

WICKLIFFE



CONNECTION

Moving into Fall and Winter in Wickliffe

Welcome to another edition of the Wickliffe Connection! There is a lot of information to share with you as we close out 2025.

Let me start with upcoming events:

There is an ad that you can cut out and post on your refrigerator on page 6 regarding Fall Leaf Pick Up. Beginning Oct. 13, Service Department trucks will begin to pick up leaves that have been raked to the curb. Please do not rake leaves into the street as this is a hazard. Also, be sure there are no sticks or branches in the pile – only leaves please! There is no set schedule and pick up will be weather dependent.

Trick or Treat this year will be Friday, Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. Parents, please remember it will be dark – make sure costumes are bright or have some type of reflective parts. Homes with porch lights on will be welcoming trick or treaters – if you are passing out treats: turn on that light, and if you are collecting: only go to lit homes.

OLMC Community Center and the City Community/Senior Center will welcome voters on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for in person voting. More info on voting can be found on the Board of Elections website www.lakecountyohio.gov/boe/ or by calling 440-350-2700. The Mayor's position and all seven council seats are open for election this year.

City offices will be closed for Veterans Day Nov. 11 in honor of all Veterans. Offices will also be closed Thursday & Friday, Nov. 27 & 28 and Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 24 & 25, 2025.

A few other dates: See page 9 for info about the annual Turkey Hunt on Saturday, Nov. 22 and page 15 for details about the Holiday Lighting event sponsored by Wickliffe Forever on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 6-8 p.m. Both events are held at City Hall.

One of my favorite events is WINTERFEST held at Green Ridge Golf Course. This event will be held January 2026 – watch the website and city signs for the exact date.

And here are a few community updates:



Mayor
Joseph D.
Sakacs

The Old School Village development is beginning to take shape! A number of the lots have been purchased. The street is in, and the models are built if you are interested in seeing what these homes will look like.

The Wickliffe Senior apartments are also coming along on Euclid Avenue. If you or someone you know would like more info on these, the number to call is 614-942-2020. This is not a city project, rather the property is owned by a private company.

We have a few new businesses in Wickliffe and we welcome them to our City! Please remember to support our local businesses as much as you are able!

This is the last year of my term as Mayor. In Wickliffe, a mayor may only serve two consecutive terms. I will be seeking a second term in hopes of continuing to serve the community. We have accomplished a lot over the last four years and I have plans to continue to improve our great city over the next four years!

Happy Fall and Happy Holidays! Please feel free to reach out to me by calling 440-943-7103 or by email at jsakacs@cityofwickliffe.com if there is anything I can do for you. I look forward to seeing you around town!

WELCOME!

BY RONNIE BUBONICS

Another wonderful business has decided to choose Wickliffe for its location. Sam's Deli & Ice Cream, Hot and Cold Eats & More located at 29239 Euclid Ave. The owner Kevin or one of his employees will be happy to whip up something to quench your appetite. His shop is named in honor of his older brother Sam who was Kevin's inspiration for starting a business. If you need a quick lunch, snack, treat or dinner, just stop in and pick out something from their very full menu. If you want subs, gyros, corned beef, corned beef ruben, wraps, specialty hotdogs which include Diane's Big Beef Chili Dog, Kev's Cleveland Polish Boy and Sam's Big Beef Hot Dog and walking tacos here is the place. You can get wings on Mondays, fish fry on Fridays and ribs on Fridays and Saturdays. They also have French fries or chips. Premium ice cream flavors are available for \$3.50 per scoop which include my favorite Chocolate Moose Tracks. Available for dessert is Cassata, Carrot or Pound cake for \$2.50 a slice. Various non-alcoholic beverages are also available. The atmosphere is clean and friendly. Hours of operation at this time are Monday through Friday,



1-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 1-11 p.m. Kevin also hopes to be open during Brown's games so people can come and watch football. He offers Door Dash and Uber Eats. Check out Sam's Deli and Ice Cream on Facebook. Give this place a try and you won't regret it.

Edward Levon, Council President

In honor of Veterans Day, I would like to take a minute to personally thank all of these brave men and women who are current City of Wickliffe residents or City of Wickliffe employees who proudly served, or are serving, in the United States Armed Forces.*

Abate, Tony	Boyle, John	Franks, Roy
Abraham, Kevin	Braden, Ray	Frascarelli, Joseph
Archibald, Paul	Brendy, Fred	Frate, Albert
Argenti, Anthony	Bridges, Richard	Fratino, Henry
Aufuldish, Jr., Robert	Brown, Chad	Freeman, Jack
Backus, Robert	Bubonics, David	Frohwert, Dennis
Bailey, Anthony	Buck, Gregory	Frye, Jerry
Baker, Dale	Buerger, Joseph	Galati, Arnold
Balog, David	Cantrrell, Gary	Gallik, David
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Basisita, Daniel	Carroll, Kevin	Gelsinger, Leo
Beal, William	Casey, George	Gilson, Bruce
Bechemer, Anthony	Catanese, Nicholas	Gittinger, Robert
Becka, Scott	Catanese, Domenick	Glover, Mark
Bellon, Paul	Catania, Dominic	Goth, Gregory
Bendfeldt, William	Chappuies, Michael	Graf, Joseph
Besselman, William	Chesnes, James	Greig, William
Bestvina, John	Chicone, Richard	Grove, Robert
Blondolillo, Robert	Chillemi, Joseph	Grubiss, Raymond
Blakemore, Raymond	Christoff, William	Gulya, Frank
Blakemore, Scott	Cirino, Nick	Gural, Dennis
Blatnik, Henry	Contento, Daniel	Haavisto, Arthur
Bliss, David	Cordiano, Severio	Haavisto, Alex
Blotnick, John L.	Corman, Tyler	Haavisto, Kai
Bogo, Matthew	Crosby, Robert	Haavisto, Alan
Bonadio, Michael	Crow, Charles	Hall, Lawrence
Bopp, Edward	Cudnik, Kenneth	Hanratty, Thomas
Borsich, Michael	Dakes, Robert	Hart, John

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*This list was originally acquired through the American Legion Post 7, and is manually maintained. I am certain I don't have everyone's name. If you are, or know of, a veteran who lives in Wickliffe and should be recognized on this list, please forward the information to Ed Levon at edlevon@cityofwickliffe.com.

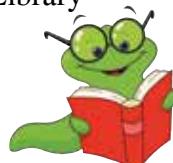
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Events and Activities:



*Halloween/Octoberfest Steak-shoot 10/25 at 7pm: Hosted by VFW 2926 Auxiliary (costumes/prizes) and *Thanksgiving Steak-Shoot 11/22 at 7pm is our monthly event supporting our organizations within the post playing a form of bingo using laminated 3 playing cards. For \$10 per card, 10 rounds, winner receives a turkey (this month), turkey & stuffing provided, members bring a dish to share.

*Veterans Day Dinner 11/8 Dinner at the Post (29919 Euclid Avenue), doors open at 5:30 p.m. in the post hall. Available 10/1 in the Canteen, Tickets are \$20 per person, only 100 will be sold, cash bar. Program to include awards & presentations for the dedication & sacrifice of so many members who volunteer & serve others not self. We offer a memorable \$10 Post History CD for the century of all the American Legion has done & continues to do!

*Operation Homefront Toy Drive mid-November we will hopefully have our annual toy give-away for veterans, military/families & Wickliffe Residents (bring a DD214/Legion membership card or utility bill). Toy donations are from Dollar Tree & are available in the Canteen (440-585-4191) Monday-Saturday 1-8 p.m. through early December. Q/A contact Renee, Aux President/PSO 440-781-5744 (email: rchosens@sbcglobal.net).

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Updates from Council

By the time you read this, the campaign season should almost be over. Thank you to those who voted or will vote in the November General Election.

Premier Building Update

In my spring article, I wrote about the former ABB building, which city leaders thought would be torn down before summer. Well, that did not happen.

In late September, Council was told that internal demolition of the building revealed more asbestos, which needed to be abated. We were given an updated timeline of early November for the building to be taken down.

2025 Road Program

We've reached that time of the year where the orange barrels get put away for a little while.

This past year, one main street received a facelift, as State Rt. 84/Bishop Road from just north of Johnson to State Route 91 received a grind and overlay.

Thanks to Rep. Dave Joyce, who helped the City secure over \$945,000 from NOACA for this project, Wickliffe was responsible to pay only 7 percent of a \$2,396,864 project. NOACA and OPWC covered the other 93 percent of costs, which amounts to \$2,396,864. This left the City's share approximately \$181,000.

Another major project is the Parkwood Drive and Kerry Lane waterline and pavement improvements. In late September, Council accepted the bid of \$1,033,906.40 by Fabrizi



**Council at Large
Mathew Jaworski**

Trucking and Paving Co. OPWC has committed \$500,000 to the project, plus gave the city a \$177,000 loan. Additionally, the Lake County Department of Utilities will pay \$400,900. This leaves the City's share at \$276,300.

The sanitary sewers were lined on Empire Road and Kerry Lane. This \$609,817 project began in 2024 and finished up in 2025, as the sanitary sewer main was lined, including service laterals to the inspection tee.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of my wife Emily and our daughters Stella and Lucy, we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving, happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Contact Me

Phone/text: 440-815-1819.
Email: mjaworski@cityofwickliffe.com.

Understanding and reforming Ohio's complex property tax system

As a long time elected official in city, county and state government, I have experienced considerable interaction with Ohio's property tax system. My experience in co-existing with its complexities at these various levels convinced me that it was in critical need of review and reform. That is the reason that I advocated for and wrote the language creating the Joint Committee on Property Tax Education and Reform in the 2023 state budget bill. Very few people understand the system, and that's why I believe that a thorough educational process had to take place and be ongoing so that those that make the property tax laws, those that administer them at the local level, those that depend on those tax dollars to provide critical services, and those that pay those tax dollars are able to find it more understandable and transparent. I believed that it would take considerable time and study to reach some level of comfort in that effort, and then, at that point, I hoped that we would roll up our sleeves and work at reaching consensus on implementing the changes that would move it to a fairer and more uniform methodology of revenue generation, ensuring that no one is overburdened as a result of someone else being underburdened.

Just having experienced our six-year reappraisal in Lake County, I have heard more uproar from the citizens on this issue rather than on any other. Historically high percentage increases have caused considerable anger and fear over their ability to make ends meet when the bills for those increases came due in 2025. There is a great outcry on this issue for us to DO SOMETHING. However we get there, I believe that we must rectify the fact that increases in the value of what is probably the major investment (owning a home) one makes in their life should not automatically result in higher property tax bills. A House Bill 920 protection that prohibits the growth of taxes and revenue on a previously adopted levy (with allowance for a minimal CPI type of adjustment) should be extended to cover all property tax silos (inside and charter millage, 20 mill floor, etc.). This would allow for very limited inflationary growth in revenue for our taxing districts instead of huge windfalls that currently occur in too many areas. It probably would require a combination of constitutional and statutory changes, but I believe the methodology should be researched rather than ignore a potential citizen initiative that could have draconian consequences.



**State Representative
Daniel P. Troy**

However, I am also frustrated by a growing disconnect between our state and local governments and one-sided calls for property tax relief at the expense of our local governments and the critical services that they provide. Beginning in the 1930's, Ohio's state government has recognized the vital services that our local governments provide and has been a partner in assisting them in that effort. But we have witnessed a philosophical shift in that pattern over the last few decades. Elimination or reduction by the State Legislature of local government revenue streams (tangible personal property taxes, inheritance taxes, local government fund, etc.) has forced more reliance on local real estate taxes to deliver these vital services.

