

The City of Westlake Ohio

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Dennis M. Clough - Mayor

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Run, Walk and Explore

The 4th Annual City of Westlake Community Run returns Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd. A free Kids Dash starts at 8:15 a.m., followed by the 5K run, 5K race walk and 1-mile walk at 8:30 a.m. A pancake breakfast, 9-11 a.m., is included with registration; tickets are \$8, and children 5 and under eat free. Proceeds support the Westlake Recreation Youth Scholarship Fund. The free Wellness and Safety Day, hosted with University Hospitals, follows from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Touch-a-Truck, health screenings, a bounce house and a magician. Register online at hermesccleveland.com.



Safety Town Graduates Save the Day

Brothers Carter, 9, and Caleb, 6, recent Safety Town graduates, spotted smoke and flames at Barrington Place Apartments on July 22 and immediately alerted their mother and neighbors. Everyone escaped safely from the fire, which damaged 24 units. "They really saved the day," said Fire Chief Matt Moran. The Westlake Fire Department honored the boys July 31 at Fire Station 1 with a station tour, turnout gear, truck climbing and a pizza party. Safety Town, run with the Westlake Police and Fire Departments for 56 consecutive years, teaches children to recognize danger, alert adults and get to safety.

A Message From Mayor Clough



Dear Resident,

Westlake families are settling back into the school year, and I ask everyone to slow down and watch for children walking or biking to class. Please observe posted speed limits near our schools, stop for crossing guards and buses with flashing lights, and give extra attention in neighborhoods and along busy roads where kids are out and about in the morning and afternoon. A little extra patience from all of us keeps our students safe.

This issue is full of ways to enjoy the season together. The 4th Annual Community Run and Pancake Breakfast kicks off Sept. 12 at the Recreation Center, followed by a free Wellness and Safety Day with University Hospitals. Fall Fest and the Haunted Trail round out a busy calendar of family fun this fall. Details for each are inside.

I am pleased to report the Westlake Fire Department is at full budgeted strength. Firefighter-Paramedics Matt Freeman and Asher Crawford were sworn in at City Hall this month, joining a department that responds to fire and medical calls with skill and dedication every day.

As we continue celebrating America's 250th birthday, I encourage residents to nominate a deserving neighbor for the Mr. and Mrs. Westlake award, recognizing those who give their time to our youth and community. Details on how to submit a nomination are inside this newsletter.

Please also mark your calendar for Shred-It Day on Sept. 26, a great way to protect your family's personal information as the season turns.

As always, look out for one another, drive carefully and contact my office with any questions or suggestions. Thank you for making Westlake a welcoming community.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Clough
Mayor



Meadowood Improvements Continue

Big changes are underway at Meadowood Golf Course. The driving range renovation continues as part of the new Meadowood Golf Training Facility, which will feature 18 indoor heated bays for year-round play along with outdoor tees when it is finished in late 2027.



Celebrate Fall Fest at the Recreation Center

Fall fun returns to the Westlake Recreation Center with Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 10, from noon to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to residents of all ages. Children ages 2-8 can take part in the pumpkin hunt, which requires pre-registration by Oct. 6. Register or find more information at cityofwestlake.org/recreation or by calling 440-808-5700.



Take a Walk Down the Haunted Trail

Back by popular demand, the Haunted Trail returns to the Westlake Recreation Center on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 7-8:30 p.m. Guests of all ages can wind through a spooktacular trail filled with friendly ghosts, silly monsters, glowing pumpkins and Halloween surprises around every corner. Costumes are encouraged. Cost is \$5 per person. Pre-registration is encouraged; walk-up registration will be accepted the day of the event until 8 p.m. Register or find more information at cityofwestlake.org/recreation.



Get Your Flu Shot

Giant Eagle returns to Westlake Community Services on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with flu vaccines, including high-dose vaccines. COVID vaccines will be available if possible. Appointments are required. Make yours early for the best times by calling 440-899-3544. Wear a short-sleeved shirt and bring your Medicare or insurance cards, plus your Giant Eagle card to receive a \$5 credit on your next shopping trip (the card is required to receive the credit). Ask for any proof of vaccination you need while you are there.



