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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 1-31, 2008

OHIO HISTORIC PRESEVATION MONTH (WWW.OHIOHISTORY.ORG/HPMONTH)

MAY 20, 2008

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES COLLABORATION GRANT PROGRAM VIDEO CONFERENCE (8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.)

JUNE 8-10, 2008

CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE, RENAISSANCE QUAIL HOLLOW, LAKE COUNTY (PAINESVILLE)

JUNE 17, 2008

COUNTY FLAG & RE-ENACTMENT PHOTO AT STATEHOUSE

JUNE 20, 2008

CCAO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ANNUAL MEETING, HOLIDAY INN COLUMBUS-WORTHINGTON, COLUMBUS

JULY 11-15, 2008

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JACKSON COUNTY (KANSAS CITY), MISSOURI (WWW.NACO.ORG)

JULY 14, 2008

CCAO LUNCHEON AND CAUCUS, KANSAS CITY MARRIOTT, JACKSON COUNTY (KANSAS CITY), MISSOURI

AUGUST 6, 2008

CCAO ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, OAKHAVEN COUNTRY CLUB, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)

AUGUST 19-20, 2008

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAYS, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)

AUGUST 29, 2008

CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, THE RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

WANTED: 88 COUNTY REP'S FOR JUNE 17TH STATEHOUSE EVENT...

... To hold county flag on Statehouse steps for photo – RSVP form attached to Cids

A celebration is in the works for Tuesday, June 17 at the Statehouse to dedicate the Ladies Gallery inside the Capitol and to re-enact a picture on the

Statehouse West Steps from an historic Woman's Suffrage Rally in 1914. Capitol Square Foundation and the Capitol Square Review & Advisory Board have asked for CCAO and counties to assist with this special event!

Specifically, they would like a representative, (preferably a woman though all are welcome), from each county to hold their county flag in a reenactment photo at 1:00 p.m. on the Statehouse

West Steps. Individuals are asked to assemble at 12:30 p.m. in preparation.

The Ladies' Gallery Dedication will take place at 2:00 p.m. following the photo.

Participants are asked to wear white clothing in honor of the event. An RSVP form is attached with this week's Cids.

If you have questions, please contact CCAO Staffer Mary Jane Neiman at (614) 221-5627 or at mjneiman@ccao.org.

The Ladies' Gallery is a place of honor and learning in the Ohio Statehouse. The room pays homage to the first women Ohio legislators who paved the way for women in government and honors all women who have served in the Ohio General Assembly. Its enduring function will be to inform and inspire all who visit – especially young women and girls – to take an active role in democracy.

A GREAT "LAKE" EXPERIENCE – ATTEND THE CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE!

Join Lake County Commissioners Robert Aufuldish, Raymond Sines, and Daniel Troy and County Engineer James Gills for the 128th CCAO/CEAO Annual Summer Conference to be held June 8-10, 2008 at the Renaissance Quail Hollow Resort in Concord. Geographically, Lake County is the smallest of Ohio's 88 counties with magnificent coastal and country vistas. Some of the most unique features are the 31 miles of shoreline and two major rivers flowing through the county that provide harbors and marinas for shipping and superb recreational opportunities. Large national and regional companies call Lake County home. International business prospers with access to air and water transportation and the wine industry thrives in fertile soil and the ideal climate for grape production. For a current agenda and more information go to CCAO's website (www.ccao.org.) Click on the link on the front page.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAYS – AUG. 19-20

Ross County Commissioners Jim Caldwell, Frank Hirsch, and Doug Corcoran and OSU Extension invite you to attend County Commissioner Days on

August 19-20, 2008 in historic Ross County (Chillicothe). Plan to bring your family to enjoy Ohio's First Capital. Opportunities include educational sessions, local tours, a trip to Tecumseh – an outdoor historical drama production, an optional golf outing and the many other tourist attractions that you can experience on your own. Registration information will be distributed in June, so save the dates and plan to attend.

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

POND AND SWISHER RETIRE AS CDJFS DIRECTORS

County Department of Job & Family Services Directors Don Pond (Stark) and Mike Swisher (Meigs) recently retired from many years of public service. CCAO extends thanks for the time and talent you have spent in county government.

During his 35 years of government service, Don Pond began his career in public service at the Ohio Department of Taxation, served as Wayne County Administrator, and Stark County Department of Human Services, which is now the Department of Job & Family Services. He is the longest serving director in Stark County history.

