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City Facilities Open

Almost all Painesville City facilities are open to the public again as of June 1. The City and the Lake County General Health District have been in close communication regarding all Covid-19 precautions and guidelines. While some departments are business as usual, other buildings have modified access.

Painesville City Hall and Office Buildings

As visitors enter City Hall, they will be greeted with new signage and check in procedures that must be followed in order to keep employees and visitors as safe as possible.

- Floor stickers show social distancing guidelines.
- All visitors must fill out a health assessment form and have their temperature taken before fully entering the facility.
- It is recommended that all visitors wear face coverings.

Painesville utilities customers are still encouraged to use alternative methods of payment for their monthly bills including by phone, credit card, automatic bank withdrawals, mail or use of the two Utility Drop Boxes, located at City Hall and behind the Fire Station. For more information on payment methods, visit www.painesville.com/utilities.

The Community Development office and Engineering office, both located at 66 Mentor Ave, has a new doorbell and drop off system in place so visitors never have to enter the building. Phone numbers are posted on the door in case of questions.

City Parks and Cemeteries

All City parks, cemeteries and playgrounds are open to the public. A few restrictions remain:

- No sports leagues are permitted to play at ball fields
- Basketball hoops are removed as it is considered a contact sport

City Garages, Plants and Work Areas

While we love residents who stop in for quick tours or questions, we ask the public to please wait until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted before visiting. No water plant, electric plant, waste water plant, or garage tours will take place until further notice.

Fire and Police Departments

The Painesville City Fire Department will remain closed to the public. This is to protect our front line employees from being exposed at the station. The Painesville Police Department has installed a new Ring doorbell system outside their station so they can communicate with potential visitors without exposure. Light foot traffic is allowed.

Thank you for helping keep our employees safe and healthy, so we can continue to serve you!

2020 Summer & Early Fall Events

Please note that all events are tentative and can change at any time based on Lake County General Health District guidance or the Ohio Governor's orders. Covid-19 precautions will be taken for each event, however, it is up to each individual to gauge if they feel comfortable enough attending outdoor events.



Concerts in the Park

Wednesday, July 8 – August 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Painesville Square

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the sounds of summer every Wednesday evening in beautiful Painesville Square! Each week features free live music from a different local band. Covid-19 guidelines apply.

July 22 – Billy Morris & Sunset Strip (80s Rock)

July 29 – InCahootz (Classic Rock)

Aug 5 – Meanie May & Reckless (Country)

Aug 12 – Mariachi Santa Cecilia (Mariachi)

Aug 19 – Diana Chittester (Country & Folk)

Aug 26 – The PopTarts (60s Girl Pop)

Every
Wednesday



Painesville Farmers Market

Thursdays, June 18 – Sept. 24, 12 noon – 4:00 p.m.

Painesville Square

Enjoy fantastic local produce, sauces, flowers, honey, soaps and more. Each week features a different food truck. Stop by for lunch! Covid-19 guidelines apply.

Every
Thursday



Painesville Car Cruise

Fridays, June 19 – September 25, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Painesville Square

Stroll through vintage, muscle and unique vehicles lining beautiful Veterans Park. Every Friday is weather permitting and Covid-19 guidelines apply. This event is hosted by the Downtown Painesville Organization.

Every
Friday



Lake Erie College Back in Session

Monday, August 17

Lake Erie College will be moving the start of the fall semester up by one week to August 17. The semester will end before the Thanksgiving holiday on November 24.



Kids Go Back to School

Painesville City Local Schools - August 24

Riverside Local Schools - September TBD

Opening dates are subject to change. Check school websites for most accurate information. Distant learning options vary for each district.



Story Time with the Fire Department

Wednesday, September 2, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Change to Painesville Square

Our favorite story time series returns... with some Covid-19 adjustments. Unfortunately, the fire station remains closed to the public, but little ones can join PCFD firefighters at the gazebo in Painesville Square for story time fun. Each child goes home with a goodie bag and fire hat. Look for more information in the coming weeks on the city website or Facebook page.



Labor Day

Monday, September 7

All city offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.



9/11 Flags & Ceremony

Friday, September 11, Starts 8:15 a.m.

Painesville Square

Join veterans and safety services to remember the events of September 11, 2001. All are invited to help display flags in Veterans Park starting at 7:00 a.m. followed by speakers and a moment of silence at 9:03 a.m.