So that we minimize overburdening one class of property taxpayers to the benefit of others, we must honor the legacy of Ohio's over 50-year-old Homestead Exemption program in terms of greatly increased eligibility and valuation exemptions. I have introduced bi-partisan sponsored legislation to do just that. County Auditors and seniors throughout the state feel that the current level of help that this program provides is shameful. And, we must stop shifting the responsibility of property taxes to residential homeowners by the almost willy nilly abatement and diversion programs unfairly benefiting commercial developers. There are many other components of the property tax system that need to be considered so that citizens don't think that it is gamed against them. There needs to be a continual and disciplined effort on the part of the General Assembly to roll up its collective sleeves to understand and address them, and to include our local governments in that discussion and effort.

As always, please feel free to contact me on any issue or to express your opinion at 614-466-7251 or rep23@ohiohouse.gov.

Volunteers Needed

Cub Scout Pack 3050 Invites anyone in our community or from our neighboring communities who likes to be HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, and KIND (just like a Scout), to join us in doing a good deed for our neighbors who need help with cleaning up their fall leaves. Weather permitting, on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m., Cub Scouts from Pack 3050 will meet at the Wickliffe Community/Senior Center located at 900 Worden Rd. to organize into teams who will be assigned to

clean up fall leaves for one of our local Senior residents in need of this type of support.

Last year, on Nov. 17 eight cub scouts and six adults from our Pack worked together for a few hours on a beautiful Sunday afternoon to help two Willowick senior residents with cleaning up their yards. This year our goal is to increase the number of senior resi-



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To all of you that have supported us over the years, thank you.

Happy Fall, Everyone!



**Ward 3
Tom
Thielman**

their homes. Council also discussed updates to the City's codes related to truck and trailer parking, as well as outside storage in certain zoning districts. In some instances, Commercial Manufacturing land directly borders residential neighborhoods, raising important questions about the appropriate use of parking areas in those zones.

Another priority of mine is stronger enforcement of Wickliffe's minimum maintenance codes.

To preserve our residents' quality of life, we need consistent standards across both residential and commercial districts. In particular, our commercial corridors should reflect high standards in areas such as building upkeep, landscaping, signage, window displays, and overall cleanliness.

Remember, our codes are generally enforced on a complaint basis. The City does not have the staff capacity to conduct proactive inspections of every home and business. Instead, we rely on our residents to serve as the eyes and ears of the community by reporting code or maintenance concerns when they arise.

At the committee level, Council reviewed ways to streamline the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) process, which provides homeowners with real property tax exemptions for improvements that increase the value of

innovative approaches to redevelopment, moving beyond traditional Euclidean zoning practices to allow for more flexible mixed-use opportunities along Euclid Avenue. I'm pleased that Council supported this vision by approving zoning changes for the Old Village Way development, which will transform a portion of General Business zoning into space for for-sale townhomes. These new homes will not only complement the surrounding residential neighborhood but also strengthen the nearby business district.

Taken together, these steps are about protecting our community's character, strengthening our neighborhoods, and ensuring Wickliffe continues moving in a positive direction.

I'm always happy to hear from you—feel free to reach out by email at tthielman@cityofwickliffe.com or give me a call at 440-251-5782.

What's been happening in the city

Let's start with road projects and improvements.

The Ridge Road project started late this summer and should be completed before the snow flies this winter. The total estimated cost of this project was \$2,773,000.00, but with the Federal grant money, the cost to the residents is only \$251,357.00.

The Euclid Ave. project for 2026 is also a joint effort through the Federal Government and the cities of Willowick and Willoughby. This project will start late summer of 2026 and it will go from the Wickliffe-Euclid line to St. Rt. 91.

In 2026, hopefully we can get Rockefeller Road and East 290th repaved. These two roads were supposed to be done in 2025, but had to be removed from the list due to budgeting issues.

The Sunset Development project (the cottage-type apartments on Euclid Avenue at Bellview) should be open later this year (or early next year) as they continue to work on the two-story apartment building in the rear of the property. There has been a lot of discussion over the long dirt pile in front of the apartments. This was not on the original plans submitted to the city, so they will either have to remove the pile or go back to Planning Commission for approval. Either way, this issue will have to be addressed before they will be able to open.

At Green Ridge Golf Course, the dredging of the pond to improve the irrigation system that waters the golf course was completed this year. There are still some areas that need to be repaired due to the dredging; this is being addressed. The problem with the greens on the golf course was a fungus that killed the grass. The city had people come in and inspect the greens and advised the city on how to deal with the fungus. Hopefully by next spring that issue will be resolved.

I am sure you have seen on the news about issues the cities of Willowick and Eastlake are having dealing with rat problems. Wickliffe is no different. We have had numerous complaints from residents, especially on the north side of the city, about seeing rats. The Service Department is trying to handle the problem as best they can by baiting the catch basins. Residents also can help. City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the ground feeding of animals including



Ward 2
Randy
Gerhardstein

birds. Rats come because there is a food source; be it by feeding stray cats, throwing food out for the birds, or feeding the many deer that we have throughout the city. Please do your part. If you feed the birds, please follow the guidelines using raised bird feeders instead of ground feeding.

Council will begin working on the city budget early next year. Please know that as a city council member, I try to make sure we spend your money wisely. We need to focus on controlling spending while making sure the residents have the city services you have come to expect from the city.

In closing, I would like to say Thank You for allowing me to be your representative for Ward 2 for five years. It has been an honor, and I thank you for the opportunity to be your voice. I hope to continue service to the residents as I seek the position of Council President this fall.

I have been in contact with the new Ward 2 representative, Justin Ball, and assured him that I will be available to help him with any questions that he may have.

Remember that you can watch the Council meetings live on the second and fourth Mondays of the month on YouTube. You can also watch previous meetings there as well.

You can follow me on Facebook to keep up with things going on in the city @ Randy Gerhardstein-Councilman Ward 2 Wickliffe.

If you need anything or have questions you can reach me by call or text at (440) 343-2183 or by email Rgerhardstein@cityofwickliffe.com.

Thanks for allowing me to represent you in city council.

Reflecting on Eight Wonderful Years of Service as Council at Large



Council at Large
Maria
Salotto

As I reflect on the past eight years serving on the Wickliffe City Council, I'm filled with gratitude for the opportunity to give back to the city that has given me so much. Having been born and raised in Wickliffe, this community has always been the perfect home for my family—and it has been an incredible honor to help guide its progress while preserving the values that make it such a special place.

Throughout my time on council, I've been proud to support meaningful improvements, particularly along the Euclid Avenue corridor. This key area of our city is not only a gateway to Wickliffe, but also a focal point for continued development and community pride. I'm excited about the steps we've taken to move the city forward, and I'm hopeful for the progress yet to come.

Equally important to me has been championing our city's cherished amenities—our parks, pools, and public spaces that bring neighbors together and enrich daily life. These assets are part of what makes Wickliffe a vibrant, family-friendly place to live, and I remain committed to their support and continued improvement.

As someone who has spent a lifetime in Wickliffe, I'm proud to see how well our city

is maintained and how our friendly, supportive atmosphere remains as strong as ever. Our community spirit is one of Wickliffe's greatest strengths, and I'm deeply honored to be a part of it.

Thank you for the continued support, and for allowing me the chance to serve the community I'm so proud to call home.

As always, please feel free to call or text with any needs, questions, or concerns at my cell: 216.469.8173.

Have a most Beautiful Autumn Season my fellow Wickliffians!!

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dents that we can help, but to do that we need more people. If you feel like getting outside to enjoy the fall season by doing something active that is also spreading kindness, please save the date of Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025, and meet us at the Wickliffe Community/Senior Center at 2 p.m. with your rake for a fun and rewarding afternoon helping our neighbors.

Signing up in advance will help us to better anticipate how many residents we will be able to help. To sign up, please email Suzanne Baker, Cubmaster at Willowickpack50@yahoo.com no later than Friday, Nov. 7. If the weather

A growing concern

It seems we all have "that one overgrown house" in our neighborhood. The one where the grass and weeds are tall, and the bushes are out of control.

Do you remember when everyone spent an entire weekend afternoon working in their yard? Many people now use lawn services, which are great, but in many ways, they have taken away conversations with neighbors and interest and pride in caring for your own property.

The building department receives many complaints about homes with unkempt yards and other unsightly issues that are in violation of City Ordinance. Simple yard maintenance including putting usable items into proper storage, inspecting the exterior of your home and accessory building(s) and performing general maintenance can go a long way in keeping your property looking good while maintaining its value and remaining violation free.

Here I will give you a breakdown of what is expected to keep our city looking good:

- **Landscaping and Yard Care:** Lawns and landscaping shall be maintained so as not to constitute a blighting or deteriorating effect in the neighborhood. Overgrowth of landscape, dead and dying trees, limbs and other natural growth should be trimmed, cut and all debris from the same removed. Building and landscape materials intended for use in landscaping shall not be left outside unused open or covered for a period of time to not exceed six months. Grass and weeds shall not exceed 8 inches, or a notice violation to cut may be sent to owner, posted on property and city contractors can cut within 3 days of receipt and a minimum charge of \$250.00 will apply.

- **Garbage and Rubbish Storage:** Trash receptacles are not to be stored in the front yard of any parcel of land extending from the front wall of home to the front right of way property line across the full width of lot. Any trash or organic waste that could attract insects or rodents should be placed in a covered garbage receptacle. Please store receptacles in proper storage area and return cans from street after collection on collection day.

- **Exterior Building Conditions:** Homeowners are required to make sure that their home and accessory buildings are maintained and in good repair regarding the exterior paint, siding, structures including but not limited to: roofs, gutters, exterior doors, windows, exterior trim, walks, drives, front steps, landings and railings.



Ward 4
Sherry
Koski

- **Street Number Visibility:** Property owners are also required to properly display the street number assigned to their home. The number must be placed on the fanlight, transom, entrance steps, gate, or at the nearest practical point to the entrance, ensuring it is always plainly visible from the sidewalk. Numbers must be displayed on the front of the building facing the street on which the property is addressed, so they can be easily identified. Could you please check on your older neighbors and offer to trim back what is necessary to make their address visible for safety services and for deliveries? We all see posts about packages going to the wrong address.

- **Gutter Maintenance:** Homeowners are encouraged to keep their gutters clear of leaves, debris, and blockages. Clogged gutters can lead to water damage, including roof leaks, foundation problems, and basement flooding. Overflowing gutters may also create hazardous icy spots in colder months and contribute to mold or mildew buildup on siding. Regular gutter cleaning helps protect the structure of the home while preserving neighborhood appearance.

- **General Property Appearance:** Property owners may not allow conditions that harm neighborhood appearance, reduce property values, or create fire, health, or safety hazards. Prohibited conditions include broken or dilapidated fences, out-of-use appliances or auto parts, unsightly furniture, debris, or materials stored in plain view.

These measures are designed not only to enhance the look and feel of neighborhoods but also to promote public safety, preserve property values, and protect the overall quality of life in our city.

With the weather changing now is also a good time to complete furnace maintenance and check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors too.

I hope you are able to spend some time enjoying your yard and your neighbors this fall.

Winter is approaching ...



Ward 1
Jim
Bala

Over the past 5 years we have had some very uneventful winters and a few normal winters, but you always have to be prepared and the earlier the better.

