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Village of Cleveland

Season's greetings from the village board, since September's update the board has primarily focused on 2026 budget and capital planning. This is always a balance to align short-term and long-term village goals and how they fit financially into our budget cycles. Beyond budget below is an update on items related to other village business.

Public Works Department: The board has voted to reestablish the director of public works as a stand-alone position, reporting directly to the board. Effective 11/15 our current deputy director of public works has been appointed the position of director, and in this role will be responsible for all public works operations and staff.

Water Quality: Two water treatment options available to the village are adsorptive media and pressure filtration, each system will be piloted at each well, to determine which system best meets our needs. Village operators will perform the daily required tasks for the pilot studies.

Clear Sky Rehabilitation: On November 4, Clear Sky Rehab held a ribbon cutting ceremony officially marking the facility as open for business. I would like to thank everyone who made this facility possible and welcome Clear Sky Rehabilitation Lakeshore and its members to our community.

Elections: Village board terms are 2 years rotating, every year 3 of the 6 seats are open for election. Any legal voting resident has the same opportunity to participate in our local government and help shape our community's future. We encourage new faces and ideas, if you're interested or have questions, please contact staff or a trustee by 12/31.

Lastly, With the holidays upon us, keep in mind the garbage pickup schedule. If a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, collection will be held on Wednesday. If a holiday falls Wednesday through Sunday, collection remains on Tuesday.

Jarrod Jackett, Village President



Cleveland Clever Clovers 4-H Club

4-H teaches life skills to lead through a hands-on approach which allows members the opportunity to grow life skills such as confidence, independence, resilience and compassion through stages and developed through experiences, not instruction.

The result? Kids who are empowered with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

Activities planned for this 4-H year include Bell Ringing, wreath making, holiday party, tie-dye t-shirts, epipen training, diversity activity, water safety, and so much more.

Are you interested in learning more about 4-H? Attend a 4-H meeting. Our club meets the 1st Sunday of each month at 4 pm at the Cleveland Fire House.

For more information about the Cleveland Clever Clovers, contact Josina Novak at jnovak90@gmail.com or Heidi Belitz at 920-693-3435.

Secret Santa ☺



Secret Santa

We want to thank all the individuals that continue to support our efforts to help 12 families within the Village to have a better holiday season.

Our super shopper has been busy collecting items already, and WOW, prices have really gone up for the basic items we provide. We also want to give a shout out to the local businesses that continue to donate and support our group. If you're interested in helping our group, please make your donation at Cleveland State Bank and tell them it's for the Cleveland Secret Santa Fund.

For those readers who are new to the Village of Cleveland or just haven't heard about Secret Santa, we are a group that uses the donations and buys mostly non-perishable groceries, paper products, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, games, hats, gloves, blankets, etc., for 12 local families that could use a helping hand to brighten their Christmas Season. Let's bring Joy into the lives of others by dropping off your monetary donation at Cleveland State Bank.

We will keep you updated on Santa's deliveries in the next newsletter. Ho Ho Ho!

Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

As Always, Thank You for your generosity.

Secret Santa ☺



Cleveland Fish and Game

We would like to remind our fellow hunters that there is a carcass dumpster located in the Fish and Game parking lot located on Lakeshore Rd. Hope everyone had a successful safe deer season!

A **Scholarship Rabbit Hunt and Brat Fry** will be held Saturday, December 13th. Registration at 2:00 pm, prizes at 3:00 pm, \$10/Entry Fee – 3 Rabbits per person. Food and refreshments available starting at 11:00 am. Please contact Justin Henschel at 920-946-4243 with questions.

Christmas tree pick up will be Saturday January 3rd. Please have your tree at the curb by 8:00 am. Also, please remove all decorations and lights from your tree before placing it at the curb. The trees will be used to provide habitat for our local wildlife.

Winter trap league will start Wednesday, January 14th and run for 6 weeks. If you are interested in joining this league, please contact Justin Henschel 920-946-4243 or just show up at the club house on the 15th. You do not need to have a complete team to participate.

The **9th Annual Ice Fishing Tournament** will be held Saturday, January 24th from 6:00 am - 1:00 pm on Cedar Lake. Food and refreshments will be available at the club house starting at 11:30 am, along with the winnings that will be announced at 2:30 pm. Tickets will be available for \$10 prior and \$12 the day of. Questions, please contact Jason at 920-207-5296.

Our club meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in seeing what our club is about or interested in becoming a member, please stop by the **Club House** on South Union Road and join us for a meeting.

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Cleveland Fire Fighters and First Responders

Snow will be here before you know it!!!

