



SEPTEMBER 2017



**A Message
From Mayor
Dennis Clough**

Dear Westlake Resident:

The new academic year for Westlake schools began in late August. Drivers are asked to use extra caution at crosswalks when driving through the city since many of our children walk or bike to class. The school zone flashers have been activated to warn drivers of the 20 MPH speed limit.

Continued caution is also advised as you pass through road construction areas. We are looking forward to the completion of these major projects and ODOT's Columbia Road/I-90 Interchange project by late October. They are designed to improve our infrastructure and create a safer and more efficient transportation network in and around the city.

The general election is Tuesday, November 7, 2017 and the voter registration deadline is October 10, 2017. Visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Vote for details and helpful links.

Westlake residents will be asked to vote on a number of issues including seats and an income tax continuation. Please save the date of Wednesday, October 25 at 7 p.m. at the Westlake Recreation Center for a Town Hall Meeting to discuss some of the issues. We will also have a special October-November issue of this newsletter with more details.

We want to extend our congratulations to all the winners of the 2017 Westlake in Bloom Competition and our appreciation to everyone who entered! At our Appreciation Reception and Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, August 9, Carol Stephens received the Lu Walter "Best in Bloom" Award and took first place in the Residential Landscaping-Large-Entire Yard category.

Among the first place winners in the non-residential property categories were Applied Companies (Business/Hotel/Motel) and Sturbridge Square Apartments (Apartment or Condominium Complex Entrances). Photos and the winners list are at www.cityofwestlake.org/Westlake-in-Bloom.

Lastly, I wish to acknowledge all the bands and attendees who participated in our 2017 Summer Concert Series at the Recreation Center pavilion. It is a joy for us to bring multiple generations of families together to forge enduring memories as they enjoy this wonderful Westlake tradition.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Clough
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Mayor

Run/Walk in Celebrate Westlake on Sept. 2

The 27th Annual Celebrate Westlake 5 Mile Run, 5K Run, 5K Walk, and Kids Fun Dash will be on Saturday, September 2, 2017, at

University Hospitals St. John Medical Center in Westlake.

Proceeds benefit local charities. Participate in chip-timed events with awards and cash prizes and attend the Health and Fitness Exposition featuring local businesses. The children's fun area includes bounce houses, face painting, a balloon artist and much more! Visit www.celebratwestlake.org for more information.



Recycle Carts Now Available

The City of Westlake now has 65 gallon Rumpke recycle carts for the first 2,500 residents at no cost. Limit 1 cart per household. Residents can request a cart by completing the online form at www.cityofwestlake.org/Request-Recycling-Cart.

For those residents already renting a cart from Rumpke, you will no longer be charged as of August 1, 2017. Please contact Rumpke for reimbursement at 800-828-8171.

You can contact the Westlake Service Dept. at 440-835-6432 with any questions.



Faces of Westlake Nominations

Every year we honor Westlake residents for their dedication to the community and beyond. Their profiles will be featured in the 2018 Westlake Magazine. Pick up a nomination form at City Hall, the Recreation Center or the Community Services Center or visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Faces-Nomination. Deadline is Monday, October 23, 2017.

If you dial 911 by accident, DO NOT hang up!

If you dial 911 by accident, DO NOT hang up! We are REQUIRED to call back every 911 "hang-up" to determine if in fact there is an emergency. When your call is answered, advise the dispatcher that you misdialed and be prepared to confirm your phone number and location. You save us the time of calling you back.

Learn more at www.cityofwestlake.org/WestCom.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Community Services Department is located at 29694 Center Ridge Road. For more information about these or other programs or to view our latest Plus Fifty Newsletter, go to www.cityofwestlake.org/Community-Services. You can reach us at 440-899-3544.

SocksPLUS Collection

We are collaborating with area Westshore Senior Centers and the Community West Foundation to collect the item most requested by anyone who is living outside during the cold months: socks! We have set an ambitious goal for the city of Westlake to collect 500 NEW pairs of socks (men's, women's or children's). To help, please drop them your donations in the box in the reception area at the Community Services Center.