What I will be writing about is general things you may want to consider when hiring a contractor to plow your driveway or your business. First, never pay for the whole season up front; you may never see them again. Some contractors may bill you monthly or split payments in two. Second, make sure they have references, or they plow someone's driveway that you know.

On the City website, there is a list of registered contractors that you are able to contact for an estimate. Some people like paying per push which makes it fair. Other people like to pay for the whole season so they know their contractor will automatically show up and not have to worry if their driveway will be plowed.

There are few things that you may want to ask such as: how many inches of snow will they come out for? Most the time they will push when it's 2". Will they plow a few times a day if it keeps snowing? Do they shovel my sidewalk, pathways to the door or my steps? It may cost more, but make sure you ask these questions prior to signing a contract. Be sure to have all the information in writing and, as always, ask for their phone number.

I often read on social media where residents are concerned that their plow guys have not been there to plow. Please be patient, especially if it is snowing heavily. When the snow is rapidly accumulating, it may take a longer amount of

time for them to plow driveways or parking lots. Trucks and plows are not invincible, they do break down and need repairs, so please be patient. They hopefully will get there before you have to get to work.

Wickliffe also has some ordinances that should be followed; here are the basics:

PLEASE DO NOT:

- Plow or block fire hydrants.
- Plow or blow snow into the street.
- Plow, blow, or shovel snow into the neighbor's yard.
- Plow snow from your drive across the street onto the neighbor's tree lawn.
- Block sidewalks with snow removed from aprons.
- Park your vehicle in the street when two (2) inches or more of snow has fallen.

Enjoy the snow, but be careful and be safe if you are shoveling out there.

If you need to reach me, please call at 440-478-6772.

Wickliffe Public Library

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Fax number: 440-944-7264
www.wickliffepl.org



Library Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday - Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday: CLOSED
CLOSED: November 27; December 24; December 25; December 31; January 1

Mission Statement: The Wickliffe Public Library serves all people, addresses informational needs, and provides opportunities for lifelong learning.

Director's Corner

This summer, the library celebrated lifelong learning with a successful summer reading campaign, new programming and many learning opportunities. First, a few numbers:

- 3730 Youth participated in summer reading
- 5706 Adults participated in summer reading
- 35 Sponsors donated to our summer reading programs
- Over 200 Prizes were donated and awarded to participants

We are thrilled so many in our community took part in summer reading.

Programs that were offered this summer included: STEAM, bottle rockets, movies, ice cream social, story times, rock painting, trivia game, LEGO, magic show, book clubs, Dungeons & Dragons, water balloons, concert, cardio drumming, pancakes and puzzle fun, arts and crafts, Pysanky Eggs, chalk fun, Beauty & the Beast Ball, sun printing and string art

Learning opportunities:

- The Apollo Space Program
- AARP Smart Driver Course
- The Air Laboratory of the World
- Getting Started with Kanopy
- Yoga
- WWII Normandy Invasion

Did you visit the library this summer?

We have more amazing programs lined up for fall and winter. Check out the offerings listed and join us for free educational and entertainment opportunities right here in your community.

Robin Bartley

Library Services

Library Card: You are never too old or too young to get a library card. A library card is available FREE to anyone who lives, works, owns property, or goes to school in Ohio. Application is made in person at the library. Your Wickliffe Public Library card may be used at any Clevnet Library. Please remember to inform the library of a change of address and to report a lost card immediately. Replacement for a lost card is \$1.00. Damaged or worn cards will be replaced free of charge.

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Red Cross Blood Drives:

Thursday, December 4, 2025 from 12:00-6:00 PM

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 from 12:00-6:00 PM

To schedule an appointment, go to: redcrossblood.org



Programs for Adults

Call 440-944-6010 to register or register online at www.wickliffepl.org

Puzzle Swap

Saturday, November 1 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Puzzle Enthusiasts - The Library is hosting a puzzle swap! Drop off gently used puzzles (at least 300 pieces, in the original box), at the front desk any time prior to the puzzle swap and receive a voucher to redeem on November 1.

"The Tight Knit Group" Knitting & Crochet Club

on the **1st Tuesday** of the month at **6:30 PM** 11/4, 12/2, 1/6, 2/3

Join us for an evening of relaxation and good company! Whether you are a beginner or a pro, knitter or crocheter, stop in to learn basics or work on a project. The library has yarn to share, but please bring your own knitting or crochet hooks.

Other Worlds Book Club on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM

Join us to discuss the title of the month. 11/5: *Dawn* by Octavia E. Butler

12/3: *Ancillary Justice* by Ann Leckie

1/7: *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir

Programs for Adults

Call 440-944-6010 to register or register online at www.wickliffepl.org

Book Club on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM

Join us to discuss the title of the month. 11/10: *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout ; 12/8: *The Zookeepers Wife* by Diane Ackerman
1/12 ON BREAK – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The World Is Waiting: Start Your Book and Finish It Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 PM

Have you ever wanted to write a book? Did you start with a paragraph but never got to the next one? Maybe you have a title in mind, and you don't know what else to write. Or, maybe you have a first draft and don't know where to go from there. Join local author, Nicole Crawford, as she leads a writing workshop that will help beginning writers start their writing project and see it to completion. After all, the world is waiting!

Ghosts of the Griffith: Disaster on Lake Erie Thursday, November 13 at 7:00PM

The worst shipping disaster in Lake Erie's history, a tragedy of heartbreaking human loss. The summer of 1850 was the scene of the fire on the steamer, G.P. Griffith, along the coast of Lake County, Ohio, between Fairport Harbor and Willowick. It is a grim tale of loss, softened by a touching tale of survival.

Mystery Book Club on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3:00 PM

Join us to discuss the title of the month. 11/18: *Mother Daughter Murder Night* by Nina Simon
12/16: ON BREAK – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
1/20: *We Solve Murders* by Richard Osman

Cookbook Club on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM

Each month make a themed dish, join us to share and enjoy your recipe! A one-time registration is necessary. 11/18: Cheese; 12/16: Recipe Exchange; 1/20: Pizza

Choosing Your Christmas Tree and Decorating with Greens Thursday, November 20 at 10:00 AM

Spruce, pine, balsam, or fir? Fresh cut or balled? How do you make sure it lasts for the entire holiday season? Which makes the best tree for your house? This class, presented by OSU Extension Master Gardeners, will help you answer the questions you have been asking every December. We will also show you how to use all the extra boughs to make a hanging greens basket and porch container.

BOOK CLUB Book Club at Wickliffe Senior Center (900 Worden Rd)

The following Fridays at 12:30 PM
11/21: *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel; 12/26: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman; 1/23: *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

Adult Winter Reading

Monday, December 1 through Saturday, February 28

Read or listen to a book during the cold winter months and enter our drawing to win a prize basket! One slip may be entered for each book that is read. All entries must be submitted by February 28th.

Holiday House Raffle

December 1 – December 20

Earn a raffle ticket each time you check out 3 items or more and choose the holiday house you want to win! Wooden light-up houses, decorated by staff, will be on display beginning December 1. All entries must be submitted by closing time on December 20.

Adult Craft: No Sew Holiday Gnome

Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 PM

Join us to make adorable holiday gnomes! Supplies are provided. Space is limited.

Take Control of Your Finances

Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 PM

Start the new year with a complete financial plan. Learn about goal-setting, saving money, and budgeting to help get your finances in order. Hosted by financial counselor, LaShaun Humphrey, from Benjamin Rose.

Puzzle Competition

Saturday, January 17 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Puzzle enthusiasts, do we have the program for you! Gather teams of 2-4 people and enter WKPL's puzzle competition. Each team will be given the same puzzle and 2 hours to complete it. The team that finishes the puzzle first, or completes the largest percentage of it, will win! Space is limited, so call the library at (440) 944-6010 to register your team as soon as possible.



Wickliffe Public Library

Programs for Tweens grades 4-6

Call 440-944-6010 to register or register online at www.wickliffepl.org



Bubble Art on Photo Paper

Wednesday, November 5 at 3:30 PM

Participants will create art using bubbles and food coloring. Come prepared to have fun blowing bubbles and be prepared to get messy! **Registration is required.**



Cookies and Cream Parfaits

Wednesday, November 12 at 3:30 PM

Tweens will follow a recipe and prepare their own cream cheese parfait dessert. Space is limited. Registration is required.



Thanksgiving Craft

Wednesday, November 19 at 3:30 PM

We will create adorable Thanksgiving decorations to be used as place cards for your table. **Registration is required.**



Catapult Fun!

Wednesday, December 3 at 3:30 PM

Using craft sticks, plastic spoons, and cotton balls the Tweens will play games to see whose catapult is built to toss their "stone" the farthest. **Registration is required.**



K Cup Christmas Craft

Wednesday, December 10 at 3:30 PM

We will make these (and some others, too) adorable Christmas crafts from K Cups. They can be used as ornaments on your tree or for decorations to make your space more festive! **Registration is required.**



Decorating Live Christmas Trees

Wednesday, December 17 at 3:30 PM

Tweens will team up to decorate live trees donated from Greig's Tree Farm. Registration is required. Space is very limited.



Recycled Paper Art

Wednesday, January 7 at 3:30 PM

Making art with recycled paper will give the Tweens the idea that reducing, reusing, and recycling is not only good for the planet, it's FUN! **Registration is required.**



Winter Games and Crafts

Wednesday, January 14 at 3:30 PM

We will use our time together to create some winter-themed crafts and play some winter games. Registration is required.



Legos!

Wednesday, January 21 at 3:30 PM

Tweens will be given a theme in order to create with LEGOS! Throwback fun for all. **Registration is required.**



Terrariums with Ms. Brittany from Well Rooted Plants

Wednesday, January 28 at 3:30 PM

Tweens will create their own terrariums with the help of Ms. Brittany, owner of Well Rooted Plants. Space is limited. Registration is required.

Dungeon & Dragons Club every other Monday from 4:30-6:00 PM for teens (ages 15-18). For more information go to www.wickliffepl.org.

Programs for Children and Families

Call 440-944-6010 to register or register online at www.wickliffepl.org



Tales for a Dog

Saturday, November 1, December 6, January 3 from 10:00-11:00 AM

Children Kindergarten and up may come in and read to the therapy dogs the first Saturday of every month.



Stuffed Animal Election Days at the Library!

November 3-4

Bring your little ones to the library for a fun, hands-on way to learn about voting and community participation! Children will get to meet our special Stuffed Animal Candidates-adorable plushies with big personalities running for the title of Library Ambassador.



Little Beans Story Time at CouchLand Coffee House (29933 Euclid Avenue)

Tuesday, November 4, December 2, January 6 at 11:00 AM

Join Miss Linda for books, rhymes, and music perfect for ages 6 and under with an adult. Coffee and food are available for purchase before and after story time. Arrive early as story time begins promptly at 11:00 am. Unfortunately, once the story time room reaches capacity, we will be unable to admit anyone else.



Owlet Story Time (birth-age 6)

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

November 5-19; December 3-17; January 7-March 11

Children and their caregivers join us for rhymes, stories, and songs!



Moonlight Family Story Time (birth-age 6)

Thursdays at 6:15 PM

November 6-20; December 4-18; January 8-March 12

Children and their caregivers join us for rhymes, music, stories, and more!



Coulby Ornaments

November 10-20

Visit the library to decorate an ornament for the Coulby Tree Lighting (TBA). All participants will be entered into a raffle for a chance to flip the switch and light the tree that evening. Wickliffe Public Library has partnered with Wickliffe Forever for this event.



