

# LCCA NEWS

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JUNE/JULY 2011

## **LCCA welcomes ELYRIA YWCA!!**

The YWCA is the oldest and largest multicultural women's organization in the world. Across the globe, there are more than 25 million members in 122 countries, including 2 million members in 300 local associations in the United States. Their mission is to eliminate racism and empower women. The YWCA provides safe places for women and girls, builds strong women leaders, and advocates for women's rights and civil rights in Congress.

Women come to the YWCA in times of crisis, as survivors of rape or domestic violence. They come for job training, career counseling, childcare and for health and fitness. They come for a variety of reasons and they leave with a renewed spirit, new skills, and stronger lives.

YWCA's are in almost every community nationwide, and their services range from Childcare and Job Training, to Violence Prevention and Leadership Training.

### Contact Information:

Jeanine Donaldson, Executive Director  
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(440) 322-6300  
E-mail: [jpd@elyriaywca.org](mailto:jpd@elyriaywca.org)

## UPCOMING LCCA MEETING

### *"Governmental Resource Sharing"*

- Kent State University's (KSU) Center for Public Administration and Public Policy (KSU Center) will present recent released study information on 105 collaborative ideas that are being explored for possible implementation in Northeast Ohio.
- Small Business Development Center and Your Business Community  
–SBDC Executive Director– Glenn Wilson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH 9:00 A.M  
@ the Lorain County Administration Building  
226 Middle Ave, Rooms A&B Elyria, Ohio 44035

*Please send a representative*

## DUES REMINDER

An important reminder to unpaid members. Paying your dues enables you to **VOTE** at the upcoming meetings and enables you to receive certain member benefits. Please verify that you are eligible.



## **LCCA welcomes EATON TOWNSHIP!!**

Eaton Township is located in Lorain County with Columbia Township to the east, Carlisle Township to the west, and Grafton Township to the south. The cities of Elyria and North Ridgeville are to the north. Eaton Township is an unincorporated area of Lorain County consisting of about 23.3 square miles with 25.30 miles of road. Eaton Township is in a transitional stage of switching from a farm-based community to a residential large home site suburban community. Eaton Township has easy accessibility via state Routes 10, 57, 82, 83, 301 and Interstates 71 and 480; to the cultural centers of nearby Cleveland, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, and some of the world's most prestigious hospitals. Three malls are within fifteen minutes of Eaton Township: Westfield Mall in Elyria, Great Northern Mall, and South Park Mall.

### EATON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Linda Morrison, Donna Hicks, Delbert Roig

FISCAL OFFICER Julie Popowski

Eaton Township  
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Grafton, OH 44044  
Telephone: 440-748-2236  
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E-mail: [eatontownship@glwb.net](mailto:eatontownship@glwb.net)

LCCA REPRESENTATIVE Contact information:  
Delbert Roig 748-2287

## **LCCA welcomes RON NABAKOWSKI, CLERK OF COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS!!**

The Clerk of Court of Common Pleas is responsible for various administrative and ministerial duties in conjunction with the Court of Common Pleas. Duties include record creation, record maintenance, record reporting and record retention of the activities of the court and the issuance of process. The Clerk is responsible for the receipt and disbursement of all money paid into the court system. Additionally, the clerk is also charged with the duty of preparing and maintaining records of Certificate of Title for all vehicles and watercraft owned by all residents of Lorain County. Approximately 100,000 new titles are prepared each year.

### LCCA REPRESENTATIVE FOR CLERK OF COURTS

Contact Information: Steve Kirsh 226 Court Street Elyria, Ohio 44035 440-329-5128 E-mail: [skirsh@loraincounty.us](mailto:skirsh@loraincounty.us)

<http://www.loraincounty.com/clerk/>

## **WESTSHORE CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECT (WCTP)**

**May 19, 2011 status report**

The goal of the Westshore Corridor Transportation Project (WCTP) is to identify and recommend a set of cost-effective regional transportation investments for the Westshore Corridor (located between the cities of Cleveland and Sandusky) to enhance travel in this significant economic corridor. The study, known as a Phase I Alternatives Analysis (Phase I AA), kicked off in August 2010 with funding from the USDOT's Federal Transit Administration (secured by Congresswoman Betty Sutton) and with matching funds provided by NOACA and other local partners. Lorain County and the *Lorain County Community Alliance* were the sponsors of the study.

