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### DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 15, 2010	CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 18, 2010	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 19, 2010	CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 25, 2010	CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 26, 2010	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, HOLIDAY INN, COLUMBUS-WORTHINGTON
APRIL 6, 2010	CCAO/OSWDO/OEEF SOLID WASTE TRAINING COURSE, WOOD COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES, WOOD COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN)
APRIL 9, 2010	CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 5, 2010	CCAO PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 21, 2010	CCAO/OSWDO/OEEF SOLID WASTE TRAINING COURSE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 22, 2010	CCAO/OSWDO/OEEF SOLID WASTE TRAINING COURSE, WAYNE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WAYNE COUNTY (WOOSTER)
APRIL 30, 2010	CCAO/OSWDO/OEEF SOLID WASTE TRAINING COURSE, WARREN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WARREN COUNTY (LEBANON)
APRIL 30, 2010	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, OLD COURTHOUSE, ASHTABULA COUNTY (JEFFERSON)
APRIL 2010	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### NO CIDS REPORT FOR MARCH 19, 2010

There will be not CIDS report next week. CIDS will return March 26, 2010.

## AFTER IT LEAVES THE CURB: A SOLID WASTE TRAINING COURSE

CCAO and the Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio (OSWDO) are sponsoring four solid wastemanagement training sessions, "After It Leaves the Curb," to be held in April. The training sessions will include a summary of solid waste management in Ohio from the perspective of solid waste districts. The targeted audience includes county commissioners, solid waste district policy committee members and boards of trustees.

Training funds are provided by the Ohio EPA Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) grant that was given to the CCAO Research and Education Fund. Training will be conducted by Ohio EPA, GT Environmental, Inc. and Eastman & Smith. All participants will receive free training materials.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. with the training sessions beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. Registration fee (includes lunch): **\$15** – county commissioners, trustees of solid waste authorities, policy committee members of solid waste districts, solid waste district personnel, planning directors, and the Ohio EPA or **\$50** – other attendees.

Registration deadline is one week before the seminar. Dates and Locations:

- **April 6 – Wood County** Job & Family Services, 1928 East Gypsy Lane Road, Wood County (Bowling Green)
- **April 21 – CCAO Offices**, 209 East State Street, Columbus
- **April 22 – Wayne County** Administration Building, 428 West Liberty Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> FL, Wayne County (Wooster)
- **April 30 – Warren County** Administration Building, 406 Justice Drive – Room 120, Warren County (Lebanon)

For more information about the training, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981, (888) 757-1904 or [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org). For information about registration, contact Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org).

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### RECOVERY ACT: A COUNTY-BY COUNTY REVIEW OF DIRECT BENEFITS IN 2009

The \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was split between formula funding for state and local government programs, competitive grants, and direct benefits to Americans. The State of Ohio is expected to receive \$8.2 billion in formula funding, and competitive grants in excess of \$817 million have already been awarded to Ohio entities. A report published by The Center for Community Solutions, "Recovery Act Put \$2.5 Billion in Ohioans' Pockets: A County-by-County Review of Direct Benefits in 2009," examines four direct assistance provisions of ARRA:

- 1) **Food Stamps:** 13.6 percent increase in maximum benefit, a boost in monthly food stamp benefit. Through December 31, 2009, the recovery Act Delivered \$312 million in additional food stamp benefits to low-income Ohioans.
- 2) **Economic Recovery Payments to Social Security recipients and others.** Ohio residents received a total of \$530 million in Economic Recovery Payments as a result of the Recovery Act between February and August, 2009.

3) **Unemployment Benefits:** Additional \$25 per week. Through December 31, 2009, the Recovery Act delivered \$353 million in additional weekly unemployment benefits.

4) **Making Work Pay Credit:** Refundable tax credit to nearly all workers. It is estimated that Ohio's workers' tax withholdings have decreased by \$1.37 billion through November, 2009 as a result of the Recovery Act.

