

The City of Westlake Ohio

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Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 6

Come kick off the holiday season with us! The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony returns to Westlake City Hall, 27700 Hilliard Blvd., on Sunday, Dec. 6. It's a wonderful evening of community and fellowship, and this year's Mr. and Mrs. Westlake will be announced at the ceremony. Everyone is invited to celebrate the season with us, so bring the whole family and help light up the holidays together. Watch cityofwestlake.org for the start time.



Election Day Is Tuesday, Nov. 3

Polls are open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and anyone in line at 7:30 p.m. may still vote. Bring an unexpired photo ID, such as an Ohio driver's license, U.S. passport or military ID. Find your polling place at VoteOhio.gov or call the Board of Elections at 216-443-8683. Mailed ballots must arrive by the time polls close. You may also return your own ballot to the Board's 24-hour drop box at 1803 Superior Ave., Cleveland.

A Message From Mayor Clough



Dear Resident,

As the leaves fall and the holidays approach, I want to share what's happening around Westlake this season.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please bring an unexpired photo ID. Details are inside.

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, I want to thank every veteran who lives or works in Westlake. We are proud of you and grateful for your service.

This year we welcomed a new member of our police family, Officer Ayden Cruz, whom I was honored to swear in. His story is inside.

The season is full of ways to celebrate together, from Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 12 to the Kringle Workshop and Letters to Santa. Please also review our snow and ice reminders and leaf collection information so we are ready when winter arrives.

I would also like to personally invite you to join us at City Hall on Sunday, Dec. 6, for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, where this year's Mr. and Mrs. Westlake will be announced.

Want to give back? The Holiday Basket Raffle supports our senior programs, and you can recycle old holiday lights at City Hall through Jan. 15.

City offices will be closed Nov. 26 and 27, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

As always, look out for one another, drive carefully and contact my office with any questions or suggestions. I wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving and a joyous, safe and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Clough

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Mayor







Breakfast with Santa Dec. 12

Pancakes, photos and a visit with Santa! Breakfast with Santa is at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. Kids can get their picture taken with Santa, make a craft and write him a letter, and the whole family can pose in the photo booth. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for ages 3-17 and free for ages 2 and younger. Only 100 seats are available, and everyone attending must register. Please note any food allergies when you sign up.



Send a Letter to Santa

Santa's mailbox is open! Kids 8 and younger can drop a letter in the North Pole Mailbox at the Westlake Recreation Center by Dec. 15, and "Santa" will write back before Christmas. It's free for members and $2 for nonmembers. Register at the Recreation Center or online at cityofwestlake.org/recreation.



Kringle Workshop for Ages 4-7

Santa's elves could use some help this year! At the Kringle Workshop, kids ages 4-7 make two homemade gifts for someone special, each wrapped and ready for under the tree. The workshop is 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. It's a drop-off program, but parents must stay in the building. Only eight spots are open, so register by Dec. 1. The cost is $15 for members and $20 for nonmembers.



Holiday Programs at Community Services

Take a breather before the holiday rush at Before the Chaos with licensed massage therapist Kera Seritti, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17. In December, join Cleveland Holiday Traditions with the Western Reserve Historical Society, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, and hear Company D, Westlake High's show choir, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16. Both December programs are free. Register at 440-899-3544.



Give a Community Services Gift Card

Stuck on what to give? A Westlake Community Services gift card fits almost anyone on your list. Cards come in any amount, can be reloaded and never expire. Use them for programs, the fitness room, senior transportation and the Connections Café. Stop by 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or call 440-899-3544.



Holiday Basket Raffle Returns

Feeling lucky? The Community Services Advisory Council's Holiday Basket Raffle is back, and every ticket supports senior programs. Tickets are sold through November and December. The drawing is Dec. 17 at the Christmas Luncheon, and you don't have to be there to win.

