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### **Board of Commissioners Hosting Lake County Caregiver Forum**

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, August 25, 2022 – The Board of Lake County Commissioners Senior Services is hosting a free Caregiver Forum on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, from 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. The forum is sponsored by Laketrans and the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and will be held at the Lake County Fairgrounds Youth & Community Center, located at 1301 Mentor Avenue, Painesville.

“Senior Services is hosting this forum in an effort to provide information on local aging and caregiving resources. We recognize this is a need and we are taking the beginning steps to address it,” said Commissioner John Hamercheck, President of the Board of Lake County Commissioners.

The public is invited to stop in to connect with other caregivers, learn about local resources, and meet with service providers to learn how to access services. Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging will be on hand throughout the forum to gather share your feedback on caregiving needs and gaps.

“Caregivers manage a wide range of responsibilities, and while some people receive care from paid caregivers, most rely on unpaid assistance from families, friends and neighbors,” said Commissioner John Plecnik, “It’s important that caregivers and older adults are aware of and able to access the services and support they need to age successfully. We want to help guide this process.”

More than 20 local agencies will be on hand at the forum to provide information on a variety of services and answer questions. “We plan to take information learned from the event to explore ways we can continue to engage and support caregivers and older adults in Lake County,” said Commissioner Mark Tyler. “We hope you will come out to connect with these agencies and share your experiences.”

For more information on the Lake County Caregiver Forum, please contact Alyea Barajas, Senior Services Coordinator, at (440) 350-2748.

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