



Lake County General Health District

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LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT PURCHASES NEW BUILDING

On May 6th, 2016, The Lake County Board of Health purchased a building to serve as its primary business office. The 31,000 square-foot office building LOCATED AT 5966 Heisley Road in Mentor, Ohio and constructed in 1987 represents a major step in the recovery process for the Lake County General Health District. The property represented the best financial option for the Board of Health that allows easy access from Route 2, remained close to its at-risk cliental, and would accommodate the number of Health District employees. The Health District plans to move in by September or October of this year. “We hope that the bid documents will completed in the next thirty to forty-five days so that we can begin the public bid process. It is a priority that after almost two years that we move as quickly as we can, without making any mistakes, in order to finally get the staff back in a permanent office,” responded Ron H. Graham.

The office building was purchased \$2.265 million dollars not including closing costs. It is currently occupied by two tenants, Neece-Malec Accounting and Great Lakes Caring, who will continue to lease space under the Board of Health in accordance with their current lease agreement. The building will require some renovations before move-in, including a new HVAC unit, a new roof, and a parking lot expansion project. Health Commissioner, Ron H. Graham, commented, “It has been an incredibly difficult journey for everyone involved. There is not a board member nor staff member that has not been impacted by the myriad of challenges that come with losing the primary place of work. I applaud each and every staff member for remaining dedicated to the delivery of public health services to our community. Serving the community has been at the forefront of our efforts each and every day.”

The Board of Health and the Health Commissioner recognize the extraordinary needs of the Painesville City residents and will be working with the Property Managers of Victoria Place to allow for a satellite office to remain in its current location. At this time, it is anticipated that the WIC Program will be the primary service at this location. Health Commissioner, Ron H. Graham stated, “It is important that we deliver preventive services to those most in need through reducing barriers such as access. We know that transportation is an issue for Painesville City residents when trying to access healthcare or Health District services. Rest assured, we are not abandoning Painesville City, we just had to make the best choice after recovering from a bad situation.” The Board of Health and Health Commissioner would like to thank everyone for their patience and support since the fire that occurred August 20, 2014. For more information services, contact The Lake County Health District at 440-350-2543 or by visit www.lcghd.org.

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