



FEBRUARY 2017



A Message
From Mayor
Dennis Clough

Dear Resident:

As we begin 2017, we want to wish the happiest New Year to all of our residents, businesses, organizations and visitors.

On Saturday, December 10, 2016, Finance Director Prashant Shah and I presented the 2017 Annual Budget at a public meeting to the City Council's Finance Committee. Each of our department directors discussed their respective budgets with their plans for the upcoming year. After discussion and review, the budget was adopted by Council.

We expect the incoming revenues and reserves will be sufficient to provide the necessary funding to meet both operational and capital needs in 2017. Income and property taxes continue to be the two major sources of revenue and will contribute 57% of revenues. Other taxes, fees and permits, charges for services, interest and miscellaneous revenues will provide the additional revenues needed. The City's income tax rate at 1.5% with a 100% credit up to 1.5% is one of the lowest in Cuyahoga County.

The majority of expenditures will be financed through the General Fund, the City's main operating fund. This fund will continue to maintain at least a three month general operating reserve allowing the City to adequately handle any unexpected changes in revenue or extraordinary expenditures. Major capital expenditures planned during 2017 include the Canterbury/Center Ridge intersection, water and street improvements on Bradley Road from Hilliard Boulevard to Detroit Road, upgrades to the I-90/Columbia Road interchange, improvements for the Police and Fire Departments, parks and recreation, and other road, water, and sewer projects.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Clough
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Mayor

Westlake Watershed Group Meets Friday, February 24, at 7:30 a.m.

The City of Westlake's environmental education and involvement projects, such as the Cahoon Creek Clean Up last year, are directed by our citizen's committee, the Westlake Watershed Group. The group is composed of Westlake residents, business people and city employees. All are welcome! A continental breakfast is provided.

If you have any questions, please contact us at engdept@cityofwestlake.org or by calling 440-617-4145.

Meadowood Golf Course

Clubhouse Rental: Have a special event you are planning? Check out our Clubhouse as a possible venue. It's available for rental now through April! Visit <http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Golf> or call Jim at 440-835-6442 for more information.

Classes: Children ages 7-16 can learn the basics of golf while also getting on-course experience. Clinics will meet 3 days a week for 2 hours each. The first 30 minutes will be instruction followed by 90 minutes of course play. Max 8 per session. Each player needs to have their own clubs. Online registration begins January 23. \$75 resident / \$80 nonresident – includes both instruction and course play. Find more details in the Rec Gazette at www.cityofwestlake.org/Rec-Gazette.



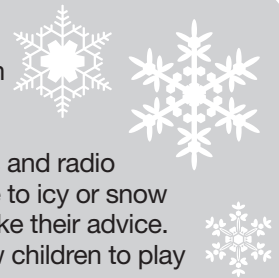
Snow and Ice Weather

Please use common sense and extreme caution to get us through winter without incidents. Winter weather brings many challenges to our residents and city employees. If news channels and radio stations tell you it's not a good idea to drive due to icy or snow conditions and suggest to stay home, please take their advice. Remember even after a snow event, never allow children to play in or on snow drifts near streets or roadways!

Streets are plowed in the following order: main streets, secondary roads, then into side streets and developments. Please keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow but do not push or deposit snow from private drives or parking lots into the streets or across the street onto a tree lawn.

Maintain your mailbox! Loose or rotted posts, loose or missing screws and broken support arms are all items that should be inspected on your mailbox. Snow coming off street plows is very heavy and often damages mailboxes that are in need of repair.

View all our tips to avoid injury and/or inconvenience at www.cityofwestlake.org/snow.