End of Summer Block Party

Friday, September 18, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Location TBD

Celebrate the end of summer with music, food, beverage and friends! Hosted by the Painesville Community Improvement Corporation.



Movie in the Park

Saturday, September 19, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Painesville Square

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy our annual movie under the stars! Watch the city's Facebook page and website for announcement of movie title. The event is free, with concession stand available filled with your favorite movie snacks.



Painesville Fall Fest

Saturday, October 3, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Park

Head down to Recreation Park for an afternoon full of fall family fun! Activities include hay rides, trunk or treat, pumpkin decoration, Halloween-themed games and prizes. Costumes are encouraged. This event is free and open to the public. Covid-19 restrictions may affect some activities.

Special Collections

All Lake County residents have the opportunity to utilize Lake County's Special Collections dates at the Fairgrounds, 1301 Mentor Avenue. Simply follow directions when you enter the Fairgrounds and trained technicians will unload your vehicle for you. Some items have applicable fees. For an accepted items list, go to lakecountyohio.gov/utilities.

- **Television, Computer & Household Electronics**
Saturday, August 15, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Free for flat/LCD/plasma screens
\$5/\$10 for other screens
- **Household Hazardous Waste**
Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Free

New Laketrans Route for Painesville Residents

Laketrans will be launching two new routes this fall aimed to improve transit service to Mentor's Tyler Blvd manufacturing hub.

The new Route 8 will connect Tyler Blvd to major destinations including Lakeland Community College, Great Lakes Mall, Mentor Park-n-Ride, Mentor-on-the-Lake and Mentor Headlands. Operations are hourly on weekdays and every two-hours on Saturdays, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Route 9 will provide peak service connecting downtown Painesville and Tyler Blvd with service to Diamond Centre. Service will operate weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Free transfers will be allowed with existing Routes 1, 4 and 5 at the Painesville Transfer Center.

Laketrans plans to launch the news service by late September 2020.

Summer Safety Tips from PCFD

As you plan more "at home" projects and "stay-cations" this year, the Painesville City Fire Department would like to remind everyone about some safety tips for summer projects:



1

DO NOT run gasoline engines in your house, basement or garage!

The city has had several instances recently of residents running gasoline engines inside. Remember the exhaust contains carbon monoxide, and dangerous levels can quickly develop. Do not run pressure washers or generators inside, and do not leave cars or mowers running in garages when working on them. Always move running engines outside and make sure exhaust is not blowing into the house.

2

DO NOT store gasoline in your house!

Gasoline vapors can travel and ignite from furnace and water heater pilot lights. Always store gasoline away from your house and only in approved containers.

3

Make sure your propane or charcoal grill is away from your house during and after use! A hot grill can melt siding

quickly and cause a fire. Keep children and pets at least three feet away at all times. Remember to keep your grill clean, as grease build up can ignite and cause a fire. If your grill does catch on fire, turn off the tank (if propane) and leave the lid on until the fire goes out. Opening the lid can cause air to feed the fire and make it grow larger. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

4

If painting or doing a re-finishing project, use

adequate ventilation and do not work on these projects near the furnace or hot water tank. Pilot lights can cause vapors from paint, varnish and stain to ignite! DO these projects outside if possible. If not, add extra ventilation and air flow to the room.

PCFD would like to wish everyone a safe, enjoyable and productive summer!

Sidewalk Program

As a result of the aging infrastructure and Painesville City Council's goal to "improve Painesville's environment and image," in 2018 City Council passed the Painesville City Sidewalk Program, a two phase improvement plan. The program was designed to benefit residents by improving the aesthetics of owner-occupied single-family homes, thus increasing property values and improving neighborhoods.

During Phase 1 (2018-2020), city staff replaced damaged sidewalk slabs that fell under city responsibility and removed any trees that were deemed hazardous to sidewalks or infrastructure. Phase 2 (2020-2021), has property owners replacing sidewalk slabs that fall under their responsibility and any trees that may be deemed hazardous to



those sidewalks. Property owners will receive a letter in the mail if their sidewalks will need to be replaced.

