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25 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

Honoring the Lives Lost and Remembering the Heroes

Memorial services were held around the area in remembering the lives lost, the courage of the first responders and to reflect on the 25 years since the 9/11 attacks.

The City of Avon hosted a solemn 9/11 ceremony the morning of Sept. 11 at its Veterans Memorial behind the fire station while Westlake Porter Library livestreamed the commemoration ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. Attendees could also visit the 9/11 Memorial Wall in the library lobby and touch a piece of steel from the World Trade Center.





The family of Christina Ryook gathers at Evergreen Cemetery annually to honor the memory of the fallen Westlake resident who worked for Cantor Fitzgerald at the World Trade Center.

At Evergreen Cemetery members of the Westlake community and Christina Ryook's family gathered at her grave to mark the 25th anniversary and to honor the memory of the Westlake resident who tragically lost her life in the World Trade Center.



The ceremonial ringing of the bell on 9/11 honors the lives lost and marks key moments from the 2001 terrorist attack. The City of Avon brought its antique firetruck for this end of watch sequence.

See the stories and photos on pages 2 and 4.



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Food Trucks Battle at Crocker Park



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Westlake Honors More Than Two Centuries of Department Leaders with Perpetual Plaques



By Jorden Shevel

The City of Westlake is honoring the directors and chiefs who have led its departments over more than two centuries with a set of perpetual plaques, one for each of the city's main departments.

The plaques grew out of Dover Township ~ City of Westlake Officials 1909-2026, a compilation of the community's elected and appointed officials by Clerk of Council Denise L. Rosenbaum. Ms. Rosenbaum then pulled from it the names of every director and chief of the departments established in

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The sting of 9/11 is still felt deeply by Americans and residents locally 25 years after the tragic terrorist events that befell our nation those many years ago.

Residents gathered at memorial observances the morning of Friday, Sept. 11, 2026 at several locations within the West Shore.

One of the most moving was the tribute paid to Westlake native Christina Sunga Ryook, a Westlake High grad (1994), who perished while at work at the World Trade Center.

Christina is interred at Westlake's Evergreen Cemetery. Friends, family and city officials stood at her graveside and shared memories of the morning of 9-11-2001 as well as remembrances of Christina.

Westlake Historical Society President Dave Pfister led the tribute, along with Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough and members of Christina's family.

Christina is well-remembered as a Westlake High scholar and member of WHS music programs, where she excelled.

Westlake Porter Public Library has several tributes to Christina on display. Christina's Corner, in the Library lobby, offers a plaque and description of her days with the Westlake community. Also on display is a fragment of the Twin Towers, presented on the wall of Christina's Corner where visitors can contemplate the horror of the day.

Another Christina's Corner sits in the Children's Section of the library, offering a serene reading area.





Christina Sunga Ryook lost her life on September 11, 2001 while working at the North Tower World Trade Center. This bench was placed at Evergreen Cemetery by the Westlake Historical Society and the City of Westlake in her honor.



Avon Police and Fire salute the fallen



Christina Ryook gravesite at Evergreen Cemetery



Fire Chief Dave Swope



Avon Mayor Bryan Jensen



21-Gun Salute at the City of Avon 9/11 observance.

In the Porter Room of the library, guests viewed a projection TV presentation of 9/11 tributes live from New York City.

In the City of Avon, the annual 9/11 observance took place at the Veterans Memorial behind the Fire Station. Chief David Swope recounted the sacrifice of the nearly 3,000 victims who lost their lives in the day of infamy.

None of us will ever forget the shock of the day. Avon Mayor Bryan Jensen recounted, as many of us have, where we were and what we were doing when we learned of the attacks.

Mayor Jensen remind all that the heroes of the day were those who ran towards the danger to save others, instead of away from it.

May their memories be an inspiration to us all.

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Westlake Porter Library hosted a livestream of the Commemoration Ceremony held in NYC

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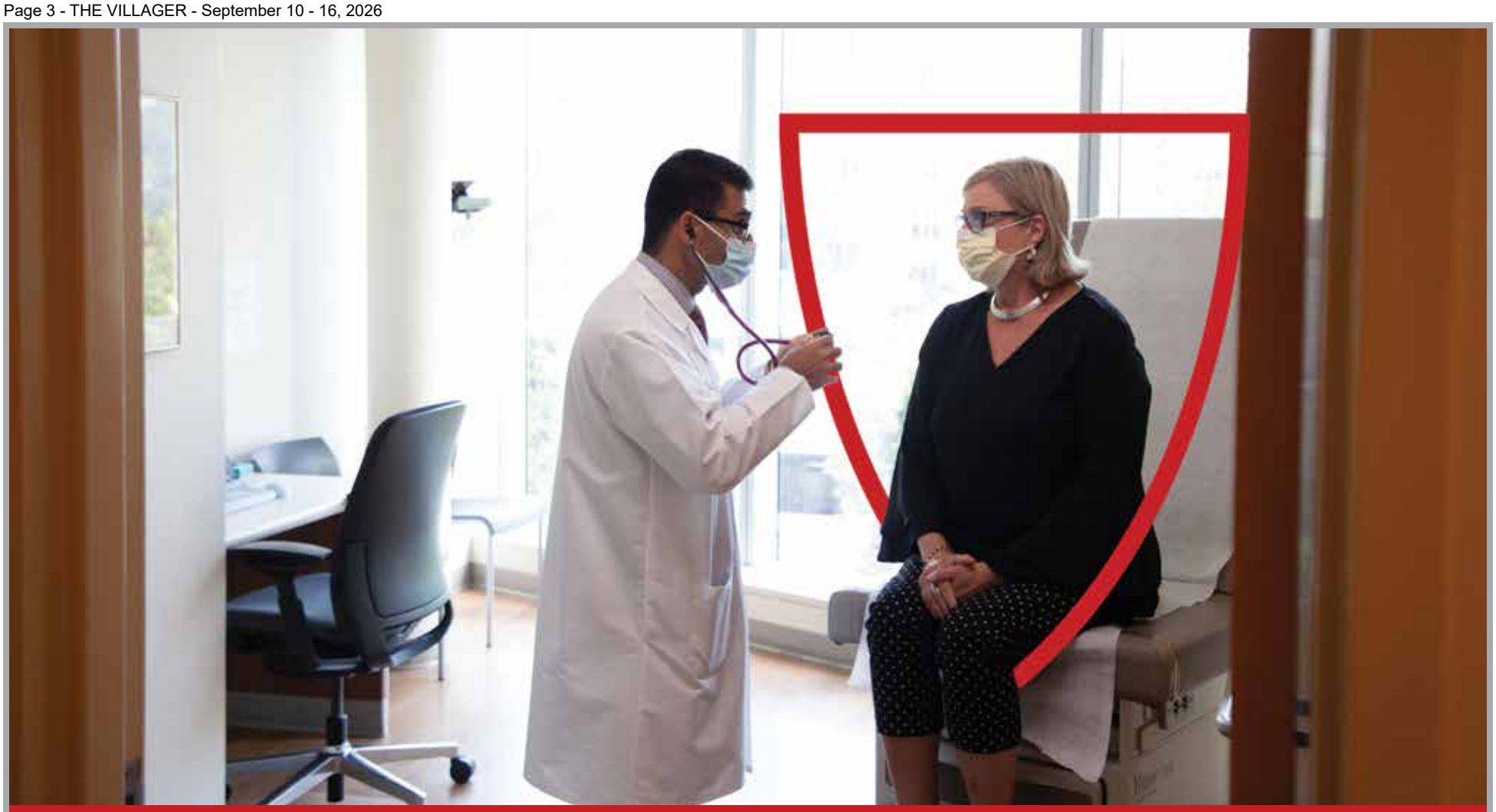
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About Christina

Christina was taken from us on September 11, 2001 at the young age of 25, while working on the 104th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

She touched the hearts of every soul who was lucky enough to be in her life, with her unforgettable love, caring & kindness.

She always remembered her friends' and family members' birthdays. Always.

Sometimes the smallest acts of generosity in life, repeated over time, take on a larger meaning. Christina, who at the age of 25 was taken from us on September 11, 2001, while working on the 104th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center, made this vividly clear.

Christina was born November 15, 1975 in Seoul, Korea. She immigrated to the United States with her parents at the age of four, soon settling in Westlake. Christina had no brothers or sisters, so she treated the world like family instead. After attending Bassett Elementary School and Lee Burneson Middle School, Christina spent much of her time at Westlake High School participating in such civic-minded organizations as PRIDE, SADD, and Teen Institute.

After school, she spent innumerable hours helping people as a candy-striper at St. John Westshore Hospital. To top it all off, she was an active member of the Concert Band, Jazz Band playing the mellophone and clarinet, and maintained strong grades and membership in the National Honor Society.



Avon City Officials during 9/11 ceremony closing prayer.



Avon Police Honor Guard

After graduating high school in 1994, Christina attended University of Michigan, where she continued to find avenues through which to express her generosity and love toward others. She worked daily as an assistant teacher at a local daily care center, Jack and Jill. On campus, Christina served as President of the Asian American Association. Furthermore, as Cultural Arts Chair of the Korean Students Association, she successfully organized the annual cultural program for adopted Korean children.

Christina graduated with a degree in psychology in 1998, and then continued her education at Eastern Michigan University pursuing additional degrees in history and education.

