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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 28, 2012	CCAO/OPERS PENSION & HEALTH CARE CHANGES WEBINAR
SEPTEMBER 14, 2012	CCAO AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 14, 2012	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, OLD ASHTABULA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ASHTABULA COUNTY (JEFFERSON)
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS QUARTERLY MEETING, THE GRANDVIEW PLAZA, AUGLAIZE COUNTY (WAPAKONETA)
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012	CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 21, 2012	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
OCTOBER 1, 2012	OHIO'S NEW OIL BOOM SEMINAR, RIFE OFFICE TOWER – CAPITOL THEATER, COLUMBUS
OCTOBER 10, 2012	OHIO'S NEW CASINOS: ECONOMIC IMPACT, COUNTY REVENUE & REGULATION – CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS – (RESCHEDULED FROM SEPTEMBER 12)
OCTOBER 12, 2012	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETING, CCAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS
DECEMBER 9-11, 2012	CCAO/CEAO WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 10-12, 2013	CCAO COMMISSIONERS TRAINING SEMINAR, DEER CREEK LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER, MT. STERLING

ASSOCIATION NEWS

OHIO'S NEW OIL BOOM SEMINAR – OCTOBER 1

What is Ohio's new oil boom? What does it mean for school and local governments? Mark your calendars and plan to attend a seminar on "Ohio's New Oil Boom: A Conversation" to be held on October 1, 2012 at the

Riffe State Office Tower – Capitol Theater, 77 South High Street, in Columbus. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with sessions beginning at 8:50 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. More details will be available next week. CCAO is co-sponsoring this seminar along with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, Ohio School Boards Association, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, and Ohio Township Association.

STATE ACTIVITIES

FREE "MEDICARE CHECK-UP" EVENTS COMING TO EVERY OHIO COUNTY

The Ohio Department of Insurance announced the Department's Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) is holding free "Medicare Check-up " events in every county to coincide with Medicare's October 15 to December 7 annual enrollment period. The sessions are intended to help people review changes to Medicare and determine their best coverage option for 2013. [Click here](#) for a schedule of the Check-up events. New coverage begins January 1.

OSHIIP recently celebrated its 20th anniversary as Medicare's designated educational program in Ohio for beneficiaries, family members and health care professionals.

In addition to the Check-up events, people can call OSHIIP at (800) 686-1578 with questions, and for enrollment assistance (beginning October 15). A special Department [Medicare Check-up and Open Enrollment Toolkit](#), which includes a list of plans (to be announced in October), financial assistance information, and an events schedule, is available at www.insurance.ohio.gov. You can also like and follow OSHIIP on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OSHIIP.

Those with Medicare questions and in need enrollment assistance, including financial assistance, can call OSHIIP at (800) 686-1578, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Medicare at (800) MEDICARE (800-633-4227), 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. Information is also available at www.medicare.gov.

HEALTH CARE INFORMATION & SURVEY FOR OPERS MEMBERS

For almost three years, the OPERS Board of Trustees has been communicating the proposed pension plan changes to members. The OPERS Board is considering changes to health care coverage for current and future retirees. This summer, OPERS staff members embarked on an aggressive education and communication outreach plan across the state to reach to provide the Board with feedback from the membership before this fall, so that the Board can finalize the health care changes before the end of the year.

CCAO has been asked to inform counties about the following important information:

- 1) [OPERS HEALTH CARE & PENSION CHANGES POWERPOINT PRESENTATION](#)
- 2) **HEALTH CARE SURVEY** for all members to complete by the end of August 2012. Survey responses will be tabulated and shared with the OPERS Board this fall as they make their final decisions. The survey is an important way for members to give the Board the necessary feedback it needs. **TAKE THE SURVEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** The survey is available for members in two ways, those members who attended, viewed the webinar presentation or read the newsletter, and those that have not.
 - a) If you have learned about the proposed changes to retiree health care coverage by attending a town hall meeting (in-person), attending a town hall webinar or by reading your OPERS newsletter, please [click on this link](#) to take this survey.
 - b) If you have NOT had the opportunity to learn about the proposed changes to retiree health care coverage, please [click on this link](#) to take this survey.

