A Message From Mayor Clough

Dear Resident:

Summer is in full swing in the City of Westlake. It is always wonderful to see people enjoying our City's fabulous parks and recreational amenities, including the Westlake Aquatic Center and Peterson Pool.

There are plenty of events that are provided during these warmer months. The Summer Concerts in the Park series provides a consistent source of entertainment on Sunday evenings.

Our annual Independence Day Parade and evening are always exciting and enjoyable. Clague Park will host the 33rd Annual Charity Classic Car Show immediately following the parade.

Judging for Westlake in Bloom will take place July 5-8, weather permitting. We look forward to enjoying the lovely floral displays of this year’s entrants and recognizing them during the 2022 Awards/Appreciation Ceremony on Aug. 9 at the Westlake Community Services Center.

Be sure to look for photos and video from many of these festivities on the City’s Facebook page www.facebook.com/cityofwestlakeohio.

Learn about all upcoming Summer events at www.cityofwestlake.org/603/Annual-Special-Events.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Clough
Mayor

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**New Partnership Program: ETC. Engage/Thrive/Connect**

Social isolation is a proven risk factor for major illnesses including dementia, heart disease, stroke, mental illness and even premature death. According to the CDC, the negative health effects of loneliness compares to a 15-cigarette-per-day smoking habit. But good news! This risk factor is changeable and help is available in Westlake for those who are aged 50 or more. In partnership with Cleveland Clinic Hospital Avon and Cleveland Clinic Fairview, Westlake’s Community Services is unveiling their exciting new wellness solution. ETC., an acronym that stands for Engage, Thrive, Connect is a program for older adults who are less social than they would like, and who want to improve their overall health and wellness. Call 440-899-3544 to enroll in the year-long program. Your participation level is up to you and there are no obligations. You will receive 1-on-1 and group coaching and an individualized plan to meet your wellness goals. You will complete a one-page questionnaire by the National Institute of Senior Centers NISC to assess your self-reported wellness level at the beginning and end of this program.

**First Annual Senior Prom Hosted By Westlake Youth Advisory Board**

A great time was had by all as the Westlake Community Services Youth Advisory Board hosted our first annual senior prom! Thanks to sponsorship from the Westlake-Bay Village Rotary Club, this intergenerational event, entitled “A Night Under the Stars” featured the Debbie Darling Quartet performing traditional dance music from the 40’s through the 70’s. To learn about upcoming opportunities check our Pathways Newsletter at [www.cityofwestlake.org/community-services](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/community-services). Call us to subscribe either via email or paper copy in the mail. You can find more pictures of this event and others on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WestlakeCommunityServices](http://www.facebook.com/WestlakeCommunityServices).

**Recreation Department News**

The Rec Gazette is the best resource to learn about all of the the programs and events the Westlake Recreation Department has to offer. It is available in print at the Recreation Center and in PDF form online at [www.cityofwestlake.org/Recreation](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/Recreation).

**Family Campout**  
**When:** Friday, July 15  
**Cost:** $13 Member; $18 Non-Member (per person)  
Campout under the stars. Bring your tent and sleeping bags as we will camp outside. Dinner, s’mores and limited breakfast will be provided. We will have outdoor games and activities until 9 p.m., including swimming (until 7:45 p.m.) and storytime. Alcohol is prohibited. Check-in starts at 6 p.m. A parent/guardian must be present and registered for this event.

**Annual Maintenance 2022**

The Westlake Recreation Center will be closed on the following dates in August for annual maintenance:  
- The Aquatics Center – closed Aug. 1-21  
- Basketball Courts – closed Aug. 8-14  
- Fitness Room – closed Aug. 8-14  
- The Recreation Center will be open for business transactions only Aug. 8-12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  

Members may use the Westlake Aquatic Center and Peterson Pool for admission Aug. 1-21. In an effort to keep our members in motion during these times, we have partnered with the City of Fairview Park and the City of Rocky River. Just show your membership card at the front desk of either facility during the dates listed.

**AARP Smart Driver Course**  
**When:** Friday, Aug. 12, 12-4 p.m.  
**Where:** Community Services Center  
**Cost:** $20 AARP members, $25 non-members, payable to instructor the day of the class. RSVP by Aug. 10 by calling 440-899-3544. This course is specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. Patrons may receive a discount on their auto insurance premium upon completion (contact your auto insurance agent to verify). You will definitely learn something new. Ninety-seven percent of participants reportedly change at least one driving habit as a result of what they learned. The course covers: proper use of anti-lock brakes, air bags, new technology found in today’s cars, techniques for handling left turns and more.

