

GARDEN SCOOP

WGC Events

July 9 - Registration Deadline

Garden Walk/ Reception

Wed., July 14

Evening WGC Meeting

Wed., July 14, 5:30 p.m.

Garden Walk / Reception

Note that this is the 2nd Wednesday, not the third.

Summer Board Meetings

July 7 and August 4, both on the usual 1st Wednesday of the month at Porter Public Library 10:30 a.m. to noon

Community

Westlake Community Services Center: Grand Opening Ceremony 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 13.



Thinking of a pollinator garden?

If so, the above photo should inspire you. Deb Dougherty calls this sunny spot her attempt at a pollinator garden. We call it a very successful garden. Most of the plants came from the Ohio Soil and Water District's native plant kit sale in 2020.

WGC July Meeting

Garden Walk / Reception

We will be visiting 4 gardens starting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14th. We should be in place at the next garden on the half hour, including driving time. We will start at our most eastern home and work our way west. Cathy Garlitz has graciously offered to provide light refreshments at her home to close the evening.

We so appreciate gardeners opening their special spots to us! Needless to say, the garden walk is an outdoor event only and will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Carpooling is encouraged! If you can't join the walk, we hope you can meet us at Cathy's. Please contact Deb Dougherty (deb dougherty2771@yahoo.com or 440-506-0237) **no later than July 9th** to advise if you plan to attend the tour and/or the gathering at Cathy's. Guests are welcome so please include them in your response. Email, text and phone call are all acceptable. **Only those responding will receive the addresses and schedule for the tour.**

Deb Dougherty

June 16 Meeting

Touring the New Community Services Center

Thirteen members and guests were treated to an extensive tour of Westlake's new Community Services Center. The goal of Westlake's newest facility is to provide a place for members of the community to gather.

The facility is for all but is specifically designed for easy access for all physical abilities. Life Span Design, a husband-and-wife team with experience planning senior centers throughout the country, assured that attention was paid to "senior" comfort in every detail. Examples include closed loop hearing assistance (reduces background noise for those with hearing aids), chairs with arms (put through a rigorous comfort test by the staff), steady tables, and a hidden rail design in each room to permit assistance when needed.

Parking won't be an issue when you visit. There are 188 parking spaces without curbs or other obstacles. Even the front of the building was designed with underground heating to eliminate icy spots during the winter. The facility is filled with light and ample seating for small groups to informally gather. A café will be up and running soon. In the meantime, Panera's will be providing free coffee every Thursday morning in July. There will eventually be a full kitchen staff to provide lunch or service special gatherings.

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Westlake Community Gardens

The Westlake Community gardeners are getting into planting despite the many obstacles nature is throwing in their way. Over the past few days I have been trying to take some photos of members garden plots. However every attempt was thwarted by rainstorms or lightning. I finally managed to get some photos yesterday early evening and felt like I was in a steam bath. Luckily the garden plants are enjoying these showers and it saves us gardeners from daily watering!

The photos of WGC members' garden plots include: Chris Borzak and husband Mark who are growing large tomatoes selected for sweetness and also some sweet million cherry tomatoes, Cathy Garlitz who is growing an assortment of tomatoes as well as two good companion plants, basil and nasturtium and Marsha McEntee who is trying to grow plants from seed, except some tomato plants from Deans. Marsha's seedlings are cress, radishes, beets, parsley, pak choi, basil, spaghetti squash and "Little Finger" carrots. The Community Garden has added new plots every year until 2020 but is presently maintaining the status quo. If interested in obtaining a plot, it is best to put your name on the waiting list in the Fall. Happy Gardening. It is good to garden without a mask!

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Marsha McEntee

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In addition to classrooms, there is a 144-seat theater that includes surround sound and special seating for those with mobility issues. The theater can be used for lectures and movies. Free movies will be playing on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Wait, there's more! There is a Wellness-Health Services program. There is a fitness studio and an equipment center. The fitness equipment includes pneumatic strength training using 'touch' technology. The focus of the equipment is strengthening and flexibility—both so important as we age. The equipment studio is fully staffed and is available at reasonable membership fees depending upon whether you are a member and/or Westlake resident.

The Community Center continues to provide a food pantry for Westlake residents in need. Gardeners: Fresh produce is most welcome during these growing months!

The Westlake Garden Club is providing the centerpiece for the Community Center's grand opening on July 13th. Our own Carolyn Steigman has generously volunteered to pull it together for us. In the fall, the Garden Club will be relocating the Memorial Garden from its location at the previous Community Center.

Deb Dougherty

Westlake Garden Club Gets Busy Gardening

The above was the title of the article that Jean Smith submitted to the Westlake Bay Village Observer. Perhaps you noticed it in the June 15th issue. It talks about our various projects and hopes for the new year as we move beyond all of the Covid restrictions. Because gardening is outdoors and we were willing to try Zoom, we managed to accomplish quite a lot. Check out Jean's article at westlakebayvillageobserver.com. Thank you to co-presidents, Jean and Cathy Garlitz, and program chair, Deb Dougherty for working to bring back our activities as the pandemic restrictions are slowly being lifted in 2021.

GardenWalk Cleveland July 10 & 11

GardenWalk Cleveland offers free, self-guided tours of gardens, urban farms, vineyards, orchards, and more in neighborhoods of Cleveland, Ohio. Tour at your own pace in each of the annually designated Cleveland neighborhoods. The 2021 neighborhoods are Broadway Slavic Village, Clifton-Baltic, Collinwood, Detroit Shoreway, Fairfax, Glenville, Little Italy, Old Brooklyn and West Park. Maps and more info at gardenwalkcleveland.org.