Christina took a break from education, but not from her generosity, when she moved to New York City in the fall of 2000. In her brief time there, she made numerous friends, called her parents daily, and continued to send birthday gifts-always arriving right on time-to her friends and family in Ohio, Michigan, and elsewhere. Few have made love seem so effortless, generosity so routine.



Avon High Choir presents the National Anthem







At Westlake Porter Public Library, Christina's Corner and a display featuring steel from the World Trade Center honor her memory.

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Sept., 2026 Bay Village Historical Society Potluck

Ancestor to Deliver a Talk About President James A. Garfield

Tim Garfield, the great great grandson of President Garfield and the executive director of The Garfield Trail of Ohio, will be the featured speaker at the Sept. 17 Bay Village Historical Society potluck dinner and program.

The talk will follow the life of James A Garfield from his birth in Orange, OH, to Lake View Cemetery, his final resting place. Along the way, Tim Garfield will also talk about the history of Moreland Hills, Hiram College, the Mentor Farm and Lake View Cemetery.

The presentation, held at the Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Rd. in Bay Village, begins with a social at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m.

The main dish of burgers and brats will be provided by the historical society. Attendees with last names beginning with A through J should bring a side dish for 10 to share. Those with last names beginning with K through Z should bring a dessert for 10 to share. All attendees should bring their own place setting and beverage. Alcohol is permitted at the lodge. There will be a $10 charge at the door for non-members of the historical society. RSVP by Sept. 11 to drgbay@aol.com or call (440) 554-6355.

Visit www.bayhistorical.com to view the historical society website, which has been updated to include more children's activities. Tours of Rose Hill Museum are available by appointment. Rose Hill is open free of charge on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 9 a.m. in Cahoon Memorial Park

This is a free community event (dogs welcome) that brings people together to honor Amy's memory, and keep her story alive. More than just a race, this event raises awareness and supports the ongoing investigation through the Amy Fund, helping cover critical costs like DNA testing.

Sign up, become a sponsor, or donate today! Every participant and every donation helps keep Amy's story visible, continuing the fight for justice - bringing the family, law enforcement and the entire community one step closer to answers.

The Mihaljevic Family set a goal to raise $50,000 for the Amy Fund and to have 500 participants at the event - sign up, become a sponsor, or donate today to help them reach those goals!

To learn more about Amy, her family, the investigation, and how you can help visit: https://www.amymihaljevic.org/.

Mercy Health New Life Hospice to Host Memorial Walk on September 17



Mercy Health New Life Hospice by Compassus is hosting our 4th Annual Memorial Walk on Thursday, September 17 to give those who have lost loved ones an opportunity to honor their memory.

This is an open house style event where participants will have the opportunity to honor their loved one through a self-guided walk on the walking path that surrounds the New Life Hospice building located on the Mercy Health Lorain Hospital Campus.

"The Annual Memorial Walk is a special time for those who are grieving a loved one, by providing grievers with a physical outlet to honor their memory," said Jennifer Mosely, Bereavement Coordinator for New Life Hospice by Compassus. "It is our hope that this Memorial Walk will give those who are missing their loved ones a sense of peace and healing, while also giving them the opportunity to feel their loved one's presence as they walk the grounds and participate in meaningful memorial activities." A special thank you to our walk sponsor for a third year in a row Dovin, Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Services" and the Mercy Health Foundation Lorain for providing the funding to make this walk possible.

The Mercy Health New Life Hospice by Compassus 4th Annual Memorial Walk will be held Thursday, September 17 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Self-guided walks can begin at any time during this window. The final walk start time will be 6 p.m.

Mercy Health New Life Hospice by Compassus, 3500 Kolbe Rd., Lorain.

RSVP: Email Jennifer.Mosely@Compassus.com, call (440) 399-6117 or text 567-242-8310 to RSVP. Please include your name, address, phone number and number of guests. RSVPs are appreciated but not required to participate.

Westlake Honors More Than Two Centuries of Department Leaders with Perpetual Plaques

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the city's Charter and Codified Ordinances, organizing them into individual lists that trace each department's leadership succession from their establishment to today.

Those lists became the plaques, engraved with each leader's name and years of service. Together they create a permanent record of the people who have shaped city services from the community's earliest days as Dover Township to the present.

Two departments trace unbroken leadership back 214 years: the Treasurer/Finance Director and the Township/Council Clerk, offices that have served the community continuously since 1812.

The plaques were presented at the September 3, 2026 Council meeting, where directors accepted them on behalf of their departments.



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Protecting Bay Village's Trees and Landscapes: Understanding Box Tree Moth and Oak Wilt

By Sean Fenton, Certified Arborist, Bartlett Tree Experts

As a certified arborist with Bartlett Tree Experts, I regularly work in Bay Village and the surrounding communities. Over the past several seasons, I have seen two problems that deserve homeowners' attention: **box tree moth affecting boxwoods and oak wilt affecting oak trees.**

Both can cause significant damage, and early identification is one of the most important steps homeowners can take to protect their landscapes.

Box Tree Moth: A Rapidly Moving Threat to Boxwoods

Box tree moth is an invasive pest that can cause extensive damage to boxwood shrubs in a short period of time. The caterpillar is responsible for most of the damage, feeding on the foliage and sometimes leaving plants severely defoliated within days.



One challenge is that box tree moth can produce **multiple generations during the growing season.** Even after an infestation has been treated, homeowners should continue monitoring their boxwoods for additional activity.

Signs of box tree moth may include:

- Caterpillars feeding on the foliage
- Significant leaf loss or bare branches
- Silk webbing throughout the plant
- Frass, or caterpillar droppings, on leaves or around the base
- Browning or declining foliage following heavy feeding

Because infestations can develop quickly, homeowners should not wait until their boxwoods are severely damaged before taking action.

If you suspect box tree moth, consider contacting a **certified arborist** to evaluate the plants and discuss appropriate treatment options. Homeowners who choose to treat the problem themselves should use only products specifically labeled for caterpillar control on ornamental trees and shrubs and carefully follow all label directions, including application timing and precautions for pollinators and beneficial insects.

Most importantly, **regular monitoring is essential** throughout the growing season.

Oak Wilt: A Serious Disease of Oak Trees

Oak wilt is another concern for homeowners in our area. Unlike an insect infestation, oak wilt is a **vascular disease** that interferes with an oak tree's ability to transport water. Once established, the disease can progress rapidly and may result in tree decline or death.

Because there is no simple cure for an oak tree that has become infected, prevention and early management are extremely important.

One of the most important things homeowners can do is understand **when oak trees should be pruned.** Oak wilt can spread when fungal material is carried to fresh wounds on oak trees. For this reason, oak pruning is generally best performed during the dormant season, when the risk of disease transmission is lower.

Homeowners should also be cautious about activities that can create wounds on oak trees during higher-risk periods, including storm damage, construction and improper pruning. If an oak is damaged or needs attention, consult an arborist to determine the safest approach.

Prevention Is the Best Strategy

Once oak wilt becomes established, management can be complicated and treatment options are limited. Preventive fungicide injections are one tool arborists may consider for protecting valuable, healthy oak trees when disease risk is significant. Depending on the circumstances, treatments may need to be repeated periodically.

However, fungicide treatment is only one part of an overall oak wilt management strategy. The best approach is to evaluate the tree, understand the disease risk and develop a management plan before a serious problem occurs.

What Homeowners Can Do

The good news is that homeowners do not have to wait until a tree or shrub is severely damaged before taking action.

For **boxwoods,** inspect plants regularly during the growing season for caterpillars, webbing, feeding damage and defoliation. Early detection can make management much easier.

For **oak trees,** avoid unnecessary pruning during periods when oak wilt transmission is a concern. If an oak is damaged by a storm or requires pruning, consult a certified arborist about the safest course of action.

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Trees Keep the Peace.

Life can be noisy—traffic on I-90, trains, lawn mowers, even day-to-day neighborhood sounds. Trees are natural sound barriers, softening the constant hum and helping our community feel calmer and more livable.

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Concord Reserve welcomed local community associates for an Appreciation Luncheon last week, celebrating the important work they do throughout Westlake. Guests enjoyed lunch and received a sneak peek at plans for Concord Reserve's new independent lifestyle residences and luxury amenities!

Concord Reserve was also pleased to welcome Westlake Mayor Dennis M. Clough, pictured with Life Enriching Communities CEO Scott McQuinn and Concord Reserve Executive Director Chris Klawitter.

Special thanks to Executive Chef Rolando (Roe) Betancourt. Very talented and well-respected in the community, Chef Roe and team put out a five-star luncheon that was greatly appreciated by one and all!

Thank you to everyone who joined us and to all who helped make this event a success!







Concord Reserve employee, Tammy, with her son



Life Enriching Communities CEO Scott McQuinn, Westlake Mayor Dennis M. Clough and Concord Reserve Executive Director Chris Klawitter.

For more photos visit www.TheVillagerNewspaper.com









Food Trucks Battle at Crocker Park

Join Celebrity Judges from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. to Vote on Your Favorite Food Trucks







Crocker Park will serve up a day of fierce competition and unforgettable flavors as the eleventh annual Food Truck Challenge, presented by Ohio Basement Authority with support from auto sponsor Valley Automotive Group, rolls into town on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Main Street will transform into a foodie paradise as some of Cleveland's most popular food trucks go head-to-head for top honors in a variety of "best of" categories, with winners selected by both a panel of judges and event guests.

