



JANUARY 2020

Ward Meetings

Each year, the City of Avon Lake holds open forums to communicate information pertinent to specific wards. The forums cover topics including economic development, infrastructure, recreation, public safety, trash and recycling, utilities and community resources.

These meetings have been extremely useful for city-elected officials and department heads, allowing an opportunity to receive input directly from the residents.

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237 Belmar Boulevard

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If you are unable to attend your ward meeting, a recording of the meeting can be found on the City's website at www.AvonLake.org. Please allow two weeks for editing of the footage.

Avon Lake Community Council

Having seen first-hand the benefits of collaboration among community organizations in other cities, Council President Marty O'Donnell set out to create this valuable resource for Avon Lake.

The Avon Lake Community Council is a volunteer-led community of local service groups, organizations, businesses and sports programs. The Community Council, which currently includes 23 organizations, meets four times a year to share knowledge and work together to assist each other with membership, fundraising and resource sharing. At the most recent meeting, organizations discussed scholarships that are available for college students. Current scholarships with a March deadline include those with the Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club (contact Jennifer Fenderbosch at jgf51@icloud.com) and Avon Lake Kiwanis (contact Eileen Wozniak at wozniakeileen@yahoo.com).

In 2009, the Community Council began sponsoring an event, which acknowledges and recognizes the great things members of our community are accomplishing. Citizen of the Year honors a volunteer for outstanding achievements in the area of community service, and Project of the Year honors a project that merits community-wide recognition.

Applications for 2019 nominees can be submitted beginning in January, and can be found on the City's website at www.AvonLake.org under "Residents." In April, nominations are reviewed and award recipients are determined. As a tradition, the Avon Lake Kiwanis Club hosts a dinner and awards ceremony in May. For Marty, the nicest part of this ceremony is that it allows friends and families of the awardees the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of their loved ones.

In continued appreciation for their accomplishments that have made Avon Lake the wonderful community that it is today, a list of past award recipients can be found on the City's website as well as on a plaque at City Hall. *(continued on Page 2)*



*Shea Alltmont
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with the
2018 Project
of the Year
Award for
the Avon
Lake Kiwanis
Scholarship
Program*

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Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous so stay safe and healthy in your home by planning ahead.

Prepare for Weather-Related Emergencies:

- Stock food that does not need cooking or refrigeration.
- Store water in clean containers.
- Keep cell phones fully charged.
- Have an up-to-date emergency kit containing at least:
 - Flashlight, battery-operated radio and lamps
 - Extra batteries
 - First aid kit and extra medicines
 - Any other items people in your home would need

For further information, contact the Avon Lake Fire Department at 440-933-8305.

Avon Lake Community Council (cont.)

An excellent example of the benefits of involvement in the Avon Lake Community Council is the Avon Lake Saddle Club's Hay Day event. Avon Lake Saddle Club President, Kathleen Sullivan-Azzarello, recognizes that the event has benefitted from their involvement with the ALCC in so many ways. As the event grows each year, they have received support from groups within the ALCC. "A few groups have made generous monetary donations to help us keep this free event for children and adults with developmental differences going. A number of members have attended our Hay Day fundraisers," says Kathleen.

The groups have also helped spread the word regarding the Hay Day event, which has helped reach more families. In addition, Kiwanis and other members have volunteered their time to help make Hay Day a success, helping with registration, activities and horse rides.

Through the Kiwanis, the Saddle Club was connected with the Avon Lake High School Key Club who have donated their time over the last number of years to do face painting for the attendees. Kathleen is happy for their time and dedication to the event. "This is always a huge hit! The Key Club members always ask if there are other activities they can help with. Fantastic group of high schoolers!"

"It's a great feeling to have a group of non-profits come together, network and support each other in an effort to raise each other up and support the wonderful community of Avon Lake!"

If your organization would like to be a part of the Avon Lake Community Council, please email Marty O'Donnell at modonnell@avonlake.org. ■



Avon Lake Saddle Club's Hay Day event at Weiss Field



"Indelible Impression with TeeMcBee" with host Traci McBride and guest Dr. Tamsin Astor

Avon Lake Community Television

Avon Lake Community Television (ALC-TV) is part of the Digital Media Department of the City of Avon Lake. Located in the lower level of the Avon Lake Public Library, ALC-TV is comprised of two channels: government access and public access.

ALC-TV's Government Access Channel provides a means of communicating government activities, issues, legislation, events and meetings. Through taped and live productions, including the Avon Lake City Council and Avon Lake Board of Municipal Utilities meetings, and a computerized bulletin board, the staffed station works to keep the citizens of Avon Lake aware, informed and active in local and regional levels of government.

