



# Lake Views

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## WELCOME SUMMER!

With summer kicking in, it's a great time to review some safety tips for those hot and humid days! When grocery shopping, always make that your last stop before heading home. Park in the shade whenever possible. Put perishables in your cart last before checking out so they'll stay cool longer. Use insulated bags and coolers to transport your cold items. Meat and fish pose the biggest food safety risk so always separate raw meats to avoid cross-contamination and if you can, put your groceries in the air-conditioned cabin of your car, not in the trunk. Also, in regards to warmer temps, don't forget pet safety. Leaving any pet in a parked car, even for just a few minutes, can be fatal! On an 85 degree day, the temperature inside a

vehicle (even with the windows slightly open) can reach 102 degrees in just 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, it can climb to 120 degrees. Always ensure pets have plenty of water and a cool place to stay so they are healthy and safe over the next few months.

In recent news, the Board of Commissioners is excited to announce our new Lake County, Ohio official Facebook page! This page will be used to communicate programs and services offered by the county along with general news and updates and will be managed by the Commissioners Office. Currently, you can find information regarding the Emergency Rental Assistance



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Program so please like and follow us at LakeCountyOhioUSA today!

Needing to reach a county department but not sure where to start? Then you'll want to visit our website at lakecountyohio.gov! You can also call (800) 899-5253 for a list of department extensions. Just a quick reminder, all county offices will be closed Monday July 4th in observance of Independence Day, and Monday September 5th in observance of Labor Day. ■

## LAKE COUNTY FAIR TRADITION CONTINUES TO GO & GROW



The Lake County Agricultural Society was established in 1840, the same year that a northern portion of Geauga County was divided off to form Lake County, Ohio. Although the activities of the society dated back to the origins of the Geauga County Fair in 1822, the first Lake County Fair was held in 1852. The original location of the fairgrounds was on Bank Street on the site known as the Cummings allotment in Painesville located directly across the street from Crossroads Veterinary Hospital.

In those days, Society Memberships cost one dollar and included eight tickets to the fair along with free admission for horses and carriages. Fair activities included plowing contests, displays of stoves, organs, homemade horseshoes, and tanned hides. Back then, the last day of each annual fair was reserved for the exchange or sale of livestock but no pooling or betting was allowed.

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JOIN US AT THE FAIRGROUNDS JULY 26-31!

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# LAKE COUNTY FAIR

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Depression conditions forced the fair to disband from 1894 until 1912 when the first new fair was held at the current fairgrounds at the intersection of Mentor Avenue and Fairgrounds Road in Painesville Township. The "Log Cabin" was the first building at the new fairgrounds and is still in use today as a historical display. Horse racing had become very popular and a large, covered grandstand was constructed in 1913 and it was used until it was destroyed by fire in 1964. Around that time, Lake County was one of the leaders in the United States in the development of blooded livestock. The Fair annually exhibited expensive cattle, thoroughbred horses and choice hogs that had been bred, raised, and housed in Lake County. It was this activity that served as the forerunner of the annual 4-H Livestock Auction which continues to serve as a highlight of the modern-day fair.

The Agricultural Society's mission has always been to promulgate agriculture (Ohio's #1 industry) and to do so by educating our youth (Ohio's #1 asset) in a wholesome, family environment. This mission continues today with the strong support of local industry, agriculture and the community at large. New buildings on the fairgrounds and activities and events of the Fair have varied over the years to reflect the changes in Lake County.

Even as the Lake County community has changed, the Lake County Fair has flourished. In 2021, a record 133,384 people attended the six days of the Lake County Fair, now held the last full week of July. This number broke the previous high attendance mark set in 2002.

*Don't get shut out of the excitement!  
Be part of the tradition and visit the 167th  
edition of the Lake County Fair scheduled for  
July 26-31, 2022. More information can be  
found at [lakecountyfair.org](http://lakecountyfair.org). ■*

# MADISON VILLAGE: A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A LOT TO OFFER



**M**adison Village is a picturesque Victorian-era village established in 1867 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is perched at the edge of the Grand River Valley providing a perfect place to launch your exploration of this amazing region of Ohio's Wine Country. Madison is minutes away from three Lake Metroparks, with over 1,300 acres where you can find camping, hiking, hunting, birding, canoeing and kayaking along the state-designated scenic Grand River.

