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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 31, 2012	CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE - CONFERENCE CALL, 1:00 P.M.
JUNE 4, 2012	CCAO METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE CALL – 3:00 P.M.
JUNE 8, 2012	CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, DOUBLETREE COLUMBUS/WORTHINGTON, COLUMBUS
JUNE 11, 2012	NW OHIO COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING, HOWARD JOHNSON HOTEL, ALLEN COUNTY (LIMA)
JUNE 13, 2012	JOB & FAMILY SERVICES COLLABORATION & MERGER PROJECTS – CCAO 2 nd WEDNESDAY SEMINAR, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JUNE 14, 2012	CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JULY 13-17, 2012	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER, ALLEGHENY COUNTY (PITTSBURGH), PA
JULY 14, 2012	OHIO DELEGATION CAUCUS AT THE NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, DAVID M. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER – ROOM 333, ALLEGHENY COUNTY (PITTSBURGH), PA

ASSOCIATION NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY TO HOST NW DISTRICT MEETING ON JUNE 11

Allen County Commissioners Greg Sneary, Dan Reiff and Sam Bassitt and County Engineer Timothy Piper will host the NW Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association Quarterly Meeting on Monday, June 11 at the Howard Johnson Hotel, 1920 Roschman Avenue, in Allen County (Lima).

Optional Golf Outing: 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Hawthorne Hills Golf Club, 1000 Fetter Road, Allen County (Lima). Greens fees (includes 18 holes and shared cart): \$25 per person. For more information, contact Laura Clark, Account Clerk, Allen County Engineer's Office, at (419) 228-3196 ext. 11 or lclark@allencountyohio.com

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. at Howard Johnson's. Tour busses depart at 1:15 p.m.: Tour #1 – Allen County Museum (space available) and Tour #2 - Lima Army Tank Plant (tour is full). The business meeting starts at 4:00 p.m. followed by the social hour at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person for the dinner and meeting. For more registration information, please contact Kelli Singhaus, Clerk, Allen County Commissioners, at (419) 228-3700 ext. 8827 or kellisingham@allencountyohio.com Reservation deadline: May 31, 2012. Cancellation deadline: June 6, 2012.

CIDS & STATEHOUSE REPORT SENT FROM NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS LAST WEEK

Last week, CCAO e-mailed CIDS and the Statehouse Report from our newly developed database. Previously both reports were sent via e-mail from ajones@ccao.org Starting last Friday, May 18, CIDS and the Statehouse Report were sent from: enews@ccao.org

To ensure you keep receiving all of your important notifications from CCAO, please be sure and add enews@ccao.org to your address book! Ask your IT department to whitelist enews@ccao.org Please make sure this new e-mail address is not in your "blocked or spam" folder. CIDS and the Statehouse Report are e-mailed to individuals with CCAO membership as well as other affiliated contacts.

Please note the following:

- If you previously unsubscribed to CIDS and the Statehouse Report, you are now re-subscribed (any previous email you may have received and unsubscribed to was a test).
- Please note: If you click unsubscribe to ALL, you will not receive any emails from CCAO.

If you did not receive CIDS and the Statehouse Report on or after May 18 and think an error has been made; or, if you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

Also, we want to thank all of our members for their continued support and patience as we work to implement our new database!

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES COLLABORATION & MERGER PROJECTS – CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES

Cutbacks in state and federal funding and increased demand for human services in a weak economy are causing county job and family service departments to look at new approaches to achieve efficiencies through merger of departments and collaboration projects. Join CCAO on June 13, 2012 for a 2nd Wednesday seminar to learn from a director of a three-county pilot merger project the genesis, challenges and anticipated benefits of this joint effort. You will also receive information from JFS executives on the advantages of sharing resources for training and supervision, and potential savings and flexibility flowing from a "one-call center," a pooled workforce, and collaborative technological processes and purchases.

All 2nd Wednesday's Seminars will be held in the Board Room at the CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, in Columbus. Register for this FREE program by e-mail to Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at tmccomas@ccao.org Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent. Coffee will be served at 9:00 a.m., the program begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes promptly at 12:30 p.m., and lunch is on your own after the program.

A workshop flyer and schedule of other 2012 2nd Wednesday Seminars is linked on the front page of www.ccao.org If you have questions regarding the substance of the program, contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at bcole@ccao.org

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR TO BE HELD JUNE 8; ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE!

CCAO invites all county commissioners, affiliates and guests to the CCAO Summer Seminar to be held June 8, 2012 at the [Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington](#), 175 Hutchinson Avenue, in Columbus.

All **conference educational sessions** will take place on Friday, June 8. Registration will open at 7:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. There will be one registration fee for all attendees that will include conference registration, continental breakfast, beverage breaks, and lunch. An updated agenda has been posted on our website.

These **affiliate organizations** will be meeting at the Summer Seminar: County Administrators Association, County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association, Ohio County Dog Wardens Association, and Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio.

