



# ***CONSUMER NEWS***

## ***Office of Consumer Affairs***

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### **COUNTY OF SUMMIT OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS PREPARES FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK**

The County of Summit Office of Consumer Affairs is once again joining with federal, state, and local government agencies and national organizations to celebrate the 13th annual National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) coming March 6-12, 2011. During NCPW, groups nationwide share tips and information that help consumers protect their privacy, manage money and debt, deter identity theft, and avoid frauds and scams.

This year consumers can attend events to learn about fake checks, credit reports, how to protect your investments, and get answers to questions about utilities. A variety of events will feature representatives from the United States Postal Inspection Service, Ohio Department of Commerce Securities Division, County of Summit Executive's Office, Summit County Council, Summit County Prosecutor's Office, Ohio Attorney General's Office, Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Akron Better Business Bureau, Akron Police Department, Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs, and Federal Trade Commission.

"The County of Summit Office of Consumer Affairs is proud to be a part of this year's National Consumer Protection Week," said Cynthia Sich, Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs. "It is important to provide information that encourages consumers to take advantage of their consumer rights and to let them know about the agencies and services that are available to assist them for free."

**Join Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry and  
Summit County Council President Jerry Feeman  
In Celebration of National Consumer Protection Week**

**Monday, March 7, 2011 at 10:00 am  
Summit County Council Chambers  
County Building, 175 S Main St, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Akron, Ohio**

See the attached flyers for National Consumer Protection Week events.

# NCPW 2011

## National Consumer Protection Week 2011 MARCH 6-12

### SUMMIT COUNTY (OHIO) Events

<p>Monday, March 7</p> <p><b>ALL EVENTS Open to the Public</b></p>	<p><b>PRESS CONFERENCE – NCPW “KICK OFF “</b></p> <p><b>Summit County Council Chambers</b> 175 S Main St, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Akron 10:00 am – 10:45 am</p> <p><b>Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry</b> <b>Summit County Council President Jerry Feeman</b></p> <p><b>John Torok Community &amp; Senior Center</b> 4224 Massillon Road, Green 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Speakers from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel, Summit County Prosecutor’s Office, Ohio Department of Commerce Securities Division and Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs</p> <p><b>Lawton Street Community Center</b> 1225 Lawton Street, Akron 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Speaker from the Postal Inspection Service</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 8</p>	<p>8:30 am Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs speaking at the UCRS Session 1:00 pm Better Business Bureau &amp; Summit County Office Consumer Affairs speaking to the Joyful Seniors.</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 9</p> <p><b>EVENT Open to the Public →</b></p>	<p>1:00 pm Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel and Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs speaking before residents at the Lawrence Saltis Apartments</p> <p><b>Boyd Esler Senior/Community Center</b> 2491 Canfield Road, Akron 3:25 pm – 3:45 pm</p> <p>Speaker from the Postal Inspection Service</p>
<p>Thursday, March 10</p> <p><b>BOTH EVENTS Open to the Public →</b></p>	<p>Meet with lenders or visit booths to get “free” advice, resources &amp; help on foreclosures, debts, unemployment, and much more from Housing &amp; Urban Development (HUD), Community Legal Aid, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Mustard Seed, Summit County Executive Job &amp; Family Services and Dept of Community &amp; Economic Development, Summit County Council, Federal Trade Commission, Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs and many others. Also attending mortgage lenders/servicers: CHASE and GMAC Mortgage</p> <p><b>“Surviving the Economy”</b>      10:00 am – 3:00 pm <b>The Job Center Building, 1040 E Tallmadge Ave, Akron</b></p> <p><b>Lawton Street Community Center</b> 1225 Lawton Street, Akron 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Speaker from the Postal Inspection Service</p>
<p>Friday, March 11</p> <p><b>BOTH EVENTS Open to the Public →</b></p>	<p><b>Firestone Park Library</b> 1486 Aster Avenue, Akron 11:00 – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Speakers from the Akron Police Department, Ohio Department of Commerce Securities Division, and Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs</p> <p><b>Northwest Family Recreation Center</b> 1730 Shatto Avenue, Akron 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Speakers from the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office, Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel, and Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs</p>

Consumer education presentations & publications are available at **NO COST**. If you are looking for a speaker at your next luncheon, brown bag, classroom or evening organization meeting, contact the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs at (330) 643-2879 or visit our website below for more details.

## National Consumer Protection Week

[www.co.summit.oh.us/conaffairs.htm](http://www.co.summit.oh.us/conaffairs.htm)



## National Consumer Protection Week 2011 Events

Guard your identity and your money! Join us to hear speakers provide a variety of consumer protection tips regarding everything from investments to utilities at the following FREE events:

### Monday, March 7

**John Torok Community & Senior Center**  
4224 Massillon Road, Green  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Refreshments will be served**

Learn about identity theft, get information on a wide variety of utility topics, how to protect your investments, avoid scams and much more from the experts of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Summit County Prosecutor's Office, Ohio Department of Commerce Securities Division, and the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs.

**Lawton Street Community Center**  
1225 Lawton Street, Akron  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Get information from the United States Postal Inspection Service about fake checks and other scams you may receive through the United States Postal Service.

### Wednesday, March 9

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2491 Canfield Road, Akron  
3:25 pm - 3:45 pm

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### Friday, March 11

**Firestone Park Library**  
1486 Aster Avenue, Akron  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Learn about scams and identity theft and how to investigate before you invest your hard earned money from the Ohio Department of Commerce Securities Division, the Akron Police Department, and the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs.

**Northwest Family Recreation Center**  
1730 Shatto Avenue, Akron  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Get answers to your questions about a variety of utility topics and get information that will help you recognize and avoid common scams and identity theft from representatives of the Summit County Prosecutor's Office, Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, and the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs.



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