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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 23, 2013	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, QUEST BUSINESS CENTER, COLUMBUS
AUGUST 30, 2013	CCAO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
AUGUST 31, 2013	DEADLINE FOR DOG REGISTRATION RATES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2013	JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INFRASTRUCTURE (JEDI) COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2013	CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS/RENEWAL MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013	DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS FOR OHIO – CCAO 2 nd WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
OCTOBER 3, 2013	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING/OSU EXTENSION UPDATE, THE OHIO 4-H CENTER FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
OCTOBER 9, 2013	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING/OSU EXTENSION UPDATE, OLDE DUTCH RESTAURANT, HOCKING COUNTY (LOGAN)
OCTOBER 15, 2013	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING/OSU EXTENSION UPDATE, SHISLER CONFERENCE CENTER, WAYNE COUNTY (WOOSTER)
OCTOBER 30, 2013	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING/OSU EXTENSION UPDATE, WARREN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WARREN COUNTY (LEBANON)
NOVEMBER 6, 2013	CCAO BUDGET BRIEFING/OSU EXTENSION UPDATE, WOOD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WOOD COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN)
DECEMBER 8-10, 2013	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS (HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: HYATT REGENCY)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEW THREE-YEAR AND PERMANENT DOG REGISTRATIONS; PASS RESOLUTION BY AUGUST 31

As you are likely aware, the recently passed state budget bill (HB 59) included language that will allow

individuals to register a dog for a period of one-year, three-years, or register the dog permanently rather than requiring an annual registration as in current law. [County Advisory Bulletin 2013-02, "New Three-Year and Permanent Dog Registrations"](#) was published to explain these new options and to guide counties on implementing the changes. In particular, boards of commissioners need to work with their county auditors and dog wardens to pass a resolution establishing these dog registration fees by August 31, 2013. For more information, please contact CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Josh Hahn at (614) 220-7982 or jhahn@ccao.org.

CCAConnect: A COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR COUNTIES

CCAO is rolling out CCAConnect which is a new communication tool for county commissioners, elected county executives and county council members to reach out to peers for assistance with issues!



What is CCAConnect? CCAConnect is a group email network for county commissioners, elected county executives and county council members. The purpose of the network is to get answers to your questions; learn how other counties deal with current issues, problems or concerns; and, to encourage collaboration.

Who can use CCAConnect? CCAConnect is for county commissioners, elected county executives and county council members.

How do I participate? CCAConnect is a free subscription-based service. Once you are subscribed, you can email your questions, comments and answers by simply sending an email message to CCAConnect. Your email message will be instantly distributed to the other subscribers who will receive your message in their email inbox. To respond, subscribers need only reply to the email and all subscribed members will see the response. It's that simple.

How do I start using CCAConnect? [Click here](#) for more information

Is there a way to access original posts and responses to a particular topic or subject that took place in the past? Every message posted and sent via CCAConnect will be archived by year and searchable by key words. (Example: Year - 2013, key word - general fund.)

If you have any questions about CCAConnect, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

CCA BUDGET BRIEFINGS/OSU EXTENSION UPDATES SCHEDULED THIS FALL

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the five CCAO Budget Briefings/OSU Extension Updates for county commissioners, chief staff members and OSU Extension that will be held this fall.

The same briefing will be held in each location. The session begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge to attend.

DATES/LOCATIONS

- October 3 **Franklin County (Columbus)**
The Ohio 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus

- October 9 **Hocking County (Logan)**
Olde Dutch Restaurant, 12791 State Route 664 S, Logan

- October 15 **Wayne County (Wooster)**
Shisler Conference Center, 1680 Madison Ave, Wooster

- October 30 **Warren County (Lebanon)**
Warren County Administration Building, 406 Justice Dr., Lebanon

- November 6 **Wood County (Bowling Green)**
Commissioners Meeting Room, One Courthouse Square, County Administration Building,
Bowling Green

Registration information will be distributed later this month.