NEWS FROM THE WESTLAKE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services is offering some new programs that may help you with traditional New Year's resolutions! We have many programs including classes in history, watercolor, senior exercise and more. See our full list of events anytime at www.cityofwestlake.org/50-Plus-News, or call 440-899-3544 to sign up for a subscription! Please use the same number to register for any of the following events:

“A New Weigh of Life”

Our new monthly program will be part support group and part education and appropriate for anyone who is struggling with food issues. Whether your goal is to lose weight, control blood sugar, or just live a healthy lifestyle through good eating habits, join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

Senior Housing Fair

Our free Senior Housing Fair is on Tuesday, February 21 at 9 a.m. to aid individuals and families in making decisions about long-term care for themselves or loved ones. The event starts with a panel discussion on senior housing options and is followed by the opportunity to speak with representatives of local housing providers. It is open to both residents and non-residents but seating is limited. Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 14.

Learn more at www.cityofwestlake.org/Senior-Housing-Fair.

Clutter Control Feng Shui

Sandra Deem will present an introduction to feng shui on February 23 at 11 a.m. to help you understand why you have clutter, the meaning of your clutter, and how it is holding you back from the life you were meant to live.

Ballroom Dance

Join us on the first Thursday of each month from 2 - 4 p.m. Come to dance or just to listen to John Kowalski who will delight you with all of your favorite dance music. Cost is \$4 per month, payable at the door. Light refreshments are sponsored by Sprenger Hospice.



NEWS FROM THE WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

During winter weather, keep these tips in mind to help maintain a fire-safe home:

- Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace, space heater, fireplace and wood stove. Do not burn paper in your fire place or wood stove.
- Turn space heaters off if you leave the room. When you go to sleep, turn space heaters off and put the fire out in your fireplace or wood stove. Put ashes from the fireplace or wood stove in a metal container with a lid – outside – at least 3 feet from your home.
- Have your furnace inspected each year and change filters regularly. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
- Make sure your space heater or kerosene heater has an automatic shut-off so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Refuel your cooled kerosene heater outside.
- As always, please make sure your smoke detectors are operational and check the batteries.

If you have specific questions or concerns, please feel free to call your Fire Department at 440-871-3441 and we will be happy to assist you. Learn more online at www.cityofwestlake.org/Fire.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Resources to Help Your Business Grow

We appreciate the many companies, small to large, that have made Westlake their home. Recently we have added two online resources to help you find non-construction local vendors and commercial- or industrial-zoned properties within the city.

Michelle Boczek, our Economic Development Manager, oversees our free online Business Directory at www.cityofwestlake.org/Business-Directory. Companies located in Westlake are encouraged to review their existing listing for accuracy or submit information to create a new one.

If you are looking for an office, facility or commercial/ industrial property to lease or purchase within the city of Westlake, visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Available-Properties.

Learn more about some of the support provided by the city, county, and state at www.cityofwestlake.org/Economic-Development. Economic Development Manager Michelle Boczek is available to speak with you about specific needs or questions.

Seeking contractors for your home or business project? Find a searchable database by name or trade of companies who have completed the registration process at the bottom of our Building Department's page at www.cityofwestlake.org/Building.

NEWS FROM THE WESTLAKE RECREATION CENTER

Get a good boost on your New Year's resolutions by visiting our website <http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Recreation> for information on memberships, current programs, online registration, room rentals and the Silver Sneakers® program. Here are a few program highlights for the winter months.

Father/Daughter Dance Friday, February 3 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Enjoy dinner and dancing with your little princess with DJ Eazy providing the tunes. She'll receive a photo memento and small wrist corsage. Register by January 30. Max 140. Cost: \$15 member couple / \$20 resident couple. There is a \$5 discount for an additional child.

PreSchool Beach Party (ages 3-5) Friday, February 17 • 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Beat the winter blues and have some fun with your friends in the tot pool! We will play pool games, splash, swim, make a craft and enjoy a light snack. Pre-registration is required. Max 20. \$5 member / \$10 resident.

16th Annual Presidents' Day Beach Party Monday, February 20 • 12:30 - 3 p.m.

What a great time to have a beach party! Enjoy music, games, including the famous Big Kahuna Cannonball Classic! Free to members. Register by February 17. Free to members / \$5 resident / \$10 nonresident.

