



CONSUMER NEWS

Office of Consumer Affairs

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Office of Consumer Affairs Announces Summit County Financial Wellness Month - April 2011

The Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs invites residents to participate in Summit County Financial Wellness Month which will take place this April. Free classes and workshops have been scheduled during April at various locations throughout Summit County. The events are designed to educate consumers about money management and generate awareness of the financial education services that are available in our community covering a wide range of financial topics regarding consumer debt, estate planning, your first paycheck, protecting your identity, avoiding financial frauds and schemes, understanding car repairs and loans, improving your credit, foreclosure assistance and much more.

"Today's consumers are becoming more financially savvy and with the help of our partners in launching financial wellness month, consumers will be given the opportunity to gain invaluable financial information for free," said Cynthia Sich, Director of the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs. "I encourage residents to attend one or more of the classes being offered throughout the month of April.

Join local attorneys, credit and housing counseling agencies, financial and youth services, government agencies, and others who will provide consumers with the tools to make effective decisions regarding their home, money, and credit during the free classes, workshops or clinics. Presentations are scheduled for all consumers, from teenagers to senior citizens.

During the month long event, the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs will host the ***Surviving the Economy Clinic*** on April 12, from 10 am to 3 pm, at the Barberton Active Adult Center, 500 W Hopocan Avenue to assist homeowners who are facing foreclosure. Fannie Mae and Chase will be available for their borrowers who are having difficulties making mortgage payments. Also, on hand will be HUD approved housing counseling agencies to help others who are experiencing problems with their mortgages. On April 7, from 6 pm to 7 pm, the Office will present ***Frauds & Scams: Protect your Identity*** at the Barberton Library, 602 West Park Avenue to provide information about the latest scams out to steal your identity and your money.

Attached is a list of the events during Summit County Financial Wellness Month (April 2011). Consumers can also find detailed information on the events at the Office of Consumer Affairs website <http://co.summit.oh.us/conaffairs.htm> under Your Money & Credit or by calling the office at (330) 643-2879.



Celebrating Financial Wellness Month April 1-30, 2011

Calendar of "FREE" Events

Saturday, April 2

Akron Consumer Debt Clinic 9:00 am – 10:30am
Partner: COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES
Event Location: Akron Municipal Court
217 S High Street, Room 814 Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 983-2646

Monday, April 4

How Money Works 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Partner: PRIMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES
Event Location: 169 East Turkeyfoot Lake Road, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 644-9910

Tuesday, April 5

Estate Planning Tools Everyone Should Know About 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm
Partner: ATTORNEY ROCCO YEARGIN
Event Location: United Methodist Church
1280 East Aurora Road, Macedonia OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 643-2879

Your First Paycheck 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Partner: NEXT STEP PROGRAM
Event Location: The Job Center
1040 East Tallmadge Avenue, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 630-4640

Thursday, April 7

Frauds & Scams: Protect Your Identity 6:00 pm – 7:00pm
Partner: SUMMIT CTY OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
Event Location: Barberton Library
602 West Park Avenue, Barberton OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 643-2879

Financial Info & Legal Education 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Partner: COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES
Event Location: North Hill Branch Library
183 East Cuyahoga Falls Avenue, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 983-2609

Monday, April 11

Marriage and Money 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Partner: PRIMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES
Event Location: 169 East Turkeyfoot Lake Road, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 644-9910

Tuesday, April 12

Surviving the Economy Clinic 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Partner: SUMMIT CTY OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
Event Location: Barberton Adult Center
500 West Hopocan Avenue, Barberton OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 643-2879

Car Purchase Workshop 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Partner: GREENLEAF FAMILY CENTER
Event Location: 212 East Exchange Street, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 376-9494 ext 257

Money Management for Teens 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Partner: SUMMIT COUNTY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
FOR SUCCESS
(Funded by the County of Summit Dept of Job & Family Services)
Event Location: 140 East Market Street, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 643-8014

East Akron Counsel & Advice Clinic 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Partner: COMMUNITY LEGAL AID
Event Location: East Akron YMCA
110 Goodyear Blvd, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 983-2695

Wednesday, April 13

Financial Info & Legal Education 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Partner: COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES
Event Location: Northwest Akron Branch Library
1720 Shatto Avenue, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 983-2609

Thursday, April 14

Learn to Speak "Car" 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Partner: GREENLEAF FAMILY CENTER
Event Location: 212 East Exchange Street, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 376-9494 ext 257

Friday, April 15

Akron Consumer Debt Clinic 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Partner: COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES
Event Location: Akron Municipal Court
217 South High Street, Room 814, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 983-2646

Saturday, April 16

Document Shredding 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
(Limit 10 file boxes or shopping bags)
Partner: Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority
Event Location: Neoshred
895 East Tallmadge Avenue, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 374-0383

Monday, April 18

Barberton Consumer Debt Clinic 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Partner: COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES
Event Location: Barberton Library
602 West Park Avenue, Barberton OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 983-2646

Debt 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Partner: PRIMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES
Event Location: 169 East Turkeyfoot Lake Road, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 644-9910

Tuesday, April 19

Credit Happens 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Partner: GREENLEAF FAMILY CENTER
Event Location: 212 East Exchange Street, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 643-9494 ext 214

Your First Paycheck 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Partner: NEXT STEP PROGRAM
Event Location: The Job Center
1040 East Tallmadge Avenue, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 630-4640

Wednesday, April 20

Stow Consumer Debt Clinic 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Partner: COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES
Event Location: Cuyahoga Falls Library
2015 3rd Street, Cuyahoga Falls OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 983-2646

Thursday, April 21

Barberton Counsel & Advice Clinic 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Partner: COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES
Event Location: Barberton Library
602 West Park Avenue, Barberton OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 983-2695

Monday, April 25

Invest in Your Child's Future 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Partner: Primerica Financial Services
Event Location: 169 East Turkeyfoot Lake Road, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 644-9910

Thursday, April 28

Summit Lake Counsel & Advice Clinic 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Partner: COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES
Event Location: Open M
941 Princeton Street, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 983-2695

Friday, April 29

Financial Info & Legal Education 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Partner: COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES
Event Location: Ellet Branch Library
2470 East Market Street, Akron OH
Event Questions Call: (330) 983-2609

Please contact the number listed for the event if you have questions regarding attendance. All events are FREE to the public.

If you are looking for additional financial literacy resources call Info Line at 2-1-1 or contact the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs at (330) 643-2879 or visit our website at <http://www.co.summit.oh.us/conaffairs.htm>.

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