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Memorial Day 2026

Scouts took time to pay respects at the City of Avon Veterans Memorial on Monday. The solemn occasion reminds us all to never forget the sacrifices so many made for our country. The Avon Veterans Memorial, located behind the post office and fire department on Detroit Road, is a solemn landmark

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It's a Whopper!

Fun's already started at the Westlake Rec Center for the summer with the annual Fishing Derby two weeks ago. The Rec Center Park also celebrated a grand re-opening and ribbon-cutting for a renewal of park facilities. Come check out the new playground and everything the park has to offer. See you there!

Come One, Come All to the Crocker Park Block Party

Crocker Park announces the return of its community extravaganza, the 6th annual Crocker Park Block Party on Sunday, June 14.

The celebration spotlights the City of Westlake's Police, Fire, and other safety services, featuring interactive vehicle displays that will thrill attendees of all ages.



With support from Velocity Clinical Research and Aqua-Tots Swim School, this day-long celebration promises an unforgettable experience for everyone. Kick off the fun at 9:30 a.m. with the Crocker Bark 5K & 1-Mile Walk, hosted by Hermes Cleveland.

Starting from Market Square (239 Market Street), behind the Nike store, participants—alongside their leashed four-legged companions—will embark on a scenic journey through the heart of Westlake. A portion of the registration proceeds to benefit the City of Westlake's K-9 Unit, starting at 10:30

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City of Avon Memorial Day observances.

TRI-C WESTSHORE DEDICATES CHAIR OF REMEMBRANCE



Tri-C Westshore Campus in Westlake dedicated a Chair of Remembrance honoring fallen veterans on May 21. President Scott Latiolais welcomed distinguished guests of Rolling Thunder and Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough as the chair was unveiled. VFW members provided a color guard and TAPS as this moving ceremony ushered in Memorial Day week.

Tree 1, Crane 0

A Bay Village resident contacted Bay Police on May 11 to advise a vehicle was in the air and would like BVPD to respond for a welfare check. BVPD responded and observed a large tree-trimming crane positioned vertically and striking two homes. The crane, operated by a private company, tipped over while work was being completed. The area was secured and blocked off while the company arranged for the proper equipment to safely rectify the incident.

News reports indicate damage to two homes as well as the grounds. The tree company was not registered with the city but reportedly was in the past. The Bay Village Building Dept. reports the company was cited and will now have to report to Rocky River Court. All homeowners should make sure contractors are registered with the city in all trades (and also insured).



UH St. John Medical Center's Advanced Wound Center Earns National President's Circle Award

Physicians, leaders, and clinicians at UH St. John Medical Center are proud to announce that the St. John Advanced Wound Center has earned the **President's Circle Award**, Healogics highest honor recognizing Wound Care Centers* that demonstrate exceptional performance in clinical outcomes, patient satisfaction, and operational excellence.

The President's Circle Award is presented annually to a select group of Wound Care Centers* within the Healogics national network that achieve sustained, top-tier performance across key quality measures, reflecting a continued commitment to patient-centered care and healing excellence.

In addition to receiving this top honor, the St. John Advanced Wound Center also earned Center of Excellence and Center of Distinction.

"I am incredibly proud of the St. John Advanced Wound Center team for their consistent dedication to delivering both high quality and compassionate care," said Melissa Schlabach, Program Director. "We see our Patients on a weekly basis, and they become part of our family. Many of our patients have been living with chronic wounds for years. When they come to us, and we heal those wounds, it is a life-changing experience. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to improve our patients' quality of life and being recognized for work we are truly passionate about is a bonus."

The St. John Advanced Wound Center is a member

of the Healogics network of over 600 Wound Care Centers* and offers highly specialized wound care to patients suffering from diabetic foot ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds.

Advanced wound care modalities may include negative pressure wound therapy, total contact casting, bio-engineered tissues, biosynthetic dressings, and growth factor therapies. The St. John Advanced Wound Center also offers hyperbaric oxygen therapy, an advanced treatment that can help accelerate healing in select chronic wounds by increasing oxygen delivery to affected tissue.

The St. John Advanced Wound Center is located at the Westshore Professional Center, 29160 Center Ridge Rd. Suite S, Westlake, Ohio. To schedule an appointment, call (440) 827-5300. No referral is necessary.

For more than 30 years, Healogics has led the nation in advanced wound care, transforming lives through evidence-based treatment and innovation. Guided by its mission to **FIND. TREAT. HEAL.**™, Healogics partners with hospitals and health systems across the country to deliver specialized care for patients with chronic wounds. Backed by the world's largest wound care outcomes database and the Wound Science Initiative, Healogics continues to advance research and set new standards in healing. Learn more at www.healogics.com.



Back Row: Dena Snezek (MA), Susan Conkle (RN), Dr. Anthony Bacevice, Melissa Schlabach (Program Director), Dr. David Novotny (Medical Director), Henry Smith (Healogics Clinical Director of Operations), Brian Monter (President and Chief Operating Officer UH West Market), Heidi Filer (Director of Operations and Clinical Services) Toni Majer (Wound Care Liaison), Terri Sedlak (RN). **Front Row:** Shannon McDonald (RN), Michelle Matejick (Clinical Nurse Manager), Jamie Weese (RN), Amanda Ambroz (RN)

UH St. John Medical Center June Outreach Events

For more information about our programs, contact the **Outreach Department at UH St. John Medical Center at 440-827-5440**. No screenings are offered on holidays. Screenings may be canceled on days with inclement weather.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 • 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Westlake Center for Community Services, Community Meeting Room, 28975 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake

MONDAY, JUNE 8 • 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., Fairview Park Senior Center, 20769 Lorain Road, Fairview Park

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 • 9 – 10:30 a.m., Cove Community Center, 12525 Lake Avenue (enter off Clifton), Lakewood

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 • 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., North Olmsted Senior Center, 28114 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

COMPRESSION ONLY CPR & AED DEMONSTRATION

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 • 12:30 p.m., North Olmsted Senior Center, 28114 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

Anyone can learn Hands-Only CPR and save a life. It has just two easy steps. Join UH Community Outreach RNs for a demonstration on Hands-Only CPR and learn how to use an AED.

DIABETES WELLNESS RETREAT

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 • 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., UH St John Medical Center, 29101 Health Campus Drive (Building 2-Auditorium B), Westlake

Adults 18 or older with pre-diabetes, diabetes, obesity or other metabolic conditions are invited to register for a

free full day event focused on learning healthy living habits and improving health management. Space is limited to 45 participants. Dress in comfortable clothes and shoes. **You must register by texting "Well" to 216-777-4700 or emailing WellnessTeam@UHhospitals.org**

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION - HEARTSAVER CPR/AED

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SUPPORT GROUPS

HOPE GROUP

A support group for newly diagnosed breast cancer individuals and for breast cancer survivors.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., UH St John Medical Center, Community Outreach Department SUITE R, 29160 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake. For more information, call 440-827-5440

LEARN, LATCH, LOVE ~ BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

Come and meet with other moms who are breastfeeding and have all your questions answered. This group is facilitated by Faye Wurstner-Reagan, Lactation Consultant.

WEDNESDAYS • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., UH St John Medical Center, Community Outreach Department SUITE R, 29160 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake. For more information, call 440-827-5093

WEDNESDAYS • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., UH St John Medical Center (Auditorium B), 29000 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake. For more information, call 440-827-5093

HEARING TESTING

Testing and complete evaluations for hearing loss and tinnitus are available at UH St. John Medical Center Speech and Audiology Department. Please call for more information: **440-835-6160**.

STROKE SURVIVORS EXERCISE PROGRAM

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS • 3 – 4:30 p.m., Westlake Center for Community Services, 28975 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake

There are many benefits to continuing regular physical exercise after a stroke. However, stroke survivors often face many challenges when attempting to find a place to exercise.

University Hospitals Outpatient Rehab has created a program at the Westlake Community Center Exercise Room to help guide participants through their exercise program and answer questions. This program is intended for people who had a stroke and have graduated to outpatient rehabilitation and those who are looking for support while creating a regular exercise routine. People must be able to get off and, on the machines, independently or with help from a caregiver.

We are asking each participant to discuss this with their physician and have a medical clearance form filled out. There is a \$60 initiation fee and then an ongoing \$30 monthly fee to participate.

Please call **UH SJMC Outpatient Rehab at 440-414-6050** with questions or to register for the program.

OUTPATIENT NUTRITION COUNSELING

With extensive nutrition counseling experience throughout each person's life cycle, Matthew Bennett, RDN, LD, offers individual outpatient medical nutrition therapy (MNT) counseling to help improve your health. Participants must obtain a physician's referral prior to their visit.

UH St John Health Center, 26908 Detroit Road, Suite 100, Westlake. For scheduling or questions, call 440-835-4426

CLASSES & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The Diabetes Education Program at UH St John Medical Center is committed to empowering the community to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive with diabetes.