ALC-TV's Public Access Channel provides an "open forum" television format for all residents, organizations, clubs and businesses of Avon Lake to produce non-commercial, informational programming. "Fitness for Every Body" and "Indelible Impression with TeeMcBee" are the newest shows joining our Public Access line-up this year.

Stop by to see the updated sets, discuss hosting your own program and discover the services that are available for free to Avon Lake residents.

Most programs can be viewed on the City website at www.AvonLake.org. Be on the lookout for the "Year in Review" video, which recaps the City Hall highlights from 2019. ■



Mayor Greg Zilka, Ted Esborn, Karen Hutman and Scott Rush

Shop Local-Shop Avon Lake Week

For several years, the City of Avon Lake has been celebrating its small businesses in late November. It began with observing Small Business Saturday two days after Thanksgiving. In 2018, it was decided to lengthen the celebration from a day to a week—partially because Small Business Saturday is also “Ohio State v. Michigan Saturday,” and many Avon Lakers stayed at home to watch the big game.

To increase interest in this year’s Shop Local—Shop Avon Lake Week, the City introduced the Shop Local—Win Local raffle. Local shops and restaurants donated a \$50 gift card to be featured in the event marketing. Each gift card contributed to the grand prize in the “one-winner-takes-all” raffle, which totaled over \$1,800. Each customer of these participating businesses received a raffle ticket with a purchase of \$10 or more.

The 2019 Shop Local—Shop Avon Lake Week was held November 29 through December 7. At the end of the nine-day celebration, special ticket boxes were collected from participating businesses, containing approximately 10,000 tickets. On December 13, Parker’s Grille & Tavern hosted an event where Mayor Zilka pulled the ticket filled out by the grand prize winner—Karen Hutman. During Shop Local—Shop Avon Lake Week, Ms. Hutman and her mother had enjoyed lunch at Salad KraZe and filled out one ticket. One ticket was enough! Karen won 35 different gift cards, which were presented to her at Salad KraZe on December 16. “I would just like to thank all the local businesses that donated to this contest,” said Hutman. “Their generosity is truly appreciated. I look forward to visiting their stores and restaurants.” ■

The 2020 census is recruiting to fill temporary positions.

The pay is \$17/per hour + mileage.

More information can be found at: 2020census.gov.

Issue 2 - Tax Levy (Renewal)

The 2020 Primary Election in the State of Ohio is March 17, 2020. On this date, registered voters in Avon Lake will consider candidates for local, state and national offices and Issue 2. Issue 2 is a five-year renewal of the tax levy for the City’s operating expenses, which generates \$1,028,572 annually. The last tax levy renewal was in 2014. The renewal will not increase the taxes currently collected by Lorain County. A vote in favor of the tax levy will ensure that residents continue to receive quality City services.

Crime Prevention is best achieved by partnerships with the community and the Police Department.

- Clear driveways and sidewalks of snow and ice. If you are out of town, the cleared snow gives the appearance that the home is occupied.
- LIGHT IT UP!!!! Turn on outside lights to illuminate your yard. Burglars and property thieves tend to avoid houses that have better lighting.
- Report suspicious activity to the police IMMEDIATELY. A fair number of cases are solved by attentive citizens. Because residents know the normal traffic patterns and behaviors of their neighborhoods, any information provided can be very valuable.

To report a crime, suspicious activity or to speak with an officer, please call our non-emergency 24-hour dispatch at 440-933-4567.



2020 Capital Improvement Budget Highlights

City Council unanimously approved the 2020 Budget at the Special Council Meeting on December 30, 2019.

Public Works Department: Street Program - \$2,000,000; Webber Road Improvements - \$300,000; Sidewalk Repair Program - \$30,000; LED Crosswalk Lights - \$69,000; Weiss Park Improvements - \$200,000. Police Department: three Police Vehicles - \$102,000 and School Bus Transportation Video System - \$40,000.

Since the Fire Department purchased a new \$600,000 fire truck in 2019, minimal capital improvements, such as turnout gear (\$18,000) and computer replacements (\$22,000) were budgeted for 2020.

The Walker Road Park Retention Expansion budget is \$280,000. Walker Road Park is owned jointly with Bay Village and the budgeted amount is Avon Lake's 50% share.

A community-led group approached City leaders with their concept to update the Avon Lake Play Space (ALPS) at Bleser Park built in 1994. City Council approved a budget of \$25,000 for a design study. ■

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Building
440-930-4102

Council Office
440-930-4121

Digital Media
440-933-7677

Economic Development
440-930-4167

Finance
440-933-6141

Fire
440-933-8305

Human Resources
440-930-4127

Law
440-930-4122

Mayor
440-930-4100

Municipal Court
440-930-4103

Police
440-933-4567

Public Works:
Planning/Engineering
440-930-4101

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440-930-4126

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440-930-4130

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