In 2009, these four programs put more than \$59 billion directly into Americans' pockets, with over \$2.5 billion coming to Ohioans. They account for nearly one in every three Recovery Act dollars disbursed so far.

To read a complete copy of the report and to review the direct payments from ARRA per county go to <http://www.communitysolutions.com/images/upload/resources/Campbell-ARRA.pdf>.

### STATUE VOTING PROCESS TO BEGIN THIS MONTH

Ohioans will have until June 12 to cast their ballots to lend support for one of the finalists nominated to represent Ohio in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall. Ballot boxes will be available at 35 of the state's historic sites and museums (<http://www.gongwer-oh.com/128/votinglocations.pdf>) - including the Statehouse - and residents can also print and mail their ballots in support of one of the nominees. The final contenders for the honor are:

- **James M. Ashley** of Toledo, an abolitionist and U.S. Representative
- **Thomas Edison** of Milan, the inventor who held more than 1,000 patents.
- **Ulysses S. Grant** of Point Pleasant, a Civil War leader who became the nation's 18th president.
- **William McCulloch** of Holmesville, a former U.S. representative who was instrumental in the American civil rights movement.
- **Jesse Owens**, the noted 1936 Olympic champion who dedicated his life in service to youth.
- **Judith Resnik** of Akron, the NASA astronaut who died in the 1986 Challenger shuttle explosion.
- **Albert Sabin** of Cincinnati, who developed an oral polio vaccine.
- **Harriet Beecher Stowe** of Cincinnati, the abolitionist who wrote Uncle Tom's Cabin.
- **Harriet Taylor Upton** of Ravenna, a women's suffrage leader.
- **Orville and Wilbur Wright** of Dayton, leading pioneers in aviation.

The results of the public vote is being given the largest amount of weight in the deliberations of the legislative panel that will make a final recommendation to the General Assembly. Voting will run from March 20 to June 12. Online ballots will be available at [www.legacyforohio.org](http://www.legacyforohio.org).

### OHIO AWARDED 4TH CONSECUTIVE GOVERNOR'S CUP FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Site Selection magazine awarded Ohio its fourth consecutive Governor's Cup Award for leading the nation in new and expanded facilities in 2009. Site Selection Magazine's March issue highlights Ohio's efforts in leading the nation in new business development and expansion in both micropolitan and metropolitan categories, as well as the state's overall achievements in economic investments. The No. 1 ranking for Ohio was based on the number of private capital investments for new or expanded facilities that involved an investment of at least \$1 million, created a minimum of 50 new jobs, or added at least 20,000 square feet of new floor area. Ohio also was recognized for having several cities ranked in the top 10 metropolitan and micropolitan categories for new and expanded corporate facilities, proving the business strength of its five distinct regions and urban areas:

- Cincinnati/Middletown ranked 6th respectively among metropolitan areas with populations of over 1 million.

- Dayton swept the top spots again for the second year in a row in mid-sized metropolitan areas with a population between 200,000 and 1 million.
- Wooster, Ashtabula and Findlay ranked 2nd, 6th, and 10th respectively among micropolitan cities of 10,000 to 50,000 in population.

**OHIO FORECLOSURE FILINGS SET NEW RECORD IN 2009, TOP 89,000; CUYAHOGA COUNTY AGAIN RANKS FIRST IN RATE, NON-URBAN COUNTIES LEAD IN GROWTH RATES**

Sixty-four of Ohio’s 88 counties saw an increase in foreclosure filings last year, and in 34 counties, filings grew by double-digit rates. While urban counties continue to lead the state in foreclosure filings, smaller and less urban counties are experiencing larger growth rates. A new report released by Policy Matters Ohio analyzes foreclosure filings and other housing trends in Ohio and its counties. Statewide, foreclosure filings continued to grow in 2009 with 89,053 new foreclosure filings, a 3.8 percent increase since 2008. Compared to ten years ago, when Ohio had 31,229 new foreclosures, this is a 185 percent increase. The latest numbers indicate that there was one foreclosure filing for every 56 housing units in the state last year.