There will be live music provided by The Scenic Route, kid-friendly activities, plus the main attraction 20+ food trucks on site. Event attendees are invited pick up a ballot, try as many dishes from as many trucks as they'd like (and can) , and submit their votes by 2:45 p.m. Food trucks will compete in the following categories:

- Best Handheld Hero
- Smokin' Hot (Best BBQ/Smoked Dish)
- The Sweetest Thing
- Drinkable Delight
- Instagrammable Eat (Most Photogenic)
- Best Plant-Based
- Kid's Approved
- Show Stopping Side
- Luxe on Wheels (The fanciest bite)
- Outside the Box (Most Unique)
- People's Choice Award
- Judge's Pick

"The Food Truck Challenge has become a true Crocker Park tradition and one of our favorite ways to celebrate the incredible local businesses that make Northeast Ohio so unique," said Stacie Schmidt, Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Stark Enterprises. "While the competition is always exciting, what makes this event special is bringing the community together to support small business owners, discover new favorites, and enjoy a day at Crocker Park. If you haven't visited in a while, this is the perfect opportunity to see what's new, with exciting additions like Abercrombie & Fitch and Hollister arriving this fall and MINISO that just opened."

Winners will be announced at approximately 3:15 p.m. Guests can stop by the judge's tent to meet this year's celebrity judges, including Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, Channel 19's Tiffani Tucker, Cleveland Magazine's Annie Nickoloff, Westlake Councilperson Amy Havelka, Alex Nameth of CLE Girls, WEWS Reporter Remi Murray and additional special guests to be announced. The final food truck lineup will be released closer to the event date. All competitor spots are currently filled. For the latest event updates, visit crockerpark.com/food-truck-challenge and follow @CrockerPark on Facebook, Instagram, Threads, and TikTok.

Westlake Historical Society for Night at the Museum (After Dark)



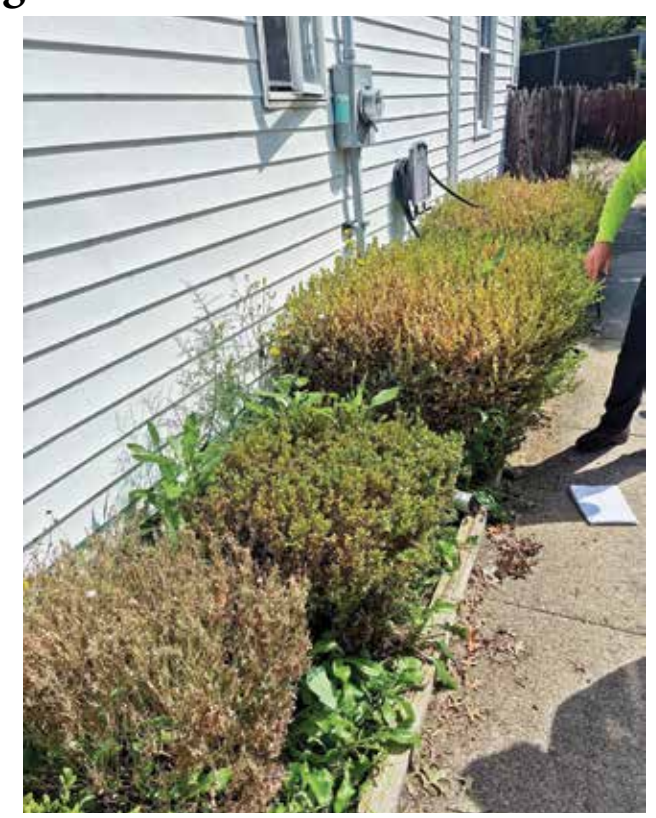
As we continue celebrating America's 250th anniversary and telling the stories of Westlake's roots, we are pleased to share an exciting event in September that will allow you to learn the about the people connected to the Clague House, one of Westlake's most recognizable historic landmarks.

Join the Westlake Historical Society for Night at the Museum (After Dark) on Thursday, September 17 from 6-8pm. As evening settles over the house, enjoy ghost stories and tales from the past in the unique atmosphere of this historic home. The special after-hours experience is free and open to the public and offers visitors an opportunity to see the Clague House beyond a traditional daytime museum visit.

Come curious—and perhaps ready for a spooky mystery!

Protecting Bay Village's Trees and Landscapes: Understanding Box Tree Moth and Oak Wilt

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Bay Village and the surrounding communities are fortunate to have beautiful mature landscapes, including valuable oak trees and established boxwood plantings. Protecting these plants requires awareness, regular monitoring and proper timing of treatments and maintenance.

Box tree moth can move quickly, while oak wilt can have devastating consequences for oak trees. Knowing what to look for and addressing problems early can make a significant difference.

If you notice unusual damage to your boxwoods or oak trees, consider having the plant evaluated by a certified arborist before the problem becomes more difficult to manage.



Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month at Westlake Porter Public Library

This September Westlake Porter Public Library (WPPL) invites you to celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month and discover everything the library offers, no matter what your interests are.

This year's theme, "A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes," is a reminder that libraries are for everyone, regardless of age, background, or goals. Whether you're exploring a new hobby, searching for your next great read, brushing up on technology skills, or helping your child succeed in school, it all starts with a library card.

At WPPL you can explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) programs, enjoy family storytimes and maker programs, use devices in the Makerspace, examine the stars in the Space Exploration Lab, and stream or download media. From classes and job resources to cultural events, WPPL connects the Westlake community to information, inspiration, and one another.

With a WPPL library card you access the materials, services and programs the library offers. Getting a library card is free, easy, and empowering. For students, it can be a key to academic success. For adults, it's a gateway to lifelong learning. For everyone, it's a smart way to stay connected to the community.

This September, B sharp and sign up for a library card. Stop by Westlake Porter Public Library or register online for a card by filling out the application form found at westlakelibrary.org/welcome. Applicants need a valid photo ID showing their current address to complete the application process and receive a card. Anyone who lives, works, owns property or attends school in Ohio is eligible for a library card at any Ohio library.

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North Coast Rotary Supports CRS Expansion Through Service Project and $7,500 Flooring Contribution

North Coast Rotary Club members recently completed a service project at the Community Resource Support (CRS) Center, helping prepare expanded spaces for the installation of new flooring. The flooring project will support CRS's expansion and enhance its ability to provide food and other essential resources to community members.



North Coast Rotary is funding the new flooring through a Rotary District 6600 grant, which provides a 50% match to funds raised by the club. Through the generous support of the community and proceeds from various club fundraisers, North Coast Rotary contributed $5,000 toward the project. With the district match, the total funding available for the new flooring is $7,500.

The Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services (CRS) expansion will provide additional storage space for non-perishable food items and accommodate the installation of a large-capacity refrigerator. The additional refrigeration will allow CRS to offer community members fresh produce and other perishable foods requiring refrigeration.

As part of the service project, North Coast Rotary members moved shelving, redistributed essential supplies and sorted donated items to prepare the expanded spaces for flooring installation. Ryan Virtue, director of CRS and a member of North Coast Rotary, assisted and directed Rotarians throughout the project.

The project reflects North Coast Rotary's ongoing commitment to supporting local organizations and addressing needs within the communities it serves. North Coast Rotary serves Avon, Avon Lake, Sheffield Lake and Sheffield Village and embraces the Rotary International motto, "Service Above Self."

Through volunteer service, fundraising, and partnerships with local organizations, North Coast Rotary continues to work to make a positive difference throughout the communities of Avon, Avon Lake, Sheffield Lake, and Sheffield Village. Meetings are held Tuesday mornings at the French Creek YMCA, providing an opportunity for members and guests to learn more about our communities through a dynamic lineup of speakers.

Join us in having fun and making a difference! https://northcoastrotary.org.

Q-Lab Corporation
800 Canterbury Road, Westlake, OH 44145

Notice Regarding Data Security Incident

Q-Lab Corporation is committed to protecting the privacy and security of the information in our possession. On or about March 15, 2026, Q-Lab Corporation experienced a data security incident, where an unauthorized party accessed certain systems in our network environment. Upon learning of this issue, we contained the threat and immediately commenced a prompt and thorough investigation.

As part of our investigation, we have been working very closely with external cybersecurity professionals experienced in handling these types of incidents. Following a thorough forensic investigation, our investigation concluded on or about August 5, 2026, that files were accessed on our network by an unauthorized third-party actor. Some of these files were removed and contain limited personal information, but given the nature of the incident, it remains impossible to determine the full extent. The types of information involved could include full name, address, phone number, date of birth, Social Security number, passport, or medical information.

We remain fully committed to maintaining the privacy of the information in our possession, and upon learning of the incident, we took immediate action to protect the information we maintain. We continually evaluate and modify our practices to enhance the security and privacy of information and we have taken and are continuing to take measures to augment existing cybersecurity practices.

For further questions or additional information regarding this data security incident (DSI), please contact DSI@q-lab.com.

Fall Fests at LCCC Learning Centers

Lorain County Community College will bring fall fun to communities across Lorain County with three free Fall Fest events at LCCC learning centers.

Free and open to the public, these family friendly events will feature activities, music and more. Whether you're visiting a familiar LCCC location or discovering one for the first time, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Fall Fests will be held:

- Wednesday, September 23, 4-7 p.m., LCCC Wellington Center, 151 Commerce Drive, Wellington
- Thursday, October 8, 4-7 p.m., LCCC Lorain Learning Center at City Center, 201 West Erie Ave., Lorain
- Wednesday, October 21, 4-7 p.m., LCCC University Partnership Ridge Campus, 32121 Lorain Road, North Ridgeville

Registration is encouraged but not required at www.lorainccc.edu/fallfest.