Conference Registration: For the first time, you will have the opportunity to register online at www.ccao.co/registration Register for the conference by May 25, 2012 to receive the discounted rate. **REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE.** For registration information please contact Ali Redmond, CCAO Accountant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904, fax (614) 221-6986, or onlinereg@ccao.org RETURN REGISTRATION FORMS TO CCAO, 209 EAST STATE STREET, COLUMBUS, OH 43215.

Cancellation Policy: Refund of Conference registration fee, less an administrative fee of \$25 will be made if written notice of conference registration cancellation is postmarked no later than May 25, 2012.

Room Reservations: If you would like to arrive the evening before the seminar, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington. Room rate: \$94 single/double. Cut off date: May 25, 2012. Please make reservations by calling (614) 885-3334 or (800) 870-0349 and mention CCAO for the discounted rate or register for your room [online](#).

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION; EACH COUNTY TO RECEIVE U.S. 1812 FLAG

This week, CCAO e-mailed all counties information from Lucas County Commissioner Carol Contrada, who is an ex-officio member of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission.

On June 18, 1812, President James Madison signed a Declaration of War against the United Kingdom of Great Britain. We are approaching the Bicentennial of what became known as "The War of 1812," and the Ohio War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission has been working for well over a year to develop events, educational materials, and state-wide commemoration ceremonies to take place throughout the next three years.

The first event is a flag-raising ceremony **Monday, June 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.** The president of each county board of commissioners will receive a U.S. 1812 flag, and the Bicentennial Commission encourages you to plan a flag raising ceremony, to be held simultaneously in all 88 counties throughout the State of Ohio.

Three attachments were included in the e-mail: a pre-event checklist, a timeline of events of the war including other times you might fly the 1812 flag and a script for the June 18, 2012 Bicentennial flag ceremony. Visit www.warof1812.ohio.gov for more information. If you have questions, please contact: Carol Contrada, Lucas

County Commissioner and Ex-officio member, War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, (419) 213-2133 or ccontrada@co.lucas.oh.us or Carrie E. Sowden, Archaeological Director - Peachman Lake Erie Shipwreck Research Center, Great Lakes Historical Society - MAST Coordinator, at (440) 967-3467 ext. 6 or shipwreck@inlandseas.org

FRANKLIN COUNTY SIGNS ECOPARTNERSHIP IN CHINA

Franklin County and the city of Hefei, China will collaborate to develop and deploy electric vehicles and address other energy and environmental issues facing their communities under an EcoPartnership agreement made official May 3 in Beijing. Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks and Hefei Mayor Zhang Qingjun signed the agreement as part of the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogues that took place May 2-4. Brooks is a vice-chair of the NACo International Economic Development Task Force and a member of the NACo Green Government Advisory Board.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton presided over the EcoPartnership signing ceremony on behalf of the U.S. The Franklin County agreement includes plans to explore the use of electric buses, to examine partnering with businesses in Hefei to bring jobs and economic development to the county, and to jointly tackle other clean energy and environmental-protection issues, such as lake and wetland conservation, waste and sewage treatment, energy conservation in buildings, and urban planning. The localities will work closely with Ohio State University and Hefei University of Technology in carrying out the agreement.

“Finding opportunities for job creation and economic growth is a priority for every county commissioner. In Franklin County, we are building on our strong economic base at home by helping our local industries find the new growth streams, new markets, and new opportunities to export beyond our borders,” said Brooks. “These EcoPartnerships with China are founded on the sharing of knowledge and best practices. As well, we will work toward an increase in the amount of goods our businesses export and sell to Chinese customers - especially our Midwest-grown agriculture - and an increase in the number of Chinese tourists who comes to visit our communities.”

The U.S.-China EcoPartnerships program is an initiative of the U.S. Department of State aimed at developing new models of mutually beneficial voluntary activities between state, local and private-sector organizations to spur innovation, investment and engagement on clean energy and environmental issues. Eighteen partnerships have been enacted since the EcoPartnership program began in 2008.

STATE ACTIVITIES

OHIO'S GENERAL TAX AMNESTY: A GOOD DEAL FOR ALL TAXPAYERS

Time is running out to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the Ohio General Tax Amnesty Program. The amnesty program ends June 15, 2012, making it important for you to act now if you have fallen behind on your taxes. The General Tax Amnesty Program is specifically designed to help individual and business taxpayers who haven't paid what they currently owe. It also benefits all Ohio taxpayers.

Here's how it works: Taxpayers who contact the Ohio Department of Taxation during amnesty and pay their overdue tax in full can avoid all penalties and get the interest owed cut in half. The offer allows individuals and businesses that have not paid certain taxes as of May 1, 2011 to settle their obligations with the least hassle and the lowest possible cost.

Ohio first offered a tax amnesty program in 2002 and attracted thousands of taxpayers who paid more than \$37 million in taxes they owed. Ohio's second amnesty program, in 2006, brought in more than \$55 million in back taxes.

These programs benefit all taxpayers, not just those who participate in amnesty. Of course, the debts paid during amnesty are important in helping cover the costs of the services we all use, and they help balance budgets without a tax increase. Some of the taxes eligible for amnesty are local taxes that will help your county.

