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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| NOVEMBER 18, 2013 | CCAO/CEAO WINTER CONFERENCE <u>EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT DEADLINE</u> |
| DECEMBER 8-10, 2013 | CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS) (HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: HYATT REGENCY) |
| DECEMBER 9, 2013 | CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS |

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE: LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE IN A CRISIS AND HONE YOUR INTERVIEW SKILLS

Join CCAO/CEAO for our 133rd Annual Winter Conference to be held on December 8-10, 2013 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC), 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus. All meetings and the trade show will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. **The deadline for the early registration discount is Monday, November 18.** CCAO/CEAO encourages all attendees to [register for the conference online](#) – it's easy and fast! You will be invoiced for your conference registration.

Join us at the Monday General Session and Luncheon for a session on “Communicating in a Crisis/News Interview Skills” presented by [Anthony Huey](#), President of Reputation Management Associates. Effectively engaging the media as a public official is an important skill to possess – especially during a crisis. This entertaining and informative presentation will help you learn what the media needs, how the media can help you get to the public quickly, and techniques to control the flow of information.

CCAO Conference Sessions:

- 9-1-1: Next Steps for Next Generation of Service
- Human Resources Tips & Trends
- Pipelines: Coming Soon to a Community Near You
- OPERS for Soon-to-Be Retirees
- The Ohio National Guard Mission: Homeland Response Force & Civil Support Team
- Affordable Care Act: What You Need To Know As An Employer & Public Official
- Budgets & Fiscal Controls
- Innovation!

- Legislative Update
- JobsOhio – Update On Ohio’s Economic Development Trends
- Certified Public Records Training For Elected Officials

The headquarters hotel will be the [Hyatt Regency Columbus](#), which is connected to the GCCC. The Sunday night reception, hospitality suites, and a block of hotel rooms are at the Hyatt. Additional blocks of hotel rooms have been held at the [Drury Inn](#) (Drury group access code – 2180938) Click on the hotel reservation links above or see the hotel reservation information on the conference registration form.

An [updated agenda](#) and [registration materials](#) have been posted at www.ccao.org.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ohio elected officials, or their appropriate designees, are required to receive approved training regarding their obligations under Ohio Public Records Act as required by Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Join CCAO/CEAO for this session to be held during the Winter Conference on Tuesday, December 10 from 11:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, in Columbus.

This Sunshine Law Certification Training course, provided by the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, will discuss the obligations and liabilities of public officials under the Public Records Act. The course will include information on records exempted from the Act, and how to negotiate, document, and properly respond to public records requests. The training includes discussion of the Ohio Records Retention laws and an overview of Ohio’s Open Meeting Act.

This course is open to all conference attendees and others. You do not need to be registered for the conference to attend the training. For more information, please contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982, (888) 757-1904 or jhahn@ccao.org.

LARRY LONG RETIREMENT RECEPTION – DECEMBER 8

CCAO, CORSA and CEBCO will be hosting a reception to celebrate and thank Larry L. Long for his service to CCAO from 1974 to 2013. The reception will be held during the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference on Sunday, December 8 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 North High Street – 3rd floor Ballroom, in downtown Columbus. Invitations were distributed this week. There is no charge to attend the reception. Parking is on your own. **NO GIFTS PLEASE.**



To help us plan for the reception, please **RSVP your attendance** to LarryRetires@ccao.org or to Amanda Jones at (614) 220-7985 or (888) 757-1904 by **November 22, 2013**. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send congratulatory notes to Larry Long, c/o CCAO, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

VOTING PROCEDURES FOR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In preparation for the Annual Business Meeting, counties are reminded that the CCAO Bylaws require each member county to designate an Official Representative and Alternate when voting at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

The designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government is by resolution of the board of county commissioners. In the case of a county organized as

a charter county, the elected executive designates, by a letter signed by the executive, the Official Representative and an Alternate. Please note in designating the Official Representative and Alternate, a member county may only name a county commissioner, elected executive, or a member of county council.

