

Ohio's First Charter County

The Council Ledger

Spring/Summer 2016

Upcoming Community Events

- **Summit County Fair**
Tuesday, July 26 through Sunday, July 31 @ Summit County Fairgrounds.
9 a.m. to 10:30p.m. Tues-Thurs; 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Fri-Sat.; 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sun.
- **Summit for Kids**
Saturday, August 20 @ John S. Knight Center
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Let's Move Summit County Hosts 3rd Annual Health Walk at Akron Zoo



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On a gorgeous Memorial Day weekend, more than 400 walkers participated in the Let's Move Summit County 3rd Annual Health Walk, held on Saturday, May 28th at the Akron Zoo. Summit County Councilwoman **Paula Prentice (District 8)** led the effort, which was dedicated to Infant Mortality Awareness this year.

Prentice along with Councilwoman **Gloria Rodgers (District 3)** are both actively involved in local efforts to decrease the infant mortality rate in Summit County, which ranks among the highest in the State of Ohio.

The issue is particularly troubling in African-American households where the infant mortality rate is twice as high as other races.

"Our goal was to provide some information and spark discussion about healthy outcomes for expectant mothers and newborns while providing a fun and family friendly walk for everyone," said Prentice. Following the walk, there was a brief presentation on infant mortality from the Summit County Health Department and doctors from Summa Health, Cleveland Clinic Akron General and Community Support Services walked among the participants on the route to talk about health issues and answer questions.

A FREE event open to the public, walkers had the option to walk a half-mile zoo only route or complete a 3.25 mile community route that began and ended at the zoo.

In addition, all pre-registered walkers received a t-shirt and drawstring sport-pack, and all walkers received FREE admission to the Zoo that day. County employees earned up to 250 Vitality points for participating.

Event sponsors and health vendors were also available with additional information and samples at the Zoo and a prize drawing was held following the walk.

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The community walk route included stops at:

- ◆ The new Hattie Larlham Food Hub
- ◆ Akron Urban League and
- ◆ The Vernon Odom Branch Library

At each stop, walkers had their route cards stamped and received free snack samples, water and/or health information. At the end of the route, walkers turned in their cards for a chance to win prizes in a drawing held at the Zoo.

The 2016 Health Walk was sponsored and supported by:

- ◆ UnitedHealthcare
- ◆ UnitedHealthcare Community Plan
- ◆ METRO RTA
- ◆ Buckeye Health Plan
- ◆ Akron Zoo
- ◆ Summa Health
- ◆ Hattie Larlham
- ◆ 1-888-OHIOCOMP
- ◆ Akron Children's Hospital

- ◆ Western Reserve Hospital
- ◆ Cleveland Clinic Akron General
- ◆ Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
- ◆ Walk With a Doc
- ◆ Community Support Services
- ◆ Klein's Pharmacy
- ◆ Summit County Council
- ◆ Summit County Fiscal Office, Kristin Scalise CPA, CFE
- ◆ Summit County Public Health
- ◆ County of Summit Department of Job and Family Services, Russ Pry Executive

"It was a great day for a great cause and we were thrilled with the turnout. Thanks so much to the Akron Zoo and all of our volunteers who made this all possible," said Prentice.

Save the Date... The 2017 Let's Move Health Walk will return to the Zoo again on *Saturday, May 20th* .

For more photos of the event go to www.co.summit.oh.us/council

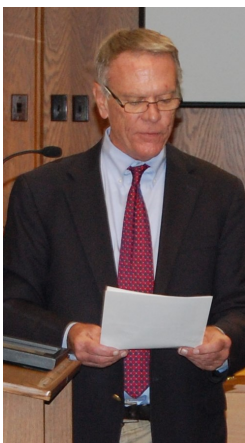


Summit County Council members, Gloria Rodgers (far left) Paula Prentice, Ilene Shapiro (center) and Jeff Wilhite (far right) pose for a group photo with event coordinator, Kent Starks, Akron City Council Members, Margo Sommerville, Veronica Sims and Linda Omobien, State Representative Emilia Sykes and doctors who volunteered to walk the route (red shirts).



Walkers listen to the infant mortality presentation from Monique Harris of Summit County Public Health .

