

# The Council Ledger

Spring 2018

## Upcoming Community Events

- 5th Annual Let's Move Summit County Health Event, "Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, Healthy Families" Saturday, May 12 @ Buchtel CLC 10 a.m. to 2:00p.m.
- 9th Annual Summit for Kids Saturday, August 18, @ John S. Knight Center 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Michael Soyars Joins County Council as District 7 Representative

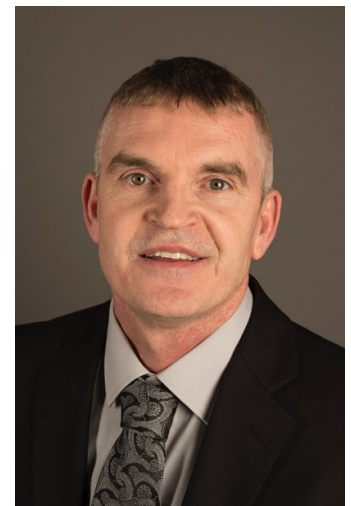
In March, Summit County Council got a new Councilmember, as Michael Soyars was appointed to fill the vacant District 7 seat. Soyars replaces Tim Crawford who had served on County Council since 1993.

Soyars, was selected by the precinct committee members of the Democratic Party of Summit County. He will also be the nominee to run for the permanent seat in November to fulfill the full-term which expires in 2020.

Soyars served on Barberton City Council for 10 years and last chaired the Public Welfare and Safety Committee there. He works as Dean of Students at GlenOak High School in Canton and also serves as the assistant boys varsity basketball coach at Barberton High School and a counselor at Safe Landing Boys Shelter.

District 7 includes the Cities of Norton, Barberton and New Franklin, the Village of Clinton and part of the City of Akron.

Councilman Soyars will serve on the County Council's Public Safety, Finance, Public Works, Long Term Planning and Rules committees.



District 7 Representative  
Michael Soyars

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## St. Vincent-St. Mary's Boys Basketball Team Honored for Record 8th State Title



Council Members Liz Walters (left) and Jeff Wilhite (far right) present Commendation to St. Vincent – St. Mary's Boys Basketball Team. Coach Dru Joyce thanks County Council for their Commendation prior to the April 30th Council Meeting. See complete story on Page 2.

## St. Vincent – St. Mary High School Honored for Record 8th State Championship in Boys Basketball



St. Vincent St. Mary players, coaches and family celebrate their record 8th OHSAA Boys Basketball State Championship at the Value City Arena in Columbus, OH (left photo).

On Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Value City Arena on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, the St. Vincent-St. Mary's Fighting Irish boys basketball team defeated Trotwood-Madison High School 60-51 to win the Boys Basketball Division II State Championship. The Fighting Irish finished their championship season with a 21-8 record, their State record 8th Boys Basketball title and second consecutive title after capturing the 2017 Division II Championship. The Irish have also won titles in 2011, 2009, 2003 (National Champions), 2001, 2000 and 1984. On their way to the State Title this season, the Fighting Irish won their 28th District Title defeating Buchtel 67-38 and their 18th Regional Title defeating Cleveland Villa Angela St. Joseph 84-69 advancing to their 4th OHSAA "Final Four" in the last five years, where they defeated Lexington 62-51 in the state semifinal before downing Trotwood-Madison in the Championship game. The Fighting Irish, are coached by Dru Joyce, who won his 7th State Title and fifth as Head Coach at St. Vincent-St. Mary's. The team was led by outstanding performances by senior All-Ohio guard Scott Walter, juniors Lunden McDay, Darius Cone and Keyshawn Jones and freshman Seth Wilson. County Council honored the team with a Commendation prior to the Council Meeting on April 30th.

## Council Recognizes Twinsburg Student for National AAU Indoor Track and Field Gold Medal

On April 2, Summit County Council honored Savannah Hameed, for her Gold Medal in the 12 year old Shot Put at the AAU National Indoor Championship meet in Landover, Maryland.

During the weekend of March 9-11, 2018, Savannah capped an exceptional 2017/2018 Indoor Track & Field season by besting a field of 15 girls with a throw of 30 feet 9 inches (9.37 meters).

Since the age of 8, Savannah has won 10 AAU National/Jr Olympic Medals: two Gold, three Silver, two 4th Place, two 5th Place and one 7th Place. She is a 6th grader at Dodge Intermediate School in Twinsburg and has competed in track & field since the age of 5 with the full support of her parents Akil and Felicia Hameed.

Savannah also plays basketball for the Twinsburg Tigers girls travel team and SMAC Nation. She loves basketball, track & field, as well as writing, traveling and spending time with her siblings Serene, Seth and Sasha. Savannah plans to attend college on a full track & field, basketball and academic scholarship and major in Broadcast Journalism. She wants to one day compete in the Olympics and eventually have a career as a sports reporter.



Twinsburg 6th grader, Savannah Hameed is presented with a Commendation from Summit County Councilman Ron Koehler for her Gold Medal in the 2018 National AAU Indoor Track and Field Championships.

