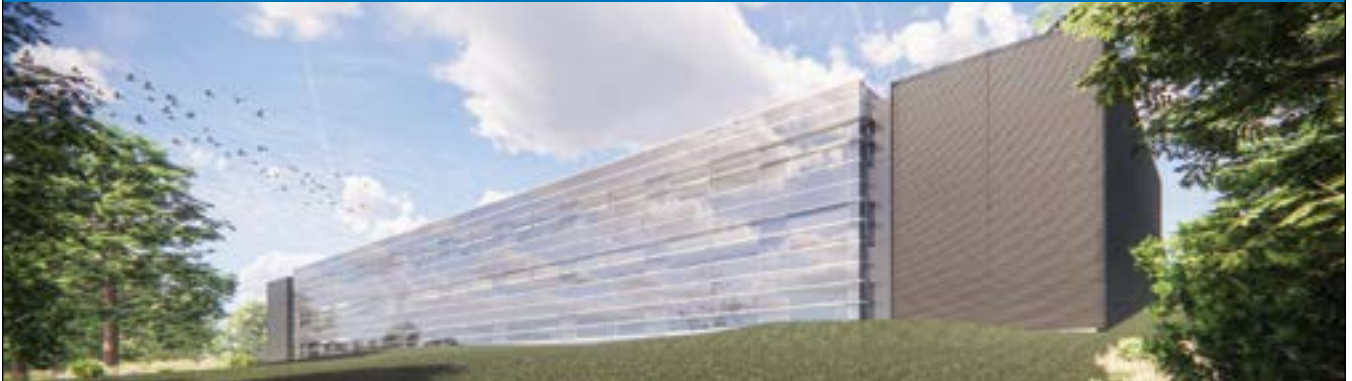




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Mentor hosts dozens of events annually to bring members of the community together including the popular Mentor Rocks summer concert series.

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On behalf of Mentor City Council and our entire administrative staff, I am pleased to present the 2022 Mentor City Magazine. Inside, you'll find helpful information about our city services and other resources that can serve as a reference during the next year.

The Mentor community has returned to the many facets of our normal lives in full force. Our community pride shines brightest when we gather to work, play, worship, and enjoy the many talents our fellow residents and visitors share with us. I hope you see that reflected in the stories we share with you here.

If you are visiting, make yourself at home and please enjoy your stay. We hope you'll find time to take advantage of the many recreational, cultural, shopping and dining opportunities that we offer. To my fellow residents, thank you once again for making Mentor Ohio's shining star!

Best Regards,
Kenneth J. Filipiak | Mentor City Manager



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.

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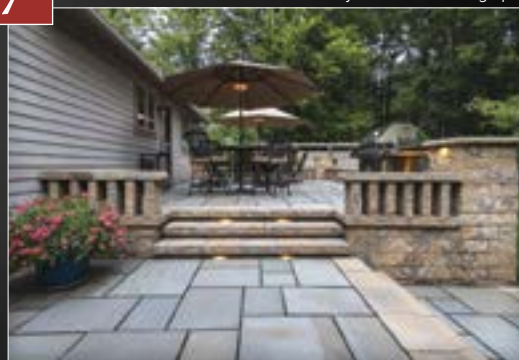


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Matthew E. Donovan

Ward 2 Councilperson, President of Council



Matt with his daughter Erin

Matthew E Donovan was born in Garfield Heights, Ohio in 1960. He along with his seven siblings, and parents, moved to Mentor in 1965. Matt attended St. Mary's Elementary School and graduated in 1978 from Lake Catholic High School. He then went to Max Hayes Vocational

School in Cleveland and received his journeyman's plumber card in 1983. He served in the construction industry for 37 years and was a BA for six of those years before retiring from Plumber's Local 55. He currently works as an inspector for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

Matt is also the current president of Mentor City Council and he has followed in the footsteps of his father, mother and sister to hold the Ward 2 councilperson seat.

Matt has been married to his wife Murphy for 34½ years and they have three grown children, Jared, Sean and Erin. Matt enjoys gardening, riding his motorcycle, golfing and kayaking with his wife. He also enjoys going to concerts at Mentor Rocks. He is looking forward to his oldest son's wedding in July 2023.

Scott Marn

Councilperson At-Large, Vice President of Council



Scott was born in Euclid, Ohio and is a 1987 graduate of Willoughby South High School.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Ohio University where he double majored in business prelaw and finance.

He currently works as the managing director of investments at Benjamin F. Edwards & Co. in Mentor.

Scott is married to his wife, Wendy J. Marn, who is a Willoughby South and Kent State University graduate. His son Dylan, 21, is studying civil engineering at Cleveland State University and is a member of the hockey team. His son Jagger, 17, attends Mentor High School and is a member of the football team.

His beagle dog, Morgan, passed away but Scott notes that he was just like the dog from the "Marley and Me" movie.

In his free time Scott likes spending time with his family, boating on Lake Erie, snowmobiling and attending concerts of all kinds of music. He loves visiting Key West, going on cruises and has had 14 season tickets in the Dawg Pound since 1991.

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Ray Kirchner

Councilperson At-Large



Ray Kirchner was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1969.

He is retired from Conrail and Norfolk Southern railroads where he worked for 35 years — 30 as a rail labor officer with the United Transportation Union.

He has been married to his wife, Nancy Kirchner, for 43 years and has two sons, Ross & Matt, and his best friend is his 8-year-old vizsla, Foster.

Ray has run 17 marathons, including three Boston Marathons and rides his road bike 5-7k miles per year throughout the country. He also organizes numerous road trips each year throughout the U.S. and Canada for his bicycle group.

Janet Dowling

Councilperson At-Large



Janet Dowling was born in Willowick and moved to Mentor when she was 6 years old.

She is a 1967 graduate of Mentor High School and attended Hiram College.

After college she worked at the family business, Lake County Plating, which she and her husband Chuck purchased and relocated to Mentor in 1987. Janet still runs the business, but sadly Chuck passed away in 2019 after 39 years of marriage.

She lives with her dog, Katie Scarlett, which is an 18-month-old miniature schnauzer.

Janet loves boating, classic cars, gardening, cooking and baking, and reads just about anything. In the little spare time she has, she likes catching up with friends at a local restaurant/bar.

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Sean P. Blake

Councilperson, Ward 1



Sean Blake was born and raised in the beautiful Headlands area of Mentor. At age 9, the Blake family returned to Dublin, Ireland for a two-year period before returning to Mentor.

A number of years later, Sean and his wife Gina settled back into Mentor to raise their two children. At present both of the children live in Mentor a short distance from the family home.

Sean graduated from Cleveland State University in 1986 and has spent over 33 years providing home physical therapy with a career emphasis on orthopedic and neurological rehabilitation. During his long career Sean has rehabbed approximately 8,000 total knee replacements and 6,000 total hip replacements.

During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Sean volunteered to transfer from home care to the Covid Response Team at UH Main Campus.

Serving people has always been the foundation of Sean's life.

Mark T. Freeman

Councilperson, Ward 3



Mark T. Freeman was born in Virginia and raised in Michigan and Upstate New York.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University in 1991 and earned his law degree from Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington in 1997.

He is married to his wife Amy, has three children, a dog, Penny, and a cat, Freya.

Mark likes live music and attends a number of concerts in any given year involving everything from rock to classical music.



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John Krueger

Councilperson, Ward 4



John Krueger was born in Cleveland and moved to Mentor at the age of 5.

After graduating from Mentor High School, John attended The Ohio State University, but duty called and he was drafted into the U.S. Army, ultimately serving two tours of duty in Vietnam. Upon his return to the U.S., he finished college and got his degree in business from The Ohio State University in 1975.

John has worked in insurance his entire professional life, starting with the "family business," Krueger Insurance.

John has been married to his wife, Detra, for 39 years and has one daughter and two grandchildren, 19 and 17 years old.

When not at a council meeting or enjoying his family, some of his favorite pastimes are traveling, camping, scuba diving, enjoying a good cigar and telling really bad "dad" jokes.

Kenneth Filipiak

City Manager



Kenneth Filipiak was born in Toledo, Ohio. He graduated in 1988 from Georgetown University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and in 1995 from Bowling Green State University with a Master of Public Administration degree.

He currently lives in Mentor with his wife, Beverly, their dog Gatsby and their cat Elphaba. Ken and Beverly have two grown children, Sophia and Kenneth.

Ken enjoys reading history, playing golf at Blackbrook, attending live theater, and listening to music. Most people may not know that he is the lead signer in a local rock n' roll band that covers hits from the '70s to today.

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Mentor Lumber celebrates a century of helping build the community in Mentor.

Diverse businesses bloom in Mentor

When Mentor Lumber started a century ago, the community surrounding it was beginning its own transformation.

Lake County was the “nursery capital of the world” with more than 200 nurseries growing plants that would leave their native soil and beautify the world. And the village of Mentor – it wasn’t yet a city – specialized in roses.

The abundant water, variety of soils, and lake effect climate combined to create the “rose capital of the nation.” More than a dozen growers produced about five million plants a year.

Mentor Lumber sprang from this fertile soil. In 1922, they primarily sold coal, drainpipes, and septic tanks, explained President Tom Kirk.

Now, they offer lumber, window, door, trim and millwork sales. They can fabricate everything from cupolas to columns to custom doors.

Mentor Lumber has produced its own growth rings over the decades. It acquired Chardon Lumber in 1965, added Mentor Door & Millwork in 1988, Mentor Installed Services in 1992, and its showroom and design center opened in 1998. Its campus at the corner of Center Street and the aptly named Carpenter Drive now

extends to 25 acres.

Meanwhile, a city flourished around it. Paved streets replaced country roads, and interstates connected Mentor to the wider world, expanding business opportunities.



Mentor Lumber’s Center Street location from when it first opened in 1922.

“I’m only 54 years old but I’ve lived here for 35-plus years, and I’ve watched the nurseries turn into neighborhoods and local retail establishments,” Kirk said. “Mentor Lumber has had a large part to do with providing the material that has gone into these buildings and homes, and it’s pretty exciting to see. I could drive through Mentor and count thousands of homes that were built with materials from Mentor Lumber.”

Mentor Lumber is locally owned and has provided more than build-

ing materials to the community. The business sponsors Little League teams and scout troops, supports Habitat for Humanity projects, and runs a food drive every year for Hannah’s Home – a nonprofit maternity home that cares for single young women and their infants.

“Community is why we exist and why Mentor Lumber has been successful for 100 years. It is everything to us!” Kirk said.

The city of Mentor has blossomed since the days of Mentor Lumber’s origin. It now contains about 1,700 different businesses and has transformed from a monoculture into a thriving and diverse business scene. The botanicals have been supplemented by retail, biotech, and brunch spots.

Discover how this diversified garden has grown.

Made in Mentor

Mentor manufacturers make personal protection equipment, pistons and performance products, and plastic strapping systems. They make custom watches, lenses, lighting, aerospace components, scented bait tabs and more.

They also make jobs. And while all



Lüm-Tec

Lüm-Tec Watches may not operate on the same scale as STERIS (yet), but the manufacturers have something in common—their products are made in Mentor and sold globally.

Chris Wiegand is the owner of Wiegand Custom Watch and its showcase brand, Lüm-Tec. His watches have adorned the wrists of Jay Leno, Jerry Seinfeld, and other discerning celebrities.

He founded Lüm-Tec nearly 15 years ago. Its popularity detonated around 2010 and demand has remained steady since then. Their customer base is filled with watch collectors who know and appreciate quality, Wiegand explained.

