



July- August 2025

Dennis M. Clough - Mayor

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July 4th Festivities!

Celebrate Independence Day the Westlake way! Join us Friday, July 4, at Clague Park and surrounding areas for a day of patriotic festivities that bring our community together. The vehicle parade kicks things off at 10 a.m. down Hilliard Boulevard, followed by a mayoral welcome and the National Anthem at 11:15 a.m. Enjoy a variety of activities throughout the day, including a classic car show, dog show, martial arts demonstration, DJ at the pool, and tasty offerings from local food trucks. As the sun sets, grab your lawn chairs and blankets for a dazzling fireworks show that lights up the night sky. Bring your family, meet your neighbors, and make lasting memories at one of Westlake's beloved traditions!



Westlake Community Run

Lace up your running shoes and join us for the Third Annual City of Westlake Community Run & Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025! This fun-filled morning features a 5K run/walk, 1-mile walk, and an exciting Kids Dash—perfect for all ages and fitness levels. After the race, stick around for a delicious pancake breakfast with your fellow participants and neighbors. All proceeds from the event support the Westlake Recreation Youth Scholarship Fund, helping to ensure every child has access to recreation programs. Do not miss this opportunity to get active, give back, and enjoy a great morning with the Westlake community! Visit hermesccleveland.com to sign up today.

A Message from Mayor Clough

Dear Westlake Residents,



Summer is one of the best times to get out and experience everything Westlake has to offer.

Whether you're casting a line at the Recreation Center fishing pond, taking a stroll through Bradley Nature Park or enjoying lunch at Connections Café, you're sure to make memories that last all season.

I encourage you to review this newsletter for information on summertime events and news happening in our great city.

Join us for our Fourth of July celebration, starting with a parade and car show at 10 a.m., followed by food, music and family activities at Clague Park. The day concludes with fireworks at dusk.

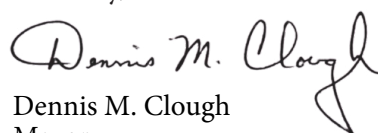
Our summer concert series at the Recreation Center is in full swing through Aug. 3, weather permitting. Check the Recreation Department section of this newsletter or our website for dates and band listings.

The Recreation Center will be closed Aug. 4–10 for cleaning and maintenance. The front desk will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The indoor aquatics area will be closed throughout August for maintenance.

For those seeking to give back, the Westlake Community Services Center offers volunteer opportunities—packing donations, staffing the food pantry and greeting visitors—daily. No prior experience is needed, and all ages are welcome. Volunteers receive a chance to strengthen connections while helping build a stronger Westlake this summer.

As always, if you have questions or need more information, email us or call (440) 617-4190. Enjoy the summer!

Sincerely,


Dennis M. Clough
Mayor



Recreation News



Annual Cleaning and Maintenance Shutdown

The Westlake Recreation Center will be closed for its annual maintenance and deep cleaning from Monday, Aug. 4, through Sunday, Aug. 10. During this time, front desk staff will be available for business transactions only from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 4–8. While our indoor pools remain closed for renovations through August, members can access the Rocky River indoor pool, except during its closure from July 21–Aug. 3. During that brief window, Westlake Recreation Center members may use the Westlake Aquatic Center (no guests permitted). From Aug. 4–10, members can enjoy gym and fitness center access at both the Rocky River Civic Center and Fairview Park Gemini Center—membership key fob required for entry, and guest access is not permitted. Group exercise classes and Kids Club are also available at host facility rates and policies, with reservations required for Kids Club. Visit cityofwestlake.org/recreation for complete details and renovation updates.



