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# Lorain County Community Alliance Council of Governments Fall Review 2012



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## LCCA 13th ANNUAL SUMMIT ~ Friday November 30th, 2012

### ***"Conscious Leadership "***

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### **Common Ground**

**14240 Baird Road - Oberlin, Ohio 44074**

Interact and connect with local government and community leaders, colleagues and experts at this LCCA Summit Retreat. Like no other networking event, Common Ground focuses on achieving substantial group results such as building stronger relationships, increased trust, opened lines of effective communication, increased morale, group performance, and productivity. Successful working relationships with our regions leaders can only lead to a more competitive, more productive Lorain County and Region. *More on next page*

The LCCA is accepting sponsors for this event.

### **Seventh Annual Mike Whitmore Memorial Award for Vision in Government**

The Mike Whitmore Award for Outstanding Public Service is designed to afford contemporaries in Lorain County public service and those who have benefited from their efforts an opportunity to honor one of their own for achievement, contribution, vision and leadership.

Many people have worked for the betterment of Lorain County and its citizens. Mike Whitmore was one of them. Although not elected to a political office, he believed Lorain County could benefit from its communities and agencies working together. It is only appropriate the award bear his name and be given at Lorain County's largest gathering of community leaders – the Lorain County Community Summit.

Please take a moment to consider nominating a public official for the Whitmore Award. The deadline for entries is **Friday, November 16, 2012**. The award will be presented at the November 30th Summit.

Send nominations to:

Lorain County Community Alliance

c/o Public Services Institute | Lorain County Community College | 1005 N Abbe Road Elyria, Ohio 44035 Att. Virginia Haynes | Administrative Coordinator Cell- 440.567-3602 f: 440.366.4159

e: [administrator@lccommunityalliance.com](mailto:administrator@lccommunityalliance.com)

### **Past Recipients of the Mike Whitmore Award Include:**

\***Jerry Innes**– Assistant Lorain County Prosecutor

\***Betty Blair** – Lorain County Commissioner and Previous Alliance Chair

\***Ron Twining**– Assistant County Administrator who had 28 years of public service

\***Matt Lundy**– State Representative District 57

\***Virginia Haynes** –Wellington Township Trustee & President, Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce

\***Ken Carney**– Lorain County Engineer



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**Who is the PSI and Joint Center for Policy Research?**

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The Public Services Institute and Joint Center for Policy Research are a division of Lorain County Community College providing a link between higher education and governments, non-profit organizations, and civic leadership through education, training and expert facilitation of group and community processes; through research to address issues of importance in Lorain County, Northeast Ohio, and the entire state by using data and information as a part of planning, problem-solving and decision making.

**Why is the LCCA Partnership with PSI Important?**

Council, board members, mayors, superintendents, organizational administrators, executive directors and staff members of governmental and non-profit agencies can benefit from the Public Services Institute. When your agency requires external support or resources to resolve communication or organizational problems, PSI can link you to the appropriate professional training, experts, facilities and technologies to help solve your problems.

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The Public Services Institute of Lorain County Community College  
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"No problem can ever be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it." -Albert Einstein



**Common Ground**  
*The Cindy Nord Center for Renewal*

**LCCA 13th ANNUAL SUMMIT**

**Friday, November 30, 2012**

***"Conscious Leadership "***

**Business Meeting begins @8:30 a.m.**

**Program 9:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m.**

**Common Ground 14240 Baird Road, Oberlin**

**8:30 LCCA Meeting**

**9:00-2:00 Conscious Leadership Program**

**12:00-1:00 Lunch and presentation of the 2012 Mike Whitmore Award**

**Registration required –[administrator@lccommunityalliance.com](mailto:administrator@lccommunityalliance.com)**

**Fee- LCCA Members 35.00 Non-Members 45.00 checks may be made out to:**

**Lorain County Community Alliance C/o The Public Services Institute of Lorain County Community College 1005 North Abbe Road Elyria, Ohio 44035-1697**

**REGISTER TODAY!  
SEATING IS LIMITED  
FOR THIS  
EXCLUSIVE  
LCCA EVENT!**

**LCCD GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Lorain County Community Development Department is taking grant applications from low to moderate income homeowners who need financial assistance with health or safety related repairs to their owner occupied residents. This program is a first come first serve basis and for residents outside of N. Ridgeville, Lorain and Elyria. Repairs could address electrical, plumbing, roofs, heating or mechanical system or elimination of other threats to health and safety. Grant assistance is available for up to \$8,000/eligible client. For applications contact Angela Brown at 440-328-2322

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY RELEASED**

A study titled *Local Democracy in Ohio: A Review of City, Village and Township Financial Performance by Size* was recently released by The Ohio Township Association (OTA) To view the report visit [www.ohiotownships.org](http://www.ohiotownships.org)

