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Willoughby**

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## INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

**Celebrate Birds and the importance of birding habitat**

**Lake Erie Bluffs – Lane Road**

**Saturday, May 13, 1-4pm**

Birding is one of the most popular of all American pastimes and can be enjoyed by individuals or the whole family. It's fun, easy, and can be pursued by people of all ages and abilities. New and beginning birders as well as seasoned birders are welcome to celebrate birds and the importance of birding habitat during International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD).

May is a wonderful month for birding as many species of birds are returning from their southerly wintering grounds in the southern United States, Central America, and beyond. The males are dressed in their best breeding colors, while they sing their way north trying to charm a female. Certain areas, such as Lake Erie Bluffs, are called stopover sites. These sites provide important habitat for birds to find food before continuing on across Lake Erie. While many species will move

north, some species (Ruby-throated hummingbirds, Baltimore orioles, yellow warblers) will remain with us all summer to breed at the park.

This fascinating spectacle of bird migration will be in full view during International Migratory Bird Day. Join a naturalist on guided bird walk, see live migratory birds from the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center, talk to Blackbrook Audubon Society, visit informational booths, learn how to properly use binoculars and field guides. Try your hand at some of the birding activities including a bird-related craft. To learn more about IMBD and how you can help protect birding habitats, visit [www.birdday.org](http://www.birdday.org).

Lake Metroparks' IMBD celebration takes flight 1 to 4 pm May 13 at the Lake Erie Bluffs picnic shelter off Lane Road. This event is free and goes on rain or shine. Lake Erie Bluffs is located at 3301 Lane Road in Perry Township (44081).

For more information about birding at Lake Metroparks, visit [www.bit.ly/LMbirding](http://www.bit.ly/LMbirding).



# Get to the Parks for “Walkin Willoughby” and “Free” Work Outs!

Walking and wheelchair rolling are great ways for people to increase their physical activity. And the Willoughby Parks and Recreation boasts over 163 acres of developed park land, including a new one mile paved loop around Osborne Park for our Citizens to get outside and enjoy a walk or a wheel chair roll.

**Walking is a powerful public health strategy for the following reasons:**

- Walking is an easy way to start and maintain a physically active lifestyle.
- Walking does not require special skills, facilities, or expensive equipment.
- Walking is a year-round activity that can be done indoors or outdoors.
- Walking can be done by people of all ages and abilities.
- Many people with disabilities are able to move with assistive devices like wheelchairs.
- Walking is the most common form of physical activity for people across the country.
- **Walking can serve many purposes:**
  - Catching up with friends
  - Getting the kids out of the house.
  - Getting to school, work, or a nearby store
  - Just plain exercising
  - Or how about a new twist on that weekly meeting

Although any amount of physical activity is beneficial. Ideally, adults should do at least 2½ hours of moderate-intensity physical activity (like walking), 1 hour and 15 minutes of vigorous-intensity activity, or a combination each week. Children and adolescents should do at least 1 hour of physical activity every day, and it should include mostly aerobic activity and some muscle- and bone-strengthening activities. Ready to get started... go to [www.willoughbyohio.com](http://www.willoughbyohio.com) click on parks and recreation and then click on the “Walkin’ Willoughby” program, in the gray rectangle on the right hand side of the page. We have designed many walking routes for you to enjoy. You can download or print maps for your own walking adventure by going to: visit [MapMyWalk.com](http://MapMyWalk.com)

If you are looking for a little more, The Bar Athletics, a fitness facility located in Downtown Willoughby will be hosting their first of many FREE community workouts this summer. These workouts are 45 minute sessions designed for ALL levels of fitness from beginner to advanced. Classes are designed for bodyweight movements and minimal equipment. The first session will be taking place on Saturday June 10th at 9am in West Point Park. Bring a friend and come have some fitness fun! After your workout walk over to the Outdoor Market located in the City Hall Parking Lot on Saturdays 8 am to Noon, now until Oct. 28th.



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# HorseFest

Lake Metroparks Farmpark • May 20 & 21 • 9 am to 5 pm

Enjoy the majestic beauty, splendor and grace of the horse in a myriad of sizes and color during HorseFest at Lake Metroparks Farmpark. Explore the unique relationship equines have shared with humans to farm, build cities and influence cultures. Presented by Ganley Subaru East and Discount Drug Mart, HorseFest offers visitors a variety hands-on activities for all ages, presentations, demonstrations, and competitions.

This year's featured performer is Ashley Pletcher of Keystone Equine Entertainment & Training LLC in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Ashley and her horses Magua, Dakota and Axle enjoy entertaining across the United States with their Roman riding, trick riding and trick horse acts. Ashley bridges the gap that can exist between horse disciplines. Ashley isn't just a trick rider or a dressage rider. She is a horseman. Ashley loves working with horses and people and is passionate about her performances.

