

AVON LAKE Recreation 2026/2027 PROGRAM GUIDE

Fall & Winter



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AvonLakeRec.com



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Avon Lake
Recreation
Department



Mission Statement—

To enhance the quality of life for Avon Lake residents by offering engaging recreation, leisure, and enrichment activities that promote health, connection, and personal growth, while fostering an active, fun, and healthy community along the shores of Lake Erie.



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3 Easy Ways to Register

Online at avonlakeoh.myrec.com

Create your household profile, register, and pay online using Discover, MasterCard or Visa.

In Person

Stop by Avon Lake City Hall, 150 Avon Belden Road, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Pay using credit, debit, cash or check.

Phone 440-930-4130

Call the Recreation Department and our friendly staff will be happy to process your registration. Pay over the phone using Discover, MasterCard, or Visa.

For a full list of policies (i.e. cancellation, refund, inclement weather, etc.) please visit avonlakeoh.myrec.com.

Text **ALREC** at **440-259-6412**

to receive updates about current and upcoming Recreation programs, including weather-related cancellations and schedule changes.



A word from our Mayor—

As we continue to invest in the quality of life that makes Avon Lake such a special place to live, we remain committed to expanding recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. One of the most exciting projects underway is the transformation of the former Erieview

Elementary School into a vibrant community resource. Purchased in 2025 using park acquisition funds, not general fund tax dollars, the nearly 10-acre property will become the future home of our Recreation Department and, in a later phase, our Senior Center. This move will allow us to expand senior programming while creating additional opportunities for recreation, community events, and lifelong learning. Through careful planning, collaboration among City departments, and a generous \$150,000 donation from Ford, the City is taking a thoughtful, phased approach to the Erieview transition, ensuring each step is completed responsibly while positioning the facility to become a welcoming community center that will serve residents for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Mark Spaetzel

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Mayor of Avon Lake



The City of Avon Lake

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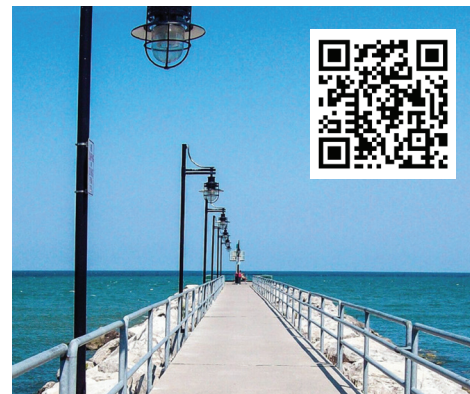
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WHAT DOES

**Avon Lake
Mean to You?**

The City of Avon Lake is developing a unified brand identity and it starts with your voice.

From our lakefront and our schools to the everyday moments that make this community home, we want to know what Avon Lake means to you.

Take our short survey

and help **shape the story** we tell about our community.

[Scan QR or click here.](#)

AVON LAKE Recreation JUNIOR SHOREMEN BASKETBALL

Practice Schedule

- Practices begin the week of January 4, 2027.
- Grades 3–4: Practice once per week.
- Grades 5–8: May practice up to two times per week depending on gym availability.
- Practice days and times for Grades 3–8 are determined by coach availability and are typically held Monday through Friday between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Game Schedule

- Games begin Saturday, January 16, 2027, and conclude March 6, 2027.
- Boys Grades 3–8: Saturdays - Approximately 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Schedules are subject to change based on gym availability. Dates, times, and locations may be adjusted as needed. If the high school is unavailable on Saturday, games may be rescheduled for Sunday.

Registration Details

- Registration Opens: October 1
 - Registration Deadline: November 30
- Late registrations will be accepted only if space is available and may be subject to a late registration fee.

All participants will receive a branded reversible jersey and shorts.

Locations

Practices and games will be held at various gymnasiums throughout the Avon Lake City School District.

