

The Council Ledger

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Council Member at Large Ilene Shapiro Presents Economic Development Program to Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce

Council Member at Large, Ilene Shapiro recently addressed business owners and community leaders with the Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce regarding job creation and economic development opportunities in Summit County. Using a Powerpoint presentation to illustrate her message, Ms. Shapiro shared several pieces of information on County Council, government officials working in economic development and related fields, as well as details on innovative business development and expansion programs in Summit County and the State

of Ohio. Economic development accomplishments such as retaining global conglomerates Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and Bridgestone Firestone, preserving nearly 2,400 jobs and investing nearly a half billion dollars in Summit County, were some of the highlights included in her presentation. "Strong job creation and economic development programs



Council Member at Large, Ilene Shapiro makes a presentation on Economic Development in Summit County for the Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce, August 20, 2008.

are hallmarks of a vital growing community. We look forward to working together in a proactive manner to create an environment of possibilities," she concluded.

Ms. Shapiro plans to make similar presentations to Summit County business and community organizations in the future.

Councilman John Schmidt (seated in bulldozer) prepares to lower the wrecking arm on B&B Towing in Cuyahoga Falls.

County Councilman John Schmidt Participates in B&B Towing Demolition in Cuyahoga Falls



County Councilman, John Schmidt (District 2) with Summit County Director of Development Connie Kraus(left), County Executive Russ Pry and Cuyahoga Falls Community Development Director, Susan Truby at Demolition Ceremony for B&B Towing.

County Councilman John Schmidt (District 2) participated in a ceremony preceding the demolition of B&B Towing in Cuyahoga Falls in July. The demolition marked the fulfillment of a contract between the County of Summit and the City of Cuyahoga Falls, signed in February, that provided assistance to demolish the city-owned, former B&B Towing building located at 2300 Second Street.

The City plans to add additional green space and parking for the Natatorium, Church Square and

City Building. "This is going to be an outstanding improvement for the downtown Cuyahoga Falls area," said Schmidt. "This has been a thorny issue for the better part of 30 years."

To conclude the ceremony, Councilman Schmidt boarded a bulldozer and guided the initial blow to the towing garage.





Council President Nick Kostandaras (District 1) addresses the audience at his recent Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting August 12, 2008.

R.G. Stein from the Summit County Fiscal Office shows fuel samples during a presentation on fuel testing at the District 1 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting (far right photo).



County Councilman at Large Jon Poda (back row, left center) with Methamphetamine Task Force Members following final meeting on July 17 in Summit County Council Chambers.



District 7 Councilman Tim Crawford presents a commendation to Akron filmmakers Joshua Gippin (right) and his wife Shane Wynn for their documentary film, "God as we Understand Him: a film about Faith and the 12 Step Movement" at a Council meeting in June.

Council President Kostandaras Hosts Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting At Northfield Village Town Hall

With standing room only attendance of nearly 60 citizens from 13 municipalities in Northern Summit County, **Council President Nick Kostandaras** hosted his second Citizens Advisory committee meeting at the Northfield Village Town Hall on Tuesday, August 12.

Guest speakers at the meeting included: **Connie Krauss**, Director of the Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development; **Greg Bachman**, Summit County Engi-

neer; **Steve Libby**, Deputy Director, Summit County Public Safety/Justice Affairs Division; **Annette Petranic**; Summit County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator; **Cynthia Sich**, Director of the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs; **Jason Dodson** from the Summit County Executive's Office and **R.G. Stein** from the Summit County Fiscal Office.

"These Advisory Committee meetings are a wonderful way to communicate about what's going on with County govern-

ment and services, as well as to learn about what issues and developments are most relevant to our constituents. I thank Mayor Vic Milani and Northfield Village Council for their wonderful hospitality and I look forward to the next occasion to discuss vital issues that affect the citizens of District 1," said Kostandaras.



Meth Task Force Concludes with Recommendations for Council

The Summit County Methamphetamine Property Awareness Task Force unanimously agreed to recommendations at their July 17th meeting that aim to better inform county residents about the drug methamphetamine and contaminated properties.

The recommendations that were submitted to County Council for consideration included:

1) agreeing to the use of an established, county-wide form to be used by all law enforce-

ment agencies when processing a meth site; 2) establishing an informational website database that will provide addresses of meth properties as well as educational tools for residents; 3) a recommendation that County Council urge state and federal government to establish meth cleanup guidelines and/or fit to use standards.

"I think passing these recommendations is an important step toward helping inform residents of potentially harmful proper-

ties," said task force Chairman and **At-Large County Councilman Jon Poda**.

The task force was established earlier this year with the goal of collaborating with a variety of county representatives to work to find ways to better inform residents about properties that may have been negatively affected by the production or presence of the drug methamphetamine.

Local Filmmakers Honored for Documentary Work on Faith and Alcoholics Anonymous

Akron filmmakers **Joshua Gippin** and his wife, **Shane Wynn** were honored for the documentary film, "God As We Understand Him: A Film About Faith and the 12 Step Movement." The film examines the place of religious faith in Alcoholics Anonymous, particularly focusing on how people of different faiths and creeds work the 12 Steps to sobriety.

The purpose of the film is to help persons in recovery who are adverse to the 12 Step Program by addressing claims that Alcoholics Anonymous is a religious cult, and exploring the different ways in which humans attempt to understand God. The film was aired on PBS in June, and will be used as an educational tool for students, and educators in the field of substance abuse treatment, reha-

bilitation, and recovery, and more broadly in the fields of psychology and pastoral clinical studies.

"This Council wishes to congratulate Mr. Gippin on his film and his efforts to unite people of differing religious beliefs to combat a common problem," said Councilman Tim Crawford (District 7).