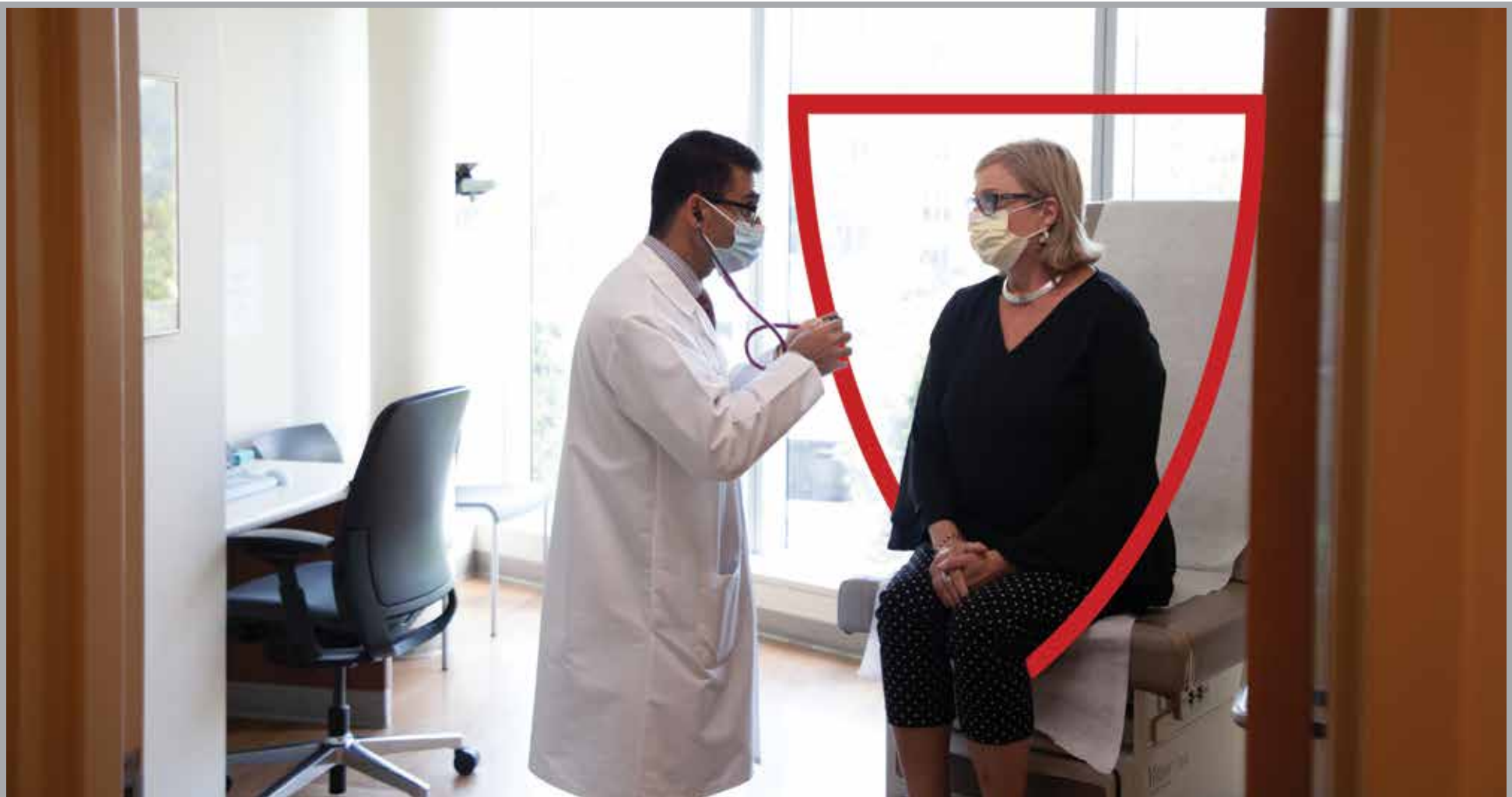
DIABETES EDUCATION CLASSES

Diabetes Self-Management Classes: Day-to-day management of diabetes involves a lot of decision making: checking your blood sugar, knowing your diabetes numbers, taking medication, preventing complications, learning how to cope with chronic disease and staying motivated to make changes.

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“At this time, I do not do pest control (insects, bats, and things of that nature), but I am experienced and equipped to pursue all other wildlife. Everything

from raccoons, skunks, opossums, squirrels, chipmunks, groundhogs, predators, snakes, and aquatic species such as beavers, muskrats, otters, snapping turtles, etc. I am also available to help with cleaning solutions as well as damage control and preventive measures.” Northeast Ohio Wildlife Control offers humane treatment.

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UH St. John Medical Center June Outreach Events

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Nutrition for Diabetes Class: We will discuss nutrition, reading labels, meal planning and exercise to help manage diabetes. Bring recipes, food labels and all of your questions.

Diabetes Educator Visit: Before or after attending the above classes, participants schedule a one-on-one appointment with their diabetes educator. This visit will include an assessment of participant's unique life circumstances, needs and get assistance setting health goals that are important to them. *For scheduling or questions regarding these classes, call DeAna Lewis 440-827-5341.*

Individualized diabetes education visits: This is a great option for people needing more personalized guidance. Since everyone has their own unique situation related to eating habits, physically activity patterns, blood sugar patterns, medication plans and stress management, we partner with you to find a healthy yet realistic plan for living. **A physician referral is required.**

UH St John Health Center, 26908 Detroit Road, Suite 100, Westlake. **For scheduling or questions, call: 216-844-1499 option 1**

SENIOR SUPPER CLUB

Men and women over the age 60 may apply for a Supper Club card. Seniors can pick up their card from the Westlake Center for Community Services or the North Olmsted Senior Center. Once they have the card, they may come to the cafeteria at UH St. John Medical Center and receive a 40 percent discount on all food except bottled beverages, specialty snacks and “Simply to Go” items. There is a \$10 limit per customer for the discount: after that, the items are full price.

EVERYDAY • 4 – 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call **North Olmsted Senior Center 440-777-8100** or **Westlake Center for Community Services 440-899-3544.**

You must present your card to receive the discount.

Honoring Fallen Veterans

Avon Schools AP Studio Artists and National Art Honor Society members joined in the ceremony to honor fallen veterans at the Avon Lake Post 211 American Legion. They created beautiful poppies to add to Ian's poppy field that is named after one of the veteran's sons. Families sponsored a poppy for loved ones. It is an honor that students can participate in such a beautiful and meaningful project.



Reading Champions

Ohio State Representative Gayle Manning presented Avon East Elementary School with the 2026 Governor's Science of Reading Champion Award. This award recognizes schools that have implemented evidenced based instructional practices aligned to the science of reading and where students are making significant progress. This reflects on the schools admin, teachers students and community. Way to go!

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Lorain County Community College Celebrates the Class of 2026

2,053 Graduates Earned 3,431 Degrees and Credentials Marking the Largest Number Awarded in LCCC History

Lorain County Community College celebrated the class of 2026 at the College's 62nd annual Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 16. This year, 2,053 graduates earned 3,431 degrees and credentials from LCCC. This includes 11 graduates who earned Bachelor of Applied Science degrees from LCCC in Microelectronic Manufacturing or Smart Industrial Automated Systems Engineering Technology. The class of 2026 marks the largest number of degrees and certificates earned by an LCCC graduating class. Associate degree attainment increased by 20% compared to last year. An additional 144 graduates earned bachelor's or master's degrees through LCCC's University Partnership.

After welcoming graduates and their guests, LCCC President Marcia J. Ballinger, Ph.D., introduced the ceremony's theme, Thrive, which shares the name of the College's new strategic plan, THRIVE 2035. Included within the plan is LCCC's new goal to award 35,000 more degrees and credentials by 2035.

"Class of 2026, you are the very first graduating class contributing to LCCC's THRIVE 2035 vision," Ballinger said. "But THRIVE 2035 is not ultimately about a number. It's about people. It's about you. It's about the lives you will change, the communities you will strengthen, the workplaces you will lead, and the example you will set for those who follow behind you."

Local news anchor and award-winning broadcast journalist Tiffany Tarpley delivered the ceremony's keynote address. The Lorain County native attended LCCC after graduating from Lorain Admiral King School before transferring to Bowling Green State University. Tarpley is co-anchor of Good Morning Cleveland on WEWS Channel 5, a two-time Emmy Award winner, a member of LCCC's Commodore Hall of Fame inaugural class, and as Ballinger said, a powerful example of what's possible when students start at LCCC.



Tiffany Tarpley

"You have to dream big," Tarpley told the graduates. "Dream boldly. Believe in yourself even when no one else does. Dream intentionally. Put in the work and stay ready so you don't have to get ready. And dream graciously. Remember those who helped you along the way and don't forget to lift someone else up your way."

For 150 students from 18 local high schools, their milestone meant earning an associate degree at the same time they completed high school through dual enroll-

ment. These programs include College Credit Plus, Early College High School programs and Career Technical Education. The students who graduated today saved their families \$1.8 million in tuition. Elijah Smith, 17, began College Credit Plus courses in eighth grade and today earned both an Associate of Science and an Associate of Arts.

"Besides the tuition expense we saved on, Elijah saved valuable time, giving himself a great head start in life," said Elijah's dad, Eric Smith. "He is very self-driven, but had a great support system behind him, which he was always grateful for."

To read more 2026 graduate stories, visit commencement.lorainccc.edu.



Art Deco: The Glamour of the Roaring 20's

Art Deco is a style of visual art that became popular in the 1920's and 1930's and influenced everything from architecture to jewelry, furniture, and fashion design. It represented luxury, glamour, and exuberance in highly refined crafted objects and buildings. This program is presented by Sean Crum, a local artist, art teacher, and art historian. Sean is extremely knowledgeable about art and is skilled at bringing art and artists to life for his audiences.

The Westshore Arts Council invites you to attend this free program on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 3 p.m. at the Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake. This program is free and open to the public with complimentary refreshments.

Special Olympians

Avon Schools athletes had a great day at Ely Stadium for Special Olympics last week! The rain cleared up and allowed our athletes to shine!



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Westlake Aquatic Center Opens

Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough kicked off the summer season with the first dip of the year at the Westlake Aquatic Center last weekend. It's a tradition! Every year Mayor Clough leads the way by coming down the slide and enjoying all the features at the WAC. Hope you get a chance to visit this amazing asset to our community! (Photos courtesy Amy Green-Havelka, Westlake City Council Ward 4)



Mayor Clough makes a splash!

