

# Wickliffe Connection

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## Remembering Mayor Thomas W. Ruffner

The City of Wickliffe lost a noble man – a loving, family man – with the passing of former Mayor Thomas W. Ruffner on August 5, 2016. “It is a great loss for all of us in the city. Tom was a good friend, innovator, and great thinker. He always promoted the City and Wickliffe residents,” said Mayor William A. Margalis.

Tom spent most of his life in civic service. One of his greatest accomplishments was the founding of the Wickliffe Community Hall of Fame in 1993. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Knights of Columbus, Wickliffe City Club, and Wickliffe Italian-American Club all benefitted from Tom’s contributions for many years.

Tom served as an elected official for 24 years. He was Ward 2 Councilman from 1986-1997; Council-at-Large from 1998-2001; and Mayor from 2002-2009. Through his years in office, Tom saw the opening of the Community/Senior Center; the opening of the Peter Christopher Aquatic Center and the Orlando Spray Park; the City’s purchase of Green Ridge Golf Course; the Euclid Avenue Streetscape project; and the dedication of Liberty Gardens. He was pleased to see the completion of the I-90 bridge reconstruction and the reopening of Wickliffe Cemetery that included the installation of a columbarium.

Tom shared his professional graphic design talents in the quarterly production of *Wickliffe Connection* and took great pride in its layout and design. Always desiring to promote others, he featured articles and photos of many little-known residents and businesses in the paper, making them strangers no longer.

Mayor Ruffner recognized the importance of Town Hall and State of the City meetings and scheduled them as evening events for the convenience of residents. With the availability of



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Channel 12 in the City, the ‘Mayor’s Corner’ series brought many guests to the table, engaging in a variety of topics. Through his determination, the national program, ‘Lights On After School’, became a reality for middle-school students in Wickliffe. Families found new events in which to participate with WinterFest at Green Ridge Golf Course and Family Fun Nights/Outdoor Movies at Coulby Park and Jindra Park.

Thomas W. Ruffner’s dedication to his community was clearly evident in all he did. He will be greatly missed and his legacy will live on.

## Why Issue #1 is Good for Wickliffe

BY MAYOR WILLIAM A. MARGALIS

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, voters in Wickliffe will be asked to vote on **Issue # 1**. The Issue will rezone the property located on Euclid Avenue by I90. This property was previously a Holiday Inn and more recently the Mosley Select Suites. The new owners of the property have proposed converting the existing building into a Senior Assisted Living/Memory Care facility. The proposed facility would house approximately 150 units for those in need of this specialized care. This facility would benefit our aging community and be a valuable asset to those who want to remain a part of Wickliffe but need help in coping with basic daily functions. Along with improving this area of Euclid Avenue, they will also invest millions of dollars in the City along with additional income tax revenue from the jobs that are created. To learn more about the developers of the project, *Tapestry Senior Living*, visit [TapestryWickliffe.com](http://TapestryWickliffe.com) for photos, floor plans, and services offered. I encourage everyone to VOTE YES on ISSUE #1 for the investment in the future of Wickliffe.

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, the City lost a great public servant and friend to many, including myself -- Mayor Thomas Ruffner. Tom was a true hero in our City with his involvement in city government as a councilperson and mayor. Tom touched the lives of so many with his contributions to countless organizations and his participation in many community committees. Tom did not just join a group, he was involved and participated in bettering whatever the cause. His talents as an artist, designer, and thinker, were second to none. Tom was a true competitor but also had a compassionate



Mayor William A. Margalis

side. I first met Tom back in the early 1980’s before he became a councilman. We worked together on many political campaigns and he supported me on my first venture into public office. Tom was my opponent during our first campaigns for the office of mayor. It was a very odd election since we had been friends with one another for some time. I eventually lost in the primary but supported Tom in the general election that he went on to win. Tom never lost an election during his career in public office. Tom was a true friend, confidant, and supporter of myself and many in the City. He will never be forgotten.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns that I may be able to help you with, please feel free to give me a call at 440-943-7103 or email at [wmargalis@cityofwickliffe.com](mailto:wmargalis@cityofwickliffe.com). My cable TV program, *Mayor’s Corner*, can be viewed on the City website, [www.cityofwickliffe.com](http://www.cityofwickliffe.com).

## Welcome, Inspiration Lane LLC

On Thursday, September 1, 2016, the City of Wickliffe welcomed its newest resident, **Inspiration Lane LLC**. Inspiration Lane owns and operates the digital billboard at the City’s Service Department on Lakeland Boulevard. It is the beautiful digital billboard visible along State Route 2 and Lakeland Boulevard traveling east and west.

Inspiration Lane is a family-owned and operated digital signage company started by Nick and Paula Pecko. They have two young children and reside in Lakewood, Ohio. Nick is the Vice President of Media for a local strategy firm, and Paula retired three years ago from Cuyahoga County Public Safety and Justice Services shortly after the birth of their first child, Lane. Nick and Paula were inspired by Lane to apply their expertise in digital advertising and administration towards their new business, and Inspiration Lane was born.

Nick and Paula noticed there were very few billboard locations in Lake County, and no digital billboards along Route 2 for advertising. They wanted to use their passion for digital signage and knowledge of outdoor advertising to fill this gap offering companies, businesses, organizations and products a state-of-the-art, economical advertising solution.

In early 2015, they approached the City of Wickliffe with a business opportunity to help generate revenue, as well as promote the City, by building a digital billboard on the City Service Department property on Lakeland Blvd. After a year and a half of City Council meetings, committee meetings and permit applications, Inspiration Lane’s digital billboard is now up and running.

The City receives a monthly lease fee and a percentage of the revenue generated from the sign, and a reserved spot on the sign. This spot

can be used for branding, to promote community events, attract visitors, and promote economic development for the City of Wickliffe. Any businesses registered with the City of Wickliffe also receive a discounted rate for advertising on the sign.

Nick Pecko commented, “This has truly been a dream come true. Starting a business from the ground up, researching, planning and now seeing it start to take off is an incredible feeling. We really have to thank the City of Wickliffe for being such a fantastic partner.”

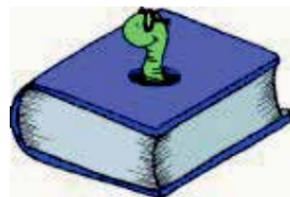
The City of Wickliffe is very pleased to welcome Inspiration Lane. If you have not seen the digital billboard, take a drive to Inspiration Lane and see what all the buzz is about.



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# Issue One will Rezone Euclid Avenue Gateway property

For many years, the Holiday Inn at Wickliffe’s far west border proudly served as the city’s Gateway. Boasting the unique Holidome indoor center, many weddings, conferences and other activities brought us thousands of visitors. But since Holiday Inn closed, it has become a major problem area, with criminal activity during hotel operations and especially when it was vacant.

The important news is that Wickliffe residents can change this situation completely with a “Yes” vote on Issue One. Passage of the issue will change the zoning to allow for a senior living facility, projected to encompass 75 Assisted Living and 76 Memory Care units, with occupancy starting in early 2017. A new local owner has purchased the property and is investing millions of dollars into the

facility – with all new electrical, lighting, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, drywall, painting, furnishings, and nearly everything else inside the building shell.

“This will be very beautiful,” said Atul Patel, President of Lakewick Hotel, LLC, the property owners. “We want to be a valuable part of the Wickliffe community. We will offer safe and secure living for seniors, along with new quality jobs.” The jobs and property improvements will also generate new tax revenue for the city, schools and county, which is one of the many reasons that Mayor Margalis and the Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce have endorsed Issue One.

Residents and voters are invited to visit TapestryWickliffe.com to learn more about this project, including photos, floor plans, services offered, and about Tapestry, which is involved with dozens of senior living facilities across the country.