A memo explaining the process along with a sample Designation of Official Representative and Alternate Resolution and a sample letter for county executives can be found on the home page of the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. If you have not already done so, please send a copy of your resolution or letter designating your Official Representative and Alternate to Kathy Dillon, CCAO, 209 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or at kathydillon@ccao.org so that we may maintain a record of the names in our files for voting purposes. Should you have any questions or to confirm that we have received a copy of your resolution or letter, please contact Kathy Dillon at (614) 220-7998, (888) 757-1904 or at kathydillon@ccao.org. [Read more...](#)

STATE ACTIVITIES

2014 COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	LEGAL HOLIDAY
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	January 20
President's Day	February 17
Memorial Day	May 26
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 1
Columbus Day	October 13
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 27
Christmas Day	December 25

DRAINAGE LAW REVISION TASK FORCE

As you may know, CCAO has joined with a number of other stakeholder organizations in partaking in a Drainage Law Revision Task Force. The purpose of this Task Force is to review Ohio's drainage laws and draft recommendations to improve these laws. The Ohio Revised Code is unclear on many issues under the county and joint county petition ditch law as well as soil and water improvements. In particular, ditch procedures under ORC 1515, 6131, 6133, 6135, and 6137 need revised to clarify numerous provisions and embrace new technology and processes that would provide for greater efficiencies, fewer misunderstandings and less unnecessary legal costs for taxpayers.

In pursuit of this objective, the Task Force is asking county commissioners, county executives and county council members to complete a very [brief survey](#) by Friday, November 22nd. The value of your responses

cannot be overstated as this data will be used by Task Force members to craft suggestions to the Ohio General Assembly on how to improve Ohio's drainage laws.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982, (888) 757-1904 or jhahn@ccao.org or Peggy Hall, Assistant Professor, OSU Extension Agricultural & Resource Law Program, at (614) 247-7898 or hall.673@osu.edu.

DRAFT SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM RULES AVAILABLE FOR THE 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD; 5 REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The Ohio Department of Health has completed the second draft of the sewage treatment system (STS) rules based on comments obtained during the first review period and the subsequent meeting with the Rule Advisory Committee earlier this year. The [second draft of the rules](#) is now posted for the 30-day comment period and the 60-day Ohio Public Health Advisory Committee review process. **Comments on the draft rules will be accepted through December 12, 2013.** The Department welcomes comments by December 12 by email at ODHrules@odh.ohio.gov, by fax at (614)-466-4556, or by mail at Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

ODH will be holding five regional meetings around the state to discuss and obtain comments on second draft of the proposed STS rules. Local health district staff, sewage system installers, service providers, septage haulers, and industry are encouraged to attend these meetings. These regional meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m.

November 18 - Greene County

Job and Family Services Building- Media Room, 541 Ledbetter Road, Xenia
Contact: Mark Issacson, Greene County Combined Health District, (937) 374-5600

November 20 - Hancock County

Educational Service Center/Job Solutions Building, 7746 County Road 140 – 2nd fl Meeting Room, Findlay
Contact: Lindsey Summit, Hancock County Health Department, (419) 424-7869

November 26 - Stark County

Mercy Health Center-Jackson, 7337 Caritas Circle NW – Community Meeting Room 2nd fl, Massillon
Contact: Todd Paulus, Stark County Health Department, (330) 493-9904 Ext 223

December 5 - Athens County

OSU Extension 280 W Union Street – 2nd fl Meeting Room, Athens
Contact: Pat McGarry, Athens City County Health Department, (740) 592-4431 Ext 224

December 9 - Franklin County

Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Ave – Auditorium, Columbus
Contact: Luke Jacobs, Columbus Public Health, (614) 645-7417

Meeting schedules and cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted on the Ohio Department of Health, Sewage Program website at:

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/eh/sewage/STSpages/curevnt1.aspx>

Questions regarding the proposed rules may be addressed to the Residential Water and Sewage Program at (614) 644-7551 or at BEH@odh.ohio.gov.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PORTMAN LEADS EFFORT TO REAUTHORIZE ANTI-RECIDIVISM MEASURE

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman has introduced legislation to renew a law supporting reentry programs for ex-offenders. The reauthorization of the Second Chance Act is co-sponsored by U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.). U.S. Reps. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and Danny Davis (D-Ill.) introduced a companion bill in the House. The bill was originally authored by then-Rep. Portman when it was passed in 2008. This legislation goes back to 2004 at a time when recidivism rates were climbing. The original law had a sunset provision and needs reauthorization. The new legislation would renew it for five years.