The gain in filings is particularly crippling to the state, coming after years of increased filings and the broadest foreclosure prevention attempts to date, according to the study. Statewide, filings have more than quintupled since 1995. The study reviews federal efforts such as the HAMP program to curb foreclosures, finding dismal results. Nearly one-third of Ohio mortgage holders are “under water”, owing more than their houses are worth, and one in every six homeowners is either delinquent or in foreclosure.

Cuyahoga County led the state once again in foreclosure filings per person, followed this year by Lucas, Clinton, and Highland counties. Morgan County led the state in foreclosure-filing growth between 2008 and 2009, with a 129 percent increase. Seven of the top ten counties in foreclosure-filing growth – each of which saw at least a 26 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 61 percent of filings. However, non-urban counties continue to experience large foreclosure growth rates. The report chronicles that counties with populations less than 200,000 had higher foreclosure growth rates than the state average. For instance, the 60 counties with a population of below 100,000 saw overall foreclosure filing growth rate of 8.78 percent, up from 3.3 percent the previous year.

For more information go to [www.policymattersohio.org](http://www.policymattersohio.org).

**OPERS STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES MEETING**

The OPERS Board requested that staff hold a series of meetings across the state for our members and retirees to discuss the recommended plan design changes the Board proposed to the Ohio Retirement Study Council in November 2009. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Here is the information for you to disseminate to your membership.

**When:** Wednesday, March 24, 2010

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

**Where:** Wright State University, Medical Sciences Building. For the address and directions, please use the link <http://www.wright.edu/visit/>. The site also provides an area map of the campus to show parking lots beside and near the facility for your convenience (the building is labeled MS). This amphitheater can seat up to approximately 450 people.

**Who:** All member and retirees of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. You do not need to RSVP for the event.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We look forward to this event and future events around Ohio. Thank you for sharing this information. As we finalize the details on the upcoming events, we will send them to you. We are scheduling meetings in Toledo, Youngstown, Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati in the coming months.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### 2010 CENSUS: INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Census Bureau has developed a wide array of materials to download and print either in black and white or color. To help choose what to print for a particular program activity, there are specifications and a brief description of each item. In many cases, you also have the option of printing materials in different languages and formats.

- For activity guides, fliers, fact sheets, logos, drop-in articles and other:  
<http://2010.census.gov/partners/materials/>
- For toolkits that contain information and resources to help partners communicate the importance of the census to key groups:  
<http://2010.census.gov/partners/toolkits/>
- For translated posters, fact sheets, and key dates:  
<http://2010.census.gov/partners/materials/inlangfacts.php>

As part of the "Take 10" program, elected officials and Complete Count Committee (CCC) members are asked to encourage participation through speeches, special events, and challenges. An interactive, map-based, "Take 10" Web site that allows local areas to track and compare their 2010 Census mail back participation rates, which will be updated on a daily basis at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/> and to look up their 2000 Census participation rates.

An electronic toolkit is available which includes talking points, sample speeches, new releases, newsletter copy, event suggestions, flyers, stickers, and doorknob hanger templates, and more. For more information, please visit the Take 10 page at <http://2010.census.gov/partners/toolkits/toolkits-take10.php>.

### CONGRESS EXTENDS UNEMPLOYMENT, COBRA, AND MEDICAID

On Wednesday, the United States Senate passed HR 4213 extending COBRA, unemployment insurance, and federal increased Medicaid reimbursement (FMAP) through June 30, 2011. The vote was 62 to 36, and both Senator Voinovich and Senator Brown voted in favor of the bill. Since the House already passed these extensions in December, the only step left is President Obama's signature.

CCAO was part of a group of over 130 organizations that signed onto a letter asking our senators to include an FMAP extension in the House resolution.

