A Message from Mayor Clough

Dear Westlake Resident:

I’d like to start by wishing a very happy New Year to all our residents, businesses, organizations and visitors. This past year brought many positive developments to our great city – the brand new, state-of-the-art Westlake Aquatic Center & Peterson Pool, improved roadways and intersections, the new Westlake Elementary School, new businesses have opened throughout the City and residents voted to renew the Westlake’s 3/8 of 1 percent income tax, ensuring proper funding for city streets, roads, storm sewers and waterline replacements and maintenance. Additionally, our community can expect to enjoy new baseball fields at Clague Park this coming summer and will begin receiving construction updates on Westlake’s new Community Center scheduled to open in spring 2021.

Looking forward to 2020, I have high expectations for another positive year filled with growth and community for Westlake. In addition to the new ball fields and Community Center construction, residents are able to enjoy, our annual city events such as the Rain & Garden Show, Community Safety & Wellness Fair and more.

Additionally, the City of Westlake, with help from County Planning, is currently developing a Master Plan for possible improvements along the Center Ridge Rd. Corridor. They are asking for your thoughts and ideas as to what vision you might have for the future of this area. Please see the Planning & Economic Development Department News within this newsletter for additional information on a resident survey and upcoming public meeting.

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.

I thank all Westlake voters for your continued support of our initiatives and funding sources to keep Westlake fiscally sound with quality services.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Clough
Mayor

Volunteers Needed
The City of Westlake is seeking volunteers to fill positions on the following commissions: Tree Commission, Civil Service Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission. If interested, please submit cover letter and resume to: City of Westlake Mayor’s Office, 27700 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, Ohio 44145 or jtodd@cityofwestlake.org.

Town Criers name 2020 Mr. & Mrs. Westlake
The Westlake Town Criers recognized the 2020 Mr. & Mrs. Westlake during the City’s annual tree lighting ceremony in December. This year’s Mr. & Mrs. Westlake is Andrew and Christine Mangels. Andrew is the director of Westlake Porter Public Library and Christine is a registered nurse. The Mangels are very involved within Westlake. Andy belongs to the Westlake Town Criers, the Westlake/Bay Village Rotary and the Westlake Kiwanis. He also is a member of the PTA, helped run the Baseball Association and coordinates the volunteers for Celebrate Westlake. Together, Andrew and Christine have raised three children. Christine works full-time for Aetna and part-time for the Ask-A-Nurse Line for University Hospitals. Since 1955, the Town Criers have been honoring a couple that have best served the youth and citizens of Westlake in a positive and outstanding manner.

Christmas Tree Disposal Reminder
After the holiday, place your live Christmas tree on the tree lawn next to your rubbish. The City of Westlake brush truck will pick it up. Please remove all lights, decorations and plastic tree bags. Find other disposal options at https://www.cuyahogarecycles.org/christmas_trees.

NOTE: Artificial trees must be broken down into their parts and placed with your rubbish on your regular collection day.

“Brush” Stickers
The City now offers “Brush” stickers which can be placed on your personal containers for brush collection (tree branches and limbs only). If you need stickers, they are available at Westlake’s City Hall, Service Center and Community Services Center.

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Senior and Community Services Department News

Here are some Fifty Plus opportunities to help you with your mind and body as you start the New Year 2020! All events are located at the Westlake Center for Community Services at 29694 Center Ridge Rd. For more information, or to make a reservation contact us at 440-899-3544. Drop by between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday to ask for a tour. You can also view our full calendar of events located in our monthly newsletter at www.cityofwestlake.org/community-services.

Tai Chi – Simplified
New classes begin January 7th!
Tuesdays at 1 p.m., $5 per class walk-ins welcome
Join instructor Michael Rhoades for fun and easy movement Tai Chi. Slow, gentle movements will help with your practices for good health and wellness. Tai Chi helps improve focus and concentration, relieves stress, increases energy, and encourages flexibility and relaxation. It has been shown to improve symptoms of chronic diseases such as arthritis, fibromyalgia and COPD, as well as improves symptoms of anxiety and depression.

Northeast Ohio Mind Challenge Competition
Westlake Trivia Teams Try-Outs – Mind Challenge, Wednesday, January 22 at 10 a.m.

Do you enjoy Jeopardy, Academic Challenge and Team Trivia competitions? Westlake Community Services is looking for a few teams of six aged 50 or older to represent us at the Northeast Ohio Mind Challenge Competitions where we will be competing against other Northeast Ohio Senior Centers. Join in the fun and help us bring fame (and possibly monetary fortune) to Westlake. Spectators are welcome. RSVP to 440-899-3544 by January 10. If you don’t have a team, you can ask to be placed on one. If you want more information about the Northeast Ohio Challenge check out the website at: https://www.communitypartnershiponaging.org/northeast-ohio-mind-challenge-for-the-new-majority/

Free Health Screenings
Tuesday, February 18, 10 a.m. – Noon
Our annual health screening day is sponsored by University Hospital St. John Medical Center. Basic health checks will be offered including blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, bone density and more. To make a reservation, call 440-899-3544.