At the center of town is the beautiful Village Square and Band Stand. Here, visitors will find activities going on year-long, such as outdoor markets, evening concerts, classic car shows, craft fairs, and seasonal festivals.

If enjoying a gourmet meal and catching live entertainment is on your to-do list, Madison is the place. The Village offers a wide variety of food and drink options with 20+ wineries, two craft breweries, and a micro-distillery within minutes of Village Square. Madison Village has a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area allowing visitors to enjoy adult beverages while taking in the sights and sounds.

Madison Village offers plenty of lodging options from lakeside campsites to cozy B&B's. There are two brand new hotels that offer beautiful amenities along with shuttled wine tours. There is no shortage of incredible things to experience in the Village.

*If you have any questions, please visit [madisonvillage.org](http://madisonvillage.org) or email them at [info@madisonvillage.org](mailto:info@madisonvillage.org). ■*

## 2022 COLLECTION CALENDAR



### Appliances, Electronics, Monitors, TVs, & Tires

Unloaded by Resident

**Collection Season: June 6 thru August 31**

**Lake County Landfill & Recycling Center**

2039 Blase Nemeth Rd. Painesville Twp.

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



#### All personal data is securely and professionally erased

**NO COST, FREE:** Most corded and rechargeable household electronics including phones, computers, towers, and printers

**\$3 EACH:** Car and pickup truck tires - no rims, 6 max. per day, up to 20"

**\$5 EACH:** Household appliances, flat screens/tube screens 27" and smaller, and semi-truck tires - no rims, 6 max. per day, over 20"

**\$10 EACH:** Flat/tube screens larger than 27", projection & console sets

**\$15 EACH:** Tractor and agricultural tires, no rims, 6 max. per day

**PROHIBITED:** Batteries, broken/bare CRTs, any light bulb, carbon monoxide detectors, gas-powered equipment, hazardous waste, materials containing liquids, devices containing liquid mercury (thermostats, switches, medical devices, thermometers), PCB-containing materials, propane tanks, radioactive materials, and smoke detectors



# LAKE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE: UPDATE

The Lake County Treasurer's Office has been very busy in 2022. We just wrapped up our first half billing cycle by collecting approximately 250 million dollars. Our office, in conjunction with Lifeline, has helped local homeowners with over \$100,000 in grant money for property taxes. The office has also started a new initiative to identify and reach out to homeowners of newly paid off mortgages and refinance in an effort to prevent and collect delinquent property tax. This first effort has resulted in the collection of over \$150,000. Over the last 30 years, 5.3 million dollars has accumulated due to overpayments of property taxes. Since I have taken office, there has been a huge effort to return those overpayments resulting in the return of \$275,000 to taxpayers and \$300,000 that can be returned to the Lake County general fund (pending approval). All of our efforts are helping to reduce delinquency and increase tax dollar collections for the benefit of Lake County and its residents.

The Lake County Treasurer's Office paired up with Auditor Christopher Galloway hosting town hall meetings to discuss tax reduction programs and homestead credits at eleven senior centers. The two offices have also conjoined to instruct financial

literacy courses to educate students throughout Lake County about financial responsibility. The first such presentation took place at Madison High School where 125 students learned how to manage money and plan for their futures.

The Treasurer's Office created new partnerships with the Commissioners by initiating the Lake County Business Owners Roundtable Discussion series. This forum started in February and regularly invites 20 to 30 local employers to discuss issues they are facing with workforce, supply chain, resource collaboration, economic conditions, and other issues facing the success of their business. So far, the meetings have been extremely enlightening and have encouraged many nonprofits to discuss partnerships to solve employment issues throughout the county.

The Treasurer's Community Outreach Committee was started in October 2021



and focuses on teaching financial literacy, educating the public on taxes, partnering with nonprofits, recognizing good works throughout the county related to helping others and fiscal responsibility, and supporting local businesses through flash mobs and fundraisers.

Lake County Treasurer Michael Zuren is very active in numerous nonprofit and volunteer events including the free kid's lunch program which has distributed well over 25,000 lunches in the last 3 years. The free kid's lunch program also gives away items for underprivileged children such as backpacks, school supplies, undergarments, tennis shoes, winter coats and personal hygiene products.

