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Council Members Learn More About Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel



Council Members (from center) John Schmidt , Jeff Wilhite and David Hamilton, learn about the Canal Interceptor Tunnel at the Hickory Street Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel 1 site where "Rosie" the Tunnel Boring Machine is located .



From left, Congressman Tim Ryan, Akron City Councilman Donnie Kamer, Summit County Councilman David Hamilton and Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan listen as Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro (front) makes remarks at the dedication of the Russell M. Pry Building.

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On Monday, August 28, **Council President John Schmidt (District 2) and fellow Council Members Jeff Wilhite (District 4) and David Hamilton (District 5)** took a trolley tour with the Akron Waterways Renewed program to learn more about the \$184 million Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel (OCIT) project. After watching a brief introductory video in Council Chambers, the members boarded the trolley at the Ohio Building for a 90 minute tour of the tunnel - a 6,240 foot structure that is 27 feet in diameter and can store more than 25 million gallons of water from Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO).

The Trolley tour included stops at each of the OCIT sites:

OCIT1, where the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), "Rosie" was assembled and began drilling at a depth of 50 feet located near Cuyahoga and Otto streets and visible from Hickory Street.

OCIT2, located near Rand and Glendale Avenues and W. Market Street where there is a 40-foot diameter drop shaft and seven connecting structures. Rosie will drill at a depth of 117 feet at this location.

OCIT3, located near West Exchange St. and the Ohio and Erie Canal visible from the West Exchange Street bridge, will

have a 45-foot diameter drop shaft. Rosie will drill at a depth of 166 feet there. At that point, the TBM (Rosie) will be disassembled piece by piece and removed from the site with a crane.

The tour also included stops at Cascade Village Storage Basin (CSO Rack 15), the only round basin, measuring 125-feet in diameter with a storage capacity of 1.5 million gallons and the Forge Field Storage Basin (CSO Rack 14) a 19,716 square foot basin with a storage capacity of 2 million gallons.

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Summit County Council members, David Hamilton (far left) Jeff Wilhite, Council Chief of Staff Mark Potter and Council President John Schmidt (far right) visit the Forge Field Basin as Akron Waterways tour guides Pat Gsellman and Heather Bolestridge explain details about the site.

The Cascade Village Storage Basin (photo at right) is 125 feet in diameter and can hold 1.5 million gallons of CSO.



Approximately 25% of Akron's sewers are combined. These sewers allow sanitary sewers (what goes down the drain at your home or business) to combine with storm sewers (the sewers along streets and buildings that collect rainwater). For most of the 20th century, there would be times during rain events that combined sewer overflows (with a mix of stormwater and a small portion of sanitary sewage) discharge (flow) into our waterways, including the Cuyahoga River, the Little Cuyahoga and the Ohio & Erie Canal. Also, during these wet weather events, the Mud Run Pump Station could overflow to the Tuscarawas River.

The City's CSO "Long Term Control Plan" (LTCP), which was submitted to the federal and state Environmental Protection Agencies (EPAs), will improve the sewer system by achieving zero untreated overflows in a typical year, thereby improving water quality in our streams and rivers.

The City of Akron submitted an Integrated Plan to the EPA in August of 2015 to modify the current LTCP. The Integrated Plan is intended to provide an earlier water quality benefit, at a reduced cost with a more appropriate schedule.

The Integrated Plan proposes to decrease the amount of storage basins from 10 down to five, to increase the amount of sewer separations from five to 13 with added green infrastructure, go from two tunnels to one – all of which could potentially save the City approximately \$300 million. Additionally, the City is seeking approval to stretch the timeline from completion in 2027 to completion in 2040.

County Triangle Building Renamed for Russ Pry



Akrón City Councilman Donnie Kamer and District 5 County Councilman David Hamilton unveil the new name of the Russell M. Pry Building (formerly the Triangle Building) at 1180 S. Main St. in Akron.

On Monday, July 31, 2017, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro was joined by a few hundred local business owners, community members, government dignitaries and county government employees to dedicate the County office building at 1180 South Main Street in Akron as the Russell M. Pry Building.

