



Lake Views

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SUMMERTIME SAFETY & EXCITING EVENTS AHEAD!

As summer arrives, we want to take a moment to remind all residents to stay safe while enjoying the warm weather and community activities. Whether you're swimming, hiking, or just spending time outdoors, please remember to stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and keep an eye on children near water. Safety is our top priority and a few simple precautions can help make this season enjoyable for everyone.



Lead exposure, which can come from water sitting in lead pipes for hours, can pose serious health risks—especially to children and pregnant women. Common in older homes and infrastructure, lead

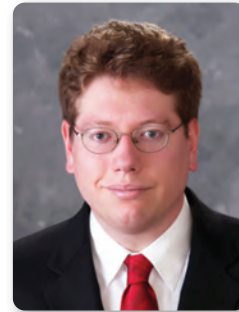
was initially used due to its malleability, ease of forming, and resistance to corrosion. Today, legislation

and regulation have helped to reduce water lead concentrations. Our county is working with state partners to identify and replace outdated pipes so you'll want to read the Department of Utilities article on Page 3 for more information. With your help in determining if you have lead service lines, we can reduce exposure.

In this issue, we're also excited to kick off a season full of community events and family fun! From county-wide summer concerts to enjoying the beach to taking in a Captains game, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Be sure to review the event list on Page 2 to help decide what you want to attend as well as the article on Page 2 highlighting the County Fair. This year's fair offers



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traditional attractions such as livestock shows, racing and derbies, and thrilling rides as well as live entertainment and delicious food. These events are great opportunities to connect with neighbors, support local businesses, and celebrate the best of what our county has to offer.

Stay tuned to the county website and local news for schedules, featured attractions, and helpful tips for getting the most out of your summer. We're proud of our vibrant community, and we look forward to seeing you out there! ■

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Willoughby Hills is gearing up for a season of growth and excitement. With new retail options, popular community events returning to the calendar, and key infrastructure improvements underway, the city is poised for a year of enhanced convenience, entertainment, and progress. Residents can look forward to an energized community atmosphere that blends small-town charm with meaningful development.

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2025 LAKE COUNTY FAIR: TONS OF FUN!

The 170th edition of the Lake County Fair will run July 22nd – July 27th, 2025 at the county

fairgrounds on Mentor Avenue in Painesville Township. The 2025 Fair is presented by Ken Ganley Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Mentor with support from the University Hospital System.

The fair will be packed with fun for the whole family and will feature all your favorite traditions and much more! Two demo derbies will headline the week's entertainment line-up and regular favorites like motocross racing, a truck and tractor pull, KOI side-by-side dirt track drag racing, and dirt night motor mayhem all return. Great music along with Jungle Terry, the Sky Circus Cleveland Variety Show, All-American Pig Racing, and two Kiddie

Tractor Pulls will highlight this year's free on-grounds acts.

The Fair kicks off on Tuesday July 22th with "Veterans Day". Admission is free to all until 3:00 pm and veterans will be admitted free all day. Harness racing will take place on this day only with a noon post time and will feature both colts and fillies. Don't miss the opening day parade starting at 6:00 pm featuring as many as 200 units traveling from Painesville City west on Mentor Avenue to the fairgrounds. Tuesday night's demo derby will feature school busses.

Wednesday is "Family Day". Families of 4 or more will be admitted for \$8/each including ride privileges. Thursday is "Kids Day" with free admission for ages 14 and under when accompanied by an adult. There will be free activities, games, and prizes for ages 12 and under at the main grandstand beginning at 1:00 pm and ride wristbands are

available for \$8. Friday is "Seniors Day" with ages 60 and over free until 3:00 pm and includes a free boxed lunch (while supplies last) as well as other activities at the Lake County Farm Bureau/Merhar Insurance Entertainment Tent.

The weekend features a draft horse pull, the annual 4-H Livestock Auction, Power Truck and Tractor Pulls, Latino Day and the Lake County Demo Derby; the granddaddy of all demo derbies!

For a complete schedule of events with times, ticket prices, and more information, visit the Fair's website at www.lakecountyfair.org. ■



LAKE COUNTY'S UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

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| • Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras 7/5
5 - 11PM, 301 Huntington Beach Dr. | • Last Stop Willoughby/Chalkfest..... 8/9
8 - 4PM, Point Park |
| • Regatta Classic Dog Show.....7/10 - 7/13
Bill Stanton Community Park | • Light Up The Park - Madison Township..... 8/9
2 - 9:45PM, Madison Township Park |
| • Live at the Lighthouse - Reggae in the Harbor 7/12
1PM, Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park | • Jam By The Sand..... 8/9
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| • Lakeside Mystic Market and Headlands Beach & Lake Erie
Sand Sculpture Event 7/12
12 - 4PM, 9601 Headlands Rd. | • Mentor Cityfest8/15 - 8/16
Mentor Civic Center Park |
| • Party in the Park7/18 - 7/20
7 Richmond St., Painesville | • Rockin the Hills - Willoughby Hills 8/16
Willoughby Hills Community Center |
| • Willoughby ArtsFest..... 7/19
10AM - 5PM, Downtown Willoughby | • Cleveland Cup of Bocce.....8/22 - 8/24
Wickliffe Italian-American Club |
| • Lake County Fair.....7/22 - 7/27
Lake County Fairgrounds | • Painesville Township Family Fun Day..... 8/23
11 - 4PM, Lake County Historical Society |
| • Vintage Ohio.....8/1 - 8/2
Lake Metroparks Farm Park | • Harboritaville - Jimmy Buffet Tribute 8/31
12 - 7PM, 301 3rd St., Fairport Harbor |
| • The FEST..... 8/3
12 - 10PM, Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe | • Perry Fall Festival 9/6
Lee Lydic Park |
| • Concord Community Day 8/9
8 - 10PM, 7229 Ravenna Rd. | • Rock The Mansion 9/13
Coulby Mansion |
| | • Headlands Birding Festival9/19 - 9/21
Headlands Beach State Park & Springbrook Gardens Park |



LEAD PIPES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

service line removal plan long before these new regulations went into effect.