Bay Days 2026

Get ready, Bay Village! The 2026 Annual Bay Days, sponsored by the Bay Kiwanis Club, is packed with fun for the whole family! Dates this year are July 1 - 4 in Cahoon Memorial Park, all proudly sponsored by Bay Kiwanis. During this four day carnival, catch up with family and friends, enjoy thrilling rides, fuel up with delicious food, listen to music and celebrate with a stunning fireworks display on July 4! Visit the Kiwanis Club of Bay Village website, www.bayvillagekiwanis.org/bay-days, for more information.



Kite Extravaganza to be Part of the Annual Bay Days

The Bay Village Historical Society will be sponsoring a kite extravaganza as part of Bay Days 2026.

The event will be held on Thursday, July 2, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the soccer fields west of Bay Days in Cahoon Memorial Park (south of Lake Road and west of Cahoon Road), weather permitting. If there is rain, meet at the soccer field pavilion on Yoder Blvd.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest kite, most colorful kite, most patriotic kite, and best home-built kite. All ages are welcome. For more information call (216) 319-4634.

Westlake Schools Spring Excellence Awards

Westlake Lee Burneson Middle School swept the 2026 Spring Excellence Awards! Please join in congratulating outstanding Westlake City Schools honorees: Excellence in Classified Service: Jennifer Bokenyi, LBMS Student Services/Athletic/Records/Attendance Secretary; Excellence in Teaching Service: Todd Milkie, LBMS 7th Grade ELA Teacher

Congratulations to both of these deserving award winners on this well-earned recognition!



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Power of the Mind with Dr. Tam Cummings

Join Arden Courts at Bath, Chagrin Falls, Parma, and Westlake for **Power of the Mind**, an engaging and educational dementia care conference featuring **nationally recognized dementia expert, Dr. Tam Cummings**. This impactful event will take place on Tuesday, June 2, from 10 AM to 3 PM at **The Sherwood Forest Event Center** in Valley View, OH.

Known as one of the most sought-after speakers in dementia care, Dr. Cummings has educated caregivers and healthcare professionals at more than 300 conferences nationwide. As a gerontologist, author, and founder of her own dementia education company, her mission is to inspire, educate, and empower those caring for individuals living with dementia. Her practical, behavior-based strategies and compassionate approach have helped countless families and professionals better understand dementia while improving quality of care.

Throughout the conference, attendees will gain valuable real-world insight on recognizing when it may be time for additional support, understanding the different forms of dementia, practicing self-compassion as a caregiver, and learning tools to help healthcare providers better support loved ones living with memory loss.

NEW and highly limited, **Dr. Cummings will also offer scheduled one-on-one personal consultations following the conference**, providing attendees with a rare opportunity for individualized guidance and expert insight.

Designed to support both family caregivers and industry professionals, this complimentary event will also include lunch, vendor resources, community connections, CEU credits, engaging raffles, and more.

Space is limited and early RSVP is encouraged.

To reserve your spot, call or text Nilza Costa at 404-312-7695, or email ncosta@arden-courts.com.



Pen Pals

Making connections with our friends up north! Mrs. Wade's 2nd grade class at Avon East have been pen pals with Mrs. Tesar's 2nd grade class at Eastview in Avon Lake all year long. On May 20 Mrs. Wade's class took a field trip and got to meet their friends in person!



"Thank you to our second graders from Avon Local Schools for visiting with us today! This was a wonderful way to practice communication skills while building friendships. Special thanks to Mrs Wade from Avon East and Mrs Tesar from Eastview for making this learning experience possible," Avon Lake Schools.

WHS Spring Signing Day!

Congratulations to Westlake High student-athletes who signed to continue their academic and athletic careers at the next level. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment have earned this opportunity, and Demon Nation looks forward to following your journey ahead. Once a Demon, always a Demon.



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A Very Westlake Idea Just Earned National Recognition

By Jorden Shevel

A free flower cart, live piano music, and a rotating gallery of local art have made the Westlake Community Services café one of the most welcoming rooms in the city — and now, one of only 11 senior centers in the country to earn national recognition for it.

Walk into Westlake Community Services on a weekday afternoon and you might find a violinist playing near the baby grand, a new exhibit of local watercolors on the gallery wall, and a wooden cart full of fresh flowers — free for the taking — sitting by the café.

It's called Bloom, Brush & Bravo. And it just earned Westlake Community Services a national honor.

The National Council on Aging (NCOA), through its National Institute of Senior Centers, has named the program an Honorable Mention in the 2026 Programs of Excellence Awards in the Visibility and Communications category — one of only 11 honorable mentions selected from se-

nior centers across the entire country.

What makes the program worth studying is that it isn't really a program at all. There's no signup sheet. No scheduled class. No agenda. Instead, Westlake Community Services treats the building itself as the welcome.

Local artists rotate exhibits on a dedicated gallery wall every month. Volunteer musicians play the donated baby grand during select café hours. And through a partnership with Trader Joe's, the center receives flowers and plants that would otherwise be discarded — which staff arrange on a hand-built cart (retrofitted from an old lemonade stand) and offer free to anyone who walks in.

The approach reaches people that traditional programming often misses — including adults who don't think of themselves as "joiners," and families navigating dementia who have found in the café one of the few public spaces in the area where they can spend an unhurried afternoon together.

"We didn't set out to build another

program. We set out to build a feeling," said Lydia Gadd, Director of Westlake Community Services. "People who say they're lonely don't always sign up for a class. But they will sit in a café with good light, fresh flowers, and live music. That's where connection actually happens."

The numbers tell part of the story:

- Café revenue is **up 21%** year over year
- **Five new volunteers** — musicians and artists — have joined the center as a direct result of the program
- Existing groups, including the WCS Photography Club and watercolor classes, now exhibit their work to a wider audience
- New audiences, including individuals living with dementia and their care partners, have made the café a regular destination

Bloom, Brush & Bravo will be featured in NCOA's national Programs of Excellence Clearinghouse, recognized at the Age + Action Conference May 27–30, 2026, and highlighted in a national webinar on June 17, 2026.

Come see it for yourself. The piano is there. The art rotates monthly. The flowers are free. Westlake Community Services is located at 28975 Hilliard Blvd., open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Bay Walk for Water

Bay High Key Club at the Walk for Water two weeks ago. The Walk for Water goal is to help end the global water crisis by raising funds through the event. Partnering with the Thirst Project, the world's leading youth water activism organization, the students strive to raise the money needed to build freshwater wells in eSwatini, (formerly known as Swaziland). Each dollar we raise goes directly to building the wells in the southern African country.



Celebrating Excellence

Avon High seniors were celebrated at their annual award ceremony. Awards, scholarships, appointments... These seniors have truly earned it all. Can't wait to see what their future holds. The last award of the night is pictured here as we honor the top 5% of the class of 2026.



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Come One, Come All to the Crocker Park Block Party

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a.m. there will be K-9 Unit Demos. Then, grab a bite at Hangry Joe's, First Watch, Leo's or Another Broken Egg and stick around for the rest of the Block Party.

June 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Main Street and Crocker Park Boulevard will transform into a community celebra-



tion featuring:

Touch-A-Truck & Community Safety Showcase: Westlake Police cruisers, SWAT vehicles, command post truck, bomb squad units • Fire trucks, ambulances, and historic police vehicles available for up-close exploration

Westlake Police & Fire Department Engagements: Meet-and-greets with local police officers, firefighters, and safety personnel • Interactive safety education moments and demonstrations for families and children

Live K-9 Demonstrations: Police K-9 unit demos following the Crocker Bark 5K, showcasing training, agility, and on-the-job skills

Family Entertainment & Interactive Fun: Real Pop Fusion dance parties, games, and audience participation activities • Live Fairytale musical shows presented by Northeast Ohio Creatives, sponsored by Velocity Clinical Research

Kids' Creative & Play Zones: Face painting, balloon twisting, and sidewalk chalk art experiences • Splash pad playtime for warm-weather fun

Food, Vendors & Exhibitors: A variety of food trucks offering sweet and savory

options • Local vendors and exhibitors showcasing products, services, and community resources

Giveaways & Pop-Up Surprises: Prizes, promotions, and interactive moments taking place throughout the afternoon

Stacie Schmidt, Vice President of Marketing & Communications for Stark Enterprises, shared her enthusiasm, stating, "Crocker Bark and the Crocker Park Block Party bring families together for a full day of shopping, dining, and interactive experiences, including a hands-on look at Westlake's safety vehicles and personnel. We're proud to partner with so many local organizations and safety departments to offer a free, family-centered event that supports community connection. We look forward to welcoming guests back to Crocker Park this June as we kick off the summer together!"

The Crocker Park Block Party is made possible through the generous support of local partners, including Velocity Clinic and Aqua Tots Swim School. This free community event will be held rain or shine, with free parking available throughout the Crocker Park garages. Leashed dogs are welcome during the Crocker Bark 5K & 1-Mile Walk and outdoor Block Party activities. For more event details and information on registering for the 5K & 1-Mile Walk, visit crockerpark.com/events/blockparty or follow @CrockerPark on Facebook, Instagram, Threads, and TikTok.



Bay Village Schools Supt. Scot Prebles Receives 'Jennings Superintendent Award of Excellence'



The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation extends its sincere congratulations to Superintendent Scot T. Prebles on being selected as one of four recipients of the 2026 Jennings Superintendent Award of Excellence. This award recognizes outstanding leadership, vision and the meaningful impact you have made in your district and across the broader educational community.

Each year, the Foundation recognizes one Jennings Superintendent of the Year, along with several exceptional leaders who receive the Award of Excellence.

Prebles will be recognized at the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation's Annual Educator Awards Banquet on Thursday,

July 23. The achievements of distinguished educators from across the state will be celebrated.

Prebles will receive a \$1,000 check to be used toward a project or initiative within the Bay Village School District.

