

Ohio's First Charter County

# The Council Ledger

Winter/Spring 2016

## Upcoming Community Events

- Nordonia Hills Expo  
Saturday, March 19  
@ Nordonia High School  
9 a.m. to 3:30p.m.
- Cuyahoga Falls Expo  
Saturday, March 26  
@ Falls Natatorium  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Stow-Munroe Falls Showcase  
Saturday, April 2-3  
@ Stow-Munroe Falls HS  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sat.) and  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Sun.)

## Council Welcomes Two New Members



Newly appointed Summit County Council Members, Elizabeth Walters (At-Large) and Jeff Wilhite (District 4).

Two new County Council Members were recently appointed to replace **At-Large Member, Sandra Kurt and District 4 Representative Frank Comunale.**

Kurt resigned after being named the new Summit County Clerk of Courts, succeeding new Akron Mayor, Dan Horrigan, and Comunale ended his term on Council after accepting a new position with the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services.

The new Council Members are **Elizabeth Walters (At-Large) and Jeff Wilhite (District 4).**

Walters comes to Council with previous experience as executive director of the Ohio Democratic Party, and as Ohio's former 13th Congressional District senior aide to Congresswoman Betty Sutton. Liz is a graduate of Cuyahoga Falls High School, earned her bachelors degree from Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA and her masters degree in public administration from Cleveland State University.

Wilhite currently serves as executive director of Family Promise of Summit County, a program serving homeless children and their families.

Jeff has served as Deputy Mayor for Administration for the City of Akron. He also served as Deputy Director of Planning and Urban Development and was the Founding Director of the Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority (now Summit Re-Works).

Because they both are filling the remaining terms of Kurt and Comunale, Councilwoman Walters and Councilman Wilhite will both be running for re-election in November.

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# Council Members Tour New Triangle Building

*The move is expected to save the County over \$10 million dollars over the next 20 years.*

On February 9th, Council Members **Tim Crawford (District 7)**, **Gloria Rodgers (District 3)**, **Jerry Feeman (District 6)** and **Liz Walters (At-Large)** got a “sneak preview” of the newly remodeled Triangle Building, now home to the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS), Summit County Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, Summit County Human Resources Department, Summit Soil and Water, Summit County Landbank, Summit County Department of Administrative Services, Summit County Board of Revision and the Summit County Records Center and Archives. The World War I-era building located at 1180 South Main Street in Akron was once part of the Firestone Tire and Rubber manufacturing campus and most recently supported the Bridgestone Technical Center. For the First Time in decades, DJFS clients will no longer have to

travel between multiple buildings for services and FREE public parking will be available.

The move is expected to save the County over \$10 million dollars over the next 20 years, as well as savings from operational efficiencies that could not previously be tapped into when operating in so many different buildings. The official move was completed during the last two weeks in February.

A thank you letter from Council Members states:

“Russ Pry and his staff have done a wonderful job in planning and communicating the process to members of Council from the project inception stage, to what is now a reality. We as a Council are extremely proud of all the hard work put into making this relocation happen and look forward to a successful future on South Main.”



**Summit County Executive Chief of Staff, Jason Dodson points out a few features of the new Triangle Building to Council Members (top photo from left) Tim Crawford, Jerry Feeman, Gloria Rodgers and Liz Walters and answers questions about the new facility (bottom photo).**



# University of Akron Football Team Honored By Council



Prior to the February 29th Council Meeting, Coach Terry Bowden and University of Akron Football Team was honored with a Commendation from Summit County Council, presented by Councilman **John Schmidt (District 2)** for their outstanding 2015 Season, which culminated with a 23-21 win in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl over Utah State. The Zips finished the season with an 8-5 record, winning their last five games in a row and defeating teams from seven different states. Their eight victories were the most in school history since UA began play in the NCAA Football Bowl Sub Division (Division I) in 1987. The Bowl appearance was also the first in school history and the program's first bowl victory.

# Let's Move Summit County 3rd Annual Health Walk To Be Held May 28th at Akron Zoo

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Kids and families walk in a Let's Move Fall Hike at Goodyear Heights Metro Park.

