



Lake Views

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2026: A Time For Transitions

In the Board's annual organizational meeting, Morgan R. McIntosh was formally welcomed as the 84th Commissioner of Lake County who was appointed to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the passing of Commissioner Richard J. Regovich; a loss deeply felt by all those who knew him and worked with him.

Regovich, a Willowick native, City Councilman, former Mayor, and Commissioner since 2022, passed away November 26, 2025 at Hospice of the Western Reserve surrounded by his family. He was a loving husband to his wife Lynn, father to his children (Brian, Elizabeth, and Michael) and grandfather to Mila and Liam.

Rich was a dedicated public servant whose commitment to the Lake County community spanned 11 years and his priorities included economic and workforce development and infrastructure improvements. As witnessed by his inception of

Willowick Hearts and Hammers (a group consisting of volunteers eager to assist homeowners with essential home repairs), Rich had a strong desire

to enhance the lives of senior citizens and those in need. He selflessly gave up some of his final days here on earth by continuing to lead our Board as President only 8 days before his passing. His was truly a life well lived, marked by how deeply he cared for others with his unwavering dedication to our community leaving an impact that will be felt for generations. He will not be forgotten.

Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III was elected President of the Board for 2026. "This is bittersweet for me as I step into both the figurative and literal seat once held by our friend, Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.



COMMISSIONER / President MORRIS BEVERAGE III



COMMISSIONER MORGAN R. MCINTOSH



COMMISSIONER JOHN PLECNIK

While he is no longer with us physically, his spirit and lasting impact on this building and our community remain. I am deeply grateful to the Regovich family for sharing him with us, and to our county staff for their professionalism, grace, and dedication during this difficult transition. I also thank Commissioner John Plecnik for his leadership throughout this process," he expressed in that first meeting. "As we look ahead, I am excited and energized to welcome Morgan R. McIntosh to the Board and to continue the important work of serving our neighbors and making a positive impact in Lake County."

Your Lake County Commissioners ■

LAKE COUNTY SPRING HAPPENINGS

MARCH

3/1-3/31: Ice Wine Festival, Various Grand River Valley Wineries
 3/7-3/8: Maple Sugaring Weekend, Lake Farmpark
 3/21: 27th Annual KidShow, Great Lakes Mall

APRIL

4/2: Lake County Captains Home Opener
 4/25: Madhatters Canoe & Kayak Race, Hidden Valley Park, Madison Township

MAY

5/2-5/3: Lamb Jam at Lake Farmpark
 5/3: Blue Water Chamber Orchestra, Lake Erie College

2026 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Unloaded by Collection Team

May 30th & September 12th • 8am – 2pm
 Lake County Fairgrounds, 1301 Mentor Ave., Painesville Twp.



ACCEPTED: Most automotive and household cleaners; lawn, pool and unknown chemicals; lightbulbs 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).



America250 is a celebration that officially began in 2016 and concludes in 2033. 2023 focused on the Boston Tea Party. In 2024, the First Continental Congress and Intolerable Acts were highlighted and last year recalled the famous Battles of Lexington and Concord as well as the formation of The Continental Army. This year, the United States will celebrate its most important milestone; the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Future years will share other defining moments such as The Battle of Saratoga, our French Alliance, The Siege of Yorktown and the Treaty of Paris. America250-Ohio is the state's official commission for the US Semiquicentennial and is focused on highlighting Ohio's significant role and contributions to American history, innovation, culture, and future through events, trails, and community engagement by connecting our local stories to the national celebration.

Locally, Lake County will spotlight the impact our county has made on our nation's history. These stories will share many firsts; from industry to agriculture, lake and rail, aviation,

AMERICA250: CONNECTING LOCAL STORIES TO THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION

resident histories, education, suffrage, entertainment, and more. Lake County joined the America250 celebration three summers ago and established a committee of local volunteers under the umbrella of the County Commissioners. They meet monthly to plan and develop programming for our local



communities. To date, some highlights include the establishment of the Patriot Marker in downtown Painesville by the New Connecticut Chapter, National Society Daughters of the America Revolution and our Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter has informative Patriot Storyboards on display at our local libraries. Another highlight is the Freedom Bell which can be seen at local events and is available for historic photo opportunities. An Edward

Paine Bobblehead giveaway at the 2025 Lake County Fair proved so popular that a second giveaway is planned for this summer. Last September, the City of Painesville honored its namesake with a party. Lake Metroparks incorporated the America250 theme in with their recent Madhatters Race, the Triathlon, and at their Farmpark Corn Maze events. This past year, the Lake County History Center formed a volunteer driven committee, partnering with Geauga and other local counties, to develop and share educational programming across all passions.