“Everyone who works for me is a watch collector,” he said. “We know those little details. Even the steel is hand-selected. We forge the cases instead of casting or machining them. Just a lot of little details that get missed by a lot of the companies.”

In addition to Lüm-Tec, his company makes watches for almost 100 different brands.

“Most of our competition, we make their watches for them,” Wiegand said.



Chris Wiegand and his team at Lum-Tec hand assemble remarkable watches that are made locally and bought globally.



Above:
STERIS products, including surgical lights and surgical displays, in an operating room.

Left:
STERIS founders Bill Sanford (left) and Ray Kralovic with an early version of their first innovation, SYSTEM 1® liquid chemical sterilant processing system.

of the more than 300 Mentor manufacturers make something invaluable, none has created more careers than STERIS.

Founded in 1985, STERIS is a leading provider of products and services that support patient care with an emphasis on infection prevention. It has flourished with 16,000 associates worldwide and operates in more than 100 countries.

You can find STERIS products in operating rooms and endoscopy departments, medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturers, biopharma and vaccine manufacturers, and dental offices and dental schools throughout the world.

And after nearly 40 years of spectacular growth, it's still headquartered in Mentor.

Maria Kula, director of corporate communications at STERIS, said growing in Mentor and being adjacent to other similarly strong communities in northeast Ohio provided STERIS with a skillful workforce, critical infrastructure, robust communities for its employees to live in, and other

important components for a successful business.

“It has been an honor to grow here in the city as Mentor has also grown,” Kula said. “Today, while we manufacture our products at facilities across the world and service customers across 100 countries, Mentor remains our U.S. operational headquarters and home to several manufacturing facilities.”

STERIS has repeatedly invested in its Mentor operations. They've made local acquisitions like U.S. Endoscopy, now known as STERIS Endoscopy. It has insourced third-party production of many of its components at its Mentor headquarters. And most recently, STERIS has added a large extension to its main administrative building, which created much needed space for several hundred associates.

“We have thousands of associates who live in Mentor and surrounding communities,” Kula said. “They support local businesses. Their children go to our community's schools. In that way, we are pleased to be part of the fabric that makes up Mentor.”

Most of Lüm-Tec's watches are made in small batches. Wiegand has little interest in repeating past successes. When asked what's next for Lüm-Tec, he replied, "Always growing, always improving every aspect of the engineering we can."

Still blooming

Vestiges remain of Mentor's rosy past. Street names like Tea Rose, Wyant, and Rosebud attest to the blossoms that populated what are now neighborhoods, stores and parks.

You can find one more legacy of the city's green history in gardens across the nation. Wayside Gardens was founded in Mentor in 1920 by plantsman Jan Jacob Grullemans and nurseryman Elmer Schultz.

Their goal was to grow and sell exciting, unusual, and high-quality plants. Under their guidance, Wayside became one of the most celebrated mail-order nurseries in the country.

After Grullemans died, Wayside was bought by the Park Seed Company and moved to South Carolina. However, Wayside Drive in Mentor and many gorgeous flowers, shrubs, and trees that still grow in the city maintain Wayside Gardens' local legacy.

Unlike its nursery heyday, the city of Mentor now has a diversified business base that's divided almost evenly between retail, manufacturing and service. It also attracts foreign direct investment and helps Mentor-based businesses tap into foreign markets with the Mentor International Trade Initiative.

"Diversity is the key," said Ante Logarusic, the city of Mentor's communications officer. "Having a diverse business mix helps protect our local economy from the ups and downs of recession cycles, as well as other factors."

Ironically, few people know more about life in Mentor than Nancy Brunner Sanden, funeral director and partner at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center. Her parents, Raymond and Helen Brunner, established Brunner Funeral Home in 1949. It has remained a family business, now on its third generation.



Ray and Helen Brunner established what was then the Brunner Funeral Home in 1949.

While the business has adapted over the decades, the vocation has not.

"We care for the dead and serve the living," Sanden explained.

In her father's time, that would mean driving someone down to Cleveland to pick out a casket. Sanden learned early that families needed a gentle but experienced hand to help them during some of the most difficult times of their lives.

And the Brunners offered services beyond those of a funeral home. Raymond even drove the ambulance in Mentor before that became the bailiwick of emergency medical services.

"He needed to sustain the business, so he offered ambulance services," Sanden said. "We'd get the call instead of 911 because there was no 911."

Despite having seven children, Raymond Brunner was always on call.

"His nights were never his own," she said.

Sanden and her partners have inherited her father's work ethic and adaptability. They added an arrangement center in 1998 so families could make potentially difficult decisions in as comfortable and familiar an atmosphere as possible — no more driving to Cleveland for caskets.

Sanden and her team know they're

making more than arrangements for grieving families. They're providing warmth, welcoming, and rapport; convenience, consideration and comfort. That ethos extends to the details: making sure the lights are on, doors are open, and the sidewalks are salted.

That attitude also explains the funeral home and cremation center's approach to philanthropy. You can find the names Brunner, Sanden and Deitrick throughout the community. They sponsored the University Health wellness center in Mentor and donated all the funds needed for the city's Mentor Safety Forces Memorial.

"The community has supported us. We are because of them. We've been in business 73 years because of them," Sanden said.

The city of Mentor is no longer a village lined with rose nurseries, but Sanden still remembers and feels the closeness of a small town.

"I know the community. I know funeral service. And that's my name on the sign. That's a tall order to dance to every day," she said.

That is a big responsibility. But that sort of attitude from the hundreds of businesses in Mentor will ensure that the city keeps blossoming.

– Article by Jason Lea

Mentor PLAYS

One of the best things about living in Mentor is the wealth of recreational opportunities and facilities available to our community. Mentor is home to 14 city parks as well as the Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve and Headlands Beach State Park.

A new experience is always just around the corner. Here are just a few!

Black Brook Golf Course

Established in 1927, the 18-hole course was designed by Bertie Way – who also designed the Country Club of Detroit, the Mayfield County Club, and the famous South Course at Firestone Country Club in Akron.

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Mentor Ice Arena

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Call 440-974-5730 for more information.



Mentor Senior Center

The Mentor Senior Center is a thriving meeting place for senior citizens of all ages and has more than 5,000 members. Full use of the facility is available to anyone age 55 and older.

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

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Mentor HONORS

The Mentor community cares deeply about its safety services, officers, veterans and all those who gave their lives for our safety and freedom. We honor them and thank them for their service.



Memorial Day Ceremony

Each year, the city of Mentor hosts an annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Mentor Cemetery located at 6881 Hopkins Road.

The ceremony is preceded by a solemn one-mile parade that features members from local Boy Scouts troops and other stuff that we will need to list. The parade steps off from the Heinen's parking lot located at 8850 Mentor Avenue and makes its way on Mentor Avenue and then north on Hopkins Road.

Representatives from the city of Mentor and other elected officials are on hand each year along with members of AMVETS Post 40 and VFW Post 9295.



Memorial Public Safety Forces Memorial

The Public Safety Forces Memorial is located at the Mentor Civic Center campus. It was dedicated on June 24, 2021 on the third anniversary of the death of Officer Mathew Mazany. The memorial is a fitting place of remembrance for our community to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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Commonly Asked Questions



The city of Mentor's property and zoning codes are designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare by the established minimum standards that govern the maintenance, appearance and conditions of all residential and nonresidential premises that ensure the continued preservation and improvement of our community. Here are answers to some commonly asked questions.

Can we keep chickens in the city of Mentor?

Yes, but only if you have two or more acres and the coop must be located at least 75 feet from the nearest home. Chicken or fowl complaints should be directed to the Mentor Police Department at (440) 255-1234.

Does the City have an ordinance for overgrown grass?

Lawns must be mowed to a height of under 8". Property owners with excessively high grass or weeds will be given 48 hours from receipt of notice to cut the high grass or remove the weeds. If notices are ignored, legal action will be pursued for city crews to cut the grass at the owner's expense.

My neighbor's tree is hanging over my house and I'm concerned that it might fall and cause damage. What can I do?

If the tree is alive, you can legally trim anything from the property line "up to the sky." We recommend discussing the situation with your neighbor to ensure the proper technique for trimming and maintaining the health of the tree. If the tree is dead or dying, contact the code enforcement office.

What about trees on the tree lawn?

Property owners are required to maintain trees on their tree lawn. Trees must be trimmed so that pedes-

trians and motorists can pass without obstruction. Branches that hang over the sidewalk should be kept at seven feet about the sidewalk, and 14 feet above the roadway. Branches also should not interfere with visibility of street or traffic signs. The city of Mentor has specific ordinances that property owners must follow when trimming, removing, and planting trees located in the right-of-way or on the tree lawn.

Can I park an RV in my driveway?

No, all RVs and trailers must be parked behind the front setback of the house on an improved surface of concrete or asphalt. A permit is required for any driveway expansion or pad construction. Contact the Planning and Development Department for a permit.

Is it legal for solicitors to go door to door in Mentor?

It is unlawful to solicit within the city without first obtaining a solicitor's permit from the police department. Those who have obtained a solicitor's permit may solicit within the city of Mentor between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. It is unlawful to solicit at any premise at which a "no solicitors" sign is displayed. "No solicitors" signs are available at the Mentor Police Department, from the receptionist desk at city hall, or can be downloaded from the ordinances page on the city website. Those with questions or concerns regarding a solicitor should call the Mentor Police Department at (440) 255-1234.

Can I burn my leaves in the fall?

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 prior approval of the Fire Prevention Bureau by calling (440) 974-5768.

Are my neighbors allowed to park their vehicles in the front yard?

No, all vehicles must be licensed and parked on an improved surface of concrete or asphalt. Existing gravel surfaces are acceptable, but gravel parking surfaces cannot be expanded.

My neighbor leaves their trash bins and yard waste at the curb four days before our regular trash pickup? Is that okay?

No. Trash receptacles and yard waste should not be placed at the curb before 3 p.m. the day before pickup. Receptacles should be removed from the curb no later than 7 a.m. the day after trash pickup.

Can I put a garage sale sign at the end of my street?

No. Garage sale signs are only permitted on the property where the sale is taking place. Signs that are illegally posted in the right of way (tree lawn, public property, or off site), may be confiscated and disposed of by city staff. We recommend using the various online garage sale advertising tools available.

Do I need a permit to install a fence?

A permit is required if you are planning on installing, altering, or relocating a fence. Fences in the rear yard may not exceed six feet in height. Fences in the front yard or on a corner facing a side street may not exceed three feet in height and must be decorative. Contact the Planning and Development Department at (440) 974-5740.

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Over 260 bird species have been recorded within or offshore of the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve and Mentor Marsh. The large-scale removal of invasive phragmites, led by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, has increased occurrences of highly sought-after marsh birds. The potential for rare bird sightings and new breeding species continues to increase.

Along the east portion and south side of the Preserve, you can overlook the marsh and several mudflats, which are excellent spots for shorebirds and waterfowl in migration. The overlook trail begins by cutting through deciduous forest, full of warblers, vireos, and flycatchers from spring to fall, and hosts a diversity of species year-round. The trail continues to the bluffs, which offer excellent scoping opportunities for mergansers, gulls, scoters, and many species that overwinter on Lake Erie.

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Mentor ROCKS

Mentor rocks each Tuesday night at 7 p.m., June through August, at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater with awesome music, great food, and a ton of family fun! The 2022 lineup runs for 13 weeks and features national recording artists, Everclear, Fastball, and Raelynn, as well as North America's top tribute acts.