**Farm Aid** comprehensive guide for all types of federal agriculture loans and grants programs link: <http://www.farmaid.org/site/c.q1151hNVJsE/b.2739785/apps/s/content.asp?ct=8405333>

**RURAL GRANTS**

The Laura Jane Musser Fund has a grant opportunity for a Rural Initiatives. This program is targeted for communities with a population of less than 10,000 and can be used for planning or implementation. Deadline for submission is November 7, 2012. [www.musserfund.org](http://www.musserfund.org)

**FY 2013 COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE PROGRAM GRANTS**

The CDLPI grant provides financial assistance to improve compliance with the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 and its amending legislation; improve the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of driver history record information exchange; improve CDL knowledge and skills testing efforts; prevent and detect fraud in the CDL program; expand judicial outreach; and improve the accuracy of existing driver data. Eligible awardees of CDLPI funding for high priority activities and emerging issues grants can include: State agencies, local governments, and other persons. Grant Application and Administration Questions contact: James Ross, Transportation Specialist Email (preferred): [cdlgrants@dot.gov](mailto:cdlgrants@dot.gov) Office: 202-366-0133 Fax: 202-366-7908

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
For FY2013 Brownfield Assessment Grant**

The Lorain County Community Development Department, on behalf of the Lorain County Commissioners and in support of the Lorain County Coalition invites local residents and business owners to discuss and gain input on the Coalition's planned and ongoing inventory development, prioritization plan, assessment activities and redevelopment strategies for area brownfield sites. The Coalition is submitting a request for funding to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant. Brownfields are abandoned, idled or underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. The Coalition is applying for a \$600,000 grant to build a county-wide brownfield inventory, prioritize sites for assessments, conduct assessments, and develop remedial planning and designs. The community engagement meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at the Elyria Township Complex, 41416 Griswold Road, Elyria, OH 44035 and Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the North Ridgeville City Chambers, 7307 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Both meetings will begin at 6:30pm. Requests for information, comments and letters of support from community organizations are welcome and may be sent to: Dawn Calvert, Economic Development Coordinator, Lorain County Community Development, 226 Middle Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elyria, OH 44035 or via email at [dcalvert@loraincounty.us](mailto:dcalvert@loraincounty.us). Additional information on the EPA Brownfield Grant Program may be found on the EPA's web page at [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

**OEEF GRANT DEADLINE JANUARY 15, 2013**

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) at Ohio EPA awards nearly \$1 million annually in general grants up to \$50,000 and mini grants up to \$5,000. Applications are accepted for projects targeting three audiences: the general public, the regulated community, and pre-school to university students and teachers. Grants have been awarded to municipalities and their parks, health departments, libraries, and public utilities departments, as well as school districts and non-profit organizations. OEEF grants are funded with civil penalties collected by Ohio EPA for pollution violations. The next application deadline is January 15th, 2013. An electronic letter of intent to apply must be submitted online at least a week before the application deadline. Application guidelines and descriptions of past projects are posted at [www.epa.ohio.gov/oee](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/oee). For additional information, please contact the OEEF at 614-644-2873 or e-mail [oeeef@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:oeeef@epa.state.oh.us).

# America Recycles Day

Lorain County Beautiful is partnering with Lorain County Habitat for Humanity in promoting America Recycles Day, November 15, 2012.

## Keep America Beautiful promotes America Recycles Day to:

- Celebrate and increase recycling
- Improve education about what is recycled in your community
- Motivate people to recycle more by providing a way to demonstrate their commitment

For more information about this program and to take the recycling pledge, please log onto

[www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste](http://www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste) or call 1-800-449-5463.

## Drop Off Locations:

### Collection Center

540 South Abbe Road  
Elyria, Ohio 44035

Mon & Wed 12-6pm  
Sat 9-6pm

Drop items off at this location  
Oct 21st until November 17, 2012

### ReStore

214 East 34th Street  
Lorain, Ohio 44055

Thur—Sat 10-4pm  
440-244-1046

Drop off all year long

## Materials Accepted:

- Countertops
- Cabinets
- Windows
- Doors
- Light Fixtures
- Hardware
- Refrigerator \*\*
- Stove \*\*
- Tools \*\*

\*\* *Items **MUST BE** in working condition and residents must be able to unload items donated.*



## **“COMMUNICATING TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ISSUES” REPORT RELEASED**

WASHINGTON, DC – Despite years spent explaining their funding challenges, transportation agencies have had a difficult time gaining broad public support for increased transportation investment. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials released a peer exchange report on 10-29-12, "[Communicating Transportation Funding Issues](#)," that offers transportation agencies practical approaches to more effectively make the case for transportation investments to the general public and key decision makers. The report based on the peer exchange focuses on four key elements of communication: audience identification, market research, message design, and message delivery. The peer exchange and report were sponsored by the [AASHTO Center for Excellence in Project Finance](#) and the [Federal Highway Administration](#). In addition, the peer exchange identified successful case studies of communication techniques that improved the public's understanding of transportation investment needs, funding options, and program management and implementation. For more information on the Center for Excellence in Project Finance or the peer exchange report, visit <http://www.transportation-finance.org>