Westlake Historical Society Fall Yard Sale

Please accept our personal invite to the.... WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL YARD SALE! Come shop, browse, and support local history at our Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, September 12, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Rd.

You never know what treasures you might find! Stop by, do a little bargain hunting, and help support the work of the Westlake Historical Society.This hard working Westlake organization is the main force behind maintaining our Dover-Westlake History, presenting educational programs about our city, providing flags for many of the poles in the city, holiday celebrations, tributes to former Dover and Westlake residents, collecting books and treasures from the past and paying the monthly bills at the Clague House Museum. The list is endless....

Please assist the Westlake Historical Society in this major fundraising event! The treasures you can buy will be abundant while you help preserve our great history and sites.

Not needing to buy but have items to sell instead? Why not bring your items to sell? Yard sale spaces are just $10. To reserve your space, call 216-848-0680. Lots of fun times and activities...come check it out!! (Rain Date: Saturday, September 19)

Next opportunity to help this organization will be the RUBBER DUCK RACE & SILENT AUCTION. Silent Auction Opens at NOON and DUCK RACE launches at 1 p.m. Craft table for kids, refreshments, and pie baking contest! Saturday, October 3rd.... fun for all at the Westlake Rec Center Pond, 28955 Hilliard Blvd. BUY YOUR DUCKS NOW *$5.00 for one and Quacker Pack *6 ducks $25.00. Questions? Please call 216-848-0680

Bay Middle School: Veterans Wall Wrap Project



Bay Middle School is proud to honor the veterans in our community with a veterans wall wrap, made possible through the generosity of our PTO. The idea began when Technology Teacher Cassandra Hunt created a Veterans project, with the help of District Media Specialist Teacher Melissa Wolf, for her technology students. The students interviewed a family member who served in the military as part of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. These interviews were recorded and were turned into interactive posters for all to see in the middle school. Art Teacher Wendy Fortunato designed the wall wrap background as part of the lasting tribute to our veterans.

We are incredibly grateful to our generous PTO for making this project possible, and we hope the wall serves as a meaningful reminder of our gratitude to all who served and continue to serve our country.

Photo credit: Bay Middle School, Bay Village Schools

Rocky River America 250 Celebration

Rocky River Celebrates America 250 Sunday, September 13 at City Hall Park, 1 to 4 pm.

The Rocky River community is coming together for an old-fashioned picnic and patriotic celebration—and we want everyone to be part of it! Come enjoy an afternoon of music, activities, history, and fun while celebrating the people, places, and traditions that make Rocky River such a special community.

Highlights: Rocky River High School Marching Band • Live music all afternoon • Fun and activities for kids – games, crafts, inflatables, and more! • Jungle Terry Live Animal Encounters • Food and treats – old-fashioned ice cream from Lutheran West Culinary and hot dogs • Over 20 community organizations and businesses • Tours of historic City Hall, trivia, contests, and more!

Presented by the Rocky River Historical Society. Learn more at https://www.rockyriverhistoricalsociety.org/

Rocky River Fall Festival!

Join the City of Rocky River for a full day of fall fun on Sunday, September 27!

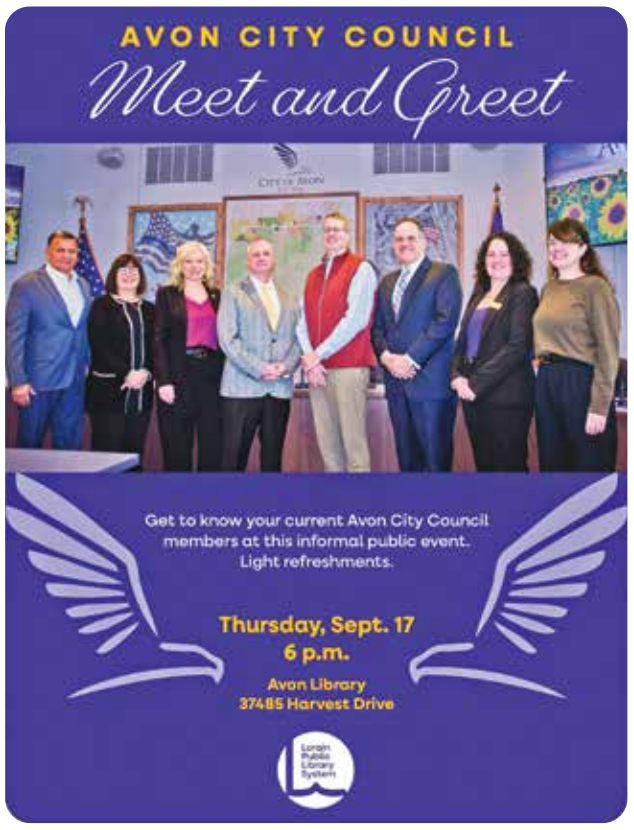
• Hilliard Hustle 5K (10 am) & Kids Sprint (9:45 am): lace up and get moving!

• CLE Market & Food Trucks 2 - 6 pm: shop local and grab a bite

• Inflatables & Tattoos 2 - 6 pm: fun for the little ones

• Live Music from Wishgarden Duo 4 - 6 pm: enjoy the tunes!

Bring the whole family and make a day of it!



Join the City of Avon on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6 p.m. for an opportunity to Meet and Greet your Avon City Council members at the Avon Library located at 37485 Harvest Drive. Light refreshments.

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Blessing of the Pets at St. Raphael Church

Lions, tigers and bears are not welcome, but bearded dragons, fish and other household animals and their families are invited to the 20th Annual Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, October 4 from 1:30-2 p.m. (or until all animals are blessed) on the front lawn of St. Raphael Church in Bay Village.

Individual blessings will be given to each animal. Dog and cat treats and freebies from Hot Diggity Dog Pet Sitting will be distributed and a garden statue of St. Francis will be given away. The event is free and all are welcome!



Mr. John Petz and Dolly at last year's blessing.



18" St. Francis garden statue

The event was first held in 2005 to commemorate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

St. Raphael pastor, Fr. Dan Schlegel, commented, "We welcome all our friends in the surrounding neighborhoods to join with us on this day, to give thanks for all God's creatures – especially our faithful animal companions – and ask for his continued blessings on our families, our community, and on all living things entrusted to our care. Our pets represent God's abundant love and care for all of us. They are a blessing in our lives and we take this opportunity to ask God to watch over them and protect them."

St. Raphael is located at 525 Dover Center Road between Lake Road and Detroit Road. Parking is behind the church.

Please note: Dogs should be on leashes; cats and other pets in carriers or cages. The event will be cancelled if it rains.

Photo credit: Dan Straitiff

Avon National Merit Semifinalists

Avon Local Schools is proud to announce two seniors being recognized as National Merit Semifinalists! This places them among the top 1% of seniors in Ohio and qualifies them to continue competing to attain Finalist standing and National Merit Scholarships. Please help us congratulate Collin and Caleb!





Avon Lake National Merit Semi-Finalists



Congratulations to Avon Lake senior Naomi Morris, who recently qualified as a 2027 National Merit Semi-Finalist! This superb accomplishment requires academic excellence and meeting a rigorous set of requirements.

Naomi will join 16,000 students nationwide who will advance to compete for approximately 6,700 National Merit Scholarships to be offered in the spring. The Avon Lake City Schools community congratulates Naomi, and wishes her the very best of success in advancing to the Finalist round of competition!

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Construction Underway on Sandstone Crossing, New Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Amherst Township

Foundations Health Solutions project will expand access to skilled nursing, rehabilitation and long-term care services in Lorain County

Construction is officially underway on **Sandstone Crossing**, a new skilled nursing and rehabilitation center in Amherst Township.

The new center, supported by **Foundations Health Solutions**, will bring a modern, resident-centered environment for individuals needing short-term rehabilitation, skilled nursing services and long-term care to the Amherst Township and greater Lorain County community.

"We're excited to see Sandstone Crossing taking shape and to make this investment in Amherst Township," said Rob Peterson, Administrator of Foundations Health Solutions. "This center is being built around a simple goal: creating an exceptional place for residents to receive care and an exceptional place for caregivers to work."

With construction now underway, Sandstone Crossing is being designed to meet the needs of today's residents, families and healthcare professionals. The center will feature 98 **private resident rooms**, modern rehabilitation and therapy spaces, welcoming common areas and amenities designed to promote recovery, independence and quality of life.

Sandstone Crossing is expected to provide a full range of post-acute and long-term care services, including:

- Skilled nursing care
- Short-term rehabilitation
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy
- Long-term care
- Wound care and specialized clinical services
- Restorative nursing
- Social services and care coordination
- Activities and life-enrichment programming

Beyond expanding local access to care, Sandstone Crossing will bring new employment opportunities to Amherst Township and the surrounding area. The center will employ nurses, nursing assistants, therapists, dietary and environmental services professionals, administrators and other members of the caregiving team.

"Buildings are important, but ultimately it's the people inside them who make the difference," said Peterson. "As construction progresses, one of our biggest priorities will be building a team of caregivers who share our commitment to taking care of residents, families and one another."