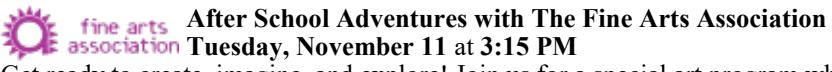
Harvest Family Night

Monday, November 10 from 6:30-7:15 PM

Join us for a fun filled family night! We will make a festive door hanger and a delicious fall snack mix. This program is designed for children 10 and under accompanied by an adult. **Registration required.**

Programs for Children & Families

Call 440-944-6010 to register or register online at www.wickliffepl.org



After School Adventures with The Fine Arts Association

Tuesday, November 11 at 3:15 PM

Get ready to create, imagine, and explore! Join us for a special art program where young children can dive into the world of art with the guidance of a local guest art instructor. **Registration Required.** Space is limited.

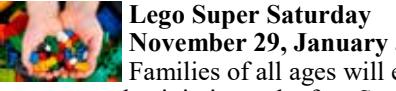


Kid's Art Studio Make a Turkey

November 17-20 from 10:00 AM-7:00 PM and

November 21 from 10:00 AM-4:00PM

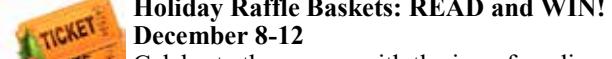
Gobble gobble! Families are invited to stop by the library to create their very own handprint turkey masterpiece. This self-guided, all-ages craft is a fun and festive way to celebrate the season and get creative together!



Lego Super Saturday

November 29, January 31 at 11:00 AM

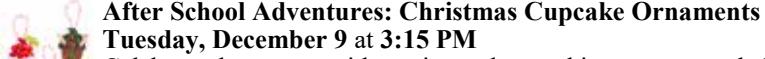
Families of all ages will explore building concepts and stories. Parents are encouraged to join in on the fun. Stop in!



Holiday Raffle Baskets: READ and WIN!

December 8-12

Celebrate the season with the joy of reading - and a chance to win a festive holiday basket full of goodies! Here's how to enter: Check out 6 books from the Children's or Young Adult section. Get one raffle ticket and drop your ticket into the raffle box for a chance to win a holiday basket packed with books, treats, and seasonal surprises!



After School Adventures: Christmas Cupcake Ornaments

Tuesday, December 9 at 3:15 PM

Celebrate the season with stories and something sweet - no baking required! Join us at the library for a cozy holiday program where children will listen to a selection of festive, winter-themed picture books, followed by a make-your-own foam Christmas cupcake ornament craft! **Registration required.**



Sensory Friendly Holiday Playdate

Friday, December 12 at 10:00 AM

Children of all abilities, 10 and under with a caregiver, are welcome to join us for a special sensory friendly program. We will have lots of holiday fun with bubbles, toys, games, and a craft! **Registration required.**



Noon Year's Eve Family Party

Tuesday, December 30 from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

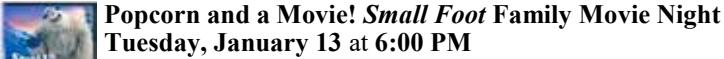
Too little to stay up 'til midnight? No problem! Join us at the library for a Noon Year's Eve Party, where we'll countdown to noon instead - with lots of fun along the way! **Registration Required.**



After School Adventures: Board Games

Tuesday, January 6 at 3:15 PM

Kindergarten through 3rd graders, join us at the library for an afternoon board game play for kids. **Registration required.**



Popcorn and a Movie! Small Foot Family Movie Night

Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 PM

Bring your blankets and pillows for an animated adventure for all ages, with original music and an all-star cast, *Smallfoot* turns the Bigfoot legend upside down when a bright young Yeti finds something he thought didn't exist - a human! Rated PG. **Registration Required.**



Māori Magic

Friday, January 16 at 3:15 PM

This interactive program invites children and their parents to explore and celebrate Māori culture through storytelling, crafts, and dance. Families will immerse themselves in Māori myths, legends, art, and performance in a fun, hands-on environment. With parental guidance, children will create their own simplified piupiu (flax) skirts using safe, child-friendly materials, bringing an engaging cultural experience to life. **Registration required.**



After School Adventures: Painting Winter Pine Trees

Tuesday, January 20 at 3:15 PM

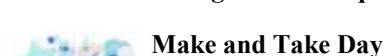
Kindergarten through 3rd graders, join us at the library for a winter painting program tailored just for kids Let your imagination run wild! **Registration required.**



Sensory Friendly Story Time

Friday, January 23 at 10:00 AM

Children of all abilities are welcome for interactive stories, music, and sensory play. Open to ages 10 and under accompanied by an adult. Space is limited. **Registration required.**



Make and Take Day

Friday, January 30 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Celebrate the winter season with creativity! Families are invited to stop by the library to make a fun, seasonal winter craft together.

***All library programs** are subject to change. Please check the website for the most current information. Programs made possible by the Friends of the Wickliffe Public Library Group.*



Adult Program:
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After School Bear Banks



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Community

Fall into Fun: Tree Planting and Stormwater Tips for Autumn



As Ohio's fall unfolds with vibrant leaves and shorter days, it's the perfect time to tackle stormwater management with tree planting! Cooler temperatures and autumn rain create ideal conditions for root growth, helping trees establish in spring before summer's heat. A medium-sized tree can soak up 2,300 gallons of rainwater yearly, reducing runoff into storm sewers and protecting our streams and lakes.

Why Plant Trees in Fall?

Fall is ideal for planting trees and shrubs in Ohio due to chilly temperatures and autumn rains, which promote root establishment in cool soil. This reduces the need for watering and helps trees withstand next summer's heat. Planting native vegetation allows water to infiltrate soil which replenishes groundwater, reduces flooding, and minimizes stormwater loading into storm sewers.

Trees also stabilize soil, can raise property value, provide wildlife habitat, lower summer temperatures, improve air quality, and enhance aesthetics. To plant successfully:

- Dig a hole 2-3 times wider than the root ball but no deeper, ensuring the root flare (where roots meet trunk) sits at ground level when planted.
- Loosen the root ball to encourage growth; avoid planting in small or deep holes, which are common issues that lead to trees failing to establish.
- Water thoroughly and slowly, mulch 3 inches deep around the base while keeping mulch 6 inches away from the trunk and protect young trees from deer with trunk guards or caging for the first few years.



Managing Fallen Leaves

Instead of raking leaves into streets or ditches where they can clog storm drains, contribute to flooding, and carry pollutants into waterways, opt for eco-friendly alternatives like mulching leaves in place with a lawnmower which allows them to act as a fertilizer, compost them for garden use, or leave them in wooded areas for natural decomposition.

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Football Tailgate Party

Sunday, Sept. 14 was the date for this year's Tailgate Party and the weather was perfect!! Football fans were welcomed at Club Molisani where a big screen TV broadcast the Browns vs. Ravens game.

Pregame attendees enjoyed a DJ, cornhole, food, and several vendors. OLMC offered pizza and ice cream novelties. The Wickliffe Football Boosters served hamburgers, hotdogs, and fries. Trevi's cooked up mac & cheese, pulled pork, and brisket. The Kettlecorn truck sold flavored popcorn, and Club Molisani offered beverages and adult beverages to patrons.

Special thanks to the following community sponsors whose donations provided the fun that was free to all to attend! Plan to join us next September for another fabulous football afternoon!

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Tree planting honors pioneering Wickliffe Italians

A tree planting honoring Wickliffe's pioneering Italian immigrants occurred on Friday, July 11, at the city's Coulby Park west entrance, according to Kathy Sugalia, Wickliffe Historical Society president.

"The tree-planting idea stems from oral history of an immigrant who sought a night's refuge in the branch of a buckeye tree," said Roland Little, published writer and former Wickliffe resident. "A hundred years ago Wickliffe's wealthiest families were reliant on immigrant labor for construction, farming and daily upkeep of their estates."

The top two employers Little identified were Harry Coulby and Frank Rockefeller. Coulby and Rockefeller were captains of shipping and oil industries, respectively.

"Coulby's Ridge Road mansion (Wickliffe's present-day city hall) required the skills of Italian craftsman for stonework and construction, while Rockefeller employed gamekeepers and constructed a mile-long track for racing horses. Rockefeller even built streetcar tracks from Euclid Avenue to his estate," Little said.

Word of Wickliffe's mushrooming economy reached adventurous Italian laborers, one of whom braved the trip to Ohio, Little added. "I was told this story by an Italian neighbor," he said. "The boy arrived at sunset and not being able to find his destination, decided to spend the night in a buckeye tree."

Overtime, the tree became a magnet for generations of tree-climbing boys. It was axed



from the Euclid Avenue landscape with the demolition of Wickliffe Winery and Wickliffe Floral, two retail institutions in the city.

"My brother and I climbed that tree and collected buckeyes for their alleged good luck," Little recalled.

"A hundred years ago the tree served as nature's version of an Airbnb," Little said, adding, "Hence the idea for an acknowledgement of not just one laborer, but all of the Italian families who shaped the city."

"We posted this idea for a tree planting on social media and it took off," Little said, noting, "The online dialogue opened discussion about local families especially those connected with Campobasso, Italy. It's evident there's a deep connection with how Wickliffe's earliest residents resonate with present generations."

Laketran provides free rides to vote and for veterans

Lake County residents can take Laketran's Local Routes 1-9 or schedule a door-to-door Dial-a-Ride free to their polling location for the November 4 general election. Free rides are also available for early voting before Election Day at the Lake County Board of Elections at 105 Main Street in Painesville.

Early voting started Oct. 7 and continues until Nov. 2.

Laketran now operates its door-to-door Dial-a-Ride service seven days a week and can take residents to vote early on Sunday, Nov. 2 at the Lake County Board of Elections.

"Transportation should never be a barrier for someone to exercise their right to vote," shared Laketran CEO Ben Capelle. "We're more than happy to make sure our residents have access to the general election so they can get to the polls or vote early."

Polling locations in Lake County are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 4. There is no in-person voting at the Board of Elections on Election Day.

Residents who prefer to take Laketran's Local Routes 1-9 simply need to inform their bus driver when they board the bus that they are going to vote or just voted and the trip will be free.

Dial-a-Ride, Laketran's door-to-door service, will also provide rides to early voting or polling locations at no charge and requires a reservation 1 to 14 days in advance. To schedule a Dial-a-Ride reservation, call Laketran Customer Service at 440-354-6100.

For early voting times or to find your voting location, contact the Lake County Board of Elections at 440-350-2700 or visit their website at <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/boe/>.

Laketran is also honoring Lake County veterans with free fares the week of Veterans Day. From November 9-15, Lake County veterans can ride all Laketran services fare free by simply telling their bus driver they are a veteran when they board the bus or schedule a trip.

Learn more at www.laketran.com

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2025 Wickliffe Hall of Fame Inductees

On Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025, the Wickliffe Community Hall of Fame enshrined the following six individuals at a ceremony at the Wickliffe I&A Club:

The Arts - Chris Thomas	Military - Clarence Poor
Sports - Stanley Jenovic	Health/Medical - Jill Byrne
Religion - Shirley Tarasco	Sports - Joe Thomas

For more information on the Hall of Fame, please email chuckb.hof@outlook.com, check us out on Facebook, or visit the Hall's website at wickliffehof.org.

The New York City Theatre Tour

BY HERM RUEGER

What began in 1961 by Michael Lenenski – Wickliffe Sr. High School Choral Music and Drama educator – has become the longest running production in Wickliffe's history – 62 years and still running.