CCAO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO HOST MEETING ON WATER QUALITY ISSUES

On Friday, August 30th, the CCAO Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will be hosting a panel of Ag Nutrient Management experts at its 10:00 a.m. committee meeting to be held at the CCAO offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. The purpose of the meeting is to review current water quality issues throughout the state as well as various nutrient management strategies and legislation that stakeholders are developing to address these issues. Speakers will include the following: former Fayette County Commissioner and Senator Bob Peterson (Dist. 17- Sabina), sponsor of SB 150; Greg LaBarge, OSU Extension Agronomy Field Specialist; Dan Dudley, Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water; and representatives from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Ohio Department of Agriculture. In addition to CCAO Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee members, Chris Abbuhl, Tuscarawas County Commissioner and Committee Chair, extends an invitation to all CCAO members to participate in this committee meeting. To provide adequate lunch count, please RSVP your attendance with Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at tmccomas@ccao.org. In addition, please don't hesitate to contact CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Josh Hahn at (614) 220-7982, (888) 757-1904 or jhahn@ccao.org with any questions.

STATE ACTIVITIES

SOS ISSUES STATEWIDE STANDARDS FOR COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS PURCHASING ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted has established uniform standards for the use of electronic pollbooks (e-pollbooks) for all 88 county boards of elections. [Advisory 2013-04](#) clearly defines system requirements and functionalities, as well as procedures for county boards of elections to follow when acquiring e-pollbook technology.

E-pollbooks eliminate the need for poll workers to flip through bulky printed pollbooks to locate a voter. Instead, when a voter arrives at a polling location to cast a ballot, e-pollbooks allow elections officials to quickly and easily pull up the voter's information by either entering their name or by simply scanning an identification card, like a driver's license.

Counties already using e-pollbooks have reported a decrease in the amount of time it takes for a voter to check in at a polling location. Currently, 12 counties are using e-pollbooks. Those counties include: Athens, Butler, Carroll, Hancock, Henry, Highland, Licking, Mercer, Montgomery, Richland, Stark, and Washington.

MOST SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASES WILL NOT APPLY TOWARD HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY

According to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), changes to applicable service credit for

health care eligibility will take effect January 1, 2014. This means any noncontributing service a member has purchased will not apply to their health care eligibility, nor will it apply in determining their health care allowance if their effective date for retirement is January 1, 2014 or later.

Only the following types of service credit will apply toward health care eligibility: contributing service, Ohio retirement system service, USERRA (military service that interrupts public employment), unreported time and restored (refunded) service. It is important to note that purchased credit will still be used in determining your retirement benefit.

2014 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) PROJECT NOMINATIONS

The Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) is accepting Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) project nominations for 2014 from August 1 through close of business on Friday, August 30, 2013. Eligible projects include building or renovating drinking water plants or wastewater plants and sewers, restoring aquatic habitat, improving home sewage treatment systems (HSTS) and best management practices for agriculture or forestry to reduce and prevent water pollution.

The WPCLF provides financial and technical assistance to public or private applicants for the planning, design, and construction of a wide variety of projects to protect or improve the quality of Ohio's rivers, streams, lakes, and other water resources. [Read more...](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND - ROUND 7 APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) offers communities financial assistance to create more efficient and effective service delivery within their area. Projects are expected to facilitate improved business environments and promote community attraction with their plan for efficiency, collaboration, or shared services. Communities will be able to save money and provide more effective services to their constituents with assistance from this program.

The application for Round 7 of the [Local Government Innovation Fund](#) program is now available. The application form can be downloaded under 'Application Materials' on the left-hand side of the site. The Ohio Development Services Agency is accepting both grant and loan submissions for the Round 7 application period.

The link to the online submission form will be available two weeks prior to the application deadline. Once the application is completed, use the online submission form to upload the application and supporting materials. Supporting materials should be combined into one document for submission. Applicants are required to submit both an application and the online submission form.