The project represents a continued investment by Foundations Health Solutions in Ohio's post-acute and long-term care infrastructure and reflects the organization's focus on strengthening local communities through quality care, strong leadership and a caregiver-centered culture.

Additional updates will be shared as construction progresses, including information about the anticipated opening, career opportunities, and admissions for prospective residents and families.



Jamie McGinty, District Manager; Rob Peterson, Administrator; Neil Lynch, Township Trustee; Gayle Manning, House Representative (Dis. 52); Mallory Boss, Regional Administrator; Lee Mahar, Business Development

About Sandstone Crossing

Sandstone Crossing is a new skilled nursing and rehabilitation center currently under construction in Amherst Township, Ohio. The center will provide short-term rehabilitation, skilled nursing, and long-term care services in a modern environment designed around the needs of residents, families, and caregivers. Sandstone Crossing will be supported by Foundations Health Solutions.

About Foundations Health Solutions

Foundations Health Solutions is an Ohio-based organization supporting skilled nursing, post-acute and long-term care providers with a focus on clinical excellence, leadership development and a strong culture for caregivers. Headquartered in North Olmsted, Ohio, Foundations works to create environments where caregivers can thrive, and residents can receive exceptional care.

Perfect ACT Score

Congratulations to ALHS senior Jack Erdmann on receiving a perfect score on the ACT exam! A perfect composite score of 36 is an exceptional achievement that demonstrates a high level of proficiency in English, Mathematics, Science, and Reading along with a strong work ethic and time management. Congrats, Jack, and keep up the amazing work!





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More Than a Community. A Good Neighbor.

At Concord Reserve, community has always meant more than what happens on our campus. It means being part of Westlake—building relationships, supporting our neighbors and creating opportunities for our residents to stay connected to the people and places around them.

That commitment can be seen throughout the year.

Recently, Concord Reserve hosted our fourth annual luncheon honoring Westlake first responders and city officials. It's our chance to thank the people who serve our residents and the greater community every day.

In the coming weeks, residents and community members will come together again for our annual Car Show, an event that brings generations together around classic cars, conversation and a little nostalgia.

Perhaps one of the best examples of that community connection is our annual on-campus Walk to End Alzheimer's. During the walk, residents travel through the neighboring elementary school campus, where students create signs, line the route and cheer them on.

These moments matter. They create connections across generations and remind us that Concord Reserve isn't simply located in Westlake. **We are part of Westlake.**

Growing With Our Community

That sense of connection is also helping shape the next chapter of Concord Reserve.

To meet the growing needs of Ohio's aging population, Concord Reserve is expanding with new independent-lifestyle apartment homes and amenities designed to support wellness, connection, and convenience.

The expansion will bring meaningful changes to our campus, including the removal of some of our original buildings. But even as our physical campus evolves, we're committed to honoring the legacy that began here in 1932.

We're also investing in spaces that will benefit more than our newest residents. Plans include a new wellness and aquatic center that will support both Concord Reserve and the broader community. We'll transform our Welcome Center into a welcoming gathering space for residents and visitors.



Throughout the project, we'll continue communicating with residents and our Westlake neighbors about construction, campus access and other potential impacts.

As a not-for-profit, mission-based organization, we reinvest our resources into the people, places and programs that help residents live well. We're equally committed to something that has been part of our story for nearly a century: **being a good neighbor.**

Because a community doesn't end at the edge of a campus. It grows stronger through the connections we make beyond it.

Salsa Across Borders

BMS 7th grader Kinley Blake took a salsa dancing class in June, and by August she was competing in her first salsa competition, Salsa Across Borders, at the Rock Hall! Way to go!



Great Pizza Bake Off

The North Coast Rotary's 18th annual Great Pizza Bake Off will be held at Avon Lake High School on 10/1 from 5-7PM. For more info, registration, and tickets, visit https://northcoastrotary.org/2026-avon-lake-high-school-great-pizza-bakeoff-fundraiser-homecoming-thursday





Westlake Porter Public Library September Events

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

Mondays, September 14, 21 and 28 (3-5 p.m.) *Teen Hang Out* – Need a place to hang after school? Come to WPPL's Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! Video games, board games, snacks and more! Grades 7-12.

Monday, September 14 (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, September 15 (3:30-5 p.m.) *Let's Make Ice Cream!* – Drop in and make your own ice cream by hand! Grades K-6, siblings welcome.

Tuesday, September 15 (4-5 p.m.) *Virtual Author Talk: Priya Parker, "The Art of Fighting"* – Join us for a paradigm-shifting event with world-renowned master facilitator Priya Parker to discuss her groundbreaking new book, "The Art of Fighting: The Transformative Power of Conflict." Streamed live. Please register.

Tuesday, September 15 (6-8 p.m.) *Craft Club* – Join us for craft club! All crafts and skill levels welcome. No registration required.

Tuesday, September 15 (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.

Wednesday, September 16 (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 Art Spy" by Michelle Young. No registration required.

Wednesdays, September 16 and 23 (3-4 p.m.) *Snacktivity* – Who says you can't play with your food? Drop by the Teen Lounge after school for a snack-related activity on select Wednesdays each month. While supplies last. Enjoy the process then eat the results. Grades 5-12.

Wednesday, September 16 (4:30-5 p.m.) *Bear Storytime and Crafts* – September is Bear Necessities Month! Join us for bear-themed stories and crafts, while supplies last. No registration necessary. Grades 1-4.

Thursday, September 17 (2-3:30 p.m.) *Medicare/Medigap Presentation: Weiss Financial Ratings Series Online* – Get the helpful guidance you need to navigate your Medicare supplement options with our "Medicare Supplement Insurance Buyers' Guide" from Weiss Financial Ratings Series Online. Please register.

Thursday, September 17 (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, September 17 (6:30-8 p.m.) *Foundations of Healthy Aging for Women* – Join Chrissy Frey, MS, PT, in an interactive program and learn how movement, nutrition, stress management and daily habits shape how women age. Please register.

Friday, September 18 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) *A Look Back with Sarah* – Take a trip down memory lane with outreach specialist Sarah. Enjoy exploring topics from yesteryear and inspiring conversation and reminiscences. Please register.

Saturday, September 19 (10:30-11 a.m.) *Family Storytime* – Join us for rhymes, songs and play. Ages 2-6 with a caregiver.

Saturday, September 19 (1-2 p.m.) *Pokémon Fun!* – This will be a time to view and trade cards, do a craft, battle your librarian, or play a Pokémon

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Bay Village Historical Society Events

Step into our transformed space and discover new exhibits. Experience a Revolutionary War camp, immerse yourself in indigenous stories from the Lake Erie shoreline, and marvel at treasures like the Lorenzo Carter chair and the newly acquired Wischmeyer boats. Families with children are especially welcome to join hands-on activities for all ages, including crafts, scavenger hunts and more.

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September 19, 1 p.m. at Bay Village Library: "Preserving Your Family Treasures" by Anna Franko

Harvard Museum Studies student Anna Franko shares practical tips for preserving the photographs, documents, and heirlooms tucked away in your attic. This special presentation will be held at the Bay Village Library.

Sunday, October 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. - Lakeside Cemetery Tour

Ready to discover the stories that shaped Bay Village? This year's Cemetery Tour celebrates the lives of Revolutionary War veterans. Reenacted by members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and War of 1812 soldiers from Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, this tour will introduce visitors to the Bay Village Historical Society's exciting new Cemetery Interpretation Project.

Throughout the cemetery, visitors will encounter historical reenactors portraying early settlers and pioneers who fought in the Revolution and the War of 1812, bringing the community's past to life through self-guided tours and engaging stories. As part of the new interpretation project, prominent gravesites will feature QR codes linking to biographies, photographs, and enriching stories about the individuals buried there. Visitors can explore the lives of members of the Cahoon, Wolf, Aldrich, Foote, and many other families whose contributions helped shape Bay Village.

Whether you're a history enthusiast or looking for a unique way to spend a crisp autumn afternoon outside, this tour offers an opportunity to connect with the people who built our community and preserved its legacy. This event is free to attend.

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Westshore Arts Council

Speed Draw Competition

Have you ever wondered how an artist creates a lovely painting or drawing? Then come to a Speed Draw Competition presented by the Westshore Arts Council (WAC). Approximately 10 artists who are WAC members and Parma Fine Arts Council members will compete to finish a piece of art in the medium of their choice in one hour. All artists will use the same subject, which will be revealed prior to the start of the competition. Each artist will be given a different "twist" which must be included in their piece of art. Everyone is welcome to come and observe art in the making, cheer on the artists, and vote for your favorite piece. The winning artwork will be featured on the WAC website and on display at the 2027 COFA Show.

Speed Draw will take place on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library in the main lobby. Visit the website for more information, www.westshoreac.org.

Save the Date

The Westshore Arts Council is bringing Dave Sterner's Tricotism Jazz Trio to the Westshore on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the historic Huntington Playhouse at BAYarts. Mark the date on your calendar and watch for more details to be published. You don't want to miss this presentation of Jazz by the Lake.

Another Wonderful COFA Show

The Westshore Arts Council just closed the 25th Annual Community of Fine Arts (COFA) Juried Exhibition for 2026. It was an incredibly successful show with 94 pieces of art representing 45 artists in two divisions and eight categories. This year's show was colorful, thought-provoking, and covered many subjects. First and Second Place monetary prizes and Honorable Mention Certificates were presented to the winning artists at the closing reception on August 29, 2026. The Howard Hoehn Best in Show Award went to Mayuresh Dhond for his three-dimensional piece titled "Lunch Atop Skyscraper." The judges for this year's show were Joyce Bolte, local watercolor artist and teacher, Bill Beuther, award-winning fine art photographer, and Jessica Henry Gray, internationally recognized oil painter and teacher.