Let's Move Summit County is hosting its **3rd Annual Health Walk, on Saturday May 28, from 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.** The walk route this year will begin and end at the **Akron Zoo, located at 500 Edgewood Avenue.**

Headed by Summit County Councilwoman **Paula Prentice (District 8)**, Let's Move Summit County has hosted Community Health Walks and events since

2010. This year, the walk is being dedicated to the issue of infant mortality. Councilwoman Prentice (and Councilwoman **Gloria Rodgers (District 3)** (both members of the Summit County Council Health and Human Services committee) have been actively involved with efforts related to the infant mortality crisis in Ohio, particularly in Summit County. Recent Public Health reports rank Ohio as hav-

ing one of the worst infant mortality rates in the nation and Summit County having one of the highest infant mortality rates in the state.

The 2016 Health Walk is a FREE event intended to inform, engage and provide a healthy event for children and families.

Several community organizations including: the Akron Zoo, Summa Health System, Walk With a Doc, Community Support Ser-

vices, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, Hattie Larlham, Summit County Public Health, and the County of Summit have partnered with Let's Move this year to provide a great day of activity and fun. Following the walk, all registered participants can enjoy a complimentary day at the Zoo and Summit County Employees can earn up to 250 Vitality points for completing the walk route.

**Pre-registration will begin in April. Stay tuned for more details!**

## Council Selects Shapiro and Kostandaras to lead in 2016



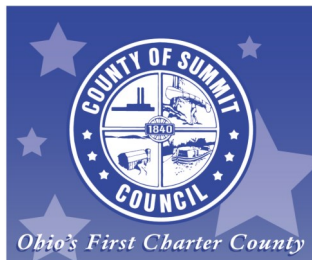
**Ilene Shapiro (At-Large)** was re-elected to serve as President of Council for 2016 and **Nick Kostandaras (District 1)** was elected to serve as Vice President following the Summit County Council Organizational Meeting In January.

Shapiro was elected to County Council in 2007 and served as Council President in 2014 and 2015.

Kostandaras was elected to County Council in 2006 and most recently has served as President of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO).

The two County Council Officers are pictured (left) during a Commendation ceremony marking the 175th Anniversary of Summit County in 2015.





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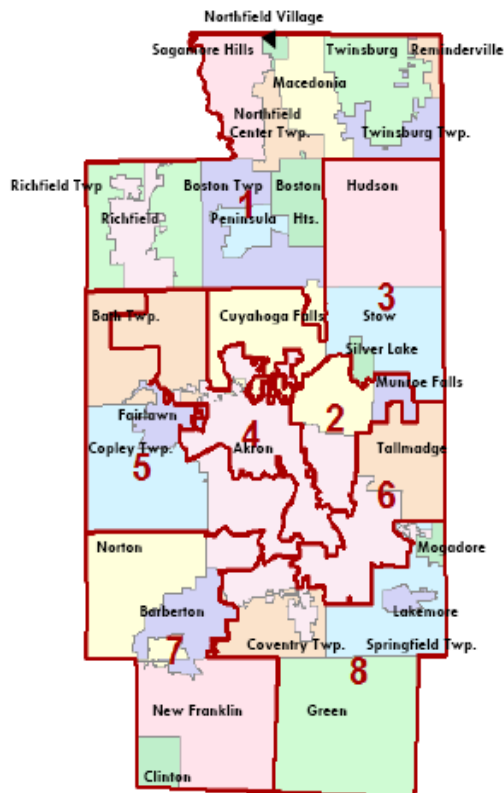
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**2016 Council Meeting Calendar**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
March 21	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
March 28	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
April 4	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
April 11	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
April 18	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
April 25	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 2	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 9	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 16	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 23	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
May 30	<b>Council Offices Closed for Memorial Day</b>		
June 6	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.

**2016 County Council Members**

- \*Ilene Shapiro**  
President  
At -Large
- Nick Kostandaras**  
Vice President
- District 1  
**John Schmidt**
- District 2  
**Gloria Rodgers**
- District 3  
**Jeff Wilhite**
- District 4  
**Tamela Lee**
- District 5  
**Jerry Feeman**
- District 6  
**Tim Crawford**
- District 7  
**Paula Prentice**
- District 8  
**Elizabeth Walters**  
At -Large
- John Donofrio**  
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