Westlake Community Garden Fundraiser

The Westlake Community Garden is a collaboration between the City of Westlake and UH St. John Medical Center. On Monday, October 2 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., come to the Chipotle at 135 Market Street with our fundraiser flyer to have 50% of your purchase donated to the garden. Pick up the flyer at the Community Services Center or go to www.cityofwestlake.org/Garden-Fundraiser to download. Call 440-899-3544 with any questions.



Take Charge of Your Health Begins Sept. 11

Register now for a 6-week program developed by Stanford University for anyone struggling to manage a chronic condition such as arthritis, diabetes, COPD, depression, heart disease etc. Past participants have improved both their healthy behaviors and health status, and decreased their days in the hospital. Join us Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

beginning September 11. A book and a CD are provided. The program is FREE due to a grant by Fairhill Partners but space is limited. RSVP 440-899-3544 by Wednesday, September 6.

Flu Shots Available Sept. 26

Flu season is approaching! The Community Services Department is sponsoring a flu shot clinic on Tuesday, September 26, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Medicare and all major insurance plans are accepted. All participants will receive a Giant Eagle \$5.00 gift card. Reservations can be made by calling 440-899-3544 but walk-ins will be accepted.

Medicare Information and Help

Medicare open enrollment begins in October and lasts until the beginning of December. If you have questions about your Medicare or other options, please call 440-899-3544 to schedule an appointment with a trained Ohio Department of Insurance volunteer.

Staying Independent through Aging - Building Your Independence Toolkit

Mondays, October 2 – November 6, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The most cost-effective way to avoid calamity is for seniors and their adult children to educate themselves about how to plan for the life changes that lie ahead. The series is presented by experts from hospitals and area senior care initiatives. Reserve your seat and your manual by calling 440-899-3544 by Friday, September 22.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Holiday Collection

Labor Day is Monday, September 4. All routes will be on a 1-day delay.

Household Hazardous Waste Round Up

Need to dispose of old chemicals, pesticides or other hazardous items in your home? This event, for Westlake residents only, runs Monday, September 18 – Friday, September 22, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 23, from 7:30 a.m. – noon, at the Westlake Service Center.

Reminder: NO latex paint! Find disposal instructions at www.cityofwestlake.org/Latex-Paint.

Contact the Service Department at 440-835-6432 or visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Home-Haz-Waste for more details on the round-up. Visit www.cuyahogawd.org to learn how to recycle or dispose of various household items.

Simple Recycling Changes Bags' Color

Simple Recycling is now offering orange bags which are easier to see and will help to improve collection service. If you did not receive a packet in the mail, please contact Simple Recycling at 800-835-5068.

Residents can also pick up bags from City Hall, the Service Garage, Porter Library or the Community Services Center. Please continue to use any green bags until you run out.

Fall Leaf Collection

Collection of leaves from residential tree lawns begins Monday, October 16 and continues until early December, weather permitting. Generally, no more than 2 weeks pass between collections. However, poor weather conditions may cause longer delays.

See our Daily Leaf Update on www.cityofwestlake.org/Leaf-Collection-Services to find out what area we'll be collecting in.

Leaf Collection Guidelines

- Only leaves will be collected! Do not mix branches, grass cuttings or other debris with leaves.
- Place leaves on the tree lawn. Do not place leaves in the street.
- Keep rubbish and recycling separate and away from your leaf piles to reduce litter from blowing/falling into the leaves.
- Keep catch basins (in front of your house and in the street) clear of leaves to reduce flooding during heavy rains.
- If you miss your leaf collection, you can place your leaves in yard waste bags or trash bags, and Rumpke will pick up on your normal collection day.