During the ceremony, Pry was praised by the federal, state, county and local leaders for his vision in consolidating eight different County offices from three different locations into the Russell M. Pry Building, with a focus on providing quality services to members of the public. The Russell M. Pry Building opened to the public in February of last year and is expected to save the County millions of dollars over the next decade. Since its opening, the \$23 million facility has been praised as an example of efficiency in government, while at the same time receiving recognition for its creative re-use of a historic WWII-era Firestone Tire Company manufacturing facility.

Pry served as County Executive from July 2007 until his passing on July 31, 2016.



(Left photo) FirstEnergy's Manager of External Affairs Kirk Gardner, County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Council President John Schmidt present the Laura's Summit County Stand Down Committee with \$10,000 checks to support the September 12th Stand Down for Homeless Vets.

(Left Photo Below) Councilman Tim Crawford (District 7) hosts a prize drawing at the County Council Booth at the 9th Annual Summit for Kids Back to School event at the John S. Knight Center.

(Center Photo Below) Councilman David Hamilton (District 5) with members of the Copley High School Marching Band at the "Stuff The Bus" Back to School Supply Drive sponsored by the Fairlawn Chamber of Commerce.

(Right Photo Below) Councilwoman Gloria Rodgers (District 3) with Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro at the Summit County Walk for MS on July 27th in Downtown Akron.



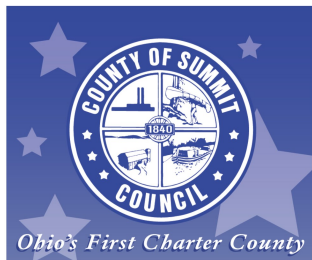
Council Supports 5th Annual Recovery Walk



On Saturday, September 9, **Summit County Councilwoman Paula Prentice (District 8)** and fellow **Councilmembers, Tim Crawford (District 7) , Liz Walters (At Large) and Council President John Schmidt (District 2)** participated in the Akron Recovery Walk, a community activity initiated as part of the Access to Recovery grant in Summit County.

Held in the Highland Square neighborhood of West Akron, the purpose of the Akron Recovery Walk is to raise awareness for the issues of addiction and recovery and to bring families together by providing a healthy recovery oriented activity for those in early recovery from addiction. As part of the walk 5K route, participants stopped at the home of physician Robert Holbrook Smith, affectionately called Dr. Bob, one of the founding fathers of Alcoholics Anonymous, and later had prayers at Mount Peace Cemetery where Dr. Bob and his wife Ann, are buried.

Summit County Council was a sponsor of the walk, and Councilwoman Prentice presented a commendation to Akron Recovery Walk organizers, Rick Harig (pictured above at left) and Paula Rabinowitz (third from right in group photo at right).



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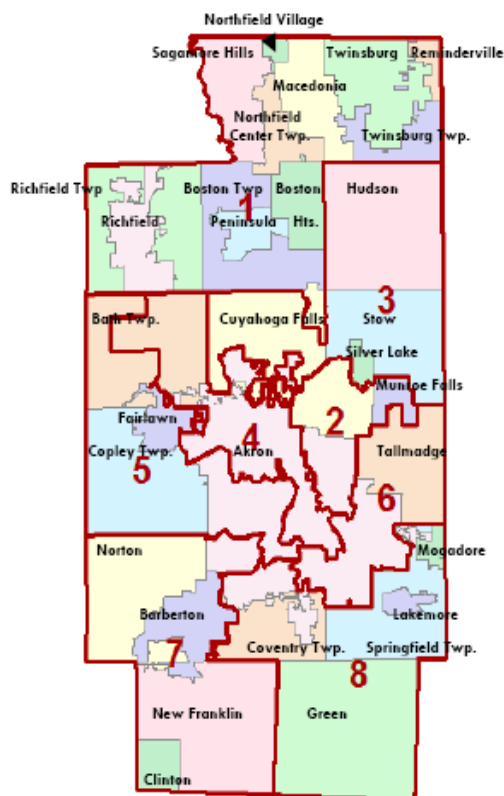
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2017 Council Meeting Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
November 6	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
November 10	Council Offices Closed for Veteran's Day Holiday		
November 13	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
November 20	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
November 23-24	Council Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays		
November 27	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
December 4	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
December 12	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
<i>Last Meeting before Winter Break</i>			
December 25-26	Council Offices Closed for Christmas Holidays		
January 8, 2018	Council Organizational Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.

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