The Musical Arts Program (instrumental and vocal) in Wickliffe gave thousands of students a life-long love and appreciation of good music.

The original purpose of the NYC Tour was to introduce high school choir members to live Broadway Theatre – a time before there was a Playhouse Square. This helped inspire the students as they would return to Wickliffe where they would put on their own musical extravaganza.

The annual tour was organized to take place during Easter vacation. The eight-day adventure included five Broadway Musicals, guided tours, a Radio City Easter Pageant, attending a TV game show, sightseeing/exploring and fine dining.

With the passage of time, this tour has continued because of the interest not only from former

students, teachers and townspeople, but others from across the country and abroad – while still focusing on the Great American Musical.

The charter tour begins mid-June for five days and four nights that includes three Broadway Musicals (with option to purchase two additional shows), lodging one-half block from Times Square in the Heart of the Theatre District, optional side tours, plenty of free time for personal exploration and professional orientation and guidance.

With Michael Lenenski's passing in 2022 the tour has been carrying on with the guidance of Herman Rueger, former student. (While on the 1966 Tour as a high school senior – he commented that it would be a once-in-a-lifetime visit to NYC – never thinking he would ever have the opportunity to return. He has since assisted with twenty tours, and three, now leading the tour, filling Michael Lenenski's shoes).

Every annual tour is a unique adventure – and still keeping "the longest running production in Wickliffe's history" going. For more information contact Herm Rueger at 440-943-5377.



Recreation

Visit us at www.cityofwickliffe.com

Our website has options for you to be informed. You can customize your viewing experience, sign up for notifications, and receive information you care about. Check out "Notify Me" today! Receive email or text message updates regarding the city information you have requested. Our recreation link, <https://cityofwickliffe.activityreg.com/>, allows for online registration and payments. We continually update this registration site as programs and additional information become available throughout the year. This program registration site is mobile-device friendly which means it will be easy to use on your phone or tablet!

The Wickliffe Recreation Department

Wickliffe City Hall, 28730 Ridge Road
Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.
Email questions to Recreation Director, Timothy E. Stopp (tstopp@cityofwickliffe.com)

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RESIDENT PAVILION REQUESTS You can take advantage of our online pavilion reservation process at cityofwickliffe.activityreg.com. The Recreation Department, located at City Hall, can accommodate in-person reservation requests during office hours. A \$40/\$50 rental fee is required for all pavilion reservations. **Reservations for 2026 will be available beginning Jan. 2, 2026.**

Use the QR code or go directly to cityofwickliffe.activityreg.com

Once at our registration site, it's best to create a log-in profile first by clicking "Create an Account" and following the instructions to complete your profile. When complete, click "home" to return to the home page. You may then proceed to "Pavilion Reservation," select your park location, and follow the prompts to complete your reservation. Once your request has been processed, you will receive an email with a copy of your permit. Please note: All permit requests are TENTATIVE ONLY until approved by our staff. You will be notified upon approval. Your credit card will not be charged until the requested reservation is approved and processed. In-person payment may be made by credit card, cash, or check made out to the City of Wickliffe. Payment secures your reservation. The rental fee is refundable with a one-week notice in writing. Pavilion usage is on a "first come, first serve" basis in the absence of a confirmed reservation.

SEASONAL SPECIAL EVENTS

Turkey Hunt

will be held Saturday, Nov. 22 at 11:30 a.m.
Coulby Park Gazebo behind City Hall.
Held Rain or Shine.

Wickliffe children and adults are all welcome.
Win your Thanksgiving turkey!



Wickliffe Night with the Cleveland Monsters

Wickliffe residents and their friends are invited to a home game on Friday, Feb. 27, 2025 as the Cleveland Monsters face off against the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins! Group Experience Packages include seating and exclusive group discounts. This is a "1-2-3 Friday" \$1 Coca-Cola products, \$2 Hot Dogs, and \$3 Select Beer Specials!

Ticket information will be linked to our webpage at www.cityofwickliffe.com. Tickets at www.rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com/WickliffeRec.

Contact Joshua Chua with the Monsters at 216-420-2783 or email jchua@clevelandmonsters.com.



YOUTH SPORTS

Blue Devil Recreation Basketball

For boys and girls in grades 3-6. Third and fourth graders will be grouped together while fifth and sixth graders will be grouped together as well. Games are Saturday mornings starting in January 2026 at Wickliffe City School Main Campus. More details will be released once confirmed.

Watch our city website and follow the Wickliffe Recreation Department Facebook page for announcements! \$60 Residents / \$70 Non-residents.

Limited to the first 80 who register and make payment. This is a joint effort between Wickliffe Recreation Department and Wickliffe High School Varsity Basketball team.



GREEN RIDGE GOLF COURSE



29150 Ridge Road

440-943-0007

(Call for course conditions)

We have been able to offer early Winter rates and will continue to do so. Green repair is still in progress. Thank you for your patience.



Golf Course Rates (Winter Rates)

Non-resident: \$5

Wickliffe Resident: \$5 (Must show proof of residency on each visit)

Seniors: \$5 (60+, Mon. – Fri. before 3 p.m.)

Outings/Leagues: \$5

Additional Fees: Power Cart: \$5 per rider (maximum 2 riders per cart)

Pull Cart: \$1

Call Clubhouse for current conditions: 440-943-0007.

Snacks and beverages are available for purchase in the clubhouse.

No Tee Times, play is based on a first come-first serve basis throughout the week and on weekends.

The last golfer is allowed out two hours prior to sunset, at the discretion of the clubhouse manager.

Rates are subject to change. Sales tax included. Call-in requests are NOT accepted.

WICKLIFFE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Wickliffe Community Center, located at 900 Worden Road, is open for evening exercise classes and other community activities Monday through Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. Wickliffe adults (age 18-54) may purchase an annual membership pass for \$15 to use the exercise room during evening hours. Memberships are only available for Wickliffe residents 18 and older. Membership is not required to enroll in certain programs, classes, meetings, or special events. Call our office for further information or visit the city website www.cityofwickliffe.com.

RENTAL GUIDELINES

Room rentals to Wickliffe residents are available on Friday evenings after 5 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 9 p.m. Please contact the Wickliffe Recreation Department for availability, rates, and capacity information at (440) 943-7120.

The total payment, including a \$100 security deposit, is required to secure a date. Rental payment includes set-up and tear-down time. Payment and paperwork must be executed at the Recreation Department located in City Hall. Visit www.cityofwickliffe.com for more details.

EVENING INSTRUCTION

Program Policies / Class Registration / Payment

With guidance and consultation from the Recreation Director, instructors determine class pricing, size, make-ups, refunds, and cancellations. Classes and programs are offered to both residents and nonresidents. Fees may vary. Pre-registration is requested, encouraged, and expected for Evening Exercise Classes at the Wickliffe Community Center. Full session discounts are offered if paid in full online or in person, when compared to "drop-in" rates.

FULL SESSION REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE: <https://cityofwickliffe.activityreg.com/>

IN-PERSON OR "DROP-IN PAYMENTS" may be made to the front desk staff of the Community Center, evenings only - Monday through Thursday, 5- 9 p.m., before your class. Walk-ins and in-person payments MUST be made in cash or by check to the City of Wickliffe."

CREDIT CARD payments are available online or in person at the Recreation Department, 28730 Ridge Road (located at the rear entrance of City Hall from 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.) A \$25 processing fee will be assessed on all returned checks.

Cancellations and Refunds

Each instructor determines the class size. If classes must be canceled due to insufficient enrollment, those who have prepaid will be notified, and pre-payments will be refunded. If an instructor must postpone a class, a make-up lesson may be scheduled with the instructor. Missed classes, most programs do not allow for make-up. No refunds will be made after the first class commences unless the instructor gives permission. Refunds are only offered in extreme circumstances. A minimal processing fee will be assessed for all refunds. Participants acknowledge and assume the potential risk of injury by participating in recreation offerings and agree to waive, release, and relinquish all claims against the City of Wickliffe and its representatives arising from participation in such classes/events. Management reserves the right to resolve any issue that may arise. Everyone entering the Center will be asked to sign in with the front desk staff upon every arrival. Sanitize your hands frequently to help stop the spread of germs. As with all exercise classes, please consult your physician before beginning any exercise program.

AEROBICS - Instructed by Kathy Brown

A low-impact aerobics class that strengthens and tones muscles, reduces body fat, reduces stress and improves cardiovascular endurance. Bring water and weights.

\$35 for a 6-week session one day, or a drop-in rate of \$8 per class. \$60 for 6-week session/both days or a drop-in rate of \$8 per class. Mondays, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sessions: current through Aug. 25, (no class Sept. 1), Sept. 8 through Oct. 13, Oct. 20 through Nov. 24.

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sessions: Oct. 22 through Dec. 3 (no class Nov. 26).

Holiday Special any class drop in for \$5: Dec. 8, 10, 15 & 17.



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CARDIO DRUMMING - Instructed by Sarah Hasul-Cull

Cardio drumming is a full-body cardio workout! It involves drumsticks, a bucket, and an exercise ball. Great songs and routines to help you burn those calories while sweating and smiling! Cardio Drumming, like any other cardio workout, raises your heart rate to burn calories and gives you a full-body workout. You can improve your focus and coordination while learning the routines. The best part about this workout is that you have fun! We dance, we sing, we laugh, and we keep moving. \$35 for a seven-week session, full-session online payment is available!

Drop-in rates are not available when class is sold out.

Tuesdays 6-6:45 p.m. Sessions: current through Oct. 28 (no class Nov. 4 or Nov. 11), Nov. 18 through Dec. 30.

POLYNESIAN DANCE CLASSES - Instructed by Dahmia

Learn the modern and ancient hula to enhance your grace and poise, as well as strengthen and tone your body.

Thursdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m. \$10 per drop-in for a class. Please call ahead after 4:30 p.m. (440) 373-5015.

TURKISH DANCE CLASSES - Instructed by Dahmia

Learn exotic Turkish dancing while you tone and tighten your muscles.

Thursdays, 7:45-8:45 p.m. \$10 per drop-in for a class. Please call ahead after 4:30 p.m.

YOGA CLASS - Instructed by Cassandra Shofar

Through guided yoga postures, breathing techniques, relaxation, and meditation, you will experience increased energy within a relaxed body and quiet mind. Experience the effects of bringing body, mind, and spirit into harmony. All skill levels of yoga are welcome.

Thursdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m. \$50 for 6-week session/one-day drop-in rate \$10 per class.

Sessions: current through Nov. 6, Nov. 13 through Dec. 18. (no class Nov. 27 and Dec. 25).

ZUMBA - Instructed by Lana Niebuhr (Mondays) & Dawn Urbis (Thursdays)

Fun, aerobic fitness program featuring dance and exercise routines incorporating interval training alternating fast and slow rhythms to help improve cardiovascular fitness. Get moving for your health! Great for all ages. Bring a water bottle and a towel and wear good exercise shoes. You may choose a drop-in \$7 per person or \$35 for a Monday seven-week session and/or \$35 for a Thursday seven-week session.

Mondays, 7-7:45 p.m., **COME TRY A FREE CLASS OCT. 13!**

Regular sessions; Oct. 20 through Dec. 8.

Thursdays, 7:30-8:15 p.m. sessions: current through Oct. 23, Oct. 30 through Dec. 18.

