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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 30, 2015	CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 8-10, 2015	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SEMINAR, SHERATON COLUMBUS AT CAPITOL SQUARE, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 11, 2015	THE BASICS OF THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW – A CCAO 2nd Wednesday Webinar
FEBRUARY 11, 2015	CCAO METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
FEBRUARY 12, 2015	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 13, 2015	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 17, 2015	CCAO SMALL COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
FEBRUARY 21-25, 2015	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC
FEBRUARY 27, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, RED PIG INN, PUTNAM COUNTY (OTTAWA)
FEBRUARY 27, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, BASS PRO SHOP, WOOD COUNTY (ROSSFORD)
MARCH 2, 2015	CCAO WATER QUALITY TASK FORCE MEETING, TOLEDO AREA (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)
MARCH 2, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, PUMP HOUSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ROSS COUNTY (CHILLICOTHE)
MARCH 9, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, EAGLE STICKS, MUSKINGUM COUNTY (ZANESVILLE)
MARCH 9, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, THE BRIDGE, SHELBY COUNTY (SIDNEY)
MARCH 16, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, ROSA & ROCCO'S, MARION COUNTY (MARION)
MARCH 23, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, THE NEW CENTER AT NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, PORTAGE COUNTY (ROOTSTOWN)

MARCH 30, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, JAKE’S RESTAURANT, ASHLAND COUNTY (ASHLAND)
MARCH 30, 2015	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, CELEBRATIONS II, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (DAYTON)
JUNE 24-25, 2015	COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM, HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS
JULY 10-13, 2015	NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER, MECKLENBURG COUNTY (CHARLOTTE), NORTH CAROLINA

ASSOCIATION NEWS

REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS IN THE WORKS

As the 131st General Assembly convenes, we are again planning to hold regional legislative briefings for commissioners, county executives and council members, and legislators at locations across the state that has been organized around legislative district lines. These events are designed as an opportunity to allow you to meet with your legislators and your fellow commissioners to articulate and explore the common problems and concerns that county and state government have in serving their constituents, the people of Ohio.

The nine events which have been scheduled as of this date are listed above in Dates to Remember and on our website. CCAO will be sending an invitation to each legislator, and commissioners will be receiving a packet of information regarding the events in the near future which will include an RSVP form. We also encourage you to invite other county elected officials and your key staff to attend.

NEW MEMBER TRAINING SEMINAR: SETTING THE STAGE FOR SUCCESS

All newly elected and current county commissioners, county executive and county council members, administrators and clerks are invited to attend the “New Member Training Seminar: Setting the Stage for Success” to be held February 8-10, 2015 at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square, 75 East State Street, in downtown Columbus.

Seminar topics:

Introduction to CCAO

- Welcome and Introduction
- Getting to Know Your Association and NACo
- Legislative Advocacy
- Resources: Research, Data and Webinar Training
- CCAO Insurance Programs
- CCAO Service Corporation Programs

County Employment Basics

County Procurement

Open Meetings and Public Records

County Budgeting Basics

Ethics Laws and Regulation of Campaign Contributions

Human Services and Workforce Development

Justice and Public Safety

County Economic Development Essentials Lunch and Learn

Visit your Legislators and Statehouse Tour

Registration fees (includes sessions, handouts and all meal functions and breaks): \$125 (by January 30) or \$145 (after January 30). [Click here](#) for more information. For more information, please contact Public Relations Associate [Mary Jane Neiman](#) at (614) 220-7979.

THE BASICS OF THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW WEBINAR – FEB 11

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “The Basics of the Prevailing Wage Law” webinar on February 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. This webinar will highlight the following:

- What are prevailing wages?
- What are prevailing wage thresholds for new construction and reconstruction?
- What are public authority responsibilities?
- What are the responsibilities of the prevailing wage coordinator?
- What are the requirements for certified payroll reports?
- What are contractor responsibilities and requirements?