Mentor Rocks is an all-ages event which promotes a festival-like atmosphere. In addition to great music, attendees can enjoy a great selection of food and refreshments from the area's top food trucks.

Northeast Ohio's hottest summer concert series is brought to you by University Hospitals. Admission and parking are free! Lawn seating, so bring your own blankets or chairs. No pets, glass containers, or outside alcohol. Coolers are subject to inspection. The Mentor Civic Amphitheater is located at 8600 Wunson Road.

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2022 Schedule

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June 14	Elton Rohn – Elton John Tribute
June 21	RaeLynn – National Recording Artist
June 28	George Michael Reborn – George Michael/Wham Tribute
July 5	The Heart of Rock & Roll – Huey Lewis & the News Tribute
July 12	Everclear – National Recording Artist
July 19	No Duh – No Doubt/Gwen Stefani Tribute
July 26	Red Not Chili Peppers – Red Hot Chili Peppers Tribute
August 2	Fastball – National Recording Artist
August 9	Living on a Bad Name – Bon Jovi Tribute
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Cleveland Clinic Hospital coming to Mentor

New, state-of-the-art facility plans to open by mid-2023

The future of healthcare for Mentor residents is looking bright and gaining ground in the form of a new hospital in Lake County's biggest city, offering greater access to one of the nation's leading healthcare systems, the Cleveland Clinic.

The construction was delayed for a time due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but now is full steam ahead. In September 2021, a groundbreaking ceremony took place to mark the start of the new facility, which is set to be completed by the first half of 2023.

"We are extremely excited about this stage," says Mentor city manager, Kenneth J. Filipiak. "We've been working towards this for a good 10 years and it's been one of the biggest goals for our city."

Initially, the Cleveland Clinic had been simply looking for medical office space when Filipiak and Ron Traub, then director of economic & community development, suggested a bigger, more beneficial opportunity — a full-service hospital.

"We are a booming metropolitan area and the economic center of business and retail in Lake County, so the demand is there for a top hospital within our borders that provides the highest quality community-based care," says Filipiak.

Mentor officials already had the ideal spot for this ambitious undertaking. "We knew that one of the things the Cleveland Clinic looks for is a holistic environment," Filipiak says. "We brought their team out and showed them what we knew to be the perfect place. A natural landscape, yet adjacent to a major highway." Cleveland Clinic soon purchased 47 acres, the plot of land just north of the intersection of I-90 and SR-615.

There was more work, however, to be done before the process got underway. "Kathy Mitchell, Mentor planning director, and I worked to make sure the campus met the highest architectural standards and complemented one of our most vibrant economic corridors," says Kevin D. Malecek,

director of economic development and international trade for Mentor. Malecek replaced Traub, who retired after 29 years of service, in 2018. "Having a world class, state-of-the-art medical facility in our city will be a game changer that will spur growth and serve as prominent recognition of what is already an important economic hub."

Malecek adds that the new development will help generate a nice blend of prospective residential and commercial assets, enhancing the community as a whole.

At the ground-breaking event, Filipiak said, "We have no doubt this project will have a major impact on community health, job opportunities, investment, extended learning opportunities and so much more for our city."

Currently, Lake County is served by two hospitals, UH Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby, and University Hospitals TriPoint Medical Center in Concord Township. Cleveland Clinic

officials are eager to see their presence grow further east, as noted by spokeswoman Kate McLain. "This will not just be a benefit for Lake County," Filipiak says, "but its impact will be as far reaching as Ashtabula and western Pennsylvania."

The Cleveland Clinic's website also confirms that there will be opportunity for growth. "The innovative modular design of the hospital will allow for flexibility to meet the healthcare demands of today and tomorrow." This means that there will be room for expansion in the future.

The Mentor hospital will focus on digestive disease, general surgery, urology, heart and vascular care, as well as orthopedics and pulmonary care. There will be four operating rooms, 34 inpatient rooms, 22 outpatient rooms, and 19 emergency room bays.

Matthew Donovan, president of city council, has lived in Mentor's ward 2 for the past 58 years. "I've spent my whole life here and it just keeps getting better," he says. "I have a personal perspective on why the Cleveland Clinic chose Mentor, and the ultimate positive impact it will have. When someone visits Mentor, they immediately see how proud the people are here and how professional our council, administration, department heads, police and fire departments are. People see almost immediately that they can try their hand at starting a new business here, or expand and relocate here. And everything you need is in close vicinity, which I personally appreciate. You can go to a dinner, movie, take a walk in a park, go shopping . . . it's all conveniently just a short drive away."



Rendering of the lobby in the new Cleveland Clinic hospital.

"This will be truly transformative for the community," Filipiak concludes. "We already have an impressive biomedical business sector, and this will greatly enhance both our domestic and international recruitment efforts. Having the highest quality health facility in all the world right here in Mentor will assuredly bring more interest from other companies pursuing research and clinical trials."

"This is a win-win for everyone."

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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 7 through August 30, 2022 from 7–9 p.m. at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater. This year's schedule includes national recording artists Everclear, Fastball, and RaeLynn along with the nation's best tribute bands.

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 and refreshments from the area's best food trucks. The venue features lawn seating, so bring your own blankets or chairs. Outside food is permitted. No outside alcohol

—coolers will be checked at the gate. No pets. Admission and parking are free of charge. Grounds open at 5 p.m. The Mentor Civic Amphitheater is located in Mentor Civic Center Park at 8600 Munson Road. See schedule on page 19. For more info visit www.mentorrocks.info.



Tunes at the Lagoons

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 7–9 p.m. two Fridays per month during summer 2022. 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 www.tunesatthelagoons.com for schedule and additional information.

MENTOR COMEDY NIGHT

Each year in June, Mentor hosts an evening of comedy at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater. Attendees can enjoy food and beverages from some of the area's most popular food trucks as well as a selection of beers and wines which are available for sale. Free admission and parking.

WILDWOOD FINE ARTS & WINE FESTIVAL

The Wildwood Fine Arts & Wine Festival is held each year on the last Saturday in June on the beautiful grounds of the Wildwood Cultural Center. View and purchase original art from local artisans while also ex-



periencing live musical entertainment, great food and fine wine from local and regional wineries. Don't forget the kids — there will be free children's activities! \$2 admission.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate Independence Day 2022 at the Amphitheater with a free concert by national recording artists, the Verve Pipe, followed by a spectacular 25-minute fireworks display. Grounds open at 6 p.m. Music starts at 8 p.m. Same rules apply as for Mentor Rocks.

HEADLANDS BEACHFEST

Looking for something fun to do with the kids this summer? Then don't miss "the ultimate beach party" on Saturday, July 16, 2022 from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. that will feature all-day entertainment, family-friendly activities, food trucks, and arts-and-crafts vendors. World-class sand sculptors will also be on hand to dazzle attendees with their larger-than-life work. Admission and parking are free.

Headlands Beach State Park is located at 9601 Headlands Road in Mentor.

For more information visit www.headlandsbeachfest.com.

LAKELAND CIVIC BAND

Enjoy an afternoon of great music at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater performed by the Lakeland Civic Band on Sunday, July 17, from 2–3:30 p.m. The 60-member group will present a variety of musical selections including marches, swing music, overtures, and some original compositions. Free admission and parking.

MENTOR CRUISE-IN

Mentor Cruise-In has been wowing crowds for nearly two decades. Now, it's bigger and better than ever with over 800 cars, 2,500 spectators, live entertainment, food, and refreshments.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at Mentor Civic Center Park. This is a free event. Free registration for cruisers. Learn more at www.mentorcruisein.com.

MENTOR CITYFEST

Mentor CityFest takes place August 19–20, 2022 at Mentor Civic Center Park and promises great family fun! This popular annual event attracts over 20,000 people from across the area and features all-day entertainment as well as interactive activities for kids of all ages.

Friday night is grunge-night on the main amphitheater stage with STP2 (Stone Temple Pilots tribute) and The Ten Band (Pearl Jam tribute).

Saturday night features national recording artist, the Spin Doctors. Attendees can also get their fill of fair food as well as enjoy exhibits in the Main Street Tent.

Nearly 100 community groups will be taking part in the CityFest parade Saturday at 10 a.m. and the most colorful event of the summer will take place at 6 p.m. with the Mentor CityFest Color Dash & Walk.

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The new Mentor Civic Recreation Center

A long-standing goal of the City has been to provide flexible indoor space to expand and enhance health, wellness, and recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. That goal was realized late last year when Mentor City Council approved the purchase of the Mentor Heisley Racquet & Fitness Club for \$5.15 million which included the building, equipment, and approximately eight acres of property.

The 128,297 square foot complex is one of the largest of its kind in northeast Ohio and features an indoor soccer field, basketball, tennis, racquetball, and pickleball courts, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, cardiovascular and weight training areas, group exercise rooms, a childcare room, and other amenities.

The facility remained open over the winter months to accommodate programming that was already taking place but was closed on May 1, 2022 so that renovations and other improvements could be safely implemented.

While most of the amenities will remain—including the pools, indoor soccer field and sports courts—there will be some reconfiguration and re-purposing of space to offer even more recreational opportunities to members. Some of the tennis courts will be resurfaced for multi-sports activities and a multi-purpose activity room is being created for classes and rental opportunities.

Affordable memberships to the new Mentor Civic Recreation



Center will be available to both residents and nonresidents upon reopening in the fall of 2022.

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FUN FACTS

10 things about Mentor you probably didn't know!

1 Former Ohio State football coach, Jim Tressel, was born in Mentor, Ohio in 1952. His father, Lee, coached at Mentor High School from 1950 to 1955 during which time he put together a 34-game winning streak before moving on to Massillon High School and then Baldwin Wallace.

2 James A. Garfield bought the Dickey Farm in 1876 because he wanted his sons to learn how to farm. Somewhat ironic as he despised farming as a child and yearned to become a sailor. That dream was soaked when he fell into the Ohio Canal and was nearly drowned. It was then that he decided to use his brains instead of his brawn and eventually worked his way from poverty to Pennsylvania Avenue.

3 What is known as the Matchworks Building was built in 1868 for the Hart Nut and Washer Company. Since then, it also housed the Mentor Knitting Mills, the Columbia Match Company, the Production Machinery Company, as well as a number of other businesses. Currently, nearly two-dozen businesses occupy the space.

4 Charles Parker, a member of Moses Cleaveland's survey party, platted lands for the Connecticut Land Company and established the "Marsh Settlement" in 1797, the first in what later became Lake County. His home was located in the Headlands area near the corner of Forest & Woodridge Roads.

5 As early as the 1870s, there were plans to dredge out the Mentor Marsh basin and construct a large inland harbor. By the turn of the 20th century, there even was talk of creating a steel manufacturing complex at this location. Major players in the steel, coal, and rail industries were involved, and those plans might have been realized had Peter Hitchcock not put a stop to them. For reasons unknown, he wouldn't sell his 52-acres of property. His decision became known as "Hitchcock's Holdup" and as a result, the steel plant was built in Lorain instead.

6 The Great Lakes Mall was the first mall built by the DeBartolo family of Youngstown, Ohio. When it opened in 1961, it consisted of an enclosed center section with two open walkways. Several expansions took place in the '60s and the mall was fully enclosed by 1971. The mall continues to evolve with new offerings to appeal to ever-changing consumer tastes.

