

The Council Ledger

Council Members Mark New Adult Protective Services Partnership



County Council Members, Paula Prentice and Sandra Kurt with SCDJFS Deputy Director Frances Ladd (left), Summit County Public Health Commissioner Donna Skoda, SCDJFS Director Pat Divoky and Summit County Executive Russ Pry.

On October 27, Summit County Council Health and Human Services Chair, Paula Prentice and Council Vice President Sandra Kurt were on hand to sign official documents marking the creation of the new "Circle of Care" program for seniors in Summit County.

The Summit County Department of Job and Family Services (SCDJFS), along with eleven other community agencies signed a Plan of Cooperation agreement, officially creating the community partnership that will work together to establish collaborative strategies to serve elders who are subject to abuse, neglect and/or exploitation.

Agencies participating in this collaboration include: Summit County Public Health, Summit County Sheriff, Summit County Prosecutor, Summit County Probate Court, Summit County Medical Examiner, City of Akron on behalf of the Akron Police Department and the Akron Fire Department, Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board and Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities.

Circle of Care will improve each member's response to the needs of seniors and stop duplication of service, increasing positive outcomes.

The first item of business for the collaboration is for each member agency/department to develop a Memorandum of Understanding that will define the responsibilities and relationships among the local participants involved in the prevention, reporting, investigation, treatment and prosecution of cases of elder abuse and neglect.

"This is a very important initiative in our County's efforts to improve our approach to adult protective services. Seniors and children are our most vulnerable citizens and any way that we can do more to ensure their safety is more than worthwhile," said Prentice.

For a free copy of the new Circle of Care information book, please call Darlene Mims, Assistant Deputy Director of Special Projects for Summit County Job and Family Services at 330-643-7251.

County Council Members join **Council President Ilene Shapiro and County Executive Russ Pry** in recognizing the Akron Urban League on its 90th Anniversary. Established in 1925, the Urban League has served as one of Akron's oldest and vital community organizations, working to improve conditions affecting all citizens of Summit County, particularly African Americans, in the areas of employment, housing, adequate health, recreation and welfare services, career guidance for youth and strengthened family groups. Fred Wright, Executive Director of the Akron Urban League is pictured with the Council and Executive.

Council Recognizes Akron Urban League's 90th Anniversary



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Councilman Comunale Visits Greenstar Recycling Facility



At left: District 4 Councilman Frank Comunale and Council Executive Assistant Lucky Tisch prepare to take a tour of the Greenstar Recycling Plant in Akron.

At Center and Right: Councilman Comunale gets an explanation on the recycling conveyor system process from plant manager Eric Palmer.

Where Does the Trash Go?

In the shadow of the famous Goodyear Airdock lays the heart of processing for Summit County's recyclables.

In November, **District 4 Councilman Frank Comunale and Lucky Tisch, Executive Assistant to Council** were given a tour of the Greenstar Recycling Plant in Akron. The facility (owned by Waste Management) is a single stream recycling facility, meaning that the flow of recyclables is processed in a single stream of materials.

Greenstar takes in recyclables such as

plastic, paper, cardboard, and glass from different trash haulers that come from all over Summit County. With their large conveyor system, they separate each material, put it into "bails" or large bundles, and sell it to other facilities that process the reusable materials into end products that we purchase. Consumers can also help by keeping plastic bags out of their recycle containers. "We can't recycle plastic bags. Grocery stores have their own bins for recycling plastic bags," explained Eric Palmer, Plant Manager of the Greenstar Akron facility.

The plant has the capacity to double the amount of recyclables that they process which will create more revenue and be better for our environment.

"Recycling is important and should become a common practice in each of our communities in Summit County," said Comunale.

"Besides reducing waste, pollution and harmful emissions from landfills, recycling also saves natural resources and wildlife habitats, prevents water pollution, saves energy and creates jobs," he concluded.

Councilwoman Shapiro Talks Economic Development with Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce

On August 26, **Council President Ilene Shapiro** addressed the Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce at its monthly luncheon meeting at the Silver Lake Country Club.

Giving a broad economic overview of business development in the State of Ohio, Summit County and locally in the Cuyahoga Falls area, Shapiro presented a bright economic forecast for an audience of primarily small business owners and entrepreneurs.