## This is how Issue One will appear on your ballot:

Shall the zoning map of the City of Wickliffe rezoning 28500 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio and permanent parcel numbers 29-B-010-0-00-014-0 and 29-B-010-0-00-022-0 from General Business (GB) to Private Recreation/Institution (INS) be adopted?

**vote**



# YES on ISSUE 1

**and provide Wickliffe with a great asset for our community!**

- For Seniors
- New quality jobs
- New local tax revenue
- Local ownership
- Safe and secure living
- Chamber of Commerce endorsed
- Mayor Margalis endorsed

Full details at:

[tapestrywickliffe.com](http://tapestrywickliffe.com)

Existing Mosley Suites Hotel



Proposed Tapestry Senior Living of Wickliffe

My deepest condolences to Louise and the rest of the Ruffner family. Wickliffe has lost one of its staunchest supporters in Tom. He tirelessly devoted his time to our City -- whether it was by serving on Council, as Mayor, or as originator of the Wickliffe Community of Fame, revitalizing the *Wickliffe Connection*, or by serving on numerous boards, committees, and commissions within the City. Almost every spare moment of his time was devoted to volunteering, in making our community great. We will miss you dearly, Tom. His accolades are many, his days were too few.

I wish to congratulate the 2016 newest members inducted into the Wickliffe Community Hall of Fame: Emma Gaetano, Louise Seifert, Stephanie Havanas, Vincetta Sabbath, Kathleen Tozzi, Roy Richardson, Edward and Barbara Bopp, James Fox, William Beal, and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The 2016 concrete pavement joint repair program bids are to be opened on October 7. Included are portions of Worden Road. Two-way traffic should be maintained for the majority of the project. The Elm Street and East 291<sup>st</sup> Street asphalt replacement/resurfacing is in



**Council President David J. Krych**

process. Should the need arise, the project will halt for the winter and continue in the spring of 2017. Traffic will be maintained with a temporary surface where needed.

As mentioned previously, Wickliffe will be celebrating two recent milestones along with our Bicentennial on Saturday, July 15, 2017. The meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Community/Senior Center. The next meeting is November 17, 2016. All are welcome. We would like to hear your ideas and suggestions. You may also contact me at [dkrych@cityofwickliffe.com](mailto:dkrych@cityofwickliffe.com).

## Edward Levon, Council - Ward 4

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. 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 [elevon@cityofwickliffe.com](mailto:elevon@cityofwickliffe.com).



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## Get Out and Park It!

Although the weather is changing, there are still plenty of nice days to get outside. Our City has two Lake MetroParks-managed properties -- Pete's Pond and Pine Ridge Golf Course. Our own Green Ridge Golf Course has great winter rates of just \$5 for residents.

**We also have seven city parks and that's what this quiz is about! Five winners will be chosen. (one winner per family) Send your answers and a photo of yourself or family at one of the parks to [skoski@cityofwickliffe.com](mailto:skoski@cityofwickliffe.com). Winners to be announced in the next Wickliffe Connection.**

1. Which park has a structure made of recycled material and what is the material?
2. What park has two giant things left behind by the glaciers and what are they?
3. Name the park that has entrances from two different roads, but if you didn't know better you'd think it was the same road?
4. This park is named after a resident who died at 101 years of age and was a civil rights activist. The park also has access to a great sledding hill. Name it.
5. The name of this park was originally the same as the street that leads into it. How many



**Council at Large Sherry Koski**

laps around the path equals one mile and what's this park's name now?

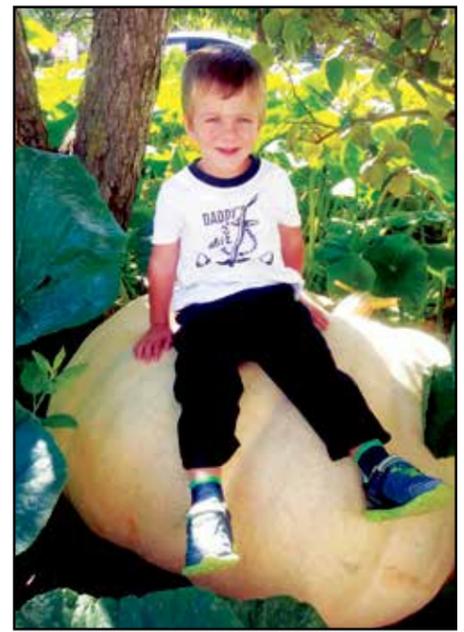
6. Three parks are named in honor of Wickliffe servicemen who served in Vietnam. Two men died and received purple hearts, the third was a pilot who remains missing in action. Name the third park.

7. This park has intervals with different workout stations. What park is this and how many stations are there?

Want to get your kids out and moving and involved in a great program? Wickliffe Junior Olympics is offered through our Recreation Department and is headed by Coach Todd Calic with running, games, participation in charity events, and is just a great time for kids elementary through middle school. Join anytime. Activities are throughout the year and usually weekly. Contact the Recreation Department or [tcalic@cityofwickliffe.com](mailto:tcalic@cityofwickliffe.com) for more information.

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Mike Shaw's grandson enjoying the view from his grandpa's garden. This year's 400-pound pumpkin is a bit larger than the 250-pound pumpkin that grew in 2014.

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## The Library will be CLOSED:

November 24 (Library closes at 5:00 pm on November 23)  
 December 24, 25, 26  
 December 31, January 1 & 2

The Wickliffe Public Library Foundation is excited to announce they can now accept online donations at: <http://wickliffepl.org/foundation>.

**Friends of the Wickliffe Public Library**  
 Contact Person: Tracey Rodgers  
**Join Friends!** Membership rates: Individual/\$8, Seniors/\$5, Family/\$12  
 Friends raise funds that sponsor many library programs.  
**Next Meetings:** November 15, 2016 and January 17, 2017 at 5:15 pm  
 Library Programs made possible by the Friends of the Wickliffe Public Library. To learn more or become a Friend, please see [www.wickliffe.lib.oh.us/Friends.html](http://www.wickliffe.lib.oh.us/Friends.html) or call the Wickliffe Library 440-944-6010.  
**Friends of the Library are once again accepting donations of gently used books, CDs and DVDs.**

## Tree Decorating Party

**Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm**  
 Drop by and enjoy an evening with *Friends* decorating our Christmas tree. Use our ornaments or create one using our supplies. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Everyone welcome!  
 Sponsored by Friends of the Wickliffe Public Library

## Wickliffe Public Library offers several online resources:

**Hoopla** music, movies, television shows, audiobooks, and e-books may be borrowed using your library card to stream or download items.

You may borrow a total of ten items a month. Loan periods are: video three days, music seven days, audiobooks and e-books 21 days. **Freegal** is a service allowing patrons to download up to five free songs a week. Simply go to Freegal on our website, enter your library card number, search the music catalog, and download! All you need is a PC and an internet connection. Now, you can even use the Freegal Apple or Android app to download your free songs from anywhere!

**NextReads** is an online newsletter that delivers reading recommendations based on your reading interests. You can choose from 26 different newsletters covering bestsellers, mysteries, biographies etc. Please see our website [www.wickliffepl.org](http://www.wickliffepl.org) or speak to a Reference Librarian for more information.

## Homebound Service

If you are elderly, or disabled at home, either temporarily or permanently, we can help. Whether you prefer fiction or non-fiction we will try to fill your request. Just call the Library to begin this free service. We will bring you books (regular, large-print or paperback). Or if you prefer, we can bring audio books. Movies are available in DVD and Blu-Ray formats.

## Pay your fines online!

Go to: <http://wickliffe.bibliocommons.com>  
 1. Log into My CLEVNET  
 2. Click on fines  
 3. You can use MasterCard, Visa, or Discover  
 You will have the option to select certain fines or use the Pay All button. At the end of the payment process, print the confirmation screen for your receipt. If an email address is given, a receipt will be emailed. Questions? Call Wickliffe Public Library.

