

# The City of Westlake Ohio

March - April 2025

Dennis M. Clough - Mayor

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## 2025 Rain and Garden Show

Join us for Westlake's annual Rain & Garden Show on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Westlake Community Services Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free, family-friendly event focuses on reducing your ecological footprint and promoting sustainability. Learn how to improve stormwater quality, explore eco-friendly products, and discover practical tips for responsible living. Local vendors and experts will share insights on conservation, gardening, and more. Whether you're looking for new ways to go green or just want to enjoy a fun and educational day, this event is a great opportunity to connect with your community and make a positive impact on the environment.



## Westlake Kiwanis Club to host Pancake Breakfast

Join the Westlake Kiwanis Club for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 6, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Westlake High School cafeteria, 27830 Hilliard Blvd. Enjoy fresh pancakes with fruit topping and maple syrup, sausage links, orange juice, and coffee—all for just \$8 at the door. Kids 6 and under eat free. Proceeds support scholarships, Meals on Wheels, food distribution, holiday gifts, and Team Hope's fundraising for childhood leukemia and lymphoma. The Kiwanis Club welcomes new members—learn more at [KiwanisClubofWestlakeOhio.org](http://KiwanisClubofWestlakeOhio.org) and help make a difference!

## A Message from Mayor Clough

Dear Resident,



As spring approaches, so does construction season and our city's annual spring cleanup. Warmer weather brings an opportunity to refresh our neighborhoods, and I encourage residents to do their part by maintaining their properties and following city regulations. Our Service Department is ready to assist with yard waste collection and brush pickup.

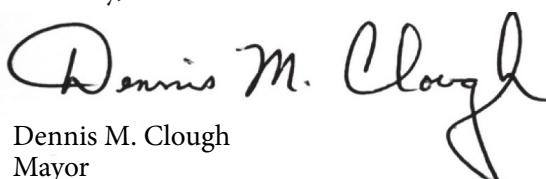
We have several exciting city improvements planned for 2025. Street repairs, Parkside Recreation Fields, and sidewalk program enhancements will expand and improve our infrastructure. Renovations to the indoor pool and athletic fields at the Westlake Recreation Center will ensure our recreational spaces continue serving residents at the highest level.

Another way our city is working for you is through the community electric aggregation program. Dynegy has been selected as our supplier, offering a fixed rate of 8.38 cents per kWh through June 2026 with no early termination fee. While some private energy options may be cheaper currently, we believe that our aggregate program will provide the most long-term savings. There is no cost to enroll, and participation is automatic unless you opt out by March 11, 2025, by returning the form you received in the mail to Dynegy Energy or calling 1-833-241-4599.

Spring also brings favorite community traditions. The annual Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 12, hosted by the Westlake Town Criers, and the Westlake Rain & Garden Show on April 5 at the Community Services Center is a great way to learn about sustainability.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please reach out to my office. Thank you for your continued commitment to making Westlake a welcoming place to live.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis M. Clough  
Mayor



## Westlake Recreation Center Upgrades in 2025!

Exciting upgrades are coming to the Westlake Recreation Center, including renovations to the natatorium (indoor pool) and Recreation Center Park. The natatorium will undergo pool deck resurfacing, lighting upgrades, painting, and women's locker room renovations, beginning in June 2025 and lasting about three months. Members may use the Rocky River Recreation Center pool during this time. Park improvements include athletic field upgrades, a new multipurpose turf field, and an inclusive playground. Find details in the web app or email [RecInfo@CityofWestlake.org](mailto:RecInfo@CityofWestlake.org).

### Want to know more about what is going on at the Recreation Center?



**Check out the newest edition of the Rec Gazette in the Newsletter WebApp! Stay up to date on exciting programs and upcoming events.**



### Get Your WAC Membership

Who is ready for a swim? Even though the summer sunshine feels far away, the Westlake Aquatic Center registration opens up on March 18. Go to the Recreation Department website and click on "Westlake Aquatic Center & Peterson Pool" for membership rates and guidelines.



### Over 90 Celebration

In partnership with the Westlake/Bay Village Rotary, we will honor all Westlake residents 90 and older with a special celebration on May 21. If you or someone you know is 90 or will turn 90 this year, please contact Cindi at 440-899-3544 so we can send them an invitation. Help us celebrate the wisdom and experiences of our senior residents!



### ETC—Engage, Thrive, Connect

This six-month program is designed for adults 50+ seeking encouragement to stay active, build friendships, and engage socially. Whether you're feeling isolated, facing health challenges, or just need motivation, this program can help. Participants meet every second Tuesday at 2 p.m. for activities and every fourth Friday at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon. Thanks to a generous donation, this program is free. Join us for an informational luncheon on Friday, April 25, at 11:30 a.m. Call 440-899-3544 by April 17 to reserve your spot!