Our speakers are **Stephen Clegg**, Bureau Chief, Wage and Hour Administration, Division of Industrial Compliance, Ohio Department of Commerce; **Michael D. Allen**, J.D., Chief, Labor Relations Section, Ohio Attorney General’s Office; and **Aaron William Johnston**, J.D., Assistant Attorney General, Labor Relations Section, Ohio Attorney General’s Office.

Webinar participants may pose questions to the presenters who will respond during and after the power point presentation. To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please [click here](#). If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and wish to register for the webinar, please email [Amanda Jones](#), CCAO Program Assistant, and provide her with your name, title, and email address. **Webinar participation is limited to the first 100 to sign-on to the webinar that morning.** For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact [Brad Cole](#), CCAO Managing Director of Research. [Read more...](#)

IN MEMORIUM

JAMES M. JUNGE

Former Henry County Commissioner James M. Junge was killed on January 14 in a train accident. Junge served one term as Henry County Commissioner from 1985 to 1988, Mayor of Holgate from 2000 to 2004 and served eight years as a Holgate councilman. He was a Vietnam War veteran who served in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga. He was a car salesman in the Napoleon area and a manager at Sears Automotive. [Click here](#) to leave a note of sympathy to the Junge family.



STATE ACTIVITIES

MEASLES OUTBREAK IN OHIO

ComPsych, CEBCO’s EAP provider, has informed CCAO that as of January 20 a measles outbreak has struck 382 people so far in Ohio, hospitalizing nine of them. According to the [Ohio Department of Health](#), those infected ranged in age from less than 6 years old to 53 years old. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that the majority of those who have contracted measles were not vaccinated against the disease. Knox County is reporting the most cases in Ohio, with 195 people infected.

To prevent further spread, the Ohio Department of Health and local health departments are encouraging people to get the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine. In all be very rare cases, anyone who receives the MMR vaccine will be immune to measles.

The state and local health departments are planning to open vaccination clinics in the near future. For more information on local clinics, please click on the county name in the table below. The [Morrow County Health Department](#) also is offering a MMR vaccine clinic.

County of Residence	Number of Measles Cases	Hospitalizations
Ashland	46	1
Coshocton	48	2
Crawford	1	0
Highland	1	0
Holmes	64	1
Knox	195	5
Richland	20	0
Stark	6	0
Wayne	1	0
Total	382	9

For more information, please contact your local health department or the [Ohio Department of Health](#) at (614) 466-3543. Find your local health department [here](#).

OPERS-SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYEES

The Ohio Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS) offers in-person education seminars, webinars, and recorded online presentations—all are tailored to employees who are in the three different OPERS retirement groups (A, B or C). Employees in Group A are closest to retirement. To help ensure Group A individuals have all necessary information, the Ready to Retire pension and health care seminars for Group A have been scheduled extensively. This scheduling provides a review of important pension and health care changes—enabling individuals in Group A to understand how both components will impact their retirement.

What employers need to do - three actions are requested:

1. Many employees do not know what retirement group they are in; we ask employers to encourage their employees to know which OPERS retirement group they are in by visiting www.opers.org or reviewing their annual statement.
2. Encourage employees who want retirement information to access OPERS-sponsored educational offerings tailored to their group.
3. Page 2 of the linked [Employer Notice](#) lists the educational offerings for the first half of 2015. Please post the listing in prominent areas and keep as a reference to use when employees ask about OPERS educational offerings.

OPERS wants to ensure all members have the information necessary to make good planning and retirement decisions. Employers can help by spreading awareness of the educational offerings available.

2015 CLASS OF GREAT OHIOANS SELECTED

The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board (CSRAB) and the Capitol Square Foundation announce the 2015 Great Ohioans. The 2015 honorees were presented by the Capitol Square Foundation and unanimously approved by the twelve-member CSRAB. The two honorees were selected from nominations submitted by individuals and organizations throughout Ohio.