The end of April marked the end of an era in southern Ohio when Mike Swisher stepped down after 29 years as an agency director in Meigs County. Over the past 35 years, Swisher was a champion for Appalachia Ohio by working with government officials on all levels to bring significant attention and resources to the needs of the area. Prior to becoming Meigs County Department of Job & Family Services Director, Swisher worked for the Gallia County Department of Human Services.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GAVE OHIO \$80.7 BILLION OUT OF \$2.45 TRILLION IN PAYMENTS TO STATES, CENSUS BUREAU REPORTS

Ohio received \$80.7 billion out of the total \$2.45 trillion the federal government disbursed in domestic spending during 2006, according to data the U.S. Census Bureau released this week. The

largest share of federal money in Ohio, \$28.8 billion, went to retirement and disability payments for individuals, according to the latest Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR). Social Security payments comprised much of those expenditures, with about \$14.2 billion going to retirement insurance, \$5.1 billion to survivors insurance, and \$3.6 billion for disability insurance.

About \$19.1 billion in federal spending went to other types of direct payments to individuals in Ohio, including: \$7.9 billion in Medicare Hospital Insurance; \$6.6 billion for Medicare Supplementary Insurance; \$1.3 billion in Earned Income Tax Credits; and \$1.3 billion for food stamps. Nearly half of the federal government's total domestic spending (not including interest on the federal debt) went to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, which accounted for \$1.16 trillion, the Census Bureau said. The one-year increase in spending for these three programs was approximately \$170 for every person living in the U.S. Federal grant spending totaled about \$16.5 billion in Ohio, according to the report, which includes actual expenditures as well as obligations. These figures include:

- \$7.9 billion for the medical assistance program.
- \$1.3 billion for highway planning and construction.
- \$728 million for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.
- \$449 million for Section 8 Housing Choice vouchers.
- \$403 million for special education.
- \$289 million for Title I grants to local education agencies.
- \$248 million for the National School Lunch Program.

A separate Census Bureau report, Federal Aid To States (FAS), tallied actual federal expenditures in grants and other payments to Ohio at about \$14.3 billion of a total \$428 billion to the 50 states in 2006. Ohioans received about \$1,250 per capita in grants, which was less than the national average of about \$1,400, according to the FAS. The CFFR study shows the federal government also spent about \$8.9 billion on procurement contracts in Ohio,

including: \$6 billion from the U.S. Department of Defense; \$2.3 billion on other federal agencies; and \$587 million on the U.S. Postal Service. At about \$2.2 billion, Postal Service employees received the largest chunk of federal salary and wage payments in Ohio. Civilian Department of Defense employees got about \$1.2 billion, while active military personnel collected \$446 million. Other federal civilian employees in the state received about \$1.6 billion.

FEMA RELEASES STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FY 2008-2013

On April 16, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency released its Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2008-2013. The plan supports one of the major goals the Secretary of Homeland Security has set for the department: to strengthen the nation's preparedness and emergency response capabilities.

The strategic plan sets five goals in building a strong and adaptable national emergency management system that better leverages existing national capabilities, emphasizes responsibility for individual preparedness and enhances public and private sector partnerships.

The plan and a "plan-in-brief" are available on-line at www.fema.gov/about/strategicplanfy08.shtm.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

HOUSE PASSES MORTGAGE RESCUE PACKAGE

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation aimed at addressing the months-long mortgage turmoil in the nation's housing industry. The legislation included several major pieces – a new program in the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) that would provide for the refinancing of troubled mortgages, language overhauling aspects of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, a new homebuyer tax credit to boost home sales, and reforms to the FHA to modernize and

upgrade loan products available through the agency. During debate, the Administration released a strongly worded policy piece opposing the legislation, indicating the bill constitutes a bailout at the expense of American taxpayers. The President threatened to veto the bill if it reached his desk for signature. The legislation now moves to the Senate, where a bill more limited in scope was passed last month. The Senate bill, an industry-oriented package of tax rebates, included \$4 billion for the CDBG program to assist communities. It also included temporary property tax deductions to homeowners who do not itemize but who pay property taxes, provided that their county does not raise property taxes for the period of time between April 2, 2008 and January 1, 2009. This language is particularly troubling for local governments and is expected to be a point of discussion in future talks. The House package of housing legislation now moves to the Senate, where it faces an uncertain future.

In a related development, the House passed H.R. 5818, the Neighborhood Stabilization Act, on a 239-188 vote last week. The Act authorizes \$15 billion in federal grants and loans to help state and local governments to purchase, rehabilitate, resell or rent foreclosed homes. The bill would provide an immediate pass-through of funds to local governments by providing dollars to the 100 largest cities, 50 largest urban counties, and qualified small cities over 50,000 in population but with foreclosure rates that are 125% over the state average. This allocation is in an effort to target the funds to the areas with the highest need of assistance. The White House issued a veto threat over this bill as well. (Contact: Cassandra Duhaney, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4204 cduhaney@naco.org)

HOUSE EXPANDS REIMBURSEMENT
ELIGIBILITY TO COVER THE DETENTION OF
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HELD PRE-TRIAL

The U. S. House of Representatives on May 8, 2008 overwhelmingly adopted legislation on the suspension calendar that expands county eligibility to recover costs for detaining illegal immigrants in pre-trial custody.