### Interested in programs at the Community Services Center?



**Explore the latest Pathways Newsletter in the Newsletter WebApp! Stay informed with updates and discover opportunities to get involved.**



## Hop into Spring

Get ready for an egg-citing adventure at Westlake's annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Westlake Town Criers, on Saturday, April 12! Kids will have a blast searching for hundreds of colorful eggs hidden throughout the park, and guess who's making a special appearance? The Easter Bunny himself—ready for photos, high-fives, and plenty of fun! Grab your baskets, bring your smiles, and let's make some Easter memories!



## Common Ordinances to Know For Spring

The City of Westlake's codified ordinances ensure community standards are met and are accessible online under the "Government" section of our website. Key regulations include:

- **Lawn maintenance:** Grass and weeds must not exceed six inches (Sec. 1381.07 (b)(1)(B)).
- **Yard upkeep:** Removal of weeds, trash, and debris is mandatory (Sec. 1381.01 (a)(1)).
- **Parking:** Only allowed on paved surfaces, with parking on grass prohibited (Sec. 1211.04 (a)(7)).
- **Dead vegetation:** Prompt removal of dead trees and branches is required (Sec. 1381.07 (a)(2)).

To report violations, contact the Westlake Building Department at 440-617-4108 or use the "Report a Concern" feature on the city's website.



## Permits and Inspections Reminder

Spring is upon us, and as you plan potential projects, remember that permits and inspections are required for most home improvements. Contractors working on your home must be registered with the city. To access permits online, visit the Building Department website.



## Computer Roundup

Drop off old electronics, including computers, tablets and e-readers, monitors, computer components, printers, and cellphones with accessories, at the Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Road, from April 7-11 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 12 from 7:30 a.m. to noon.



## Household Hazardous Waste Collections

The Household Hazardous Waste Roundup will take place May 12-16, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and May 17, 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Road. Residents can drop off old chemicals, pesticides, oil-based paints, and other hazardous items.



## Spring Yard Cleanup

Spring Yard Cleanup Days, weather permitting, will take place April 21-25 and/or April 28-May 2. During this time, leaves may be raked to the tree lawn at the curb but not placed in the street. The city brush truck collects tree branches and limbs weekly on your regular collection day; they must be bundled with ends facing the same direction or placed in a personal can clearly marked "Brush" and weighing less than 50 pounds. Bundles must be no more than 4 ft. long, 2 ft. wide, and tied with nonmetallic binders like rope or twine. "Brush" stickers are available at the Service Center, City Hall, and Community Services Center. Yard waste, including grass clippings, plants, weeds, flowers, and leaves, is collected weekly by Rumpke and must be placed in paper bags (preferred) or plastic bags under 50 lbs. Bags should be placed in or next to your trash cart, but personal cans/containers cannot be used.

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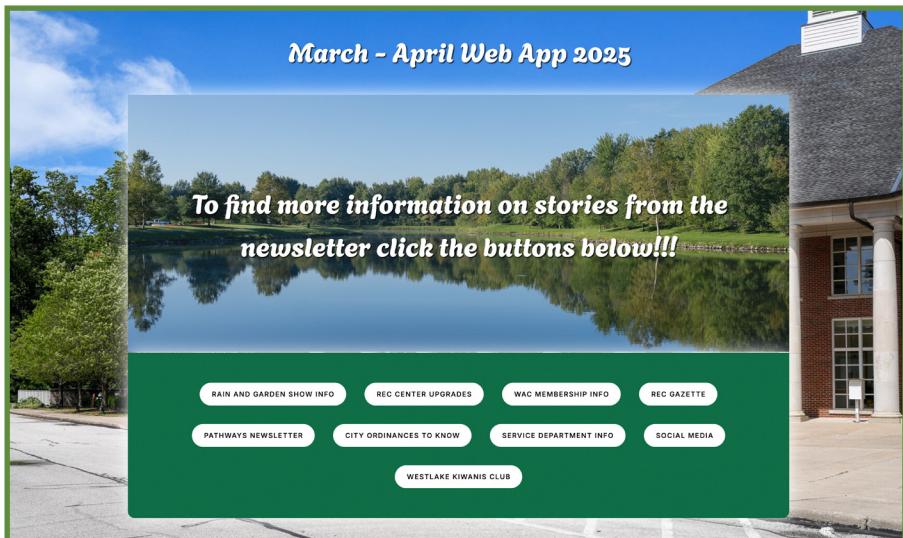
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