WICKLIFFE SENIOR PROGRAMMING

Check the city's website at www.cityofwickliffe.com for the Senior program's monthly newsletter and calendar of events! For overall good general health procedures, we ask that all Seniors take a self-assessment inquiry confirming your general good health before entering the facility for senior activities. All seniors will be asked to stop at the lobby and check in at each visit for our records. As information for these and new programs become available, we will publish updates on our city website at www.cityofwickliffe.com. Volunteer and be involved as much as you like! For information on how to get started, contact Bob Liddy at (440) 373-5015.

Meal Program

The daily congregate meal orchestrated by the Lake County Council on Aging operates from the Wickliffe Community Center at 900 Worden Road. Call the Nutrition Center Site Coordinator at (440) 373-5017 for more information.

Meals-on-Wheels is available to Seniors 60 and over who are handicapped or housebound through the Lake County Council on Aging by calling (440) 205-8111.

Becoming a Member of the Senior Center

Anyone age 55 and over may become a member. Wickliffe resident: \$10. Non-residents: \$15 per year. Membership is required for daytime activities, classes, and programs. Facilities include a fitness room, craft room, exercise classrooms, a large dining area, dance room, billiard room, and more!

Senior Bus Transportation

Limited transportation is available for senior services currently for Wickliffe residents 55 and older or those with a disability. If you have any questions regarding senior bus service, please call the Recreation Department at (440) 943-7120.

UPCOMING SENIOR CENTER EVENTS:

Tuesday, Nov. 4 – Election Day and Ticket Sales Start for Gift Basket Raffle (stop into Center to purchase)

Wednesday, Nov. 5/Dec. 3/Jan. 7 – Podiatrist Appointments & Free Blood Pressure Screening – 9-11 a.m. (1st Wed. of month)

Monday, Nov. 10/Dec. 8 – Veteran's Meeting – 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 – Free Lunch and Learn Program (topic TBD)

Sunday, Nov. 16 – 1st Annual Craft Show – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Free Admission - NEW

Friday, Nov. 21/Dec. 19 – Free Attorney Consultations (call Center for appt.)

Friday, Nov. 21/Dec. 26 – Book Club – 12:30 p.m. (typically every 4th Friday)

Tuesday, Nov. 25 – Performance by Wickliffe High School Choir – Noon

Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 – Center Closed for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, Dec. 10 – Blood Drive – 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 – Last Day to buy Gift Basket Raffle Tickets at Center

Thursday, Dec. 11 – Center Christmas Party – 2 to 5 p.m. – Trevi Catering Banquet Hall

Thursday, Dec. 11 – Gift Basket Raffle tickets drawn at Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25 – Center Closed for Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 16 – Bus Trip to see A Christmas Carol at Playhouse Square – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18 – Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Sale at Center – 10 a.m. to Noon

Wednesday, Dec. 31 – Noon
Year's Eve Party – Free
Member Event at Noon

Thursday, Jan. 1 – Center Closed for New Year's Day

Every Thursday – Wii Bowling – 12:30 p.m.

Senior Exercise and Chair Yoga twice a week

Bingo – twice a month
(check website or Facebook for details)

Bus Trips – 3 per month,
including a Mystery Lunch
(check website or Facebook for details)



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OTHER WICKLIFFE SPORTS LEAGUES

Wickliffe Soccer Club - www.wickliffesoccerclub.org

Wickliffe Fastpitch - www.wickliffefastpitch.org

Wickliffe Baseball League - www.wickliffebaseball.com

Wickliffe Youth Football League - www.wickliffeyouthfootball.com or www.facebook.com/wickliffeyouthfootballleague/

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org Use the sponsor code:

WickliffeCommunity or call 1-800-RED-Cross

 These drives are held at the Wickliffe Community Center.

Oct. 15, Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dec. 10, Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

2025 ANNUAL CAR SHOW WINNERS



Mayors' Choice Award: Andy Kane and his 1969 Chevy Camaro

People's Choice Award: Ken Hauser and his 1965 Ford Mustang

Seniors Choice Award: Sarah Law & Trent Thacker and their 1962 Chevy Impala

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026!





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JAN. 17, 2026

ANNUAL FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

Held at Green Ridge Golf Course from 1-4 p.m.

CHILI CONTEST, winter activities, hay

wagon rides, and raffles. Make a craft with the

Wickliffe Library, Bring your own sled, enjoy games and more.

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Keep Wickliffe Beautiful

Yard of the Year:



Ward 1: Jim & Mary Ellen Mrosko, 2260 Country Club Dr.



Ward 2: Mark & Kathy Zion, 29101 Norman Ave.



Ward 3: Thomas & Andrea McNamara, 30129 Turman Ave.



Ward 4: Anonymous, 30289 Rickey Lane

Business Bright Spot Winners:



Truline Industries on Silver St.



Parker on Lakeland Blvd.

9/11 Patriot Day

The annual Patriot Day Remembrance Event was held at Liberty Gardens on the morning of Thursday, Sept. 11. This commemoration honors the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.

The Wickliffe Police and Fire Departments, as well as the Wickliffe Service Department, the American Legion, the Wickliffe High School Marching Band, Rabbi Ari Wolf, and Councilperson Randy Gerhardstein and his wife Monica participated in this year's event. We are thankful to each of them as well as all the guests who attended this solemn observance.



Photos Courtesy of Paul DiCicco

Wickliffe's Liberty Gardens was created in 2003 in response to a request to communities across the United States to create memorials and hold annual commemoration events to ensure that we NEVER FORGET the innocent victims of the attack on the USA. This beautiful space is located at 29363 Euclid Avenue and is open to the public year-round.

The ceremony and the space represent our dedication to those who lost their lives and our support of those in our armed forces who defend our freedom both at home and abroad.

Please mark your calendar for Friday, Sept. 11, 2026 when "We Will Remember" and observe the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

Keep Wickliffe Beautiful

Community Rock Painting

Join Keep Wickliffe Beautiful by painting a rock to spread joy in our community!



Step 1 Choose a Rock

Step 2 Decorate your rock

Paint a fun design or write a positive message on the blank side of the rock

Step 3 Let your rock dry

Step 4 Place your rock somewhere in Wickliffe

Choose a spot in a local park or trail, outside the school, or even your own garden! Make sure your rock won't interfere with lawn mowers or other landscaping and get permission before putting your rock on private property.

Step 5 Look for rocks!

Grown-ups can share online with #KWB #KeepWickliffeBeautiful

Elect

RANDY

GERHARDSTEIN

COUNCIL PRESIDENT



"I want what's good for the city and what is good for the residents"

-Randy Gerhardstein

RANDY GERHARDSTEIN FOR WICKLIFFE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ward 2 Councilmen for the last 5 years.

- I will continue to be approachable and accessible when a resident needs me
- I will continue to address your problems or concerns in a timely manner
- I will continue to be concerned about how your tax dollars are spent
- I will continue to answer your phone calls, emails or text messages in a timely manner

Thank you!

Randy Gerhardstein

Here are some of my accomplishments in council:

- Chairman of the Legislation and Welfare Committee
- Council representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- Council representative to the Cemetery Board
- I have also served as Council representative to the Environmental Commission
- I have also served as Council representative to the Park and Recreation Commission
- I oversaw the Cemetery reconfiguration and construction
- I spearheaded the Patriots Day Ceremony
- Highest attendance rating of anyone on council

Paid for by friend of Randy Gerhardstein

FALL HAS ARRIVED!

You are invited to
The Victorian Tea
Saturday, December 6, 2025
Trevi's Catering
29717 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe

Doors open at 11:00 am. Luncheon is served at noon
Includes Tea and Dessert, Chinese Raffle, Mystery
bags, Hat Contest

Tickets are \$50 per person to benefit the Wickliffe
Scholarship Foundation. Make checks payable to
WSF and mail to

Kathy Taylor
6193 Melshore Drive
Mentor, OH 44060

RSVP due by Nov. 23.

Reserved seating, 8-10 people per table
Include names of guests on RSVP

DAVID KROFCHECK

Director of Public Service

The Service Department will begin curbside leaf collection beginning the week of Oct. 13, 2025 through Dec. 1, 2025 (weather permitting).

There is no pre-set leaf collection schedule. Only leaves should be raked to the curb (see below) or use your Kimble yard waste bins for leaves and debris.

Kimble will continue to pick up yard waste through Dec. 15 and resume service on March 1. There will be no yard waste pick-up in January and February.

We realize that some areas in our city do not have large tree lawns to accommodate leaf piles, but please do your best to keep the piles contained. If leaf pick up would be discontinued for the season due to weather or a reason beyond our control, residents would be required to bag the leaves and they will be picked up by Kimble on your regular trash day.

Keep in mind that equipment breakdowns do happen and poor weather conditions can result in slow downs.

LEAF COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- Please do not block fire hydrants or sidewalks.
- Leaves only should be raked loose to the curb, but not into the roadway. The leaf pile should be free from landscaping debris (i.e., grass, sticks, brush, stones, rocks, bushes, trash) to prevent damage to our equipment and personnel.

• Improperly placed leaves in the roadway, over storm water drains or open ditches may cover inlets causing a potential blockage and restrict water flow. Please be sure that leaves are not piled incorrectly.

• Leaves may also be placed in 65-gallon dark green yard waste containers supplied by KIMBLE or bagged in 50-lb. biodegradable paper yard waste bags and disposed of with normal yard waste pickup. Black plastic bags or regular trash containers containing leaves or other yard waste will not be picked up.

Any updates or information may be found on www.cityofwickliffe.com on the Service Department page or visit our Facebook page: The City of Wickliffe, Ohio Service Department. Please feel free to contact me at 440-943-7125 with any questions or concerns.

Happy 75th Anniversary Mike & Doris Palgut

It was 1948 when young Mike first saw his new neighbor on E. 126th Street. He thought to himself "That's my kind of girl!" Two years later, Mike and Doris ran away together in their '46 Plymouth to elope in Angola, Indiana. In 1962 they settled into their Wickliffe home with their four children, where they have been ever since. This summer, Doris celebrated her 94th birthday, Mike celebrated his 96th and they marked their anniversary in August. Congratulations on 75 years of marriage and a lifetime of memories together!



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Yoho, Charles
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Zorc, Scott
Zoretich, Frank

In a thrilling finals match filled with big runs and dramatic momentum shifts, CPF Home Inspections defeated North Country Graphics of Rome, New York, by a score of 16–13. CPF jumped out to an early 9–2 advantage, fueled by a pair of three-point frames. NCG responded with an 11–2 run of their own, seizing a 13–11 lead late in the match. However, CPF regrouped in the closing frames, securing the decisive points to complete a 16–13 victory and capture their second Open Division title in three years (2023 & 2025).

The championship roster featured Tony Melaragno Sr., Pete Barac, Joe Zdesar, and Chris Federico, whose steady play and resilience carried the team to the title.

Dirty 30 Achieves “3-Peat” in Ladies Division at 41st Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce

Dirty 30 of Warren, Ohio, captured its third consecutive Ladies Division championship at the 41st Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce, sponsored by Firelands Auto Group and hosted by the Wickliffe Italian-American Club.

In a rematch of last year's finals, which Dirty 30 won 16–10, the defending champions once again prevailed over Crane Memorial, this time by a 16–12 margin in a hard-fought battle. Dirty 30 jumped ahead with several key scoring frames and held their composure as Crane Memorial mounted a late push. Their resilience and steady play ultimately carried them across the finish line, completing a remarkable championship run with titles in 2023, 2024, and 2025.