The Westshore Arts Council thanks the artists who participated in this year's show, the judges, the community who viewed the show, and the local businesses who supported the show. The community involvement and support helps make this show better every year. Looking forward to 2027.



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WEST SHORE BLUES: THE BEST OF THE BEATS

Garbage Truck Accident

On 8/21/26 at approx. 3:15PM, WPD received a call from a garbage truck driver reporting that his vehicle had struck the ODOT bridge on I90 E/B at Clague Rd. Part of the garbage truck was knocked off the vehicle and was sitting in the roadway. Officers responded and blocked lanes as the crash was investigated. The driver of the garbage collection truck had accidentally left the dumpster arms up and above the cab of the truck as it traveled on the highway. The deployed garbage dumpster struck the bridge. Another vehicle struck the broken dumpster after the collision with the bridge. An entrance ramp and lanes of the highway were closed for about an hour and a half as crews cleaned up the scene and ODOT inspected the bridge. The overpass was found to be structurally sound. The driver of the truck, a 38yo Parma man, was cited with operating an unsafe vehicle. No injures were reported during the incident.



Family Brawl

On Friday 8/21/26 at about 8:50PM, WPD received multiple 911 calls reporting a large fight at the La Centre Banquet Facility on Detroit and Columbia Rds. Several guests who had attended a wedding at the facility had gotten into a physical altercation which had spilled out into the parking lot. Officers from Westlake arrived to find numerous persons outside the facility, some still in physical and verbal confrontations. Mutual aid officers from Bay Village, Rocky River and Fairview Park also responded to help restore the peace. A 47yo man from Cleveland was arrested for violation of a temporary protection order and a 46yo From Dearborn Hts was arrested for assault and inducing panic for brandishing a butter knife during the altercation. A 48yo man from Westlake was charged with aggravated menacing. 2 persons were transported to local hospitals for non-life threatening injuries. The report was forwarded to the Westlake Prosecutor to review the case for possible additional charges.

Loaded Handgun

On 8/22/26 at about 11AM, an officer stopped a vehicle for equipment violations as it was exiting the WestSpring Inn on Sperry. Officers noticed signs of drug use in the vehicle and investigated further. A loaded 9mm handgun was found in the glove compartment of the Nissan SUV. The male in the front passenger seat, a 29yo Cleveland resident, admitted he knew the gun was in the car but denied ownership. It was agreed that the female driving did not have knowledge of the firearm. The man was disqualified from possession of a gun due to prior convictions of felonious assault, aggravated robbery and weapons under disability. He was arrested and charged with a new felony of having weapons while under a disability. Additional charges of carrying a concealed weapon will

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Bark in the Park Art Show

On August 9th, 16 BMS students participated in the first Bark in the Park Art Show. Current 8th & 6th graders completed their Art at the end of last school year. BMS had 4 winners from 2 age groups!



Westlake Porter Public Library September Events

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Bingo game. Feel free to bring your cards! No registration required. Ages 6-11.

Sunday, September 20 (2-3 p.m.) *Come Play With Me* – An open playtime for children. No registration required. Ages 2-6 with a caregiver, siblings welcome!

Monday, September 21 (10-10:45 a.m.) *STEAM Ahead: Dinosaur Discovery* – Let's explore the world of dinosaurs, from fossils and eggs to carnivores and herbivores. Ages 4-6, up to kindergarten. Registration begins September 14.

Monday, September 21 (1-2 p.m.) *True Crime Book Club* – This month's title is "Framed," John Grisham and Jim McCloskey. Please register.

Tuesday, September 22 (10-11 a.m.) *Let's Learn Libby!* – Come learn how to download ebooks and audiobooks using Libby, one of our most popular ebook resources. Registration begins September 15.

Tuesday, September 22 (6-7:30 p.m.) *Laser Engraved Acrylic Lamps* – Registrants will learn how to use the Makerspace's laser engraver and Lightburn software as well as customize their own LED acrylic lamp to take home. This is a high interest/low capacity program. Please register for the wait list.

Wednesday, September 23 (6-7 p.m.) *Sunny Day Fun and Play* – Celebrate our favorite puppet-filled neighborhood with crafts, games, and activities. No registration required. Ages 3-6 with a caregiver.

Thursday, September 24 (English: 7-7:30 p.m., en Español: 8-8:30 p.m.) *Virtual Author Talk: Lucky Diaz, "Paletero Man"* – Join us for an energetic conversation as we celebrate the joy of community and summer fun with Latin GRAMMY-winning musician Lucky Diaz, author of the bilingual picture book, "Paletero Man". Streamed live. Please register.

Saturday, September 26 (11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) *Paper Flower Bouquets* – Join us in the Makerspace to create paper flower bouquets using the Cricuts. Participants will receive a demonstration on how to use the Cricut machines and Cricut Design Space software to create a variety of flowers before assembling their own bouquets. This is a high-interest/low-capacity program. Please register for the wait list beginning August 27.

Saturday, September 26 (1:15-3:15 p.m.) *Nonprofit Open House: Discuss How Current Events Affect Nonprofits and Funders* – Meet with other local nonprofits and area funders. Panel discussion with funders regarding the current nonprofit climate. Registration begins August 27.

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Monday, September 28 (10:30-11 a.m.) *Little Yogis* – Stretch, breathe, and move with poses that build balance, focus, and joy in this yoga session. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. This is a high interest/low capacity program. Please join the wait list. Register each participating child separately, beginning August 28. Ages Infant-5 with a caregiver.

Tuesday, September 29 (6:30-8 p.m.) *Bone Health and Hormones for Women* – Learn from Chrissy Frey, MS, PT, practical, evidence-based steps women can take at any age to protect and strengthen bones. This interactive program will help you promote lifelong skeletal health. Registration begins September 1.

Wednesday, September 30 (7–8 p.m.) *Adult Creative Writing Group: Learn Something New Edition* – Join us for an hour of writing prompts to inspire you to keep writing. Creativity is more than putting pen to paper. It's about breaking away and trying something new! For adults and teens age 16 and up. Registration begins August 26.

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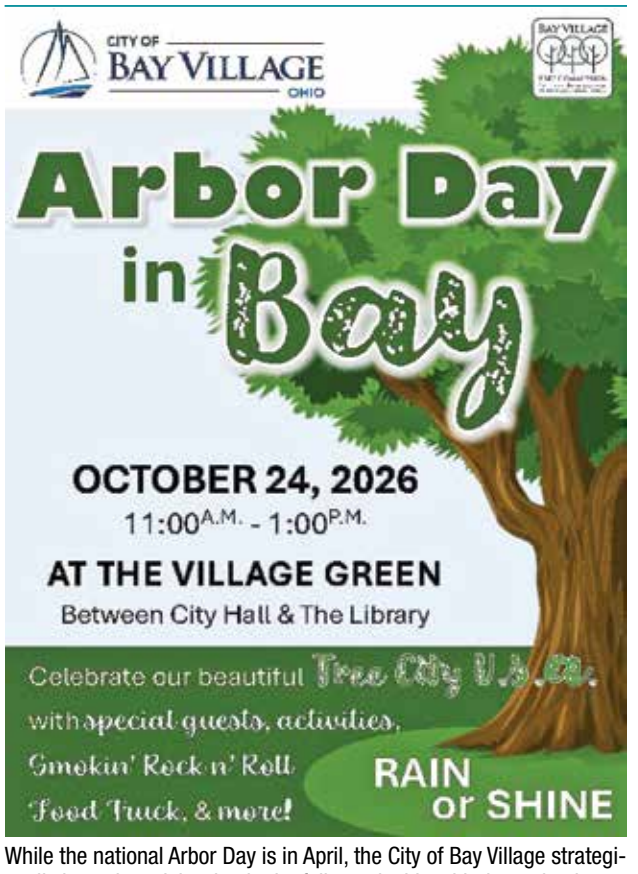
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be presented to the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury.

Road Rage

On 8/22/26 at approx. 5PM, a caller reported that a male driving a light blue Hyundai tried to "run" him off the road on I90. The apparent road rage also involved brake checking and stopping in the lanes of travel on the interstate. The complainant continued on W/B while the Hyundai exited the highway at Crocker. Officers caught up with the described vehicle which had parked at the Carhart Store on Detroit Rd. The owner and driver of the car, a 19yo man out of Cleveland, was found to be wanted by Orange PD for aggravated riot. The man was arrested and turned over to Orange PD officers. No new charges were filed although the man was advised regarding his road rage type behavior.

AR-Style Pistol



On 8/23/26 at approx. 1:30AM, officers stopped a vehicle on I90 E/B in the area of Columbia for equipment and license plate violations. Signs of drug use were detected in the vehicle. Investigation uncovered a loaded AR-style pistol with a high capacity magazine in the vehicle. A 24yo Cleveland man was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon. He also had felony warrants out of Cuyahoga County for probation violation involving a past carrying concealed weapons and improper handling of firearms. Parma PD wanted him for a fraud. 2 females were sent on their way while the man was brought to jail. He was charged and turned over to Cuyahoga County Deputies on their warrant.

