A Message from Mayor Clough

As we begin the fall season, I would like to encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote on November 7th. Access to the ballot language and issues can be obtained from our website or that of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Our major summer and early fall events were well received. (July 4th activities, Summer Concerts in the Park, Community Run/Walk, and the Fall Festival). In addition, many participated in our "Westlake in Bloom" event. You can view the winners in this newsletter or on our website. If you have any suggestions for improvement to these events, please email or call my office.

Westlake continues to be financially proud, and we are planning for improvements to our Recreation Fields and the Meadowood Golf Course beginning next year.

Leaf pick-up is underway and will continue until December 2023, weather permitting. View leaf collection guidelines on the back of the newsletter.

Contact City Hall if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Clough
Mayor
Westlake Community Services has been acknowledged for their innovative contributions to the field of aging. The department was honored as the recipient of the Barbara S. Galloway Award during the Northeast Ohio Aging and Disability Summit at Landerhaven. The award pays tribute to an exceptional leader, Barbara S. Galloway, who founded and served as the inaugural Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services.

Santa is making an appearance at the pancake breakfast on December 9, 2023! Children will have the chance to share their wishes with Santa and have pictures taken. Plus, little ones, do not forget to drop off your letters to Santa, and we will send them to the North Pole. Please deposit your letters in the North Pole mailbox at the Recreation Center before December 15th. Santa will send a response before Christmas. Register on the City website.

Your Westlake Community Services Department provides a wide range of services, social structures and connections to better support the members of our community. We invite all Westlake residents to come tour our facility and participate in these monthly events!

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION:** Every other month, come hear about things happening in the city.

**MEDITATION:** Free 30-minute guided meditation every first and fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am.

**Breakfast with Santa -** Sat, December 9th
**Letters to Santa -** Drop off by December 15th
**No School Day Camp (ages 5-10) Available dates are** - Wednesday, November 22nd, Friday, November 24th, Wednesday, December 27th, Thursday, December 28th, Friday, December 29th, Wednesday, January 3rd, Thursday, January 4th, Friday, January 5th.

**Holiday Hours**

- Thanksgiving – Closed
- Christmas Eve – 8 am-3 pm
- Christmas – Closed
- New Year's Eve – 8 am-3 pm
- New Year's Day – Closed
Welcome to the most recent additions to the City of Westlake's Police and Fire Departments. On October 13, and September 25, 2023, 6 new service men were sworn in by Mayor Clough. Joshua, John, Charles, and Daniel joined the WPD and Jack and Joseph joined the WFD. These men bring with them a combined 35 years of policing and fire experience gained from various departments across Northeast Ohio.

All shifts at the Westlake Fire Department are engaged in their annual Auto Extraction Training, hosted at the Westlake Service Department. WFD participated in hands-on demonstrations of new battery-operated tools. These tools hold the potential to revolutionize our current hydraulic equipment, offering more efficient solutions for future rescue operations. This training ensures that our firefighters are well-prepared to handle emergency situations involving vehicle extractions, further enhancing their ability to serve our community.

Congratulations to the exceptional winners of Westlake in Bloom! We applaud your hard work and vision in transforming our city into a picturesque haven. To catch a glimpse of the stunning displays and gardens from this year's event, simply scan the QR code on the back of this newsletter.

Trash/Recycling/Brush - Holiday Collections
- November 23rd (Thanksgiving) – Rumpke closed. 1-day delay for Thursday and Friday routes only.
- November 23rd and November 24th – City of Westlake offices closed. Thursday and Friday brush collection will be delayed until the following week.
- December 25th (Christmas Day) – Rumpke and City of Westlake offices closed. 1-day delay for all routes.
- January 1st (New Year’s Day) – Rumpke and City of Westlake offices closed. 1-day delay for all routes.
Damage to mailboxes can occur from the weight and force of the snow being plowed off the roadway. Check to see if your mailbox is structurally sound. Are all screws, nails, and bolts secure? Is the post in good condition and seated securely? Learn about proper mailbox installation and view mailbox specifications at www.cityofwestlake.org/Snow.

Leaf collection will continue until early to mid December, weather permitting. Generally, there are no more than 2 weeks between collections; however, poor weather conditions or heavy collection volume may cause longer delays.

Collection Guidelines: Only leaves will be collected! Do not mix in branches, grass cuttings, trash, or other debris, which may result in your leaves not being collected. Keep rubbish, recycling and brush separate and away from your leaf piles. Place leaves on the tree lawn at the curb. Do not place leaves in the street!

Scan the QR code to access the newsletter digital content and website!