Ultimate After-Hours Bash Friday, February 24 • 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Open to all 5th/6th grade students who live or go to school in Westlake or are members of the Recreation Center. Bashers will enjoy swimming, a DJ playing music while they swim, games in the gym and pizza. Please register by February 23. \$10 member / \$15 resident.

Aquatics

Swim lessons are in progress. Please be aware that the pools will be closed for the following events:

- January 27 – SWC Diving at 5 p.m. (pools close at 3 p.m.)
- January 28 – SWC Swimming at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (pools close at 8 a.m.)

NEWS FROM THE WESTLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Credit card theft is a major economic loss to individuals and corporations alike. Always check your credit card statements carefully for unfamiliar purchases. Internet commerce is particularly susceptible to theft since the credit card and the bearer are not present. Check with your credit card issuers to see if they offer additional protections to shield you and them from credit card misuse.

In the Internet crime known as "phishing", a scammer sends you an email asking for your account numbers, PIN, social security number, and so on, under the guise of keeping your account information current. A reputable firm would never "update the company files" in this manner. The request is designed to get your personal information and then access your credit card or bank accounts.

We had many thefts from unlocked cars in 2016. Do not leave your car keys in the car or on a hook in the garage. Close and lock all garage doors, and take the keys inside the house.

Prompt income tax filers sometimes find out in the first few months of the year that a false U.S. or Ohio state tax return has been filed using their identity. Westlake PD will take a report as a courtesy. Any actual investigation is done by federal or state authorities.

- For IRS frauds: <https://www.irs.gov/uac/Taxpayer-Guide-to-Identity-Theft>
- For Ohio tax frauds: <http://www.tax.ohio.gov/IdentityTheft-IDQuiz.aspx>

Find other personal safety and crime prevention tips at www.cityofwestlake.org/Crime-Prevention.

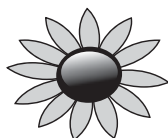
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Job Fair
details in
our next
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NEWS FROM THE WESTLAKE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

2017 Rain and Garden Show Saturday, March 25 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The City of Westlake and the Westlake Watershed Group invite you to our 2017 Rain and Garden Show at Market Square in Crocker Park. Get advice from the experts and visit with many vendors!



2017 Summer Projects

The Engineering Department is working on the following projects in 2017:

- Dover Ditch Stream Restoration Project
- 2017 Waterline Replacement and Roadway Rehabilitation on Bradley Road (from Hilliard Boulevard to Detroit Road)
- Canterbury and Center Ridge Roads Intersection Improvements
- 2017 Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation with Asphalt Overlay and Catch Basin Rehabilitation on various streets
- 2017 Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation with Asphalt Overlay on various streets.

Learn more about our projects at www.cityofwestlake.org/Future-Projects.



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www.cityofwestlake.org/Mayors-Newsletter



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NEWS FROM THE WESTLAKE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Holiday Collections

The Presidents' Day holiday on February 20 will NOT affect the normal rubbish, recycling and brush collection schedule.
 Find 2017 schedules at www.cityofwestlake.org/Rubbish-Recycling.

Spring Computer Round-Up*

Monday - Friday

April 3 - 7 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

and

Saturday, April 8 • 7:30 a.m. - noon

At the Service Center, 741 Bassett Road

Drop off your old computer equipment, including CPU's, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, terminals, modems, cables, software, and ink printer cartridges. Cell phones and their accessories are also accepted. Go to www.cityofwestlake.org/Computer-Roundup for a complete listing of items accepted.



Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up*

Monday - Friday

May 8 - 12 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

and

Saturday, May 13 • 7:30 a.m. - noon

At the Service Center, 741 Bassett Road

Drop off your old chemicals, pesticides and other hazardous items. Go to www.cityofwestlake.org/Hazardous-Waste-Round-Up-Flyer for a complete listing of items accepted during the round-up.

*Note: Collections for the round-ups are ONLY provided during the above dates; year-round drop offs are not available.