Reckless Driver

On 8/26/26 at approx. 1:40PM, WPD received a called in complaint of a reckless driver on Crocker Rd in the area of Crocker Park. A license plate and vehicle description was relayed to officers who responded to search for the vehicle. In about a half hour, another caller reported the same vehicle was driving recklessly in the driveway to the Westlake Community Services building. Officers located the vehicle and stopped the female driver. The 57yo from Medina was cited with reckless driving and expired license plates. The vehicle was towed from the scene. The woman was forced to call an Uber to pick her up.

Nursing Facility Theft

On Tues 7/28/26 at about 10AM, a Bay Village resident came to WPD to report a fraud/theft. The woman explained that she had power of attorney for her blind and elderly sister who resided in a nursing facility in North Olmsted. While checking bank records, the complainant noticed that someone had made 5 withdraws from the 86yo sister's account totaling $2500. They did not know who was making these ATM withdraws. All of the transactions occurred at a bank in Westlake. WPD Officers investigated and obtained footage of the suspect taking the cash from the victim's account. The suspect was identified as a 37yo female who worked as a night shift nurse's aid at the victim's nursing facility in North Olmsted. The suspect was fired from the facility immediately and was arrested on 8/27/26. The woman faces charges of felony theft and misuse of a credit card.

Lots of Drugs



On 8/28/26 at approx. 8:40PM, officers stopped a green Dodge Durango on I90 E/B at Columbia for a moving violation. Upon talking to the driver, the officers noted signs of drug use in the vehicle. When asked, the driver, a 28yo Detroit, MI resident, admitted he had "more than a little bit" of marijuana in the car. Investigation revealed that the man was transporting over 8 and ½ pounds of suspected marijuana, hundreds of suspected MDMA pills and white powder suspected to be cocaine. He also had trafficking paraphernalia including scales and empty baggies. The driver was arrested and charged with drug trafficking.

"Smelled Pretty Good"

On 8/30/26 at about 3PM, WPD received a call from a resident reporting that an unknown man had knocked on his apartment door and told his wife that it "smelled pretty good" in the apartment and he wanted something from inside. The suspicious man was sent away from the residence. When the husband arrived home, he went to confront the suspect who was still wandering around the parking lot of the apartment complex. The suspicious guy told the husband that he was on drugs and had just "smoked cocaine." The wanderer went on to tell the man that he was suicidal and homicidal. Officers quickly found the man who appeared intoxicated. He complained to the officers about the "odor" from his neighbors' apartment. It turns out he lived in close proximity to the new residents who called in the complaint. Investigation revealed that the suspect was also in possession of approx. 4.2 grams of a white substance that field tested positive for cocaine. The 24yo man was arrested and charged with being disorderly while intoxicated and for felony possession of drugs.

No License With Drugs

On 8/30/26 at approx. 8:30PM, officers stopped a red Chevy Cobalt on I90 E/B for license plate and moving violations. The driver, a 34yo man from Bellevue, OH, admitted he did not have a driver's license. His female passenger, a 36yo who was also from Bellevue, did have a license but when she opened the glove compartment to look for the registration, officers noticed drug paraphernalia. When asked about the illicit items, she explained that it was her "friends car." Investigation revealed that the pair were in possession of assorted pills, glass smoking pipes equipped with burnt chore boy (used to smoke cocaine or like drugs), charred foil and a yellowish-white rock like substance. The woman admitted this substance was fentanyl. The pair were arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. The driver was also cited with driving without a license and improper display of plates.

Home Invasion

On August 17, 2026 at 11:29 am, BVPD received a call from a resident reporting that his vacant home had been broken into and power tools had been stolen. BVPD responded to the residence on Osborn/Dover to take an initial report. Detectives responded to process the scene and collect evidence. The incident remains under investigation.

Golfing on the Baseball Field

On August 17, 2026 at 12:16 pm, BVPD received a complaint from city employees regarding a male hitting golf balls in Cahoon Park on the baseball field. Employees were concerned that their vehicles could be struck by the golf balls. BVPD responded and observed the male hitting golf balls back and forth within the fenced area. The golf balls were not observed going over the fence. BVPD spoke with the employees, who confirmed that the balls had not gone over the fence but expressed concern that the individual should not be using the fields for this activity. BVPD then spoke with the individual, advised him of the complaint, and suggested alternative areas where he could practice. The individual was cooperative and stated that he would be leaving shortly.

Suspicious Female

On August 17, 2026 at 8:00 pm, BVPD received a call regarding a suspicious female at the playground who was reportedly yelling and possibly consuming alcohol. BVPD responded and located the female near the corner of Normandy/Douglas. BVPD spoke with the female, who stated she had been on a date with a male when his ex-spouse arrived. The female admitted to consuming alcohol and advised that she was waiting for an Uber. The female was advised and left the area in an Uber without further incident.

Possible Fraud

On August 18, 2026 at 10:03 am, BVPD was dispatched to a residence on Elmwood for a possible fraud. BVPD responded and spoke with the residents, who advised they received a call from an individual claiming to be a Walmart representative. The caller stated that a large purchase had been made on their account. The resident advised that she provided some information before realizing the call may be fraudulent and hanging up. BVPD advised the residents that the call was likely a scam attempting to obtain personal information and potentially defraud them of money. They were advised of common fraud schemes and reminded never to provide personal or financial information to unsolicited callers. The residents confirmed that they were not out any money.

Walmart Scam

On August 18, 2026 at 10:31 am, BVPD was contacted by a resident on Lincoln regarding a possible fraud. The resident advised that they received a call from an individual claiming to be a Walmart representative who stated that a large purchase had been made on their account. BVPD advised the resident that the call was likely a scam and recommended that they contact their bank to verify that no unauthorized charges had been made.

Suspended License

On August 18, 2026 at 3:00 pm, BVPD observed a traffic violation near Clague/Wolf and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was found to have a suspended driver's license and was issued a citation for driving under suspension. The passenger had a valid driver's license and took over driving the vehicle. The male will be facing charges through Rocky River Municipal Court.

Broken Down Vehicle

On August 18, 2026 at 6:30 pm, BVPD was contacted by a resident regarding a red Mustang parked facing the wrong direction near Osborn/Dover. BVPD responded and located the vehicle. BVPD made contact with the owner, who advised that the vehicle had broken down and that they were able to move it to its current location. The owner stated that they would have the vehicle towed at a later time.

Suspicious Person

On August 18, 2026 at 7:20 pm, BVPD received a call from a resident on Forestview regarding a suspicious person. BVPD responded and spoke with the resident, who advised that an unknown white male in his 50s parked in front of their home and walked up the driveway. The resident spoke with the male, who stated that he worked for Pennymac Loan and was checking to see if the home was occupied. The male then went to a neighboring residence and left the area after receiving no response to his knocking. The resident requested extra attention to the area.

Welfare Check

On August 19, 2027 at 8:42 am, BVPD was contacted by a nurse from Cleveland Clinic requesting a welfare check on an elderly patient. BVPD responded to the 23000 block of Lake Rd and made contact with the resident. The resident was advised of the reason for the welfare check and BVPD assisted the resident with making phone calls.

Another Suspended License

On August 19, 2026 at 12:03 pm, BVPD observed a traffic violation near Lake/Eagle Cliff and conducted a traffic stop. The driver was

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found to have a suspended driver's license and was issued citations for driving under suspension and a child restraint violation. The driver's vehicle was towed, and BVPD provided the driver and her four-year-old child with a courtesy ride to BVPD. She will be facing charges through Rocky River Municipal Court.

Domestic Violence

On August 21, 2026 at 1:34 am, BVPD was dispatched to Bayfair Ct for an active domestic violence incident. BVPD arrived on scene and detained a male. Information was gathered, and one party was transported to a local hospital for evaluation. BVPD arrested the 19-year-old resident and transported him to the BVPD jail, where he was booked and held pending arraignment. The following day, the male was arraigned via Zoom and charged with felony domestic violence strangulation. The case was bound over to Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. The male was issued a cash surety bond and transported to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office jail. He will be facing charges through Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.

Dog at Large

On August 23, 2026 at 3:37 pm, A resident was walking her dog on Bates when an unleashed dog approached and attacked her dog. The resident was able to safely return home and contacted BVPD to report the incident. BVPD responded and obtained the necessary information for a report. The reporting party advised that another neighbor was able to intervene and pull the offending dog off her dog, allowing them to safely clear the area. The reporting party requested that the owners of the offending dog be advised of the incident but did not wish for a citation to be issued. Due to there being no prior history involving the dog, the owner was contacted and issued a verbal warning for Dog at Large.

Family Dispute

On August 25, 2026 at 1:29 am, BVPD received a call from a resident reporting that they heard a female yell, "Get away from me," while a vehicle was slowly following her. BVPD responded and located the individuals involved. Investigation determined the incident was related to a family dispute involving a juvenile who was refusing to enter the vehicle with their parent. The parties were assisted, and the juvenile was ultimately transported home by their parent.

OVI

On August 25, 2026 at 1:30 am, BVPD observed a traffic violation near Clague and conducted a traffic stop at Clague Road and Detroit Road. Upon speaking with the driver, BVPD suspected the driver was operating the vehicle under the influence. The driver agreed to standardized field sobriety testing but, after completing the HGN test, refused to complete the remaining tests. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the BVPD jail. The driver was given the opportunity to submit to a breath test but refused. The passenger was also determined to be under the influence and was provided a courtesy ride to the BVPD lobby. The 32-year-old was charged with OVI, OVI refusal, traffic control devices, expired registration and transporting marijuana paraphernalia. He was later released to a sober adult. He will be facing charges through Rocky River Municipal Court.