The 2015 Great Ohioans are: **Agnes Meyer Driscoll**, groundbreaking cryptographer and leader in the field of intelligence and national security, and **Rufus Putnam**, American Revolutionary War General, surveyor and co-founder of the Ohio Company. For more information about the honorees, [click here](#).

OHIO STATEHOUSE LICENSE PLATE AVAILABLE



The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board (CSRAB) announced that the Ohio Statehouse specialty license plate is now on sale. House Bill 206 enacted by the Ohio General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Kasich in April of 2014 confirmed the Ohio Statehouse license plate. With the petition requirement completed and the license plate design approved, Ohio drivers can now show their support for the Ohio Statehouse. The new Ohio

Statehouse license plate can be purchased at your local BMV Deputy Registrar License Agency or online at: http://bmv.ohio.gov/sp_ohio_statehouse.stm.

The legislation establishing the Ohio Statehouse license plate stipulates that \$25 from every plate purchased will go to the capitol square renovation gift fund. This fund is used for purchasing art, museum collections, and funding the educational programs that over 60,000 Ohio school children enjoy every year here at the Ohio Statehouse.

OHIO'S MEDICARE EDUCATION PROGRAM RANKS 14th NATIONALLY FOR TOTAL OUTREACH

The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) saved Ohioans a new program record of \$18 million in 2014 assisting more than 193,000 Ohioans to improve upon last year's mark of \$16.4 million. The new figure includes \$9.8 million saved during the recent Medicare annual open enrollment period for people to select coverage for this year.

OSHIIP maintains a significant statewide community outreach presence in every Ohio county through a dedicated network of volunteers and partner organizations, having held 1,641 events in 2014. These activities include the popular Medicare Check-up Days held during annual open enrollment and Welcome to Medicare events each spring. As a result, OSHIIP's overall performance score has moved ahead of 40 other SHIP programs to rank 14th, according to federal government data.

In April, OSHIIP will begin its annual Welcome to Medicare events to help new and soon-to-be beneficiaries understand the basics of Medicare. Ohioans with Medicare questions can call OSHIIP at (800) 686-1578. Medicare information, such as consumer guides, tips sheets, premium information, interactive webinars, and more, are available at www.insurance.ohio.gov. You can follow OSHIIP on [Facebook](#).

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

EPA LAUNCHES FINANCE CENTER TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE & RESILIENCY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched the Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center to help communities improve their wastewater, drinking water and stormwater systems, particularly through innovative financing and by building resilience to climate change. The center is part of the White House Build America Investment Initiative – a government-wide effort to increase infrastructure investment and promote economic growth by creating opportunities for state and local governments and the private sector to collaborate, expand public-private partnerships, and increase the use of federal credit programs.

More than \$600 billion is needed over the next 20 years to maintain and improve the nation's water infrastructure. According to the U.S. EPA, Ohio needs \$12.2 billion for drinking water infrastructure needs and \$14.2 billion for clean water infrastructure needs for a combined total of \$26.4 billion. [Click here](#) for a state-by-state breakdown of funding needs.



Water infrastructure includes the pipes, drains, and concrete that carry drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater. It includes industrial wastewater pretreatment facilities; wastewater treatment plants; municipal separate storm sewer systems; decentralized, onsite and septic systems; public drinking water systems; and private wells. It also includes green infrastructure, which uses natural land cover to capture rain where it falls, allowing it to filter through the ground. [Read more...](#)

CENSUS BUREAU RELEASED 2014 U.S. & STATE POPULATION ESTIMATES



The U.S. Census Bureau had released July 1, 2014 population estimates for the [nation](#), [states](#) and [Puerto Rico](#) on American FactFinder. The annual estimates include components of change (births, deaths and net migration) in the previous year and since the April 1, 2010 Census. The estimates were originally released on Dec. 23, 2014, on the Population and Housing Unit Estimates website (<http://www.census.gov/popest>). In addition, new monthly estimates are now available for the nation for April 1, 2010 to Jan. 1, 2015. These monthly estimates are for the resident population, resident population plus armed forces overseas, civilian population, civilian noninstitutionalized population and household population.

