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LOOK UP LAKE COUNTY IT'S COMING

Unless you've been living under a rock for the last year or so, you have probably heard references made to an upcoming solar eclipse. That said, you may have learned of special eclipse-themed events or been notified of school closures for that day but exactly *what is a Total Solar Eclipse?*

A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between the Sun and the Earth. Sometimes, the Moon blocks only part of the Sun's light which is known as a partial eclipse. Other times, it blocks the Sun's light in its entirety and this is referred to as a total solar eclipse. During a total eclipse, a shadow is cast on Earth that creates a trail as the Earth rotates. This is called the Path of Totality. In order to experience total darkness, you must be in the Path of Totality and this year,

the center line crosses right through Lake County!

Although the moment most people remember is when everything falls into perfect alignment, try to pay close attention to the partial phases leading up to and following totality as well. Breezes may dissipate and if it's not too humid, you might even experience a 10-15 degree drop in temperature. Many animals recognize this change in the environment and can exhibit nocturnal behaviors. Birds may stop singing or flying and chickens may head toward their coops as they can perceive the darkness as a signal to roost for the night. Cows may start heading



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back to their barns. Honeybees may swarm home to hives.

We have provided a few articles pertaining to the eclipse in this issue. On page 2, you'll find important safety tips relating to your eyes and skin. We also have an article from the EMA (Emergency Management Agency) regarding planning and the Lake County Visitors Bureau has included a link to eclipse info and events on their website as well. Since the next Total Solar Eclipse is not expected to be viewed here until 2099, make sure you enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! ■

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



CITY OF PAINESVILLE OUR COUNTY SEAT

The City of Painesville is the county seat of Lake County, Ohio and one of the oldest established communities in the Western Reserve. Named after General Edward Paine who served in the

Revolutionary War and settled in the area shortly after, Painesville is home to Lake Erie College, Morley Library, and a dynamic historical downtown district.

"It's happening in Painesville!" is how City Manager Doug Lewis is describing the current climate, with over \$85 million in new investment occurring in the city from both the private and public

sector. Highlights include the newly renovated former Chase Bank building on the Square, now dubbed 'The Tower' for Lake Erie College student housing. The new space will open to summer students starting in June 2024.

Major projects include the renovation of Victoria Place on the Square by Renew Partners LLC; Grand River Walk by Marous Development which will feature a mixed-use development with

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SOLAR ECLIPSE LAKE COUNTY APRIL 8, 2024



Lake County will experience a total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. The center line of the eclipse will enter Ohio near Greenville (Darke County) and exit over Lake Erie near Avon Lake (Lorain County). Lake County will have several prime viewing areas with the center line of the eclipse traversing Lake Erie approximately ten (10) miles due north of our eastern and western boundaries, and approximately five (5) miles due north of Mentor. Analysts who have reviewed previous solar eclipses have stated, "Eclipses have a potential to attract hundreds of thousands of visitors." The Ohio EMA has advised our agency to expect two (2) to four (4) times our normal population. This equates to approximately five-hundred thousand (500,000) to one million (1,000,000) visitors for this once in a lifetime event.

The Lake County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), in

cooperation with Federal, State, and Local shareholders, has developed a plan identifying the need for protection of the general public. This includes planning for a large increase in visitors, heavy roadway traffic and extreme travel delays, overbooking of hotels, motels, and residential rental platforms, and overcrowding of our lakeside parks and marinas. Many local communities, organizations, and public safety services have been, and continue to be, active in the planning process.

Private and public entities have been advertising local activities for the eclipse. Events are starting as early as April 5th, 2024 and continue all weekend through the total solar eclipse. Some may even extend throughout the evening following the eclipse. In its public information campaign, the

State of Ohio has encouraged visitors to "Come early, stay late" for this event. The Lake County Visitors Bureau and many community partners are echoing this same message and we want our residents to be prepared. More information can be found at Remarkable Lake County's website: <https://www.mylakeoh.com/eclipse>.