Council Passes Resolution Encouraging Support of Tallmadge Based Model Aircraft Club

At its June 23rd, Committee Meeting, County Council heard a presentation from the **Corsair Model Aircraft Club #502** based at the Summit County Fairgrounds in Tallmadge.

Part of the land that is used by the Club for its flights is now owned by the Summit County Metro Parks. **Metro Parks Director, Keith Shy** had informed the club that they would no longer be able to fly there after December 2009.

Upon hearing from the Club and Mr. Shy, Council passed

an amended resolution encouraging the Club and the Metro Parks to work together along with the City of Tallmadge to find a solution to the problem.

The Club which has been flying at the Fairgrounds since the early 1970's wants to remain there. Metro Parks is looking to develop a hiking and horse riding trail in that area.

An alternative plan where the two could coexist at the Fairgrounds was presented by the Club, and the City of Tall-

madge has offered to help find a new location for them if a compromise cannot be reached with the Metro Parks.

During that meeting, 13 year-old, **William Jack** of Hudson was awarded a commendation for successfully completing his certification as model aircraft flight pilot and insured member of the Corsair Model Aircraft Club.

"We congratulate William on his hard work, dedication, responsibility and determination in achieving this certification," said Council President, Nick Kostandaras.



Council President Nick Kostandaras (right) presents a commendation to William Jack of the Corsair Model Aircraft Club at June 23, County Council Meeting.

Falls Clerk of Courts Lisa Zeno Carano Guest Speaker at District 2 Meeting



Cuyahoga Falls Clerk of Courts, Lisa Zeno Carano meets with District 2 residents at the Cuyahoga Falls Public Library on June 24.

Cuyahoga Falls Clerk of Courts **Lisa Zeno Carano** was the guest speaker at Councilman John Schmidt's District 2 meeting held June 24 at the Cuyahoga Falls Public Library.

The Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court has jurisdiction over misdemeanor and traffic offenses committed within its geographical boundaries and civil cases in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$15,000. In an average

year 30,000 of those type of matters are handled through the Court.

The Municipal Court serves over 160,000 people living in northeast Summit County, including the communities of Boston Heights, Boston Township, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Northfield, Northfield Center Township, Peninsula, Reminderville, Sagamore Hills,

Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg and Twinsburg Township.

Zeno Carano shared information on the Courts and updates on new projects such as: Computer Expansion and Upgrades; Probation Services Expansion; Security and building improvements and in-court access to Bureau of Motor Vehicles officials.

Staff Notes...

STAFF INTERNS RETURN

Beth Tuschner, a graduate student at the University of Akron returns to the Council office to work during her last semester of school this fall.

The Council plans to also add an additional intern to the staff in the near future.

IN THE COMMUNITY

County Council participated in the **Summit County Fair** from July 22-27. The Council staffed an information booth in the Virginia Ocasek Party Center at the Summit County Fairgrounds in Tallmadge.

The Council also staffed a table at the **Summit County Green Expo** at the John S. Knight Center, on August 16.



The Going Green Web-Page is operating and accessible!

Go to: www.co.summit.oh.us to access it and click on the Going Green Summit County link on the Home page.

There you will find useful tips and information on recycling, energy savings, the Energy Star Challenge, the Summit County Green Task Force and more! Go ahead and try it!

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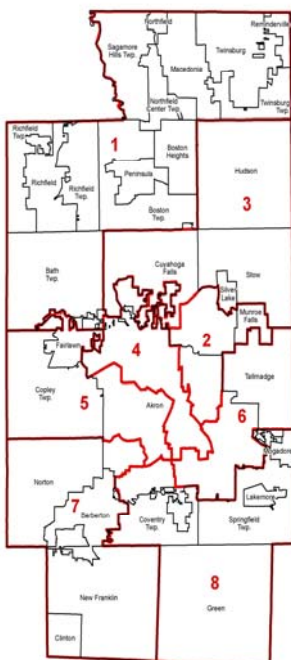
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Calendar of Events

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION | TIME |
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| September 8 | Council Committee Mtg. | Council Chambers | 4:30 p.m. |
| September 15 | Council Meeting | Council Chambers | 6:00 p.m. |
| September 22 | Council Committee Mtg. | Council Chambers | 4:30 p.m. |
| September 25 | Green Task Force Meeting | Council Chambers | 3:30 p.m. |
| September 29 | Council Meeting | Council Chambers | 6:00 p.m. |
| September 30 | District 2 Meeting | Cuy. Falls Library | 7:30 p.m. |
| October 6 | Council Committee Meeting | Council Chambers | 4:30 p.m. |
| October 13 | Offices CLOSED for Columbus Day | | |
| October 20 | Council Meeting | Council Chambers | 6:00 p.m. |
| October 27 | Council Committee Meeting | Council Chambers | 4:30 p.m. |
| October 30 | Green Task Force Meeting | Council Chambers | 3:30 p.m. |
| November 3 | Council Meeting | Council Chambers | 6:00 p.m. |
| November 4 | ELECTION DAY | PLEASE REGISTER AND VOTE! | |
| November 10 | Council Committee Meeting | Council Chambers | 4:30 p.m. |
| November 11 | Offices CLOSED for Veterans Day | | |
| November 17 | Council Meeting | Council Chambers | 6:00 p.m. |
| November 20 | Green Task Force Meeting | Council Chambers | 3:30 p.m. |
| November 24 | Council Committee Mtg. | Council Chambers | 4:30 p.m. |
| November 27-28 | Offices CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday | | |

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| Frank C. Comunale | District 4 |
| Cazzell Smith, Sr. | District 5 |
| Daniel Congrove | District 6 |
| Tim Crawford | District 7 |
| Paula Prentice | District 8 |
| Pete Crossland | At Large |
| Jon Poda | At Large |
| Ilene Shapiro | At Large |

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