HorseFest offers an array of exciting, informative and entertaining equine demonstrations are offered throughout the weekend. Meet and learn about a variety of horse breeds from the owners and find out their unique qualities. Some of the breeds presented at HorseFest include the Belgian, Clydesdale, Friesian, Haflinger, Norwegian Fjord, Paint, Standardbred, Thoroughbred, and Welsh Cob.

Hands-on equine activities throughout the weekend for the young equestrian include:

Groom and drive a miniature horse

Crafts and face painting

Pony rides (\$4 each), weather permitting

For information about HorseFest and Lake Metroparks Farmpark, visit <http://bit.ly/LMhorseFest>.

HorseFest is included with regular Farmpark admission. Farmpark members and children younger than two are free. 4-H groups receive discounted admission. Visit Farmpark's Gift Shop for a great selection of unique gift ideas. Enjoy lunch or snack at the J & J Cafe.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Road in Kirtland, Ohio (44094). For more information visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) or call 440-256-2122.



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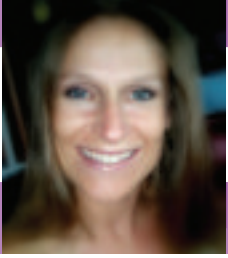
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# Family Matters with Amber

## A Mother Defined

As we enter another May, I just can't help but write about mothers and Mother's Day. (Okay, dads, hang on for a minute... at least a minute... this will be good.) I mean, why not write about moms? I am one, and I'll celebrate this Mother's Day on May 14th with many years behind me of obstacles and successes. I have to ask how I got here, how I did it, but most of all every year I will re-check who I am focusing on on Mother's Day. I know, it's three amazing angels that made me who I am today.

It will be a little nostalgic this year. Mother's Day is my son's originally planned due date. About thirteen years ago I was informed baby #3 (no gender indicated since we forwent finding out gender for any of them) was to be born on Friday morning, May 14th! This wasn't just a due date, this was an O.R. date! It was a planned C-Section. (Turns out it falls on Mother's Day this year.)

I thought it really cool that all of my kids' birthdates would wind up being on the same last digit day of the month as each of their birth years. How often does that happen? But, when my 1-week count-down doctor's visit turned into my Pre-Op, I froze! May 14th would not be the big day, seems they were overbooked that day and now (like an overbooked restaurant reservation) they moved us. My little infant would arrive on May 7th! No big deal...it's just a week earlier, right? Right! Oh...no way! Unless you are me, pregnant with my oldest daughter twenty years ago, big as a house during the hottest summer, feeling like a brick oven in the middle of August, more than ready to have a baby... to me a week early was completely horrifying!

Well, it's par for the course, because if you know my lovely son, leave it to him to break the cycle; he was a boy for one, and then didn't keep with the date thing. Well, he is his own person. And I do love that.

I suppose if I were a male writer (or a dad), I might not care much about Mother's Day. I might not ever care to



write about moms at all. I might think that I don't need to "because I'm a dad" and "I do all that I do, and no one can beat me at my job". That may be true...very true. But what if you were a single dad? What if you didn't know what to do when it was puberty time, dating time? What about the times she wants to learn about make-up, hair and fashion styles?

Chew on this: You know I didn't have a mom, right? I only had my dad. That's right. From about the age of seven and a half my father was my only parent. My mom (or 'your mother' as he had dubbed her) wasn't even in the picture anymore. Off to live her life, I guess...though he wouldn't quite say that out loud (how sweet of him).

I've met her since. If I were him, today, I would certainly write about Mother's Day. First, I'd write about how much an absent mother misses. Then, I would tout myself for all I've rocked as a single dad. You know, not all dads can do a mother's job and not all moms can pull off a dad's job. Not all dads can kick it with a teenage girl (and not all moms can do it with a

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**Lego Create** Age 4 - Second Grade  
11:00 AM - Saturday May 13. No advanced registration required. Each month will feature a different theme for inspiration as children build with library provided LEGOS. This program will promote imagination, creativity, and play.

**Lego Robotics** 2 PM - Saturday, May 13. Third through sixth grade No advanced registration required The library will provide the LEGOS, featuring working motors and sensors, to build models that are powered by a computer. The program will promote learning about simple machines, robotics, and programming.

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(440) 257-2000

[www.mentor.lib.oh.us](http://www.mentor.lib.oh.us)

**Snappy Little Story Time** Monday, May 1, at 10 a.m. at Main Branch Mentor Public Library's newest story time is a combination of Tiddlywinks and Family Story Time. There will be songs, rhymes, books, and flannel stories all geared to the little listener. Please note there will be no craft. Open to ages birth to age 5. No registration is necessary.

**Make a Craft** Monday, May 1 Main Branch in the Children's Department Kid can stop by the Children's Department any time throughout the day (while supplies last) and get creative with one of the library's monthly crafts. No registration is necessary.