"Ohio is one of the nation's leaders in manufacturing employment and northeast Ohio is one of the top regions in the state for manufacturing productivity. By 2025 the manufacturing industry is projected to represent 22% of northeast Ohio's economy. There will be a projected 49,000 job openings in production occupations in the next 10 years here. Transportation equipment manufacturing is projected to grow 52% in next decade — that's double the U.S. rate.

Computer and electronic product manufacturing is projected grow 50% here as opposed to 35% nationally."

In addition to retaining global giants such as Goodyear and Bridgestone Firestone, Shapiro also touted several new developments in Summit County including: Twinsburg's Cornerstone Business Park (former Chrysler Stamping Plant); Seasons Greene Industrial Park in Hudson; Port Green — (formerly CAK International Business Park) in Green; The Marketplace in Boston Heights and Portage Crossing in Cuyahoga Falls.

The hospitality industry is also looking up with three new hotels in the greater Akron/downtown area recently completed and another coming soon.

"We have a lot to look forward to and feel good about here," she concluded.



Council President Ilene Shapiro makes a point during her presentation to the Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce.



Commendations



Two family-owned Akron eateries were honored by Council for their on-going longevity in the community. At left, **Anita and Kenneth Dean**, second generation co-owners of **Gino's Pizza** in West Akron are recognized for marking 55 years in 2015.

At right, Councilwoman Paula Prentice recognizes Kenmore curbside drive-in, **B&K Rootbeer** on its 60th Anniversary (pictured with 3rd generation owner, **Jeff Fulkman**).



Akron postal worker, **Kizzy Spaulding** (at left) was recognized by Councilwoman Paula Prentice for her heroic efforts in assisting an elderly woman on her postal route. Ms. Spaulding noticed a strange smell and smoke coming from a house on her route and quickly reacted, opening the door and helping the woman (who'd passed out from a diabetic coma) out of the home and calling paramedics to help, and also extinguishing a fire on the stove from a meal left unattended.

Ms. Spaulding was also recognized nationally in Washington, D.C. by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), which represents nearly 275,000 carriers across the country.

Munroe Falls resident and Akron native, **Teresa Cianchetti** (at right) was recognized by Councilman John Schmidt on being named the 50th Ohio Teacher of the Year for the 2015-16 School Year by the Ohio Department of Education. Mrs. Cianchetti, a first grade teacher at Suffield Elementary School, was selected from 10 regional Teacher of the Year winners, who were chosen by a selection committee directed by the State Board member from that district and composed of different stakeholders that included superintendents, principals, teachers, parent organization and business leaders.

Beloved by her students, staff and parents, Mrs. Cianchetti has been teaching for more than 30 years and is known for improving her students literacy skills. She is a graduate of Firestone High School and the University of Akron.



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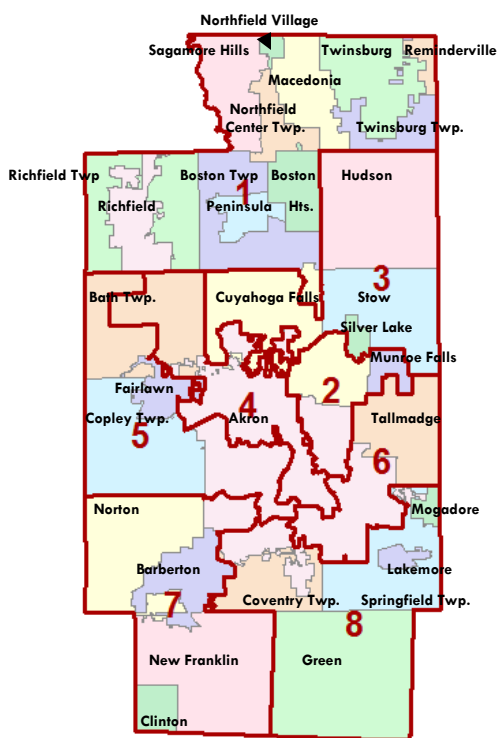


2015-16 Council Meeting Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
December 14	Last Council Meeting before Winter Break		
December 24-25	Council Offices Closed for Christmas Break		
January 1	Council Offices Closed for New Year's Day		
January 4	Organizational/Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
January 11	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
January 18	Council Offices Closed for MLK Day		
January 25	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
February 1	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
February 8	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
February 15	Council Offices Closed for President's Day		
February 22	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
February 29	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
March 7	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
March 14	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.

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