Replacement Criteria

- Sidewalk slabs that are raised or settled creating a trip hazard
- Sidewalks with a large number of cracks
- Sidewalk slabs that have a large amount of surface spalling/chipping causing an uneven surface
- Sidewalks that are any material but concrete

After the Sidewalk Program passed, the city applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Lake County Commissioners Office and was awarded \$50,000 to fund the Disadvantaged Sidewalk Assistance Program for Painesville residents.

This program is designed to benefit low to moderate income residential homeowners, particularly those who have been cited for sidewalk violations and cannot afford to fix them. The property must be owner-occupied and the owner must meet income eligibility requirements to apply. Find more information at www.painesville.com/sidewalks

New City Fire Truck

The Painesville City Fire Department (PCFD) is proud to announce the arrival of the City's new aerial ladder truck. The Sutphen SPH100, features a 100 foot ladder with a large bucket capable of carrying 1,000 lbs.



The new purchase comes after the late 2019 discovery that PCFD's 1990 Sutphen 90 foot aerial ladder truck had developed serious frame corrosion issues. Coupled with other costly repairs, the City took the truck out of service permanently for safety reasons. Through collaboration with Painesville City Council, the City's finance department and the 5-year Fire Equipment Levy, PCFD was able to set up a finance plan to purchase the new truck.

The Sutphen SPH100 features many new and exciting features including a state of the art hydraulic/electric generator, multiple LED scene lights, an enclosed cab with room for six firefighters, a 360 degree camera system that is viewable from the cab, and multiple compartments to safely store all equipment. The truck can pump over 1,500 gallons of water per minute to nozzles on either side of the ladder bucket. The new truck will offer PCFD much greater capability at commercial and industrial fires, as well as operations at the many multi-story buildings and home residences in Painesville.

PCFD personnel are currently training with the new truck, which is scheduled to be put in service in July/August 2020. "Just like when you buy a new vehicle and have to get used to it, so do firefighters with a new truck," said Chief Tom Hummel. "It's a very large vehicle, so we train extensively on it before we bring it to an actual emergency situation. We want to make sure all our firefighters are comfortable and familiar with the apparatus before they have to use it to save lives."

PCFD is excited to show off their new aerial truck to Painesville residents and thank them for their continued support of the Fire Equipment Levy. Once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, PCFD plans on hosting a public open house at the fire station to showcase the new apparatus. Look out for more information in the coming months on PCFD's Facebook page and www.painesville.com.

In Case You Missed It



Summer Lunch Box Program Changes

Based on the fact that the vast majority of meals were being picked up by car during Covid-19, the Lunch Box mobile food service program began distributing all meals from Harvey High School every Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.

Meals for multiple days are provided with each pick-up.



Harvey Class of 2020 Car Parade

Thank you to the parents and volunteers who helped run this special parade for Harvey's graduating Class of 2020!



New Utility Bill Drop Off Box

A second Utility Bill Drop Box has been added behind City Hall for those looking for no contact bill payment. Our drop boxes are monitored by surveillance cameras and checked daily. The original Erie St Drop Box behind the Fire Department is also still available.



Local Businesses Update During Covid-19

During the Stay at Home orders of the Covid-19 pandemic, many local businesses took advantage of the time off for new updates and renovations.

- Bella Donna Salon upgraded their interior
- Sidewalk Café installed new flooring
- F.A.T.S made multiple improvements
- Local Tavern's Fish Bar renovated their patio



Grass Clippings, Not in the Street

Grass cutting season is upon us. Grass clippings left in the roadway will wash to the nearest storm drain and can clog the storm sewers, leading to flooding issues. It's also dangerous to motorcyclists and bike riders. Please blow your grass clippings back onto the lawn or sweep them up. If you hire a professional landscaper, give them a friendly reminder not to leave grass clippings in the street.

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No Memorial Day Parade, But Vets Still Honored

Although the annual Memorial Day Parade was cancelled this year, local scouts helped American Legion Post 336 place flags on the graves of local veterans. Thank you!



Painesville Recreation's Camp in a Box is Huge Hit

With Covid-19 restrictions hampering summer camp fun, the Painesville Recreation department launched 'Camp in a Box.' Boxes are dropped off every Monday and feature a sport or solo activity, a craft project from Ariel Inspired, a yoga/stretch video from Branches of Wellness, virtual challenges, weekly Zoom check ins and more. Camp in a Box sold out every week this summer!