The WCTP study has been guided by a combined Technical Committee and Rail Task Force group that works with the study project team (led by private sector consultant Parsons Brinckerhoff) to review and comment on all technical reports and presentations. Results of the analysis indicate that the Westshore Corridor could indeed support a passenger rail service (designed primarily for the commuter market) but that a series of short term and intermediate term steps are needed to address the current travel demands of Lorain residents and to build the demand for transit services generally.

The funding provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is from the "New Starts" program--a nationwide competitive program that ranks projects against each other for purposes of additional federal funding support. The program requires completion of a full Alternatives Analysis study to identify and evaluate alternative strategies to address the transportation needs of businesses and residents in a travel corridor. An "alternative" consists of a combination of a transportation "mode" (such as commuter rail, or bus rapid transit) and an "alignment" (such as, in this corridor, the Norfolk Southern rail alignment, or I-90). Five alternatives have now been assessed in detail for the Westshore Corridor (after identifying 32 initial alternatives for consideration) in terms of their cost-effectiveness, ability to influence future land use to support transit investments, affordability for the region, and related goals identified by the FTA.

### **Phase I AA Wraps up with a series of Public Meetings**

The WCTP Phase I AA wraps up in July with a series of public meetings to present study results and the recommended service options and timeline for providing transit service in the corridor between downtown Cleveland and Sandusky.

In the coming weeks, briefings on the Phase I AA study results and recommendations will be made to Lorain County Board of Commissioners (June 1) and NOACA Transportation Advisory Committee (June 17) in advance of later presentations to stakeholder policy boards in Erie, Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties for their acceptance of the study's final report and recommendations. Public meetings in all three counties are planned for the week of July 11, and official public notice will be sent. Lorain County's meeting will be held at the Black River Landing Intermodal Facility in downtown Lorain.

- For more information, contact **Richard Enty**, Lorain County Coordinator, WestShore Corridor Transportation Project at 216-906-2926 or [richardmenty@aol.com](mailto:richardmenty@aol.com).

**WCTP & AA PHASE I Study information can be found at:**

**<http://www.ridewestshore.com>**

## **GUND AWARDS \$3,000 FOR WCTP**

- In March 2011, Trustees of The George Gund Foundation AWARDED a Grant to LCCA that was submitted by Administrative Coordinator Virginia Haynes.
- The LCCA received \$3,000 in support of the WestShore Corridor Transportation Project.

## **THE GEORGE GUND FOUNDATION**

*Thank You for your support!*

The Lorain County Commissioners heard an update on the WestShore Corridor Transportation Project (WCTP) on June 1, 2011 at 9:45 a.m. at the commissioner's meeting. Presenting for WCTP was Richard Enty, Lorain County Coordinator WCTP; Tim Rosenberger, AICP, Parsons Brinckerhoff Transit & Rail; Former-Commissioner Betty Blair 1991-2010; Virginia Haynes, LCCA Administrative Coordinator; Dr. David Hintz, Co-Chair WestShore Commuter Rail Task Force Task Force.

## **Media -LINKS**

Lorain Morning Journal; OUR VIEW EDITORIAL: West Shore transit project holds promise for the entire region Published: Friday, June 03, 2011

<http://www.morningjournal.com/articles/2011/06/03/opinion/mj4619626.txt>

Rail making progress (with video) by Kelly Metz of the Lorain Morning Journal published June 02, 2011

<http://www.morningjournal.com/articles/2011/06/02/news/mj4615637.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

## **CHIP FY10 Grant Funds Available Home Repair and Rehabilitation**

Under the direction of the Lorain County Commissioners the Lorain County Community Development Department is taking applications from low-to-moderate income homeowners who need assistance with health or safety related repairs to their residence. The program operates on a first-come first-serve basis and can assist income qualified Lorain County residents of owner occupied homes. Persons residing in the cities of North Ridgeville, Elyria, and Lorain are not eligible for CDBG assistance as these communities administer their own programs. Persons residing in the cities of North Ridgeville, Elyria, Lorain, Sheffield Lake and Oberlin are not eligible for POR assistance as these communities administer their own CHIP programs.

