

The Council Ledger

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Tonya Lewis Lee Headlines 2019 Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, Healthy Families Event



Pictured at left are: Jill Adams (Exec Office), Councilwoman, Paula Prentice, Tonya Lewis Lee, Councilwoman Gloria Rodgers, Edna Borders (County Wellness Team), Kent Starks (Council Office) and Councilman David Hamilton. At right: Tonya Lewis Lee makes a point during her presentation.

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On Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the County of Summit and Summit County Council's Let's Move Summit County! hosted the 2nd Annual "Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, Healthy Families" Event at the Buchtel Community Learning Center, 1040 Copley Road in West Akron.

Dedicated to the issue of infant vitality, the event featured Tonya Lewis Lee - author, feature filmmaker, entrepreneur, women's health advocate and wife of Academy Award winning director and producer, Spike Lee.

Ohio has one of the worst infant mortality rates in the nation and Summit County has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the state. The issue is particularly troubling in African-American households where the infant mortality rate is twice as high as other races.

"Our goal is to change the conversation from infant mortality to infant vitality - achieving more healthy outcomes for expectant mothers and newborns in this community. While we want to reach as many moms as we can, this was an event for everyone - kids, dads and families," said Councilwoman Paula Prentice (District 8) who has led Let's Move Summit County initiatives since its inception in 2010. **Continued on page 2...**

UA Esports Team Honored for National Title



Councilman John Schmidt (far right) honors University of Akron Esports team coach Michael Fay Jr. (left) and team member William "Salt" Weiser on the team's Collegiate Rocket League National Championship.

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The day began at 9 a.m. with registration/check in, followed by group Zumba and Yoga sessions in the gym. At 9:30 a.m. there was a "Safe Sleep Training for Dads," presented by Fame Fathers in the auditorium. Once again, a FREE lunch was provided for everyone in the cafeteria at 11 a.m. At noon, Ms. Lee talked about "A Healthy Baby Begins With You," in the auditorium followed by a FREE book signing of her "Please Baby Please" children's book and meet and greet with Ms. Lee in the cafeteria. There was also a Kids Area with games and activities for kids and families hosted by the Akron Children's Museum. "Pamper stations" were offered for chair and hand massages for moms in the Library, and the day concluded with a prize drawing in the gym.

The first 500 registered received FREE t-shirts and "Swag Bags". Event sponsors, registered health vendors and community partners were available with additional information and samples throughout the day and METRO RTA offered FREE bus services to and from the event between 8am - 4pm.

Photos from top left:

Volunteers, Sponsors, and Elected Officials enjoyed meeting with Ms. Lee.



Families enjoyed vendors in the gym; Zumba and Yoga sessions; Fatherhood Training in the Auditorium;



Registration volunteers welcome people to the event; FREE lunch in the cafeteria;

Ms. Lee's Keynote in the Auditorium; Face painting and more fun for parents and kids in the gym;

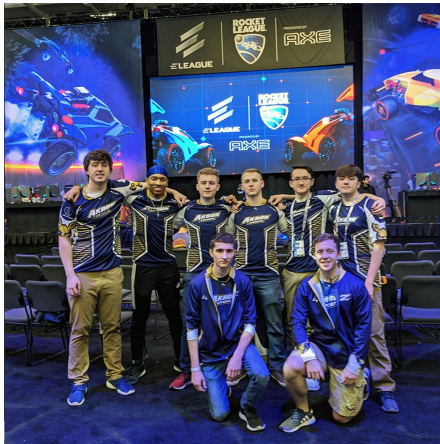
Free book signing with Ms. Lee in the Cafeteria; Moms "Pamper Station" in the Library with chair and hand massages and the Prize Drawing in the Gym to conclude the day.



Special Thanks to event sponsors and partners:

Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro; County of Summit Department of Job and Family Services; Summit County Council; Fifth Third Bank; Summa Health; Alpha Phi Alpha Foundation; Summit County Fiscal Office, Kristin Scalise CPA, CFE; Summit County Public Health; City of Akron, Daniel Horrigan, Mayor; Cleveland Clinic Akron General; 1-888-OHIOCOMP; Paramount Advantage; METRO RTA; Fame Fathers; Community Action Akron Summit; CareSource; Akron Public Schools; Akron Children's Museum; Summit County Clerk of Courts Sandra Kurt; Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh; Medical Mutual of Ohio; Kent Area - OH Chapter of The Links Incorporated; Cleveland Area - OH Chapter of The Links Incorporated; Children's Services Board; AxxessPointe Community Health Centers; Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority; Akron Children's Hospital; ADM Board; Summit DD; Akron-Summit County Public Library; Akron Area YMCA; Buckeye Health Plan; Summit County Engineer Alan Brubaker; Summit County Sheriff Steve Barry; Project GRAD Akron; Molina Health Care of Ohio; The Pearl Foundation; Akron Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Stewart & Calhoun Funeral Home and Cremation Services





In May, County Council honored the University of Akron, Esports Team on their recent National Championship victory in the Collegiate Rocket League National Championship Tournament held at the NCAA Final Four Fan Fest at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The Zips “Gold” Rocket team defeated the University of Central Florida in a best-of-seven match 4 games to 2. Rocket League is a vehicular action Esports soccer game. Three players control rocket-powered cars to hit a ball into an opponent’s goal to score points, much like traditional soccer. Akron Rocket League was the first team in the history of Collegiate Rocket League to qualify for nationals twice in a row after winning the Collegiate Rocket League (CRL) Northern Conference Championships in March, and secured \$7,400 in scholarship prize money. The Zips are the only national championship team from last season to qualify for nationals again. Sixty-four collegiate teams across the nation qualified for this inaugural spring season of Collegiate Rocket League. Akron is one of the first 50 universities in the country to compete at a varsity level and also offer club, and recreational gaming programs. The Zips varsity teams compete against other universities in League of Legends, Overwatch, CS:GO, Hearthstone and Rocket League. The club program includes the aforementioned games and even more titles such as Fortnite, Rainbow Six Siege and Super Smash Bros. Melee.