## Want to be notified of your available Library holds by text message or email?

To sign up, follow these steps:  
 -Log onto [www.clevnet.org](http://www.clevnet.org)  
 -Click on Sign up for NetNotice  
 -Click on either *Edit Your Account* or Set-up an Account.  
 -Fill out the information and add your 10-digit cell phone number or e-mail.

## Mission Statement

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

## Adult Programs

### Computer Classes at the Library

Please call 440-944-6010 to register  
**9:00-10:00 am on Mondays**  
 11/7: Basic Computers  
 11/14: Basic Internet  
 11/21: Basic Email  
 11/28: Basic Word & Travel Drive  
 12/5: Basic Power Point  
 12/12: Basic Excel  
 12/19: Digital Greeting Cards  
 1/9: YouTube  
 1/16: Pinterest  
 1/30: Amazon



### Device Help with Sarah

**Every Tuesday 1:00-4:00 pm**  
 Want to get free eBooks, music, movies and magazines? No appointment necessary. Remember to charge your device before coming. Please note if others are waiting, session will be limited to 30 minutes.

### Mystery Book Discussion

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm**

Stop in to check out the latest selection.



### Cookbook Club

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm**

This is the perfect book club for people who like to cook or eat. Choose a recipe from the selected cookbook author or theme for the



month, bring a dish to share, and talk food with us. Sponsored by *Friends of the Library*.

### Adult Coloring Club

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:00 am**  
 Promote a sense of calm and creativity in your busy digital life! All materials provided although you may bring your own pencils, pens, and crayons if you wish.

### Learn How to Organize Your Closets

**Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm**

Tired of clutter? Join Adina Forouzan, a professional organizer, as she shows us how to bring order to the messiest of closets. Please call the Library to register.



### Adult Holiday Craft

**Monday, December 5 at 7:00 pm**

Handmade ornaments are a long-standing tradition in many cultures, used to brighten the dark days of winter and to celebrate holidays. Join us to learn the beautiful art of Finnish paper stars, listen to holiday music and enjoy a hot drink and cookies. Registration is required.



### The Power of Meditation

**Thursday, January 12 @ 7:00 pm**

Jennifer Bochik from Planet Prana will teach various meditation techniques to help bring a sense of quiet and calm to your hectic life. Registration required.

## Director's Corner

Wickliffe Public Library believes strongly in serving our community and meeting our community needs. I believe that our library has a positive impact on our community and on individuals and that "Libraries transform".

The Library provides early literacy programming through our 1000 Books before Kindergarten program and our many story times for ages birth and up. We offer afterschool programming for elementary students every Tuesday and special programming for middle school students every Wednesday. In 2015, the library hosted 580 children's programs, 154 teen programs, and over 850 children and teens signed up for our Summer Reading Program.

For adults, we offer programs on local history, genealogy, AARP tax help, Medicare and much more. We offer one-on-one tablet/smart phone help plus weekly computer classes on using a mouse to using eBay. One participant told us that her adult children had given up on teaching her to use a computer, but after attending several of our classes she can now consider herself a computer user.

Here are a few recent comments from our patrons:

I visit the Wickliffe Public Library once a week and I consider it the highlight of my week. The staff is always helpful, the computers work, and Clevnet is fantastic! – Dorothy J.

All the ladies behind the main desk make me feel good every time I come in. They know me by name and are always smiling and friendly. – Anonymous

The library's internet and printing services helped me complete my B.A. in Early Education. I could always find a quiet place to study and the staff at the library was always helpful. – Marlene C.

I was housebound for 2 months. Joanne saved me from depression by bringing me 8 to 10 books each week. – Jan W.

Please contact me at 440.944.6010 if you have any questions.

Thank you, Cheryl

## Young Adult & Tween Programs

### Tween Time (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Every Wednesday after school @ 2:30 pm**

If no special theme is advertised, join us for games, crafts, and snacks.

Registration required only for themed programs.

November 2: **National Stress Free Day!** -

Tweens will be creating "Calming Jars" in celebration of the day!

November 9: **Paranormal University** - Cathi

Weber is creator of the Willoughby Ghost Walks

Tour and has created a program just for tweens

to learn about some ghostly occurrences her in

Wickliffe and around Lake County.

November 30: **Magic Card Tricks**, Mr. Walker shows us how to entertain others with great tricks.

December 14: **Gingerbread House Contest** -

Tweens will receive all the goods needed to create their own Gingerbread House! A team of judges

will decide whose is the most imaginative.

**Zombie Apocalypse \*\*After-Hours Program\*\***

**Friday, November 11 7:00-8:30 pm**

Registration required. Call 440-944-6010, register on-line, or stop by the Children's Desk.

## Children's Programs

Registration required for some Children's Programs. Stop by the Children's Desk or call 440-944-6010.

### Birth-2 Year Old Story Time

Wednesdays at 10:00 am, November 2-16

Thursdays at 6:30 pm, November 3-17

\*2017 session starts week of January 9

Registration required.

### 3-6 Year Old Story Time

Mondays at 6:30 pm, November 7-14

Thursdays at 10:00 am, November 3-17

\*2017 session starts week of January 9

Registration required.

### Wee Play! Birth through 6 years old

Drop in on Fridays 10:00-11:30 am. November

4-18, December 2-16 (No Program 11/25)

Put your electronic devices away and share

quality play time with your child. Enjoy self-

guided play in our story time room each Friday.

No registration necessary.

### After School Adventures: (K-4<sup>th</sup> grade)

Tuesdays at 3:15 pm. November 1-December

13, January 10-March 7

Different activities each week. Registration

required.

### Tales for a Dog: (Kindergarten & up)

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month @ 9:30 am or

10:00 am

November 5, December 3, January 7,

February 4

Come share a story with a certified therapy

dog.

### Lego Club: (Kindergarten & up)

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month @ 2:00 pm

November 12, December 10, January 14,



February 11

Stop by for some building challenges and fun!

Registration required.

### Family Reads On-the-Go: NEW!

3<sup>rd</sup> week of the Month, during open hours

Weeks of November 14, December 19, January

16, February 20

Pick-up a copy of next month's family-

friendly book (to be read at home together)

and activity packet.

Call to pre-register.

### Make & Take Holiday Crafts

Kids 12 and under stop by the Children's

Department during open hours, make a craft

using our supplies and take it home!

Monday, December 19: Winter

Tuesday, December 20: Christmas

Wednesday, December 21: Winter

Thursday, December 22: Hanukkah

Friday, December 23: Kwanza

### Preschool Blast

**Kids 6 and under with a caregiver**

Every Friday beginning January 6, 2017 @

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# Yard of the Year Winners



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Ward Three: John and Jeanne Schimmelmann - 536 Ezmor Lane



Ward Two: Ron and Anna Marie Lukehart - 1914 East 290th St.



Ward Four: James and Nanci Spaulding - 1681 Rush Rd.

## Annual Litter Index Survey

Keep America Beautiful, Inc. requires its affiliate communities across the country to evaluate their litter situation using a standardized Litter Index. The tool uses a simple four-point scale for grading the level of litter present in the community, where a rating of 1.0 indicates "no or minimal litter", 2.0 for "slightly littered" up to 4.0 indicating "extremely littered". Wickliffe's rating was 1.18, minimal or no litter sighted. Many thanks to Wickliffe residents and businesses who pick up litter in their yards and street areas to help keep Wickliffe clean and beautiful!

## 32nd Annual KWB Awards Program

"Carnival" was the circus theme of the 2016 Keep Wickliffe Beautiful Awards Program held at the Wickliffe Community/Senior Center on October 19th. The awards program is one way that Keep Wickliffe Beautiful Commission says "thank you" to those who have donated their time and energy to help with various projects within our community. Attendees played games for prizes and raffles were held to benefit 2017 cleanup and beautification projects.