The repairs may address roofs, furnaces, hot water heaters, minor electrical, plumbing, septic system replacement or the elimination of other threats to health and safety. Home repair assistance is available for up to \$8,000 per eligible client or up to \$15,000 for septic system replacement. Up to \$35,000 is available to qualified residents for Private Owner Rehabilitation for eligible rehabilitation projects.

For additional information or to request an application, please call: Angela Brown at 440-328-2322.

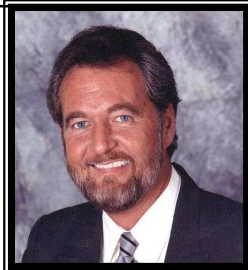
**VISION in GOVERNMENT**  
**MIKE WHITMORE MEMORIAL AWARD**

The Mike Whitmore Award for Outstanding Public Service is designed to afford contemporaries in Lorain County public service and those who have benefitted 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 Alliance Summit on Friday, October 8th. Forms can be downloaded from [www.lccommunityalliance.com](http://www.lccommunityalliance.com)

**Deadline for entries is Friday, September 19, 2011.**

**Submit Completed forms to: Virginia Haynes**  
**226 Middle Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Elyria, OH 44035**  
**Email: [vhaynes@loraincounty.us](mailto:vhaynes@loraincounty.us)**

2010 Mike Whitmore  
 Award Recipient  
 Ken Carney,  
 Lorain County Engineer



**Past Recipients of the Mike Whitmore Award**

- \*Jerry Innes-Assistant County Prosecutor,
- \*Betty Blair -Lorain County Commissioner & LCCA Chair ,
- \*Ron Twining- Assistant County Administrator who has 28 years of public service,
- \*Matt Lundy -State Representative ,
- \*Virginia Haynes -Wellington Township Trustee & President, Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce

**THANK YOU TO TRANSPORTATION DAY SPONSORS :**

- \*Lorain County Engineer Ken Carney
- \*Lorain County Commissioners
- \*JUDCO

**MISS THE LCCA TRANSPORTATION DAY??**  
**DON'T FRET! YOU MAY VIEW EXCITING**  
**EXERPTS ON THE LCCA WEBSITE**  
[www.lccommunityalliance.com](http://www.lccommunityalliance.com)

**LCCA MEMBER DISCOUNTS**

**CEDAR POINT AMUSEMENT PARK**

- **Tickets Available all summer long and good any day**
- **Open May 14<sup>th</sup> – October 30th**
  - Adults - \$37.00 Regular Admission – \$46.99
    - Savings- \$ 9.99 (Under 48 inches)
  - Juniors - \$18.00 Regular Admission - \$21.00
    - Savings- \$ 3.00 (Under 48 inches)
  - Soak City - \$24.99 Regular Admission- \$29.99
    - Savings- \$5.00 (48 inches and over)
  - Guests 62 and older are the same prices as Juniors  
 Children 2 and under are free

**\*\*Money Order ONLY\*\***  
**Please Make Payable To: Cedar Fair**

**\*\* ABSOLUTELY NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED\*\***  
**NO EXCEPTIONS**

FOR TICKETS OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE SEE MELISSA IN THE 4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AT THE LORAIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING 226 MIDDLE AVE. ELYRIA OR CALL 329-5225.

**MOSS' PRIME RIB & SPAGHETTI HOUSE**  
**525 Broad Street Elyria 440.322.8611**

- **ENTITLES LCCA FULL AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS & GOVERNMENT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO A 10% DISCOUNT OFF YOUR TOTAL CHECK**
- **MUST SHOW GOVERNMENT I.D. TAG/CARD OR LCCA 2011 MEMBERSHIP CARD**
- **DINE IN ONLY**
- **Authorized by: *Sandi Laubenthal***

**NOTE**

The LCCA is **NOW** Issuing 2011 Membership Cards after dues are submitted.  
 Call Virginia Haynes 440-328-2362 if you have not received yours by June 15th.