"I am thrilled to announce that Supt. Prebles has been selected by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation as a recipient of the 2026 Jennings Superintendent Award of Excellence," said Bay Village Board of Education President Debbie Callihan. "To give you some context on how prestigious this is, each year, the Foundation recognizes only a handful of leaders across the entire state of Ohio who demonstrate outstanding leadership, vision and a meaningful impact on public education."



The Bay Village Board of Education congratulates Supt. Scot Prebles on being recognized by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation with a "Jennings Superintendent Award of Excellence." Pictured left to right: Kevin Ballantine, Andrey Stojic, Scot Prebles, Debbie Callihan, Amy Huntley and James Goodman. Photos provided by Bay Village Schools.

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Avon High Signing Day

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Take Me Out to the Ball Game

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Grantee Spotlight: Westside Food Ministry

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Westside Food Ministry’s mission is to improve the health and well being of our community neighbors by providing reliable access to nutritious food. Through the generosity of volunteers, individuals, and community partners, what began as a small food pantry in a nearby parish has expanded into a program serving hundreds of people every month on the near westside of Cleveland.

In the area we serve, one in seven people face food insecurity, meaning they might not know where their next meal will come from. This group includes seniors, the working poor, the unemployed, and people with health issues. In 2025, our program supported 2,275 households. We work to ensure that neighbors without reliable access to food receive consistent help.

Westside Food Ministry distributes food monthly at senior housing apartments, transitional housing, and the LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland. In Westlake, we offer a drive-through choice food pantry. We currently have four routes that make twice-monthly home deliveries to the elderly and homebound. We warmly welcome all neighbors we

serve and treat everyone with respect and dignity.

Westside Food Ministry relies entirely on volunteers who serve at food pantries, welcoming neighbors with a smile. Many work behind the

scenes, handling ordering, sorting, packing, and calling recipients, while others handle administrative tasks such as scheduling, recordkeeping, and food safety.

Since 2021, the majority of our funding has come from generous grants from the Community West Foundation and its supporters. Their support has been crucial for our growth and our ability to serve the community. We mainly purchase our food from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, which also provides grants, technical assistance, neighbor referrals, and other support. Westlake United Methodist Church graciously offers us in-kind support, including storage space, supplies, utilities, and other indirect costs. Our congregation also donates food and personal care items, with members volunteering as staff. Local foundations and many generous individuals contribute vital financial resources.

Through a dedicated volunteer team and local partnerships, Westside Food Ministry continues to play a vital role, ensuring our neighbors in need have consistent access to food.

For more information, go to westlakeumc.org/food-ministries/



Community West Foundation funds over 100 nonprofits on Cleveland’s west side. Learn more at CommunityWestFoundation.org/Grantees

Bay Sewer System Testing in 2026

To further evaluate the sewer collection system the city, Bay Village has contracted with Equix, Inc. to conduct another round of testing in 2026. In advance of the testing door hangers will be left at all affected residences providing notice of the testing and instructions to help prepare your property.

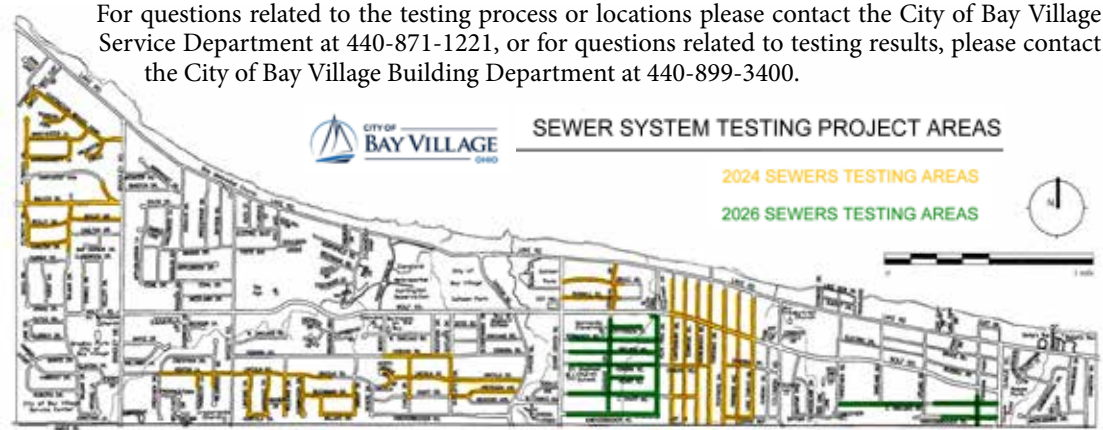
View the Sewer System Testing Project Area map below for location details.

In 2024, the city contracted with Duke’s Root Control, Inc. to conduct sewer system testing in six initial areas. These areas were selected based on historical reporting, surveys, and areas covered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s work with the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plan (RRWWTP).

Testing consists of three phases:

- Phase 1: Public sewer collection system smoke testing.
- Phase 2: Public sewer collection system dye testing.
- Phase 3: Private sewer collection system dye testing.

Data from all three phases of testing is then submitted to the city’s Consulting Engineer, Chagrin Valley Engineering (CVE) for review and analysis. Based on the results, the City of Bay Village Building Department will notify residents by mail if sewer improvement projects are necessary to help reduce flooding events.



Stars, Stripes & Sips

Stars, Stripes & Sips was a wonderful tribute to those who served at Saint Therese at St Mary of the Woods. Residents and staff enjoyed an evening of wine, cheese, and patriotic songs by the LaGrange Community Band as they gathered in gratitude and remembrance.

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Bay Village Food Truck Friday

May 29 through August 28 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Village Green, behind City Hall at 350 Dover Center Road.

May 29 - Thai it Up and Sip Boba Tea & Acai. Joined by musical artist Kristine Jackson • **June 5** - Cheesy Dave's and CLE Cookie Dough Co. • **June 12** - Jones Bones BBQ and Donut NV. Joined by musical artist Chris Hatton • **June 19** - No Event, City Hall is closed in observation of Juneteenth • **June 26** - Birdies and Kona Ice • **July 3** - No Event, visit Bay Days in Cahoon Memorial Park • **July 10** - CLE Chicken and Smooth Rider. Joined by musical artist Jason Meyers • **July 17** - Manna and CLE Cookie Dough Co. • **July 24** - Original Steaks and Hoagies and Prayers from Maria Ice Cream Wagon • **July 31** - Southern Thangs and Prayers from Maria Ice Cream Wagon • **August 7** - Off the GRIDdle and Smooth Rider. Joined by musical artist Josee McGee • **August 14** - Barrio and Donut NV • **August 21** - bRaised in the CLE and Feelin Good Ice Cream • **August 28** - Parilya and Sip Boba Tea & Acai. Joined by musical artist Taylor Lamborn



Westlake Porter Public Library June Events

(Westlake) Following is Westlake Porter Public Library's June 2026 calendar of events. All programs are subject to change. Please check westlakelibrary.org or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram (@Westlake-Porter) for the latest updates.

Monday, June 1 (All Day) June Craft Kit Pick Up – Celebrate June with some fun crafts. Space is limited. Registration required, beginning May 23. Crafts recommended for ages 3-7.

Monday, June 1 (All Day) Adopt a Reading Buddy Pick-Up – Kick off your

Summer Library Challenge by adopting a stuffed animal reading buddy! Kits include a cuddly stuffie, journal, practice packs, and more to help make reading fun all summer long. Registration begins May 23. Grades 1-3.

Monday, June 1 (10-10:45 a.m.) STEAM Ahead: Birds and Their Nests – Let's look closely at birds and their feathers. We will construct our own nests. Ages 4-6, up to kindergarten. Registration begins May 23.

Monday, June 1 and Tuesday,

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Bay Key Club Honorees

Congratulations to the outstanding Bay High Key Club & its officers for providing over 3,750 hours of service this past year under the direction of their advisor Scott Graham. Special shout out to president, Colin Kidik for receiving the Outstanding Key Clubber Award!



Published Authors

Mrs. Hart's Bay Village Normandy School second-graders are published authors! They researched animals and published a book called "We Love Animals." The writers and illustrators celebrated with a pizza publishing party.



Cathy Fischer Memorial Walk and 5K Run



"You all did a wonderful job and had a very successful event this year. A great event honoring a great lady. Will be back again this year." **Dan F.**

"This 5k race which raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society included a course with a few small hills to challenge your efforts for a personal best. Finish line cheers and awards ceremony made for a fun morning." **Gary D.**

"A great run, for a great cause, to commemorate a great woman." **Matt P.**

"My sister and I participated in the Cathy Fischer Walk & Run in July. It was very well organized, we enjoyed ourselves and met a lot of nice people. We will definitely be back to participate in July, 2025!! Thank you to the organizers." **Dave S.**

"Easy registration, and a scenic and challenging course with lots of great crowd support. A perfect tribute to Cathy!" **Christine M.**

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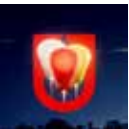
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Running in the Rain

The 24th annual Bendix Eagle Run met with pouring rain last Saturday at the high school. But spirits were not dampened as several hundred runners took part in 5-Mile, 5K and 1-Mile races. The Avon Eagle Run is an annual event benefiting the Avon Schools Educational Endowment Fund, French Creek Family YMCA, and other local charities. Held at



Jacob Amato, 5-Mile Run winner, 32:52

Avon High School, various running and walking activities are all part of the fun. Participants enjoy a community atmosphere with amenities such as race t-shirts, awards, and post-race refreshments. The event is organized by Hermes Sports & Events, and participants receive a well-organized experience with opportunities for awards across multiple age divisions.