**Family Story Time** Monday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, May 5, at 11 a.m., at Main Branch Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at Mentor Headlands Branch Take a little time for some great stories and family time. Families with children of all ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes and



crafts together. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Tiddlywinks** Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m., from May 2 through 4 Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Come and enjoy an interactive story time filled with stories, songs and rhymes just right for little listeners. For children 36 months and younger with an adult. No registration is necessary.

**Preschool Story Time** Tuesday and Wednesday at 11 a.m., on May 2 and 3 Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Children attend without an adult and enjoy a fun-filled session of stories, songs and rhymes. A responsible adult must remain on the children's floor during the story time session. For children ages three to five years old.

**Comics Club** Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Children, eight to 12 years old, are invited to join the Comics Club to read, discuss, and make their own comics. Club members will meet the first Tuesday of every month. Registration is required.

**American Girl Book Club** Wednesday, May 3, at 4 p.m. Meet Marie Grace and Cecile. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Girls between the ages of six and 12 years old meet once a month for a craft and a snack for each of the historical American Girl dolls. Each month will focus on a different doll. Be sure to read "Meet Marie-Grace" and "Meet Cecile" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

**Time Travelers Club—Crochet Basics** Wednesday, May 3, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Teens can join our Time Travelers Club where they try out games and crafts from different eras.

This month, you can learn how to crochet. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

**Tyke Time** Thursdays from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Mentor Headlands Branch A weekly, interactive story time for children from six months to four years old at the Mentor Headlands Branch. Kids will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and, perhaps, a craft. An adult must remain with the child during story time. No registration is necessary.

**Minecraft Club** Thursday, May 4, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Join the library's Minecraft Club where you can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account. The club is for children from ages eight to 12. Registration is required.

**Free Comic Book Day** Saturday, May 6 Main Branch in the Children's Area Stop by the Children's Department any time throughout the day (while supplies last) and pick up a free comic book for Free Comic Book Day, courtesy of Comics and Friends. Kids can also make a superhero craft and draw their own comics. All day long, while supplies last.

**Derby Day at the Headlands Branch** Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Trot over for a fun horsey craft. No registration required.

**Kids at Work: A Lego Brick Building Club** Saturday, May 6, at 2 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Build with Mentor Public Library's Lego

bricks around a monthly theme or build something else of your choosing. Children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

**Rock the Mic Club** Monday, May 8, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room A monthly club that meets on the second Monday of each month where kids can come and practice speaking in front of their peers, tell jokes, play an instrument, sing, practice for a school report, or perform a monologue. This club will build self-esteem and confidence while having fun. A snack and drink will be provided.

**Lost Sock Day** Tuesday, May 9 Main Branch in the Children's Area Put on your favorite mismatched socks and commemorate Lost Sock Day. Activities include: making a sock puppet, a missing-sock scavenger hunt and a lost sock memorial. Remember the brave socks that didn't make it through the spin cycle. Stop in all day. No registration necessary and all ages are welcome.

**Build a Garden Rhyme Time** Tuesday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Come to the Lake Branch for a monthly preschool story time.

**Pizza & Comics Club** Tuesday, May 9, at 5 p.m. Main Branch in the Frances Cleveland Room Mentor Public Library has a book club for teens where they can talk comics. The Pizza and Comics Club will meet to discuss sequential art and nosh pizza on the first Tuesday of every month. Contact MPL Reference staff for more information and a copy of this month's comic.

**Wordplay Creative Writing Club** Wednesday, May 10, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Get creative with words. Every month, kids from third through sixth grade can play games, write and share their stories. Bring your imagination and the library will supply the pens, paper and snacks.

**Studio MPL Jr. Artist** Thursday, May 11, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club for young kids (from kindergarten through second grade.) Each month, Studio MPL makes a different fun art project.

**Mother's Day Appreciation** Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Make a card for your mother, grandmother, or anyone else who deserves a card. No registration



required.  
**Family Afternoon Movie** Saturday, May 13, at 1 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Bring the whole family to the library for an afternoon movie. On the second Saturday of each month, the library will show a family movie and provide popcorn. All movies will be rated G or PG. Find out which movie will be playing each month in the Children's Department. This event is for families with children 13 and younger. Ages 8 and younger must have parent supervision. No registration required.

**LEGOmania** Saturday, May 13, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Stop by the Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch to get creative with the library's Legos. Each session will feature a theme, but kids are free to build whatever they want. All ages are welcome, but children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult.

**Guardians of the Galaxy Gathering** Monday, May 15, at 4 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Come to the Lake Branch for Groot cupcakes, make Raccoon lunch bags, and play Guardians of the Galaxy trivia.

**Studio MPL Art Club** Monday, May 15, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club for kids (from third through sixth grade.) Each month, Studio MPL makes a different fun art project.