The championship roster featured Leslie Readman, Jolene Marcello, Denise Romanchek, and Tina Hogue, whose teamwork and consistency proved decisive in extending their dominance on one of bocce's biggest stages.



Leslie Readman, Jolene Marcello, Denise Romanchek, and Tina Hogue, whose teamwork and consistency proved decisive in extending their dominance on one of bocce's biggest stages.



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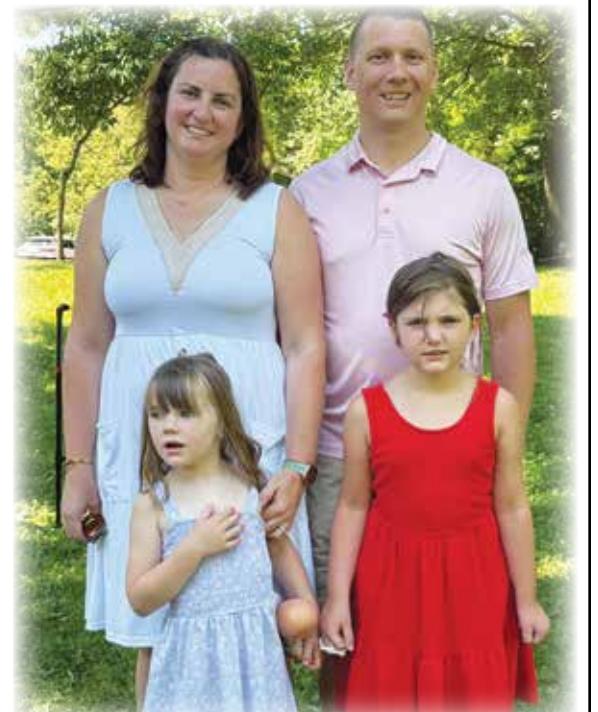
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- At-Large, 2014-present
- Improvement Committee, Chairman
- Council representative on Planning Commission, 2018-present

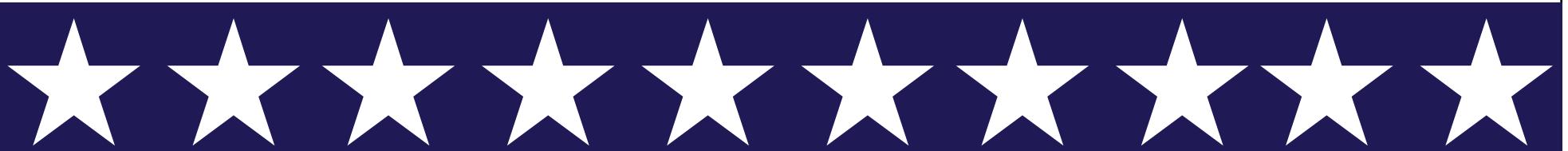
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Bio

- Married to wife Emily
- Daughters Stella (age 7) and Lucy (age 4)
- Content Manager for BMA Media Group
- Graduated Wickliffe High School, 2001
- John Carroll University, BA in Communications and History, 2005
- Wickliffe resident for 38 years



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Welcome Back to Wickliffe, Jayne

On Aug. 14, 2025 the City of Wickliffe was honored to welcome Jayne Kennedy Overton back to receive a proclamation from Mayor Joe Sakacs.

It would be hard to believe that you hadn't heard of Jayne Harrison Kennedy if you grew up in Wickliffe in the 1970's and 1980's. Jayne is one of Wickliffe's "native daughters" who was in the Cleveland area the week of Aug. 11 to receive additional honors and accolades following a prestigious career. Jayne is currently "on the road" promoting her new memoir *Plain Jayne*, which is available on Amazon and debuted #1. While she was here, we welcomed her to City Hall where she took time to meet with Mayor Sakacs and receive a proclamation for all her

accomplishments. In the following paragraphs, we will share a few highlights of her career.

Jayne Kennedy was born in Washington DC, but her family moved to Wickliffe in 1957 and she and her siblings attended Wickliffe schools. While at Wickliffe High School, Jayne was the captain of the cheerleading squad, served as sophomore class vice president and junior class president, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was a model for the May Company Teen Fashion Board for two years during high school. In addition to all of this, in the spring of her senior year at Wickliffe High, she was crowned Miss Ohio and back home at Wickliffe High, the gym erupted when Jayne's name was called the winner of the Miss Ohio

pageant. She then moved forward into the National Miss USA competition where she placed in the top 10! Jayne tells the story of how the school set up televisions during Prom (which she missed attending the Miss USA competition in Miami, Florida) so her friends and classmates could watch.

After graduation, she moved to Hollywood and appeared as a dancer on *Rowan and Martin's Laugh In*. She was "discovered" backstage at an event by Bob Hope who invited her to join his *Bases Around the World Christmas Tour* during the Vietnam War. This was the springboard to many other roles on television and then on the silver screen for the next three decades. She worked with many professionals in the industry including Dean Martin, Dick Clark, Billy Dee Williams, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Diana Ross to name just a few!

She also became a spokesperson and one of the first black women to promote global brands such as Coca Cola, Revlon, and Jovan both in print and on television. Jayne is known for breaking the barrier and opening the door for women in sports broadcasting with her role as co-anchor on the Emmy Award winning CBS's *The NFL Today*. She has received multiple awards for her roles in broadcast and sports journalism as well as her work in television and movies. She has graced the covers of many popular magazines. She wrote, produced, and starred in her very own fitness program *Love Your Body*, which set the standard for many fitness programs to follow. Jayne co-produced the NAACP Theatre Award winning *The Journey of the African American Musical* staged production. She even created a line of sewing patterns with Butterick!

She has been a keynote speaker at many events and continues to champion women and promote diverse perspectives in entertainment and media. Jayne is also well known for her philanthropic work with the Children's Miracle Network and the Lou Rawls United Negro College Fund.

This fall, Jayne launches her new fragrance, Jayne Kennedy SUN and Jayne Kennedy MOON. Both 100% organic for both female and male (gender neutral). Designed with the essence of the things that fill her soul: tobacco, frankincense, myrrh, and opals (her birthstone).

Personally, she has been married to her husband Bill Overton for 40 years and they have four daughters Cheyenne, Savannah, Kopper, and Zaire, as well as two grandchildren: Jaris and Kingyari. She prioritized raising her children and is now working with her daughters on a campaign focused on strengthening the bond between mothers and daughters and addressing broader social issues in an effort to improve communities. And if that wasn't enough, she also finds a deep sense of purpose mentoring college-bound young girls. In her "spare" time, Jayne enjoys sewing, knitting, crocheting, jewelry-making with her own line of designs: Jayne Kennedy Overton Originals (JKOO), and pencil sketching; all things she learned as a little girl on 298th Street in Wickliffe!

Jayne is a beautiful person, both inside and out! She visits her brother in Wickliffe occasionally though she lives in Los Angeles, she is proud to tell people she is from Wickliffe, OH. She is an icon, a role model, and an inspiration to women from all walks of life. Beyond the lights, cameras, and accolades, she continues to display the strength and heart that comes from her roots in Wickliffe, OH.

Wickliffe is proud to recognize Jayne for her achievements, her generosity, and for continuing to be a source of pride for our community. She will always be one of Wickliffe's brightest stars! We congratulate her on her continued success, encourage her in both the promotion of her memoir and as she inspires people to follow their dreams and not listen to the nay-sayers, and recognize her as an outstanding native of Wickliffe, OH!

To order *Plain Jayne* and/or her new signature fragrances, or to learn more about Jayne, please visit JayneKennedy.com.

Happy Birthday Bob

On July 21, 2025, Robert Lee Zook, affectionately known as "Bob," celebrated his 95th birthday. Born in 1930, Bob's life has been a testament of his unwavering commitment to family, his honorable service to our country, and his dedication to our community.

After graduating from Willoughby Union High School with the Class of 1949, Bob answered the call to serve his country. In 1950, he enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served honorably as an Aviation Machinist's Mate (AD), Petty Officer Third Class, until 1954. Stationed at Miramar Naval Air Station and assigned to the U.S.S. Boxer, Bob played a vital role as a Photo Reconnaissance Plane Mechanic.

His exemplary service earned him several distinguished honors which include:

The Naval Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, and United Nations Service Medal.

In 1955, Bob married Jean J. Sabruno, and together they built a warm and loving home in Wickliffe. They raised three children: John, Mary Ann (Sason), and Kathy (Kobetitsch), and



their family grew to include 5 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

After his military service with the Navy, Bob had a successful career as a Sales Engineer with ARCOR in Willoughby where he worked for 38 years before retiring in 1995. He is an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9295 and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish.

The honorable Mayor Sakacs presented Bob with a Proclamation from the City of Wickliffe, Ohio, while joining Bob's family to celebrate stories, laughter and heartfelt appreciation of Bob's remarkable 95 year journey.

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Community

Wickliffe Forever Foundation Celebrates 8th Annual Rock the Mansion and Prepares for Tree Lighting

The Wickliffe Forever Foundation proudly marked the 8th annual Rock the Mansion at the historic Coulby Mansion. Headliner Wide Awake, the U2 tribute band from New York, electrified the audience with an unforgettable performance of the band's greatest hits.

The evening also featured standout performances by Ace Molar with Todd Meany of Fox 8 and Mike Mulroy of Wickliffe and Friends, who brought local flair and hometown pride to the stage. Together, the lineup created an atmosphere of excitement and energy that reflected both Wickliffe's spirit and the talent it attracts.

Guests enjoyed a variety of food trucks offering local flavors, and the night concluded with the traditional fireworks display over Coulby Mansion, a spectacular finale that has become a hallmark of Rock the Mansion.

The Wickliffe Forever Foundation extends its gratitude to Truline Industries and Tour Lake County Ohio, whose generous sponsorships make it possible to continue this beloved tradition. Their support ensures that Rock the Mansion not only entertains but also brings visitors into the city of Wickliffe, highlighting its rich sense of community.



Up Next: Wickliffe Forever Foundation Tree Lighting

The Wickliffe Forever Foundation now turns its attention to the holiday season with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Coulby Mansion on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 6-8 p.m. This free community event will feature the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, who are eager to greet children and families. Attendees can also look forward to horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday music, bike raffles, and seasonal treats, including hot coffee and hot chocolate.

Beginning Nov. 10 thru Nov. 20, children are invited to the Wickliffe Library to create ornaments for the Official Wickliffe Christmas Tree. Each participant will have the chance to be selected as the individual who will flip the switch to officially light the tree during the ceremony.

Those interested in sponsoring the Tree Lighting event are encouraged to contact the Wickliffe Forever Foundation at wickliffeforever@gmail.com.



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Lake County Catholic Schools: A Network for the Future

The landscape of Catholic education in Lake County is evolving, and it's built on a new model of shared strength and community support. The **Lake County Catholic School Network (LCCSN)**, a direct result of the Diocese of Cleveland's "Keeping the Faith" initiative, represents a partnership between

six area parishes: Immaculate Conception (Willoughby), Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Wickliffe), St. John Vianney (Mentor), St. Justin Martyr (Eastlake), St. Mary Magdalene (Willowick), and St. Noel (Willoughby Hills). The network's core mission is to ensure that Catholic elementary schools in Western Lake

County remain a vibrant and accessible choice for families.

The LCCSN provides shared leadership and resources with oversight by a President, Finance Director, Board of Directors (education experts and parish representatives) and Board of Members (pastors of each member

parish). This collaborative approach allows individual schools to thrive while benefiting from the collective expertise and support of the network. It's a testament to the belief that by working together, the Catholic community can create an even stronger future for its children's education.