Those recognized this year include the Business Bright Spot winners: Parker Hannifin Hose Products; Parts Pro Automotive; SweetBerry Fresh Market; and Wickliffe Auto Body. Yard of the Year winners received a framed photo of their beautiful yards. The Excellence in Education award was presented to Sean Ule, Intervention Specialist for challenged students at Wickliffe High School, for coordination of the Greenhouse Gardening program. The Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Andrew Macuga of Keep Wickliffe Beautiful Commission. Wickliffe Forever received the Community Service Award for promotion of grassroots activities in the City of Wickliffe.

## Shred Your Files Day

On October 1st, 292 participants dropped off confidential files for the Shred Your Files collection, which generated 10,240 pounds of paper for recycling. Many thanks to the Better Business Bureau for hosting the event and to Bill Snow, Manager at RadAir, for providing the location for the shredding. Keep Wickliffe Beautiful supported the event by providing volunteers to unload paper from the cars. The next Shred Your Files Day will be in the spring.

## Holiday Trash & Yard Waste Collection

For the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday's trash schedule will be collected on Friday. Since Christmas and New Year's holidays fall on Saturday this year, there will be no delay in trash collection. When placing Christmas trees curbside for collection, please remember that Kimble will not pick up trees in plastic bags. Trees will be collected through the month of January.

Kimble will continue to collect yard waste until the end of January. Collection will cease in February and resume in March.

## Clothing Collection

More than 250 people attended the annual KWB clothing distribution on August 27th at the Wickliffe Community/Senior Center. Twenty-five volunteers sorted over 400 bags of donated clothing. Thank you to the Wickliffe Service Department and to the Venture Crew for their assistance in setting up for the distribution and to Planet Aid, who allowed us the use of their donation boxes. We could use more volunteers to sort clothing next fall. Please give us a call at 440-943-7100 if we can add you to our list of dedicated volunteers!

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## EVENING INSTRUCTION AT WICKLIFFE COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER

### Aerobics - Instructed by Kathy Brown

A low-impact aerobics class which strengthens and tones muscles, reduces body fat, reduces stress, improves cardiovascular endurance and feels good all over. Bring water, a mat, and weights. Tuesdays 6:15 to 7:15 pm and Thursday 6:15 to 7:15 pm. \$56 for 12 classes, \$30 for 6 classes or \$7 for drop in (6-week session). Tuesdays: through November 29 (no class November 22), January 3 through February 7. Thursdays: through December 1 (no class November 24), January 5 through February 9.

\$20 Holiday 4-class Special: Tuesday, Thursday, December 6 & 8 and December 13 & 15, no walk-ins.

### Ballroom Dance - Instructed by Andrew Calori

Dancing is a profound yet practical exercise for people of all ages. Fee: \$50 per couple, \$40 per single for 6 weeks or \$8 drop-in, per-person rate, Mondays, 7:45-8:45 pm. Sessions: October 31 through December 12 (Waltz), (no class November 21), January 30 through March 13 (no class February 20).

### Foundation for Social Dance - Instructed by Andrew Calori \*NEW\*

Basic fundamentals of social dancing; Rhumba, Cha Cha, Swing and Freestyle/Hustle. These are the most popular dances in the nightclubs! Fee: \$20 for a 4-week session. Sessions: November 2 through November 30 (no class November 23), February 1 through February 22.

### Chair Yoga Class - Instructed by Cassandra Shofar

This is a modified form of yoga on or around a chair, gently stretch and strengthen, with proper breathing, all the major systems. All glands of the body get a workout to function more efficiently; you will increase strength and flexibility which will de-stress your life. Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:15 pm. \$40, \$9 drop in. (6 wk. session). Sessions: Nov 2 through December 14 (no class Nov 16, Dec. 21, & Dec 28), January 4 through February 8.

### Yoga Class - Instructed by Cassandra Shofar

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### Tai Chi Ch'uan - Instructed by Paul Wallace

A century's old classic form of Chinese exercise practiced worldwide for health, longevity, and development of physical and mental well-being. It is enjoyed by people of all ages. Mondays from 7 to 9 pm \$30 a person or \$39 for husband and wife, parent and sibling if signing up together (8 week session). Sessions: through December 12 (no class Oct 31 or Nov 7<sup>th</sup>), January 2 through March 6 (no class January 16 and February 20)

### Turkish Dance Classes - Instructed by Dahmia

Learn exotic Turkish dancing while you tone and tighten your muscles. This is a fun way to exercise and learn to dance at the same time. Thursdays 7:45-8:45 pm. \$40; \$7 drop in (8-week session). Sessions: through December 1 (no class November 17, 24), December 8 through January 26.

### 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 to 7:45 pm, \$40; \$7 drop in (8-week session). Sessions: through December 1 (no class November 17, 24), December 8 through January 26.

### Zumba - Instructed by Vida Thorington

Fitness routine combining cha-cha, salsa, reggae, and hip-hop. Great for teens and adults. Bring water bottle and towel and wear good exercise shoes. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 pm. One day a week \$56 per person, \$84 two days or a \$10 for drop-in, (7-week session). Sessions: October 25 through December 15 (no class November 8 and 24), **Special \$5 drop in through New Year**, new session starting again January 3 through February 16.

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*Please note -- as with all exercise classes, please consult your physician before beginning any exercise program.*

## Youth Sports/Activities



### Children's Halloween Party

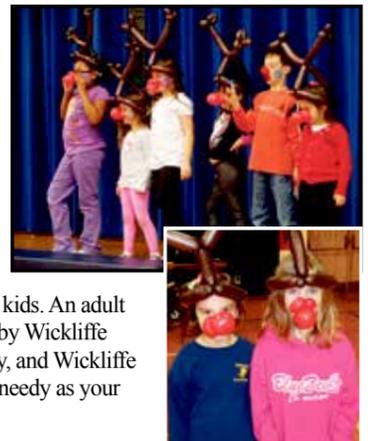
For Wickliffe children up through 4<sup>th</sup> grade and will be held Thursday, October 27, 6:30-8:00 pm at Wickliffe High School. Crafts by Wickliffe Public Library. Door prizes. Entertainment for all ages. Costumed children will parade through the halls and receive treats from the Mayor, Wickliffe Recreation, Wickliffe Senior Center, and Wickliffe Police and Fire Departments.



### Children's Christmas Party

For Wickliffe children and will be held on Thursday, December 14, 6:30-8:00 pm at Wickliffe Middle School. Sparkles and Swifty will be in attendance with a special guest - Santa Claus. Wickliffe

Public Library will have a craft for the kids. An adult must accompany children. Sponsored by Wickliffe Senior Center, Wickliffe Public Library, and Wickliffe Recreation Department. Bring a boxed or canned food for the needy as your price of admission.



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## Children's Christmas Art/Recycle Contest

To be held for K, 1, 2, 3, & 4 graders. Children will be asked to create a picture with recycled materials. Forms will be taken to the schools and can also be picked up at the Recreation Dept. Deadline is December 9. All winners will be posted at the Wickliffe Public Library during the holidays.

## Pee Wee Beach Ball Volleyball Open Gym

Supervised play on Thursday nights for grades K-3 from 6-7:30 pm at Wickliffe Elementary School Gymnasium. \$1 at the door. Program already in progress.

## Volleyball Open Gym

Supervised play on Tuesday nights for grades 4-8 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Wickliffe Middle School small gym. \$1 at the door. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with volleyball experience welcome to participate. Program is in progress and runs through May 16, 2017. 4<sup>th</sup> Graders who are new to Volleyball are welcome to attend.

## Friday Night Basketball Open Gym

Supervised play on Friday nights for grades 5-8 from 7:00-9:00 pm. \$1 at the door. Program runs through May 19, 2017. Wickliffe Residents only. Fridays alternate 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Program already in progress.