The legislation (H.R.1512) which unanimously passed the House Judiciary Committee on October 26, 2007, was sponsored by Linda T. Sanchez (D-Calif.) a member of the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law with NACo's full support. The legislation has 60 co-sponsors. This bill has been endorsed by the National Sheriffs' Association, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and the U. S./Mexico Border Counties Coalition.

The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Reimbursement Protection Act of 2008 requires the Justice Department to reimburse local governments and states for the cost of incarcerating aliens either charged with, or convicted of, one felony or two misdemeanors. Since 2003 the Justice Department has reimbursed only for the costs of incarcerating convicted aliens.

The SCAAP was originally passed by Congress in 1994 to help reimburse localities and states for the costs of arresting, incarcerating and transporting criminal aliens, however, under a 2003 reinterpretation of the statute by the Justice Department, counties are reimbursed only for what they spend incarcerating convicted criminal aliens, and only when the arrest and conviction occur in the same year. This reinterpretation significantly cut the amount states and local governments were eligible to be reimbursed.

Action now shifts to the Senate where Senator Diane Feinstein (D-Calif.) has introduced a companion bill, S. 2587.

The SCAAP program has consistently been underfunded by the Bush Administration which has sought to zero-out the program's funding in its budget proposal for the past six years. Congress has been able to partially fund the program. The FY 2008 Omnibus Appropriations bill, signed by the President on December 26, included \$410 million in SCAAP funding, an \$11 million increase over FY 2007. (Contact: Donald Murray, NACo Senior Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4239 or dmurray@naco.org)

FARM BILL EXTENDED FOR ONE WEEK, NEGOTIATORS SAY COMPROMISE IS CLOSE

By unanimous consent, both the Senate and the House passed another one week extension of the farm bill on April 24, keeping current law in place until May 2. This is the 4th extension since the 2002 law expired in September 2007. Senate negotiators sought a two week extension, but Senator Larry Craig (R-Idaho) objected to a longer extension, and used a procedural motion to force the shorter extension. The President continues to push for a one year extension, citing the urgency of bringing certainty to farmers, many of whom have already begun their planting season.

Senate and House Conferees held several public sessions throughout the week and came to consensus on three more titles of the massive bill, including crop insurance, Commodity Exchange Reauthorization and for the first time support for fruit and vegetable growers. Both the nutrition and rural development titles are still under discussion, with rural development remaining at \$0 in new resources.

The farm bill is tied up over talks about how to find offsets for up to \$10 billion in additional spending over 10 years, as well as tax cuts for renewable energy, timber and other industries. Because those issues are outside the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committees, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee are leading the final negotiations. It appears that conferees have reached agreement to provide an additional \$10 billion in farm bill funding from customs and users fees. The tax cut proposals favored by Senate negotiators have been negotiated down from \$2.5 billion to about \$1.9 billion. The nutrition title is likely to jump from \$9.5 billion to \$10.3 billion to accommodate House negotiators. (Contact: Erik Johnston, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202)942-4230 or ejohnston@naco.org)

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo 73rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and Jackson County (Kansas City), Missouri invite you

to join over 2,000 appointed and elected officials from across the nation this summer for NACo's 73rd Annual Conference & Exposition to be held July 11-15, 2008. This is the only national conference and exposition dedicated solely to county government. Conference registration is now open! Register for the conference and housing online at www.naco.org to save \$25 per registrant. Click on the article about the conference on the front page. The early bird discount expires on May 30. For more information please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

PUBLICATIONS

ICMA PUBLICATIONS

The International City/County Management Association is the professional and educational organization for chief appointed managers, administrators, and assistants in cities, towns, counties, and regional entities throughout the world. Since 1914, ICMA has provided technical and management assistance, training, and information resources to its members and the local government community. As a leading publisher of books and other resources of local government, the ICMA Press publications can be found at www.icma.org/press.

CONFERENCES

BIODIESEL FLEET ROUNDTABLES PLANNED IN MAY AND JUNE

Biodiesel is a cleaner burning, renewable, Ohio-made fuel, but many fleet operators have questions about whether it's affordable and how to make it work in their fleet. Clean Fuels Ohio will be hosting a series of "Biodiesel Roundtables" in late May and early June. These events are a continuation of the roundtable series, providing diesel fleet personnel opportunities to learn about biodiesel directly from operators who have first-hand, and in many cases, years of experience using biodiesel in their fleets.