7 In 1895, the Cleveland, Painesville & Eastern (CP&E) was established and served as the primary interurban line carrying passengers east from Cleveland to Painesville and beyond. At the time, Mentor had a handful of stops serving its population of a little over 500 residents.

8 You probably knew that Mentor was once considered the Rose Capital of the Nation and chances are good that you've heard of

the Bosley Nursery, but did you know Mentor was also home to a renowned automotive designer? The innovative Bosley GT Mark 1 was hand-built by Richard Bosley in 1953 in the garage at the family's nursery located on Mentor Avenue at Stop 68 of the interurban line. The car is now on permanent display at the Petersen Automotive Museum in LA.

9 Eleanor Garfield, the First Lady of Mentor, offered her two cents to car design at a country club function with Ned Jordan, owner of the Jordan Motor Company. While sharing a dance she related to him the kind of car that she would like to drive. He thanked her for the million dollar idea and the Jordan Playboy Roadster debuted in 1919. In case you're wondering, yes...she owned one.

10 The name Mentor originated in Greek literature. Mentor was the tutor of Telemachus, the son of Odysseus. Other place names in the Western Reserve, including Solon, Euclid and Macedonia, were also inspired by the early Americans' fascination with the ancient world.

BONUS FACT!

Over 15,000 souls are interred at the Mentor Cemetery including veterans of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War. The original Mentor Cemetery was located at the northwest corner of Mentor Avenue and Center Street and was relocated in 1854.



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of the other things that make Mentor such a great place to live.

Municipal income taxes account for over 66% of the City's annual budget which is why shopping local makes so much sense. Although, you may save a few bucks when ordering gifts online, you support the local economy and help enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community every single time you purchase from a Mentor business.

On pages 28-31, we present 12 diverse Mentor businesses that provide a variety of products and services. Be sure to give them a try and let them know you learned about them in Mentor City Magazine!



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and an inviting lobby and reception area with double-face fireplace.

Senior center membership is required to participate in all programs — but for those 55+ it is the best bargain in town! The cost is just \$7 a year for Mentor residents and \$10 a year for nonresidents. If you have Silver-Sneakers included in your Medicare Advantage Plan, you get membership at no cost.

Activities offered at the facility include all levels of exercise classes, games including bingo and duplicate

bridge, ceramics, chair volleyball, ping pong, quilting, painting, weight training, movies, support groups, culture groups. There truly is something for everyone.

Our travel program returns to the road in 2022 with motor coach day trips to Sauder Village, Amish Country, World's Longest Garage Sale, Lunch with a President, and Hidden Cleveland. 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.

Daily made-from-scratch lunches are available weekdays, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Stop by for the best deal in town! Mentor Senior Center's talented kitchen staff and volunteers prepare delicious, freshly made entrees, sandwiches, salads, soup, and desserts at reasonable prices. The daily special costs \$5.00. Homemade soup and sandwiches also available.

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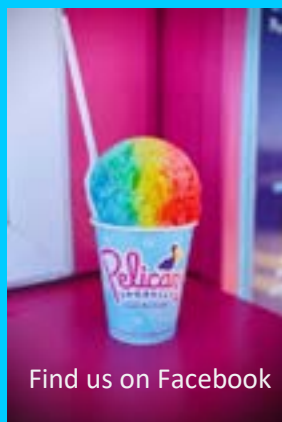


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As you are probably aware, there has been a pretty dramatic increase in automobile thefts throughout northeast Ohio over the past several years. Theft rings have been targeting neighborhoods by traveling in a transport vehicle and then canvassing the area for unlocked cars. In addition to the car and any valuables inside, they also look for garage door openers left inside vehicles to gain access to garages for additional vehicles or other valuables.

The common thread in all of these thefts is that they target unlocked vehicles, and these incidents occur overnight.

Although Mentor is a very safe community to live in, we all should stay alert and take the following steps to protect ourselves and our property.

- **Lock your car doors:** The easiest thing you can do is lock your car door. Automobile theft is a crime of opportunity. If a thief finds that your

car has been secured, they will likely move along to an easier target.

- **Don't leave your keys in your car:** Leaving keys and key fobs in your car not only make it easier to steal, but also provides an opportunity for thieves to access your home and other vehicles. Never leave your keys in your car.

- **Secure your valuables:** Bring your valuables inside with you. If you leave them in your car, then place them out of view so that they don't make attractive targets.

- **Lock your garage entry door:** Thieves that gain access to your car can gain easy access to your garage and your home by utilizing your garage door opener. Be sure to lock the garage entrance to your home. While you're at it, also make sure all of your first floor entry doors and windows are secured.

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University Hospitals wants to help make health and wellness a way of life for you and your loved ones. Their team of caregivers provides convenient access to a wide range of health care services right here in Mentor.

The UH Brunner Sanden Deitrick Wellness Center, located at 8655 Market Street, features imaging and lab services (including an open MRI), family medicine providers, integrative medicine, occupational health, physical therapy, sports medicine, cardiac rehabilitation and the LiveHealthy Fitness Center.

When patients need prompt treatment for minor injuries or illnesses, the Mentor Urgent Care Center provides a convenient, accessible option with evening and weekend hours.

The team at the LiveHealthy Fitness Center can help you kick start your journey to better health and wellness! Their membership-based fitness center inside the UH Brunner Sanden Deitrick Wellness Center merges tra-

ditional fitness with medically-based activities, wellness services and weight loss programs to help you achieve overall wellness.

The University Hospitals Mentor Health Center, located at 9485 Mentor Avenue, is a bright and inviting facility offering a variety of services in four pavilions. They offer state-of-the-art lab and imaging services, a full range of same-day surgeries performed by experienced surgeons and primary and specialty physician offices. Inside a dedicated pavilion in the UH Mentor Health Center, the University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center provides personalized cancer services, including the latest prevention and screening programs, innovative treatment and therapies and valuable support services.

The UH Mentor Hopkins Health Center, located at 9000 Mentor Avenue, offers families access to a wide range of primary and specialty care physicians, laboratory services and



UH Mentor Hopkins Health Center

diagnostic imaging. Specialty services include cardiovascular medicine, gynecology, orthopedics, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology (ENT), neurology, general surgery, plastic and reconstructive surgery and many others. Their conveniently located outpatient surgery center provides families access to surgical specialists in a variety of fields, including pediatric general surgery and pediatric dental surgery.

To learn more about your health care options in Mentor, visit them at UHhospitals.org/Lake.

– Submitted by University Hospitals



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“Cardinal Go” program to improve access for students

Mentor Public Schools and Laketran partner to provide free rides for Mentor High School students

Mentor Public Schools was recently awarded a grant that will fully fund a two-year pilot of a new student transit benefit program with Laketran. Cardinal Go is an innovative partnership that will allow Mentor High School students, grades 9–12, to ride Laketran’s Local Routes 1–9 free of charge wherever they are traveling — be it to campus, internships, activities, local resources, or after school jobs.

“There is a transportation paradox for many individuals in northeast Ohio. Individuals are unable to secure a job because they do not have a car and they are unable to secure a car because they do not have a job,” shared Dr. Joe Glavan, CTE coordinator, Mentor High School. “Students are not immune to this same paradox and can often face similar situations with access to employment and community resources.”

In order to address this, Mentor



Schools partnered with Laketran to provide an additional transportation opportunity for high school students to increase access to real world learning opportunities and community resources in northeast Ohio.

The program will be available to students starting fall 2022. Parents and guardians will need to give permission for their students to participate in the program. Mentor Schools will reach out with information on how to do that via the parent portal soon.

“We are very excited to be launching Cardinal Go with Mentor Public Schools,” shared Laketran CEO Ben Capelle. “This program will provide a reliable and affordable way for students

to access educational and economic opportunities, as well as bring awareness to public transportation.”

“We have many parents contact us about transportation options so students can take advantage of programs off campus including internships, College Plus, and career development programs,” continued Capelle. “Neither Mentor Schools nor Laketran want transportation to be a barrier for students to participate in these programs. Cardinal Go guarantees students can access these programs and get jobs that will help them now and into the future.”

In 2020, Laketran launched Route 8, its first new bus route in 20 years, which connects Mentor High School directly to Tyler Boulevard, Lakeland Community College, Mentor-on-the-Lake and Mentor Headlands. Laketran plans to extend the program to other interested Lake County high schools.

– Submitted by Laketran



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programs to support pet owners and veterans. Auggie’s Pet Food Pantry is open to all Lake County residents in need the first and third Wednesday of each month from 1–3 pm. A TNR (trap, neuter, return) program is available to spay/neuter feral and community cats. Additionally, a low-cost wellness clinic is open by appointment the second Saturday each month where pets are seen by a veterinarian and can receive vaccinations, flea and tick treatments, microchips, ear cleaning and heart worm and FIV/FELV testing. To support local veterans, LHS works with Veteran Canine Connection to place shelter dogs into veteran homes through their Cpl Joshua Harmon Pets to Vets program.

cannot afford to care for them. We have many services available supporting pets in the community to help them live long, healthy lives,” said Lori Caszatt, executive director.

To prevent animal cruelty and neglect, Lake Humane Society provides protection to the animals of Lake County through the Humane Investigations Department. Humane Society agents, who are appointed by the Lake County Probate Court, work together with local law enforcement to fight animal cruelty and neglect across all of Lake County. In the state of Ohio, a humane agent is empowered to enforce state laws regarding animal cruelty.

To learn more about adoption and services available at Lake Humane Society, or to report suspected animal cruelty or neglect, please visit www.lakehumane.org.

– Submitted by Lake Humane Society

Lake Humane Society, founded in 1937, protects animals and builds connections between pets and people through advocacy and education. Lake Humane Society does this through their adoption program, community programming and the Humane Investigations Department.

In addition to adopting out nearly 1,400 pets each year, Lake Humane Society also has several community

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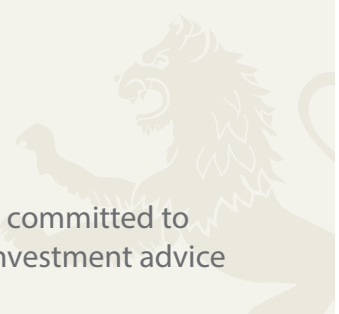


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Lake County Solid Waste District

Introduces new drop-off site open Mondays through Saturdays for safe and smart recycling

The Solid Waste District has partnered with the Department of Utilities to repurpose an area at the Landfill and Recycling Center into a drop-off site. This repurposed location at 2039 Blase Nemeth Road in Painesville Township, will be a one-stop-shop allowing residents to bring recyclable items AND household waste materials to one location, in one trip.

This brings welcomed improvements like expanded hours and days, the added convenience of credit card payments and expanded space for trailers to be utilized for hauling multiple items to the facility.

This recycling drop-off area will be open to residents through August 31, 2022. Hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 am. to 3:30 pm. and Saturdays 9:00 am. to 1:00 pm. Residents will be required to enter through the scale house entrance that can accept cash,

check, and credit card payments for any fees associated with this drop-off. Please be advised, that materials in an open truck bed or open trailer need to be tarped during transportation to the drop-off in order to be accepted.

Residents will unload their recyclable items and take them into the building to be stacked and sorted by the drop-off team. Accepted items will be appliances, household electronics, computer-related devices, televisions, and tires. Be assured all memory components on computer-related devices will be professionally erased or destroyed in prior to being recycled. Residents may only bring up to six tires per day.

The hazardous waste collection event will remain at the Lake County Fairgrounds (located at 1301 Mentor Avenue) and is scheduled for September 24, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



There are no fees associated with this collection.