**Write On: A Writing Club for Teens** Monday, May 15, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Frances Cleveland Room A monthly creative writing club for teens. Each month focuses on a different prompt. It's a fun way to expand your creative writing, get some great ideas, and meet other teen writers. All writing levels welcomed, and snacks will be provided.

**Clashing Controllers** Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Get your game on. Challenge your friends at this monthly video game tournament held at the Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

**Paws to Read** Wednesday, May 17 First session starts at 6:30 p.m. Second session starts at 7:00 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Department Kids who are able to read independently are invited to sign up for a 30-minute session. Children will be paired with a gentle dog that is licensed and trained to be a good

listener. This event will fill quickly. Registration begins two weeks before each session.

**MPL Arcade: Video Game Club** Thursday, May 18, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Come to the library for an afternoon of gaming with the new video game club, MPL Arcade. The library will have age-appropriate games available to play on the Wii U, as well as fun board and tabletop games. For kids in third through sixth grade. Registration is required.

**Lake Branch Minecraft Club** Saturday, May 20, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch You can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft at MPL's Lake Branch. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account.

**Let's go Lego Club** Saturday, May 20, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids can get creative with Lego bricks, either following a monthly theme or doing their own thing. The library will supply the Lego and Duplo bricks, so kids only need to bring their imagination. Children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

**Read With Me** Tuesday, May 23, at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch A literacy-based story time for kids from newborn to three years old. Children can enjoy stories, songs and activities while parents and caregivers learn tips to promote early literacy at home. The library will also supply book recommendations and craft supplies to enhance story times at home.

**Color Me—Headlands** Wednesday, May 24, at 7 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Looking for some quiet time? Bring the family to a calm evening of coloring at the Headlands branch. Supplies provided.

**Summer Reading Kickoff Party with the Bubble Lady** Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Watch Sue Durante, better known as the Bubble Lady, create big, beautiful bubbles. While you're here, sign up for the library's summer reading program. Open to all ages.

**Memorial Day Block Party** Friday, May 26, at 3 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids from four to 10 years old can learn about Memorial Day with stories and

crafts.

**Techno Tweens** Saturday, May 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens (ages ten to 14) can challenge their friends to a quest in Roblox. Join your friends for gaming fun at Mentor Headlands Branch. Registration is required.

**The Creation Station: Stop Motion Workshop** Saturday, May 27, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Teens can make, create and innovate at the Lake Branch Creation Station. This 4-part series will use the new mobile Makerspace at the Lake Branch. This month, teens can learn the basics of stop-motion animation..

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### A Celebration of Leo Lionni

Saturday, May 6 – 11:00 – 11:45 AM.  
For families with children ages 12 and under. Celebrate Leo Lionni—the first children's author/illustrator to use mixed media collage as the main source for his illustrations. Listen to some of Leo Lionni's well known stories, and watch them transformed on the big screen during this family script-to-screen program. No registration needed.

### Out in Space

Wednesday, May 10 – 4:15 – 5:00 PM  
For kids grades K-3rd. Blast off to outer space from Morley Library! Make a craft, play a fun game, and learn some interesting facts about the cosmos. Registration is necessary and opens 2 weeks before the program on Wednesday, April 26th.

### KIDS CRAFTERNOON!

Thursday, May 11 – 3:00 – 7:00 PM  
Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free Mother's Day craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

### Mother's Day Tea Party

Saturday, May 13 – 11:00 – 11:45 AM  
For kids grades K-3rd. You're invited to a special Mother's Day Tea Party! Celebrate mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or any special woman in your child's life with stories, a fun craft, and a variety of tasty treats! This is a child & caregiver program, so the caregiver stays for the entire program. Registration is necessary and opens 2 weeks before the program on April 29th.



### LEGO Club

Tuesday, May 16 – 3:30 – 5:00 PM  
Drop by the Story Room between 3:30-5:00 PM for the Morley Library LEGO Club! Build a LEGO creation and have your picture taken for the LEGO Club Wall! All ages welcome, parents must stay with children 5 and under. No registration needed.

**Just Dance!** Saturday, May 20 – 11:00 – 11:45 AM  
For tweens ages 9-12. Get ready to Just Dance! Burn off some energy and show off your moves with your friends. Registration is necessary and will open 2 weeks before the program on Saturday, May 6th.

### KIDS CRAFTERNOON!

Thursday, May 25 – 3:00 – 7:00 PM  
Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free Eric Carle sticker scene craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

### Children's Summer Reading Club Starts!

Tuesday, May 30 All Day  
Build a Better World! Stop by the Children's Room to register your child, age birth through entering 7th grade, for the Morley Library Children's Summer Reading Club: Build a Better World! The Summer Reading Club runs for 8 weeks and every day that your child reads for 20 minutes or more s/he will receive an entry for the big prize drawing!