For more photos visit www.TheVillagerNewspaper.com

LCCC Fast-Trackers

Presenting Avon High's very first FastTrack class who attended LCCC while still students at AHS! They completed their pre-nursing program and qualified to take the CNA exam this week. This puts them ahead of the game on achieving their dreams!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL HONORED

Congratulations to Dr. Brad Cocco who was recently named Zone 5 High School Assistant Principal of the Year by the Ohio Association of Secondary Schools Administrators! Nominations are considered from students, staff members, administrators, and colleagues based upon their talent, dedication to students, and educational leadership. Dr. Cocco has done a done an outstanding job in his direction of Shoremen Academy in addition to his assistant principal role at Avon Lake High School. Thank you, Dr. Cocco for everything you do on behalf of Avon Lake students!



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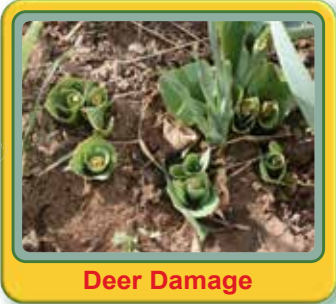
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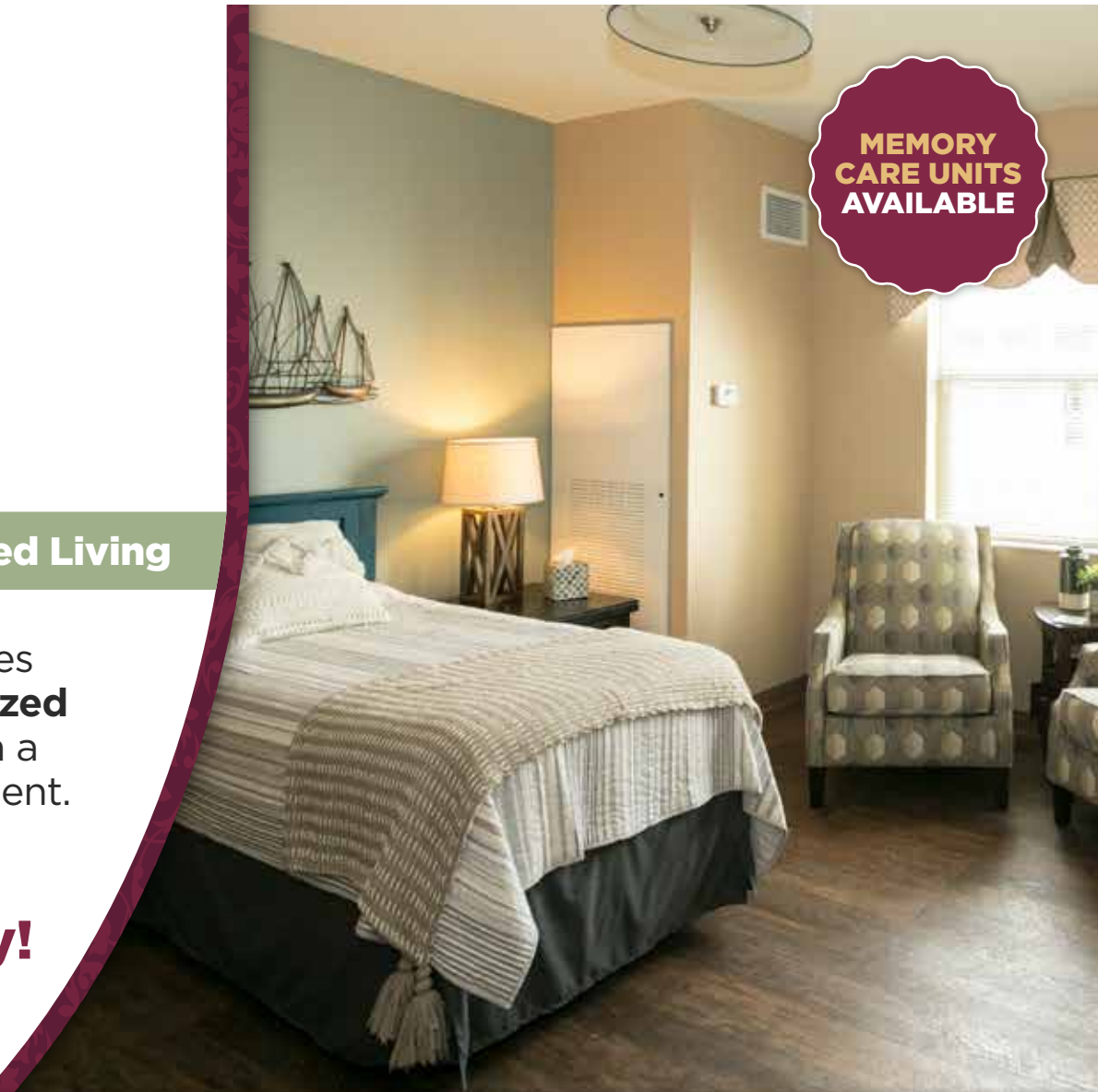


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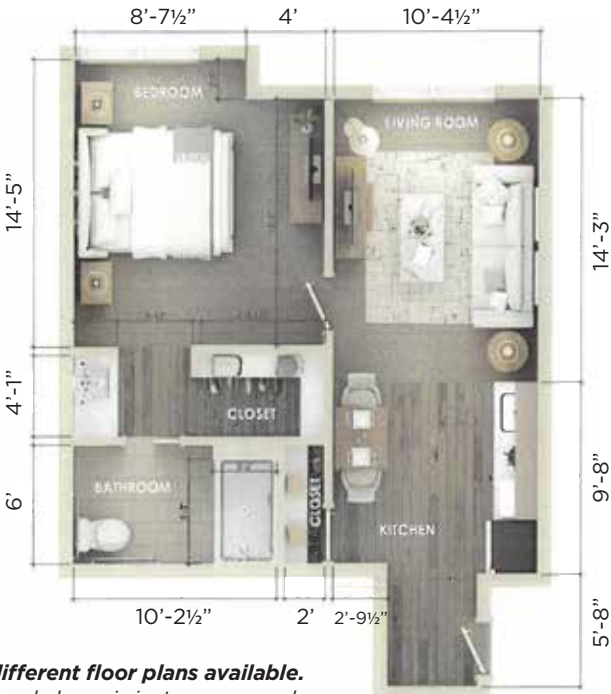
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Westlake High School Softball Honors



Congrats to Westlake High School Softball players on their All-CWC Honors. Juniors Maddie Moden and Riley Knapp on earning First Team All-CWC honors. Two outstanding seasons recognized among the conference's best. Juniors Trudy Rocco and Carson Schneider on earning Second Team All-CWC honors! A well-deserved recognition for the impact and consistency they brought all season long. Junior Cydney Loucka and Senior Marissa Horvath on earning Honorable Mention All-CWC honors! Their hard work, dedication, and contributions throughout the season helped lead the way for the Demons.

Outstanding Musician

Bay Village Sophomore Maria Dagiasis, who plays in the BHS Chamber Orchestra, has been accepted into the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra in the violins section. These photos are from a recent solo performance, where she won the concerto competition.



Westlake 250th Tuesday

Is your Westlake house over 50 years old? In today's 250th Tuesday post, the City is highlighting the Westlake Historical Society Plaque Program, which allows residents to celebrate their home's place in Westlake history!



The home in this picture was built by Sylvanus Crocker, son of Jedediah and Sarah Crocker, founding members of the first church in Dover Township, now Dover Congregational Church. The home still stands along Detroit near Crocker. Crocker family descendants owned much of the land that Crocker Park was constructed on.

For 50 years, the Westlake Historical Society has provided residents a way to honor their home or building with a plaque installed on the residence. To learn more about this opportunity, call 216-848-0680 or email westlakehistory@yahoo.com.



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“We are very pleased to say that we have the *Highest and Most Reviews* of any company on the eastern seaboard. We just focus on honesty, kindness and advertising integrity, and unlike others, we have never paid for our reviews” says owner, Craig Shepp.

Besides homes, the company has installed back-up generators at countless area fire departments, police stations, nursing facilities, businesses where electrical service is not just a convenience - but a necessity. Systems are now seeing lifespans of around 20 years. Today’s systems can now be monitored anywhere in the world right from your cell



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To assist you with making the right standby power investment we strongly advise you to consult with the *GeneratorPros* at Shepp Electric Company, Inc., who will conduct a *FREE site survey* and electrical load analysis in order to recommend the best size and placement of the system, whether home or business. Contact them before the next disaster Monday through Friday from 8 to 5 at 877-423-9010, or visit their website at: www.GeneratorPros.com to view information about all of their services and *GENERAC* Generator Systems.

Business owners especially are very concerned about loss. Craig notes: “Compared to the expense of lost revenue and inventory spoilage, an automatic standby genset is a bargain that will provide years of reliable service. It is truly a smart investment for home or business. You don’t have to live without power. While Power Storage Cell Technology is the next frontier of which we are now pioneering, standby generators are not going away.”

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Westlake Rec Center Park Grand Opening

The City of Westlake opened the new Rec Center Park and athletic fields with a great community celebration last weekend. “Thank you to everyone who came out to mark this exciting addition to Westlake. We can’t wait to see residents enjoying the fields and amenities, practicing, playing, and making this a welcoming community space for years to come!” announced Mayor Dennis Clough.



What’s New at the Park?

- The Playground: Features a multi-level climbing tower, twin tube slides, inclusive play elements, and shaded seating areas.
 - The Fields: High-performance surfaces including DoublePlay Natural ballfields and a multi-purpose field with CoolPlay technology to reduce surface temperatures by up to 35 degrees.
 - Lighting: New Musco LED sports lighting for enhanced visibility and playability.
- These fields will serve as a hub for Westlake Youth Soccer, Football, Softball, Baseball, and more.



