



Ohio's First Charter County

The Council Ledger

Winter 2017

Upcoming Community Events

- Nardon Hills Expo
Saturday, March 18
@ Nardon High School
9 a.m. to 3:30p.m.
- Cuyahoga Falls Expo
Saturday, March 25
@ Falls Natatorium
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tallmadge Community Expo
Saturday, April 8 @
Tallmadge Rec. Center
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

County Council Welcomes Two New Members Following November Elections



David Hamilton (left) and **Ron Koehler** (right) look forward to bringing their personal and professional experiences and resources to County Council where they will serve Districts 5 and 1, respectively.

Going into the 2016 General Elections in November, there was sure to be change on County Council with all eight District seats up for re-election and two At-Large seats contested. After ballots were cast and results were counted, Nine of the 11 members remained in place and two new Council Members were elected.

The District 5 seat formerly held by Councilwoman Tamela Lee will now be represented by another Democrat, David Hamilton. Hamilton defeated Lee in the primary election in March and

won the majority of the vote in the General Election. He was formerly Assistant Law Director with the City of Akron and will serve the citizens of Akron, Copley, Fairlawn and Bath in his new role on Council.

The District 1 seat formerly held by Council President Nick Kostandaras will now be occupied by Republican, Ron Koehler. Kostandaras was defeated in the Democratic primary election and Koehler was the winner in the November election. An attorney in private practice and a former director of the

Summit County Board of Elections, he will now represent the citizens of Northern Summit County Including the cities of Macedonia and Twinsburg, the Villages of Boston Heights, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville and Richfield, and the Townships of Boston, Northfield Center, Richfield, Sagamore Hills and Twinsburg.

The new and re-elected members were ceremonially sworn in during the Council Organizational Meeting January 9.

Summit County Council is now composed of 9 Democrat and 2 Republican members.

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Council Members Choose John Schmidt and Paula Prentice to lead Council in 2017



At the January 9th Organizational Meeting, Summit County Councilmembers elected **Councilman John Schmidt (District 2)** as President and **Councilwoman Paula Prentice (District 8)** as Vice President. Councilman Schmidt was recently re-elected to serve his third term on County Council. Prior to County Council, he spent 20 years as a member of the Cuyahoga Falls City Council and 16 years in county government, where he was, among other positions, deputy director of the elections board.

Councilwoman Prentice was also re-elected to serve her third term on County Council. A former educator and administrator, Councilwoman Prentice has been the chair of the Council's Health and Human Services Committee for seven of the past eight years.

Council Recognizes State Champions from Walsh and Woodridge High Schools



On December 5th, Summit County Council honored two area high schools for outstanding seasons capped by State Championships.

The **Walsh Lady Warriors Soccer Team** was recognized for the program's 5th Consecutive OHSAA Division I State Championship and 10th overall, the most by any soccer program male or female in the State of Ohio. Coach Dino McIntyre guided the Lady Warriors to a 22-1 record with 18 shutouts and an incredible State Tournament run where they outscored their seven opponents by a combined score of 28 to 1. The team also received outstanding leadership from a senior class that lost only ONE match in four years and became only the second class in program history to win State Championships in each of their four seasons at Walsh.



Former Council President Nick Kostandaras (District 1) presented the Commendation to the **Walsh Lady Warriors Soccer Team (left photo)** and **Councilman Jeff Wilhite (District 4, far right photo)** honored the **Woodridge Bulldogs Cross Country Champions**.

The **Woodridge High School Bulldogs** were recognized for bringing home dual titles in the OHSAA Division II Cross Country State Championships. The Bulldogs, led by Coach Jeff Howard, won both the 2016 Boys and Girls Championships, just the 5th time in Ohio High School history the dual feat has been accomplished in the same year. The Bulldog boys runners captured their 7th Title in the last 11 years, while the girls finished an undefeated season with their second State Championship in program history. The boys team had four All-Ohio runners and four Academic All-Ohio winners and the girls team had an All-Ohio runner and five Academic All-Ohio winners.

Council Receives Update on University of Akron from President Matthew Wilson

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University of Akron President Matthew Wilson addresses Summit County Council during a meeting on October 3 to give an update on the status of the University and plans for the new school year.