**Memorial Tree Of Life**

Westlake High School 2022 graduate and former Westlake Advisory Youth Board member Paul Palmer III created a Memorial Tree wall outside our Gathering Hall to honor family and friends while also assisting the Community Services Department. All proceeds will be used to defer the cost of educational and social programs at our center. For a $100 minimum donation your loved ones name(s) will be memorialized on a leaf as a beautiful reminder of a life well-lived. Donation information forms are available at our front desk. This was a Boy Scouts of America Troop 77 Eagle Scout Project.
Fire Department News
Chief Jim Hughes Retires After 29 Years
Westlake Fire Chief Jim Hughes celebrated his retirement on June 8 at Fire Station #1 surrounded by colleagues, family and friends. Mayor Clough presented the outgoing chief with a Proclamation noting his 29 years with the City of Westlake. With Hughes' retirement, Assistant Chief Mike Freeman is now the City’s Acting Fire Chief. Hughes assumed the role of Fire Chief in December 2014. The Proclamation also detailed his previous experience as a firefighter and in the Air Force, where he received several decorations and attained the rank of Master Sergeant. Hughes also has worked as a part-time police officer for Olmsted Falls. In addition to a Proclamation from the Mayor, Hughes also was presented a commemorative plaque, a handwritten message for Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and a letter from the Ohio Fire and Emergency Services Foundation recognizing his outstanding career.

Memorial Day Photo Gallery
The City of Westlake was proud to once again honor the brave individuals who gave their lives protecting our country with last week’s Memorial Day Parade and the memorial service that followed. The City would like to thank the Kiwanis Club of Westlake Ohio for sponsoring the event, as well as the many people and organizations who participated and made the event possible. Enjoy the photos below!

Welcome To Westlake: New Businesses
Sahar’s Beauty Bar  LensCrafters
Westlake Mayor Dennis M. Clough attended a ribbon-cutting for Sahar Beauty Bar. In this picture with the Mayor: Sahar Shouman (Owner); Nura Herbawi (Nail tech); May Renggul (microblader); Heba Ahmad Msafer (makeup artist); and Karen Sperli (West Shore Chamber of Commerce/Padgett Business Services).

Police Department News
Ptl. Timothy O’Neil Concludes 30-Year Career
After 30 years serving on the Westlake Police Department, Ptl. Tim O’Neil completed his last shift on May 22 and hung his plaque on the wall at the police station. O’Neil has proudly served the citizens of Westlake since 1992. The City wishes him well in retirement.

Best Wishes To Ptl. Scott Fortkamp In Retirement
Scott was hired in March of 1996. He founded the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for the city of Westlake and served as an SRO at Westlake High School for many years. He was a leader in the region as other cities implemented their SRO programs. He has led and expanded the program so all of our city schools are covered by SROs full time during the school year. He has trained all of our other SROs.

Community Police Academy To Begin In August
The Westlake Police Department’s Community Police Academy is a free, hands-on program for anyone 21+ who wants to learn directly from patrol officers, detectives and civilian staff members about what their jobs entail and how a police department functions. Participants will get experience in crime scene processing, self-defense, firearms instruction, K-9 operations, drone operations and detective bureau investigations. Applications are due by Friday, Aug. 19. Classes will be held Wednesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning on Aug. 31. The graduation ceremony will be held on the final night, Nov. 16, which family and friends will be invited to attend.

Crocker Park Block Party
Westlake Police and Fire Departments took part in the Crocker Park Block Party on June 12 where attendees got to interact with officers and firefighters and watch K-9 Demos.

D.A.R.E. Graduation
Westlake Police and Mayor Clough attended a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony at Dover Intermediate School, where students wrote essays with thoughts on the value of saying no to drugs, alcohol and bullying.
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Engineering Department .......................... Robert Kelly
Finance Department .............................. Prashant Shah
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www.cityofwestlake.org/Mayors-Newsletter

Service Department News

Holiday Collection Schedule
Independence Day, July 4: There will be a one-day delay for all routes for rubbish/recycling/brush collection.

Shred-It Day
July 23, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.
Each household in Westlake may bring material equivalent to the capacity of two standard-size copy paper boxes (10” x 18” x 9”) to be properly shredded and disposed of.

Our Village Project
The City of Bay Village has started a program providing free healthful nourishing meals to clients and their families in active cancer treatment. This program serves Westlake as well as Avon, Avon Lake, Bay Village and Rocky River. If you’d like more information about the program, visit www.ourvillageproject.com.

Computer Round-Up
Aug. 8 – Aug. 12
8 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
Aug. 13, 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sat.)
Drop off your old computer equipment – Computers, Tablets/E-readers, Computer monitors, computer components, printers etc. Cell phones and their accessories are also accepted at the Service Center, 741 Bassett Road. Go to https://www.cityofwestlake.org/Computer-Household-Hazardous-Waste for a complete listing of items accepted during the round-up.

Rotary Arts Festival
The Westlake-Bay Village Rotary is hosting their second annual Art Festival on Saturday July 30, at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. The event kicks off at 10 a.m. with a special ribbon-cutting by Cleveland morning radio host Tim Richards. The event will feature over 50 original artists, live music, food trucks, a beer and wine garden, balloons for kids, and plenty of free parking. The Westlake Kiwanis is also hosting a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Westlake Elementary School. For more information about the festival and business sponsorships, patrons may contact Joe Kraft directly at josephkraft@gmail.com.