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**Preschool Blast** Kids 6 and under with a caregiver  
Fridays, May 5-19 @ 10:00 AM  
Drop in every Friday morning for preschool programming. We will offer one of our well-loved programs (Wee Play, Storybook Theatre, Make & Take Craft) or a surprise new program! Drop-in, no registration necessary.

**After School Adventures: (K-4th grade)**  
Tuesdays at 3:15 PM through May 23  
Different activities each week. Registration required.

**Tales for a Dog: (Kindergarten & up)**  
Come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Saturday, May 6 @ 9:30 or 10:00 AM  
Registration required.

**Lego Club: (Kindergarten & up)**  
Stop by for some building challenges and fun! Saturday, May 13 @ 2:00 PM  
Registration required.

**Family Reads On-the-Go!** 3rd week of

the Month, during open hours. Pick-up a copy of next month's family friendly book (to be read at home together) and activity packet. Call to pre-register.

**Lil' Groovers!: (Kids 6 and under, with a caregiver)** Fridays at 10:00 AM, May 26-July 28. Enjoy movement activities and more!

**Build a Better World! Summer Reading** Friday, May 26-Saturday July 29, 2017. Stop by the Children's desk for details! Register at the library and read every day to earn prizes and chances for our grand prize raffle baskets!

**Tween Time (5th-8th grade)** Wednesdays after school @ 2:30pm If no special theme is advertised, join us for snacks, socializing, and fun activities. Registration required only for themed programs. To register for the following themed programs call the library at 440-944-6010, stop by the Children's Desk, or visit [www.wickliffepl.org](http://www.wickliffepl.org).

May 3: Game Day.....board games and card games + a snack, as always!  
May 10: Mother's Day Craft. Create stationary to give to mom, using paints and bubbles!!

May 17: Empty YA boxes and create!  
May 24: Sno-Cones, Popcorn, and

Welcome to the future 5th graders party!  
**Makerspace for All!** Tuesdays, May 30 - June 27, July 11-25 10:00 AM-8:00 PM Children tweens and adults drop-in and visit our Makerspace and explore the possibilities! Build, create, experiment!

#### WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

**Eastlake Public Library**  
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Eastlake, OH 44095  
(440) 942-7880 x. 105

**Willoughby Public Library**  
30 Public Sq.

Willoughby, OH 44094  
(440) 942-3200 x. 104

**Willowick Public Library**  
263 E. 305 St.

Willowick, OH 44095  
(440) 943-4151 x. 116  
(440) 516-0843 TTY

**Willoughby Hills Public Library**  
35400 Chardon Rd.

Willoughby Hills, OH 44094  
(440) 942-3362

[www.welibrary.info](http://www.welibrary.info)

#### Sunflower Seed Starter for Kids

Kids will learn to plant sunflower seeds in a small container. Saturday, May 13, 2-3

pm Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

#### Star Wars LEGO Club

Celebrate Star Wars month and create your own Star Wars LEGO creations! You may also wear your favorite Star Wars costume or shirt. Saturday, May 13, 2 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., Willowick, 440-943-4151

#### Barks for Books

Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5). Saturday, May 13, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one session) Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

**Special Needs Storytime** This storytime, specifically for children with special needs, features stories, rhymes, songs and other engaging activities in a welcoming environment. All ages welcome! Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

#### LEGO Club

We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! Saturday, May 20, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

#### Willoughby Otaku Anime Club

Join fellow Otaku at the Willoughby Library to watch anime, discuss anime and

manga and draw our own characters. You can even cosplay if you want. Refreshments will be served. Ages 13 & up. Saturday, May 20, 1-4 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

#### Teen Art Club

Do you love to create art but never get the chance? Join other art-loving teens for Art Club where we will focus on a different artist or style each session. Grades 6-12 (Ages 11-18.) Thursday, May 25, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

#### Build a Better World! Donate!

Children who bring in non-perishable items for the McKinley Food Pantry or for Lake Humane Society will receive five extra raffle tickets for each item donated! Stop in any time from May 30-July 22. Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

#### Summer Crafts

Every week of Summer Reading the library will have a different make-and-take craft. Stop in any time from May 30-July 22. Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St. 440-943-4151



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# Beach at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park opens Memorial Day Weekend

The 2017 season for the beach at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park is Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. Lifeguards are on duty and concession stand is open 9:30 am to 8 pm. The beach has a gradual slope and sandy bottom. Amenities include an accessible harbor view boardwalk, restrooms, changing rooms and shower facilities; guarded swim beach and concessions; picnic area and pavilion with grills, drinking fountain, playground, dog swim area, volleyball courts and a Surf Chair (all-terrain wheelchair for use by visitors with physical disabilities -- available during the regular summer beach season).