## **WEBINARS**

### PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD: A TOUGH TIMES SOLUTION FOR YOUR RESIDENTS

Find out what 1,300 other counties already know about how easy it is to provide your residents with big savings on their medicine costs by participating in NACo's Prescription Discount Card Program. Join NACo on March 18, 2010 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. to hear program experts from NACo, CVS Caremark, and fellow county officials who will describe how the free NACo member benefit program has resulted in \$250 million in savings for residents across the country. The discount card program includes all the support, resources, and media/press materials so you can provide another "tough-times" solution to your residents. Too good to be true? Find out for yourself. To register, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/739076707>. For more information, contact: Andrew Goldschmidt, Director, Membership/Marketing, Public Affairs Department, (202) 942-4221, fax (202)393-2630 or [agoldschmidt@naco.org](mailto:agoldschmidt@naco.org).

### WHY SHOULD A COUNTY CONDUCT A ROAD SAFETY AUDIT?

The enormous cost — human and financial — of road accidents continues to devastate families and counties. Join a free webinar on March 25 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. for the second in a series of three webinars that teaches the basics of County Action Plans, Strategic Highway Plans, and Road Safety Audits (RSA). Participants will learn about the benefits of a county RSA and the legal issues surrounding safety audits. This webinar is cosponsored by the Federal Highway Administration, the National Association of County Engineers and NACo. To register go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/391840435>. For more information, contact: Cindy Wasser, NACo Community Services Assistant, at (202) 942.4274, fax (614) 393-2630 or [cwasser@naco.org](mailto:cwasser@naco.org).

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS**

### SYLLABUS

2010-009

R.C. 519.21(B) does not prohibit the board of trustees of a non-home rule township from using its zoning powers under R.C. Chapter 519 to regulate the construction and use of buildings and structures on lots greater than five acres when the buildings and structures are not incident to the use for agricultural purposes of the land on which the buildings and structures are located.

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU IS HIRING TEMPORARY POSITIONS

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. Best of all, census takers work right in their own communities. Census taker jobs are excellent for people who want to work part-time, those who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community. Find out more at their Web site: [2010.Census.gov/2010CensusJobs](http://2010.Census.gov/2010CensusJobs).

### ASSISTANT OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

Licking County Government is accepting applications for an Assistant Operations Superintendent in the Water/Wastewater Department. Qualified applicants must possess an Associate's Degree in environmental science or other related field plus three years experience in water/wastewater operations and two years supervisory experience or equivalent combination of training and experience. This position also requires a

Class I Water Treatment Operator's certificate; Class III Wastewater Treatment Operator's certificate and a valid driver's license and safe driving record. Starting salary \$36,431 - \$45,538. Successful candidates will be subject to Licking County's pre-employment drug screen. A complete job posting can be obtained by visiting our website [www.lcounty.com](http://www.lcounty.com) or visiting the Human Resources Department. Application, cover letter and resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications can be printed from the web site at [www.lcounty.com](http://www.lcounty.com) or can be picked up at: Licking County Human Resources Department, 20 South Second Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Newark, OH 43055. EOE.

### JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Montgomery County is seeking a Director of Job and Family Services. The selected individual will work at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners under administrative direction from the County Administrator and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. This individual administers the County's Job and Family Services function overseeing seven major functions: public assistance, medical assistance, local service and day care programs, support enforcement, workforce investment, child welfare and adult protective services. The selected individual should be seen as a champion of social services and should be well versed in providing leadership and vision with a humanistic approach; building strategic partnerships within a diverse, urban community and be able to define the strategic, long-term direction of the organization.

Applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree in social work, public administration, healthcare administration or a related field to job and family services. A related master's degree is preferred and other advanced degrees may be considered a plus. Candidates should also possess a minimum of eight to ten years of professional employment in the field of social services administration and a minimum of five years executive-level experience working with complex programs and service delivery.

The expected starting salary will be in the range of \$111,009 to \$166,524. In addition, Montgomery County provides an excellent fringe benefit package. For more information about the position or to apply please go to [www.mcoho.org](http://www.mcoho.org) "Find A Job" link. EOE.

#### **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](http://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 at [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org)