LCDU has always treated water to eliminate the risk of lead in drinking water. Lead can enter drinking water when plumbing materials that contain lead corrode. The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, galvanized pipes, faucets, and fixtures. The LCDU's water treatment facilities have corrosion control programs in place to prevent lead from entering your drinking water. These programs include the control of pH levels in the treated water as well as the addition of corrosion inhibitors. Controlling the pH levels in treated water provides the benefit of having less corrosive water. In homes that are served by lead service lines, these pipes are typically the most significant source of lead in the water. The corrosion inhibitors have the capability of strengthening existing protective coatings on the interior of pipes within the water system.

In addition to the treatment process, LCDU has been testing for lead in the water since the first lead laws were enacted back in 1993. Sampling is performed on a regular basis. In higher populated areas, additional testing is required and performed to ensure the safety of drinking water. Previous testing has shown that lead

levels are always significantly below any action levels, and that the drinking water produced by the LCDU is safe for our customers and the community.

If water has not been used at your residence for several hours or overnight, it is recommended to flush your water by running the faucet for a minute, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes before drinking water from your faucet. Cold water should only be used for cooking, drinking, and making baby formula. Faucet ends contain aerators which are small attachments that regulate water flow. Your aerator can accumulate lead particles which can contaminate your water so it should be cleaned regularly as well. Questions specific to lead can be directed to the Lake County Department of Utilities Lead Hotline at (440) 350-4040. ■



LAKE COUNTY SECURES FEDERAL FUNDING TO HELP OLDER ADULTS AGE IN PLACE



AmeriCorps Seniors

The Lake County Volunteer Network (LCVN), part of the Lake County Board of Commissioners, has been awarded a highly competitive grant from AmeriCorps; the federal agency for national service and volunteerism.

LCVN will receive \$126,879 every year for the next three years — totaling over \$380,000 — to support programs that help older

adults live safely and independently in their own homes. This grant was open to communities across the entire country and Lake County was proudly chosen. This major accomplishment highlights the strength of our local programs and the growing need to support our aging residents.

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LAKE COUNTY SECURES FEDERAL FUNDING

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LCVN will use this funding to strengthen three priority programs:

- 1 Meals on Wheels (through the Lake County Council on Aging) which delivers nutritious meals to older adults who are unable to shop or cook for themselves.
- 2 Helping Hands for Seniors (run by Lifeline, Inc.) which provides help with small but important home repairs, maintenance tasks, and errands.
- 3 Phone Pal (managed by LCVN) which matches volunteers with older adults for regular, friendly phone calls to reduce isolation and loneliness.

These vital programs would simply not be possible without the generosity and dedication of volunteers. Volunteers are the heart of this work, offering their time, talents, and compassion to make a difference in the lives of older adults.

With this new grant, LCVN is expanding efforts to recruit adults 55 and older into meaningful volunteer roles. Whether you deliver a meal, lend a hand with a project, or brighten someone's day with a phone call, volunteering even a few hours can have a huge impact.

Interested in volunteering? We'd love to hear from you! Contact Cristen Kane at (440) 350-5360 or cristen.kane@lakecountyohio.gov to learn more. Volunteer opportunities through the LCVN are for adults 55 and older.

To learn more about AmeriCorps Seniors programs, visit AmeriCorps.gov/Seniors.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT *(continued from p1)*



One addition to the area is the anticipated arrival of new businesses at The Shoppes of Willoughby Hills. Anchoring the expansion will be a standalone Chipotle which will be a welcome addition for local food lovers. In the plan to join Chipotle within the plaza itself is a handful of well-known national retailers including AutoZone, Burlington, Five Below, and Grocery Outlet. These additions are expected to drive more foot traffic to the plaza and offer residents more choices for everyday shopping, all without having to leave the neighborhood.

The city is also investing in infrastructure that will improve quality of life for pedestrians and cyclists. Construction is set to begin soon on new sidewalks along the west end of the city. This project aims to provide safer, more accessible routes for pedestrians. City officials urge drivers to be mindful of construction zones and thank residents in advance for their patience as work progresses.

Beyond the tangible improvements to roads and retail, Willoughby Hills is also focusing on strengthening its sense of community through its events. The 3rd Annual Willoughby Hills Music Fest is set to return on Saturday, August 16th at

the Community Center grounds. This free, family-friendly festival has quickly become a summertime staple. Attendees can look forward to a full day of live music from five local bands, a variety of food trucks, a beer garden, a dunk tank, and a dedicated Kids Zone. The event attracts music fans from throughout the region and promises something for everyone.

Another crowd-pleasing event, Touch-a-Truck, will take place on Saturday, September 13th. Perfect for families and children, this interactive event gives attendees the chance to get up close with fire trucks, police cruisers, construction equipment, and more. Hosted in collaboration with Fire, Police, service departments, and other regional safety organizations, Touch-a-Truck is both educational and entertaining, fostering a deeper connection between the public and first responders.



From commercial expansion to recreational enrichment and public safety initiatives, Willoughby Hills is embracing a dynamic year of growth. Residents are encouraged to take full advantage of the changes taking place: Shop local, attend events, and stay informed.

For the latest updates on city events, infrastructure projects, and local news, visit willoughbyhills-oh.gov or follow Willoughby Hills on social media. ■