Sex Offender Registration Violation

On August 26, 2026 at 10:24 am, BVPD observed a traffic violation near Bassett/ Ednil Road. A traffic stop was conducted, and upon identifying the driver, BVPD determined he had an active felony warrant through the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office for a sex offender registration violation. The male was placed under arrest and transported to the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office Jail. He was also issued a citation for the marked lanes violation and will be facing charges through Rocky River Municipal Court.

Smoking Car, Chase and OVI

On August 26, 2026 at 12:10 pm, A BVPD officer observed a vehicle producing a large amount of smoke. The officer initiated a traffic stop near Bradley/Willow Way. The vehicle stopped and then fled from the traffic stop, resulting in a short pursuit into the City of Westlake. The vehicle became disabled after striking a curb. BVPD with the assistance of WLPD officers gave verbal commands to the driver, and the driver was subsequently placed under arrest. Upon speaking with the driver, officers suspected the driver was operating the vehicle under the influence. The driver was offered standardized field sobriety testing at the BVPD jail but was unable to perform the tests. The driver was then given the opportunity to submit to a breath test and provided a sample that resulted in a BAC of 0.255%. The driver was charged with failure to comply to a P.O. signal-elude or flee, OVI, OVI breath, unsafe vehicle, red light, driving left of center to overtake and operation in willful or wanton disregard. The 43-year-old will be facing charges through Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and Rocky River Municipal Court.

Friday Night Fights

On August 28, 2026 at 10:22 pm, BVPD received a call from a resident reporting an altercation following the Bay football game. BVPD responded and spoke with the reporting party regarding the incident. As a result of the investigation, the 19-year-old female was placed under arrest for menacing. She was booked and held for Rocky River Municipal Court.

E-Bike Violation

On August 31, at 8:31am, Bay Village Police reported that they were out with a juvenile e-bike rider in the area of Dover Center and Osborn Road. The rider was operating equipment improperly and did not have the correct equipment on the bike. His parents were notified and told to bring the proper equipment so that he could ride home safely. They were advised that the bike would be confiscated and citations issued if the behavior was observed again.

$38,000 Fraud

On September 3, 2026 at 9:36am, Bay Village Police were dispatched to the lobby on a Fraud report. Police arrived and spoke with the son of the victim, who reported that his mother had sent around $38,000 in wire transfers over the last year in what he thinks is a dating scam. The complainant went to a local bank to seek assistance for his mother and her accounts. The Bay Village Detective Bureau is investigating.

And Yet Another Active Warrant and Drugs

On September 3, at 9:44am, Bay Village Police were on patrol in the area of Columbia Road and Eaton Way when they stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. Police spoke with the registered owner and passenger. Both were identified and the passenger was found to have outstanding warrants in Pennsylvania with full extradition. When the male was taken into custody and searched, suspected drugs and paraphernalia was discovered. The male was taken into custody on the strength of the warrant and new drug charges. He was later seen in Rocky River Municipal Court and later turned over to authorities in Pennsylvania.

OVI with Drugs

On September 4, at 11:25pm, Bay Village Police were on patrol in the area of Lake Road, near Huntmere Drive when they noticed a vehicle with an equipment violation. Police stopped the vehicle and spoke with the driver, a 65-year-old Westlake resident. After an investigation it was suspected that the operator was under the influence. The male failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. He was transported to the BVPD Jail and was given the opportunity to take an Intoxilyzer test. The male submitted to the test which showed a .12% blood alcohol content. When the male was searched, suspected drugs were found on his person. When asked, the male admitted that it was cocaine. The male is facing numerous charges in Rocky River Municipal Court.

Multiple Agency Chase

On September 4, at 9:57pm, Bay Village Police were on patrol in the area of Bassett Road and Wolf Road when they attempted to stop a vehicle for an equipment violation. Once emergency equipment was activated, the vehicle, a black Chevy Malibu began to flee from police. A

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pursuit was initiated and the vehicle made its way through Bay Village and into Westlake. The vehicle was eventually stopped by Westlake officers in the area of Hilliard and Bradley Road when WLPD used a pursuit intervention technique (P.I.T.) maneuver to disable the vehicle.

Officers gave commands but the male refused to exit the vehicle, instead lighting a glass pipe and smoking suspected drugs. Other units responded to assist as the driver continued to ignore commands, smoke and make furtive movements in the vehicle. Police broke out windows on the vehicle and used pepperball rounds to force the male, a 51-year-old Parma resident, out of the vehicle. This was not effective. Officers continued to warn and negotiate with the male for over an hour before releasing a Westlake K9 into the vehicle. While the male was kicking at the dog, officers broke out the driver's door glass and attempted to pull the male from the car. When the male would not let go of the steering wheel, a Taser was used to extricate the male. He was then taken into custody and eventually was transported to a local hospital for evaluation. The male was later booked into the BVPD jail and is charged with Fleeing and Alluding, Willful and Wanton Operation, Drug Paraphernalia, Assured Clear Distance Ahead, and a Headlight violation. He is facing charges in Rocky River Municipal Court. The male is also facing charges in Westlake. No officers, including the K9, were injured during the incident.

The Bay Village Police would like to thank the surrounding departments and individuals who assisted with the incident, including officers from the Westlake Police Department and Rocky River Police Department. This incident had a successful and safe outcome due to the highly trained officers involved and the close cooperation between the departments on scene. We are fortunate to be surrounded by agencies who are as esteemed and dedicated to professional law enforcement services.

Operating Erratically

On September 5, at 9:15pm, Bay Village Police received a complaint from an observant motorist who called to report a vehicle in front of them that was operating erratically. Further, the vehicle was now parked on Queenswood Road where the male operator was throwing trash out the window. A traffic stop was conducted and the male continued to act erratically. The male failed to submit to police commands and was placed in handcuffs. Officers suspected that the male, a 46-year-old Parma Heights resident, was under the influence. The male failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. On station, the male refused a Intoxilyzer breath test. The male is facing numerous charges in Rocky River Municipal Court.

Senior OVI

On September 6, at 4:30pm, Bay Village Police were on patrol in the area of Lake Road and Cahoon Road when they noticed a vehicle make numerous moving violations. Officers stopped the vehicle and spoke with the operator, a 73-year-old Westlake resident. After an investigation, it was suspected that the operator was under the influence. The operator failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. On station, the operator submitted to an Intoxilyzer breath test which showed a .121% blood alcohol content. The operator is facing numerous charges at Rocky River Municipal Court.

Dog on the Loose

On September 6, at 9:53pm, Bay Village Police were dispatched to the area of Bayfair Court and Red Oak Lane on report of a gray pitbull that was loose in the neighborhood. Police arrived and located the dog, who was returned to owner who lived nearby. As this has happened multiple times in the past, the owner was cited for M2 Dog at Large and was advised of her mandatory court date in Rocky River Municipal Court.

Snake Charmer

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Wind, Hail & Hidden Roof Damage: Don't Wait for the Leak





Kent and Jaime Krivich

Northeast Ohio homeowners know how quickly severe weather can strike. High winds and hail may pass in minutes, but the damage they leave can quietly compromise a roof for months or even years, if not promptly addressed. As roofs age, they become more vulnerable to these forces, and much of that damage is nearly impossible to spot from the ground.

Wind can lift shingle edges, break adhesive seals, and loosen flashing around chimneys, vents, and skylights. Hail bruises asphalt shingles, knocks off protective granules, can create soft spots or fractures in the shingle mat, and dent metal surfaces. Once the protective layer on the shingles is compromised, water can find its way underneath. The result is often a slow leak, which may appear on the interior as a ceiling stain or damp attic insulation, long after the storm has passed. That's why waiting until you see a leak is one of the costliest mistakes a homeowner can make. By the time water reaches the interior, the damage has usually progressed far beyond the original storm impact. A professional inspection is the only reliable way to catch problems early.

What to Expect During a Roof Inspection

A thorough inspection goes well beyond a quick look from the driveway. Experienced, HAAG certified inspectors from Mark 2 Roofing examine the roof surface up close for lifted or creased shingles, granule loss, soft spots, damaged flashing, and signs of prior repairs. They also check gutters for excess granules, look at the attic for moisture or daylight penetration, and document everything with photos. The process is straightforward and typically takes under an hour for most homes.









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Stuck in a Claim?

If you already filed a claim after one of this year's severe weather events and the process seems stalled, you're not alone. Claims can slow down for many reasons—incomplete documentation, disagreements over scope, or simply volume. Mark 2 Roofing has extensive experience helping homeowners get stalled claims moving again. We're happy to review your situation, provide additional documentation when needed, and work with your insurance company to keep the process progressing.

As a local, family-owned company serving Northeast Ohio, Mark 2 Roofing is committed to thorough assessments and standing behind every job we complete. We offer complimentary roof inspections for residential and commercial properties. Whether you've had recent storms, your roof is aging, or you're simply ready for peace of mind, don't wait for the first drip.

Contact Mark 2 Roofing at 440-655-4431 or visit mark2roofing.com to schedule your free inspection today. Early action protects your home, and your wallet.

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