Community Services News

Complimentary Bag

Door Prizes

SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday, July 24, 2025
10am–1pm
CALL TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT:
440-899-3544

FREE ENTRY

Come learn about the many organizations and businesses that can help assist you. Vendors include:

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- Seniors Helping Seniors
- End of Life Enlightened
- Seniors Safer at Home
- FitSpirit Fitness
- Westlake Porter Public Library
- Cleveland Hiking Club
- Village Food Project
- Cleveland Sight Center
- Hanson Services
- Karen Ramba–Ed Huck Team
- Northeast Surgical Wound Care
- Hearing Science

2025 Summer Concert Series

July 13 – The ElementJazz, Classic Rock, Motown, Pop and More – Presented by Dale Smith, Westlake Recreation Commission @ Recreation Center Pavilion

July 20 – Johnny Elvis and the Crown Electrics; Elvis Tribute Band – Presented by Councilman Duane VanDyke @ Clague Park Gazebo

July 27 – Key West Express Jimmy Buffett Tribute and '80s Hits – Presented by Lynda Appel, Westlake Recreation Commission @ Clague Park Gazebo

August 3 – BackTraxx; Rock, Disco and Motown – Presented by Mayor Dennis Clough @ Clague Park Gazebo



Volunteers Transform Our Community

Looking for a way to enhance your life, build meaningful connections, and improve the everyday lives of others? Look no further than the Westlake Community Services Center, where motivated, friendly volunteers transform our center into what it truly is: a community-driven place. Opportunities abound, from assisting guests in the café with serving and cleanup; sorting and packing donations in the food pantry; setting tables in the kitchen; greeting visitors as an ambassador; assembling newsletters in the service club; or offering one-on-one tech support with cell phones, tablets, and laptops. Volunteers gain valuable experience, expand their networks, and take pride in making a tangible difference in the lives of their neighbors. Apply online at cityofwestlake.org/volunteer or pick up an application at City Hall. For more information, contact Susan Laschinger at 440-899-3533 or slaschinger@cityofwestlake.org.



City News



Join The Westlake Fire Department

Do not miss your chance to join a team dedicated to excellence and community safety. The City of Westlake's entry-level firefighter/paramedic exam window is open July 5–Aug. 5, 2025, through the National Testing Network. Starting salary for the position is \$81,240.82, increasing to \$87,028.41 after 12 months and \$96,499.03 after 24 months, with comprehensive benefits and a clear career path. Serve a growing community of 34,000 residents by responding to structure fires, hazardous incidents and medical emergencies. Gain specialized skills through technical rescue, hazmat, SWAT medic and fire investigation teams, with training opportunities at the National Fire Academy and FDIC conferences. U.S. citizens ages 19–44 can apply at nationaltestingnetwork.com and must upload required documents by Aug. 5. For more information, contact Nicolette Sackman, MMC, at 440-617-4310 or nsackman@cityofwestlake.org.



Updates on Parkside Athletic Fields

The City of Westlake Recreation Department is excited to announce that construction is underway on the Parkside Athletic Field Complex, with completion anticipated in September 2025. This much-anticipated project will feature two premier artificial turf fields designed for full-size football and soccer games, with flexible lining options to support a variety of age groups and competition levels. The complex will also include a new playground, picnic shelter, and a combined concession and restroom facility. These upgrades reflect key priorities identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and are made possible thanks to resident support of the recreation levy. Once complete, the complex will provide more opportunities for youth sports, community gatherings, and healthy outdoor recreation for all ages, while enhancing neighborhood connections and supporting active lifestyles across Westlake.



Service Department News



Holiday Collection Schedule

Rubbish, recycling, and brush collections will be delayed one day for both upcoming holidays. In observance of Independence Day on July 4, Friday routes will be collected on Saturday, July 5. For Labor Day on Sept. 1, all routes will run one day late. Thank you for your patience as our crews enjoy the holiday.



Computer Round-up

The City of Westlake will host its annual computer round-up August 4-8 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday, August 9, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Bring your old computers, tablets and e-readers, monitors, components, printers, and cell phones (with accessories) to the Service Center at 741 Bassett Road. For a full list of accepted items, visit cityofwestlake.org/o/cw/page/computer-household-hazardous-waste.

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