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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 22-28, 2009	OHIO SPRING SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK (WWW.WEATHERSAFETY.OHIO.GOV)
MARCH 27, 2009	CORSA RENEWAL MEETING, QUEST CONFERENCE CENTER, COLUMBUS (FRANKLIN COUNTY)
MARCH 27, 2009	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, LORAIN COUNTY OFFICES, LORAIN COUNTY (ELYRIA)
APRIL 2, 2009	CCAO PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 7, 2009	CCAO AFFILIATES COUNCIL, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 24, 2009	CLCCA 2009 SPRING MEETING, TROYER'S DUTCH HERITAGE RESTAURANT, BELLVILLE
MAY 3-9, 2009	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK
MAY 19, 2009	SE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, COSHOCTON COUNTY
JULY 24-29, 2009	74 TH NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION, DAVIDSON COUNTY (NASHVILLE), TN

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO AFFILIATES COUNCIL TO MEET APRIL 7

CCAO President Kerry Metzger (Tuscarawas) has scheduled a meeting of the CCAO Affiliates Council on Tuesday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the CCAO offices. Formed in 2007, the Affiliates Council is comprised of the presidents from the 12 CCAO affiliate organizations. One of the main purposes of CCAO is to lobby the General Assembly and we value and appreciate the assistance, support, and knowledge of our affiliate members. In addition, CCAO appreciates the submission of information

for our *County Information and Data Service* newsletter and *County News* magazine.

Lunch will be served. Please confirm your attend on or before March 30, 2009 to Kathy Dillon, CCAO Office Manager and Boards' Liaison, at (614) 220-7998, (888) 757-1094, or kathydillon@ccao.org.

NEW CCAOSC ENERGY PROGRAM – NATURAL GAS SAVINGS – SIGN UP TODAY!

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation (CCAOSC) is pleased to announce a new energy program designed to help keep your natural gas costs under control. As you recall, the CCAOSC established a natural gas

program in 2000 to save counties money through pre-payment and aggregation. Since the inception of that program, the CCAOSC Natural Gas Program has saved the 30-member counties over \$7.4 million in gas commodities. In the past year, counties saved over \$1.3 million. The CCAOSC has been researching how to achieve more cost savings and open the program to more counties.

The CCAOSC has partnered with Palmer Energy to help manage a new natural gas program – CCAOSC Energy Solutions - for member counties. Program advantages: utilize strength of group buying and leverage buying power to shop the market and secure the best deals.

The CCAOSC believes this program has the potential to provide significant value for your county. Counties should return the Participation Agreements ASAP. If you have questions or would like to schedule a consultation, please contact Kirk Mizerek, Palmer Energy Vice President, at (419) 539-9180 or kmizerek@palmerenergy.com or Tom Strup, CCAO Deputy Director of Operations, at (614) 220-7978 or tstrup@ccao.org.

AFFILIATE NEWS

2009 CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETINGS

The County Commissioners' Clerks and Engineer's Administrative Professional Association of Ohio (CCC/EAPA) has scheduled regional meetings to share information and network with other clerks. CCC/EAPA is comprised of county commissioners and engineers' office staff. All commissioners' clerks and engineers' administrative professionals are welcome to network with this most informative organization. The board works hard to provide educational workshops and training opportunities at summer and winter conferences.

Regional information and networking luncheon meetings are a priority with CCC/EAPA. Topics will vary at each meeting and are held on Friday's beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. CCAO/CEAO sponsors the lunch.

Meeting locations will be announced in future issues of CIDS and at www.ccao.org. The following is a general list of meetings to be held throughout the 2009 calendar year:

- March 27, 2009 Lorain County, 226 Middle Ave., Elyria
- July 24, 2009 Noble County
- August 28, 2009 Wood County
- September 25, 2009 Darke County
- October 9, 2009 Scioto County
- October 23, 2009 Franklin County

Please email suggestions for agenda items to Carolyn Hauenstein, Clerk, and Erie County Commissioners at chauenstein@erie-county-ohio.net or Lisa Hawkins, Clerk, Ashtabula County Commissioners at lhawkins@ashtabulacounty.us. Bring any forms to share that may be useful to other counties.