Two Catholic Schools in Wickliffe, Ohio: Mater Dei and All Saints

At the heart of the LCCSN are two well-established schools in Wickliffe: **Mater Dei Academy** and **All Saints School**. While both schools are now part of the same network, they maintain their unique identities and traditions, offering families distinct, yet equally excellent, Catholic educational experiences.

Mater Dei Academy: A STEM-Designated School

Located on the grounds of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and operating since 1955, Mater Dei Academy is an **Ohio Department of Education STEM-designated school**. It's

committed to providing a Christ-centered education that empowers students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade to grow spiritually, academically, and socially. Mater Dei's philosophy is rooted in teaching doctrine, building community, and serving others. The school is known for its challenging curriculum and emphasis on moral values, preparing students to be compassionate leaders and courageous innovators.

All Saints School: A Community of Faith and Learning

Established in 1977 and founded by St. John Vianney Church in Mentor, All Saints School is

a Catholic community located on the beautiful grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership. The school's mission is to provide students with both a strong educational and religious foundation, believing in the necessary partnership between the school and the family to promote spiritual growth, lifelong learning, responsibility, and leadership. All Saints, also an **Ohio Purple Star Designated School**, serves pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade students and prides itself on its close-knit community and active parent involvement. The school's focus is on nurturing a supportive environment where every student can thrive.

The Future is Now

The formation of the Lake County Catholic School Network is more than just an administrative change; it's a strategic move to ensure the long-term vitality of Catholic education in the region. By combining resources and expertise, Mater Dei Academy and All Saints School can continue to provide high-quality, faith-based education for generations to come. This collaborative model demonstrates the enduring commitment of the Catholic community to its schools and its children. It's a proactive and innovative step that secures the future of these cherished institutions and their mission to form young people in the Catholic faith.



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Wickliffe City Schools

The WSAA is proud to announce the 2025 Achievement Hall of Fame Inductees

Gary Drenik, Class of 1969

Gary Drenik graduated from Wickliffe High School lettering in football, basketball, and track. He earned a degree from Baldwin Wallace College in 1973, where he was a two-time football letterman and recipient of the Lee J. Tressel Award for highest team GPA.

After roles in retail consulting at Management Horizons, Gary founded Impact Resources in 1984, helping advertisers and broadcasters measure and improve campaign performance. In 1993, he co-founded Prosper Business Development, serving as President and CEO. Under his leadership, Prosper became a leader in consumer intelligence and predictive analytics, developing proprietary forecasting models used by major companies and earning five Inc. 5000 recognitions.

Gary has authored more than 500 articles for Forbes on data, AI, and analytics, and co-authored the business book *When Customers Talk....* Through Prosper's university grant program, its data has supported research resulting in over 35 peer-reviewed papers and several books.

A devoted husband to Lois and father of three daughters, Gary is also the proud grandfather of six.

Beth Wilson-Fish, Class of 1980

Beth Wilson-Fish is a lifelong educator and advocates for equity and excellence in public education, with over 40 years of experience.

After retiring from Orange City Schools, she founded Wilson-Fish Consulting, LLC and has continued to serve as a gifted education supervisor and consultant to numerous school districts across Northeast Ohio. Beth holds multiple degrees and licensures, including a Superintendent license and National Board Certification.

Her career has spanned roles as teacher, counselor, coordinator, and policy advisor. She has served on the Orange City Schools Board of Education since 2015, including terms as President and Vice President, and is active in state and regional leadership through OSBA, OAGC, and the Ohio Department of Education's advisory councils.

A frequent speaker at national conferences and a lifelong supporter of Wickliffe schools, Beth also plays a key role in alumni events and class reunions. She and her husband, Tom (WHS Class of 1980), have four children and three grandchildren.

Peter Formica, Class of 1982

Pete Formica is a lifelong Wickliffe resident, a proud alumnus of the WHS Class of 1982, and a devoted civil engineer, community volunteer, and leader.

After graduating from Geneva College with a degree in Civil Engineering, he passed both the E.I.T. and P.E. exams, becoming a Registered Professional Engineer in 1990. Pete has dedicated nearly four decades to CT Consultants (now Verdantas), where he serves as a shareholder and project manager, overseeing critical infrastructure projects across Northeast Ohio.

For 29 years, he has served as City Engineer for Wickliffe, securing



over \$44 million in grant funding to improve the city's infrastructure.

Pete's service extends beyond engineering—he's a longtime youth football coach, church trustee, mission trip volunteer, and original member of both the Wickliffe Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame Committee and the I&A Club Scholarship Committee.

Above all, Pete is a family man, proudly married to Carol and father to four Wickliffe graduates. His life reflects deep roots, professional excellence, and unwavering commitment to community.

Katie Lauer Wadlington, Class of 1991

Katie Lauer Wadlington is a nationally respected journalist with over 30 years of experience in both local and national newsrooms.

She is Deputy Managing Editor at The Hill, covering U.S. politics and policy. A former top editor at the Asheville Citizen-Times and editor to USA Today's fact-checking and Washington coverage, her career has spanned major events from 9/11 to the war in Ukraine.

Her leadership and commitment to accurate reporting continue to shape public understanding across the country.

Emily Lauer, Class of 1993

Vice President of PR and Communications at Destination Cleveland, Emily Lauer is a nationally recognized leader in public relations and tourism marketing.

A graduate of Bowling Green State University, she has shaped Cleveland's narrative on the global stage through high-profile events including the 2016 Republican National Convention, MLB and NBA All-Star Games, and the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse.

Her work has earned national accolades and strengthened Cleveland's reputation as a premier destination.



Wickliffe City Schools receive award

MICHAEL CHOKSHI

Superintendent

Wickliffe City Schools is proud to announce that we are one of seven districts that were awarded the GEAR UP Northeast Ohio 2032 (GU-NEO) initiative, a seven-year, grant-funded partnership designed to support underserved students across seven public school districts. This program—funded entirely through federal grant dollars, not local taxes—will serve our students annually in grades 6 and 7, continuing through

high school, with the goal of boosting academic achievement, increasing graduation rates, and expanding access to postsecondary education.

GU-NEO will offer a wide range of evidence-based services including tutoring, mentoring, college and career advising, financial literacy, and family engagement events. These activities will take place during the school day, after school, and over the summer, ensuring year-round support. The program is a vital investment in the region's future—made possible without impacting local taxpayers.

POST

***Other Activities & Events:** Army-Navy Game Party 12/9 at 3 p.m.; electronic Grotto Gaming, Super Bowl Party \$65 per square (includes buffet & halftime specials); Kids/Christmas Party(s); Monthly Auxiliary \$100 Raffle Tickets. We volun-

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Wickliffe Students Craft for a Cause with Sew 4 Service

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Sew 4 Service, a local nonprofit, provides fabric, yarn, and supplies, hosts community sewing events, and delivers handmade items to charities across Cuyahoga, Lake, and Geauga counties. LLS students began the project by learning about Sew 4 Service's mission and creating their own patches. Fifth graders then designed patches with uplifting messages and creative designs. Next, the students will collaborate to sew the market bags, combining their efforts into a true Wickliffe Blue Devil service project.

This partnership teaches students hands-on skills, teamwork, and the power of giving back—showing that even small acts of creativity can have a big impact. Special thank you to Mrs. Braun and Mrs. Nemeckay for sharing their students' talents and preparing them for civic service for community health and awareness.

How to Help

Community members can get involved with Sew 4 Service in several ways:

- Pick up a charity kit to sew at home and return it for delivery.
- Volunteer at sewing days, help sort donations, or organize the Fabric Stash Store.
- Donate materials like fabric, yarn, notions, sewing supplies, or machines.
- Create your own items and drop them off; Sew 4 Service will deliver them to local charities.

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A few times a month, Bruce visits our classroom with his owner Gail Willis. The excitement builds the moment those paws cross the threshold. Smiles spread wide, hands reach out, and the room grows a little brighter. For many of our students, Bruce is more than just a visitor—he's a friend who listens without judgment, offers comfort without words, and reminds us all of the power of kindness.

Students simply sit close by, stroking his soft fur, finding calm and reassurance in his presence. Even students who sometimes struggle to connect with others open up when Bruce is near.

"It's amazing to watch," says Mrs. Fall. "The dog brings out confidence, joy, and calm in ways that we can't always do ourselves. He has a gift for reaching every child in the room."



In a classroom where challenges are met with patience and resilience every day, Bruce reminds us that love and healing often come in the simplest forms—a wag, a cuddle, a moment of quiet connection.

We are grateful to have this special friend in our school, showing our students (and teachers, too) that sometimes the best lessons come on four paws.

Wickliffe Athletics - Fall 2025

HARRISON MCCALL

*District Athletic Director
Wickliffe City Schools*

This fall has been filled with exciting action for our Wickliffe Blue Devils. The football team is having a successful season including road victories over Shaw and Cuyahoga Heights. Head Coach Marce Porcello also has taken over the top spot in career wins in Wickliffe Football History passing the great and legendary Tom Rosneck. The girls' soccer team is having another strong season including victories over bigger schools such as Geneva and Eastlake North. Our boys' soccer and volleyball teams are showing growth and have had victories over schools with a much higher enrollment size. The cross-country team is competing in some of the best invitationals in the area and continuously working to set new personal bests.

The most enjoyable part is seeing the positive culture that has been built within the student-athletes and coaches. Our veteran and newer coaches regularly support each other's programs and help to provide feedback to each other. Our coaches root for all our teams and love to celebrate the success of any Wickliffe team, even if it is not their own. Our student athletes also support each other a great deal. Fall athletes are often at various athletic events supporting their peers and being some of their greatest fans. They are some of our loudest fans and some of the first ones to congratulate our student athletes after a big win. The camaraderie within the Athletic Program is something that is continuously strived for and has become the expectation at Wickliffe.

As the fall season wraps up, we will quickly begin our winter season, and we hope to see you sometime at a game at The Campus of Wickliffe.

Go Blue Devils!

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**Wickliffe City Schools!
Issue 20**

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- ✓ Costs related to educating students have increased
- ✓ State funding has remained the same

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Wickliffe City Schools - Issue 20

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Wickliffe Swing Band wrapping up their marching season

The Wickliffe Swing Band has had a great and busy marching season! We have had the pleasure of entertaining crowds under the Friday Night Lights and at Thunder over Aurora, LCMEA band festival and Cardinal Band Night! We also performed our Band On Demand performance on Oct. 3. It is always incredible to watch our students perform and to hear the crowd roar their appreciation!

By the time this prints, we will be wrapping up our marching season. The Swing Band will then transition to concert season where we hope you will join us for our winter concert at the Campus of Wickliffe Auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 11.

Everything we do would not be possible without the support of our wonderful sponsors! Our Diamond sponsor Ken Ganley Subaru Wickliffe, our Platinum sponsor Cull of The Wild Fund, and our Gold sponsor DiDonato Tax Services, Inc. We would also like to give a shoutout to Jerry's Dari-Pride for hosting our summer car washes. Of course, our biggest fans and supporters are the Wickliffe community! We thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts throughout the year from Tag Day and car washes to plant sales and our annual Craft Fair.

We look forward to seeing you at the craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Campus of Wickliffe. Come out and enjoy our many vendors while you shop for that perfect holiday gift! We will also have some amazing gift baskets we will be raffling off and some delicious treats at our bake sale.

Thank you so much Wickliffe! The Swing Band wishes you and your family a wonderful holiday season!



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