

# LCCA NEWS

November/December 2009

## 2009 Board Members And Officers

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Betty Blair, Commissioner Lorain County Board Of Commissioners

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### Lorain County Commissioners

Amherst Township  
Columbia Township  
Elyria Township  
Grafton Township  
Pittsfield Township  
Wellington Township  
City of Amherst  
City of Avon  
City of Avon Lake  
City of Elyria  
City of Lorain  
City of North Ridgeville  
City of Oberlin  
City of Sheffield Lake  
Village of Grafton  
Village of LaGrange  
Village of Kipton  
Village of Sheffield  
Village of South Amherst  
Village of Wellington

## Associate Members

Dr. David J. Hintz  
Laborers' Union Local 758-AFL-CIO  
Lorain County Engineer  
Lorain County Visitors Bureau  
Lorain Port Authority  
Ross Environmental Services  
Lorain County 911 Agency  
Lorain County Sheriff's Department  
R.E. WARNER & ASSOCIATES, Inc.  
Lorain County Joint Vocational School  
Lorain Public Library System  
North Coast Building Industry Association  
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency  
Lorain County Health District  
Lorain County EMA  
Lorain County Solid Waste Management District

## Storm Water Grant Update

The feasibility study is complete for the \$80,000 Local Collaboration Grant Awarded to the Lorain County Community Alliance to conduct a storm water management study. Its purpose is to research the options and feasibility of alternatives to the existing fragmented approach by individual governments to address flood control issues. This completed study includes secondary data analysis, findings of a local government survey, a summary of best management practices, and legal opinions around storm water management. A draft implementation plan has also been developed. A formal request for an extension was submitted by the Lorain County Commissioners to allow local government officials additional time to process the information and finalize the plan. A conference will be held with Local Government Officials and key stakeholders from the community. Lake County and Summit County Engineers will be presenting. This study may be used a model for the State of Ohio.

## Trustee Haynes is Whitmore Award Recipient



The LCCA announced Wellington Township Trustee Virginia Haynes as the 2009 recipient of the Mike Whitmore Award for "Vision in Government" at the 10th Annual Summit. In addition to her duties as Trustee, she is also the President of the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce and the LCCA Administrative Coordinator. Haynes was deeply grateful to be honored by the Alliance, and said that all of her accomplishments, especially the Southern Satellite Office on Aging, were never completed alone, but were due to the collaborative efforts of others in the Wellington area community and Lorain County. Haynes pointed out her love for her position with the

\*Whitmore Award recipient Wellington Township Trustee Virginia Haynes and Lorain County Commissioner and Alliance President, Betty Blair

Alliance and the Lorain County Economic Development Department because of their "*positive attitude and forward thinking*" towards collaborative networking for the betterment of the residents of Lorain County and the entire region.

## LCCA Website

\*The Alliance website received over **2,498** visitors to the site during October. A convenient membership form is available online. \*Dues are payable in February 2010, please contact the office if you prefer to be invoiced.

~ [www.lccommunityalliance.com](http://www.lccommunityalliance.com) ~

## COMMUTER RAIL UPDATE

### WestShore Commuter Rail Task Force

The WestShore Commuter Rail Task Force completed private sector fundraising for the local match to access a federal earmark by Congress Member Betty Sutton for the planning of transportation options in the corridor between Cleveland and Sandusky. The group conducted a press conference at 5:30 pm on September 30<sup>th</sup> to recognize the contributors and to show support for linking a proposed commuter rail with the Jet Express service in Lorain.

### Commissioners Vote Unanimously

The Lorain County Commissioners voted 2-0 to hire Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc., of Cleveland, to complete the eight-month study for the possible West Shore Rail Corridor. The study is geared to become the first step toward leveraging federal money to pay for a commuter train through the communities of Lorain, Erie and Cuyahoga counties. The county will not use general fund money to pay for the study. The study is funded by private contributions, a grant from NOACA, and Federal Funding.