Specifically, attendees will learn:

- How Ohio fleets have successfully implemented biodiesel use
- Corrections to common myths and misconceptions about biodiesel
- Keys to identifying and sourcing high quality blended biodiesel and managing the fuel properly
- Cost management strategies
- Performance benefits such as higher lubricity to reduce engine wear, higher cetane, and higher solvency for cleaner engine components and fuel systems
- Easy cold flow management

Biodiesel Roundtables will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and are scheduled as follows:

- May 23, 2008 - Lima, University of Northwestern Ohio
- May 29, 2008 - Logan, Bio Fuels Hybrid Building, Hocking College
- June 3, 2008 - Miamisburg, Dayton Daily News community media room
- June 5, 2008 - North Canton, Stark State College of Technology/Advanced Technology Center

Each roundtable also will conclude with a hands-on session on grants available to schools and county MRDD agencies through the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to cover the additional cost of biodiesel above regular diesel. To register and for more information about the roundtables, please contact Brad Couch, Director of Projects and Policies, Clean Fuels Ohio, 3400 North High Street – Suite 430, Columbus, OH 43202, (614) 884-7336, or brad@cleanfuelsohio.org.

FREE GREEN GOVERNMENT WEBINARS

NACo, through the support of their Green Government Initiative sponsors, will be hosting a series of FREE green government webinars. The intended audience is any elected official or county staff; however, anyone interested in learning more about the county role in green government practices is encouraged to register. Participants will learn valuable background information on each subject, discover new resources, and hear case studies from various counties. Each webinar covers a different subject. To participate, all you need is a computer with internet access and a

phone line! To register to go: www.greencounties.org and click on Webinars and Upcoming Events. For more information please contact Kelly Zonderwyck, Senior Community Services Associate and Affiliate Services Coordinator, NACo, 25 Massachusetts Avenue NW – Floor 5, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 942-4224, fax (202) 737-0480, or kzonderwyck@naco.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director of the Huron County Department of Job and Family Services provides strategic leadership and works with a management/supervisory team to establish policies, procedures, and goals to accomplish the Department's vision and mission. He or she establishes credibility throughout the Department and with Huron County constituents as an effective developer and responder to consumer needs. Please see full description at www.hccommissioners.com. Requirements include an advanced degree, preferably in management, business, social work, public administration, or education. A background in social service work, current state licensing, previous experience working with unions, knowledge of Ohio Civil Service Law, and public sector work experience are highly desired. Salary commensurate with qualification and experience. Submit Huron County Job Application (available at www.hccommissioners.com), letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information for three references to Huron County Director of Human Resources, 12 E. Main St., Suite 102, Norwalk, OH 44857 **by 4:30 p.m., June 2, 2008**. Applications must be complete for consideration. All applications are subject to public records law. Interviews scheduled by appointment. EOE.

OFFICE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MANAGER

The Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Human Resources Division seeks a Collective Bargaining Manager to direct all activities for the Office of Collective Bargaining. Minimum qualifications: extensive labor background,

negotiating large union contracts with several different unions, an arbitrator, or labor attorney. The State of Ohio offers a competitive salary, comprehensive benefits package, and a professional working environment. Application deadline: position is open until filled. To read the complete job opportunity posting, go to www.ccao.org. Click on classifieds and on Office of Collective Bargaining Manager. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this posting, please contact Joe Ann Lucas, Recruitment Consultant, at (614) 466-7832, fax (614) 728-3046 or joe.ann.lucas@das.state.oh.us

CLASSIFIED ADS

CCAO publishes the County Information and Data Service (CIDS) weekly. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will run for two weeks if space is available. Ads will also be published on the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. When submitting your ad to CCAO please provide a link to the job posting online and a deadline. Please provide a copy of the classified ad by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of each week. Transmit the copy to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, by e-mail mjneiman@ccao.org.



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DEDICATION OF THE LADIES GALLERY

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Ohio Statehouse

DEDICATION COMMEMORATIVE PHOTO

The commemorative photo will re-enact the historic Women's Suffrage rally in 1914.

It is desirable that all participants wear white in honor of this day.

All are welcome to participate in the commemorative photo.

Assemble on the Ohio Statehouse West Steps (High Street) at 12:30 p.m.

Photo will be taken at 1:00 p.m.

The Ladies' Gallery Dedication will take place at 2:00 p.m. following the photo.

HOW CAN COUNTIES PARTICIPATE? The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board and the Capitol Square Foundation would like a woman from each county to hold their county flag in the photo.

County _____	
Name of flag holder _____	
Title _____	
Address _____	
Phone number _____	E-mail _____

Please return form by **June 2, 2008** to:

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