

# GOVERNMENT IN REVIEW

## BLACK RIVER DAY A SUCCESS

The Lorain County Community Alliance held its annual "Black River Day" on August 4, 2006 at the Black River Landing in Lorain. The program included presentations regarding the health of the Black River watershed, the tourism efforts in Lorain County and the activities of the Lorain Port Authority.

Ted Conlin, Black River RAP Coordinator from the Ohio EPA, reported the watershed is recovering in some areas but issues including home sewage treatment systems, increased surface runoff and riparian corridor encroachments continue to be problematic.

Pat Cano, Director of the Lorain County Visitor's Bureau (LCVB), shared the agency has nationally marketed Lorain County as a destination point along Ohio's Northcoast. The LCVB is also a part of several advertising cooperatives.

Rick Novak, Director of the Lorain Port Authority, said efforts continue to bring commuter rail into downtown Lorain. A recent discussion rekindled interest in the issue and momentum has gathered around the initiative from Cuyahoga County partners. The next meeting to discuss the issue will be hosted by Cleveland City Councilman Kevin Kelley in Room 217 in Cleveland City Hall, 601 Lakeside Avenue, on Wednesday, August 30, 2006 from 9:30 am to 11 am.



## POSSIBLE SAVINGS THROUGH SAFETY COUNCIL

The Lorain County Safety Council is pleased to announce the continuation of the four-percent discount being offered to participating companies/organizations and municipalities by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Fill out an application and start saving today. Last year the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce rebated back over a quarter of a million dollars to Lorain County Safety Council members and expect to give back over a half million dollars this October. Don't miss out. Deadline for joining is **September 30, 2006**.

Qualifications are listed on the flyer available on the web at [www.loraincountychamber.com](http://www.loraincountychamber.com) under the "safety council" tab.



**Next Meeting: October 20, 2006**

**Time: 9 am**

**Location: Spitzer Conference Center at LCCC**

**Program: Lorain County Community Summit**