Pictured at left are Akron Rocket League’s Gold (starters) and Blue (subs) teams — Isaac “Reticence” Stecker (back left), Phil “Deezzy” Jackson, Xavier “Chef” Zup, Dylan “Ticon” Pugh, William “Salt” Weiser, and Buzz “Buzz” Krader. The team is joined by student manager Aidan “Knightmare” Bellucci (left front) and student coach Nick “NicNac63” MacKay. The Zips are coached by Michael Fay Jr.

In May, 91-year-old Norton resident Esther Ryan was honored by Council for her enduring service to the community. Ms. Ryan served for decades as a nurse in the Barberton City School District. After witnessing a child sitting on the floor outside the school’s gymnasium waiting for his brother to get out of class so they could change shoes because they had one pair of tennis shoes to share, Ms. Ryan started a career of collecting shoes.

Since the 1980’s, she began providing shoes for Barberton school children who were in need and was the driving force behind accumulating sponsors and growing the program, sometimes providing children with shoes out of the trunk of her car and when funds would run out, she often took it upon herself to provide them with shoes using her own funds and resources. She eventually partnered with the Magic City Kiwanis and together they established the 501c3 corporation, the Magic City Kiwanis Esther Ryan Shoe Fund, which still continues the same mission to this day. In 1990 she was named as a “Daily Point of Light” by the George H.W. Bush Foundation, which celebrates the power of the individual to spark change and improve the world; and in the year 2000, Esther received the first Lifetime Achievement award from the Barberton Community Foundation and was later inducted into the City of Barberton’s Walk of Fame in 2016.

County Councilwoman **Bethany McKenney (District 7)** read and presented a commendation from the Summit County Council to Ms. Ryan at her home on May 8, 2019 with her family present. "It was a great honor to show her anew how much she has meant to countless families and children in the Barberton community. As a fellow nurse in the schools, she has been such an inspiration." Sadly, Ms. Ryan passed away on May 9, 2019.



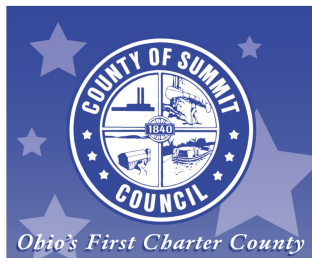
Councilwoman McKenney is pictured with Esther Ryan’s husband Mr. Bob Ryan.

In the Community



In March, Councilman David Hamilton (District 5) was invited to speak to the Akron Rotary Club during their monthly luncheon meeting at the Portage Country Club.

Councilman Hamilton talked to the group about the Summit County Jail Operations Advisory Commission and their work on improving conditions and inmate services at the jail, including the installation of a new camera system to monitor most common areas, re-implementing inmate programming, moving deputies from Glenwood to the Summit County Jail, upgrading scheduling software and moving to 12 hour shifts; improving inmate access to mental health services and continued training for deputies on use of force.



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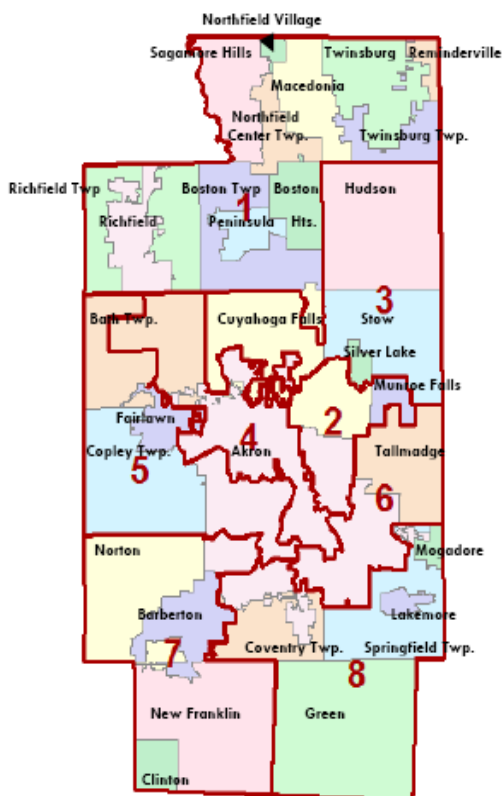
2019 Council Meeting Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
June 3	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
June 10	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
June 17	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
June 24	Council/Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
Summer Recess—No Council Meetings in July			
August 5	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
August 12	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
August 19	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
August 26	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
September 2	Council Offices Closed for Labor Day		
September 9	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.

August 17 10th Annual Summit For Kids
John S. Knight Ctr. 10am - 3pm

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