AVON LAKE Recreation JUNIOR SHOREGALS BASKETBALL

Fairview Park, Olmsted Falls, Westlake, and Middleburg Heights, providing players with the opportunity to compete against neighboring communities throughout the season.

Locations

- Practices will be held at various gymnasiums throughout the Avon Lake City School District.
- League games will be hosted by the participating communities on a rotating basis throughout the season.

Practice Schedule

- Practices begin the week of November 16, 2026
- Grades 3–4: Practice once per week.
- Grades 5–8: May practice up to two times per week depending on gym availability.
- Practice days and times for Grades 3–8 are determined by coach availability and are typically held Monday through Friday between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Game Schedule

- Games are played on Saturdays beginning December 5, 2026, and ending February 6, 2027.
- Playoffs are Saturday, February 13 and Saturday, February 20, 2027.
- Game times and locations vary based on gym availability.

Registration Details

- Registration Opens: September 1
 - Registration Deadline: October 31
- Late registrations will be accepted only if space is available and may be subject to a late registration fee.

All participants will receive a branded reversible jersey and shorts.

New this season! The Shoregals grades 3-8 will participate in a recreational league featuring teams from North Ridgeville, North Olmsted,

Future Shoremen & Shoregals (Grades 1-2)

All participants will receive a branded reversible jersey and shorts.

Locations

Practices and games will be held at Avon Lake High School.

Practice & Games

- Games begin Saturday, January 16, 2027, and conclude March 6, 2027.
- Grades 1–2: Practice once each week immediately prior to their scheduled game.
- Saturdays approximately 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Schedules are subject to change based on gym availability. Dates, times, and locations may be adjusted as needed. If the high school is unavailable on Saturday, games may be rescheduled for Sunday.

Registration Details

- Registration Opens: October 1
 - Registration Deadline: November 30
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Create unforgettable experiences for kids— volunteer to coach TODAY!



VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Our basketball program depends on parent volunteers to serve as Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches.

If you are interested in coaching,
please select "Yes" during the registration process.

No previous coaching experience is necessary. Training, practice plans, and coaching resources are available.

GYMNASIUM REMINDER

To help keep our school gymnasiums clean and safe, all players must carry their basketball shoes into the building and change into them upon arrival.

Thank you for your support of Avon Lake Recreation. We look forward to another fun and exciting basketball season!

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

To register please click the following link: https://avonlakeoh.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29864

The youth volleyball program will feature two divisions: 3rd–5th Grade and 6th–8th Grade. It is designed to teach the fundamentals of volleyball while providing participants with a fun, positive, and recreational environment.

Practices start the week of August 31

Games: September 12–October 24

Picture Day: TBD

Practices can take place Monday–Thursday in the evenings with up to 2 practices a week per the coach's availability. Practice times are set by the coaches once they receive their rosters. Games are played on Saturday mornings and early afternoons at The Anchor Recreation Facility.

Deadline to register: August 9, 2026



TEAM PLACEMENT

Grades 3–8: Teams will be formed through a coach draft to promote balanced competition.

Pre-formed teams will not be accepted.

Player requests may be submitted during registration; however, requests are not guaranteed and will be accommodated only when possible.



The Veterans Never Forgotten Banner Program

The Veterans Never Forgotten Banner Program recognizes, honors, and pays tribute to the men and women who are currently serving or have previously served in the United States Armed Forces and who are from Avon Lake or have ties to the Avon Lake community.

Banners will proudly be displayed from Memorial Day through Veterans Day (May-November) along Avon Belden Road and

Lake Road near Veteran's Memorial Park (32756 Lake Road). These banners serve as a visible and meaningful way for our community to express gratitude for the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

[Click here for complete information.](#)

21ST ANNUAL BIG TRUCKS

PRESENTING SPONSOR:

A HANDS-ON COMMUNITY EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

10AM – 2PM

RAIN OR SHINE

FOOD TRUCKS!