Ohio has done particularly well to tackle recidivism rates, seeing a double digit decrease since 2005. At 28%, the rate is now the lowest in recorded history. Portman said he hopes to see the bill enacted in "short measure." [Read more...](#)

SENATE APPOINTS WRDA CONFEREES

After a six year dry spell, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) has been passed by both chambers of Congress. The House and Senate bills now head to a conference committee, which will aim to iron out the differences between the measures. Historically, WRDA has been a popular bi-annual bill that authorizes local U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) projects that deal with water resources, environmental, structural and navigation issues, flood protection and hydrology studies. The yearly appropriations process determines the funding levels for WRDA projects. Last enacted in 2007, WRDA has faced an uphill battle in the past several years, due to the Congressional earmark ban. [Read more...](#)

NACo FILES COMMENTS ON EPA'S CONNECTIVITY STUDY

In response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) draft "Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence", NACo submitted [comments](#) to the Science Advisory Board (SAB) panel, which will be reviewing those comments at their December panel meeting. The connectivity report will be used as the scientific basis for revising the "waters of the U.S." definition within the Clean Water Act (CWA). The "waters of the U.S." draft regulation is currently undergoing interagency review at the Office of Budget and Management (OMB). [Read more...](#)

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU RELEASES 2010-2012 ACS 3-YEAR ESTIMATES

The "2010-2012 American Community Survey (ACS) 3-Year Estimates", the source for up-to-date socioeconomic information, was released this week. The report covers a three-year period from 2010 to 2012 and more than 40 topics, such as educational attainment, income, health insurance coverage, occupation, language spoken at home, nativity, ancestry and selected monthly homeowner costs. The estimates are available in detailed tables for the nation, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, every congressional district, every metropolitan area, and all counties and places with populations of 20,000 or more.

Visit the Census Bureau's American [FactFinder](#) to find statistics for your area. For more information about the ACS Data Release Schedule, new ACS products, documentation, and a list of new tables for the 2010-2012 ACS 3-Year release, please visit: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/2012_release/.

GRANTS

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY ENERGY PRIZE

The Georgetown University Energy Prize (GUEP) is a new competition to help counties and cities develop an energy efficiency plan. Interested counties can submit a non-binding Letter of Intent (LOI). Just by submitting a LOI, a community will receive access to financial, educational and technical resources. [Read more...](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS FOR COMMUNITIES

Counties that are linking economic development and community quality of life to the stewardship and health of the environment can receive funding through this grant program funded by Wells Fargo and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. To be considered for funding, proposals must be submitted by December 16, 2013. [Read more...](#)

LEADERSHIP STAR COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Counties that are pursuing local sustainability initiatives can apply to this one year program that provides communities with access to STAR Communities staff and on-call experts, online tools, training programs and technical assistance to support their efforts. [Read more...](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SURVEY EXPLORES HEALTH OF LOCAL PROPERTY MARKETS & COUNTY TECHNOLOGY USE

Join Thomson Reuters, Governing, and NACo for a webinar on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. to discuss results of a new national survey of county tax, assessment and records management officials about the health of local property markets and county government technology use.

This webinar will discuss:

- Present and future needs of tax officials and assessors.
- Innovative technology solutions to help garner increased productivity and revenue.
- How to simplify lifecycle management for government and support sustainable growth.
- Innovative solutions through this research and best practices for improved service. [Register here...](#)

GROW YOUR COUNTY'S GREEN BUILDING INDUSTRY – POLICIES, CODES & INCENTIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. Counties can support local construction economies and meet growing demand for green buildings with thoughtfully designed policies, mandatory codes and voluntary incentive programs. Learn best practices and common pitfalls where successful approaches are being piloted. [Register here...](#)

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT PART 1 – IMPACT ON COUNTIES AS EMPLOYERS

Do you know what the impact of the Affordable Care Act will be on your employees and health plans? What have other counties learned? Join NACo for a webinar on Friday, November 22, 2013 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. to discuss the implications of the law's critical provisions. [Register here...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo 2014 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Save the date and plan to attend NACo's 2014 Legislative Conference to be held March 1-5, 2014 at the Washington Hilton, in Washington, DC. Educational sessions focus on legislative issues that impact counties. Hear from nationally-known speakers and leaders in the federal arena for viewpoints on today's issues facing our nation. Online registration opens on December 3, 2013! [Read more...](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Department of Development Director	November 20, 2013 Greene County
EMA Director	December 13, 2013 Portage County
JFS Director	Open until filled Clinton County
Social Services Supervisor 1	Open until filled Williams County
Fiscal Officer	Open until filled Cuyahoga County
Human Resources Director	Open until filled Greene County
Planner	Open until filled Trumbull County