NACo ACTIVITIES

ECONOMIC TRACKER: SHOWS PROGRESS, BUT RECOVERY SLUGGISH

The National Association of Counties (NACo) released the [2014 County Economic Tracker: Progress through Adversity](#), an analysis of the recovery patterns across the 3,069 county economies in 2014. The conditions of a county economy can constrain and challenge county governments, residents and businesses, but can also provide opportunities. To access the companion interactive maps and the individualized county profiles, go to NACo's County Explorer [interactive map](#).

The 2014 County Economic Tracker analyzes the annual changes of four economic performance indicators — economic output, also known as gross domestic product (GDP), employment, unemployment rates and home prices — between 2013 and 2014 across county economies. In addition, it explores 2012–2013 wage dynamics, taking into account the effect of local cost-of-living and inflation of average annual wages in county economies.

The focus of the report is on the county economy, not the county government. 2014 was a year of growth, but recovery from the recession remains sluggish. By 2014, the GDP in 55 percent of all county economies recovered or did not decline as measured over the last decade. Home prices were in a similar situation. Job growth accelerated and 63 percent of county economies witnessed faster job gains than in 2013.

This job growth helped unemployment decline in almost all county economies during the past year, but it was not sufficient to bring most county economies to levels seen before the recession. Nearly three-quarters of county economies are still below their pre-recession employment levels and unemployment is not back to pre-recession rates in 95 percent of county economies. [Read more...](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

THE EXCISE TAX ON HIGH-COST HEALTH INSURANCE & YOUR COUNTY – FEB 12

Join NACo to learn what the excise tax on high-cost health insurance (also known as the “Cadillac Tax”) is and what it means for your county. With constrained county budgets and rising health care costs, the tax may significantly impact your county employees, budgets and taxpayers. Counties cannot afford to wait until 2018 to develop a strategic solution. The speakers will share what strategies counties can begin to take to mitigate their liability. The webinar will be held on February 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. [Register here...](#)

2015 SAFETY CONGRESS & EXPO



Registration is now open for the 2015 Safety Congress and Expo, which will be held March 31 to April 2, 2015 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus.

The theme this year is “Imagine, Innovate and Inspire” - words to encourage a workplace culture that revolves around safety. The expo, which is the largest regional safety and health conference in the U.S., offers employers the opportunity to share and hear innovative ways to make their employees' jobs safer and inspire success in safety, according to the Bureau of Worker’s Compensation (BWC). More than 6,000 employers and employees attended last year's expo.

Workers and employers can attend the expo at no cost, as can college students participating in a degree that involves occupational health and safety. Employers will need a workers' compensation policy number to register online, while students can call (800) 644-6292 to register. [Read more...](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO publishes classified ads on our website and in CIDS. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be published on the website until the application deadline and for several weeks in CIDS. When submitting your ad to CCAO, please provide a link to the online job posting and a deadline date. Email your classified ad to [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate.

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Development/Planning Director	Morrow County January 26, 2015
Building/Electrical Inspector	Ross County January 30, 2015
Finance Budget Officer	Medina County January 30, 2015
Budget Officer	Clark County February 4, 2015
Social Service Worker	Fairfield County February 6, 2015
Job Developer I	Clark County February 6, 2015
IT Manager	Henry County February 10, 2015
Planner I	Lake County February 20, 2015
Engineer	Geauga County Until position is filled

Business Administrator	Clark County Until position is filled
Assistant Operations Superintendent	Licking County Until position is filled
Technical Study Director	Licking County Until position is filled
Student Help	Clark County Until position is filled
Building Code Inspector	Wayne County Until position is filled
Deputy Director of Program Integrity	Lucas County Until position is filled