



The Council Ledger

Council Members Host Early Kindergarten Registration Event with APS



County Council Members, Frank Comunale and Tamela Lee pose with Paddington Bear at the EMS/APS "Kindergarten Premiere" early Kindergarten registration event at the Akron Civic Theater on Sunday, June 7th.

On Sunday, June 7th, **Summit County Council Members, Tamela Lee and Frank Comunale** joined EMS (Education + Motivation = Success) and Akron Public Schools (APS) to host a FREE Kindergarten Premiere Movie, "Paddington", at the Akron Civic Theater. The movie was part of a larger Early Kindergarten registration event for Akron Public Schools.

When the doors opened at 1:00 p.m., EMS Volunteers from Arlington Church of God, First Apostolic Faith, House of the Lord, Sanctuary of Praise, Mountain of the Lord and Zion Apostolic Faith were there to greet a steady flow of nearly 200 people with Kindergarten aged children and guide them to registration areas where they were registered by APS staff for the upcoming 2015-16 school year.

In addition to the EMS and APS support, families without birth records or immunizations were aided by staff from the Summit County Public Health Office who offered free "Government Use" birth certificates for registration that day and on site immunization clinics for children in need of updated shot records.

Following registration, the children and their families were able to go up to the mezzanine level of the theater at the PNC Bank "Fun Zone" where they received FREE healthy snacks; were able to make their own "Hollywood Star"; get their face painted in their favorite character and meet and take pictures with "Paddington" bear.

The main auditorium doors opened at 3:00 p.m. and the children and families were greeted from the stage by event coordinator, Kent Starks, event hosts Pastor Diana Swoope from Arlington Church of God and Pastor Samuel Hampton from First Apostolic Faith; **Summit County Council Members, Frank Comunale and Tamela Lee** and Akron Public Schools Superintendent David James. The feature attraction, Paddington was then shown on the "big screen" under the stars of the historic Civic Theater.

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County Hires New Chief Information Officer



County Council President Ilene Shapiro and Vice President Sandra Kurt pose with newly appointed Summit County Chief Information Officer Mark Pettit (center) and his wife Danielle in Council Chambers following the Information Technology Board meeting to confirm the hire. Also in the photo from left are CSEA Director Jennifer Bheam (Prosecutor's Office), Summit County Sheriff Steve Barry, Steve Brunot (Engineer's Office), Summit County Clerk of Courts Dan Horrigan, Summit County Executive Russ Pry and Summit County Fiscal Officer Kristen Scalise.

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Let's Move Summit County Hosts 2nd Annual Health Walk

Summit County Council Member **Paula Prentice (District 8)** hosted the 2nd Annual "Let's Move Summit County!" Health Walk in downtown Akron on Saturday, April 25th. Open to the public, walkers followed a 2.7 mile route that began and ended at Canal Park, home of the Akron RubberDucks. More than 100 walkers participated in the event which included a ticket to the RubberDucks baseball game that afternoon vs. the Bowie Baysox. All registered walkers received a drawstring sportpack "Goodie Bag" courtesy of Medical Mutual, a route map card used for validation stamps along the route for a prize drawing and a wristband that allowed them FREE admission to the Akron Art Museum. The first 1,000 fans in attendance at the game will also receive Webster mascot "bobbleheads" from the Akron RubberDucks. Summit County employees earned 350 Vitality points for participating.

The route included stops at:

The Spaghetti Warehouse; METRO Transit Station; University of Akron at Quaker Square; Akron Art Museum; Akron-Summit

County Main Library and Canal Park.

At each stop, walkers had their route cards stamped and received free samples or coupons. At the end of the route, validated cards were turned in for a chance to win prizes in a drawing that was held during the Rubber Ducks game.

Prizes included restaurant Gift Cards for:

Nueva Mexican Grill, Pita Pit and the Spaghetti Warehouse; an Akron Rubber Ducks VIP Ticket Package; Cleveland Indians Tickets; Dick's Sporting Goods Gift Cards; Fit Bit Flex and Zip Bit Wireless Activity Trackers and 2016 Discover Downtown Akron Partnership Passports.

"We had another great event, thanks to our fantastic partners and the support we've received from our employees and the community," said Councilwoman Prentice. "Better health, nutrition and fitness is an ongoing goal for us and we'll continue to plan and participate in events that will keep people moving in Summit County," she concluded.



Health Walk volunteers (above) and Council Members Nick Kostandaras (District 1), Tim Crawford (District 7), Gloria Rodgers (District 3) Paula Prentice (District 8) and Sandra Kurt (At-Large) prior to the start of the 2nd Annual Let's Move Summit County Health Walk at Canal Park.

Kindergarten Premiere cont.

Following the movie, three girls and three boys took home bicycles after a grand prize drawing courtesy of S.A. Comunale and the Akron Education Association, and every family went home with a Kindergarten "Goodie Bag" filled with prizes and supplies from the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services, Summit County Executive, Russell M. Pry, Summit County Council Office, Akron Summit Community Action Head Start and Summit Education Initiative, and reading books donated by Akron Children's Hospital. Metro RTA provided FREE transportation to families to and from the event.

"We had a wonderful event today. It is so important that our children get registered for school early so that they are prepared from day one to learn and succeed in school. I can't say enough about the volunteer support we received and the overall "team effort" of all our partners involved to make this such a special day for these children and their families," said Councilwoman Lee.



