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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 2013

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

APRIL 8, 2013

CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 12 – LA PIAZZA, AUGLAIZE COUNTY (NEW BREMEN)

APRIL 8, 2013

CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 29 – CANTON CLUB, STARK COUNTY (CANTON)

APRIL 10, 2013

CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR: ELECTRIC DEMAND RESPONSE OR VOLUNTARY CURTAILMENTS – THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW – STARTS 9:30 AM

APRIL 12, 2013

CEBCO ANNUAL MEETING & HEALTH CARE ACT PRESENTATION, CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL COLUMBUS-DUBLIN, COLUMBUS

APRIL 18, 2013

CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

APRIL 19, 2013

CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS

APRIL 26, 2013

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING, WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WOOD COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN)

APRIL 30, 2013

OHIO COUNCIL OF COUNTY OFFICIALS (OCCO) RECEPTION, STATEHOUSE MUSEUM (CRYPT), COLUMBUS

MAY 22-24, 2013

NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, COCONINO COUNTY (FLAGSTAFF), ARIZONA

JUNE 7, 2013

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, QUEST BUSINESS CENTER, COLUMBUS

JULY 19-22, 2013

NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE (ANNUAL CONFERENCE), TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

All county commissioners, county executives and county council members are invited to attend CCAO Board of Directors' Meetings. CCAO Board Meetings are typically held the third Friday of each month. Please note that

Board Meetings are not held every month. A board meeting notice will appear in CIDS two and then again one week prior to all Board Meetings. The next CCAO Board of Directors' Meeting will be held on Friday, April 19. A representative from the Attorney General's Office will be present during this Board Meeting and will give a presentation. Lunch is served during the Board Meeting. So that we may have an accurate lunch count, non-board members and guests should please RSVP Amanda Jones, Program Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org on or before April 12 if you plan on attending the board meeting. Also, please feel free to contact Amanda Jones should you have any additional questions.

CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR: ELECTRIC DEMAND RESPONSE OR VOLUNTARY CURTAILMENTS – THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour webinar on **Wednesday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m.** to explain some of the key issues to consider when developing an electric demand response program. By enrolling in these programs, counties can save money by curtailing electricity consumption when demand for electricity is high. Energy providers help manage and aggregate the load during periods of peak demand. Plus, by reducing the quantity of energy used - and doing so when prices are typically high - customers can lower their overall energy costs.

Many counties have been receiving calls from various demand response or voluntary curtailment service providers (CSPs). To help address questions about the programs, CCAO is offering this webinar featuring Mark Frye, President and Owner of Palmer Energy, as the speaker.

Webinar participants may pose questions to the presenter who will respond during and after the presentation. No need to travel to Columbus to attend the webinar, because you can participate at home in your county! To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/119464870>

If for any reason you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at ajones@ccao.org and provide her with your email address. [Click here](#) for more information.

CEBCO ANNUAL MEETING FOCUSES ON THE HEALTH CARE ACT; ALL COUNTIES INVITED

The County Employee Benefit Consortium (CEBCO) 26 member counties and staff extend an invitation to **all** commissioners, county executives and county council members, as well as appropriate administrative staff to attend the CEBCO Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, April 12, 2013. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending early afternoon after lunch. The CEBCO Annual Meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 600 Metro Place North, in Dublin.

This program will focus on a discussion about the Health Care Act led by Kenneth Morgan, Senior Vice President – Health and Benefit Legal, with Aon Hewitt. CEBCO has made this a focal point of the meeting due to the overwhelming request for information. Representatives from Anthem will also be discussing their Patient Centered Primary Care program.

CCAO/CEBCO believes that the sharing of this vital information is important for all Ohio's counties to hear and we strongly encourage your attendance. [Click here](#) for more information about the CEBCO Annual Meeting. There is no charge to attend the meeting. Lunch will be served. RSVP your attendance by Friday, April 5 to Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or ajones@ccao.org

CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

CCAO is hosting Regional Legislative Briefings for the members of the new 130th General Assembly. The

purpose of the meetings is to provide legislators, county commissioners, county executives and county council members with an opportunity to discuss legislative issues affecting county government on a regional basis. The Briefings are organized by State Senate Districts and the House Districts contained within them. Commissioners, county executives and county council members received information including a [briefing schedule](#) with times and locations for meetings, a draft press release, and a [registration form](#). Invitations to the members of the General Assembly were sent by CCAO, but members are encouraged to contact your legislators to personally invite them to your Regional Legislative Briefing.

April 8 Senate District 12 – La Piazza, 17 W. Monroe St., New Bremen @11:30 a.m.
Senate District 29 – Canton Club, 101 Central Plaza South – Floor 12, Canton @ 9:00 a.m.

TBA Senate Districts 3, 15 & 16 – Time & Location TBA *
Senate Districts 7, 8 & 9 - Time & Location TBA *
Senate District 10 - Time & Location TBA *
Senate District 17 – Time & Location TBA (Briefing was cancelled on Feb 22)*

*Please note: Check updates in CIDS and on the front page of www.ccao.org for details about briefings that are not finalized. In addition, commissioners, county executives and county council members scheduled to attend those briefings will receive additional information via email.

For more information please contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982 or jhahn@ccao.org

OCCO LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION; MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR APRIL 30

The Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) will be hosting a Legislative Reception on Tuesday, April 30 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Statehouse Museum (formerly called the Crypt) in Columbus. More information will be available soon.

AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING SCHEDULED IN WOOD & WARREN COUNTIES

The County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) will be holding two more regional training sessions in the following counties:

APRIL 26, 2013 - WOOD COUNTY

Wood County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Square, Bowling Green
Sandy Long, Wood County Commissioners, (419) 354-9100 or slong@co.wood.oh.us

MAY 10, 2013 - WARREN COUNTY

Warren County Engineer's Office, 210 W. Main Street, Lebanon
Sharon Lawhorn, Warren County Engineer, (513) 685-3305 or sharon.lawhorn@co.warren.oh.us

All the county commissioners' and engineers' office support staff members are encouraged to attend. These regional meetings, as well as at the CCAO Summer Seminar and the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, are excellent opportunities for networking. The topics discussed at the regional meetings vary from the daily operations of the office to recent legislative updates. All meetings will be held on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch is provided by CCAO/CEAO.

Information about the CCC/EAPA is available at www.ccc-eapa.org and there is also a yahoo group that is a resource for questions and answers. You can sign up at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC_EAPA. For more information, please contact 2012 CCC/EAPA President Lisa Hawkins, Clerk, Ashtabula County Commissioners, 25 West Jefferson Street, Ashtabula, OH 44047-1092, (440) 576-3754, Fax (440) 576-2344, or LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us

STATE ACTIVITIES

SOS TO HOST REGIONAL MEETINGS

Regional liaisons for Secretary of State Jon Husted's office will visit 12 counties throughout the state this month in an effort to better connect with Ohio citizens.

Beginning on April 4, regional representatives will be available to answer questions, provide voter registration forms and distribute information on issues related to the secretary's office, as well as the Ohio Business Profile and Military Ready-to-Vote program.

Liaisons will host open office hours in: Megis, Washington, Hocking, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Portage, Adams, Highland, Preble, Ashtabula and Lawrence Counties.

OEPA LAUNCHES NEW AIR QUALITY TOOL

Ohioans can now access a new map application that shows real-time air quality data online, OEPA officials said Monday. The new web [tool](#), known as the Geographic Information System, allows individuals to better understand current air quality through interactive geospatial content that can be accessed on the tool's color-coded map of the state.

The application was developed by OEPA officials in conjunction with the state's GIS office. More interactive maps focused on other environmental topics are likely to be added to the tool in the future, officials said.

"Today is the first of several interactive maps we plan to launch to better serve Ohio citizens," OEPA Director Scott Nally said in a release. "Our goal is to provide important interactive environmental content to Ohioans in a format that is easy to use and understand."

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

UNDERSTANDING THE HEALTH CARE LAW WEBINAR

Local officials can play a leadership role in educating constituents and preparing their communities for full implementation of the health care law coming in 2014. To help local officials better understand the health care law, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown is bringing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Region V Office to you. Ohio municipal and county leaders are invited to participate in a webinar with HHS entitled "Understanding the Health Care Law."

The webinar will be held Wednesday, April 10, 2013 from 3:30-4:30pm. To rsvp for this event, please email Senator Brown's office at brown_events@brown.senate.gov or call (888) 896-OHIO (6446) and select option 1.

CONTINUED EFFORTS NEEDED TO SHARE MESSAGE ON TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS

With Congress out for a two-week recess (until April 9), counties are encouraged to meet with their Members of Congress on the issue of municipal bonds. As Congress continues to debate the federal debt and deficit and with tax reform looming, proposals like the 28 percent cap on tax expenditures - which could include the tax-exemption for municipal bond interest - remain a concern for county government.

Our Senators and Representatives need to hear the message that tax-exempt municipal bonds are a critical tool for county government to finance public capital improvements and public infrastructure projects that are essential to creating jobs, sustaining economic growth and improving the quality of life in local communities across the country. In addition, stress the importance of municipal bonds to your county. CCAO recommends that you contact your [Member of Congress](#) over the two-week recess to stress the importance of municipal bonds to your county projects. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH HELD IN APRIL

[National County Government Month \(NCGM\)](#) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. The 2013 NCGM theme is Smart Justice. Counties participate in NCGM by hosting a variety community outreach events and activities. These include tours of county facilities, recognition ceremonies for county employees and volunteers, distribution of information about county programs and services, sponsoring student essay contests, meetings with business and community leaders, and adoption of resolutions.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CIVIL SERVICE LAW & DISCIPLINE SEMINAR

Downes Fishel Hass Kim LLP will be holding a comprehensive two-day "Civil Service Law & Discipline Seminar" on April 24-25, 2013 at Indiana Wesleyan University, 9286 Schulze Drive, in Butler County (West Chester). Day one of the seminar is all about civil service law and day two focuses on managing the discipline process. Courses have been approved for CLE and PHR credits. [Click here](#) for detailed program information.

Registration fee: \$150 for one-day or \$250 for two-days. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by contacting Cassie Uditis at (614) 221-1216 or cuditis@downesfishel.com

OPERS WEBINARS: MEMBERSHIP DETERMINATION PROCESS

Recent statutory changes affect prior, current, and future individuals hired as independent contractors, or other classifications for which no retirement contributions were or will be made to the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS). Effective January 7, 2013, OPERS public employers are required to provide notifications within pre-determined time frames to individuals who have not had, or will not have OPERS retirement contributions withheld from their earnings.

OPERS has scheduled a webinar that overviews the employer's obligation under the new statutory requirements. Those attending will also learn about the membership determination process, including how to complete required forms, the guidelines used for determination and the appeal process.

The same webinar has been scheduled at various times throughout 2013 to reach the most attendees. [Click here](#) for a complete schedule. Need help? Please call (800) 263-6317 if you have any issues with registration or joining the Webinar on the day of the event.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
WSD Program Manager	April 15, 2013 Clermont County
Finance Manager	April 12, 2013 Erie County
Assistant Director	May 2, 2013 Wood County JFS
Director of Office of Management & Budget/Central Accounting Services	Open Until Filled Portage County