- c) If you do not have an email address, or access to the Internet, please [click here for a paper copy](#) of the Health Care Survey.
- 3) **TOWN HALL MEETINGS** - OPERS encourages you to [register](#) and attend one of the upcoming Town Hall meetings.

OPERS' goal is to ensure that every member receives information on health care and plan design changes this summer. For more information, contact Cheryl Subler, CCAO Director of Policy, at (614) 220-7980 or csubler@ccao.org

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY - SEPTEMBER 29

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands. NPLD educates Americans about critical environmental and natural resource issues and the need for shared stewardship of land. In addition, NPLD builds partnerships between the public sector and the local community by improving public lands for outdoor recreation.

This year, NPLD volunteers will be assisting land managers in hands-on work on Saturday, September 29, 2012. To register a public land site in your county, [click here](#). To volunteer, [click here](#) for a site map.

NPLD began in 1994 with three sites and 700 volunteers. It proved to be a huge success and NPLD became a yearly tradition, typically held on the last Saturday in September. Since the first NPLD, the event has grown by leaps and bounds. In 2011, more than 170,000 volunteers worked at 2,067 sites in every state, the District of Columbia and in many U.S. territories. NPLD keeps the promise of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the "tree army" that worked from 1933-1942 to preserve and protect America's natural heritage.

U.S. SUPREME COURT CASES ANALYZED

The State and Local Legal Center recently sponsored a webinar on the latest U.S. Supreme Court decisions and their impact on state and local governments. For a list and analysis of the cases, [click here](#).

NACo NEWS

ACCESS NACo'S LATEST ANNUAL REPORT ONLINE

The [2011-2012 NACo Annual Report](#) is now available electronically. The online report is a cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to communicate NACo's recent accomplishments, and keep members informed about how NACo is helping you and your counties. Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason served as NACo President in 2011-2012.

NACo WATER QUALITY E-NEWSLETTER

NACo's Water Quality Newsletter is a regular collection of news, publications, funding announcements and event information for county water quality, public works and sustainability staff published bimonthly. [Click here](#) to sign up today. For more information, please contact Cindy Wasser, NACo Community Services Associate, at (202) 942-4274 or cwasser@naco.org

WEBINARS

PENSION & HEALTH CARE CHANGES WEBINAR – AUGUST 28

Do you have questions about the pending pension reform legislation or want to better understand what the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) is considering changing for retiree health care benefits?

CCAO has partnered with OPERS to provide a webinar on August 28, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to noon to discuss the pension bill - SB 343 that is before the Ohio House, and the proposed retiree health care changes, which would particularly impact spouses of retirees. In addition, the OPERS staff will share how individuals can get involved in these policy changes and how to help ensure that the System can provide stable benefits in the future.

Following the presentation, OPERS experts will take questions from the audience. OPERS staff will be particularly versed in subjects that relate to elected officials, including purchase of service time and other issues. If you have any questions about the pending pension reform legislation, please contact Cheryl Subler, CCAO Managing Director of Policy, at (614) 220-7980 or csubler@ccao.org

To sign up for the August 28th Webinar, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/171358418>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Computer system requirements to access the webinar follow: 1) PC-based attendees: Windows 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server; or 2) Mac OS X 10.5 or newer.

SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING & POLITICS – SEPTEMBER 27

Making improvements to purchasing systems requires extraordinary effort, but it is one of the key opportunities for counties to become more sustainable. Join NACo for a free webinar - “Sustainable Purchasing and Politics: Leading But Staying Out of the Mud” - on Thursday September 27, 2012 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. to find out how many innovative county leaders are finding the “right ways” to engage in better purchasing practices. Learn how Franklin County (OH) and Multnomah County (OR) have made it easier to purchase more efficiently and sustainably through the use of strong policies, cross-departmental teams, and community support. [Click here](#) to register. For more information, contact Jared Lang, NACo Community Services Program Manager, at (202) 942-4224 or jang@naco.org.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Operations Supervisor	Franklin County Sanitary Engineer Applications accepted until position is filled
Historical Museum & Center Director	Wood County Commissioners Applications accepted until position is filled
Business & Technology Services Supervisor	Seneca County JFS Applications accepted until position is filled
Social Services Supervisor	Henry County JFS August 29, 2012
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator	Fairfield County Utilities September 7, 2012