University of Akron president Matthew Wilson paid a visit to County Council prior to the October 3rd Meeting to formally introduce himself and to give the members an update on the status of the University. Wilson formerly headed the University's School of Law before being named interim president following the resignation of Scott Scarborough in June after two years of financial and enrollment challenges at the school.

In the few months since he took over as president, Wilson told the Council of his number of visits to several high schools in the area, and his commitment to the current students on campus.

"I have many challenges to overcome," he said. "We have the same great university today we had back in 2014. Over the last couple years, the glasses have gotten a little bit foggy, so I've got a big handkerchief." Wilson explained that UA enrollment is down 8 percent from last year, although earlier projections put that number at 12.3 percent.

Wilson aims to operate the University with a new perspective, particularly when it comes to tough financial decisions involving programs, policies and personnel.

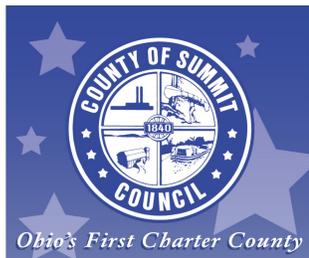
"Our real challenge in terms of enrollment is going to be what do we do going forward on the financial front," he said. "We have to make some conservative decisions. We're going to try to do it in the best, most transparent way."

Council Presents Commendation to UA Olympic Medalist



Former University of Akron All-American and 2016 US Olympic Bronze Medalist in the Men's 800 Meter Dash, Clayton Murphy was presented a joint Commendation from Summit County Council and County Executive Ilene Shapiro at the October 24th Meeting by Councilman John Schmidt (District 2).

Racing against the best middle distance runners in the world, Murphy finished 3rd in a personal-best time of 1:42.93, earning the Bronze Medal for the United States, the first American to win a medal in the 800 Meters since 1992. Murphy, at the age of 21 now owns the third fastest time in American history at 800 meters. A native of New Madison, Ohio, he plans to graduate with a degree in Corporate Finance in May 2017 and will continue to race professionally throughout the United States and meets around the world.



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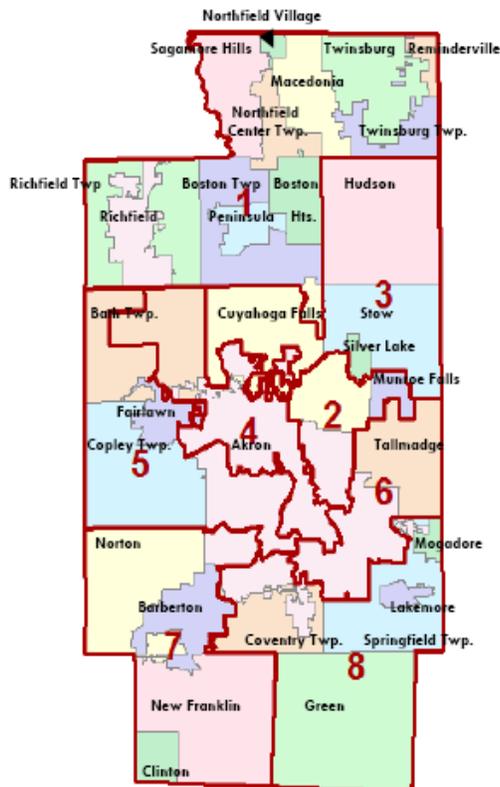
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2017 Council Meeting Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
January 16	Council Offices Closed for MLK Holiday		
January 23	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
January 30	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
February 6	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
February 13	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
February 20	Council Offices Closed for Presidents Day		
February 27	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
March 6	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
March 13	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
March 20	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
March 27	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
April 3	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
April 10	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.

2017 County Council Members

- John Schmidt**
President
District 2
- Paula Prentice**
Vice President
District 8
- Ron Koehler**
District 1
- Gloria Rodgers**
District 3
- Jeff Wilhite**
District 4
- David Hamilton**
District 5
- Jerry Feeman**
District 6
- Tim Crawford**
District 7
- John Donofrio**
At -Large
- Elizabeth Walters**
At -Large
- Clair Dickinson**
At -Large



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