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Office of Consumer Affairs

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County of Summit Office of Consumer Affairs Announces Surviving the Economy Clinic

On Thursday, September 29, 2011, the public is invited to attend the **Summit County Surviving the Economy Clinic** which will be held at the Job Center, 1040 East Tallmadge Avenue, Akron from 10 am to 3 pm. This event is the fifth in a series of six clinics to be offered at various locations throughout Summit County.

Residents who are experiencing financial difficulties or just want to know about the resources that are available are encouraged to visit the clinics. Homeowners can receive helpful tips from local housing counseling agencies on how to protect their homes from foreclosure, learn about loan modifications or other foreclosure relief. There will also be information available to help with debt management, unemployment, property taxes, weatherization, how to avoid the latest financial scams and additional free resources to help consumers with their economic struggles.

“Consumer Affairs has been coordinating locally with credit and housing counselors, attorneys, and other government agencies to ensure residents are informed of any available foreclosure funding assistance programs,” said Cynthia Sich Director of the County of Summit Office of Consumer Affairs. “It is important that consumers be wary of companies that solicit through the mail, telephone or email offering foreclosure assistance or debt management. Before agreeing to their services, contact our office to check out the company and for a list of local agencies.”

At Thursday’s clinic, representatives from Wells Fargo will be available to meet with their borrowers who are having financial difficulties.

The next clinic will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Veterans Service Commission, 1060 East Waterloo Road, Akron. HSBC and Wells Fargo are scheduled to attend and additional lenders will be announced later.

For information on this or future clinics visit the Office of Consumer Affairs website at <http://www.co.summit.oh.us/conaffairs.htm> or call (330) 643-2879.