For a complete listing of all accepted and prohibited items, please visit <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/utilities/special-collection>, scan the QR code below or call (440) 350-2645 during standard business hours.

– Submitted by Solid Waste District



2022 Collection Calendar

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Lake County Council on Aging

Providing more than just a meal for Mentor seniors

mended nutritional value. Meals are delivered daily Monday through Friday by a friendly volunteer at no cost (only a suggested donation), thanks to the financial support of the Lake County Senior Services Levy.

Meals on Wheels is more than just a meal. Seniors look forward to the visit with the volunteer and volunteers look forward to seeing “their” senior and knowing all is well.

This ongoing relationship provides a sense of security to seniors, knowing someone is checking on them. Volunteers are trained to report concerns and if a senior does not answer the door for delivery. Concerns are shared with the senior’s case manager, so that assistance can be offered. Unexpected missed meals are immediately addressed by getting in touch with their emergency contact person and even calling the Mentor Police Department for a well check. The meal delivery serves as the

catalyst for lifesaving intervention and offers families peace of mind.

The Council on Aging also offers Pet Meals on Wheels to supplement and offset pet food cost so that grocery dollars go further, blizzard bags with emergency shelf-stable food, and federal produce and commodity boxes delivered to Mentor Meals on Wheels seniors who meet income eligibility.

Every day, the Council on Aging is assisting Mentor seniors with more than a meal to stay well and age well. For information call (440) 205-8111 or visit www.lcco.org.

Lake County Council on Aging is the premier provider of senior services in Lake County including information and assistance, homemaker services, in-home nonmedical support, benefits assistance, a health equipment lending program, options counseling, case management and nutrition services.

– Submitted by Council on Aging

Mentor is home to the Lake County Council on Aging, a trusted nonprofit agency which has been providing support services to seniors for 50 years.

One of the key ingredients to aging well is staying well. It is critical for seniors to have access to food and good nutrition to stay well. Meals on Wheels home-delivered meals meets this need for Mentor seniors. The program currently serves more than 300 Mentor residents.

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WRCDC administers the Mentor Single Family Rehabilitation Program which is designed to assist qualified, low-to-moderate-income Mentor residents to have eligible repairs made to their owner-occupied residential property and upgrade their living conditions. Up to \$10,000 per property is available for those who qualify.

Qualifying improvements would generally be those that will bring the structure into greater compliance with local codes and can include:

- Any energy conservation improvements which, when made in conjunction with other code improvements, result in substantial weatherization.
- Site improvements to ensure proper building and yard drainage.
- Repair or replace existing sidewalks.
- Handicapped accessibility improvements.
- Exterior painting.
- Electric and electrical panel updates.
- Foundation repair and waterproofing.



WRCDC can help with handicapped accessibility improvements.

- Furnace repair and replacement.
- Vermin and insect removal.
- Plumbing repairs including hot water tank replacement.
- Connection to sanitary sewer and/or water line.

Applicant's income must be 80% (or less) of HUD's annually established median income for Mentor.

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Community partnerships build strong schools

Mentor Public Schools prepares students for jobs

Like many local districts, Mentor Public Schools has long offered technical education in fields like criminal justice, culinary arts, HVAC and welding as potential career paths. What sets Mentor High School's program apart, however, is local partnerships that provide expertise and resources to prepare students for available jobs that meet pressing needs in their community.

One such program is the Fire EMT Academy, which launched in 2021. Like many surrounding communities, the city of Mentor has a shortage of applicants for firefighters and EMT positions. This new initiative assists students in exploring health and safety careers.

Developed as a collaboration between the Mentor Public Schools and the Mentor Fire Department, this cutting-edge program takes place at the Mentor Regional Response Facility.

Through the course, students learn to use medical and diagnostic equipment to perform detailed patient assessments. The course gives students the opportunity to earn EMT basic certification and credentials that are necessary to fill open jobs at the Mentor Fire Department. The fledgling program accepted 10 students this year — 16 are enrolled in the fall of 2022 with a waiting list of potential participants. Like other career technical education programs, the EMT course is open to seniors only.

Another retooled offering, the Auto



Students in the Fire EMT Academy.

Service Technology Program, provides hands-on job training. Located at the Classic Automotive Training Center, students learn to repair engines, automatic transmission and transaxles, manual transmissions, drive trains, axles, brakes, electrical systems, heating, and air conditioning. The school district provides an instructor while the Classic Auto Group provides the facility and equipment in this collaborative effort. The course also offers student internships and work-related experiences in the automotive industry.

"Many of our programs are being developed to meet actual needs in the local workforce," noted Kristen Kirby, director of community relations at Mentor Public Schools. "It allows students to find meaningful jobs after graduation — jobs that are available today, and do not necessarily require a

four-year college degree."

Mentor's career technical educational programs offer 23 hands-on paths — many are two-year courses where students gain valuable work experience in a field they can pursue as a career. In some instances, students can also earn college credit. In 2021, roughly 25% of Mentor's nearly 600 graduates participated in career tech classes.

To help them take advantage of these wonderful opportunities, students in grades 9–12 have access to free public transportation through Laketrans. Whether traveling from campus to jobs, internships, or home after extracurricular activities, this partnership fills a transportation need for local families while bringing awareness to public transportation services.

In addition, the Mentor Public Library has partnered with the school district to operate The HUB at Mentor High School. Library staff operate the branch, providing library card holders with access to materials and resources after school hours. The location includes a Makerspace, giving students, businesses and community members access to a Cricut maker, large format printer, green screen studio, T-shirt press, and other tools.

"Each of these partnerships helps expand opportunities for our students and the community as well," Kirby explained. "It's a win-win for our schools and for the city of Mentor!"

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Finally arrange that Zoom call with your cousins in California.

Meet someone new who shares your interests.

All of those connections can begin at Mentor Public Library. You can borrow a board game, puzzle, cake pan or classic Nintendo for family night.

The library lends karaoke machines, turntables, and lawn games for your next birthday or graduation party. It also has supersized versions of favorites like giant Jenga, colossal Connect Four and jumbo checkers.

Mentor Public Library even has a Zoom license you can borrow, so your online rendezvous doesn't get clipped at 40 minutes. And if you need an Internet connection, you can borrow a HotSpot from the library too.

Most importantly, the library's a place where people with different backgrounds, passions and interests can share their joys. Take your best shot with the library's Photography Club. Join one of its eight book clubs. You can pick the one that best suits your tastes. It even has an online book club for people who love to read but don't know when they'll have the free time to attend a meeting.

Igniting Curiosity

What sparks your creativity?

A good book, sure. Mentor Public Library can give you those, and its librarians are always happy to make a recommendation.

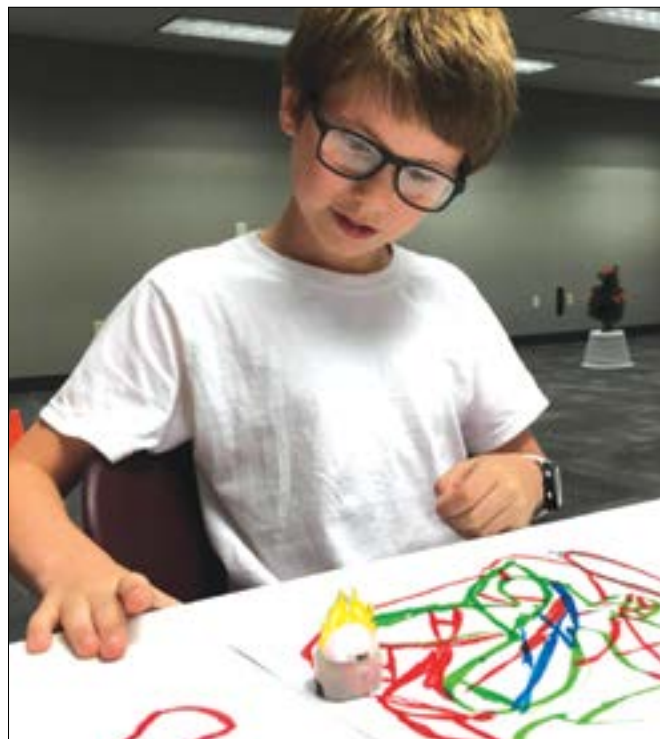
But different people learn in different ways. So whether you learn by moving, listening, watching or reading, the library has the resources to both ignite and sate your curiosity.

Do you absorb information best by watching or listening? You can screen award-winning and critically acclaimed movies and documentaries from all around the world with Kanopy. Or you can stream lectures from college professors via Hoopla. Both Kanopy and Hoopla are digital services that you can stream for free with your Mentor Public Library card.

You can also access thousands of online education courses via the Linked- In Learning database. Whatever your fancy — from finance to photography and making mobile apps to music composition — you can learn from experts at www.mentorpl.org/linkedinlearning. And, yes, it's free with your library card.

But what if you prefer to learn by doing?

Discover how to play an instrument by borrowing a



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ukulele, coding with an Ozobot robot or weaving with the library's loom. Explore your universe with binoculars or a telescope — all of which you can borrow from Mentor Public Library.

You can also use the state-of-the-art makerspace at MPL's branch inside of Mentor High School, dubbed The HUB. Find out what you can create with a vinyl cutter, T-shirt press, Cricut maker or laser engraver. Because nothing ignites curiosity quite like a laser.

Empowering People

Libraries can empower the people in its community. You do that by providing the resources they need to accomplish their goals.

When the Ptolemies oversaw the Library of Alexandria, that meant scrolls. In the 1800s, when the family of President James A. Garfield strived to create a public library in Mentor, that meant hundreds of books (and an upright piano.)

Now, it means millions of books, videos, online classes, CDs, video games, audiobooks, ebooks, puzzles, ukuleles, hotspots, binoculars, telescopes, passport services, looms, light-therapy lamps, a laser engraver, large-format printer, story times, author talks, history lectures, and all sorts of other programs, resources and services.

Mentor Public Library's vision is to ignite curiosity, create connections and empower individuals. So while the tools may grow and adapt to the times, the library will always be the place to explore, connect and empower.

For more information on Mentor Public Library, visit www.mentorpl.org or one of its four branches.

- Article and photo submitted by Mentor Public Library



RESIDENTS GUIDE

A list of names, numbers and other useful information.

Stay up to Date

Visit the city of Mentor online at cityofmentor.com for comprehensive information including news and event schedules. Click on the connect tab for a complete listing of social media feeds and available app to stay up to date with the latest breaking news from the city.

Register for the Lake County Emergency Management Agency WENS System for text, voice, and/or email emergency notifications. Registration is free and takes less than 60 seconds. All Mentor residents are encouraged to sign up today at www.reverse911signup.info.

The special edition community newsletter is produced quarterly and mailed to all households in Mentor. It provides information about services, ordinances, public meetings, construction projects, and upcoming events. Additional copies are available at the city buildings and the Mentor Library's

main branch.

The Mentor Parks & Recreation Guide promotes more than 500 recreational and cultural programs offered by the city. The guide is mailed to residents three times a year. Additional copies are available at city buildings.

The Mentor Senior Center newsletter is mailed bimonthly to members.

The Mentor Channel features live coverage of city council and planning commission meetings as well as other content. Watch live on Spectrum Channel 1024, U-Verse Channel 99, thementorchannel.com, or on YouTube, ROKU, Apple, or Android app. Mentor Radio 1620 is a low-powered AM station which provides residents and travelers general information on the city.