Westlake Porter Public Library June Events

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June 16 (7-8:30 p.m.) *Our Founding Documents* – Across two different sessions, Katie Salis and Chad Statler will discuss the founding documents of our republic. Register for one or both sessions. June 1: Declaration of Independence and the Federalist and Anti-Federalist Papers • June 16: The Constitution and the Bill of Rights

Tuesday, June 2 (6-7:30 p.m.) and Saturday, June 13 (10:30 a.m.-noon) *Makerspace Foundations: CNC Orientation* – Attend an orientation to learn the basics of using the CNC router and be-

come a verified user of the machine. Registration begins one week before each session.

Tuesday, June 2 (2-4 p.m.) *Jewelry Junction: Evelyn’s Jewelry Workshop* – Bring in jewelry to repair or remake into something more modern. You can also just come and make a jewelry item of your choice. Registration begins May 26.

Tuesday, June 2 (7-8:30 p.m.) *World at War Forum: Best Allied General of WWII* – In another installment of our Best Of series, fellow forum members will give brief presentations on who they believe are the best commanders on the Allied side

during World War II. Please register.

Wednesday, June 3 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) and Saturday, June 20 (11-11:45 a.m.) *Adapted Storytime* – Join us for this storytime designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3 to 7 years. Registration begins one week before each session.

Wednesday, June 3 (2-3 p.m.) *Virtual Author Talk: Mary Savig, “State Fairs”* – Join us for a fascinating discussion with Smithsonian curator Mary Savig on the history and significance of craft at

state fairs—from blue-ribbon quilts to sculpted butter cows, and so much more! Please register.

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24 (5-6 p.m.) *Bow Wow Books* – Stop by Youth Services to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog. Sign-up starts at 4:30 p.m. Grades K-4.

Wednesday, June 3 (6-6:45 p.m.) *Meet Your Makerspace!* – What is the Makerspace? What can you make? Come and learn all about the equipment available and what is required to use it! Registration begins May 27.

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Chamber Choir Performs

The Bay Middle School Chamber Choir recently performed at Harkness Chapel on the Case Western Reserve University campus, and even combined with the University Concert Choir on a final selection.



CLAP OUT!

Avon Lake High School seniors who attended Westview Elementary were welcomed back for a clap out by the entire school! Afterwards, the students enjoyed a special reception in the cafeteria where they enjoyed refreshments and shared memories as they opened up their time capsule projects from fourth grade. Teachers and staff visited with their former students and provided words of encouragement while sharing memories of their time together at Westview. Congratulations to the ALHS Class of 2026!



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Westlake Memorial Day 2026

One of Westlake’s most meaningful traditions returned this year as the annual Memorial Day Parade stepped off at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 25.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, the parade began at St. Peter & George Coptic Orthodox Church on Hilliard Boulevard and proceeded to Clague Park. The event featured floats, marching bands, and community groups, emphasizing the deeper purpose of the day; a time to pause and reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who gave their lives in military service. The parade serves as

both a tribute and a reminder — honoring the individuals behind the uniforms and the freedoms their service helped protect.



Westlake Porter Public Library June Events

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Wednesday, June 3 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) Horror Film Club – Join us for another creepy classic from the Vault! New members are welcome, but children under 13 must be with an adult. Please register.

Thursday, June 4 and Wednesday, June 17 (1-7 p.m.) American Red Cross Bloodmobile – Please give blood with the American Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Thursday, June 4 (3-4 p.m.) Tech Bytes: iPhone and iPad Help Session – Have quick questions about your iPhone or iPad? Need help with basic features or apps? Join our Help Session for a casual drop-in opportunity to learn and share tips.

Thursday, June 4 and Monday, June 8 (6-8 p.m.) and Sunday, June 7 (2-4 p.m.) High School Study Café – Exams are on the way! Come study at the library. Snacks and study spaces available in the Youth Services Department for students in grades 9-12.

Fridays, June 5 and 26 (3-4 p.m.) Pride Month Pinback Buttons – A drop-in hour at the Makerspace to celebrate LGBTQIA Pride with a pin-back badge/button-making activity. Makerspace staff will be standing by to operate the button machine and train any interested new “buttoners” with the machine. Allies and all ages welcome! Limit two free buttons per participant. All materials and instruction will be provided.

Saturdays, June 6 (10:30-11 a.m.) Family Storytime: Ohio Celebrates the Outdoors – Join us for rhymes, songs and play! Ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 14 (2-3 p.m.) Brick Builders – Do you love Legos®? Then bring your ideas and imagination to Brick Builders! Bricks provided. No registration is required, but room capacity is limited. First come, first served. Ages 5-12. Pick-up begins Monday, June 8 Kinder Club Kit Pick-Up – Each bag will contain a variety of early literacy concepts that will be featured on our Kinder Club Blog. Ages 4-6. Registration begins June 1.

Monday, June 8 (11-11:45 a.m.) Adult Stories – Adults with disabilities laugh, sing, listen to stories, and do a craft or a coloring page. Registration begins one month before each session.

Monday, June 8 (7-8 p.m.) Earth “kind” Meetup Group – Meet with other veg/plant-based- curious individuals to discover new flavors, new foods and more ways to be kind to yourselves and to our earth. This group will meet most months on the second Monday of the month. Various topics will be discussed. No registration required.

Tuesday, June 9 (7-8 p.m.) Let’s Talk! Spanish Language Social Hour-¡Hablemos! Hora Social en Español – Meet other fluent Spanish speakers for informal conversation. Register to join.

Tuesday June 9 (7-8:30 p.m.) Tuesday Evening Book Club (In Person AND Virtual) – Join the WPPL Tuesday Evening Book Club in person or on Zoom to discuss “Good Night, Irene” by Luis Alberto Urrea. The discussion will be held in person and on Zoom simultaneously. Please register. If you register for the Zoom option, you will receive a Zoom invitation and instructions by email.

Wednesday, June 10 (12-1 p.m.) Cooking with Chef Garrett – Learn a new recipe to add some pizzazz to your weeknight cooking. Chef Garrett from the Community Center will demonstrate a recipe you can add to your weekly meal plan. Please register.

Wednesday, June 10 (7-8:30 p.m.) Environmentalism Book Club – This month’s title is “How High We Go in the Dark” by Sequoia Nagamatsu. Please register.

Thursday, June 11 (9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) Jewelry Junction: Right-Angle Weave Bracelet – Make a beautiful right-angle weave bracelet

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of excellent erected in 2019. The Avon Veterans Memorial commemorates the past wars and conflicts fought by Military Service Veterans and pays tribute to Avon Residents who served their Country.

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Avon Mayor Bryan Jensen shares remarks



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using crystals, a beading needle and fishing line. The seed beads are tiny, so you will need good vision or reading glasses. This program is for adults and teens. Registration begins June 4.

Thursday, June 11 (3-3:45 p.m.) Short Story Workshop: Twisted FairyTales – Listen to a fairy tale that has a surprise twist, learn literary terms, then write a humorous short story. No registration required. Grades 1-4.

Thursday, June 11 (3-4 p.m.) Tech Bytes: Android Help Session – Have quick questions about your Android device? Need help with basic features or navigation? Join our Help Session for a casual drop-in opportunity to learn and share tips! No registration required.

Thursday, June 11 (6:30-7:30 p.m.) Social Hour for Teens with Autism – This social hour is a safe and fun space for teens and young adults with autism who are currently enrolled in high school to meet and hang out! There will be snacks and games. We are pleased to partner with the Cuyahoga Board of Developmental Disabilities as a Library Facilitator location. WPPL thanks the Cuyahoga County Board of DD for their grant to accomplish a year of inclusive programming. No registration required.

Thursday, June 11 (7-8:30 p.m.) Trivia Night: A Night at the Theater – Curtains up! How well do you know your Broadway? Is your Shakespeare up to snuff? Let's see! Register solo or in teams of 2-5. There will be music, fun friendly competition, and prizes for the winning team! Grades 7 to Adult.

Thursday, June 11 (7-8 p.m.) Virtual Author Talk: Matt Dinniman, "A Parade of Horribles" – Matt Dinniman, New York Times bestselling author of the wildly popular (and just plain wild) Dungeon Crawler Carl series, joins us to chat about his latest book. Streamed live. Please register.

Thursday, June 11 (7-8:15 p.m.) Thursday Night Book Discussion – This month's title is "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. A limited number of copies will be available at the Circulation Desk. No registration required.

Friday, June 12 (2-2:30 p.m.) Sidewalk Art! – Enjoy a short story time focused on the elements of art, then make some beautiful chalk art creations in WPPL's Reading Garden! No registration required. Grades kindergarten-4.

Saturday, June 13 (10:30-11 a.m.) Outdoor Family Storytime – Join us for rhymes, songs, and play outside in the Friends Pavilion. Ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

Monday, June 15 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) Spice it Up! Take-Home Kit: Dill Weed – Each kit will contain a sample of the featured spice, some background on the spice and a couple of recipes! This kit will contain dill weed. Registration opens June 8.

Monday, June 15 (1-2 p.m.) Children's Planting Workshop – Learn the basics of gardening and plant your own herb pot with The Herb Guild Garden Club affiliated with the Holden Arboretum and Garden Clubs of Ohio. Please register each child separately, beginning June 8. Grades 1-4.

Monday, June 15 (1-2 p.m.) True Crime Book Club – This month's title is "Helltown," by Casey Sherman. Please register.

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Westlake Porter Public Library invites people of all ages to enjoy reading, activities, and fun programs this summer. The library's annual Summer Library Challenge begins June 1 and continues through August 1. This year's theme is "Stars and Stories," in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary.

In addition to reading, participants can complete challenges and enjoy a variety of special programs, including the annual STEAM Week (July 20-24).

After 15 days of reading, participants earn a halfway prize, and one grand prize raffle ticket for every five days of reading. Reading for 30 days earns participants a final prize, along with additional tickets for the grand prize drawing. Participants who complete activities will earn extra grand prize drawing tickets.