This increase in visitors may produce slow moving traffic flows, delays in basic services, and shortages of everyday supplies. All Lake county residents are encouraged to plan ahead. This can be as simple as shopping for your needs early, limiting unnecessary travel during the time before and after the eclipse and planning to view this spectacular event from your residence or at one of the many planned activities within Lake County.

Regardless of the weather conditions, Lake County will experience total darkness on April 8, 2024. For additional information and links to Solar Eclipse readiness, visit Ohio's eclipse website at

WWW.ECLIPSE.OHIO.GOV ■



SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSES

EYE CARE

View the Sun through eclipse glasses during the partial eclipse phases before and after totality.

Do NOT use eclipse glasses with cameras, binoculars, or telescopes; those require different types of solar filters. If viewing the eclipse through cameras, binoculars, or telescopes equipped with proper solar filters, you do not need to wear eclipse glasses.

You can view the eclipse directly without proper eye protection ONLY when the Moon completely obscures the Sun's bright face during the brief and spectacular period known as totality.

You'll know it's safe when you can no longer see any part of the Sun through eclipse glasses or a solar viewer.

As soon as you see even a little bit of the bright Sun reappear after totality, immediately put your eclipse glasses back on to look at the Sun.

Additional Safe Solar Viewing Options:

- Welder's goggles rated 14 or higher
- Specially designed solar telescopes or solar binoculars
- Telescopes, cameras and binoculars **WITH** approved solar filters
- Pinhole projector

SKIN CARE

During the partial phases of a total eclipse, the Sun will still be very bright and you may be in direct sunlight for hours. Remember to wear sunscreen, a hat, and protective clothing to prevent skin damage. ■

ISO-APPROVED SOLAR-ECLIPSE GLASSES MUST MEET CERTAIN SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

- No more than 0.00032 percent of the sun's light may be transmitted through the filters.
- The filters must be free of any defects, such as scratches, bubbles and dents.
- Handheld viewers must be large enough to cover both eyes.
- Labels on the viewers (or packaging) must include the name of the manufacturer, instructions for safe use and warnings of the dangers of improper use.





Remarkable Lake County, OH

So, this Total Solar Eclipse is going to be a big deal, isn't it? Absolutely!

By now, you've probably heard and read many stories about the Total Solar Eclipse that is headed our way on Monday, April 8th. This rare occurrence is when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun which will completely block out the sun causing almost total darkness...in the middle of the afternoon! The next time a total solar eclipse will be able to be seen in the United States won't happen again until August of 2044.

In the United States, the Eclipse will begin in southwest Texas and travel in an arc northeast throughout the United States, through parts of Ohio, and end as it passes through Maine. Lake County happens to lie squarely in the "Path of Totality" and will provide optimal viewing for this generational event! The Eclipse will begin around 2:00 PM here in Lake County with totality taking place between 3:10 and 3:15 PM. The Eclipse here in northeast Ohio should be completed close to 4:30 PM.

With a major event taking place in a relatively short period of time, this can also present logistical challenges for those looking to take part in this phenomenon. The last Total Eclipse happened in the United States in August of 2017 and there are many lessons that were learned from communities that were in the Path of Totality as well as from folks who traveled to see the Eclipse. Nearly

everyone who has traveled to see a previous Eclipse **STRONGLY** recommends beating the crowds and arriving early as traffic on the day of the event is unpredictable and can prevent people from getting to their final destinations on time. If people have friends or family coming to visit during the Eclipse, it would be wise for them to arrive Friday or Saturday to beat the crowds expected on Sunday and Monday. If you know someone who is looking for a hotel for this event, encourage them to book now,

Wine Country and the Grand River Valley. With 12 wineries participating, this unique promotion is a great way to tour the award-winning wineries we have right here in Lake County.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has numerous fun and educational opportunities that will be taking place at Headlands Beach State Park in Mentor. With over a mile of sandy beach along Lake Erie, fantastic views of the Fairport Harbor West Breakwater Lighthouse, and plenty of parking, this is going to be a great spot to visit leading up to and during the eclipse.