Managing the City's Business

Mentor officially became a city on December 18, 1963. It has been operating under its own charter since January 1962, when voters adopted the council-manager form of government.

Under this system, a seven-member council is elected by voters on a nonpartisan basis; three members serve at-large, the remaining four are ward representatives. Each council member serves a four-year term. Every two years, the council chooses one of its members to serve as president of council.

You can reach the city council office at 440-974-5755.

You can email ALL members of city council at citycouncil@cityofmentor.com.



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President**
Term Expires: 12/31/23
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donovan@cityofmentor.com

Ward 3 – Mark T. Freeman
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440-463-6304
freeman@cityofmentor.com

Ward 4 – John A. Krueger
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440-487-9009
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dowling@cityofmentor.com

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Term Expires: 1/03/26
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kirchner@cityofmentor.com

**At-Large – Scott J. Marn
Vice-President**
Term Expires: 1/02/26
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marn@cityofmentor.com

Mentor City Council Meetings

Council meetings are held at the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Mentor Municipal Center; 8500 Civic Center Blvd. Meetings are open to the public. All regularly scheduled meetings are carried on Spectrum Channel 1024 and U Verse Channel 99 as well as thementorchannel.com, YouTube, ROKU, Apple, or Android app.

Meeting agendas and archived meetings are posted on the website. Announcements regarding council work sessions and public hearings are posted in the local newspaper, on the website, and on The Mentor Channel.



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City Department Directory

Contact the city department or office by dialing the numbers listed below.

Assessments (Special City)
440-974-5770

Athletic Field Maintenance
440-974-5720

Black Brook Golf Course
440-951-0010

Blockwatch Program
440-974-5760

Building Permits and Fees
440-974-5785

City Council Office
440-974-5755

City Manager's Office
440-974-5790

Clerk of Council
440-974-5755

Code Enforcement
440-974-5792

Ditch Enclosures
440-974-5785

Drainage Assistance
440-974-5785

Economic Development
440-974-5740

Employment Inquiries
440-974-5795

Engineering & Building
440-974-5785

Finance
440-974-5770

Fire Nonemergency
440-255-1212

Fire Prevention
440-974-5768

Fire Public Education
440-974-5769

Human Resources
440-974-5795

Ice Arena
440-974-5730

International Trade Programs
440-205-3743

Keep Mentor Beautiful Program
440-974-5781

Law Director
440-974-5755

Mentor Cemetery
440-974-5733

Mentor Channel
440-974-5794

Mentor Lagoons Marina
440-205-3625

Municipal Court Civil Case
440-974-5745

Criminal & Traffic
440-974-5744

Planning & Development
440-974-5740

Police Nonemergency
440-255-1234

Prosecutor
440-974-5752

Public Information Office
440-974-5794

Public Works Department
440-974-5781

Recreation
440-974-5720

Recycling
440-974-5781

Road Resurfacing
440-974-5781

Senior Citizen Center
440-974-5725

Sign & Fence Permits
440-974-5740

Snow Plowing
440-974-5781

Storm Sewer Maintenance
440-974-5781

Stormwater Help Desk
440-974-5785

Street Lights
440-974-5781

Traffic Signals & Signs
440-974-5781

Wildwood Cultural Center
440-974-5735

Victim Assistance Program
440-205-2438

Yard Waste Program
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Zoning
440-974-5740

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2-1-1

AIDS Hotline
800-332-2437

American Red Cross
216-431-3010

Bureau of Employment Services
877-644-6562

Cable Complaints –
Ohio Dept. of Commerce
877-207-2225

Child Abuse Hotline
440-350-4000, press 1

Crossroads Health
(Adolescent Counseling)
440-255-1700

Crossroads Health
(Adult Mental Health)
440-354-9924

Forbes House (Women’s Shelter)
440-357-1018

Game Warden
330-245-3034

HEAP – Home Energy Assistance
440-350-9160

Lake County Crisis Hotline
440-953-TALK

Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center
440-256-1404, x2131

Missing Children’s Hotline
800-843-5678

National Runaway Switchboard
1-800-RUNAWAY

Premier Behavioral Health
Adolescents 13+ and adults
440-266-0770

Salvation Army
440-354-3774

SMART Recovery USA
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440-951-5357

Waste Management
866-797-9018

Other Useful Numbers

Attorney General’s Office
800-282-0515

Auto & Driver’s License Bureau
440-974-9000

Better Business Bureau
216-241-7678

Board of Education
440-255-4444

Board of Elections
440-350-2700

Dog License
440-350-2534

Dog Warden
440-350-2640

Income Tax
800-860-RITA

James A. Garfield
National Historic Site
440-255-8722

Lake County Auditor
440-350-2532

Lake County Cooperative
Extension Service
440-853-2625

Lake County Council on Aging
440-205-8111

Lake County Department
of Jobs & Family Services
440-350-4000

Lake County General Health District
440-350-2543

Lake County Landfill
440-350-2644

Lake County Title Bureau (Mentor)
440-350-2800

Lake Humane Society
440-951-6122

Lake Metroparks
440-639-7275

Lake County Visitor’s Bureau
440-975-1234

Laketrans
440-354-6100

Marriage Licenses
440-350-2626

Mentor Area
Chamber of Commerce
440-255-1616

Mentor Monitor
440-946-2577

Mentor Post Office
440-255-2798

Mentor Public Library
Main Branch
440-255-8811
Headlands Branch
440-257-2000
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Lake County Department of Job and Family Services

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Ohio Tourism
800-BUCKEYE

Pools (Seasonal)
Civic Center Pool

440-974-5723
Morton Pool
440-257-5719

Social Security Office
800-772-1213

Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance
440-352-2526

Wildlife Officer – Game Warden
330-245-3034

Utilities

AT&T
800-331-0500

Aqua Ohio Water Co.
877-987-2782

Dominion East Ohio Gas
800-362-7557

First Energy
(The Illuminating Co.)
800-589-3101

Automated Outage Reporting
888-544-4877

Lake County Sanitary Sewer
440-350-2070

NOPEC
(Utility Consortium)
855-667-3201

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855-366-7132

Emergency

For help in an emergency – including police, fire, or emergency ambulance – dial 9-1-1.

When you dial 9-1-1, the call is answered at the Mentor Dispatch Center, where the address and phone number from where the call originates will automatically appear on the dispatcher’s screen.

A dispatcher answers the call by saying “9-1-1, what is your emergency?” State the problem or emergency first, and then give the location of the incident.

The dispatcher will start the fire and/or police departments en route while obtaining additional information from the caller.

Stay on the line until the dispatcher tells you to hang up.

Hospitals & Medical Services

Cleveland Clinic
Express Care Clinic
7533 Center Street, Mentor
440-974-8362

UH Mentor Health Center
9485 Mentor Avenue
440-974-6800

UH Brunner, Sanden,
Deitrick, Wellness Center
8655 Market Street
(440) 255-6400

UH Lake West
Medical Center
36000 Euclid Avenue
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ORDINANCES & PROGRAMS

This summary of selected Mentor city ordinances and programs includes those areas and issues that are most commonly encountered by citizens. The complete Mentor Code of Ordinances can be viewed at cityofmentor.com; click on Ordinances under the "About Mentor" tab.

Animals

Households in residential districts may not have any more than three dogs over the age of four months. Dogs should be leashed at all times when outside. Owners must not permit their dog to bark or howl so that it disturbs the peace. All dogs over three months must be registered with the Lake County Auditor and wear a valid registration tag. Animal bites should be reported to the police department within 24 hours. Owners of both dogs and cats are responsible for picking up after their pets, both on public and private property. Contact the

warden's office at 440-350-2640 to report stray dogs. Hunting is prohibited within city limits.

Dead Animals

Contact Public Works at 440-974-5781 weekdays between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.; other times, call the Police Department at 440-974-5789.

Exotic and Wild Animals

Keeping any undomesticated animals, including primates other than monkeys, poisonous reptiles, alligators, lizards over two feet long, etc. is restricted. A complete list of wild and exotic animals is available at cityofmentor.com, click on Ordinances under the About Mentor tab.

Farm Animals

Farm animals are not permitted on premises less than two acres in size. These include horses, goats, cows, chickens, ducks and similar animals. Additional zoning requirements may apply. Call 440-974-5740 for specifics.

Nuisance Health Risk Animals

Feeding or harboring of deer, rats, raccoons or skunks is prohibited.

Vicious Animals

Keeping dangerous or vicious animals is prohibited.

Bicycles

The Mentor Police Department offers citizens a no cost bicycle registration program that helps to identify a bike's rightful owner if the bike becomes lost or stolen. When riding on a road, cyclists must follow the traffic laws and ride WITH traffic. Bike paths are to be shared by pedestrians and bicyclists. Bike lanes are exclusively for bicycles, unless there is no sidewalk or shoulder.

Building Permits

Building permits are required for all construction including decks, pools, sheds, porches, enclosures, etc., and must be obtained through Mentor's Engineering & Building Department. Applicants for accessory-type structures need to provide two copies of the construction drawings, consisting of a site plan showing where the structure will be situated on the property, and the distance from all property lines. Plans must also show how the structure will be built, materials used, etc.

Once submitted, the plan review process takes about five working days (permits for sheds built from a kit can be obtained at the time of submission). A permit fee is charged, along with a refundable construction deposit, which can be returned if the structure passes all inspections.

Both building permit and zoning permit applications are required for all construction projects including (but not limited to): additions, decks, garages, pools, fences, siding, sheds, porches, driveways and enclosures.

For accessory buildings 200 square feet or less, only a zoning permit is required for review and approval by the Department of Planning and Development. If the accessory building is larger than 200 square feet, a review by both the Building Department and the Planning Department will be required. Applications for any new building or structure include two copies of the construction drawings and a site

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plan that indicates where the structure will be located on the property, the size and height of the structure, and the distance from all property lines. Plans must also show how the structure will be built (materials used, etc.). Once submitted, the review process takes approximately 7 to 10 working days. A permit fee is charged, along with a construction deposit, which will be refunded if the structure passes all inspections. When a permit is issued, work on the project may begin.

Cars for Sale

Vehicles that are for sale in residential districts must be titled to the current resident, properly licensed, operable, displayed for a maximum of two weeks and parked on an improved parking surface (not on the lawn). The number of vehicles for sale is limited to two per year.

Curfew

Children under 12 are prohibited from being outside between 9:30 pm and 5 am; children 12 to 16 years old between 11 pm and 5 am, and 16 to 18 years old from midnight to 5 am. A new daytime curfew restricts school-aged children from being out of school during regularly scheduled school hours, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or the child has an authorized written excuse.

Drainage Ditches

All premises shall be graded and maintained to prevent the accumulation of standing water. No owner or occupant of any premises shall cause or permit any natural watercourse, drainage ditch, creek, brook, culvert, or drain located upon the premises to become obstructed with leaves or other debris so that water flow is hindered. Call 440-974-5785 with questions.

Fences

A permit is required if you plan on installing, altering, or relocating a fence. Fences in the rear yard of a residence must not exceed six feet in height. Fences in the front yard or on a corner lot facing a side

street may not exceed three feet in height and must be decorative and at least 50 percent open.

Garage Sales

A permit is not required; however, sales are limited to three per year and no sale shall exceed four consecutive days. Garage sale signs are permitted only on the property where the sale is being held. Signs may NOT be posted at any street corner or on tree lawns or utility poles. Illegally posted signs will be confiscated by the City without notice.