We would like to remind all residents to keep the fire hydrants clear of snow. By doing this, it helps the firefighters to have quicker access to the hydrant in case of an emergency.

Thank you for helping us help you!

The Cleveland Fire Department needs Firefighters and First Responders.

- The Firefighter meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 pm
- First Responder meet on the 2nd Thursday at 7 pm
- The Explorers meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm, and it rotates between 5 Fire Departments

If interested in becoming a volunteer for our fire department please contact Chief Tony Meyer at 920-905-1138, for First Responders please contact Assistant Chief Dan Bruckschen at 920-377-0187.

If you know of any 14-17 years olds that you think would be interested in learning about firefighting, please let us know! It's a hands-on experience to explore the world of firefighting. Please call Dean at 920-960-2932 if you'd like any information or check out the **5 STAR EXPLORER PROGRAM** on Facebook!

CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2026 @ 7:30 PM

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Cleveland Lions Club

Cleveland Lion's Club NEWS: December 2025 Edition

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving—whether gathered with family, friends, or both. This season always reminds us to pause and appreciate the many blessings in our lives. Here at the Cleveland Lion's Club, **we are especially grateful for YOU** and the continued support you give throughout the year. We couldn't do what we do without this incredible community. **Thank you!**

As 2026 approaches, we're excited to share what we've been working on and what's ahead in the new year.

• Dairyland Park Pavilion Update

If you've driven past Dairyland Park recently, you've likely noticed the new overhead doors have been installed – and with them, the pavilion is really starting to look complete! A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who volunteered their time and effort to help with the installation.

We're also excited to share that, thanks to the generosity of our community, **the new pavilion is *almost* fully paid for.** Your continued support is bringing this project across the finish line, and we are so grateful.

• Annual Nut Sale

A big thank-you to everyone who supported our annual nut sale this season! We hope you enjoyed the delicious selection while helping fund key programs that directly benefit our community.

• Secret Santa Program

Your Cleveland Lions were once again proud to contribute to the annual Secret Santa program—both financially and through volunteer hours. It's always an honor to help bring a little extra joy to local families during the holiday season.

• Save the Date: Dairyland Festival 2026

Planning is already underway for next year's Dairyland Festival, taking place **Saturday, August 1st, and Sunday, August 2nd, 2026.**

We're excited to share that **Bacchus Lotus will be returning as our Saturday night band!** They had a fantastic time performing for us last year, and the overwhelming amount of positive feedback from the community made the decision easy—we're bringing them back for another great show.

Stay tuned for more updates and event announcements on our festival Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ClevelandDairylandFestival

• Join the Lions in 2026

As our community continues to grow, so does the need for helping hands. In 2026, the Cleveland Lion's Club is focusing on expanding our membership—and we'd love for YOU to be part of it. Make a meaningful impact, meet great people, and help strengthen the place we call home.

For more information, reach out to any Lion's member or message us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ClevelandWILions

May the year ahead bring you even more reasons to be thankful.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a bright, prosperous New Year!

~ Jennifer Brandt

Cleveland Lion's Marketing & Communications Chair



Dairyland Park Pavilion





Planting at Dairyland Park!

Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) is thrilled to share a success story from Dairyland Park! On **Saturday, November 1st**, LNRP teamed up with the Village of Cleveland, Restoration of Our Trees Sheboygan (ROOTS), the Cleveland Lions, and the Friends of Hika Bay for **a community tree planting that brought new life to the park.**

After the Village removed several dead ash trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer, the Lions recognized the need for replanting and reached out to LNRP for help. Through our partnership with ROOTS, **we secured funding from the Sheboygan Rotary Fund to help the village purchase 13 native oak, redwood, elm, and birch trees** along with the stakes and rope needed for planting.

Before the planting day, the park was thoughtfully assessed to determine the ideal tree locations and species for long-term success. Volunteers also coordinated with local nurseries to ensure the trees arrived right on time. On planting day, **20 volunteers came together to plant all 13 trees in the ground in less than an hour.** Spirits were high, and the group celebrated their hard work with cookies generously provided by a volunteer. The Lions stayed behind afterward to water the new trees, and will continue caring for them until the winter sets in.



This effort was a wonderful example of collaboration and community pride. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped make it happen!

If you're interested in getting involved with the Friends of Hika Bay, please reach out to Sam Frauenfeld at sam@lnrp.org, or call or text 920-782-0693. The Friends of Hika Bay are looking for new people to join their steering committee and continue making a positive impact on our community.