## ~ OUR JET EXPRESS THANK YOU COMMUTER RAIL SUPPORTERS ~



**Ken Prendergast, Executive Director All Aboard Ohio!; Lorain County Commissioner Betty Blair; Mark Ballard, Aide to U.S. Representative Betty Sutton**



**Lorain County Commissioner Ted Kalo; Jack Matia, President and CEO of Jack Matia Chevrolet/Honda**



**Lorain Mayor Tony Krasienko; Patrick Petrigan, Financial Advisor for Ameriprise and Chair of WestShore Commuter Rail Task Force**



**George and Maureen Buckkosh owners of Lake Erie Lanes, Vermilion; Patrick Petrigan West shore Commuter Rail Task Force**



**Catherine Nelson, Development Consultant, WestShore Commuter Rail Task Force; Virginia Haynes, Administrative Coordinator for the Alliance**



**Howard Maier, Executive Director NOACA; Lisa Roberson, Journalist for the Chronicle Telegram**



**Sharon Pearson, Administrative Assistant Human Resources the City of Oberlin; Erie County Commissioner Bill Monaghan and his wife Judy.**



**Mark Duluk, Principal of Arkinetics; Cindy Juliano, Transportation Engineer, CH2MHill; Ken Sislak Board Member for All Aboard Ohio!**



**Brian McCann, WestShore Commuter Rail Consultant; Rick Novak, Executive Director of the Lorain Port Authority; P.J. Carter, Fellow with Oberlin College**

**Event Sponsors included: ~Jet Express~ CH2MHill~ TransSystems~Tems,Inc.~ Bettcher Industries~  
~Lorain Port Authority ~Lorain County Community Alliance~**

### Clean Ohio Grant Money Available

District 9 Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) of Huron, Lorain and Medina Counties announces the opening of Round 6 applications for the 2009 allocation of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Green Space Program. The NRAC is responsible for the local review of applications and preliminary approval for distribution of funds allocated to District 9 by the State of Ohio for this program. The 2009 allocation for District 9 is a combination of \$1,528,231, released by the State legislature for Round 6 and a District 9 account balance of \$139,896 from previous projects which came in under budget. The Round 6 total will be \$1,668,127.

Applications (plus 13 copies on forms prescribed by District 9 and approved by the Ohio Public Works Commission) will be accepted until **Wednesday, January 13, 2010, @ 4 pm** in the Office of Lorain County Commissioner Betty Blair, 226 Middle Ave., Fourth Floor, Elyria, OH 44035.

Selections will be made at the Application Review Meeting, 9:30 a.m., **Friday, January 29, 2010**, at the OSU Agricultural Center, 42210 Russia Road, Elyria. Eligible activities include:

- PURCHASE OF OPEN SPACE
- ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS
- CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES (as defined in the Ohio Revised Code)
- PRESERVATION OR RESTORATION OF GREEN SPACE, WETLANDS, NATURAL HABITAT & RIPARIAN CORRIDORS

Funding applicant MUST be a local political subdivision or non-profit organization. In the case of partnership, the party carrying the Subdivision Code MUST be the applicant.

You will note that three essential factors in the Preliminary Screening are: 1) the applicant must have, or partner with an entity that does have, a Subdivision Code provided by the OPWC; 2) must have documentation of a contract or option for purchase / easement relevant to the land specified in the application; and 3) must be able to show the ability to close contract /option and complete the project within 1 year. Further information and the application may be obtained from the Ohio Public Works Commission Website: [www.pwc.state.oh.us](http://www.pwc.state.oh.us), under the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund and the District 9 Bulletin Board Options. For additional information, please contact Joyce Parks @ 440-329-5112 or [jparks@loraincounty.us](mailto:jparks@loraincounty.us).

### LCCA Bvlaw Review Committee

David Ashenhurst, Oberlin City Councilman-Committee Chair  
Brian R. Frederick, President & CEO Community Foundation of Lorain County  
Dave Gillock, Mayor of North Ridgeville  
Jean Anderson, Mayor of Vermilion  
Patricia Echko, Sheffield Township Fiscal Officer  
Amy Szmania, Rochester Township Trustee  
Vince Urbin, Director, Lorain County Community Action Agency

--Contact David Ashenhurst for further information at:  
[dashenhurst@cityofoberlin.com](mailto:dashenhurst@cityofoberlin.com)

**\*\*Next meeting to be announced\*\***

### Growth Partnership TEAM TUESDAY



**TEAM TUESDAY** meets every Tuesday morning on the 5th Floor of the Lorain County Administration Building. Round table discussions are held in the Growth Partnership Lobby at 8:30 a.m. Representatives from agencies and businesses meet and share any concerns they may have regarding support for economic development in their communities and Lorain County. All meetings are held at the Lorain County Administration Building with the exception of Team Tuesday Tours and Government Holidays.

December 1, 2009: The Lorain County Commissioners will host the Great Lakes Energy Development Task Force at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Rooms A & B.