Garbage & Recycling

Garbage cans, recycling containers, bulk items, and yard waste may only be placed at the curb after 3 pm the day before the items are to be collected.

After collection, garbage cans, recycling bins, and yard waste containers must be retrieved from the curb by 7 am the day after your collection.

During the fall, the yard waste restriction does not apply begin-

ning on the weekend immediately preceding the fourth Monday in October through Friday of the second full week in December in any year of city-sponsored yard waste collection.

Grass and Weed Control

Generally, grass in residential neighborhoods must be controlled in height and kept less than eight inches. Weeds (such as goldenrod, ragweed, and thistle) that cause skin reactions and respiratory problems are not permitted to grow on any premises. No owner or occupant shall permit vegetation to create a safety hazard.

Property owners with excessively high grass or weeds will be given 48 hours from receipt of notice to comply with the ordinance. If compliance is not met, a city crew will be sent to cut the grass or weeds of any unoccupied properties and the property owner will be billed. Occupied properties in violation will be prosecuted in the Mentor court. Call 440-974-5792 with questions.

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Home Occupations

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House Numbers

House numbers must be displayed in a conspicuous location in order to ensure efficient police, fire, and postal services. Numbers, no less than four inches tall, are to be displayed on houses less than 61 feet from the road right-of-way. Numbers at least six inches tall are to be displayed on houses located between 61 feet to 100 feet from the road right-of-way.

Income Tax

All persons earning income in the city are subject to a two percent municipal income tax. Mentor residents must file an annual municipal income tax return with the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA); retired

persons can file an exemption to show no earned wages. Residents are granted 100 percent credit for city income tax paid to other communities. If you have questions, call 800-860-RITA.

Jogging

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

- Jogging upon a roadway is illegal if an accessible, adjacent sidewalk is provided.
- Where a sidewalk is not provided, jog only on the shoulder of the roadway, as far as possible from the edge of the roadway.
- Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, jog as near as possible to the outside edge of the road; if it's a two-way road, jog ONLY on the left side. Any joggers on a roadway shall yield the right of way to ALL vehicles.

Light Trespass

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

Mosquito Control

The Lake County General Health District oversees mosquito control during the summer months. Spraying schedules are posted on The Mentor Channel as they become available. If you have concerns about the spraying, call the Health District at 440-350-2543.

Noise

No person shall unreasonably create a noise disturbance within the city. Any noise that annoys or disturbs a reasonable person, or causes adverse effects on humans, is prohibited before 7 am or after 9 pm weekdays, and before 8:30 am or after 9 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Call the Mentor Police De-

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Open Burning

The burning of trash, brush, or leaves is not permitted. Small, attended cooking campfires are permitted during favorable weather conditions without prior approval. Bonfires require prior approval of the Fire Prevention Bureau by calling 440-974-5768.

Parking

Overnight street parking between the hours of 2 to 6 a.m. is prohibited. Parking on the fire hydrant side of the street is prohibited. Parking on any city street whenever there is more than a two-inch accumulation of snow or ice is prohibited.

- **Motor Vehicles** – In residential districts, motor vehicles must be parked on an improved surface. Improved surfaces are those constructed of concrete, asphalt or permeable pavers, without excess weeds or grass.

- **RVs, Boats, and Dual-Axle Trailers** – RVs, boats, and dual axle trailers may not be parked in front of the main structure. A minimum three-foot set back is required from side property lines. On corner lots, no RV, boat, or dual axle trailer parking is permitted between the right-of-way and side of the main structure. Parking must be on an improved surface of concrete, asphalt or permeable pavers.

- **Commercial Vehicles** – No more than one commercial vehicle per dwelling unit may be parked on a residential property. No vehicle, having a net total weight of greater than 10,000 pounds, shall be parked on a residential property. Parking must be on an improved surface of concrete, asphalt or permeable pavers. No construction equipment or vehicle (including, but not limited to, backhoes, bulldozers, trenchers) shall be parked in residential districts for more than 30 days.

Property Maintenance

Property owners are required to maintain the exterior of their premises so that its appearance does not negatively impact the immediate neighborhood. All residential rental properties must be inspected every two years. If you are renting an apartment or house, and you feel the property is not properly maintained, call the Code Enforcement Office at 440-974-5792.

Refuse Collection (Commercial & Industrial)

Commercial and industrial rubbish haulers collecting in the city of Mentor are required to obtain a contractor's license and vehicle permit.

Satellite Dishes

Satellite dishes are permitted in rear yards only and must be at least 10 feet from the side and rear property lines. The maximum height permitted is 12 feet; the maximum diameter is 10 feet. A permit is required. Dishes less than one meter in diameter (39.37 inches) do not

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require a permit. It is recommended that the smaller dishes be located in the rear yard. DIRECTV and DISH residential units are exempt.

Sidewalks and Driveways

Property owners are required to keep their sidewalks and driveway aprons within the public right-of-way in a proper state of repair. If cracked, defective, or uneven, they must be repaired or replaced. An annual sidewalk inspection and maintenance program is ongoing. Property owners or persons responsible for the premises shall keep the sidewalk(s) adjacent to such building in a clean condition at all times (this includes clearing the property's sidewalks of snow and ice, per Ord. 521.06).

Signs

“Home for Sale,” “For Sale,” and “Garage Sale” signs are permitted only on the actual property where the sale is taking place and only when posted behind the tree lawn.

Similar signs are not permitted off-premises and will be confiscated, without prior notice, when observed by the city. (See “garage sales.”)

Snow and Ice Control

- **Clearing of City Streets** – Arterial and major collector streets are given first priority for snow and ice control. All major intersections on the major arterial highway system are salted and/or cindered, along with certain hills and bridges. Residential neighborhoods are cleared when conditions warrant. Call 440-974-5781 with routine snow and ice control inquiries.
- **No Parking During Snow Emergency** – A snow emergency is when there has been an accumulation of more than two inches of snow, sleet, hail, or ice on any streets/roads. No parking is permitted on city streets during a snow emergency.
- **Depositing Snow & Ice on Public Sidewalks or Roadways** – Depositing snow or ice onto any public

sidewalk, street, road, or highway is not permitted.

- **Access to Fire Hydrants** – Property owners are urged to adopt the fire hydrant closest to their property to keep the hydrant clear from snow during the winter months.

Solicitation

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

Streetlights

Streetlights within the city of Mentor are paid through assessment of the benefiting property owners. If you observe a streetlight in need of repair, please call 440-974-5781.

**Trees on Right-of-Way/
Tree Lawn**

- **Dead Trees** – No owner or occupant of any premises shall permit a dead tree to stand near to a public sidewalk or roadway as to endanger users should all or part of it fall. No owner or occupant shall permit a dead branch to overhang a public sidewalk or roadway.
- **Planting & Removing of Trees** – The city of Mentor has specific ordinances which property owners are required to follow when trimming, removing and planting trees within the right-of-way or tree lawn. Call Public Works at 440-974-5781 for details.

Traffic Signals/Signs

Traffic signals and signs are installed and maintained by the Public Works Department. For service requests, including repair or replacement of these devices, call 440-974-5781. Emergency or weekend repairs should be reported to the Mentor Police Department at 440-974-5789.

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Yard Waste Collection

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CITY FACILITIES

This is a listing of city offices and recreational facilities and the services available at each.

**Civic Center Campus
Mentor Municipal Center**

8500 Civic Center Boulevard

The city of Mentor's administrative offices are located within the Mentor Municipal Center building. Offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. The main number is 440-255-1100. City offices are closed: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and the day after, and Christmas Day.

1st Floor – Planning & Development, Engineering & Building, Information Technologies, Mentor Municipal Court, Police Department, and Mentor Jail.

2nd Floor – Finance Department, Public Information (The Mentor Channel) and Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities.

3rd Floor – Council Chambers, Council Offices, Law Director, City Manager and Human Resources.

**Civic Center Ice Arena,
Community Center,
Mentor Civic Amphitheater,
Civic Center Waterpark,
Skate Park**

8600 Munson Road
(Located on the Civic Center Campus)

The Mentor Ice Arena is open year-round and features two full-sized indoor rinks as well as a studio rink. Available for open skates,

tournaments, parties and more. Full snack bar and pro shop.

The Community Center has three rooms which accommodate 50-200 people each. Available for meetings and banquets.

Campus also includes picnic grounds and shelter, playground, amphitheater, swimming pool, children's water play area, sand volleyball court, basketball courts, pickle ball courts, skate park, bike path and baseball diamonds.

Pool hours:
1 to 8 pm daily through the summer

Pool phone:
440-974-5723.

Arena phone:
440-974-5730

To rent the ice arena or community center, call 440-974-5730. To rent the pool, call 440-974-5720.

Fire Station No. 5

8467 Civic Center Boulevard
440-974-5765

Fire Administration, Emergency Dispatch Center, Fire Prevention and Public Education.

Senior Citizens Center

8484 Munson Road
440-974-5725

State-of-the-art facility provides activities and services for those 55 and over. Barrier free. Lunch is served weekdays from 11:30 am–12:15 pm and is open to the public. Facility is available for private rentals.

**Black Brook Golf Course
& Practice Center**

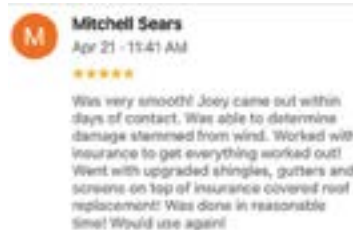
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blackbrookgolfcourse.com

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

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Dog Park

6647 Hopkins Road

This is the perfect spot for our four-legged friends to run and play with dogs of the same size. The park features a doggie water fountain, park benches, agility equipment and a safe, and a fenced in entry/exit area. The park is located next to the municipal maintenance facility.

Eleanor B. Garfield Park

7967 Mentor Avenue

Community recreation center with barrier-free restrooms, all people's playground, baseball diamonds, picnic pavilion, pond, fishing, soccer, lighted tennis courts, and wildlife area. The pavilion & recreation center are available for private rentals by calling 440-974-5720.

Hodgson Park

Hodgson Road and Route 306

Passive, open space area.

Donald E. Krueger Park

7556 Chillicothe Road

440-974-5720

Krueger Park House, barrier-free restrooms, soccer fields. Barrier-free facility. Krueger Park House is available for rent. Please call for more information and to reserve your time.

Mentor Beach Park

7779 Lake Shore Boulevard

Restrooms, picnic area, playground equipment, soccer fields.

Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina

8365 Harbor Drive

440-205-3625

Bird watchers and nature lovers enjoy this 450-acre nature preserve featuring hiking trails, water trails, and 1.5 miles of wild beach. The public marina provides direct lake access, year-round storage, and boat ramp with discounted rates for Mentor residents. Kayak, stand-up paddle board and canoe rentals available. Safe-boating classes also offered.

Morton Community Park

9325 Rosemary Lane

Amenities include: pool, restrooms, picnic pavilion, playground, basketball and splash park.

Pool hours:

1 to 8 pm daily, June–August

Pool phone:

440-257-5719

Pool and pavilion available for private rentals at 440-974-5720.

Municipal Maintenance Facility

6645 Hopkins Road

Public Works Department personnel and services related to road, public lands, equipment maintenance, storm drainage, street lighting and traffic.

Old Council Hall

7250 Jackson Street

Historic recreation center available for private rentals by calling 440-974-5720.

Presidents Park

7670 Buchanan Court

Picnic area, playground, bocce court and basketball.