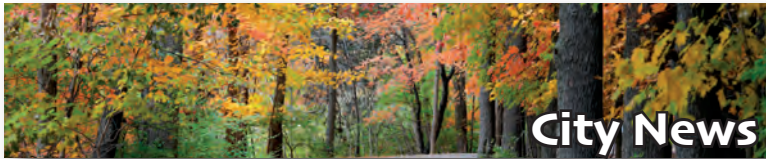
Get Acquainted and Make Connections

Westlake Community Services offers two ways to build relationships this fall. Welcome Wednesday introduces newcomers to the department on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m., with a guided tour and an informal conversation with a staff member and a volunteer patron ambassador. Attendees receive a free Connections Café refreshment voucher. RSVP by Sept. 30. Then build new friendships through ETC, short for Engage, Thrive, Connect, a six week program of guided discussions and activities held Thursdays, Oct. 1 through Nov. 5, at 11 a.m. Participants should commit to attending all six sessions. Both programs are free. RSVP for ETC by Sept. 23. Call 440-899-3544 or use MyActiveCenter to register.



Explore "The American Experiment" Docu-Series

Continue Westlake's celebration of America's 250th birthday with "The American Experiment," a five-part documentary series at Westlake Community Services. The series runs Mondays, Sept. 28 through Oct. 26, at 1 p.m. and examines the origins of American democracy and the concept of self-rule, featuring insights from politicians, scholars, judges, Indigenous leaders and commentators representing various political viewpoints. A brief group discussion follows each episode. Call 440-899-3544 to register or use MyActiveCenter.



City News



Fire Department Reaches Full Strength

The Westlake Fire Department is at full budgeted strength with the addition of two new Firefighter-Paramedics. Matt Freeman and Asher Crawford were sworn in at Westlake City Hall, taking the oath in Council Chambers with family, Mayor Clough and the department's command staff on hand. Both officially started the job Monday, Aug. 17. As Firefighter-Paramedics, they will respond to fire and emergency medical calls alike, the work at the heart of the department's daily service to residents.



Nominate Mr. & Mrs. Westlake

The Westlake Town Criers are accepting nominations for the prestigious Mr. & Mrs. Westlake award, which honors individuals who have contributed to the welfare of Westlake's youth and citizens. To nominate a deserving candidate, send a letter with an overview of the nominee's contributions to the Westlake Town Criers, P.O. Box 45224, Westlake, OH 44145, contact Rick Grane at 440-829-0974, or email info@westlaketowncriers.com.



New Community Development Software

The City of Westlake is introducing IMS, a new online system designed to make services easier to access and manage. Residents, property owners, contractors, developers, design professionals, landlords and businesses can use IMS to apply for permits and planning approvals, register as contractors, submit service requests, report concerns and search public records. Applicants should create an account before submitting. Step-by-step help guides are available on the City's IMS Help page at cityofwestlake.org. City staff will review and manage submissions efficiently.



Service Department News



Shred-It Day Returns Sept. 26

Clean out the filing cabinet and protect your personal information at Shred-It Day, returning Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at Westlake Elementary School, 27555 Center Ridge Road. Residents can bring old tax records, bank statements and other sensitive paperwork for shredding, with a limit of two paper-size boxes. Destroying documents that contain personal information is one of the simplest ways to guard against identity theft. The event is for Westlake residents only, so mark your calendar and start gathering those old files today.



Last Call for Leaf Humus and Wood Chips

Gardeners, take note: leaf humus and wood chip deliveries from the Westlake Service Department end for the season Friday, Sept. 25. Wood chips remain on sale for \$2.50 per yard. To place an order, visit cityofwestlake.org or call 440-835-6432.



Scrap Tire Round-Up Rolls In Sept. 18-19

Westlake residents can drop off old tires at the Scrap Tire Round-Up on Friday, Sept. 18, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 19, from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Service Center, 741 Bassett Road. Tires only, no rims. Car or light truck tires 20 inches or less are accepted, with a limit of four tires. The round-up is for Westlake residents only. Visit cityofwestlake.org for details.



Round Up Your Household Hazardous Waste

The Westlake Service Department is making fall cleanup easy. The Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up runs Monday through Friday, Sept. 14-18, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 19, from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Service Center, 741 Bassett Road. The round-up is for Westlake residents only. Find the acceptable-items list at cityofwestlake.org.

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