Some upcoming highlights include a series of Americana Concerts being held at Lakeland Community College. June 20th, on the Square in downtown Painesville, the DAR will honor all 88 local Patriots from our county and on July 4th, an America250 Spectacular will take place with a Patriot baseball game and fireworks at the Captains Stadium.

For the most up to date information on all our local events, visit the Tour Lake County website at tourlakecounty.com/america250. You can also utilize the america250-ohio.org and lakehistorycenter.org/America-250 websites for more resources and links. ■

LAKE COUNTY IS CELEBRATING AMERICA



- April 12:** Lakeland Civic Chorus presents "Across the Wide Missouri"
- April 26:** Lakeland Civic Orchestra presents "An American Ode"
- April 25:** Madhatters Canoe & Kayak Race commemorating The Battles of Lexington & Concord and Paul Revere & the Riders Midnight Ride, Hidden Valley Park in Madison
- May 21:** Heritage Tree Planting, Veterans Park, Painesville
- June 12:** America250/DAR table at Captains game, Special Appearance by George Washington
- June 14:** America250 County Picnic, Lake County Historical Society

- June 15:** Smith Cemetery, Willoughby Hills 3 pm Reopening Celebration
- June 20:** Rededication of Revolutionary War Patriot's Marker, Veterans Park, Painesville
- By Jul 4:** Unveiling of 7 ft statue of President James A. Garfield, Mentor Civic Center
- July 4:** America250 Celebration at Captains stadium (Patriot baseball game, Color Guards, Fireworks, Centenarians, & more)
- July 28:** Lake County Fair Parade
- August 1:** America250 Day at the Lake County Fair, special Bobblehead promotion (limited qty)

MORGAN R. MCINTOSH

MEET LAKE COUNTY'S NEWEST COMMISSIONER



In January, the Lake County Board of Commissioners formally welcomed Morgan R. McIntosh as the 84th Commissioner of Lake County. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the passing of Commissioner Richard J. Regovich in November.

With this appointment, Commissioner McIntosh intends to honor Commissioner Regovich's enduring legacy of service, leadership, and commitment to the residents of Lake County. He addressed the Board by stating, "As this is my first meeting as a Lake County Commissioner, I want to first recognize Commissioner Richard Regovich. I am here because he is not and I take that responsibility to heart. Having experienced a transition in leadership under difficult circumstances before, I understand what it means to carry that mantle. I am honored to pick up his term and will grow into being my own commissioner while keeping his dedication to Lake County firmly in mind. I am here to serve this community, not for a title, but to do good work for this county. I recognize the significance of this role, look forward to getting to know our departments and staff, and am grateful for the support of my fellow Commissioners as I begin this work".

Commissioner McIntosh's career started in Minnesota where he attended Minnesota State University. He earned a BS in law enforcement and initially gained

employment as a cadet with the St. Paul Police Department before graduating from the Academy as a Police Officer. Shortly after, he became the Operations Manager of AMFM Incorporated; a Willoughby-based manufacturing company. Within five years, he became President and was largely responsible for the acquisition of two other businesses growing the company over 5 times its size. He retired in 2022.

A 26-year Concord Township resident, McIntosh has served as a Trustee for Concord and also as President of the Lake County Township Association (LCTA); an organization representing a collaboration of township officials who meet to discuss shared services like law enforcement, advocate for local government, and share resources. He was nominated and attended the Ohio Public Leadership Academy in 2021 where he studied public administration, worked through crisis simulations, and engaged in public policy debates.