To obtain additional information on the CCC/EAPA, or if you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact JoAnn Sikorski, Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Athens County Commissioners, at (740) 592-3219, jsikorski@athenscountygovernment.com or www.ccc-esao.org. A Yahoo Group to post questions and answers that arise has been opened. You are encouraged to join this yahoo group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC_ESAO.

OSU EXTENSION NEWS

LAND USE AND STORMWATER TRAINING NEEDS SURVEY; NORTHERN OHIO OFFICIALS INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TRAINING PROGRAMS

Lake Erie is Ohio's greatest natural resource and provides tremendous natural and economic benefits to all Ohioans. It is truly a resource of global significance. Local land use decisions impact Lake Erie, and as a home rule state, local governments have the sole authority to make many of these decisions.

Through the Ohio Coastal Training Program (CTP): a partnership of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission, Ohio Sea Grant College Program, Ohio State University Extension, Ohio Coastal Management Program, and Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, resources are available to provide training on stormwater management and land use decision-making for local communities.

Topics such as storm water management, land use decision-making, public involvement, environmental regulations and permitting, urban redevelopment, and natural resource protection practices are among those that may be covered through such a training program.

The Ohio CTP is gathering input from local government officials and professional staff regarding their specific training needs. If you are an official (elected, appointed, professional or consultant) for a community, county, or region within the Lake Erie watershed, please take a few minutes to complete a survey before close of business **Monday, April 6, 2009** at <http://www.coastaltrainingohio.net>. An article and link are also on the front page of www.ccao.org.

If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact Joe Lucente, Extension Educator, Community Development, Ohio State University Extension / Ohio Sea Grant College Program, One Government Center - Suite 550, Toledo, OH 43604-2245, (419) 213-2028, fax (419) 213-4241, lucente.6@osu.edu or www.ohioseagrant.osu.edu.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO FORECLOSURE FILINGS SET NEW RECORD IN 2008

Sixty two of Ohio's 88 counties saw an increase in foreclosure filings last year, and in 27 counties, filings grew by double-digit rates. While urban counties continue to lead the state in foreclosure filings, smaller counties are experiencing larger growth.

A new report released by Policy Matters Ohio analyzes foreclosure filings in the state by county. State-wide, foreclosure filings continued to grow in 2008 with 85,782 new foreclosure filings, a 1.2 percent increase since 2007 including federal filings. Compared to 10 years ago, when Ohio had 25,862 new foreclosures, this is a 70 percent increase. The latest numbers indicate that there was one foreclosure filing for every 60 housing units in the state last year.

All but ten Ohio counties have seen at least a quadrupling in the number of foreclosure filings since 1995. Statewide, filings have more than

quintupled since then. Cuyahoga County led the state once again in foreclosure filings per person, followed this year by Lucas, Montgomery, and Allen counties. Seven of the top ten counties with the highest rates were on the same list a year earlier. Allen County led the state in foreclosure-filing growth between 2007 and 2008, with a 39 percent increase. All of the top 10 counties in foreclosure-filing growth – each of which saw at least a 20 percent increase last year – were in the northwest and Appalachian regions of the state.

Foreclosure filings continue to be most heavily concentrated in the state's urban counties, accounting for 62 percent of filings. However, non-urban counties continue to experience large foreclosure growth. The report chronicles that counties with populations less than 200,000 had higher foreclosure growth rates than the state average. For instance, counties with populations of 50,000 or below saw an overall foreclosure filing growth of 4.9 percent in 2008.