The focus will be about plans to develop a wind turbine project in Lake Erie and what it could mean to Northeast Ohio. Team Tuesday participants are asked to attend this meeting in lieu of the regular meeting on this day.

January 26, 2010: Team Tuesday will focus on non-profits. There will be a meeting followed by a short presentation from the Business Volunteers Unlimited, conduct a tour of the fifth floor, and have a Q & A period.

\*\*Contact Ashley Scott for further information @ 440-328-2329 or [ascot@loraincounty.us](mailto:ascot@loraincounty.us) The Lorain County Growth Partnership/Team Tuesday is now on Facebook! Become a fan today and receive the latest on upcoming events!

**~Synergy generated by the Alliance raises community awareness of the advantages of thinking regionally ~**

### Government and Public Phone Book Recycling

In the past, at about this time each year, Lorain County Solid Waste Management Department has made special arrangements to collect and recycle your used phone books. That will not be necessary this year, because the company that recycles office paper has begun accepting phone books mixed in with other recyclable paper.

Just locate the nearest "PaperRetriever" container and take your books there for recycling. "PaperRetriever" is run by the containers are the green-and-yellow dumpsters that are in the parking lots of schools, churches, and other locations around the County. To find locations in this area, go to [www.paperretriever.com](http://www.paperretriever.com).

If you have any questions or comments you may contact:  
David L. McGuire, Solid Waste Specialist  
Voice: 440-329-5468 Fax: 440-329-5777  
Email: [dmcguire@loraincounty.us](mailto:dmcguire@loraincounty.us)  
[www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste](http://www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste)

\*The Lorain County Solid Waste Department employees are available for presentations regarding recycling.

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### Annual Alliance Summit 2009



Lorain County Commissioner & Alliance Chair Betty Blair; Attorney General Richard Cordray; Lorain County Commissioner Ted Kalo

Over 75 people were in attendance for the 10th Annual Alliance Summit, "Regional Revitalization 2010". Presenters included Michael Cochran, Executive Director of the Ohio Township Association, Ohio Senator and House Minority Leader Capri Cafaro, and Attorney General Richard Cordray.

The Summit Luncheon and refreshments were sponsored by Lorain County Engineer Ken Carney.

-----Clips of the meeting may be viewed on the Alliance website [www.lccommunityalliance.com](http://www.lccommunityalliance.com) -----

### Alliance Mission Statement

The Lorain County Community Alliance is a Council of Governments, formed under the Ohio Revised Code, made up of political Jurisdictions and organizations, working together for the benefit of the citizens of Lorain County and the entire region. The Alliance seeks to explore more effective levels of public service, develop mechanisms to save money for the communities involved and benefit the member communities and the region in ways that could not be achieved separately.

### Thank you Lorain County Croonerz



Charles Grigsby, Marcus Cross, Jerry Toothman

For the fantastic entertainment on the *Jet Express!*

[www.myspace.com/thecroonerz](http://www.myspace.com/thecroonerz)

### Next Alliance Meeting Friday, December 4th

The December 4th Alliance meeting will feature a presentation by John Keaton, Executive Director of the Lorain County Habitat for Humanity. John has worked with Habitat since 2001 and administers 39 Partner Family Homes, all related files, supervises staff and all the operations concerning the Lorain County Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Mr. Keaton will be discussing the growing market for low-cost, recycled construction materials and how Habitat for Humanity in Elyria is initiating a **Habitat ReStore** in Lorain County that will significantly expand their ability to raise funds, raise awareness and help the earth while helping each other.



John Keaton, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity

**\*In addition to a presentation by Mr. Keaton, this is the End of the Year Wrap up Meeting for the Alliance.** A round table discussion with members will allow for a brief comment by your governmental entity regarding problems/solutions/concerns faced in 2009 and any items that may be addressed in 2010.

~Please send a representative to attend this important meeting~

*\*Alliance meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Lorain County Administration 226 Middle Ave. in downtown Elyria and start at 9:00 a.m. with the exception of the ~February 5<sup>th</sup> Alliance meeting .*

### *"Partnerships for the Future"*



### Save the Date!!

The Lorain County Community Alliance and Team Lorain County Joint 4th Annual Groundhog Economic Forecast Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\*Time and meeting place to be determined\*\*\***

### 2010 Alliance Meeting Dates

- Friday, February 5th– Economic Forecast Breakfast
- Friday, April 2nd– Transportation Day
- Friday, August 6th– To be announced
- Friday, October 1st– 11th Annual Summit
- Friday, December 3rd– To be announced

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