Learn about the Service Department's programs at www.cityofwestlake.org/Service.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Fertilize Wisely

Many homeowners may be considering fertilizing their lawns in the fall to help roots recover from the hot summer days. Consider using organic formulas, only use as much as recommended, and do not apply before a storm to minimize runoff that will damage our streams.

Westlake Watershed Group

Join other Westlake residents, business people and city employees in this volunteer group dedicated to helping improve the quality of life and our environment through keeping our local waterways clean and sustainable. The next meeting is on Friday, September 29, at 7:30 a.m. at Westlake City Hall. Continental breakfast is provided. Learn more at www.cityofwestlake.org/Watershed-Group or contact engdept@cityofwestlake.org or 440-617-4145 with any questions.

Roadway Projects Underway

Find the latest information on all of our current construction projects at www.cityofwestlake.org/Construction-Projects, including:

- Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation with Asphalt Overlay and Catch Basin Rehabilitation
- Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation with Asphalt Overlay (various streets)
- Waterline Replacement and Roadway Rehabilitation on Bradley Road
- Sidewalk Repair Program
- Canterbury and Center Ridge Intersection Improvements
- Dover Ditch Stream Restoration
- Clague Park Pedestrian Bridge

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Be Warm:

When was your heating system last checked and cleaned? A clean system will increase efficiency and lower the cost of heating your home.

Be Aware:

Carbon Monoxide is odorless, colorless and otherwise undetectable to the human senses. Be sure CO detectors are operational and located on each level of your home outside of sleeping areas.

Be Safe:

Trapped lint in your dryer vent can increase drying time and blocks the flow of air. It can also cause a fire beneath the dryer when the motor overheats. Check the vent outside for bird nests too.

Smoke Detectors:

Keep your family safe by ensuring you have a working smoke detector on each level of your home. Test them monthly and change the battery when you change your clocks at Daylight Savings Time (fall and spring). This fall it will be on Sunday, November 5.

Don't Burn:

Burning yard waste, including leaves, brush and garbage in your yard is NOT permitted.

Have specific questions or concerns? Please call the Fire Department at 440-871-3441 and we will be happy to assist you!

Visit us at www.cityofwestlake.org/Fire for the latest info.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Back to School Safety Tips

- School has resumed. The right turn on red prohibitions at various intersections will again be in force.
- School zone flashers are also activated to warn drivers of the 20 MPH speed limit. Use extra care when passing these locations.
- Review basic pedestrian traffic safety rules with children who walk or bicycle to school.
- Children who bike to school should wear helmets and lock their bikes in the bike racks.
- Remind children to obey the crossing guards and school bus drivers.



Car Theft Safety

- Thefts from autos are made easier when doors are left unlocked and windows left down.
- Put your car in the garage at night.
- Roll up the windows and lock the doors if it cannot be garaged.
- Do not leave wallets, purses, GPS units, cash, gym bags, and other small valuables in your vehicles.
- Most of these thieves are not looking to steal the car itself, but if the keys are left in it, they will.

College Student Safety

- Record the serial numbers of phones, cameras, computers and other valuable electronics. If they are ever stolen and recovered, your list will help police return them.
- Keep your dorm room door locked and don't leave these items lying around, even for a minute.
- Lock your bike up securely if you bring one to college; record the make, model, and serial number as well. Such thefts are all too common on campus.
- Parents, advise your college student on drinking and drug use.

Westlake Historical Society News

Do you have the Cutest Pet in Westlake?

Please enter your cutest pet photo in our "Cutest Pet in Westlake" contest. Dogs, cats, hamsters, turtles, birds, even the family goldfish can enter! The winning pet will be the "mascot" for the Westlake Historical Society for 2018. Westlake residents only, please.



Contest Rules: Please submit high resolution photos (black and white or in color) by Friday, September 8. Limit 2 photos per pet. Suggested donation per entry photo is \$5.00. Get all the details at www.westlakeohiohistory.org/cutest_pet_contest.html or call 216-848-0680.



