



# The Council Ledger

## Council Goes Hi-Tech with iPad Use for Meetings



County Council Members now have legislation and other important information at their fingertips with new Apple iPads, recently purchased and introduced into Council Meetings.

In March, Summit County Council members overwhelmingly approved the use of new iPads at Council meetings.

While the new technology had been planned for months, it was the first time council and staff used the touch-screen tablets at a meeting.

The Apple iPad 3 was distributed to both Council and Staff members to be used at meetings and for office business, curbing the extensive use of paper for agendas, legislation and support documents and cutting down on staff time used to make copies and organize paper clutter in the office.

In addition to use at weekly meetings, members now have more mobile access to e-mail from staff and constituents, and have access to user-friendly apps they can use to make notes and share ideas on proposed legislation.

While the technology is new to County Council, it has been used by other municipalities in Summit County (Twinsburg and Hudson) and is being considered in several other local governments, including the City of Akron.

According to Council Chief of Staff Mark Potter the Council Office spent approximately \$6,700 for 14 iPads — for council members and office staff. The iPads were a part of the 2012 budget.

Prior to distributing the iPads to Council, staff visited with Twinsburg and Hudson government offices to learn how the technology was being used.

Additionally, Council offices and the Council Chambers were updated with wireless access to allow Internet capability on the devices, and staff and Council Members were trained on basic iPad usage.

“Communication has changed so much in the last few years. Computers are part of our lives each day. I’d never used an iPad before, but it was very easy to pick up and use right away,” said **Council President Jerry Feeman**.

“It’s been well worth the time our staff didn’t spend lining up the agenda, making changes and having to recycle and start all over again. There will be an adjustment period, but we anticipate saving costs and being more efficient with our office administration,” he concluded.

## Council Members See What’s New at the Akron Zoo



County Council Members Tim Crawford (District 7, second from left), Sandra Kurt (at Large), Bill Roemer (at Large) and Paula Prentice (District 8) with Akron Zoo President and CEO Patricia Simmons (right) and David Barnhardt, Director of Marketing and Guest Services (far left) during a tour of the Zoo and the new Mike and Mary Stark Grizzly Ridge Exhibit, set to open in July. See more on page 3...

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## Councilwoman Tamela Lee Hosts District 5 Group at ABIA

Summit County Council **District 5 Representative, Tamela Lee** along with Akron City Councilwoman Margo Sommerville (Ward 3) hosted a group of ministers, educators and minority health professionals at Austen Biolnnovation Institute in Akron (ABIA) on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize key leaders in the district with ABIA and its president and CEO, Dr. Frank Douglas. ABIA, located in the recently renovated historic 47 North Main St. building in downtown Akron, is a unique collaborative effort between Akron Children’s Hospital, Akron General Health System, Northeast Ohio Medical University, Summa Health System, The University of Akron and The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. ABIA is focused on patient-centered innovation and commercialization at the intersection of biomaterials and medicine.

“The future is here right now,” said Councilwoman Lee. “ABIA is expected to develop 2,600 jobs in Summit County and we need to encourage our children to pursue opportunities in science and technology to meet the demand right here in Akron,” she continued.

As part of the meeting, Dr. Douglas, an award-winning physician with almost 30 years of experience as a leader in healthcare, pharmaceutical research, and entrepreneurship, presented an overview of ABIA and introduced the Biolnnovation Academy, a unique week-long summer internship opportunity for interested high school students in grades 10-12. Following the presentation, the group was taken on a tour of the ABIA Center, a \$13.3 million dollar 30,000 square foot research, product development and training space that is unlike no other in the State of Ohio.

The Center includes: a BioSkills Laboratory with an advanced AV system which allows real-time video conferencing, recording and video playback to teach sound surgical techniques and provides a vital means to evaluate medical devices by manufacturers, researchers and healthcare providers; a mock hospital with fully configurable bays and stations for: triage, nursing, medical, surgical, ICU, Emergency and Operating Rooms; standardized outpatient clinic rooms for communication practice and examination skills; product development labs; and a Mobile Simulation Training Unit, which includes an ambulance, E.R. equipment and robotic patients that can be used for training in outlying communities.

Dr. Douglas mentioned that ABIA has created more than 400 jobs in past year alone, and recommended additional tours and simulations to youth and community groups and shadowing opportunities for aspiring health and bioengineering technicians and professionals. “ABIA is truly an asset in this community that needs to be recognized and utilized to its fullest potential. I appreciate the work of Dr. Douglas and his staff here and we look forward to getting the word out and encouraging our kids to explore these career opportunities,” Lee concluded.



**District 5 Councilwoman Tamela Lee introduces Dr. Frank Douglas, president and CEO of ABIA (top photo). ABIA Director of Business Development, Jeanine Carroll leads a tour of the BioSkills Laboratory (bottom photo).**

## Councilman Comunale Hosts Town Hall Meeting Addressing Gun Violence

Summit County Councilman Frank Comunale (District 4) hosted a Town Hall Meeting in February to discuss “Safety in the Event of a Violent Intruder Attack” at the Highland Square Public Library in West Akron. Lieutenant Joseph A. Hendry, Jr. of the Kent State Police Department was the guest speaker.