Sam Taddy (Frauenfeld)

LNRP



Friends of Hika Bay
Calvin, Pine, Point, Fischer & Centerville Watersheds





Happy Holidays from the American Legion Post and Squadron (Sons of the American Legion) 477. We are recruiting new members. All veterans are eligible to join the American Legion and Sons a eligible to join our SAL. Our annual dues are \$38 We pay the membership for all Veterans currently serving in the military.

We have been very busy this past year. We recently sponsored a complete OGHF (Old Glory Honor Flight) thanks to community support for our golf event last May. We raised \$10,000 a month later during our annual Tractor Days at Shadows Bar for the Mission of Honor flight for our Global War on Terror (GWOT) veterans. Both flights significantly assist Veterans dealing with their war time issues. We are currently sending care packages to recently mobilized soldiers from our area. In January, we begin our "Old Glory Honor Fight" fund raising. We have a dart tournament at Shadows on January 10th and our Golf outing on May 13-14th at Autumn Ridge. Teams are already forming for the golf tournament. Contact us at americanlegionpost477@gmail.com if you want to submit a team. Any Veteran wishing to join us in our mission to support Veterans, their families, and our community can contact Chris Bestul at redleg623@gmail.com or email us at the above email. Check out our new web site at americanlegionpost477-stnazianz.org. Have a **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Kevin Nett

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Centreville Settlement Continues Historically Significant Work

Plan on joining for 2026 the 4th Saturday in March and second and fourth Saturdays until mid-November to work with a fascinating set of people with a common goal of historic restoration of rural heritage of the area while having old fashioned fellowship in work ethic, sharing through life long learning. All are welcome.

Persons wishing to be involved in the hands-on work with timbers, windows or wood related aspects are encouraged to contact Chris Kuehnelt, Project Director at 920-693-3141. He is also the contact for on-site tours.

Mark Sunday May 3 for the Brat Fry Fund Raiser for Centreville Settlement at the Piggly Wiggly in Plymouth from 9:30 am-1:00 pm with live German music from the area's Polka King Ryan Kautzer on his accordion.

Go to centrevillesettlement.org or choose to "Like us" on the Facebook site to learn more, see photos and learn how you can become involved. Centreville Settlement is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to the preservation of the Saxon German culture and the farming community.

East Wind Garden Club

Hello, Gardeners!

Sad to say, but another gardening season is over with and now we have to clean up all the beds and veggie gardens. Check with the food banks and church groups because some of them accept fresh produce for the hungry.

We got behind with the garden chores so for the last truckload of garden waste, we turned to the old weed whacker. I don't recommend it to anyone because it doesn't do a neat job, but it does do the job. You end up with a shredded appearance on things, but it's done and hauled away. It will grow out fresh next spring....I hope.

Well, our dahlia project was kind of a bust. I don't know if it was the weather conditions or what but they didn't grow that well and bloomed very late in the season. Only one or two of us had actual dinner plate sized blooms. My dahlias were puny.

Our October meeting was informative though. We talked about the dividing and winter storage of dahlia tubers. Hopefully some brave clubber will be successful with dividing and storage and they can start over with planting the tubers. Maybe 2026 will be a better dahlia year.

Next year's club planting project will be "calla lilies". We have the whole winter to research these bulbs so that our efforts won't be in vain next year.

Some suggestions for the aging gardener. Bio Freeze, Benn Gay and Dr. Schol's foot cream. Because now days, everything hurts when you finally get out of the garden.

Until 2026, Happy Gardening and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Lynn Fiedler, Prez, East Wind Garden Club



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10:00 am Sunday Divine Service

Special Events:

Dec. 21: 10:00am - Advent Service w/
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Dec. 24: 6:00pm - Candlelight Christmas
Service & Children's Program
Dec. 25: 9:00am - Christmas Day Service

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- Are you getting passed over for opportunities at work because you lack the education required?

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Get Started Now at Lakeshore

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You are always welcome at Lakeshore College. Check out our upcoming onsite showcases to explore career paths. Visit lakeshore.edu/showcases.



Cleveland Athletic Club



Our Scholarship brat fry will be held on:

Sunday, February 15, 2026 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

New Location - Butch and Anne’s Pine Grove, W3225 County Rd MM, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

We hope to see you there! The Cleveland Athletic Club was formed in 1998. Our first scholarship was awarded in 1990. Since then, thanks to your generosity, we have given over \$113,000.00 to high school students wishing to further their education. Thank you for your continued support!

If you have children and grandchildren involved in youth sports, or wish to become involved in our community, please consider joining our club. Reach out to any CAC member.

Sincerely,

Tammy Serketich, CAC President

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