

Ohio's First Charter County

The Council Ledger

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Upcoming Community Events

- 8th Annual Summit for Kids Saturday, August 19 @ John S. Knight Center 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Join "Let's Move Summit County" at the Akron Recovery Walk, a 5K walk to raise awareness about the RECOVERY community and offer hope to those in active addiction. Saturday, September 9, 12 p.m. at Highland Square.

Let's Move Summit County Health Walk Tops 500 Walkers in 4th Year



Council Members Paula Prentice (left) and Gloria Rodgers (right) lead walkers through the Akron Zoo portion of the 4th Annual Let's Move Summit County Health Walk.



Dr. Jay Gershen welcomes Summit County Council Members Jeff Wilhite and Gloria Rodgers and Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro (center) to the Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown, Ohio.

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On Saturday May 20, more than 500 walkers participated in the Let's Move Summit County 4th Annual Health Walk at the Akron Zoo. Summit County Councilwomen **Paula Prentice (District 8)** and **Gloria Rodgers (District 3)** were at the forefront of the effort, which was dedicated to the ongoing issue of Infant Mortality Awareness.

Ohio ranks among the worst states in the U.S. for infant mortality and Summit County (particularly in the African American community) ranks among the highest in the state.

District 5 Councilman David

Hamilton who represents a large portion of the target area, volunteered as a host for the event, and **Council Members Tim Crawford (District 7), Jeff Wilhite (District 4) and Liz Walters (At-Large)** came out to volunteer and support the event as well.

With a large crowd on an ideal day for walking, participants were split into 3 groups between 150-200 walkers each to maximize the infant mortality awareness message presented by Council Members Prentice and Hamilton and Summit County Public Health Specialist, Shaleeta Smith. See more on page 2

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Summit County Council members, Jeff Willhite, (far left) Paula Prentice, David Hamilton (right center) Gloria Rodgers and Tim Crawford (far right) pose for a group photo with Health Walk registration coordinator, Edna Borders (left center).



Summit County Councilwoman at Large Liz Walters (right) with Akron City Councilwoman at Large Veronica Sims.

Walkers had two route options, a 1/2 mile walk through the Akron Zoo only and a 3.25 mile community route including stops at: Hattie Larlham Food Hub; the Akron Urban League and the Vernon Odom Branch Library. “We had another great event and our numbers continue to grow each year. The more people we can inform, and get moving, the better off we are as a stronger, healthier community,” said Prentice. **Save the Date...The 5th Annual Let's Move Health Walk will return to the Zoo again on Saturday, May 19, 2018.** For more photos of the event go to www.co.summit.oh.us/council

Thanks to the 2017 Health Walk Sponsors and Supporters:



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County Council, Executive Team Tour NEOMED

On Monday, June 26, 2017, **Council members, Jeff Wilhite, Gloria Rodgers and Ron Koehler** along with County Executive Ilene Shapiro, Community and Economic Development Director Connie Kraus, Executive Chief of Staff, Jason Dodson and Council Office Senior Research Analyst Kent Starks visited and toured the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) in Rootstown.

NEOMED President Dr. Jay Gershen along with Daniel Blain, Vice President for Advancement and President, NEOMED Foundation; Carolyn Lanier, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Richard Lewis, Vice President for External Affairs and Secretary, NEOMED Board of Trustees; Michelle Mulhern, Executive Assistant to the President and Associate Secretary, NEOMED Board of Trustees; Maria Schimer, General Counsel; Steven Schmidt, Interim Vice President for Research and Interim Dean, College of Graduate Studies; John Wray, Vice President for Administration and Finance and Elisabeth Young, Interim Vice President for Health Affairs and Interim Dean, College of Medicine were present to meet with the Summit County group and give an them an overview and updates on the school and its 107 acre campus.

Dr. Gershen led the group on a tour of the campus including the \$85 million, 177,000 square foot Education and Wellness Center; the Bio-Med Science Academy – a year round STEM+M high school; The Village at NEOMED—the University's independently operated on-campus residential apartment community and the REDzone, the Research, Entrepreneurship, Discovery and Innovation Zone – a public-private partnership that promotes collaborations between NEOMED, regional economic development organizations and the private sector to increase the development of biotechnology for regional economic prosperity and the improvement of health worldwide.