- Cheesy Dave's
- Frankie B's
- Off the Griddle
- Franks-n-Shakes
- Kona Ice
- Emilie's Coffee
- CLE Cotton Candy

- ★ AVON LAKE FIRE & POLICE VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT
- ★ MEDICAL TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT
- ★ LORAIN COUNTY METRO PARKS
- ★ AVON LAKE PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES
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- ★ HEALTH SCREENINGS
- ★ AVON LAKE EARLY CHILDHOOD PTA
- ★ VARIOUS LOCAL & COUNTY AGENCIES BOOTHS & MUCH MORE!

BIG TRUCKS PASSPORT

KIDS 18 & UNDER!

Earn a \$5.00 Off Food Truck Coupon by visiting specific booths and completing a Big Trucks passport!

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FALL FEST

OCTOBER 3, 2026
11 AM - 1 PM | BLESER PARK

PUMPKIN DECORATING, FAMILY PHOTO SCENE, GAMES, HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES, PRIZES, FACE PAINTING, ANTIQUE CAR PHOTO OPS, FOOD, RAFFLES, AND MORE!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT AVON LAKE KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

HALLOWEEN DECOR CONTEST

HAUNT THE HOUSE

Entry deadline:
Monday October 12

Visit AvonLakeRec.com for details. Open to Avon Lake residents only.

BOO BY THE WOODS

SUPERSTITIOUS 13TH YEAR

OCTOBER 17TH

Kids FREE activities on Saturday from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
For more information visit AvonLakeRec.com
More info at <https://alpl.org/boo>

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Light up the Park

Holiday Celebration
Saturday, November 21
 Veterans' Memorial Park | 3:00pm–6:00pm
 Holiday Lights Parade, Craft Show, Petting Zoo,
 Reindeer, Ice Carving, etc.
Light Parade at 5:45pm
Lights immediately following.




Deck the House

HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST



Enter November 2nd–December 14th
Voting December 15th–January 3rd
 Details at AvonLakeRec.com

Dark Skies Bright Kids

**An out-of-this-world night of astronomical education
the whole family will enjoy.**

Local astronomical societies will be bringing their entire toy box of telescopes, laser pointers, moon rocks, experiments from the International Space Station and even an inflatable planetarium! Crafts and snacks are included!

TBD 2027

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**Friday, December 4th &
Saturday, December 5th**
**Time slots on sale Monday,
November 2nd**

Proceeds benefit the Avon Lake Historical Society




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SQUEAKY SNEAKERS
Pre-school playtime fun!
 Monday, September 21 – Friday, December 18
 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Cost: \$3/Child

OPEN PICKLEBALL
 Tuesday, September 22 – Friday, December 18
 Tuesdays – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 Thursdays – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Fridays – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 Cost: 12 Visits for \$60 or \$6 Drop-In

**December 18 will be the last opportunity to use
your pre-paid visits.**

For information regarding rentals and birthday parties, please contact Ron Warner at 440-930-4141 or email rwarner@avonlake.org.

Activities for Seniors 55+



Senior Center Activities at the Old Firehouse

Intermediate & Advanced Bridge

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 12pm

Bingo

Generally the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2pm. However, that may change due to other programming.

Hand & Foot Mondays and Fridays at 1pm

Mahjong Tuesdays at 12:30pm

Asian Mahjong Thursdays at 12:30pm

Dominoes Tuesdays at 1pm

Friday Crafts Fridays at 10am

Wednesday Morning Movies at 10am

A variety of current and classic movies.

Lunch & Learn

At least once a month we host various speakers who present topics of interest to seniors and provide a free lunch.

Free Special Occasion Luncheons

Typically, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Summertime, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas with a free lunch and gathering.

