

LCCA NEWS

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MAY/JUNE 2010

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG TURN IN PROGRAM

The Lorain County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force Along with participating Lorain County Police Departments and Drug Awareness & Prevention, Inc., will be offering a prescription drug turn in program. This gives you the opportunity to safely dispose of any outdated or unwanted prescription medicines. The program is confidential. NO PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE ASKED. Please remove all prescription labels before arriving. All medications will be collected and held only by law enforcement officers until they can be safely disposed of.

Collection Day is Saturday, May 8th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00p.m. at these collection points:

Amherst Police Dept., 911 North Lake Street
Avon Police Dept., 36145 Detroit Road
Avon Lake Police Dept., 32855 Walker Road
Columbia Twp. Fire Dept., 25540 Royalton Rd.
Elyria Police Dept., 18 West Avenue
Grafton Police Dept., 1009 Chestnut Street
LaGrange Police Dept., 355 South Center Street
Lorain: Lakeview Beach House, 1800 West Erie Ave.
North Ridgeville Police Dept., 7307 Avon -Belden Road
Oberlin Police Dept., 85 South Main Street
Sheffield Lake Police Dept., 609 Harris Road
Sheffield Village Police Dept., 4340 Colorado Ave.
Vermilion Police Dept., 5791 Liberty Ave.
Wellington Police Dept., 117 Willard Memorial Square

LORAIN COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION

Rob Scheitaur, President of the Lorain County Township Association (LCTA), announced that the deadline for submitting Informational Advertisements for the Township Directory has been extended to **May 20th**. For more information contact Rob Scheitauer 440-315-3844 or you may visit the LCTA Website at www.lctaonline.org

** Attached is the advertising pricing for your perusal and also a PDF version of the Lorain County 2010 Township Roster for future reference.

LORAIN COUNTY FOOD SUMMIT

Come share what you know and learn from others at the first annual **Lorain County Food Summit on Sunday, April 25th from 2-5 PM** at Lorain County Community College's Spitzer Conference Center. The primary goal will be to create a plan of action and volunteer network for a Lorain County Food Policy Coalition. Throughout the day, they will be discussing food system reform in Lorain County, including such topics as food production, processing, distribution, and consumption. The format of the day will highlight several speakers, but ultimately the day will be driven by discussions generated by attendees. Everyone has something to add to this conversation!

We are all invested in the food system in the sense that we are consumers interested in affordable, fresh, local and healthy food options, but you are receiving this invitation because you have demonstrated an interest in food and dedication to change and improvement in the food system of Northeast Ohio. Farmers, grassroots organizers, nonprofit organizations, food banks, interested citizens, restaurant owners, government representatives, and many others from all walks of life must play a part if change is to happen. We hope you will take the time to join us on April 25th as we lay the groundwork for a Lorain County Food Policy Coalition through networking and collaboration.

The event is FREE and is open to the public. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 22nd. Contact Avi Miner via email at avi.miner@oberlin.edu or by calling (607) 227-5173.

~Synergy generated by the Alliance raises community awareness of the advantages of thinking regionally ~

NOACA 44th ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

- **June 15-17, 2010**
- Renaissance Cleveland Hotel
- Details visit www.NARC.org or Lindsey Riley 202-986-1032, X220 lyndsey@NARC.org

DEVELOPING AN E-GOVERNMENT WEBSITE

The Kent State University Center for Public Administration and Public Policy is hosting a Developing an E-Government Website Seminar on **May 19, from 6:30-9:00 p.m.** in Kent State’s Bowman Hall, 128 Bowman Hall, Room 301. The seminar will provide an overview of E-government and current trends in E-government from a national and local perspective.

To Register Contact the Center @ 330-672-7148 or cfpapp@kent.edu

LCCA BY-LAW COMMITTEE MEETING

- **Monday, May 24th @ 10:00 a.m.**
- Lorain County Administration Building
- 4th Floor , Meeting Room A
- By-laws open for discussion are sections IV,V and VI

**VISION in GOVERNMENT
MIKE WHITMORE MEMORIAL AWARD**

The Mike Whitmore Award for Outstanding Public Service is designed to afford contemporaries in Lorain County public service and those who have benefitted from their efforts an opportunity to honor one of their own for achievement, contribution, vision and leadership. Many people have worked for the betterment of Lorain County and its citizens. Mike Whitmore was one of them. Although not elected to a political office, he believed Lorain County could benefit from its communities and agencies working together. It is only appropriate the award bear his name and be given at Lorain County’s largest gathering of community leaders – the Lorain County Community Alliance Summit on Friday, October 8th. Forms can be downloaded from www.lccommunityalliance.com

Deadline for entries is Friday, September 19, 2010.