Also NEW IN 2020:
Listen to these audio lectures followed by a facilitated discussion
The Great Courses: Understanding the Mysteries of Human Behavior
The Great Courses is a series of college-level audio and video courses. The lectures are approximately 30 minutes long, followed by time for a facilitated discussion. We will provide some of The Great Courses throughout the year. Here are January and February offerings. All courses start at 11 a.m.
January 13 : What Makes People Happy?
January 27: Why are So Many People So Stressed Out?
February 10: Why Do Hurt Feelings Hurt?
February 24: Why Do We Make Mountains out of Molehills?

Save the Date
The second annual Community Wide Volunteer Fair co-sponsored by Westlake Porter Public Library and Westlake Community Services Department will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at Westlake Porter Public Library.

Planning & Economic Development Department News

New Businesses in Westlake
The new Marc’s store located at Canterbury Commons opened its doors for business on Tuesday, December 3.

Crocker Park Openings:
Hot Chicken Takeover
Bibibop Asian Grill
Main Street Toys
Campbell’s Sweet Factory (candy store)
Pandora
Apricot Lane Boutique
Peace, Love and Little Donuts
Fancy Me Boutique
Dry Goods USA

Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough and Hot Chicken Takeover Owner, Joe DeLoss at the Hot Chicken Takeover grand opening in Crocker Park.

Public Meeting – Center Ridge Corridor Strategic Master Plan
Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6 p.m.
Westlake City Hall Council Chambers, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.
What do you think of Center Ridge Road? What would you like to see along the corridor? The City of Westlake with help from County Planning is currently developing the Center Ridge Road Corridor Strategic Master Plan. We are asking for your help in illustrating a vision for the corridor, including any potential ideas, goals, priorities, and actions that should be considered. All residents are encouraged to take a brief survey using the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CenterRidgeVision and are also invited to attend the public meeting at City Hall on January 23rd at 6pm. We hope you will take advantage of both opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas about future improvements and development along this major thoroughfare. Your involvement is vital, so please join us and help shape the future of Center Ridge Road in Westlake. For more information or to follow along with the plan please visit, www.countyplanning.us/CenterRidge.
Recreation Department News
THE RECREATION CENTER
2020 Corporate Challenge – Save the Date!
The 2020 City of Westlake Corporate Challenge is scheduled for July 28-30 and August 4-6. Registration opens on January 2. Visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Corporate-Challenge to learn more and to register your team!

MEADOWOOD GOLF COURSE
Have a special event you are planning? Check out our clubhouse as a possible venue. Visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Golf or call 440-835-6442 for more information.

Fire Department News
Prevent Winter Fires during the Cold Months
Did you know that more home fires occur more in winter than in any other season? If you have specific questions or concerns pertaining to heating sources, please call your Fire Department at 440-871-3441. Find more safety tips at www.cityofwestlake.org/Fire.

Engineering Department News
Call for Volunteers: Watershed Group
Looking to make an impact on a local level? Consider joining the Westlake Watershed Group whose focus is to raise awareness on storm water quality, which flows untreated into Lake Erie. Our first quarterly meeting is Friday, March 13 at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.

We invite those who live or work in Westlake to lend their voices (and hands!) for a direct impact on the City’s environmental education and involvement projects. Meetings are free, open to the public, and include a continental breakfast.

Presently, the Watershed Group is working on storm drain stenciling on local streets. Volunteers will be stenciling the message, “Lake Erie Starts HERE” near storm drains to raise awareness about how water and pollution running into storm drains finds its way, untreated, into nearby creeks and Lake Erie. If you would like to assist in this project, please email us subject line “Westlake Watershed” and the word “stencil” in the body of the email to engdept@cityofwestlake.org.

Please subscribe to receive notices of meetings and projects with an email to engdept@cityofwestlake.org using the subject line: Watershed Group.

Building Department News
Water Heater and Furnace Reminder
Permits and inspections are required for most home improvement projects, including furnace and hot water heater replacements. Contractors working on your home must be registered with the city.

It is recommended that furnaces be cleaned and serviced every two years.

Registered Contractors Database
In 2019, we registered 1,454 contractors. The searchable database, located at www.cityofwestlake.org/Building, is reset every year on December 31. Contractors need to re-register every year so you may not see the majority of them until March.

If your contractor is not on the Registered Contractor list, please call the Building Department at 440-617-4105 to confirm that we have received their registration documents.
DENNIS M. CLOUGH, MAYOR
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Find the current newsletter at:
www.cityofwestlake.org/Mayors-Newsletter

Construction Project Updates
Center Ridge Rd. and Dover Center Rd. is now open, expect intermittent delays while the crews finish up various punch list items.
Please visit www.cityofwestlake.org/Construction-Projects to learn more about current and future projects within Westlake.

2020 Rain & Garden Show
The 2020 Rain & Garden Show date has changed to April 4 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. A special Kid Zone will run from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., and this year’s theme is: “Indigenous Plants.” The Rain & Garden Show is held at Market Square in Crocker Park. Send an email to engdept@cityofwestlake.org with the subject line “Rain and Garden Show” to receive exhibitor, demonstration provider, or volunteer information.