The Lake County Birthday Club, established in 2021, provides Make-a-Wish type birthday parties for special needs individuals and children facing severe medical issues. So far, over 55 birthday parties have taken place that included parades, superheroes, fire trucks, motorcycles, favorite musicians, and more.

Treasurer Zuren is also a board member of Ohio Paws with Purpose; a nonprofit that helps families facing financial struggles keep their pet family intact by providing pet food distributions, education, spay and neuter funding, adoption of senior dogs, and medical assistance for their dogs and cats.

*For more information about any of these programs, you can reach the Treasurers Office at (440) 350-2516 or visit their website at [lakecountyohio.gov/treasurer](http://lakecountyohio.gov/treasurer). Office hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. ■*

## Hazardous Waste Event Dates

Unloaded by Collection Team

**June 11 and September 24**

**Lake County Fairgrounds**

1301 Mentor Ave., Painesville Twp., enter via Mentor Ave.  
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Most automotive, household cleaners, lawn, pool, unknown chemicals.  
Bulbs and batteries. Aerosols, empty propane tanks, kerosene, mercury,  
paints (oil-based), polyurethanes, primers and grout. Roofing tars, shellacs,  
stains,  
thinners, turpentine and varnish

**PROHIBITED:** Ammunition, explosives, latex paint (dry it & toss it), medical waste, prescription medicines, and smoke alarms (mail to manufacturer)

Sponsored by the The Lake County Board of Commissioners,  
Solid Waste District, and the Department of Utilities.  
For specific questions call (440) 350-2645 or (440) 350-5766





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## DID YOU KNOW? FAQS FOR BUILDING INSPECTION DEPT.

**Q** What municipalities does the Lake County Building Inspection Dept. have jurisdiction over?

**A** We issue commercial and residential permits for the following areas unless otherwise noted (see below). For municipalities not listed below, you should contact that area's Zoning Department to inquire about their requirements.

- Concord Township
- Fairport Harbor Village
- Grand River Village
- Kirtland City
- Kirtland Hills
- Lakeline Village (Residential only)
- Leroy Township
- Madison Township
- Madison Village
- Mentor-on-the-Lake
- Painesville City
- Painesville Township
- North Perry Village
- Perry Township
- Perry Village
- Timberlake Village (Residential only)
- Waite Hill
- Wickliffe  
(Commercial & Residential Electric only)
- Willoughby Hills
- Willowick

**Q** What exactly requires a permit?

**A** We always recommend calling to speak with an inspector first to get clarification on what is required. Most construction requires some form of permit/approval. Some permits include but are not limited to: Structural, Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, Gas Piping, Hydronics, Fire Alarm, Fire Sprinkler, Kitchen Hood, Hood Suppression, Room Suppression, Refrigeration, and equipment installations that are essential features in the construction or use of a structure.

**Q** How do I obtain a permit?

**A** Our permit applications are available online at [lakecountyohio.gov](http://lakecountyohio.gov). Click on "Departments". Under "Building & Development", click on "Building Inspection". Applications are listed on the left side of the page. You can also bring your applications to our counter in person or submit them through the mail.

**Q** Can I submit permit applications and plans digitally?

**A** Permit applications are accepted online. They can be submitted through our website at [lakecountyohio.gov](http://lakecountyohio.gov). Click on "Departments". Under "Building and Development", click on "Building Inspection". On the left side of the page, you will see "Document Submittal". You can also submit your applications via email at [lcbd@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:lcbd@lakecountyohio.gov).

**Q** How much does a permit cost?

**A** Our 2022 Fee Schedule is available at [lakecountyohio.gov](http://lakecountyohio.gov). Click on "Departments". Under "Building and Development", choose "Building Inspection". The Fee Schedule is listed on the left side; however, we always welcome your calls with any questions you might have.

**Q** How do we contact the Lake County Building Department for permits or for questions about what areas your department covers?

**A** You can contact the Lake County Building Dept by telephone at 440-350-2636 or visit our office in person at 105 Main St., Building B, Second Floor, in downtown Painesville. We can also be contacted via e-mail at [lcbd@lakecountyohio.gov](mailto:lcbd@lakecountyohio.gov). Our office hours are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