Kids enjoyed the FREE Kindergarten Premiere with Paddington Bear (top left), face painting (top right), making "Hollywood Stars" (bottom left), getting free healthy snacks prior to the movie (bottom right) and the grand prize bike raffle and goodie bags following the movie (right). To see more photos, go to www.co.summit.oh.us/council and click on the Paddington icon.



Staff Notes...



Lucky Tisch, Executive Assistant to Council was awarded the 2015 High Point Award for Outstanding Service in the Council Office. Prior to her Council work, she had several years of experience working with the Summit DD Board.

**CONGRATULATIONS
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Kero International CEO Recognized by Council for SBA Award



Councilwoman Tamela Lee (District 5) congratulates Keith Harris, president and CEO of Kero International, Inc. during a ceremony at Kero where Harris was named 2015 SBA Cleveland District Small Business Champion Award winner.

Established in 2005, Kero is a supply chain and inventory management and consulting company with expertise in obsolescence management and investment recovery of excess inventory. Kero purchases, manages and distributes supplies and commodities that include but are not limited to, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) and raw materials, cable and wire, and metals and chemicals. Kero also provides engineered solutions for obsolete and discontinued electrical and electronic parts and components and harsh environment and hard to find materials.

Headquartered in Twinsburg, Ohio, the organization has focused operational support in Ohio, Kentucky, the Carolinas, Michigan, California, Colorado and Georgia and anticipates growth throughout the continental United States.

Leadership Akron Distinguished Leader Recognized by Council



Council President Ilene Shapiro (left) and District 8 Councilwoman Paula Prentice (right) present a commendation to Kelly Pariso for his Distinguished Leader Award from the Leadership Akron Alumni Association. Pariso, vice president and private wealth advisor with Ameriprise Financial Inc., was honored for his entrepreneurial creation of the Polar Bear Jump, as well as his ability to strategically grow the event to a six-figure fundraiser that benefits local non-profits. Pariso established the Polar Bear Jump in 2003 as a fundraising opportunity to support Akron Children's Hospital which would also take advantage of the Portage Lakes during the slow winter months. Now in its 12th year, the event has raised more than \$600,000 for local nonprofits such as Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, Akron Children's Hospital, Haven of Rest, American Cancer Society, Camp Quality, Ronald McDonald House, and the March of Dimes.

Council Adopts Legislation To Establish Council Districting Commission

At its August 10th Council meeting, Summit County Council adopted a resolution by a decisive 10-1 vote for a charter amendment (2015-331) that would create a nonpartisan Council Districting Commission to apportion Council into legislative districts following the Federal decennial census of 2020.

If Council's plan is approved by voters in November, a Council Districting Commission would be established. This commission would be composed of five electors, not more than three of which would be members of the same political party and none of whom would be public office holders or officers of a political party.

The Charter amendment was spurred by a petition presented to Council in July from a group called "Fair Districts for Summit County." The group aimed to establish new Council representation borders in 2016, years before the next scheduled census.

In addition to combining districts to favor partisan candidates, the petitioner's plan would limit minority representation on County Council by slashing the City of Akron's representation from six districts to three.

"I'm very pleased Council sent a strong message opposing the redistricting plan in the petition," said Council President Ilene Shapiro. "Now our focus is to explain to the voters why our charter amendment is the better choice for the community as a whole."

For more information on the Charter Amendment and the petition that preceded it, please visit the County Council page on the Summit County website, under the heading, "Charter Amendment Redistricting Information."

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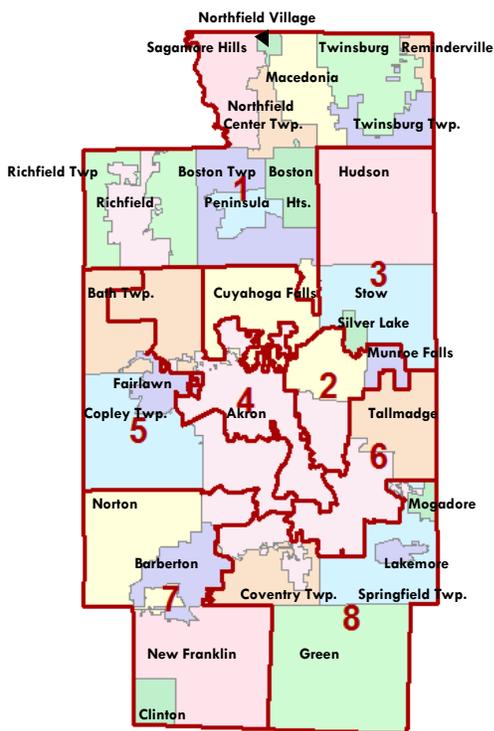


2015 Council Meeting Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
September 7	Council Offices Closed for Labor Day		
September 14	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
September 21	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
September 28	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
October 5	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
October 12	Council Offices Closed for Columbus Day		
October 19	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
October 26	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
November 2	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
November 3	ELECTION DAY— Remember to VOTE!		
November 9	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
November 11	Council Offices Closed for Veterans Day		
November 16	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
November 23	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.

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John Schmidt
District 2
Gloria Rodgers
District 3
Frank C. Comunale
District 4
Tamela Lee
District 5
Jerry Feeman
District 6
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District 7
Paula Prentice
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