In addition to his business achievements, he has been involved in various community organizations. He graduated from the Cleveland Leadership Institute where he was involved with Cleveland Bridge Builders; a launching pad that prepares professionals for greater roles in their communities by fostering teamwork and growth through experiential,

hands-on learning thereby expanding his knowledge in the civic realm. McIntosh served for 10 years on the Concord Township Zoning Commission and was appointed Township Representative to the Concord-Painesville JEDD (Joint Economic Development District).

Commissioner McIntosh and his wife Lynn appreciate a variety of recreational activities together including running, cycling, skiing, and golf. Lynn is an experienced pharmacist and enjoys her time working with the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Lewis Stokes VA Hospital in Cleveland. In 2023, Commissioner McIntosh celebrated a personal goal when he earned his pilot's certificate enabling he and his wife to make the most out of their love of traveling and sightseeing.

We are pleased to welcome Commissioner McIntosh and we appreciate his readiness to step into this role. We look forward to his service and contributions to our County. ■

OHIO GOES TO THE MOVIES

March 11

"White Boy Rick"
Regal Willoughby Commons

April 8

"Superman"
Atlas Cinemas
Great Lakes Stadium

July 7

"Air Force One"
Atlas Cinemas
Diamond Center



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LAKE COUNTY TACO TRAIL

After more than 2,000 people traversed the trail last year, 2026 is proving to be even bigger and better by highlighting 23 amazing, authentic Mexican restaurants throughout Lake County. Some new stops include Señor Masa in Mentor, a new Don Tequila location in Wickliffe, and 2 Painesville locations; La Candelaria Mexican Restaurant and Johnny Gringo.



2025 Tacos for a Year Winner
Denise O'Donnell

Joining is free by downloading the 2026 version of the digital pass on your smartphone at tourlakecounty.com/tacotrail or at ElCaminoDeTacos.com. You earn 150 points for eating at one of (4) Tour Lake County Member Restaurants or 100 points at all other participating restaurants. Once you reach 1,200 points, you will earn a FREE Taco Trail t-shirt in a new design featuring the phrase "Tacos, Vibes & Guac on the Side"! In addition to earning a free T-shirt, anyone who earns

1,200 points will be entered into a drawing to win free tacos for a year!

Stay tuned for additional pop-up Taco Trail check-in opportunities at events such as the HOLA Cinco de Mayo Festival in Painesville or at select Lake County Captains games when they play as the "Picantes de Lake County." Plus, look for seasonal Taco Parties which will be held throughout the year!

Tour Lake County (Lake County Visitors Bureau) is a 501c6 nonprofit and the official destination marketing organization. You can follow them on Facebook, Instagram, and TourLakeCounty.com for the latest on travel and tourism in Lake County or call (440) 975-1234. ■

INCENTIVES OFFERED TO NEW VOLUNTEERS SERVING SENIORS

The Lake County Volunteer Network (LCVN) is offering an incentive to new volunteers. Thanks to a recent federal AmeriCorps Seniors grant secured by the Lake County Board of Commissioners, new volunteers who serve "Meals on Wheels" or assist with "Helping Hands for Seniors" will now have the opportunity to receive a \$50 Giant Eagle giftcard as a token of appreciation for their service to our community's older adults. These programs do more than just deliver meals and assist with daily needs. They foster social connection and independence to some of Lake County's most vulnerable older adults.

The LCVN is offering this incentive to individuals 55 years and older who enroll and commit to a minimum of three months of service. Volunteers must become a member of the Lake County Volunteer Network which is free and requires a one hour in-person volunteer orientation session. Meals on Wheels deliveries are scheduled Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and operate out of locations in Madison, Mentor, Painesville, Wickliffe, and Willowick with volunteers committing to at least one day per week. The Lake County Council on Aging manages the program and all volunteers must be trained and vetted.

The "Helping Hands for Seniors" program offers volunteers greater scheduling flexibility to assist eligible older adults with small tasks in their homes in order to help them maintain their independence and live safely. All requests are verified by Lifeline Inc. to ensure they meet program guidelines and all volunteers undergo vetting.

Interested in learning more? Contact Cristen Kane at the Lake County Volunteer Network at 440-350-5360 or email her at cristen.kane@lakecountyohio.gov. ■