Rec Center Holiday Hours

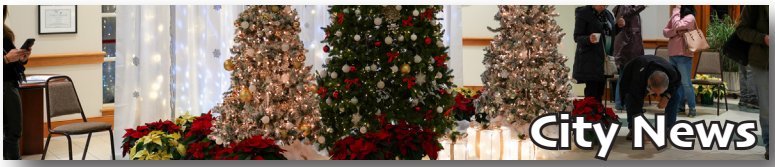
Thanksgiving, Nov. 26: Closed
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: 5 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Christmas Day, Dec. 25: Closed
New Year's Eve, Dec. 31: 5 a.m. to 3 p.m.
New Year's Day, Jan. 1: Closed

Find more in the Fall/Winter Rec Gazette at cityofwestlake.org/recreation.

Find More in Pathways

Pathways, the Westlake Community Services newsletter, has the full list of programs and events at the Community Services Center.

Scan the code or go to aptg.co/VfnN7J to read the November-December issue. Questions? Call 440-899-3544.







Welcome, Officer Ayden Cruz

Westlake has a new patrol officer. Mayor Dennis M. Clough administered the oath of office to Ayden Cruz in front of a small group. Officer Cruz is training at the Lorain County Community College Police Academy and graduates in November. If you see him around town, give him a warm Westlake welcome.



Drop Off Toys for Tots at City Hall

Spread a little holiday cheer! City Hall will again be a Toys for Tots collection site this year. Stop by 27700 Hilliard Blvd. with a new, unwrapped toy and help make the season brighter for local kids.



Get Ready for Snow and Ice

A little prep makes winter easier. Before plow season, make sure your mailbox and post are secure. Clear sidewalks within 24 hours (Ord. 1381.13(b)) and keep snow out of the street (Ord. 1381.13(c)). Pile snow on the left side of the driveway, looking from the street. Tips: cityofwestlake.org/o/cw/page/snow-ice.



Nominate Mr. & Mrs. Westlake

Know someone who makes Westlake better? The Westlake Town Criers are taking nominations for the Mr. and Mrs. Westlake award, which honors people who have contributed to the welfare of Westlake's youth and citizens. Send a letter about your nominee to the Westlake Town Criers, P.O. Box 45224, Westlake, OH 44145, email info@westlaketowncriers.com or call Rick Grane at 440-829-0974.



Animal Control Officer Jim Wang Retires

For 24 years, Animal Control Officer Jim Wang cared for Westlake's animals and the residents who love them. Now he's retired. Friends, family and colleagues gathered at City Hall to thank him, and Mayor Dennis M. Clough proclaimed the day ACO Wang Day.



Fall Leaf Collection Continues

Keep those rakes handy! Leaf collection runs through early to mid-December, weather permitting. Rake leaves into piles on the tree lawn near the curb, never in the street, and keep them away from mailboxes, trees and signposts. Keep rubbish, recycling and brush separate, don't park in front of piles, and keep catch basins clear. Follow daily progress at leaf-pickup-5l9w.vercel.app.



Recycle Old Holiday Lights

Lights that won't light? Don't toss them. From Nov. 4 to Jan. 15, drop old light strings, power strips and cords, loose, in the City Hall vestibule bin. They go to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Lights for Lions program. Pumpkin tip: through Nov. 10, put undecorated pumpkins and gourds in the Police Station lot dumpster.



Plaques Honor Westlake's Department Leaders

Who has led Westlake's departments since its Dover Township days? New perpetual plaques list every director and chief of each main City department, with years of service. Clerk of Council Denise L. Rosenbaum compiled the names. Two offices trace their leaders back 214 years. Directors accepted the plaques at the Sept. 3 Council meeting.

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Holiday Collection Schedule

Thanksgiving, Nov. 26

Rumpke is closed, and Thursday and Friday routes run one day late. City offices are closed Nov. 26 and 27, so Thursday and Friday brush collection moves to the following week.

Christmas, Dec. 25

Rumpke and City offices are closed, and Friday routes run one day late.

New Year's Day, Jan. 1

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