All applications are due to the Office of Redevelopment by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013**. Please contact Nicole Bent in the Office of Redevelopment at (614) 995-2292 or lgif@development.ohio.gov with any questions.

ODNR/ ODOT LOOKING FOR INPUT ON ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS (RUMAS)

Senate Bill [315](#) (129th General Assembly) requires the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to work with local officials to review and report on the effectiveness of the road use and maintenance agreement (RUMA) process with regards to oil and gas development.

As you will recall, developers are not necessarily required to sign a RUMA with a local government as part of ODNR's permitting process (as CCAO, the Ohio Township Association and others had sought last year) but rather must, at a minimum, sign an affidavit that the developers made a "good faith effort" to negotiate such an agreement.

Thus ODNR and ODOT are soliciting your input for a report on the effectiveness of agreements executed pursuant to division (A)(11)(b) of section 1509.06 of the Revised Code. Please provide your input to the ODNR not later than August 30, 2013. Obviously, the more specific you can be as to the developer and various agreements and routes involved, the better.

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Please also share a copy of your comments with CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Josh Hahn at jhahn@ccao.org. Feel free to contact him, as well, if you need additional information.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

RURAL MICROENTREPRENEURS GRANT AND LOAN FUNDS

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the availability of loan and grant funds to support rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. USDA's Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) was established under the 2008 Farm Bill to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises, which are defined as rural businesses with 10 or fewer employees. About \$12.2 million will be provided to eligible applicants this year. RMAP applications are due by September 13, 2013. For more information, contact USDA Rural Development State Office, 200 North High Street – Room 507, Columbus, OH 43215-2418, (614) 255-2400 or TDD (614) 255-2561. [Read more...](#)

GRANTS TO CREATE JOBS, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN RURAL AREAS

Applications for grants that will be awarded to organizations to help rural businesses create jobs and spur economic development. US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making \$5.6 million available through the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI), a program that generates economic activity in rural areas. Recipients will be non-profit organizations, low income rural communities, or federally recognized tribes. Intermediary organizations must provide matching funds at least equal to the RCDI grant. Funds are not directly provided to business recipients by USDA under the program.

Application deadline: November 12, 2013. Submit applications to the USDA Rural Development State Office, 200 North High Street – Room 507, Columbus, OH 43215-2418, (614) 255-2400 or TDD (614) 255-2561. [Read more...](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

GREEN BUILDING WEBINARS

Building green provides many benefits: efficient operations, higher property value, comfortable and healthy spaces, creation of skilled jobs, and more. County governments can support local construction economies and meet growing demand for green buildings with thoughtfully designed policies, mandatory codes, and voluntary incentive programs.

Part I – Green Building Toolbox Webinar: Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. - Industry experts will outline best-available building rating systems, standards, and model codes, highlighting recent updates. [Register here...](#) Part II - Grow Your County's Green Building Industry Webinar: Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Best practices and common pitfalls of implementing county strategies, and highlight counties where these approaches are being piloted will be presented. [Register here...](#) For more information, please contact Therese Dorau, Program Manager - County Solutions & Innovation, at (202) 942-4224 or tdorau@naco.org

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
HR Director	August 19, 2013 Greene County
JFS Director	August 22, 2013 Clermont County
JFS Director	August 30, 2013 Clark County
IS Administrator	August 30, 2013 Clark County
Network/System Administrator	August 30, 2013 Clark County
Water Treatment Plant Operator III	August 30, 2013 Warren County
Sanitary Engineer	September 6, 2013 Miami County
County Administrator	September 13, 2013 Union County
Director of Economic Development	September 27, 2013 Jefferson County Port Authority
Executive Director	October 1, 2013 Trumbull County Planning Commissioner
Deputy Director – Planning	Open until filled Geauga County Department of Emergency Services
Director - Department on Aging	Open until filled Geauga County
Residential Plans Examiner	Open until filled Licking County
Commercial Plans Examiner	Open until filled Licking County