Reading and activities can be tracked on logs available at the library or on Beanstack. To register for the program or access a log, download the Beanstack app or visit westlakelibrary.beanstack.org.

The Summer Library Challenge is sponsored by the Friends of Porter Public Library; the Cleveland Monsters; the Cleveland Charge; Color Me Mine; Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad; Dave & Buster's; Dean's Greenhouse; The Foundry; The Franklin Castle; GV Art and Design; Museum of Illusions; Music Box Supper Club; Nosotros; Ohio Renaissance Festival; Ohio State Fair; Raising Cane's; River Colors Studio; Rock & Roll Hall of Fame; Western Reserve Historical Society; and Wild Birds Unlimited - North Olmsted.

For reading logs and more information about the Summer Library Challenge, please visit westlakelibrary.org/summer. To check out the programs being offered visit westlakelibrary.org/events.

Bay Glenview School Legacy Walk

Bay Village's venerable Glenview School will be undergoing big changes as the building will soon be updated to better serve the community, beginning in early June. A Legacy Walk was held last week for a trip down memory lane. Free bricks will be available Sept 1-20 at Board Office. Here's a look back!



Glenview Directors first to current: Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Chadwick & Mrs. Davey! All at the Glenview Legacy Walk!



Glenview Legacy Walk! Great to see so many alumni and past families!

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Monday, June 15 (7-8 p.m.) Dinosaur Magic – For children and parents alike, this exciting show features stories and tales mixed with magic, all with fantastic dinosaurs great and small. Presented by Jim Kleefeld. Registration begins May 18. Ages 4-12, siblings and families welcome. Please register.

Tuesdays, June 16 (11 a.m.-12 p.m.) Adult Takeover of Teen Lounge – The adults are taking over! Come to WPPL's Teen Lounge for video games, board games, snacks and more. For adults with disabilities and caregivers. No registration required.

Tuesday, June 16 (1-2:30 p.m.) Phineas and FUN – Celebrate the start of summer with snacks, activities, and a screening of your favorite brothers' summer shenanigans! Grades 2-5, siblings welcome. Please register.

Tuesday, June 16 (6-7 p.m.) Print a Pot – Get ready for summer! Plant in a 3D printed flower pot while

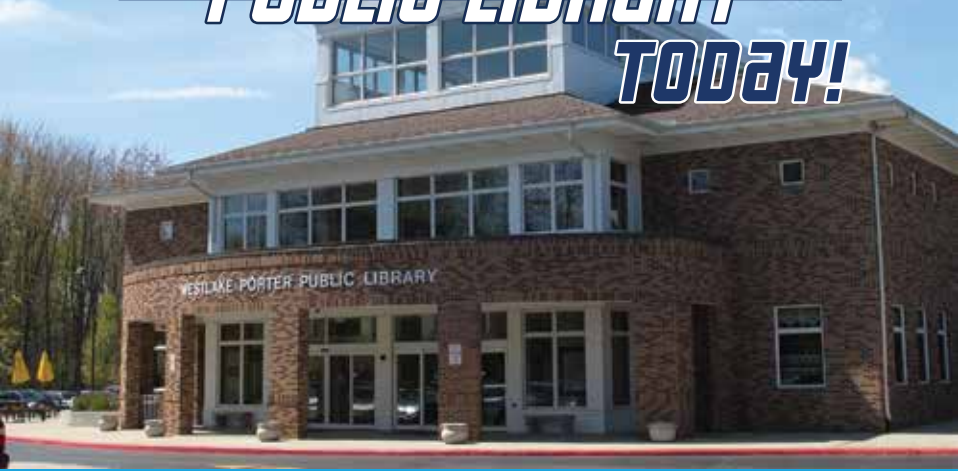
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One Last Song

Sentimental moment for Avon High seniors at their final choral concert at the Performing Arts Center. Thank you to our Directors Moyseenko and Lero for your unwavering guidance for these students. They along with the rest of the AMS choirs, Tenor/Bass Choir, Treble Choir and Chorale were BEAUTIFUL!



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Loaded Gun, Loaded Driver

On 5/9/26 at about 3AM, officers observed a vehicle weaving and following too close on I90 W/B. The Nissan was stopped in the area of Nagle Rd. The driver, a 35yo Cleveland man, appeared intoxicated. After he admitted that a firearm “may” be in the vehicle, he was told to step out the driver’s door. He admitted to consuming 7 drinks before driving and due to all the circumstances, was field tested by the officers. The man was arrested for OVI. A loaded Ruger firearm was located in the glove compartment. A lunch box full of suspected marijuana and ecstasy pills was found on the passenger seat.



Reports note that all the items were well within reach of the driver while operating the vehicle. The man was transported to jail where he took a breath test. He tested over 1 and ½ times the legal limit. He was charged with OVI, Prohibited breath alcohol content, weaving and felony improper handling of a firearm. Additional charges are pending lab analysis of the recovered drugs.

Fun with Dad’s BMW

On 5/10/26 at around 8:25PM, officers on patrol observed a vehicle operating recklessly at Crocker Park. 2 vehicles traveling together were stopped. A 17yo Avon man was cited with reckless operation and loud muffler. His (actually his parents’) BMW was towed from the scene. The driver had to find a ride home and will have to appear in juvenile court.

Fast Car, Illegal Weapons

On 5/10/26 at approx. 9:30PM, an officer on patrol discovered that the registered owner of a Dodge Challenger on Union St in Crocker Park had an active felony warrant for possession of weapons under disability from Cleveland PD. The vehicle was stopped on Crocker Rd at Detroit. The registered owner was driving and the investigators noted signs of drug use in the vehicle. Investigation revealed that there was a loaded Glock 9mm handgun in the car along with an open container of alcohol. The driver, a 38yo Cleveland man, was arrested. The vehicle was towed from the scene as the passenger did not have a valid license. The driver was charged with Felony weapons violations including another charge of possession of a gun while under disability. Reports indicate that the man had been convicted of drug trafficking in the past.

Guns & Drugs

On 5/16/26 at approx. 3:20AM, officers stopped a vehicle on I90 W/B at Columbia for speeding. The investigators detected signs of drug use in the vehicle. Further investigation revealed that the female driver

and male passenger were in possession of a loaded handgun as well as a suspected marijuana. The man, a 19yo from Lorain, admitted that the gun was his and the driver had no knowledge of it. Being that he was under 21, he was not allowed to possess a handgun. The passenger was arrested and charged with misdemeanor Carrying a Concealed Weapon. The driver was released without charges.

Wrong Way on I-90

On 5/18/26 just before midnight, several callers reported that a black SUV was traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes of I-90 in the area of Columbia Rd. WPD officers began to search for the dangerous driver and finally located the suspect Hyundai disabled due to damage. The SUV was still facing the wrong way in the area of Cahoon Rd when the officer pulled up. Luckily the driver was unharmed and no other vehicles were involved when the vehicle struck the guard rail on the highway. The driver, a 20yo Lorain man, said that he didn’t realize that he was on the wrong side of the highway despite passing vehicles flashing their headlights at him. He believed that he got on the highway at McKinley which reports note was approximately 6 miles from the crash site. The driver appeared intoxicated but declined any field tests. He was arrested for OVI. An open bottle of Lunazul tequila was found in the car. The man also refused a breath test. He was charged with OVI, driving the wrong way on an interstate, failure to control and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Nervous, Of Course!

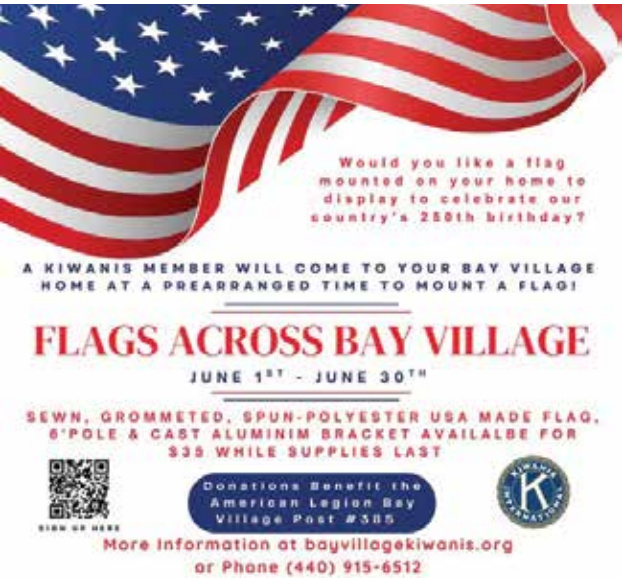
On 5/19/26 at about 9:30PM, officers stopped a vehicle at Crock- er and Union for an equipment violation. In speaking with the driver and passenger, the officers noted that they appeared more nervous than normally seen in cars stopped for simple equipment problems. The passenger, a 32yo man from Mayfield Hts, was found to have war- rants for possession of drug abuse instruments, felony possession of illegal controlled substances and DUI. He refused the officers’ orders to exit the vehicle so was physically extracted from the passenger seat. The man later told the officers that he ingested several pills in an effort to keep officers from locating them. An ambulance was summoned to



take the man to the hospital to avoid an overdose. He was cleared at the hospital and transported to jail later in the day. The driver was more cooperative with the officers. Investigation revealed that the men were in possession of suspected methamphetamine, liquid “poppers,” pipes used to smoke meth, used syringes and burnt bottle caps with singed Chore Boy (all indicators of burning illicit substances for processing and ingestion). The driver, a 31yo Westlake resident, was arrested and charged with felony drug possession, possession of drug abuse instru- ments and possession of drug paraphernalia. After being released from the hospital, the passenger was charged with failure to comply and possession of drug abuse instruments. Reports note that WPD has had previous drug related arrests/incidents with both individuals.

