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## Lake County Administration Center parking lot to be closed

■ Area to be resurfaced and retrofitted and will be closed for four to six weeks

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The parking lot for the Lake County Administration Center in Painesville will be closed, starting Monday, for the next four to six weeks because of construction.

The administration building is located at 105 Main St. and the parking lot is on St. Clair Street north of Main Street.

Contained within the building are the offices for county commissioners, Utilities, Elections Board, Prosecutor, Treasurer, Recorder, Veterans Affairs, GIS and Information Technology.

Parking will be available around Park Place or along the other roads surrounding the building.

Additional parking is located behind 125 East Erie St. or in the Painesville City Parking Garage on South St. Clair Street.

Construction crews will provide parking spaces for public visitors with accessibility needs who need to access the administration building.

The lot will be resurfaced and retrofitted to help improve stormwater runoff.

Porous pavers or porous concrete will be used in portions of the 37,000-square-foot lot as the design would be used for the first time on county-owned property, said Tim Miller, Lake County Stormwater Management Department director.

The porous materials allow rain to absorb into a stone base and then naturally into the ground, Miller said.

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The 72-spot parking lot hasn't been resurfaced for about 30 years and is in need of repair, said Chuck Klco, the county Buildings and Grounds Department supervisor.

Officials anticipate the parking lot will continue to have about the same number of parking spots and remain about the same size when work is concluded.

County commissioners recently accepted a \$100,000 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

on behalf of the Stormwater Management Department that should pay for about half of the project's cost budgeted at \$200,000.

The local match for the grant will come from the Building and Grounds Department budget.

Part of the grant requires an education component about how the project uses best stormwater management practices, he said.

An unmanned parking booth installed in the 1970s at the entrance of the driveway is planned to be removed as part of the resurfacing project, Klco said.