The 21-acre Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, open 6 am to 11 pm, serves as sanctuaries to both wildlife and people. Here are ways you can help keep our parks clean to protect and preserve our natural resources and wildlife.

**Beach Safety Tips:** Always wear a life jacket when on a boat out on the lake. Wear plenty of sunscreen. Watch the weather and make sure conditions are appropriate before heading out.

A dog swim area is located at the east end of the beach between the two signs clearly marked "Dog Swim Area." This is the only place dogs are allowed on the

sand. Dogs not in the swim area must remain on the sidewalks, parking lots or grassy areas. You must leash your dog when it is out of the water and you must carry the leash with you at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up pet waste.

During the summer when the beach is open, daily parking for Lake County residents is \$2 (ID required). Out-of-county residents daily parking is \$3. A season parking pass for Lake County residents is \$25 for the first car. Out-of-county residents first car is \$35. Each additional car is \$5. Walk-ins are free. In-county buses are \$10; out-of-county buses, \$20. To order season parking passes visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) or call registration at 440-358-7275.

## Rentals

Early rentals beginning at 8 am on weekends and holidays. Weekdays beginning at 10 am.

Sit-On-Top Ocean Kayak rental fee: \$10/hour single, \$15/hour double, ages 16 and older (ages 15 and younger must be accompanied by adult)

Stand-Up Paddleboard rental fee: \$10/hour single, ages 16 and older (ages 8 to 15 must be accompanied by adult)

Please note: Lake Metroparks does not  
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## SPRING OPEN HOUSE

**Penitentiary Glen Nature Center • May 21 • Noon to 4 pm (ongoing activities)**

Nature is filled with many animals from squirrels to birds, and deer to bears! Their natural life cycle is adapted to the outside world where nature provides the means for them to stay healthy. Come learn more about how animal babies survive in the wild through free, fun activities for the whole family! No registration necessary.

### Activities include:

- Indoor & outdoor scavenger hunts for families
- Wild babies crossword puzzles for adults
- Wildlife center education programs
- Wildlife Center keeper chats
- Learn what to do if you encounter baby wildlife.
- Train rides 1 to 3 pm (weather permitting) provided by the Lake Shore Live Steamers



Young bunny at Penitentiary Glen Reservation - photo by greenite

The Nature Center and Wildlife Center are open 9 am to 5 pm. The Nature Store, open until 4:30 pm, is a great resource for "fun" nature-related toys, field guides for adults and children, nature-inspired t-shirts, binoculars by VORTEX, bird feeders and wildlife houses. Snacks and beverages are also available for purchase.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd in Kirtland. For more information, visit [www.lakemetroparks.com](http://www.lakemetroparks.com) or call 440-256-1404.



Paddleboarding at Lake Metroparks Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

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# MOTHER FROM PAGE 5

son. Frankly, my dad didn't do stellar, but he made up for it later. So what happens when you know you can't do it all as a single dad or mom? You find the courage to trust the village.

I'm a single mom, and so many times I've counted on awesome positive male role models to guide my son. Likewise, I've had many mom-type-guides as a child/teen: my dad, my Nanny (his mom), my Poppy (his dad), my aunts, my uncle, my cousins, my teachers, my friends' and their moms, my boyfriend's mom and even my dad's girlfriend who taught me how to cook and his ex-wife (who I will only credit with teaching me how important hand written thank you cards are and how entering a beauty pageant isn't about winning, it's about having fun and making friends...two things which have stuck with me now, especially as a Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant Contestant Amity Award Winner).

What is a mom to your child? Maybe it's not a mom at all. Maybe it's a dad. Maybe it's a friend. Maybe it's an aunt, uncle or grandparent, a teacher or big sister or brother. Maybe it is you, as a natural mother; a snoop, detective, an encourager, a leader, educator, friend, maybe even the less glorious disciplinarian, gopher, taxi driver and the one in the shadows. Maybe it's you as an arm of the law, a police officer or a judge. Maybe it's you, a counselor, pastor or a big brother or sister. We all need a mother. We all need that nurturing and love, acceptance and approval, a firm hand and a helper. And not all the time are these things coming from someone who births a child or who is even capable of doing so.

Unbeknownst to me, my dad wasn't sure if I could (or would) ever be a mom

because of what my mother chose to do. Ha ha! Look at me now! I've shocked him ten-fold. I'm a mama of three; one is finishing her first year of college. Was this year easy? OH "blank" no. Another one of my children has the loftiest goals I've seen out of a teen and it scares me (but also excites me)! The baby? The one who should be thirteen on May 14th, but will actually turn on May 7th (one of my lucky numbers by the way)? He strives to be the best self, serve me, his friends, his community and just wants 'Justice' for all. We are good. We are better than good. Normal? No. Perfect? Uh-uh. But who cares? We are here and we are love, working together, in a village.