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Find the current newsletter at:

www.cityofwestlake.org/Mayors-Newsletter



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Westlake City School District News

Westlake Schools Plan Fall Groundbreaking for New Elementary School

The Westlake City School District will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the new PK-4



elementary building on Monday, Sept. 25, at 5:00 p.m. on the site on Center Ridge Road. All are invited to attend as the district kicks off the project, which will result in the opening of a new elementary school for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Following the ceremony, everyone is invited to attend the Board of Education meeting at Westlake Porter Public Library.

Westlake Town Criers News

Mr. & Mrs. Westlake Nominations

Do you know someone who has exemplified outstanding community involvement? The Westlake Town Criers sponsor the annual Mr. & Mrs. Westlake program. Each year, the new Mr. & Mrs. Westlake are presented to the city at the Christmas Tree lighting and are then honored at receptions and parades throughout the year. Recognize the time and effort that dedicated individuals contribute to improve the quality of life in Westlake by nominating them. Call the Town Criers president, Matt Novak, at 440-213-3815 for details.

- **Visit a Park this Fall in Westlake!**
- If you have never visited the Westlake Recreation Center, you may have also missed our 86-acre Recreation Center Park. It is open to the general public from dawn to dark. The park includes the following outdoor facilities:
- The 1.2 mile outdoor walking/running track is open year-round.
- 5 tennis courts
- Baseball/softball diamonds
- The 5-acre lake is stocked with fish. A fishing license is required for anyone ages 16 and older per state law.
- Outdoor restrooms
- Also be sure to explore Clague Park, Roman Park, Tri-City Park, and Bradley Nature Park!
- Visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Parks to learn about each these beautiful public spaces in Westlake.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

RECREATION CENTER

Holiday Hours

On Labor Day, Sept. 4, the Recreation Center will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Schedules

Find the schedules for the Aquatics Center, Group Exercise, and basketball courts linked at www.cityofwestlake.org/Recreation.

Membership Plans

The Recreation Center offers membership to all Westlake residents and those who work in the city. Join the Rec Center and either pay for your membership up front or participate in our monthly installment plan. To enroll in the installment plan, all you need is a voided check. Visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Rec-Membership or see the front desk for more details.

Dive-In Movie

Friday, September 15 • 7:00 p.m.

Come in, splash around and enjoy a movie on our big screen scoreboard. Bring a raft to relax in the pool at the Rec Center to watch the movie. A light snack and a beverage will be provided to all enrolled for this event. Register by Thursday, September 14. Cost is \$4 for members and \$8 for non-members.



5th Annual Scarecrow Contest

Gather your family, coworkers or group of friends! Purchase and create your own scarecrow. Participants can pick up their scarecrow packs on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. All scarecrows must be assembled and returned to the Rec Center by Friday, October 14 for public viewing along the "scarecrow trail." Deadline to register is Saturday, September 23. Cost is \$20 per scarecrow pack.



Fall Festival & Pumpkin Hunt

Saturday, October 14 • 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for this FREE fun family festival for kids ages 9 and younger with a pumpkin hunt, face painters, hay rides, refreshments, inflatables and more! The event is free and open to the public on the Recreation Center grounds. Pumpkin Hunt will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m.



Pumpkin Patch: Pre-registration is required and will be accepted until Friday, October 13 by 5:00 p.m. or when maximum is reached, whichever comes first.

The Haunted Treat Trail (ages 8 & under)

Friday, October 20 • 7:00 p.m.

Be on the lookout for ghosts, goblins and graveyards! The trail will run behind the Rec Center between the pond and the tennis courts. There will be plenty of treat stops along the way so don't forget your bag. Wear your favorite costume! Refreshments will be available at the end of the trail. We encourage pre-registration, however, registration will be taken the day of the event until 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person for members, \$4 per person for non-members and \$5 on the day of the event.



