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JUVENILE COURT CONTINUES "COURT IN COMMUNITY" PROGRAM

The Northwest Family Recreation Center, 1730 Shatto Avenue, will be the next site for the Summit County Juvenile Court's ongoing "Court in the Community" program on Friday, July 25th. Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio will hear a series of cases beginning at 1:30pm that involve youth who were cited for walking or skateboarding in the street and curfew violations. The cases are the result of collaboration between members of a citizen's group, the Northwest Akron Safety Blue Ribbon Committee in a section of Ward 8, and the police officers who patrol their neighborhoods.

Not only are the youth being called to Court, they are paying for the privilege, a \$10 dollar fee to defray court costs. As part of the possible dispositions they could receive, the Committee has supplied the Court with a list of Ward 8 venues where the youth could work out their community service.

"I think it is important for the Court to show the citizens of Ward 8 that we appreciate the pro-active manner in which they are addressing a problem by bringing the Court to them," said Judge Teodosio. "It also shows the youth in these neighborhoods that the Court is paying attention, as well."

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