# Akron Urban League To Host MY-STARs Summer Camp

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Beginning this summer, the Akron Urban League will begin operating the Middle School Youth Summer Transition and Real Life Skills Summer Enrichment Camp (MY-STARs). This pilot program is open to 36 middle school age students (grades 6th to 8th and ages 11 to 13) and will be hosted at the Akron Urban League, 440 Vernon Odom Boulevard, Akron, Ohio 44307, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The camp will run for six weeks from Monday, June 11th through Friday, July 20th.

During that time, students will be exposed to class sessions designed to improve their academic, social, technical, leadership, financial and entrepreneurial skills and knowledge. Breakfast and lunch will be served each day as well as an afternoon snack, and the students will participate in field trips, recreation activities and community service projects. The camp is FREE to TANF eligible families who qualify.

MY-STARs is the fulfillment of a year-long vision of Summit County Councilman **David Hamilton (District 5)** who saw a need in the community to provide youth who are too old for day camp, but too young for summer employment, the opportunity to participate in a Camp experience they otherwise would not be able to attend. Looking to secure additional resources and expertise to operate the camp, Hamilton contacted the Akron Urban League to help bring his idea to life. “Dr. Sadie Winlock and her staff at the Urban League have been incredible with all that they do to launch this program and give these kids a chance to have a real meaningful summer camp experience that we hope will inspire them to bigger goals and achievements in their future.”



Summit County Councilman David Hamilton

## Let's Move 5th Annual Health Event



On Saturday, May 12, **Councilwoman Paula Prentice (District 8)** will host Let's Move Summit County's 5th Annual Health Event, “Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, Healthy Families,” at Buchtel Community Learning Center, 1040 Copley Road in West Akron.

The 2018 event is dedicated to the issue of infant mortality. 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 share what we've learned and have some meaningful dialogue about this problem and how we can achieve more healthy outcomes for expectant mothers and newborns in this community. While we want to reach as many moms as we can, this is an event for everyone - kids, dads and families,” said Councilwoman Prentice.

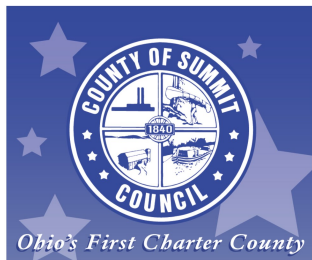
Beginning at 10 a.m. with registration/check in, there will be a group “movement activity” for everyone in the gym, followed by a FREE lunch in the cafeteria at 11 a.m. At noon, there will be an infant mortality panel discussion in the auditorium and activities for kids in the gym. The day will conclude in the gym with activities for the entire family, “pamper stations” for moms and a prize drawing between 1 and 2 p.m.

The first 500 registered will receive a t-shirt and drawstring sport-pack. Event sponsors and registered health vendors will be available with additional information and samples between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. METRO RTA will offer FREE bus services to and from the event between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 with an event flyer. Not valid on METRO SCAT, Call-A-Bus or NCX routes.

## Stow-Munroe Falls Community Expo



Councilwoman Gloria Rodgers (District 3) answers a question from a constituent at the Stow-Munroe Falls Community Expo on April 8 at Stow-Munroe Falls High School.



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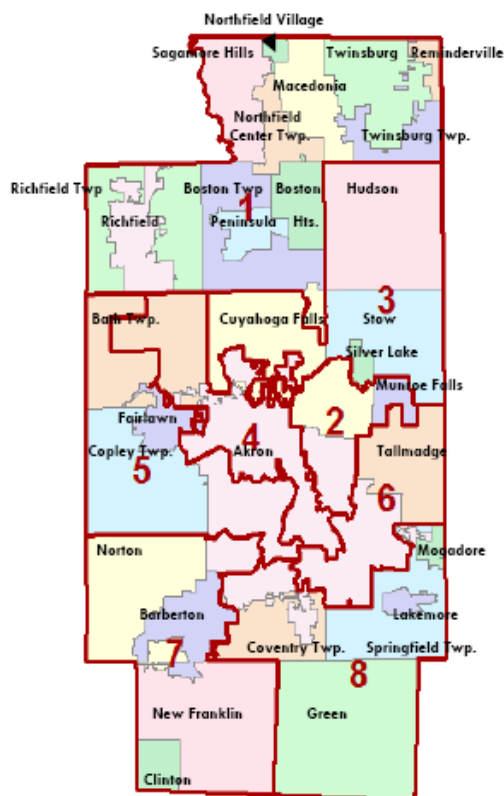
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**2018 Council Meeting Calendar**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
May 7	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 14	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 21	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 28	<b>Council Offices Closed for Memorial Day</b>		
June 4	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
June 11	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
June 18	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
June 25	Council/Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
July	<b>SUMMER RECESS</b>	<b>No Council Meetings</b>	
August 6	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
August 13	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
August 20	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
August 27	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.

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