## **WESTSHORE CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT SYNOPSIS :**

The Westshore Corridor Transportation Project (WCTP) is sponsored by the Lorain County Community Alliance and has evolved from several regional planning efforts over the past two decades, including the Northeast Ohio Commuter Rail Feasibility Study (“NEORail study) focused on nine counties. The study identified the Lorain-Cleveland Corridor (i.e., the WestShore Corridor) as having strong potential for providing cost-effective commuter rail service in the metropolitan Cleveland region. The Project is centered at the City of Lorain in Lorain County, and extends west to Sandusky, Ohio in Erie County and east to Cleveland, Ohio in Cuyahoga County. **The Cleveland to Sandusky study area includes: 450,000 residents; 270,000 employees; and encompasses 258 square miles.** *Read more ...*

<http://lccommunityalliance.org/announcements.shtml?f=145>

***“This is not about choo-choos; it’s about creating jobs and about northern Ohio’s future”***

**Patrick Petrigan, Previous Chair of NORC and the WestShore Commuter Rail Task Force**

## **LORAIN COUNTY TRANSIT-CLEVELAND COMMUTER SERVICE BUS STOP LOCATIONS**

- ◆ Lorain County Port Authority Complex
- ◆ Lorain County Transportation & Community Center
- ◆ Lorain County Board of Elections
- ◆ Cleveland Public Square (corner of Roadway and Ontario)

Lorain County Transit’s mission is to promote efficient and effective public transportation which encourages economic development and increases opportunities to enhance independence and the quality of life in Lorain County.

For more information contact Customer Service:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 440-329-5525 (*After hours please call the Scheduling Dept.*)

SCHEDULING DEPARTMENT 440-365-0224 or 1-800-406-7541

## **GREYHOUND TO ELYRIA**

Greyhound bus services are returned to Elyria effective Oct. 1 at the Lorain County Transportation Center on East Avenue. Under the agreement, Greyhound passengers will be able to wait on benches under a canopy at the transportation center on East Avenue near Depot Street. The agreement does not allow for use of the inside of the building but does give residents a place to wait for departing buses and arriving riders. Officials agree that bringing Greyhound back to downtown Elyria provides an important mode of transportation for the people of Lorain County and that transportation needs continue to be very important issue in the region.

**Team Northeast Ohio (Team NEO)** released the quarterly [Regional Economic Development report](#)  
Contact Nina Holliday at [nholliday@teamneo.org](mailto:nholliday@teamneo.org) to request hard copies.

**2012 ALLIANCE OFFICERS**

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***Dues Reminder,***

The Lorain County Community Alliance is the *ONLY* organization in Lorain County structured under the Ohio Revised Code, which is comprised of *ALL* Elected Officials for the betterment of the region.

**LCGP PRESENTS: THE OBERLIN PROJECT**

**Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

Lorain County Administration Building  
LCCC Growth Partnership Learning Center  
Room 555 226 Middle Ave., Elyria

Join the Lorain County Growth Partnership (LCGP) to learn about how the Oberlin Project is facilitating job creation while at the same time making Oberlin a sustainable city. The Oberlin Project is a partnership between the City of Oberlin, Oberlin College, and other private and institutional members, whose aim is to revitalize the local economy, eliminate carbon emissions, restore local agriculture, food supply and forestry, and create a new, sustainable base for economic and community development.

Managing Director Bryan Stubbs will be our speaker. Bryan oversees the core planning teams and staff of the Oberlin Project, and he directs the work of the Economic Development Committee and serves as liaison to the Policy and Finance/Carbon Market Committees.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.oberlinproject.org/>

RSVP's Requested

Lawrence Hall @ 440-328-2335 or

[lhall@loraincounty.us](mailto:lhall@loraincounty.us)

**NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL CLASSES AVAILABLE IN 2013**

Planning is underway for Elected Official classes which will be available in early 2013. Classes are great if you are newly elected or would like a refresher course. If you are interested in a specific class send your recommendations to:

Virginia Haynes at [administrator@lcommunityalliance.com](mailto:administrator@lcommunityalliance.com)

***Thank You Event Sponsors:***



**LORAIN COUNTY ENGINEER**  
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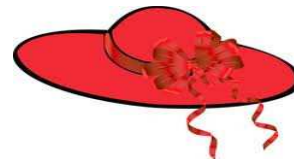
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