Youth Basketball Leagues

We offer a variety of youth basketball programs for children in grades K-12. This program is open to any child who lives in, goes to school in the city or is a member of the Westlake Recreation Center. Programs are designed to instruct youngsters on the fundamentals of the game of basketball. Games are for FUN and allow the youngster to experience the thrills of playing basketball in a game situation in front of family and friends.



Any child who participates on a CYO, Travel or Interscholastic team may not participate in this league. Requests to be on certain teams or to play with a friend will not be honored.

Registration is open now and will continue until Friday, October 13. Practices will start in November. Cost is \$75 member/ \$85 non-member with a \$10 discount for additional siblings who play.

Volunteer coaches are needed in all divisions. Head Coaches will receive a \$20 credit and assistant coaches will receive a \$10 credit at the conclusion of the season.

For more information, please check the Fall Gazette at www.cityofwestlake.org/Rec-Gazette.

Group Exercise

We now offer a yearly group exercise pass. Members may purchase a yearly pass for \$250 that includes admittance to all group exercise classes on the schedule (unless noted). Westlake residents may purchase a group exercise pass for \$400, which includes unlimited classes on the group exercise schedule (unless noted). For more information, contact the Recreation Center at 440-808-5700.



Learn to Swim

Swim lessons at the Recreation Center begin the week of Tuesday, September 12. Register online or in person. You must have an account with us to register for programs online.



Fall Registration and the Rec Gazette

Registration for Fall 2017 programs has begun! Pick up a print copy of the new Rec Gazette for September – December 2017 at the Recreation Center. View it online at www.cityofwestlake.org/Rec-Gazette. Subscribe by sending an email to recinfo@cityofwestlake.org.



MEADOWOOD GOLF COURSE

Ladies' Only Golf Outing

Join us on Sunday, September 10 for the 2nd Annual Ladies' only Golf Outing. Grab a few friends and your golf clubs and head over to Meadowood for an afternoon of fun.



Tee time starts at 11:00 a.m. \$50 fee gets a boxed lunch, golf, riding cart and dinner. For more information, contact Sandy at 440-835-6442.

Family Play on Sundays!

Bring your young golfers to Meadowood for "Family Play" on Sunday afternoons. Adults pay full price for green fees but juniors (15 and under) can play for free (green fees only; carts are extra). Call the course at 440-835-6442 for more details.



Learn more about Meadowood Golf Course at www.cityofwestlake.org/Golf.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT REC CENTER

Mother & Son Bricks and Pizza Party

Friday, November 3 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for some creative Bricks4Kidz fun and pizza dinner. Buildt for Kidz will be on hand after dinner to create some fun LEGO creations. Enjoy this time with your son (ages 5-9)! Cost is \$20 Member couple / \$25 Non Member couple, and \$7.50 per additional son



Holiday Family Fun Night

Friday, December 1 • 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Wear your pajamas as we travel to the North Pole. This program is open to current members of the Recreation Center. All children must be accompanied by their parents and/or legal guardians. The Recreation Center will be closed at 6:00 p.m. (Fitness will remain open). At 6:30 p.m., we will open the doors so families will be able to watch a holiday movie, play in the gym, do crafts, swim, visit with Santa. Bring your camera for pictures with Santa. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided. All family members must be current members and register in advance in order to participate. Deadline is November 29 or until maximum of 350 is reached.



Room/Facility Rentals Available at Recreation Center and Meadowood

Are you looking for a location for a special birthday, anniversary and retirement party, wedding or baby shower, community meeting, team-building exercises, or corporate board retreat?

The Westlake Recreation Center offers several meeting rooms for rent to individuals, companies, and organizations for not-for-profit activities. Rent a single room or ask us for a customized proposal to use multiple areas in our facility and surrounding grounds. Visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Room-Rental to learn more.

Meadowood Golf Course's Clubhouse will be available for rent from November – April and can accommodate up to 70 people. See www.cityofwestlake.org/Golf for details.

We're Always Open Online

Visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Recreation for information on memberships, current programs, online registration, room rentals, Silver Sneakers® and more!