**Submit Completed forms to: Joyce Parks
226 Middle Avenue, 4th Floor
Elyria, OH 44035
Email: jparks@loraincounty.us**

**Lorain County Growth Partnership
Learning Center
Free Weekly “Starting-up Your Own
Small Business” Discussion Group**

Do you need a place to go where you can meet, discuss and work on your business idea with other entrepreneurs? Then attend the free “Small Business Start-up Discussion and Work Group” from **12-1 p.m., every Wednesday**, at the Lorain County Growth Partnership Learning Center. This weekly informal group discusses issues and challenges faced by small business owners who are at the start-up phase of their endeavor. It’s an opportunity to learn from others who are going through the same process. Members of the discussion group will have access to necessary software and computers to aid in small business development. The Lorain County Growth Partnership Learning Center is a joint venture of Lorain County and Lorain County Community College. It is located on the fifth floor, room 560 of the County Administration building at 226 Middle Avenue in Elyria.

The Learning Center also offers these services for small business:

- Open computer lab
- Small Business Development assistance
- Small Business Workshops

For more information call Margaret Box at (440) 328-2373 or email her at mbox@lorainccc.edu.

DUES REMINDER

An important reminder to unpaid members. Paying your dues enables you to *VOTE* at the upcoming meetings and receive member discounts. Please verify that you are eligible.

Lorain County Small Business Development Center presents an informative workshop for those starting or running a small business. Workshops are designed to foster new business growth as well as inform on better ways to manage the enterprise. The workshop will be held **May 4, 2010** from 10:00am to 12:00 noon at the Lorain County Administration Building, fifth floor.

Past Recipients of the Mike Whitmore Award Include:

- **Jerry Innes*-Assistant County Prosecutor,
- **Betty Blair* -Lorain County Commissioner and Alliance Chair ,
- **Ron Twining*- Assistant County Administrator who has 28 years of public service,
- **Matt Lundy* -State Representative ,
- **Virginia Haynes* -Wellington Township Trustee & President, Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce

New! Transportation Resource Lending

The Ohio LTAP center is pleased to announce a new resource for you—the **Ohio LTAP Center Transportation Resources Lending Library!**

The library contains the collection of the current ODOT Transportation Library and the LTAP Video Library and is open to all LTAP customers. To begin borrowing from the Ohio LTAP Transportation Resources Lending Library, you will need to request a library card by completing the library card request form located to the left on this page under: [Resources—Request a Library Card](#). Once your card is issued, you will be able to borrow from the ODOT Transportation Library and the LTAP Video Library, as well as other State of Ohio Libraries linked to the ODOT Library. This new resource will place thousands of technical resources within reach at no cost. As in the past, up to three resources will be loaned at a time, with additional requests beyond three being filled as your outstanding items are returned. If you need to keep your resources for a longer time period, renewing your library loan is as easy as a phone call to our librarian. Resources can be quickly and easily searched for through the [Library Catalog](#) link located to the left under [Resources](#). Once you locate the resource(s) you wish to borrow, complete the [Library Resources Request Form](#) also available to the left under [Resources](#). Your request will be completed by our librarian and shipped out to you. If you have any questions concerning this new resource, please contact Victoria Beale, LTAP Assistant Director, at 614-466-3129.