Following the tour, the group reconvened at the Wellness Center for lunch and a discussion on how Summit County and NEOMED can work together to optimize health resources and opportunities for students and employers in the area.

“NEOMED is a unique and outstanding academic institution that is a vital partner in our efforts to attract and retain our best and brightest minds in medicine, health and biotechnology. We appreciate the leadership of Dr. Gershen and his team there and look forward to building on their growth and success in the future,” said Councilman Wilhite, vice-chair of the Council's Health and Human Services Committee.

NEOMED President Dr. Jay Gershen talks about the Bio-Med Science Academy with County Council Members Ron Koehler (center) Jeff Wilhite and Gloria Rodgers.





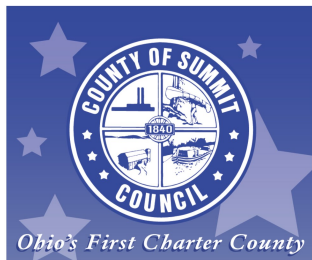
Councilman David Hamilton (District 5) participated in two Akron Public Schools Career Events in May. The Buchtel CLC PTA hosted its 13th annual Career Exploration Fair on May 10th and Schmacher Elementary School hosted Career Day on May 31st. Both events were held in the schools' gymnasiums and were attended by the entire student body throughout the day at Buchtel (grades 9-12) and second through fifth grade boys and girls at Schumacher. More than 30 businesses and professional organizations located throughout Northeast Ohio were represented. Councilman Hamilton hosted a table for Summit County Council and talked to students about Summit County government and his role on Council as well as explaining to students his personal career path as a licensed attorney.

Council Honors Summit Choral Society



Prior to the Council Committee Meeting on June 12, **Summit County Councilwoman at Large, Liz Walters** presented a commendation to Summit Choral Society executive director Karen Prasser (photo above left). Summit Choral Society began in 1990 with the Masterworks Chorale. The Children's Choir Program soon followed in 1990, providing the start of a unique pathway for choral music education and performance with a vision to develop a musical community for singers of all ages who enjoy learning, growing, creating and sharing the sounds of the expansive world of choral repertoire.

Serving the Greater Akron area for 26 years, the Children's Choir Program is a unique vocal music education program for children in grades one through twelve. In 2016, 179 children from over 100 schools in six counties participated. Singers are placed in one of four Musicianship Classes and the appropriate choir (Beginning Singing, Intermediate, Advanced or Performance Choirs) matched with their own musical experience and skill. Each student progresses at his/her own speed and ability. Various members from the Choral Society performed "America The Beautiful" prior to the Council Meeting (photo above right).



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2017 Council Meeting Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
August 21	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
August 28	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
September 4	Council Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday		
September 11	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
September 18	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
September 25	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
October 2	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
October 9	Council Offices Closed for Columbus Day Holiday		
October 16	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
October 23	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
October 30	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.

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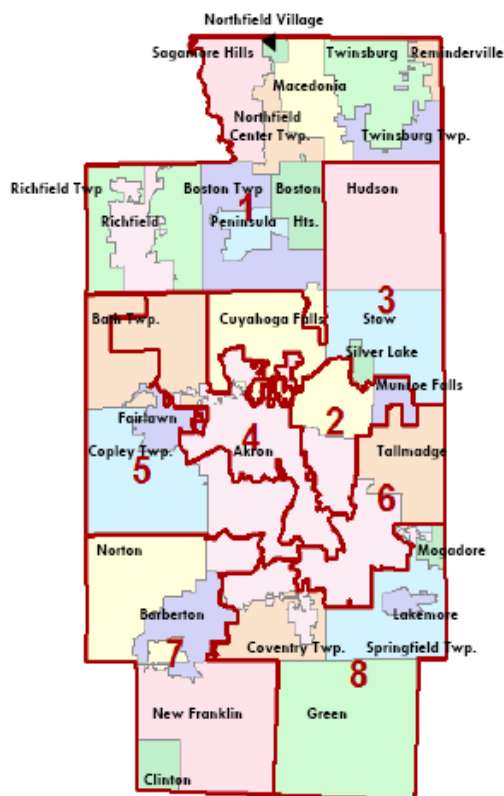
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