What Is Going On In Westlake

Ray Rady Retirement

We would like to congratulate Ray Rady who retired on November 30, 2023. Ray was one of our longest tenured employees with the City, holding his position as a service worker for 44 years. During this time he worked in our Sewer and Leaf Collection Divisions. Residents and co-workers remember Ray for his positivity, smile, and his gift of gab. During Mayor Clough's speech, he said, "Ray is not the type of worker you replace, he's the type of worker you remember." Every day, for 44 years, Ray's work ethic and love for The City of Westlake was evident.

Westlake Fire Department

Community Outreach

Westlake Fire Department has a few different programs you can use to stay safe in 2024. To help WFD better assist you in emergency situations, you can join the Lockbox program. This is an over-the-door high security lockbox for your house key. WFD also has a program to provide carbon monoxide and smoke detectors to families in need. Lastly, fill out a medical history card to keep on your refrigerator in case of emergency. This important information can make a huge difference for EMTs. Contact Westlake Fire Department to learn more about these programs.

A Message from Mayor Clough

Dear Resident,

Happy New Year to you. I hope your holiday season was enjoyable. Looking forward to 2024, I have high expectations for another positive year filled with growth and community for Westlake.

Our major winter and holiday events were well received (Shop With A Cop, Breakfast with Santa, and City Hall Tree Lighting). If you have any suggestions for improvement to these events, please email or call my office. I encourage you to review this newsletter for information about the various departments' 2024 initiatives and events.

The City has adopted our budget appropriations for the 2024 calendar year. This budget includes additional recreation projects as well as street, storm, and water line improvements. We have also approved an additional part-time property maintenance officer to assist in the building department.

City Council has reduced the speed limit on Rose Road from 35 mph to 25 mph. New signage and enforcement will follow in the next 30 days or so.

Finally, as the winter progresses, please use caution on the roadways, secure mailboxes from snow plows, and remember to clear sidewalks of snow and ice to ensure a safe pedestrian walkway for school children and residents.

As always, get the latest information on the City's social media channels or cityofwestlake.org and contact City Hall if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Clough
Mayor
Join us for a four-part documentary series as we explore the secrets of Blue Zones around the world. Brought to you by Dan Buettner and National Geographic, this beautiful video series travels all around the globe to take a deeper dive into the secrets of longevity for these areas where people live much longer than average. After each series, we will facilitate a discussion along with ideas on how to create your own Blue Zone and participate in our Westlake Super Agers Challenge. Seats are limited, so sign up now by calling 440-899-3544!

Check out our free Monthly Blood Pressure Clinic. It is every first Thursday, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Hosted by UH St John’s nurses and our Westlake Firefighters, you will get more than just a blood pressure check. Expect health tips, disease management advice, and loads of wellness information. Perfect for staying on top of your health. Do not miss out, come join us!

Come join us on February 2nd for our annual Father and Daughter Dance at the Westlake Recreation Center. Register by January 23rd to enjoy dinner and dancing with your little princess. You will be provided with dinner and a photo souvenir to commemorate the evening. The event will be from 6 pm - 8 pm and cost $18 for members and $28 for non-members. We have limited availability, so sign up now to secure your spot!

Are you planning a birthday party, wedding reception, or office party? The Westlake Recreation Center has you covered! Rent out one of our beautiful and spacious rooms for your next gathering. Follow the QR code to contact Richard Brown at rbrown@cityofwestlake.org and secure your room now!

Check out the latest Rec Gazette for information on swim lessons, Youth Fashion Camp and other special events.
The Westlake Police Department introduces the Special Needs and Wandering Alert Form, a crucial initiative for community members with autism, dementia, or other special needs. This form enables individuals or their families to provide essential information to our emergency services, including physical descriptions, contact details, and specific needs. Stored securely, this information equips our police, fire, and EMS teams with vital insights, enhancing their response in emergencies or missing person situations. This program embodies Westlake’s commitment to safety, inclusivity, and compassionate care for all its residents. To access this form visit the city's webpage titled, "Wandering Alert Form."

On November 16th at City Hall, Mayor Clough held a swearing-in ceremony, marking a new chapter for the Westlake Police Department. We are thrilled to announce the promotion of Ptl. Eric Alten to the rank of Sergeant. His dedication and hard work have truly paid off. Alongside him, we welcomed a new addition to our team, Andrew Chenevey, who was sworn in as a WPD patrol officer. Bringing valuable experience from the Shaker Heights Police Department, Officer Chenevey is a fantastic asset to our force. Congratulations to both officers who have excelled through rigorous testing to earn their new roles. Their achievements are a testament to their commitment and exemplary service.

As we move closer to the frigid winter months, we would like to remind everyone of the rules, guidelines, and expectations concerning City snow removal service. First, to stay safe during this winter season, we ask that you never get between snow plows traveling together, watch out for blind spots, beware of snow clouds, and drive slowly. When snow plows are on the roads, remember to stay at least 50 feet from the trucks, and please be patient and courteous to the snow plow drivers. During a snow event, main streets are plowed and salted first. Once main streets are completed, plow operators move on to secondary streets and finally to residential streets and developments. Under normal conditions, residential streets and developments will only be salted at stop signs, hills, curves and intersections. When road surfaces become icy due to conditions such as freezing rain, salt will be applied as needed to provide safe driving conditions. We appreciate your patience and look forward to keeping Westlake wonderful this winter.
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