Senior Hot Lunch—Third Tuesday of every month at 12pm (reservations required) \$7. Old Firehouse members pay \$5. Over 90 FREE.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Third Tuesday of each month at 12:30pm

Senior Rap Thursdays at 11:00am

Talking about serious problems can provide skills and options needed to manage life's challenges, improve self-esteem, relationships and mood. Group discussions are lead by Dana Grande, professional counselor and medical assistant with the Far West Center.

Memberships are available to Senior Center

\$25 annual fee (\$35 non-resident), an exceptional value, gives \$2.00 off the price of the Senior Hot Lunch and a subscription to our "Talk On The Lake" Newsletter delivered to your mailbox each month (\$12 value).

Fitness Classes at the Old Firehouse

Determine your level of mobility and pick a class.

No registration is required. The schedule of classes is listed on our website at AvonLakeRec.com. Space is limited. Please come in 15-30 minutes before class time to sign-in.

- 1 For people with limited mobility (e.g., MS, Parkinsons, Severe Arthritis).
- 2 For mobile people that may require a chair for some additional support.
- 3 For people with no mobility issues.

1 Stability This class is designed to increase mobility and flexibility for all with limited range of motion. The program is especially helpful to those suffering the effects of Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis and Severe Arthritis.

1 Yin Yoga is a gentle and relaxing style of yoga that works deeply into the connective tissues and joints. Students must be able to get on and off the floor unassisted.

1 Chair Yoga The chair serves as a stable foundation, allowing you to deepen your stretches, engage your muscles, and experience the benefits of yoga in a safe and comfortable manner.

2 Circuit Standing upper-body strength work alternated with low impact cardio using a chair for standing support. A perfect 50+ class that incorporates stretching, balance, agility and strength, along with fun music.

2 Classic Seated and standing exercises to increase muscular strength, range of motion and activities for daily living.

2 Stability+ Similar to our Stability Class, but more intense. This class has been set up for those with lesser mobility issues.

2 3 Focused Gentle Yoga In this class you will move through traditional yoga postures focused on specific areas of the body.

2 3 Gentle Yoga Standing & seated yoga poses to increase flexibility, balance and range of motion.

3 Advanced TRX Class uses the TRX suspension trainer that leverages gravity and the user's body weight to complete the exercises. SilverSneakers/Renew Active DO NOT APPLY to this class.

3 Boom Muscle Muscle-conditioning blocks and activity specific intervals to improve cardiovascular health and functional skill. This class is designed to work all major muscles with a variety of strength and conditioning exercises.

3 Yoga Flow Flow-based (continual movement between poses) class tying breath to movement between individual postures.

Most classes are compliant with SilverSneakers® and Renew Active® and are free to those with either program included in their Medicare Supplemental Insurance.

Sign up at the Old Firehouse for your FREE SS or RA membership which includes daily admission to our Aquatics Center.

Otherwise, there is an \$8 drop-in fee per class or purchase a 12 visit punch pass membership for \$60.