Policy Matters Ohio is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research institute with offices in Cleveland and Columbus. For a complete copy of the report go to <http://www.policymattersohio.org/ForeclosureGrowthOhio2009.htm>

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NAMI RELEASES REPORT CARD

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has released the report, *Grading the States*, which assesses the nation's public mental healthcare system for adults. The report found that the national average grade is a *D*, which is the same national average as NAMI's last report card released in 2006. Fourteen states have improved their grades since the last report while twelve states received lower grades.

In 2006, Ohio's mental health system received a *B*; this year Ohio's grade is a *C*. According to the report, budget cuts and policy decisions have threatened Ohio's mental health services. The report listed Ohio's urgent needs as restoring and increasing funding; improving coverage of uninsured persons and non-Medicaid services; and increasing acute care beds. Ohio's innovations were acknowledged in the report as evidence-

based practices and supported employment; national leadership on jail diversion and community reentry services; and consumer and family involvement in design and delivery of services. To view the *Grading the States* report please visit www.nami.org/grades09.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK

Join counties across the nation to celebrate National County Government Week (NCGW) to be held May 3 – 9, 2009. The theme for the 2009 celebration is “Greening Our Future.” All counties are encouraged to participate, especially those that are pursuing green government initiatives. Tell your residents about what counties are doing to conserve energy, protect the environment, and save taxpayer’s dollars. A comprehensive booklet of ideas on ways to celebrate NCGW, including draft proclamations and news releases, is available at www.naco.org. For more information, contact Tom Goodman, NACo Public Affairs Director, at (202) 942-4222 or tgoodman@naco.org.

CONFERENCES

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN OHIO’S PUBLIC SECTOR

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) will host a “25th Anniversary of Collective Bargaining in Ohio’s Public Sector” Conference on April 1-2, 2009 at the University Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 3110 Olentangy River Road, in Columbus. Twenty-five years to the day after SERB opened its doors for the first time, the agency will convene a conference to examine how administrative practice, rule-making. Legislative amendments and hundreds of Board opinions and court decision have shaped the Ohio Public Employees Collective Bargaining Act, which extended collective bargaining rights to state and local public employees in Ohio.

Registration fee: \$350 (both days - includes lunches and dinner), \$195 (one day – includes lunch), or \$30 (add dinner to the first day). Reservation and cancellation deadline: March 24, 2009. For more information, contact SERB 25th Anniversary Conference, SERB, Fiscal Office, and

65 East State Street – Fl 12, Columbus, OH 43215-4213, or fax (614) 466-3074.

CLASSIFIEDS

SEWER SYSTEM EVALUATION SURVEY COORDINATOR

The Ottawa County Sanitary Engineering Department currently has a job opening for a Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES) Coordinator. Minimum qualifications include 10+ years experience in wastewater collection operations and maintenance with a focus on infiltration/inflow evaluation and remediation; an Associates Degree in an applied science or engineering related field; and a valid Ohio Commercial Drivers License. Anyone wishing to apply for the position should do so by submitting an application for employment to the Ottawa County Sanitary Engineering Department, Courthouse Building, 315 Madison Street – Room 105, Port Clinton, OH 43452, no later than **4:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2009**. An employment application and copy of the job description for the position may be obtained in the Ottawa County Sanitary Engineering Department or online at www.co.ottawa.oh.us. EOE.

BRIDGE ENGINEER

The Montgomery County Engineer is responsible for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of over 500 bridges, ranging from box culverts and single-span slabs to multi-span girder and arch bridges. The county Bridge Engineer will be directly responsible for bridge replacement and rehabilitation programming, bridge inspection approvals, load rating calculations, overload permits, technical guidance and contract administration for consultant-designed bridges, and supervision of in-house bridge design and plan production efforts. The successful candidate will provide structure reviews for other public and private infrastructure improvement projects, prepare applications to secure outside bridge program funding, pursue innovative bridge technologies, and support county staff in bridge maintenance operations.

Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from ABET-accredited university; minimum 10 years experience in bridge design or management; PE

and ODOT Level 2 bridge prequalification (or equivalent) required; able to work without supervision; direct technical, junior professional, and administrative staff; and complete responsibilities on schedule; must read, write, and speak fluent English and possess valid Ohio driver's license; and Master's degree and knowledge of AutoCAD or Microstation preferred

Application deadline: **March 27, 2009**. For more information go to www.mcoho.org.

SENIOR MANAGER / FINANCE

The Greene County Commissioners seek a senior manager/finance for the Sanitary Engineering Department. Under general supervision of the sanitary engineer, the senior manager/finance has general administrative control of, and responsibility for, all department fiscal operations, to include revenue and expense control, budgeting, purchasing, financial reporting, debt management, and various related functions; manages and directs finance office personnel and provides functional guidance and information to various other individuals, outside of the internal finance staff, on fiscal related matters.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in accounting or business administration (with focus on finance, emphasis on governmental and budgetary accounting); and six years of progressively responsible experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above. CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) or CPFO (Certified Public Finance Officer) certification preferred. Application deadline: **4:00 p.m. p.m. on April 6, 2009**. For more information go to www.co.greene.oh.us/personnel.

DIRECTOR, CHILDREN SERVICES

Chief administrator of county child protective services agency. Responsible for guiding mission to protect children from abuse and neglect and strengthen families; must ensure compliance with federal, state, and local rules and requirements. Masters' degree and/or extensive management-level experience in child protective services

required. Strong background in agency management and budgeting desired. Salary range \$75,232-\$99,000 DOE. Submit resume no later than **April 13, 2009** to Mr. Timothy R. Williams, County Administrator, Butler County Government Services Center, 315 High St., 6th Floor, Hamilton, OH 45011. Butler County is an EEO/AA employer.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Responsible for preparing, analyzing & monitoring county-wide operational budgets. Prepares long-term financial/operational forecasts, financial analysis and research, and responsible for short and long-term financing transactions. Must have bachelor's degree in accounting, public finance, or equivalent, and extensive knowledge of accounting theory and principles, planning, and budgeting. CPA certification is preferred. Salary range \$79,806-\$105,188. Submit resume no later than **April 13, 2009** to: Mr. Timothy R. Williams, County Administrator, Butler County Government Center, 315 High Street, 6th Floor, Hamilton, OH 45011. Butler County is an EEO/AA employer.

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Administers disaster management agency for county, develops and implements emergency operation plans, assists others in disaster planning, coordinates with county, state, and federal officials. Must have bachelor's degree in relevant field, extensive experience in disaster management, Certified Emergency Management desired. Salary minimum of \$60,000, DOE. Apply with resume **April 3, 2009** to EMA Director Selection Committee, c/o Hon. Charles R. Furmon, President of EMA Advisory Board, Butler County Government Services Center, 315 High Street, 6th Floor, Hamilton, OH 45011. Butler County is an EEO/AA employer.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Darke County seeks an experienced economic development professional to serve as the executive director of the Darke County Economic Development office. The executive director will be appointed by the Darke County Commission Board and will report to the Darke County Community

Improvement Corporation. Position is responsible for overseeing and implementing a bold series of economic development programs throughout the county; developing and leading specific job growth strategies in retention and attraction, as well as serving as liaison for various community development projects.

Qualifications: Bachelors degree in marketing, economics, public administration or related discipline and experience in managing an economic development department. Candidate must have superior communication and interpersonal skills. Successful experience in economic development field including incentives, planning, project financing, marketing, land development and recruitment must be evident in background. Salary

range: \$65,000 to \$85,000 plus excellent benefit package. Send resume, work-related references, and salary history by **Friday, April 3, 2009** to: Darke County CIC, PO Box 355 Greenville, Ohio 45331 or email: DBaker@secondnational.com. DOQ. EOE/Drug-free Workplace.

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