Show Your Colors

Amazing offer from Bay Village Kiwanis. Let’s cel- ebrate our country’s 250th birthday in style in Bay Village by displaying a flag at your home! BV Kiwanis is here to assist you in mounting your flag and/or providing you with a quality flag at cost to display. Sign up for here, <https://forms.gle/tJfMp4dgX3CD2cq5>, to arrange a time in June to get “Old Glory” flying high! Donations benefit the American Legion Bay Village Post #385.



Free Microchip Clinic!

Help protect your pets. The BVPD routinely uses a microchip reader with lost animals and is easily able to return pets safely home.



No License

On May 11, 2026 at 10:30 am, BVPD conducted a traffic stop near Lake/Porter Creek. The registered owner was found to have no valid driver’s license. The driver was confirmed to be the registered owner and was issued a citation. The vehicle was turned over to a licensed driver. The 18-year-old Cleveland resident will be facing charges through Rocky River Municipal Court.

Down but OK in Bay

On May 11, 2026 at 8:30 pm, a resident contacted BVPD advis- ing that a male was lying in a front yard near Lake/Bradley and did not appear to be moving. BVPD responded to the area and located the male. The male was checked and found to be okay. He advised he was attempting to reach Cleveland. The male was assisted.

Three Vehicle Crash

On May 11, 2026 at 10:07 pm, BVPD and BVFD responded to a 911 call reporting a three-vehicle motor vehicle accident with possible entrapment on Ashton Lane. Upon arrival, officers located the accident and determined the driver had struck two parked, unoccupied vehicles. The elderly driver was transported to a local hospital for treatment. The Bay Village resident was issued a citation for failure to control. The

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90-year-old, Bay Village resident will be facing charges through Rocky River Municipal Court.

Stop Having Fun!

On May 12, 2026 at 4:51 pm, a resident contacted BVPD to complain that noise from a middle school baseball game was too loud and was preventing them from completing work. BVPD responded to the area and determined the noise level was not excessive for the event.

Struck with a Tractor

On May 14, 2026 at 11:37 am, a male contacted BVPD to report

he had been assaulted the previous day at a job site in Bay Village. The male stated that an argument began with a coworker over the use of a new company work truck. While at the job site, the argument escalated and racial slurs were exchanged. The reporting party alleged the coworker intentionally struck him with a John Deere tractor. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

Don't Be Defrauded!

On May 16, 2026 at 11:50 am, a resident responded to the BVPD station to file a fraud report. During the investigation, it was discovered the resident's HP tablet had been compromised, and the resident began communicating with a fraudster. The fraudster convinced the

resident to withdraw a large sum of money under the pretense of fixing the tablet. The resident complied and withdrew the cash, which was later picked up in person by a third party. Police are investigating.

BVPD would like to remind residents to remain vigilant regarding online and phone scams. Common red flags include being instructed to purchase gift cards, withdraw large amounts of cash for pickup by unknown individuals, or deposit money into a Bitcoin machine. Legitimate businesses and government agencies will not request payment in these forms. If you receive suspicious requests or believe you may be the victim of a scam, contact BVPD before sending money or providing personal information.

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learning about 3D printing at the library! Filament and plant colors will coordinate with the America 250 theme! Registration begins May 26.

Tuesday, June 16 (6:30-8 p.m.) Craft Club – Join us for craft club! All crafts and skill levels welcome. No registration required.

Wednesday, June 17 (2-4 p.m.) Teen Foodies – Celebrate America250 as we serve up foods invented in the USA. This month's dish is Key Lime Pie. Registration begins June 10. Grades 7-12.

Wednesday, June 17 (2-3 p.m.) Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion – The Wednesday Book Group meets the third Wednesday of

each month. This month's title is "The Wishing Game" by Meg Shaffer. No registration required.

Thursday, June 18 (10-11 a.m.) Your Liver, Your Health: A Community Educational Program – Join Dr. Naim Alkhouri in a discussion on the importance of liver health, early detection of liver disease, and current advancements in treatment and management. Please register.

Thursday, June 18 (1-1:30 p.m.) Hear Me Roar: Storytime with Strength – This cross-generational program connects patients with Parkinson's Disease with our community by sharing stories, songs, and movement in this interactive storytime. PreK-Grade2, siblings welcome. No registration necessary.

Thursday, June 18 (2-3 p.m.) Virtual Author Talk: Ted Page, "Good Grandpa" – Join us in conversation with storyteller and popular blogger Ted Page as we chat about his book, "Good Grandpa: Stories from the Heart of Grandfatherhood." Streamed live. Please register.

Thursday, June 18 (2-3:30 p.m.) Estate Planning Basics – Join estate planning attorney Elizabeth Perla for an informative session. Bring your questions and leave with a clearer understanding of how estate planning

can benefit you and your family's future. Registration begins May 21.

Saturday, June 20 (1-2 p.m.) Make Your Own Zine! – Stop by the library and create a one-of-a-kind zine! While supplies last. Grades 5-8.

Saturday, June 20 (2-4 p.m.) Make It, Take It! – Stop by Youth Services to complete a featured craft. While supplies last. No registration required. Not available for pickup at the drive-up window. No registration necessary. PreK-grade 2.

Sundays, June 21 (2-3 p.m.) All Abilities Playdate – An open playtime for children of all abilities. Developmentally appropriate toys and a sensory station will be provided for open, imaginative, nonjudgmental play. No registration required. Ages 2-7 with a caring adult, siblings welcome.

Sunday, June 21 (2-3:30 p.m.) Friends' Ice Cream Social – Bring your friends, family and yourself for an afternoon of a local favorite ice cream, plus delicious coffee drinks, fun activities, party music, and more!

Monday, June 22 (10-11 a.m.) Jesse Jukebox in Concert – Jesse Jukebox and DJ Turkey Sandwich perform an interactive concert where kids can be kids and grown-ups have fun, too! Registration begins May 25. Ages infant-8, families welcome.

Tuesday, June 23 (2-3 p.m.) Virtual Author Talk: Sana Javeri Kadri, "The Diaspora Spice Co. Cookbook" – Join us as we chat with Sana Javeri Kadri and Asha Loupy about their cookbook, which celebrates beautiful and simple cooking with recipes adapted from India and Sri Lanka. Streamed live. Please register.

Tuesday, June 23 (6-7:30 p.m.) Charcuterie Board Assembly – Learn from Jennifer Mattson, Heinen's Grocery Store deli manager, how to build a charcuterie board. Sample delicious meats, cheeses, and fruits. Registration begins June 16.

Wednesday, June 24 (6-8 p.m.) A Celebration of Stories – Celebrate beloved book characters with crafts, games, and more! No registration required. All ages.

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Rolling Out the Red Carpet

Avon Heritage Elementary School rolled out the red carpet for incoming second graders from Avon East last week! They came to explore 3rd grade classrooms, meet teachers and walk the 3rd grade hallways. This definitely smooths the 2nd to 3rd grade transition! Thank you to the 3rd graders for being such great leaders!



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Northeast Ohio homeowners are all too familiar with how unpredictable weather can be in every season. This spring has already delivered plenty of rain, high winds, and even hail. While these storms may pass in minutes, the damage they leave behind can affect your roof for years if not addressed promptly. At Mark 2 Roofing, we've seen how wind and hail can compromise even well-maintained roofs and siding, regardless of age. That's why the smartest step after severe weather is to schedule a professional inspection. Here's what you need to know about how storms can impact your home, and why acting early makes all the difference.

How Wind Damages Your Roof

Strong gusts create uplift pressure that lifts shingle edges and breaks the adhesive seals designed to keep them flat and watertight. Over time, this leads to curled, creased, or missing shingles, especially along eaves, ridges, and corners. Wind can also loosen flashing around chimneys, vents, and skylights, while scattering protective granules from asphalt shingles into your gutters. Even moderate winds (as low as 40–50 mph) can start these problems. Stronger storms push water underneath lifted areas, risking leaks, wood rot, and structural weakening. What may look like a minor cosmetic issue from the ground can quickly lead to interior water stains or attic moisture.

The Impact of Hail on Asphalt Shingles

Many homeowners witnessed this firsthand in mid-April when golf ball-sized hail pounded the region. Hailstones strike with surprising force, bruising asphalt shingles, dislodging protective granules, and creating small dents or fractures in the shingle mat. You might notice dark circular spots, bald patches, or granules collecting in your downspouts afterward. These impacts can seem minor at first, but granule loss exposes the asphalt to UV rays, speeding up aging and making the roof more vulnerable to future storms. In some cases, hail causes hidden cracks or soft bruised spots that only become evident when water seeps underneath. Left unchecked, hail damage shortens your roof's lifespan and can lead to expensive repairs or a full replacement.



Why a Ground-Level View Isn't Enough

After a storm, many homeowners look up and do not see obvious problems, like missing shingles or visible dents. Unfortunately, damage from wind and hail often cannot be seen from the ground. Professional inspectors use close-up evaluation to check for lifted seals, granule loss patterns, soft spots, and early signs of water intrusion. Catching these issues early can prevent minor problems from turning into major leaks, mold concerns, or complete roof failure. A thorough inspection also helps document damage properly for insurance claims, giving you peace of mind and protecting your investment.



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When major storms hit, out-of-town restoration companies often flood the area. But for lasting results, it pays to work with a trusted local contractor who truly understands Northeast Ohio's weather, building codes, and long-term home protection. As a family-owned business proudly serving our Northeast Ohio communities, Mark 2 Roofing is committed to helping homeowners navigate storm damage restoration and standing behind every job we complete. We offer free inspections for both residential and commercial properties. Whether you've had recent wind or hail exposure or you simply want to know the health of your roof, give us a call today!

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