What if you looked at yourself as a mother, even if you did not have children, or didn't want them? I have close friends who have chosen not to reproduce. Do you know that you do not have to give birth to be a mother? Nor do you have to be a woman. If you care about a child or even other people in general, if you feel like you could mentor or encourage someone else, if you would reach out, touch that hand in need, if you can love, accept and support...than you are a mother (gender or birthing need not exist).

We have our own house again. We're doing some planting on Mother's Day (a long-standing tradition we haven't been able to do the last couple of years. I want some roses. What will you do on Mother's Day? Will you acknowledge that you should celebrate too, because you make a difference? If you can be a compass morally, if you can be a heart, a friend and a confidant...if you can lead a child (or human being) positively, in the right direction, you my friend are a mother.

*Happy Mother's Day to you.*

# Sheep Shearing Weekend

Lake Metroparks Farmpark  
May 13 & 14, 2017 • 9 am to 5 pm

Spend part of your Mothers' Day with Lake Metroparks. Watch us shear sheep and goats of their winter coats of wool that can be used to produce variety of fiber products. Learn, hands-on, how to spin, weave and make felt. Meet fiber-producing animals including sheep, goat, alpaca and rabbit.

Sheep grow a fleece or coat of lustrous fiber called wool that is used to make many wonderful products from clothing to blankets. Over the summer and fall the sheep will grow enough fleece to keep warm in the winter and provide us with a nice fleece in the spring. Farmers shear the wool each year in the spring to obtain the fiber and to keep the sheep from overheating during the hot summer weather. Think of it as giving the sheep a haircut.

## Shearing demonstrations in the Pond Pavilion

Rainbow sheep shearing (Sat. only)

9:30

Spinning & weaving (hands-on)

10:00 to 12:00 & 2:00 to 4:00

Sheep shearing (electric) 3:00

Sheep shearing (blade) 1:30

Goat shearing (electric) 2:30

Farmpark fleece is available for sale throughout the weekend. Be sure to check out the Woolly alternatives display.

Tot, our border collie will herd the sheep through Shepherds Field. See her give the sheep "the eye" as she follows the herding commands of her handler. Watch members of the Western Reserve Spinners & Weavers Guild demonstrate their craft.



Lake Metroparks invites moms to a Mother's Day Tea and Scone (9 am to 3 pm, Sunday only). Complimentary tea & scone for mom, \$5 for family members.

Admission to Sheep Shearing Weekend is included with regular Farmpark admission. Farmpark members and children under 2 are free. Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd in Kirtland, Ohio (44094). For more information, visit lakemetroparks.com.

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## LAKEFRONT PARK FROM PAGE 9

off jet ski rentals.

The Lake Metroparks Paddle Card allows you to come to the beach and paddle as much as you want on stand-up paddleboards or sit-on-top kayaks. We will hold the card—all you need to do is bring your ID to the concession stand and time is taken when you rent. Fee is \$80 for 10 hours or \$100 unlimited. The card is valid Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day.

To register for Group Kayak Adventures or Introduction to Sailing programs, visit lakemetroparks.com or call the Registration Department at 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226. Class levels are "101" (No experience needed), "201" (Some experience needed) and "301" Classes (Must be a competent boater).





# MAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Contact Us!** Do you have a special event or meeting you'd like to be listed in our community calendar? If so, please email your information to [countykids@news-herald.com](mailto:countykids@news-herald.com) Submissions should be 65 words or less. We reserve the right to edit any information prior to publication.

## MAY 10 "Here's to the Ladies: Songs For and About Women"

The Fine Arts Association Women's Committee Luncheon/Lecture Series welcomes The Musical Theatre Project. May 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. \$15/ Women's Committee members; \$18/ non-members Call 440-951-7500 x106 for reservations and information.

## MAY 13 Heroes' Day

Great Lakes Mall 7850 Mentor Avenue, Noon in Mentor. Visit with representatives from local law enforcement agencies and safety organizations including police, fire, Lake County Safe Communities, Lake Metroparks Rangers, the Coast Guard and more. The focus of this event is seat belt safety, bicycle safety, drug prevention, outdoor recreation and more and will feature displays, educational activities, interactive games and live demonstrations.

## MAY 13 Dollies & Doilies Mother's Day Tea

Lake County Historical Society  
415 Riverside Dr. - Painesville  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Dress in your Sunday best and bring your favorite girl for an afternoon of fun. Learn about dolls and miniatures while enjoying delicious tea, light sandwiches, scones and other treats. Make paper dolls based on the original clothing of First Lady Lucretia Garfield and be sure to visit the Martin dollhouses on display at the History Center.

## MAY 13 Wildwood Garden Club's Spring Plant & Flower Sale

Wildwood Cultural Center 7645 Little Mountain Rd. - Mentor. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Admission: FREE. The Garden Club will have a great selection of outdoor plants and flowers at reasonable prices for your summer garden. All proceeds benefit the Wildwood Garden Club. The Plant Sale is held rain or shine!