## Blue Devil Rec. Basketball!

For boys and girls in grades 3-6. Practices on Wednesdays nights at Wickliffe Middle School. Games on Saturday mornings at Wickliffe High School. Register now at the Wickliffe Recreation Department. \$60 Residents / \$65 Non-residents. Non-residents registration begins November 7. Opening day December 10 at Wickliffe High School Gym at 9:00 am. Limited to the first 80 who register and make payment. This is a joint effort with Wickliffe Recreation Department and Wickliffe High School Varsity Basketball. If numbers allow, girls and boys will play in separate leagues.

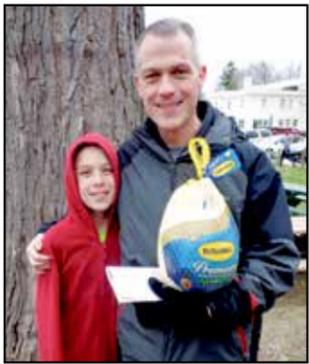
## Pee Wee Basketball League

For boys and girls in grades 1 & 2 (Kindergarten children ready for basketball are welcome) limited to the first 64 who register. Held Thursday nights at Wickliffe Elementary School Gymnasium. A fun way to introduce youngsters to the basics of basketball. Equipment and rules designed to accommodate ages of children. \$40 residents / \$50 non-residents. Registration begins December 5. Program will start January 5, 2017. Coaches are needed!!

## Wickliffe Junior Olympics

"Wick fit Wednesdays" for ages 7-14, 6:00-8:00 pm, meets at the Wickliffe Middle School Fitness Room. WJO Fit Wednesdays run through May 17, 2017. WJO holds special events on Saturdays (Charity Runs/Mall walks/Motivational Movie Nights). Stop in at the Recreation Department to register. No fee, donations accepted.

## Activities/Programs



**Turkey Hunt** will be held Saturday, November 19 at 11:30 am sharp at Coulby Park at the Gazebo. Held Rain or Shine. Wickliffe children and adults are all welcome. Win your Thanksgiving turkey!

**Christmas Home Lighting Contest** is sponsored by the Recreation Dept. A Committee tours the city to find the best lighting display. To enter your display or your neighbors, call 440-943-7120 with the name, address and phone number by December 15.

**Holiday Helping Hand Program** is sponsored by the Recreation Department, ABB, and Lubrizol, with help from Wickliffe City Club, Midget Football, Eagles, and others. Pick up a form at the Recreation Department or call 440-943-7120 if you are in need, or if you wish to become a sponsor. Many residents need

help for the Christmas season and we have several groups willing to help with those in need. Deadline for applications is November 18, 2016.

## Wickliffe Night at the Cleveland Monsters Hockey Game - December 16

Join us to represent Wickliffe at a Calder Cup Champion, Cleveland Monsters home hockey game on December 16. A Monsters Group Experience Package includes seating and exclusive group discounts! Don't miss your chance to take part in this awesome Wickliffe Night at the Monsters game! The first 10,000 fans receive a Calder Cup Champion Fleece Blanket and 1-2-3 Fridays (discounts on food and drink) for all in attendance. Contact Gina Wall with the Monsters at 216-420-2643 or email: gwall@theQarena.com. Ticket flier linked to our webpage at www.cityofwickliffe.com.



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For full event details, check our website at www.cityofwickliffe.com. Sponsorship opportunities available, please contact the Recreation Department 440-943-7120.



## WICKLIFFE SENIOR CENTER NEWS

BY JUDY TEGNER

Director

As 2016 comes to a close, I reflect back on so many opportunities the seniors have benefitted from -- most recently is a diabetic workshop. There was a wonderful response with a six-week commitment. Keeping the senior community informed and educated has been my mission as Director. It is now 2½ years since I have taken on this position. I continue to feel blessed everyday serving my seniors.

**November 2** Trinity Cathedral - Tops Big Band playing American Songbook!

**November 15** Holiday Grief - Lisa Florjancic from Hospice of the Western Reserve -- With the holidays fast approaching, the loss of our loved ones surfaces and brings back the wonderful memories we shared and now miss.

**November 17** The ABC's of Long-Term Care Insurance. This is to inform you and not to sell you anything!

**November 18** "A DAY IN MEDINA" - Lunch @ P.J. Marley's in Historic Medina Square @ old Bank Building. Shopping at the Square to enjoy all the quaint shops decorated for Christmas

**November 30** Our monthly 50/50/50 Raffle, Birthday Celebration with Flashbaxx, featuring Bill Rebol and Darlene Harting. Ice Cream Social by Wickliffe Country Place

**December 9** Wickliffe Senior Center Christmas Party at Pine Ridge Country Club

You must be a member of the Wickliffe Senior Center to attend.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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## FALL LEAF COLLECTION SERVICE

BY JOE D'AMBROSIO

Director of Public Service

The Service Department has begun curbside leaf collection and will continue until the majority of the leaves are picked up. We cannot publish a street-by-street schedule that we are unable to maintain due to inclement weather or other delays. Daily notices will be posted on the Wickliffe Service Department Facebook page, as well as on [www.cityof-wickliffe.com](http://www.cityof-wickliffe.com). We will not make return trips until the entire cycle of streets is complete.

If leaf pickup service would need to be discontinued for the season due to weather conditions or other reason beyond our control, residents would need to bag the leaves and

dispose of them on their regular Kimble collection day. The cooperation of residents is requested in order to ensure the safety of motorists, service personnel, and City equipment.

Please rake leaves to the tree lawn. Do not place leaves in the street or near a fire hydrant. Residents living on streets without curbs should place leaves close to, but not in, the street or ditch.

Branches, twigs, grass clippings, or other debris must not be mixed in with leaves. The decision to not pick up leaf piles contaminated with any of the above items will be at the discretion of the Service Director. Yard waste other than leaves should be put out in the normal manner on your regular Kimble collection day.

## Fire Prevention through Education

BY TONY ZORKO

Firefighter/Paramedic

October has a week dedicated to fire prevention. Students, preschool through fourth grade, are taught fire safety by Wickliffe's firefighters. Our educational efforts focus on children, but fire safety is important at any age.

**If you have a fire or police emergency, DIAL 911.** Calling from your home for an ambulance or police officer is typically safe. But if there is smoke or fire, get out first, then call 911 from outside your home.

**Keep matches and lighters away from children.** Remind them they should never be touched.

**All homes need at least one working smoke detector.** Change the battery twice yearly and test it monthly. Smoke detectors should be placed on every floor and outside your family's sleeping area.

**Smoke is hot,** so it rises to the ceiling before banking down. Usually there is enough room to crawl under the smoke allowing cleaner air to breathe and better visibility to navigate toward an exit.

**We encourage residents to sleep with their bedroom doors closed.** In the event of a nighttime fire emergency, having your door closed will reduce the amount of smoke and fire entering your room affording extra time to escape or summon help from a window. For fire emergencies at night, rolling out of bed onto the floor avoids smoke. Crawl to the door and feel it with the back of your hand, not your palm. If the door feels cool, open it slowly. If it's safe to escape, crawl to safety. If the door is hot, fire may be on the other side. Crawl to the nearest window to escape or summon help.

**Remind children not to hide from fire.** It's important that firefighters rescue people from the smoke and flames quickly. Every second you remain inside increases the danger. Hiding in closets, bathtubs, or under beds delays your rescue.

**Safe meeting places are trees, mailboxes, telephone poles,** etc. in front of your home where everybody gathers after they've safely escaped. Firefighters need to quickly account for everyone at an emergency. Having a safe meeting place is a fast way to indicate if someone is missing and needs rescued.

**Once outside, never go back in.** And don't delay your escape to take pets or possessions with you. Once everyone is out, firefighters can focus on extinguishing the fire and saving your belongings.

**If your clothes catch fire, STOP, DROP, and ROLL.** Cover your face with your hands and roll until someone tells you the fire is out so flames don't rekindle.