Springbrook Gardens Park

6842 Heisley Road

The park features 52-acres of preserved green space, 1.7 miles of asphalt walking trails and a large pond with boardwalk. Construction of an all-season pavilion and playground will be completed in 2022.

Tiefenbach Park

Corduoy Road at

Lake Overlook Drive

Gazebo and picnic area, BMX bike and skate park.

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Where will the vaccines be offered?

Currently, they will be given at the Health District by appointment only

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1. vaccine record (if available)
2. health insurance card (if you're insured)
3. parent/guardian photo ID

For inquiries and/or to make an appointment, call 440-350-2482.



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Veterans Memorial

Corner of Center Street and Civic Center Boulevard

Created with support from Mentor VFW Post 9295. It is a site for reflection and remembering those who have served our country. Engraved bricks are available in the memorial walkway surrounding the monument by calling 440-974-5720.

Veterans Park

5740 Hopkins Road

Amenities include: fishing, hiking, picnic shelter, restrooms, playground, and wildlife area. This park is owned by the city of Mentor and maintained and operated by Lake Metroparks. Call 440-358-7275 to reserve the picnic shelter.

Edward R. Walsh Park

7221 Bellflower Road

Located west of Route 306 behind the Farmington Meadows development. Amenities: picnic pavilion, playground, spray park, baseball, restrooms, soccer, barrier-free fishing dock, tennis, basketball, and 1½-mile paved walkway. Reserve pavilion by calling 440-974-5720.

Wildwood Cultural Center

7645 Little Mountain Road

The 25-room English tudor manor house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and sits on 34-acres of wooded grounds. Amenities include the historic manor house, hiking trails, barrier-free restroom, picnic and wildlife area.

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

ALSO IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD...

History, Museums, & Nature

James A. Garfield National Historic Site

8095 Mentor Avenue

Locals still call it Lawnfield, the name given to our 20th president's home by newspaper reporters during the 1881 campaign. Garfield purchased the c. 1830 nine-room house with nearly 119 acres of farm-

land in 1876. The home contains the first presidential memorial library. The carriage house is now a visitor center and the main house contains many original Garfield family pieces. Owned and operated by the National Park Service. Call for hours at 440-255-8722 or visit nps.gov.

Headlands State Park

Headlands Road at north end of state Route 44

This 125-acre state park boasts a mile-long sandy beach — the longest in Ohio. Facilities are open daily from 8 am to dusk and include swimming, fishing, picnic areas, paved bike path, and public restrooms. Breakwall fishing is permitted 24 hours a day. To the immediate east is Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve. Call 440-466-8400 or visit ohio.dnr.gov.

Mentor Fire Museum

7262 Jackson Street

Constructed in 1942, this building served as the first Fire Station No. 1 until 1991. Now operated by

the Mentor Firefighters' Historical Association. To arrange tours, email mentorfiremuseum@yahoo.com.

Mentor Marsh House

(Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve)

**5185 Corduroy Road
440-257-0777**

This 700-plus acre state nature preserve was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1966 by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Scenic trails, boardwalks, access areas, and a small nature center aid the public in appreciating the wonders of this natural area.

EDUCATION

Mentor Public Schools

The Mentor Public Schools system serves 7,600 students from Mentor, Mentor-on-the-Lake, and small portions of Concord Township and Kirtland Hills. The school district offers a strong college preparatory program, vocational curriculum, and special education services. Local businesses help students explore career options through their partici-

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Administration

6451 Center Street
440-255-4444

Dr. Jacqueline A. Hoynes School
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5028 Forest Road
440-257-5951

Mentor High School

6477 Center Street
440-974-5300

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Memorial Middle School

8979 Mentor Avenue
440-974-2250

Shore Middle School

5670 Hopkins Road
440-257-8750

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Bellflower Elementary

6655 Reynolds Road
440-255-4212

Fairfax Elementary

6465 Curtiss Court
440-255-7223

Hopkins Elementary

7565 Hopkins Road
440-255-6179

Lake Elementary

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

Orchard Hollow Elementary

8700 Hendricks Road
440-257-5955

Ridge Elementary School

7860 Johnnycake Ridge Road
440-974-5400

Sterling Morton Elementary

9292 Jordan Drive
440-257-5954

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Lake Catholic High School

6733 Reynolds Road
440-578-1020

Mentor Christian School

8600 Lake Shore Boulevard
440-257-3172

St. Gabriel School

9935 Johnnycake Ridge Road
440-352-6169

St. Mary of the Assumption School

8540 Mentor Avenue
440-255-9781

HIGHER EDUCATION

Lake Erie College

391 W. Washington Street
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440-375-7050

Lakeland Community College

7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, OH 44094
440-525-7000

LIBRARIES

Mentor Public Library

mentorpl.org

The Mentor Public Library, formed on February 22, 1819, is the oldest library in Lake County. Renew, check out holds, and pay fines online at mentorpl.org. For general questions, send an email to a librarian at askalibrarian@mentorpl.org.

Main Branch

8215 Mentor Avenue
440-255-8811

For hours visit mentorpl.org.

Headlands Branch

4669 Corduroy Road
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Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch

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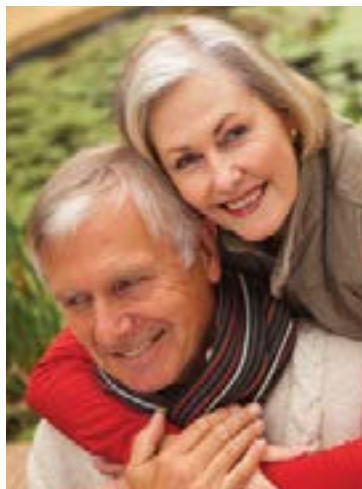
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CITY DEPARTMENTS

Office of the City Manager

The city manager serves as the chief executive officer and safety director and is responsible for planning, organizing, and directing the activities of all municipal operations.

The city manager appoints all department heads and employees; ensures that laws and ordinances governing the city are faithfully enforced; recommends to the city council measures or actions which appear necessary or desirable; recommends municipal ordinances and regulations; implements policies established by city council; prepares and submits to council the administrative budget and capital improvement program; and performs other activities as provided for in the city charter.

The city manager is appointed by city council for his expertise, education, and prior managerial experience. The following divisions are part of the city manager's office:

- **Human Resources** – Oversees employee recruitment, selection and testing; employee safety, training and development; labor relations; employee compensation and equal employment opportunity; and processing of accident and injury reports.
- **Information Technology** – Provides technical support services to city departments including application design and development, post implementation support and training, process analysis, technical consulting and project management.
- **Public Information** – Responsible for disseminating information to the general public related to city projects, events, activities, and services through various means including press releases, newsletters, publications, city website, social media, apps, advertising, The Mentor Channel, and Mentor Radio 1620.

Clerk of Council

The clerk of council is appointed by city council members to keep its records and perform all duties as prescribed by the council.

Planning & Development

Responsible for establishing a diversified economic base with an emphasis on retention and expansion of existing firms, while attracting growth-oriented industries.

Provides staff to the International Trade Program. Oversees day-to-day development concerns and long-range land-use planning issues.

The department assists in administering the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, provides staff support to the Municipal Planning Commission and the Board of Building & Zoning Appeals, issues sign and fence permits, and prepares reports and studies dealing with land use, rezoning, subdivision and site plans, conditional use permits, signage, etc.

The department is also responsible for addressing property maintenance issues and administration of the multi-family and single-family rental inspection programs.

Engineering & Building

The department engineers and administers the city's capital improvements, regulates private utility work within the public right-of-way, and inspects building construction for community standards to promote the safety of homes and buildings. The department has two divisions:

- **Engineering** – Directly involved with all utility and publicly or privately funded roadway construction in Mentor, both in reviewing and approving the construction plans, and inspecting the construction work performed. It is also involved with planning future public improvement projects, storm drainage assistance, municipal architectural design, and traffic control.
- **Building** – Involved in all activities associated with residential and commercial building construction, including reviewing plans for conformance with building codes and performing on-site inspections to monitor building-code compliance. Helps with building-related concerns.



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Finance Department

The finance department keeps accounts of all city financial transactions. This involves day-to-day budget administration, payment of accounts, payroll preparation, and maintenance of fixed asset records, receipt and investment of monies, municipal income tax enforcement, auditing, debt administration, city insurance, and reporting the city's financial condition.

Fire Department

The fire chief organizes, directs and coordinates all fire resources to accomplish the mission of saving lives and community property.

- **Fire and Rescue Division –** Provides lifesaving and property protection including: the handling of fires, rescues, medical and sudden mechanical emergencies, hazardous materials and natural disasters. Services are provided from five fire stations staffed 24 hours a day.

- **Fire Prevention Bureau –** Enforces the fire safety code and the ordinances of the city through routine inspections of businesses, industries, schools and shopping centers for the purpose of reducing the chance of fires. Also reviews all plans for new construction and investigates the causes of fires.
- **Training and Public Education –** The training division provides continuous in-service and specialized training for members of the fire department as well as conducting home exit drills, evacuation planning, accident prevention, first aid, CPR and fire extinguisher training. The division also provides educational programs through schools, businesses, community organizations and civic groups, and works with the Fire Prevention Bureau on juvenile fire setter counseling programs.

Law Department

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

Municipal Court

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

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Police Department

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

- **Communications Center –** Receives information and requests from the public and dispatches calls to police and fire personnel.
- **Community Services –** Officers maintain a strong and effective

Police Department cont'd

working relationship with citizens.

- **Corrections** – Provides for the safety and security of the Mentor jail and the care of inmates.
- **Detective/Juvenile Bureau** – Responsible for follow-up investigations of all major felony crimes that occur in the school district, Lake County Juvenile Court and other youth service organizations in the community.
- **Patrol Services Bureau** – Responsible for the protection of life and property, the preservation of peace, repression of crime, apprehension of criminal suspects, prevention of delinquency, traffic direction and control, accident investigation, and traffic law enforcement.
- **Records Bureau** – Provides information to support the police department and assist the general public.
- **Victim Assistance Program** – Serves victims of crime through information, crisis intervention, referrals and court advocacy.

Public Works

Responsible for the construction and maintenance of city streets; the maintenance and operation of the storm water infrastructure system and the city's traffic signal system; the management of the city's fleet of vehicles and equipment; the city's waste collection programs, and the maintenance and improvements of all municipal public lands, urban forestry and street trees.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

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

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

Board of Building & Zoning Appeals (BZA)

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

Civil Service Commission

Ensures that consideration for appointments and promotions within the police and fire department's classified service are made according to merit and fitness, based on competitive examination. Three residents serve four-year terms.

Community Arts Commission

Fourteen members provide direction and assistance to the Parks, Recreation, & Public Facilities Department in developing cultural programs to suit the needs of the

community. Members serve three-year terms.

Fair Housing Board

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

Lake County Combined General Health Board

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

Municipal Planning Commission

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

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Tree Commission

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

VOTER INFORMATION

You can vote if you —

- Are 18 years or older by Election Day;
- Are a United States citizen;
- Have lived in Ohio for 30 days;
- You are registered to vote prior to 30 days before an election.

You **MUST** register to vote if —

- You are voting for the first time;
- Your name has changed;
- You have not voted in four years;
- You have moved since you last voted.

Register to vote at:

- Lake County Board of Elections;
- Online at olvr.ohiosos.gov.

Voter registration closes 30 days before an election.

For more information contact the Board of Elections at 440-350-2700 or visit lakeelections.com.

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