Ohio Certified Public Records Training

Date: Friday, **October 8, 2010** @ 1:00pm - 4:15pm
Location: Administrative Building 4th Floor
Contact: [Teresa Goodridge](#) (614) 644-8986
Or visit: www.auditor.state.oh.us

Sponsored by :

Ohio Township Association , State Auditor and the Lorain County Community Alliance

IT CONTRACT NEGOTIATION SEMINAR

Friday, May 7, 2010 ~~9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY BOWMAN HALL
ROOM 301 (330)-672-7148 ~ cfpapp@kent.edu
www.kent.edu/cpapp

CDBG FY09 Grant Funds Available for Home Repair

Under the direction of the Lorain County Commissioners the Lorain County Community Development Department is taking applications from low-to-moderate income homeowners who need financial assistance with health or safety related repairs to their residence. The program operates on a first-come first-serve basis and can assist income qualified Lorain County residents of owner occupied homes. Persons residing in the cities of North Ridgeville, Elyria, and Lorain are not eligible as these communities administer their own programs. The repairs may address roofs, furnaces, hot water heaters, minor electrical, plumbing, sewer-tap ins, septic system replacement or the elimination of other threats to health and safety. Home repair assistance is available for up to \$8,000 per eligible client or up to \$15,000 for septic system replacement.

For an application or to ask any questions please call: Linda Blanchette at 440-328-2332, Ashley Scott at 440-328-2329 or Angela Brown at 440-328-2322.

New Watershed Coordinator

Christina Znidarsic (pronounced Zin-DAR-sick), was born and raised in Chardon out in Geauga County, and attended Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin for high school. She has always been interested in science and achieved a BS in Geology at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Christina returned to Ohio after undergrad and is currently finishing up her Master's in Environmental Science at Cleveland State University. Christina has experience in freshwater quality analysis, soil and sedimentation studies, and GIS/remote sensing work. "I am very excited to take over from Dan Gouch as Lorain County's new Watershed Coordinator and I will be happy to assist in any way that I can", stated Christina, "feel free to contact me at my office number 440-328-2336 or my email cznidarsicsic@loraincounty.us"

~~NOTE~~Christina is updating the Black River Watershed Mailing list. Please contact her if you would like to be added.

*** The Alliance collectively represents over 94% of Lorain County's population, including ALL of the nine cities in partnership with five villages and eight townships.**

“Partnerships for the Future”

CITIES

Amherst
Avon
Avon Lake
Elyria
Lorain
North Ridgeville
Oberlin
Sheffield
Vermilion
VILLAGES
Grafton Village
Kipton Village
LaGrange Village
Sheffield Village
South Amherst Village
Wellington Village

TOWNSHIPS

Amherst Township
Brownhelm Township
Carlisle Township
Columbia Township
Elyria Township
LaGrange Township
Pittsfield Township
Sheffield Township
Wellington Township

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

AFLAC Insurance; The American Red Cross; Catholic Action Commission; Emerge Inc.; Lorain County 9-1-1; Lorain County Emergency Management Agency; Lorain-County.com; Lorain County Chamber of Commerce; Lorain County Community Development Department; Lorain County Engineer; Lorain County General Health District; Lorain County MetroParks; Lorain County Solid Waste Management District; Lorain County Transit; Lorain County Sheriff's Office; Visit Lorain County; North Coast BIA, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA); Ross Environmental; Ohio State University Extension; Lorain County JVS, Ohio Edison; Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 3; Lorain City Health Department; Lorain Public Library System; Lorain County Office on Aging; First Merit Bank; Dr. David J. Hintz; David Hartman; Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Lorain County; Team Lorain County; Safety Controls Technology; Laborers Local 758; R.E. Warner and Associates; Lorain Chapter of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club

2010 MEETING DATES

All meetings will be held at that 9 A.M., unless otherwise noted.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6th

“STORM WATER UPDATE”

Location: Lorain County Administration Building
226 Middle Ave 4th floor, Elyria

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

NOTE: Date changed from October 8th

****ANNUAL SUMMIT**

“Government Day”

Location: *~~Newly Remodeled~~*
Lorain County Transportation Center
Formerly New York Central Train Station
40 East Avenue, Elyria

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

“2010 PROGRESS AND PLANNING SUMMARY”

Location: Lorain County Administration Building
226 Middle Ave 4th floor, Elyria

ALLIANCE MISSION STATEMENT

The Lorain County Community Alliance is a council of governments, formed under the Ohio Revised Code and made up of political jurisdictions and organizations working together for the benefit of the citizens of Lorain County and the entire region. The Alliance seeks to explore more effective levels of public service, develop mechanisms to save money for the communities involved and benefit the member communities and the region in ways that could not be achieved separately.

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