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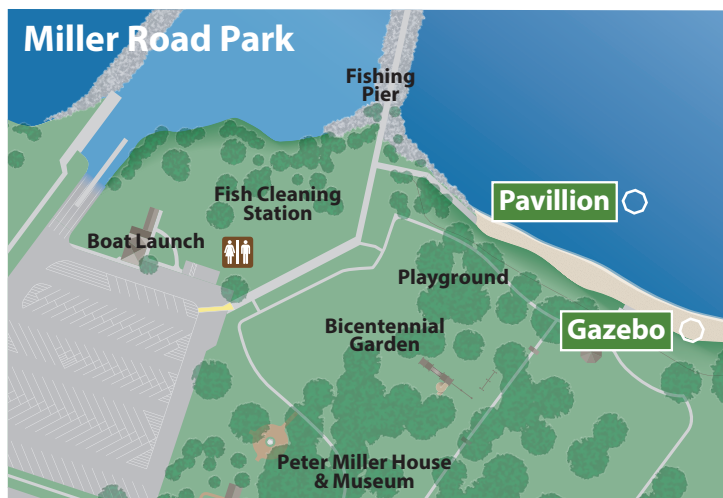
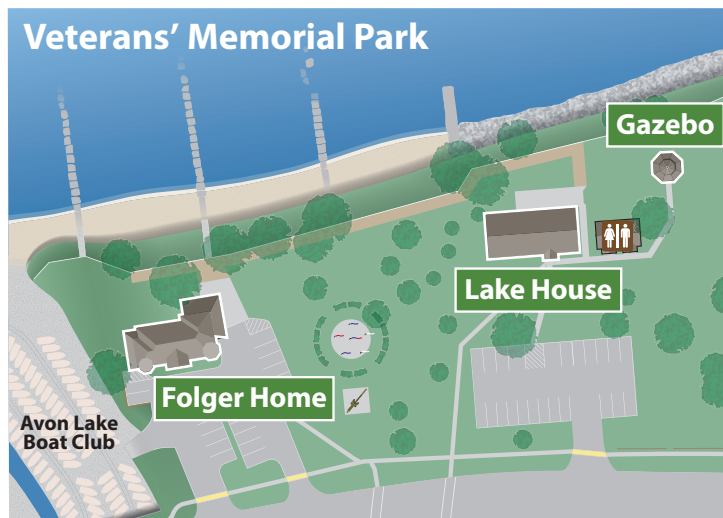
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Avon Lake City Parks

*Neighborhood Parks



RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bleser Park | Veterans' Memorial Park Miller Road Park

Pavilion and gazebo rentals open March 1st for rentals between May 1 and October 15.

Additional rental fees may apply to non-residents of Avon Lake.

Bleser Park—Pavilion A

Pavilion A is the park pavilion closest to the sand volleyball courts. There are 10 picnic tables in the pavilion with seating for up to 80, electricity and a large stationary grill. Two of the tables are handicap accessible.

Bleser Park—Pavilion B

Pavilion B is the park pavilion closest to the playground. There are ten picnic tables, in the pavilion with seating for up to 80 and a large stationary grill. Two of the tables are handicap accessible.

Veterans' Memorial Park—Folger Home

The Folger Home is located within Veterans' Park and is available for rent throughout the year and is great for wedding showers, family reunions, meetings, and other private events. The historic home accommodates up to 48 guests with tables and chairs, has a small galley style kitchen with electric range, microwave and refrigerator, wraparound porch with rocking chairs, and fantastic Lake Erie views.

Veterans' Memorial Park—Lake House

The Lake House is located within Veterans' Park and is available for rent throughout the year and is great for wedding showers, family reunions, meetings, and other private events. The Lake House accommodates up to 72 guests with tables and chairs, has a small warming kitchen with electric range, microwave and refrigerator, pull-down projection screen, patio, and grill with fantastic Lake Erie views.

Veterans' Memorial Park—Gazebo

This gazebo is designed for SMALL wedding ceremonies and or wedding photos. This location is not designed for large wedding ceremonies. The gazebo is also a perfect location for graduation, prom, and family photos.

Miller Road Park—Gazebo

This gazebo is used for small wedding ceremonies and or wedding photos. It seats approximately 40 guests.

Miller Road Park—Pavilion

This is a small, handicap accessible pavilion with three picnic tables, a grill, and electricity.



RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

Walker Road Park | Weiss Field

Pavilions may be rented from May 1st through October 15th. Additional rental fees may apply to non-residents of Avon Lake.

Walker Road Park Pavilion

Avon Lake and Bay Village residents will receive the resident rate for this pavilion. This accessible pavilion has electricity and a charcoal grill.

Weiss Field—Pavilion A

Pavilion A is the accessible pavilion closest to the skate park that has 6 picnic tables and seats up to 50. This pavilion has electricity and a large grill.

Weiss Field—Pavilion B

Pavilion B is the accessible pavilion closest to the playground. It has electricity, a large charcoal grill and 12 picnic tables with seating for up to 100.