Hanging Baskets & Flower Pots Flourish Around Town

In early June, city crews were busy hanging flower baskets around town, which are annually donated by the Downtown Painesville Organization (DPO). Flower pots were also set out around the downtown businesses, which are annually donated by the Painesville Community Improvement Corporation (PCIC).



LEC Professor Wins Educator of the Year

Congratulations to Lake Erie College's Associate Professor of Literacy, Beth Walsh-Moorman, for her recognition by the Ohio House of Representatives as 2020 Educator of the Year. She was honored with the award by the Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts.



Playgrounds Are Back

Under the Ohio Governor's Reopen Ohio guidelines, all city playgrounds were able to re-open on June 10.



Efficiency Smart's Home Energy Challenge

Unfortunately, spending more time at home means using more electricity. Painesville Electric's partners at Efficiency Smart have launched the Home Energy Challenge to help you get started on becoming energy efficient. Complete the three step challenge by September 30 and you'll be sent 4 LED light bulbs and an LED night light. Visit www.energysmart.org/painesville-ohio to get started.



Riverside Gets Creative with Drive Up Graduation

Over the weekend of June 14, Riverside High School Class of 2020 graduates had a 'drive up' ceremony at the high school. Family members and guests were allowed to watch their graduating senior from the safety of their own vehicle(s). Speeches were filmed ahead of time and the district will be compiling a graduation video featuring all those who walked. Congrats to the Class of 2020!



Subway on the Square Gets a Remodel

The Subway restaurant chain on Painesville Square has recently remodeled their interior featuring new décor, flooring and signage.



Back to School Bash at Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Painesville will be hosting a modified Back to School Supply Bash on Saturday, August 8 at 69 Pearl Street. This event provides free school supplies for Lake County families in need. This year's event is by appointment only, so be sure to schedule yours by calling 440-354-3774.



Morley Library Reopens

Throughout May and June, Morley Library slowly began reopening services to the public. Currently, floors 1, 2 and 3 are open, however, computers are available by appointment only and library programs are still virtual only. Patrons must wear a cloth or disposable mask while in the building. It is still TBA on when meeting rooms, study rooms and the genealogy department will reopen.



Marine Manufacturing Opens at 605 S State Street

Marine Manufacturing Group LLC is moving to Painesville at the old COE manufacturing site, 605 S State Street. The world renowned boat manufacture recently merged Seattle Yachts and Tartan Legacy Yachts, an operation that produces Tartan Sailing Yachts, Legacy Downeast Yachts, and AMP brand carbon fiber masts and spars.



Little Fingers Little Toes

A new childcare center will be opening at 676 Mentor Ave, by Perkins restaurant. The owner, Theia Crawford, plans to host a grand opening in the coming weeks.

Updated 2020 Road Plan



The City of Painesville has restructured their 2020 Road Plan as a result of the State's hold on funds during the Covid-19 pandemic. With critical funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) slowly being released in 2020 and the future of 2021 funding still on hold, the paving of Button Avenue and Skinner Avenue has been postponed.

Using the resources currently available, the City will complete Casement Avenue, Watson Street and continue the replacement of damaged sidewalks in Ward I. The Engineering Department will also oversee the rehabilitation of sanitary and storm sewers throughout the City in need of repair.

Original 2020 Road Plan

- Casement Avenue (with the county)
- Button Avenue
- Skinner Avenue (\$1.5 million project)
- Watson Street
- Sidewalks in Ward I

Modified 2020 Road Plan

- Casement Avenue (with the county)
- Watson Street
- Sidewalks in Ward I

Where We Are At

- Casement Avenue will continue to move forward as it is a partnership project with Lake County and a relatively small cost to the City. Watson Street will move forward as it is also low cost and in desperate need of repair.
- Button Avenue and Skinner Avenue are much higher cost projects and need significant sanitary and storm sewer work. Ignoring these roads is not an option. Staff is currently trying to coordinate between when funding will be available and Northeast Ohio weather. Tentatively these streets could begin in Spring 2021, while sanitary and storm sewer work is completed in 2020. While not an ideal situation, it would see both streets finished by Fall 2021.
- The 2021 Road Plan was originally scheduled to include E Washington Street, Newell Street, part of N State Street (Chester Street to Skinner Avenue) and part of S St. Clair Street (High Street to Washington Street). Because of the

delayed funding in 2020 and the unknown future of state funding or potential budget cuts due to Covid-19 impacts, Painesville's 2021 road plan is very much up in the air. Staff continues to monitor the situation and collaborate with local and state leaders.