## MAY 13 Around the Block Antique Sale & Flea Market

Route 84 and County Line Road, Unionville. Round the block sale of antiques and flea market finds. No charge 440-275-9689 - [www.unionvilleohio.com](http://www.unionvilleohio.com)

## MAY 13 15th Annual Spring Drive It Yourself Tour!

Our 15th year of showcasing Geauga County in this unique way, for National Tourism Week, so grab a Map/List and join the fun! 25 area businesses will be offering special sales, activities, freebies, samples, tours or other fun to tour participants. YOUR JOB, is to plot your course and get to at least 10 locations. Enjoy each location and get your map stamped along the way. Then join us at the Finale for fun & prizes, if you have at least 10 stamps on your map you are eligible for our GRAND PRIZE Baskets!!

The Finale takes place at Middlefield Market and doors open there at 3:00pm with entertainment, vendors, silent auction, and snacks. Be sure to save some money for the Silent Auction as all the venues from the Tour have donated an item for the Auction, so if you did not get to their store, you still have the opportunity to get their wares! Also, some of our other GREAT Geauga County businesses that were not on today's tour will be set up as vendors at the Finale an auction the grand prize drawing at 4pm!!! A full day of exploration & FUN!!! [destinationgeauga.com](http://destinationgeauga.com)

## MAY 14 Mother's Day at Black Brook Golf Course

9:00 am - 10:00 am, Black Brook Golf Course Treat your mom to a free round of golf at Black Brook Golf Course. All moms play free when accompanied by another player. Call Black Brook for tee times today (440) 951-0010. Cart not included. Offer valid on Sunday, May 14 only.

## MAY 18 Just Kids Stuff Garage Sale

Garfield Park 7967 Mentor Ave - Mentor 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Get ready for the Just Kids' Stuff Garage Sale. This is the biggest sale of children's items around, often featuring more than 70 vendors and more than 1,000 buyers.

## MAY 20 Plant Sale

The Holden Arboretum Plant Sale brings together some of the regions finest nurseries and garden vendors to offer a wide selection of trees, plants, flowers, herbs, shrubs and garden accessories. Guests can find inspiration in Holden's gardens before selecting the perfect plants for their own home. Plant and garden experts are on hand to answer questions and Holden's nursery propagated varieties are available for purchase. 440-946-4400 [www.holdenarb.org](http://www.holdenarb.org)

## MAY 21 Kaleidoscope Concert Series

Classic Desserts/FAA Woodwind Quintet Concert Enjoy the sweetness of fine music and fine pastries with The Fine Arts Association Woodwind Quintet. Main Gallery at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby. FREE Admission May 21, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Call 440-951-7500 or visit [www.fineartsassociation.org](http://www.fineartsassociation.org) for further information.

## MAY 20 The Great Garage Sale

Lake County Fairgrounds, 1301 Mentor Avenue, Painesville 9:00am-4:00pm Over 150 vendors - food concessions - free parking - free admission [www.lakecountyfair.org](http://www.lakecountyfair.org)

## MAY 20-21 Downtown Willoughby Rib Burn Off

Historic Downtown Willoughby. In its sixth year, the Red, White and BBQ Rib Burn Off is quickly becoming the biggest and most anticipated event to take place in Willoughby.

Sat May 20 - Noon to 10pm, Sun May 21 - Noon to 8pm. Drawing thousands of people from all over Lake County, this two-day event is going to rock this town again and be even better than last year's record-breaking success! Erie Street will be closed to all traffic for both days. And this year we are expanding to three stages featuring live local and national bands, plus vendors and a complete kid's zone. Look for beer & craft cocktails on Erie Street, and, of course, ribs from participating downtown Willoughby restaurants & national vendors. [dtwribburnoff.com/](http://dtwribburnoff.com/)

## MAY 29 Memorial Day Walking Parade & Ceremony

Mentor Cemetery 6881 Hopkins Rd - Mentor Join the City of Mentor as we pay tribute to those who have served our country. Parade units gather in the Heinen's parking lot at 9 a.m. Step-off for the solemn processional begins at 9:30 a.m. and follows Mentor Avenue to Hopkins Road to Mentor Cemetery. Groups wishing to participate in the parade and/or memorial services should call the Recreation Department at (440) 974-5720 before May 12.

## MAY 30 - JUNE 2 All the Arts Camps (grades K-5)

Students dance, play music and sing, take the stage through the art of theatre and work in a multitude of visual arts mediums. Campers share experiences with family and friends in an informal Sharing Day the final day of each camp week. The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby Cost: \$135 Call 440-951-7500 or visit [www.fineartsassociation.org](http://www.fineartsassociation.org) to register and for further information.



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