**Practice exit drills from your home.** Be prepared for a fire and know what to do if an emergency occurs. Post a plan where all can see, include multiple exits (doors/ windows), and practice it often.

This might seem "elementary." We teach it to our children. But safety is everyone's responsibility. Talk to your family members about fire safety. "Like" us on Facebook at "Wickliffe, OH Fire Department" and visit our website [www.wickliffefire.org](http://www.wickliffefire.org). **Be safe.**

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## NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS

BY RANDY ICE

Chief of Police

The Police Department has many responsibilities to the residents of Wickliffe including arresting violators of laws and ordinances, investigating traffic crashes, criminal activities, citizen complaints, serving warrants, traffic control, testifying in court plus many other miscellaneous field services and community-relation tasks. During the past year, the Police Department and members of City Council have received complaints of a potentially dangerous situation related to children and adults crossing the street to visit both Intihar and Jindra Parks.

City Council authorized the purchase and placement of pedestrian-activated crosswalk signals on Lloyd Road at the Intihar Park entrance and also on Worden Road at the Community/Senior Center entrance. In July of this year, these two new crosswalk signals were installed by the Service Department and are currently activated. I would like to remind motorists and pedestrians of the requirements of obeying traffic-control devices. Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.13 says, in part, *when approaching a yellow flashing signal at a crosswalk, vehicles are required to yield to pedestrians who are walking within the roadway either in any marked or unmarked crosswalk. When the yellow signal lights are activated by pedestrians, road users are notified that there is a need to pay attention to the message contained thereon or that the*



*regulatory or warning requirements of the traffic control device are currently applicable. This means motorists are required to yield to pedestrians when the flashing yellow lights are active or risk being cited for violating this traffic law.*

There are two other locations in Wickliffe that have pedestrian crosswalks with flashing lights. One is on Lloyd Road between the railroad tracks that was installed for Lubrizol employees and the other one is located on Ridge Road near the eastern border to assist pedestrians and golf carts who are using the Pine Ridge Golf Course.

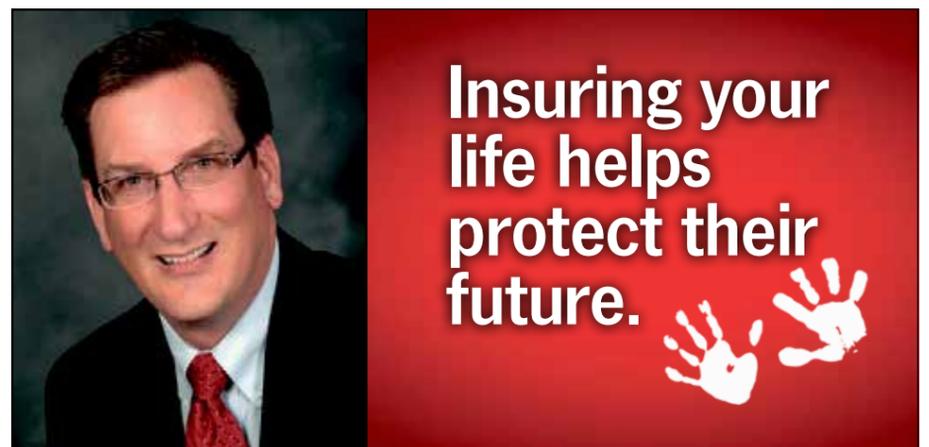
Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility, so please be mindful of these crosswalks and yield to pedestrians when you see yellow lights flashing.



**Holiday  
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# Wickliffe Scholarship Foundation Recipients

BY DEE AUFULDISH

Wickliffe Scholarship Foundation grants college or trade school scholarships to high school seniors living in Wickliffe, regardless of the high school they attend. Founded in 1986 through the former Wickliffe Area Chamber of Commerce, the Foundation has provided over \$175,000 in 116 scholarships to students from various area high schools, among them Villa Angela-St. Joseph, Gilmour Academy, Lake Catholic, Benedictine, Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, Telshe Yeshiva Hebrew Academy, St. Ignatius, and Wickliffe High School. These funds have come from the generous support of Wickliffe area businesses and from fundraisers such as the Victorian Tea and a Golf Outing. Three of our scholarships are named for very generous donors – Al and Henry Tirabasso who helped establish our financial basis; the Michael and Helen Talty Trust; and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 4086.

The Foundation will sponsor the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Victorian Tea this year on Saturday, December 3 at Pine Ridge Country Club with a delicious lunch, fashion show, and a raffle of unique items. Contact Kathy Reddin at 440-278-4659 for an invitation. The Corrigan Square Boutique, in conjunction with the Tea, offers crafts and gifts with many new vendors this year.

If you wish to donate to the Foundation, you may send a check made payable to Wickliffe Scholarship Foundation (any amount is appreciated) to Treasurer Rick

Zalecky at the Wickliffe Public Library, 1713 Lincoln Rd., Wickliffe. The foundation is a 501-C3 non-profit organization and can receive both personal and corporate checks. Foundation officers are President Ray Sack,

Secretary Dee Aufuldish, and Treasurer Rick Zalecky. Trustees are Bob Aufuldish, Jimmy Biondolillo, Nancy Fisher, Chuck Haskell, Dave Krych, Cheryl Kuonen, Terry Lazar, Bob Majikas, Bill Margalis, Bill Reid, Dave Ser-

gent, and Tom Talty. Chuck Haskell is chairman of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

The foundation is very thankful for the involvement and hard work of Board Trustee Tom Ruffner who passed away in August.



**Jessica Brodnik** received the Foundation's \$1,000.00 scholarship and will attend Ursuline College to study Nursing. She is a graduate of Wickliffe High School and the daughter of Mike and Patti Brodnik.



**Dominic Buttari**, son of Gina Gambatese and Dan Buttari, received the Foundation's \$1,000.00 scholarship and will major in Education at Ohio University. He is a graduate of Wickliffe High School.



**Alexandra Casey**, a graduate of Wickliffe High School, received the Foundation's \$1,000.00 scholarship and will attend The Ohio State University to study Art Education. She is the daughter of Angela and George Casey.



**Rachael Fink** received the Foundation's \$2,000 scholarship and will attend Wittenberg University to study French. The daughter of David and Sandi Fink, she graduated from Wickliffe High School.



**Katelyn Hopton** received the Al and Henry Tirabasso Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. Katelyn, the daughter of John and Diane Hopton, graduated from Wickliffe High School and will attend Ursuline College to study Nursing.



**Maggie Howell** received the Foundation's \$1,000 scholarship. She is the daughter of Angie and Donnie Wade and Julie and Chris Howell. A graduate of Lake Catholic High School, she will attend Xavier University to study Health Science Administration.



**Kiersten Johnson**, a graduate of Wickliffe High School, received the Wickliffe Eagles \$2,500 scholarship. The daughter of Gwen and Tom Johnson, she will attend College of Wooster to study Music Education.



**Andrew Lammermeier**, the son of Russ and Mary Lammermeier, received the Michael and Helen Talty Charitable Trust Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School and will attend the University of Dayton towards an English major and Business minor.



**Ryan Miller**, a graduate of Wickliffe High School, received the Foundation's \$1,000 scholarship and will attend The Ohio State University to study Biomedical Engineering. He is the son of Joyce and Kevin Miller.



**Jamie Perpar** received the Foundation's \$2,000 scholarship. The daughter of Cindy Perpar, she graduated from Wickliffe High School and will attend Kent State University to study Nursing.



**Carlie Stephens**, the daughter of Arlene and Tom Stephens, received the Foundation's \$1,000 scholarship. She graduated from Wickliffe High School and will attend The University of Akron to study Physical Therapy.



**Chase Stopp** received the Foundation's \$2,000 scholarship. He is the son of Timothy and Nancy Stopp and graduated from Cornerstone Christian Academy. He will attend Ohio University to study Civil Engineering.

## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church - 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert

In a day and age of traditions seemingly falling to the wayside, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church is fortunate to have a parish steeped in rich traditions that have continued through the years. On December 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm, the OLMC Contemporary Choir will be presenting their 30th Annual Christmas Concert. The Choir performs this concert each year to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The St. Vincent de Paul Society was inducted into the 2016 Wickliffe Community Hall of Fame as the organization of the year, acknowledging their outstanding contributions to the needy in the community. There is much to celebrate this year!

Music is a beautiful medium of worship, and we should always be thankful for the people who put the time and energy into preparing and leading a choir. St. Augustine said, "He who sings well, prays twice." Our Lady

of Mt. Carmel is blessed to have parishioner Lynne Hoopingarner, who began serving OLMC 30 years ago, as the Music Ministry Director. Lynne, her husband, son, and aunt are one of the many generations of families singing in the choir. The choir is comprised of wonderfully talented vocalists from all ages and walks of life who spend countless hours preparing for the concert. Parishioners and their families look forward to the concert every year. It is a tradition that ushers in the holiday season and prepares their hearts for Christmas.

Free-will monetary donations or non-perishable food items will be accepted at the close of the concert.



## A Fall Classic with a Twist: Wickliffe Forever's Clams & Jams 2016

BY WICKLIFFE FOREVER

Taking a spin on a traditional clambake was the intent of *Wickliffe Forever* when they chose to host Clams & Jams. Members of *Wickliffe Forever* wanted to do something different with the Northeast Ohio classic and they did! The evening started with amazing food and drinks paired with live music from the band "Driven". Throughout the night people danced, played games like LCR, and took a chance at winning raffles. Congratulations to Robyn and Greg Mincek for winning the grand prize raffle and taking home a 50" Samsung Smart TV! This fall event "was not your average clambake". What a phenomenal night at *Wickliffe Forever's* Clam & Jams 2016!

Thank you to all of the people who made this night a success. A special "Thank you" goes to our sponsors: Ganley Subaru East, Wickliffe I&A Club, James Catering, Spinners Beverage, and Studio 23 Group. Money raised at this event will fund new programs and events sponsored by Wickliffe Forever Foundation.

Stay up to date on new events and volunteer opportunities by checking out our Facebook page. We understand that many of you are not on Facebook, so look for our new

website to launch soon at [www.wickliffeforever.com](http://www.wickliffeforever.com). You can also email us at [wickliffeforever@gmail.com](mailto:wickliffeforever@gmail.com) to learn more about our group and to get involved.

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# Wickliffe City School District Strategic Plan Report

JOSEPH SPICCIA

The Wickliffe City School District Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Education in December of 2014. The plan redefined the mission, vision, and goals of the district. The plan serves as the blueprint for district-wide improvement. The decisions made by the district are based on the goals established by the plan. This report highlights the progress being made toward the achievement of the goals.

### Goal #1- Improving Student Achievement

Progress in this area has focused on developing programming that will assist students in becoming "future ready." "Future ready" is defined by ensuring students have the experiences and skills they need to be successful in the world beyond the district's walls. Here is a sampling of the programming that has been established to accomplish the "future readiness" goal:

**The Student Ten Year Plan-** Every student beginning in grade four participates in the plan that includes career exploration, site visits to businesses, hearing from professionals from all career clusters, job shadowing, internships, and development of a career planning portfolio. The goal is for students to graduate from high school with the ability to think and act strategically about their future.

**The Learn, Lead, and Serve course at WHS.** The course is an interdisciplinary study of English and social studies coupled with placement in non-profit agencies. Students spend two days a week working in non-profit agencies applying

the lessons learned in the classroom to the world outside of school.

**Early College Early Career (ECEC) program.** ECEC is a program in which participants combine high school and college course work with a paid internship in the area of advanced manufacturing. Students who participate in ECEC will earn college credit up to their associate's degree simultaneously while earning their high school diploma, will earn an industry credential while interning, and will be offered a full-time job upon graduation that will include tuition reimbursement for advanced course work.

**The STEM/Innovation program at Wickliffe Middle School** is in its second year. In this program, students use advanced technology to solve problems as a member of a work team. The problems presented to students to solve come from the fields of science and engineering, and include the expectation that students communicate about their problem solving approach verbally and in writing.

Students in the high school and middle school also have the opportunity to participate in problem-based learning projects through the ALPHA project. ALPHA is a program in which our students collaborate with students from the Perry and Yellow Springs Local School Districts.

Of course, the district continues to grow its academic programming. WHS has added two Advanced Placement courses in the last two years and increased its student enrollment in AP courses from 50 students in 2013-14 to 118 students this year. In addition, student participa-

tion in College Credit Plus classes has increased from 36 students in 2013-14 to 64 this year.

From a student achievement perspective the district is making significant progress in reaching its goal to ensure that students are well prepared for college and career.

### Goal #2 Community Engagement

The district continues to work to improve its communication and engagement with the community. Community engagement efforts have included special community forums to address the district athletic program and will begin its next forum to address volunteering in school. In addition, the district conducts focus groups related to the Strategic Plan and will begin a series of focus groups and community meetings to discuss district facilities this fall. Communication is always a challenge and the district is working to meet that challenge through the introduction of social media in the form of Twitter (Please follow me @wickliffesuper) and we will be adding newsletters and email blasts in the near future to improve our communication and engagement.

### Goal #3 Facilities

Beginning this fall, the district is conducting a facility study. The study will include a series of community meetings and surveys designed to gather input from the community. There are a variety of options that the district is considering regarding its facilities and the goal of the community meetings is both to inform the community and learn from it.

The community meetings will be coupled with an analysis of the costs associated with

the facility options. The projected costs and/or savings will be shared with the community so that all stakeholders have information about any facility decision made.

Some of the facility options being reviewed include: a reconfiguration and repurposing of current facilities, an examination of the potential for new facilities, or keeping the current facilities and determining costs of maintenance and/or renovation.

The Board of Education recognizes that facility decisions are difficult and come with many opinions and emotions so every possible option will be considered very carefully and thoughtfully.

### Final Thoughts

The Wickliffe City School District is making excellent progress in achieving the ambitious goals of the Strategic Plan. Student achievement and programming is proceeding as anticipated and students are continuing to demonstrate growth academically and are preparing well for their futures. As a district, we are improving our community engagement practices and are well aware that we need to continue to improve our communication with all members of the community. From a facilities perspective we are carefully studying how we can best meet the needs of our students by providing safe, well maintained, and academically appropriate school buildings while remaining financially prudent.

The Wickliffe City School District: Inspiring Students to Learn, Lead, and Serve.

## Athletics – Fall 2016

Fall sports have begun at Wickliffe High School, bringing excitement to the school and community. The golf team recently competed in the Chagrin Valley Conference (CVC) tournament, where they finished with a fourth place finish in the CVC Chagrin Division. Senior Howie Taylor and junior Ty Strom had strong showings for the Blue Devils, with both placing in the top fifteen. The volleyball team has shown improvement, including two solid wins over CVC conference foe Beachwood. The team is led by junior, Faith DiCicco who currently is top five in the area for digs per game. The team has also had strong performances by sophomore Abby Baumgartner, juniors Mary Burkett and Grace Chesnes, and senior Nina Clark. All of which have earned recognition for their play to this point. Cross Country continues to build upon the success from last season, and currently juniors Dylan Barnes and Brent LeBlanc have two of the top ten fastest race times in the area. The boys' soccer team is having another solid season, including nice wins over Elyria Catholic, Berkshire and Cardinal. The team is led by senior captains Masen Dworning and Brandon Lawrinson. The girls' soccer team, is off to a great start, with wins over Cornerstone, Trinity, Independence, Beachwood and Berkshire. The defense has been key for the Lady Devils, and that defense is anchored by senior goalie and captain Kati Buchheit. The cheerleaders have brought extra energy to the football games, with their great spirit and themed nights that help bring the excitement out of the student section. The cheerleaders are led by senior captain, Katie Kehn. The football team, led by senior captains, Jacob Chesnes, Justin Fortkamp, Christian Martinitis, and Lucas Thomeier, won their first four games of the season, including a 47-20 victory at Chagrin Falls. This was Wickliffe's first win against Chagrin Falls in football since 1999. Sophomore Isaac Pettway and junior Nicky Fenton have also been key for the Blue Devils, and both are currently two of the top running backs in the area.