Where We Get Our Funding

Painesville residents approved a five-year road levy in both 2013 and 2017 to help repair city roads. While the road levy is a critical source of funding and provides much of the local match in order to complete these large multi-million dollar road projects, City Council has also committed funding to the roads from the City's general fund. Using the road levy and general fund monies as a local match, staff has been very successful in applying for and receiving State and Federal grants, as well as funding from the Lake County Commissioners. Roughly 50% of Painesville's road budget comes from these outside opportunities. When water lines need replaced or storm sewers improved on streets scheduled in the plan, the City also uses resources from the water capital fund, the sewer capital fund and level 2 storm water fees. Without all the funding sources coming together, these large-scale road improvement projects are not possible on the aggressive timeline Painesville has established.

"Everyone is waiting to see what the financial ramifications will be from Covid-19," said Doug Lewis, Assistant City Manager. "Not only is the funding sources from the State and Federal government going to be limited, the local income tax we receive will most likely be reduced. There is no precedent for this. As a result, our plans are on hold until we determine when and if these funding sources will be available."

While all cities and townships will be limited in infrastructure programs, Painesville is still looking into ways to fund the planned road projects. "We might need to get creative, and even then, it might have to be a phased approach instead of the whole road," said Lewis in regards to the on-hold Skinner Avenue project. "We know this is a top priority for residents and we are trying to work with everything we currently have available."

For more information on the City of Painesville's Road Plan, visit www.painesville.com/roads. To reach a Painesville City Council member, visit www.painesville.com/council for contact information.

Painesville by the Numbers

April – June 2020 (2nd Quarter)

236,060,000
gallons, or 236.06 MG, was pumped
by Painesville Water to its customers

292,900,000
of liquids was processed by
Painesville Waste Water

565 calls for EMS

17 fires

78 zoning permits issued

59 rental properties registered

8 garage sale permits

5,393 police calls for assistance

FYIs



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Power Outages Who do I call?

For power outages, down wires, broken poles or repairs, call Painesville Electric at 440-392-6185 during office hours (Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.) or call the 24/7 power outage hotline at **440-392-5954**



Visible House Numbers

Time is of the essence for first responders. But a lack of visible address numbers on homes can add precious seconds to their response time. Please help out the PCFD and PPD and have visible address numbers on your home!



Avoid a Fine, Cut Your Grass

Ever received a grass violation letter? It's not fun. To avoid the headache and fees, remember the following:

1. When weeds or grass reach six inches or higher on residential property or 12 inches or higher on all other lands or lots, you will get a warning letter.
2. You will be given seven days to mow. After seven days, the City will hire a private contractor to mow and remove excess vegetation at the property owner's expense.
3. If the property owner fails to pay that expense within 30 days, it goes to the Lake County Auditor to be collected. Continued violations can result in misdemeanor charges.

So, save yourself a lot of frustration and time! If you are going on vacation, make sure to ask a neighbor to mow or hire a professional service. For any additional information, please call our Community Development office at 440-392-5931.

Painesville City Council



Back (L-R): Nick Augustine (Ward III), Christine Shoop (VP & Ward I), Katie Jenkins (Ward II), Jim Fodor (At-Large)
Front (L-R): Lori DiNallo (At-Large), Paul Hach (President & Ward IV), Tom Fitzgerald (At-Large)

Painesville City Council meets the first and third Mondays of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Painesville Municipal Courtroom #1. Summer schedule in July and August are third Mondays only. In the event of holiday, meeting moves to next day. All meeting agendas and videos are posted online at painesville.com

All city council and committee meetings listed are open to the public.

CITY COUNCIL

Courtroom #1,
7 Richmond Street,
7:30 p.m.

July 20
August 17
September 8 & 21
October 5 & 19

PLANNING COMMISSION

Courtroom #1,
7 Richmond Street,
7:30 p.m.

August 13
September 10
October 8

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Courtroom #1,
7 Richmond Street,
7:30 p.m.

August 20
September 17
October 15

CONCORD-PAINESVILLE JEDD

Concord Town Hall, 7229
Ravenna Road,
8:00 a.m.

October 9

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