Other venues opening their doors and welcoming guests for Eclipse-related events include the Holden Arboretum and the Mentor Civic Amphitheater. Holden Arboretum is one of the largest arboreta and botanical gardens in the United States with over 3,600 acres to roam, providing plenty of room for folks to explore and watch the eclipse in total

darkness. Mentor Civic Amphitheater will have many activities planned, is centrally located within Lake County, and has ample parking for thousands of guests.

So, whether you're looking to experience the total eclipse with thousands of fellow eclipse-watchers, or you'd rather catch this event in a more quiet, remote location, Lake County has the perfect option for you and your crew!

For the most current list of Eclipse related happenings in Lake County, visit: MyLakeOH.com/eclipse. ■



before they're sold out, as many hotels are nearing capacity already. There are going to be events all weekend leading up to the Eclipse on Monday, so get here early and check out everything there is to do in Lake County!

With several large events already on the calendar and more communities and businesses announcing Eclipse-related events daily, there will not be a shortage of options for viewing the eclipse in a memorable setting. One exciting event that is already on the books is the "Total Eclipse Wine Trail" that will take visitors through Ohio



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CARTEENS: NEW JUVENILE COURT SAFETY PROGRAM

Lake County Juvenile Court Judge Michael L. DeLeone has been working hard toward creative and effective programming at the Court. In September of 2023, Judge DeLeone initiated his Evening Traffic Program. Also, when juvenile traffic offenders began coming before him, he realized Lake County would benefit from new and original programming. That said, he is excited to announce a special



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collaboration with the Lake County OSU Extension, 4-H Youth Development Program and the Ohio State Highway Patrol to implement a special traffic safety program for first-time teen traffic offenders.

CARTEENS (Care and Responsibility Teens) aims to keep teen drivers safe while having fun doing it. Youth and their parent or guardian will participate in an informational class with numerous engaging activities. Teens attending this program have typically been cited for speeding, stop sign violations, reckless

operation, and other similar traffic violations. The goal is to get them thinking about safety on the road and decrease teen traffic offenders. Ohio 4-H CARTEENS has proved to be a valuable tool in educating Ohio's teen drivers and saving lives on Ohio roads. Data collected from 4-H CARTEENS participants indicated a significant reduction in second-time traffic offenses, an increased use of safety belts, reduced drinking and driving, and an increased use of caution when driving. In a recent survey, more than 80 percent of participants said they planned to use more caution when driving and will continue to increase their use of seat belts. The classes will be facilitated by a 4-H Extension Professional and an Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper.

"A community collaboration focused on improving the safety of our youth, families and roads is a collaboration that we should be invested in", stated Judge Michael L. DeLeone.

Judge DeLeone believes that our juveniles need to be engaged in pro-social activities. Future programs will aim to link juveniles to pro-social activities in our community and schools. His goal is to eliminate obstacles to increase the chance our juveniles sign up, participate, and complete an activity. Investment in rehabilitation for our youth ultimately has a positive impact on the Lake County community. ■

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

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a restaurant, shops, and 120 apartments overlooking Kiwanis Recreation Park on the Main Street hill; and a new housing development by Payne & Payne Builders on the former Lake East Hospital site. Payne & Payne plans to have two model homes open for tours this spring. It will be a multi-phase development that includes custom homes and townhomes.



The City is also working on multiple quality-of-life projects for their residents including a new amphitheater, splash pad, dog park, and plans for a zip-line area all within the 70+ acres of Recreation Park along the Grand River. The splash pad plans to open Memorial Day weekend 2024 with the dog park area and amphitheater next on the list of new amenities.

It truly is a revival for Painesville City. So stop by one of their numerous city events which are almost always free or low cost and open to the public. ■

SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

SPRING EGG HUNT - MARCH 23

10:00 a.m. Painesville Square

SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT
AT LAKE ERIE COLLEGE - APRIL 8
Campus Greens

CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA - MAY 4
11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Painesville Square

PCIC PARTY IN THE PARK
MUSIC FESTIVAL - JULY 19-21
Painesville Square

CAR CRUISE - BEGINNING MAY 12
Fridays all summer 5-8 p.m. Painesville Square