The Athletic Department thanks and hopes for the continued support throughout the season and school year, and as always...Go Blue Devils!!!

## WHS Seniors Experience Real World

"When will we ever use this in the REAL world?" A common phrase that many teachers hear all the time. The idea behind the creation of the Learn. Lead. Serve Service Learning Program at Wickliffe High School is to give 12th grade students the opportunity to experience the real world through service to others. By choosing to participate in this program, the students have a chance to learn about contemporary issues facing the world today, and how those issues impact society.

Another component of the program is that our students are paired with a nonprofit agency in the community. For 2016-2017 school year, the participating agencies are: Wickliffe Senior Center, Wickliffe Elementary and Middle Schools, Broadmoor School, Euclid Animal Shelter, and Lake West Hospital. With each new school year, we will be looking to expand our network of nonprofit agencies. At each agency, our students serve the individual needs of each site. The primary focus of these experiences (and the curriculum) is "Can service change lives?" and "Is service to others mutually beneficial to all involved?"

Through units of study on contemporary issues (like modern politics, poverty and homelessness, altruistic endeavors, economics and the environment), these 12th graders learn about content that will connect them to the real world. Through discussion, literature analysis, and collaborative projects, our students tackle the tough issues they will face as adults in the real world. They are taking this knowledge and using it to help create a sustainable final project to benefit their assigned nonprofit organization.

Our Learn. Lead. Serve. participants have already gained a wealth of experience in the short time they have been on site at their agencies. Wickliffe Elementary volunteer Kelsey Lauriel expresses, "I never thought I would like serving others so much. It feels great to walk into the Elementary School and have the students I am working with so happy to see me. They can't wait to tell me about what is going on in their lives. I just never thought that serving others would have such a rewarding feeling."

## New Opportunities for WHS Success: Student Testing Day

New to Wickliffe High School this year is an exciting opportunity to increase student success and college preparedness through our test day. On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 all ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students will take part in a testing day. Students in the ninth and tenth grade will take the practice ACT, and students in the eleventh grade will take the ACT test. One of the three paths to graduation is a remediation free ACT or SAT test score. By making the commitment to our students starting in the ninth grade we are giving them every opportunity to successfully graduate high school as well as be well prepared for success in college. Freshmen at the high school will have three chances to interact with a college

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## Journalism class re-introduced for high school

BY JAKE RAMKEY

Student Yearbook/Journalism Editor

This school year, Journalism was re-introduced as a class for 10<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade students at Wickliffe High School. This program has been commingled with Yearbook to produce our school yearbook and the school newspaper. With about 32 students the class works together to publish a school Newspaper, which the students publish for the school website. This is 21st century project based learning, where critical thinking, innovation, literacy, media literacy, collaboration, and leadership are key areas of focus. Students gain knowledge and skills, by working for an extended time frame, to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex set of questions, problems, and challenges. Student's benefit from this class, by receiving 6 total credits for the class, 3 credits are for English, 3 are for technology. The students voted on the newspaper name in class, and we decided to bring back the old school newspaper name, WICKLEAF. With the paper being published four times a year, the students have more

work than usual, yet this doesn't seem to bother any of them. Making the newspaper is a challenge and the students also signed up for their jobs and also chose the names of both the yearbook and newspaper. The students, who write articles for the paper, get to choose what they want to write about. (Food, sports, etc.) Students who don't write articles, take photos, or help with the design of the page. The aspect of creating a newspaper uses higher technology than it had before. With Adobe In-Design, students will create the layout, touch up the newspaper, and make it more appealing to the community. Students are taught how to take and upload pictures into the yearbook software; these pictures are used with the newspaper and yearbook in addition to the above, to help enhance the look. This technology makes the class interesting by encouraging creativity and responsibility inside and outside of the classroom. As a student in this class, I have taken pictures for the golf team page, and I get to help design the golf, and band pages for the yearbook, for the newspaper portion I am the design layout editor, where I use Adobe In-Design to place student articles and photographs in the final layout for the online newspaper.




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## Learn, Lead, Serve

We welcome our high school literacy leaders who take their time twice a week to spend with our students through the Service Learning Program. This initiative was fostered by their interest in working with young children, serving as positive role models as well as assisting them with developing their literacy skills. Our elementary students look forward to their visits from their high school partners. These students are very dedicated to our elementary children and look forward to their work with them. We appreciate Andrew Barrows, Amber Curry, Ashley Curry, Kelsey Lauriel, and Lucas Thomeier! Thank you as well to Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Motta and Mrs. Buckholder for their support and development of this wonderful program!



## Ensuring that Students are College and Career Ready

The Wickliffe City Schools' Ten-Year Plan is a program to provide students in grades 7-12 with academic and career planning to enable them to be best prepared for college or career when they graduate from high school. The middle school years play an integral part in helping students to identify areas of interest that may lead to a college or career program. Middle School students are exposed to college and career pathways in several ways: students in grades 5-8 are participating in a Professional Speakers' Series. This year, students in grades 5 and 6 heard from Ohio Representative John Patterson, Brittany Deas, a teacher and children's author, and John Foster, the owner of Anytime Fitness and a professional body builder. Students in grade 7 and 8 met Scott Tennant, Director of Communications for VitaMix, Janice Cackowski, a Financial Planner, and Tina DeFiore, a Registered Nurse. Students in grades 7 and 8 will also participate in guided field trips to Lake West Hospital and WVIZ/IdeaStream. Finally students in grade 8 participate in a Career Explorations class for one quarter of the school year with Sara Hall, WMS School Counselor. The overarching goal is to expose students to areas of interest beyond those that they may experience in their homes and families and better prepare students to make informed decisions about their future after high school.

## Science Happenings at WES

Students in grades 3 and 4 have the opportunity to participate in the "Growing Students in Science" program through the Holden Arboretum. This is a community partnership program designed to enrich science experiences for our students and they are well aligned to our science curriculum. Each year students participate in two fieldtrips at the Holden Arboretum as well as receive one visit each from Holden's instructional personnel. Our teachers have also been working with our students through instructional lessons that support what they will experience during their fieldtrips. Third grade students will focus on "Plants and Animals in the Forest" and fourth grade will focus on "Changing Earth" which in which students investigate ecosystems and the affects of impact and changes over time.



## Off to a Great Start at WMS

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at Wickliffe Middle School. Teachers, staff, and administrators have worked hard over the summer months to prepare and implement a several new programs based on the district's strategic plan. Facility improvements over the summer included new windows on the South side of the building, new main entrance doors, and renovations to four restrooms. Our Student Ambassadors led student orientation programs for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and students new to the district. Our goals are to continue to improve instruction, monitor student learning, and differentiate instructional strategies to help reach a multitude of learning styles. We have been focusing on our core values of respect, responsibility, and personal best as we strive to respect the past and embrace the future.



As the school year progresses, we encourage parents, guardians, and the Wickliffe community to support their children and the school by attending academic, fine arts, and athletic events. The WMS school information and online calendar can be accessed via the Wickliffe Schools website - [www.wickliffeschools.org](http://www.wickliffeschools.org). You can also follow us on Twitter - @Wick-Middle



Thank you for your continued support of WMS. We look forward to seeing parents at parent/teacher conferences on November 2nd and 10th. Great things are happening at Wickliffe Middle School where we practice our district's motto of Inspiring Students to Learn, Lead, and Serve.

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