Perhaps more importantly, amnesty helps assure fairness by asking ALL Ohioans to fulfill their responsibilities in helping create a better Ohio. The amnesty program is open to those who are not involved in an audit related to the taxes owed, or have not been notified by the department that they owe tax. Covered taxes include individual income, individual school district income, commercial activity, sales and seller's use, employer withholding, school district employer withholding, and a number of other individual and business taxes. Individuals and businesses can find out more about tax amnesty by visiting www.ohiotaxamnesty.gov – or contacting the Ohio Department of Taxation.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

HOUSE VOTES TO CHANGE BUDGET AGREEMENT

The House of Representatives passed the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act (H.R. 5652) May 10 by a 218–199 vote. The bill cancels the January 2, 2013 automatic across-the-board cuts (known as sequestration) in discretionary programs included in last year's Budget Control Act (BCA) deal. It also incorporates approximately \$300 billion in mandatory program cuts known as reconciliation. The Senate is not expected to take up the House bill, leaving the decision on whether to change the sequester requirement to the post-election lame duck session. [Click here](#) for more information from NACo.

NACo ACTIVITIES

2012 NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION - JULY 13-17 - ALLEGHENY COUNTY (PITTSBURGH), PA

NACo's 77th Annual Conference and Exposition will be held on July 13-17, 2012. The Annual Conference will be hosted by Allegheny County (Pittsburgh) in our neighboring state of Pennsylvania. Since the conference is so close, many Ohio counties are a short drive of Allegheny County, located in western Pennsylvania. Educational sessions and exhibits will be held in downtown Pittsburg at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, which is very close to the conference hotels.

The Annual Conference provides county officials with a great opportunity to vote on NACo's policies related to federal legislation and regulation, elect officers, network with colleagues, learn about innovative county programs, find out about issues impacting counties across the country, and view products and services from participating companies and exhibitors. **Register for the NACo Conference by June 1 to receive the earlybird discount and register online to save \$25 per person on your registration fee.** For more information about the NACo Conference, go to www.naco.org > Meetings and Education.

AWARD PROGRAMS

PUBLIC LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS: COUNTY ARTS LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS AWARD NOMINATIONS EXTENDED TO JUNE 1

The National Public Leadership in the Arts Awards are given in recognition of an elected official or artist who plays an important role in the advancement of the arts and arts education within his or her community and whose vision and leadership provide heightened visibility to the value of the arts. Nominations are now open for Public Leadership Awards in the following categories: Lieutenant Governor, State Legislator, and County

Official. To nominate an elected official, please [complete the nomination form](#). The deadline for nominations has been extended to Friday, June 1, 2012. Winners of the County Arts Leadership in the Arts Award will be announced at the NACo Annual Conference to be held on July 13-17, 2012 in Allegheny County (Pittsburgh), PA. If you have any questions, please contact the Senior Director of State and Local Government Affairs [Jay Dick](#) at (202) 371-2830.

WEBINARS

THE CHANGING CLIMATE OF HEALTH CARE: COUNTY CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

Learn about the county-level implications of health care system changes and how to better coordinate communication among local providers to deliver more cost-effective and high-quality care. Attend the NACo sponsored webinar, “The Changing Climate of Health Care: County Challenges and Opportunities,” on Wednesday, June 13 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. To register, [click here](#). For more information, contact Anita Cardwell, NACo Senior Associate – Community Services, at (202) 942-4267 or acardwell@naco.org

JUMPSTARTING YOUR ECONOMY THROUGH THE ARTS (NACo MEMBERS ONLY)

Arts produce benefits not only for arts patrons but also for the local governments that support them. Join Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner and Chair of the NACo Arts and Culture Commission, for this NACo sponsored webinar on Wednesday, June 13 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. to learn how counties have created jobs and boosted their local economies by supporting the arts. To register, [click here](#). Since this webinar is for NACo member counties only, you will be prompted to sign in. For more information, contact Jackie Byers, NACo Director of Research, at (202) 942-4285 or jbyers@naco.org

CLASSIFIEDS

Title	Employer/Application Deadline/For More Information. . .
EMS Director	Athens County Commissioners May 31, 2012 www.athenscountygovernment.com
9-1-1 Communications Director	Delaware County Commissioners June 1, 2012 http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/hr/jobs/9-1-1%20Communications%20Director.pdf
Multi-Certified Inspector	Geauga County Building Department Until position is filled http://www.co.geauga.oh.us/Portals/0/resources/County%20Documents/jobs/Bldg%20Multi-Certified%20Inspector.pdf
Human Resources Generalist	Greene County Commissioners Until position is filled http://www.co.greene.oh.us/personnel/script.htm
IT Administrator	Montgomery County’s Administrative Service’s department Until position is filled http://agency.governmentjobs.com/montgomery/default.cfm
Project Engineer	Union County Engineer Until position is filled http://w2.co.union.oh.us/Engineer/Employment/Union%20County%20Project%20Engineer%20Ad5_8_12.pdf