**THE OHIO SBDC NETWORK**

With highly trained Certified Business Advisors® throughout the state, the Ohio SBDC Network provides free, confidential, in-depth business consulting in areas such as business management, government regulations, financing, international trade and product development. The SBDC of Ohio program was created in 1985 through a partnership between the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Ohio Department of Development. The program fosters a strong climate for small business growth through a statewide integrated system of small business service, advocacy and awareness, and partnerships with chambers of commerce, economic development organizations colleges and universities, and Edison Centers. Today, federal, state, and local partnerships contribute more resources to the support of small business development. To find events or request counseling in Lorain County, please visit our website [www.entrepreneurio.org](http://www.entrepreneurio.org) or contact Glen Wilson at [gwwilson@loraincounty.us](mailto:gwwilson@loraincounty.us) with your questions.

# LCCA COMMUNICATION

## MEMBER BULLETIN BOARD

### LCCA MEMBERS COLLABORATION NEEDS YOUR VOTE!!

LCCA MEMBERS Lorain County based Emerge Inc. and the Lorain County Health Department collaborated to develop a web-based software application that has been submitted to the national CDC Flu App Challenge. You can support them by voting for their project (Healthy Community App) for the People's Choice award. Vote at <http://bit.ly/FluApp>. Healthy Community App is a free, web-based application that enables public health organizations and local media to promote healthy behavior for flu prevention by creating a dynamic and educational flu section and embedding it within their own website. For a short video on how to vote, visit <http://bit.ly/FluVote>

### THE YWCA INVITES YOU to the Elyria YWCA's Second Annual Jack Matia Honda Golf Outing Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hills Golf Course in Elyria.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Elyria YWCA homeless shelters. Since opening in 1995, over **800 women** and over **100 children** have called the YWCA "home." Last year over 100 golfers competed to win cash prizes and a Honda Accord courtesy of Jack Matia Honda.

- **INVITED** are area sports celebrities, Austin Carr and Campy Russell of the Cleveland Cavaliers, Brown's great, Reggie Rucker and former Ohio State Football players. The registration table will feature *OSU Cheerleaders* who will be serving as hostesses throughout the day.

Here's how you can help raise the money to operate the shelters.

1. Register to play in the outing - \$80.00 per golfer (includes lunch & dinner)
2. Become a Hole Sponsor - \$150.00 For your business or \$100.00 Family or Individual

Your payment can be made by Cash, Check (payable to the Elyria YWCA) or Charge by phone (440-322-6308).

### NOACA 12th ANNUAL SUMMIT

- **Friday, June 10, 2011**
- Wolstein Center @ Cleveland State University
- Details Contact Brenda Walker at 216-241- 2414, ext. 282
- You can see the agenda on [www.noaca.org](http://www.noaca.org)

### Lorain County is sponsoring the 3 hour mandatory Open Government Unit Certified Public Records Trainings

This training program is in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 149.43(E)(1), which requires Public Records Law training for all elected officials and/or their appropriate designees. The program will examine in-depth the responsibilities of elected officials and public offices, along with a review of the rights of the public records requester.

**Date:** 9/23/2011

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

**Location:** Lorain County Transportation and Community Center; 40 East Avenue; Elyria Ohio, 44035

**Sign up at:** <http://www.auditor.state.oh.us/conferences/hb9/registration/Default.aspx>



### LCCA MEMBER FUNDRAISERS at CRUSHER STADIUM

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011  
LORAIN COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING**

**LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS VS. TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS  
GAME TIME 7:05 P.M.**

Ticket Vouchers are \$9.00 and can be purchased from any LCOA Board Member or through the Lorain County Office on Aging by calling 326-4823A portion of each ticket sold through The Lorain County Office on Aging (LCOA) will benefit the Senior residents in Lorain County through services provided by the Lorain County Office on Aging.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2011**

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS  
"LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS vs. WINDY CITY THUNDBOLTS"  
Game Time: 5:05 P.M.**

Ticket Vouchers are \$9.00 and can be purchased by calling (440)277-6541 A portion of each ticket sold through Big Brothers Big Sisters will benefit the agency and help send boys waiting to be matched to the Crushers game with a potential volunteer.