Lt. Hendry, a Master Instructor for the State of Ohio Single Officer Response to Active Threats and a Terrorism Liaison Officer with the Ohio Department of Homeland Security talked about Active Shooter Response and ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) Training. “In many active shooter cases , like Sandy Hook Elementary, people have been trained to hide and take cover, rather than actively distract and flee from an attack. It’s much harder to hit a moving target and even harder when the shooter is distracted,” Hendry explained.

Councilman Comunale has established Block Watch groups in Highland Square and Georgetown neighborhoods and meets monthly (Highland Square, first Thursdays and Georgetown, second Tuesdays) on various topics and resources in Summit County.



**Lieutenant Joseph A. Hendry, Jr. of the Kent State Police Department , talks about ALICE training and what to do in cases of violent intruder attacks at Councilman Comunale’s Highland Square Town Hall Meeting.**



# Council Members Meet with Akron Zoo Officials, Tour New Exhibit

In March, Summit County Council Members, **Jerry Feeman (District 6)**, **Tim Crawford (District 7)**, **Paula Prentice (District 8)**, **Frank Comunale (District 4)**, **Sandra Kurt** and **Bill Roemer (at Large Members)** met with Akron Zoo President and CEO, Patricia Simmons to learn more about current Zoo activities as the Zoo seeks Council support for an upcoming tax levy. One of Summit County's most attended attractions, the Zoo draws more than 330,000 visitors annually. The Zoo has also been leader in environment-friendly practices, with its Komodo Kingdom being the first L.E.E.D. certified building in Summit County and the first 4-Star Certified Green Restaurant of any zoo in the United States. The Zoo has more than 50 exhibits and cares for nearly 2,500 animals. Each year, more than 24,000 students visit the zoo on field trips, and more than 500 science based outreach programs are presented through the Zoomobile and Afterschool Programs in schools, community and senior centers. In July, the Mike and Mary Stark Grizzly Ridge Exhibit will open, featuring six different animal species including: grizzly bears, river otters, bald eagles, coyotes, red wolves and native Ohio birds in an interactive, walk-in aviary. "All our efforts to improve the zoo are done with our community in mind. We appreciate the support of Summit County voters, residents and zoo visitors," said Simmons.



**Council Members learn more about the Grizzly Ridge Exhibit and feed Boer Goats during a tour of the Zoo.**



## In the Community



**Top Photo: Councilwoman Paula Prentice (District 8) with Darlene Mims (center) and Stacie Lockett (left) from the Department of Job and Family Services at the St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Springfield Senior Center.**



**Left Photo: Councilman Nick Kostandaras (District 1) greets a constituent at the Nordonias Hills Expo at Nordonias High School.**



**Right Photo: Councilwoman Gloria Rodgers (District 3) with Hudson City Council Member Dan Williams at Hudson Community Expo at Hudson High School.**

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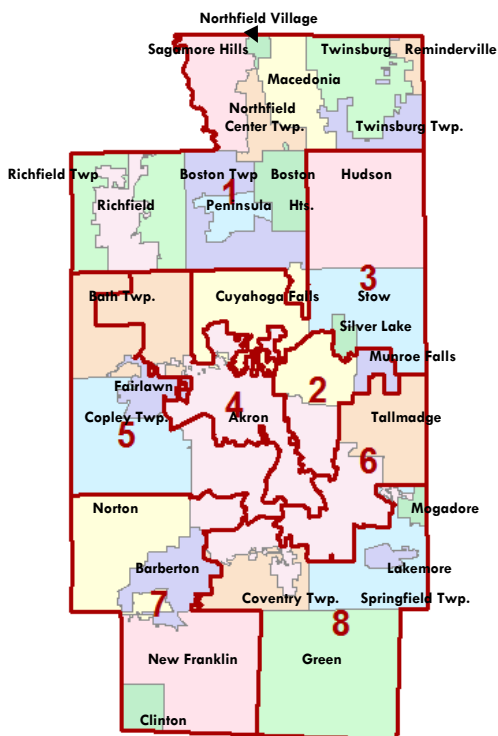
## 2013 Council Meeting Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
April 15	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
April 22	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
April 29	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 6	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 13	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 20	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 27	<b>Council Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday</b>		
June 3	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
June 10	Council and Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
	<b>*Last meeting before Summer Recess</b>		
July 4	<b>Council Offices Closed for Independence Day Holiday</b>		
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July 29	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.

**\*\*NOTE — Council and Committee Meetings Both Now Begin at 4:30 p.m.**

## 2013 County Council Members

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District 4  
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District 5  
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District 6  
**Tim Crawford**  
District 7  
**\*Paula Prentice**  
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At Large  
**Bill Roemer**  
At Large  
**Ilene Shapiro**  
At Large



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