### 2011 CLEAN OHIO AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM

Farmland owners have the opportunity to learn how to apply for Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program funds during upcoming information sessions offered by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Agricultural easements are voluntary legal agreements restricting non-agricultural development on farmland, with the land itself remaining on the tax rolls and under private ownership and management. Landowners may undertake any agricultural activity permitted under Ohio law, and they can sell their farm or pass it along as a gift to others. However, the Easement remains with the land, prohibiting any future non-agricultural development to make certain that it remains used for agricultural purposes.

For more information about the program and the public sessions, visit the Department of Agriculture's Office of Farmland Preservation, website @ [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov).

**2011 MEMBERS DUES RECEIVED**

**\* Indicates dues received as of 6/8/11**

**COUNTY**

**\*LORAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CITIES**

**\*Amherst**

Avon

Avon Lake

Elyria

Lorain

North Ridgeville

Oberlin

Sheffield

Vermilion

**VILLAGES**

**\*Grafton Village**

Kipton Village

**\*LaGrange Village**

**\*Sheffield Village**

South Amherst Village

**\*Wellington Village**

**TOWNSHIPS**

**\*Amherst Township**

Brownhelm Township

**\*Carlisle Township**

**\*Columbia Township**

**\*Eaton Township**

Elyria Township

LaGrange Township

Pittsfield Township

**\*Sheffield Township**

**\*Wellington Township**

***"Partnerships for the Future"***

AFLAC Insurance;

**\*BETTY BLAIR:**

The American Red Cross;

Catholic Action Commission;

Emerge Inc.; **\*LORAIN COUNTY 9-1-1;**

**\*DAVID ASHENHURST;**

**DR. DAVID J. HINTZ;**

Lorain County Emergency Management Agency;

LorainCounty.com;

**\*LORAIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;**

**\*LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DE-**

**PARTMENT; \*LORAIN COUNTY ENGINEER;**

**\*LORAIN PORT AUTHORITY;**

Lorain County General Health District;

Lorain County MetroParks;

**\*LORAIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIS-**

**TRICT; Lorain County Transit;**

**\*LORAIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE;**

Visit Lorain County;

**\*NORTH COAST BIA,**

Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA);

**\*RON NABAKOWSKI, Clerk of Courts of Common Pleas;**

**\*ROSS ENVIRONMENTAL;** Ohio State University Extension;

**\*LORAIN COUNTY JVS;** Ohio Edison;

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 3;

Lorain City Health Department;

**\*LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM;**

Lorain County Office on Aging; First Merit Bank;

**\*DR. DAVID J. HINTZ;** David Hartman;

Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Lorain County;

Team Lorain County;

Safety Controls Technology; Laborers Local 758;

R.E. Warner and Associates;

Lorain Chapter of the Negro Business and Professional

Women's Club

YWCA

**2011 MEETING DATES**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH 9:00 A.M**

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- Small Business Development Center (SBDC)  
SBDC—Growing Your Business Community  
—Executive Director— Glenn Wilson

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**

**ANNUAL SUMMIT**

Topic TBA

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND**

**"2011 PROGRESS AND PLANNING SUMMARY"**

**ALLIANCE MISSION STATEMENT**

The Lorain County Community Alliance is a council of governments, formed under the Ohio Revised Code and 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.

**2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**CHAIR-** Bill Holtzman,

Elyria Township Trustee,

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**VICE-CHAIR-** David Gillock

North Ridgeville, Mayor

440-3270451 [dgillock@nridgeville.org](mailto:dgillock@nridgeville.org)

**TREASURER-** Walt Sukey

LaGrange Village Administrator,

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**ASSISTANT-TREASURER-** Amy Szmania

Rochester Township Trustee

1-419-929-0031 [faszmania@zoominternet.net](mailto:faszmania@zoominternet.net)

**SECRETARY-** Patricia Echko,

Sheffield Township Fiscal Officer,

440-277-1392 [EchkoPat@aol.com](mailto:EchkoPat@aol.com)

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR-**

Virginia Haynes, Wellington Township Trustee

Lorain County Community Development

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