LeBron James Honored by Council for NBA Championship, Foundation Work



Prior to the June 27th Council Meeting, Akron native and NBA Superstar LeBron James was honored by Council and the Executive for leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to the 2016 NBA World Championship, the first major professional sports title for Northeast Ohio in 52 years! James was named Finals MVP, leading both teams in scoring, rebounding, assists, steals and blocks. His LeBron James Family Foundation sponsors 3rd grade students in its Wheels for Education program and established the I Promise Network with the Akron Public Schools to ensure their success through graduation. James has also established a partnership with the University of Akron ensuring college scholarships for thousands of his program's students and he has teamed up with Boys and Girls Clubs across the nation, providing donations and renovations so that kids will have safe places to learn and play before and after school. The Commendation was read into record by Councilman **John Schmidt (District 2)** as James was unable to attend.

Councilman Wilhite, Executive Pry Introduce Fuel Pump Security Legislation

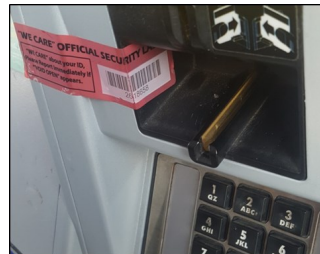
At the Monday, June 27th County Council meeting, Summit County Councilman **Jeff Wilhite (District 4)** along with County Executive Russ Pry, introduced legislation (Resolution 2016-272) to curb the use of "scimming" devices on credit card readers on gas pumps throughout Summit County.

In recent years the prevalence of devices commonly called credit card "skimmers" has increased. Many skimmers are placed in the scanning device of gas pumps at retail gas stations, stealing credit card information of unsuspecting consumers. Through many inexpensive and cost effective means,

consumers can easily be made aware of any tampering to the scanning device of gas pumps at retail gas stations. While a few retail gas stations have begun to implement policies and procedures to ensure the security of the scanning devices on their gas pumps, (see security tape in photo at right) currently, no regulations or consumer protections exist to protect consumers from credit card skimmers at retail gas stations in the State of Ohio.

The proposed legislation would enact Chapter 780 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Sum-

mit, entitled "Fuel Pump Security," to provide consumer protection from credit card skimmers at retail gas stations. This new proposed chapter would include: tamper prevention measures for gas station owners; civil penalties and



costs for non-compliance; administrative hearing procedures for civil penalties; out of service and devic-

es without scanners exceptions and fiscal office inspections on devices.

"We recognize that consumer protection from credit card skimmers is necessary to prevent financial losses and maintaining consumer confidences of the integrity of the scanning devices at our retail gas stations," said Wilhite.

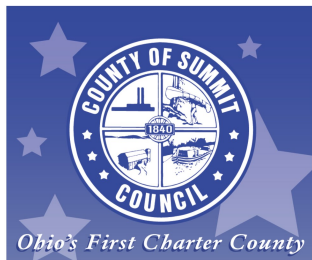
Resolution 2016-272 will be reviewed for adoption and approval in August when Council returns from Summer Recess. If passed, consumers can expect to see these measures at every gas station in Summit County on January 1, 2017 when this ordinance would go into effect.

Commendations



Councilwoman Paula Prentice presents a Commendation to Steve Albrecht, Chairman of Acme Fresh Markets in recognition of the local grocers' 125th Anniversary. Established in Akron in 1891 by Fred W. Albrecht, Acme is a fifth generation family owned business with 16 stores located in four counties with more than 2,200 employees.

Council recognized the ladies of the Akron Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for their outstanding work in the community. The Deltas have more than five decades of distinguished service in the community with projects and programs including: Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), WomenBuild with Habitat for Humanity, Financial Fortitude Money Matters Seminars, Les Belles Perles Cotillion, United Negro College Fund; Power To End Stroke, Project ART (Actively Redefining Together), Mind, Body and Soul, Delta Academy & Delta GEMS, The Darfur Project-Building a Well in the Sudan, Akron Public School Board Candidate Forum, Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Action Tour, NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner, CommUNITY Day, Step out and Walk with the American Diabetes Association, Voter Registration and World AIDS Day.



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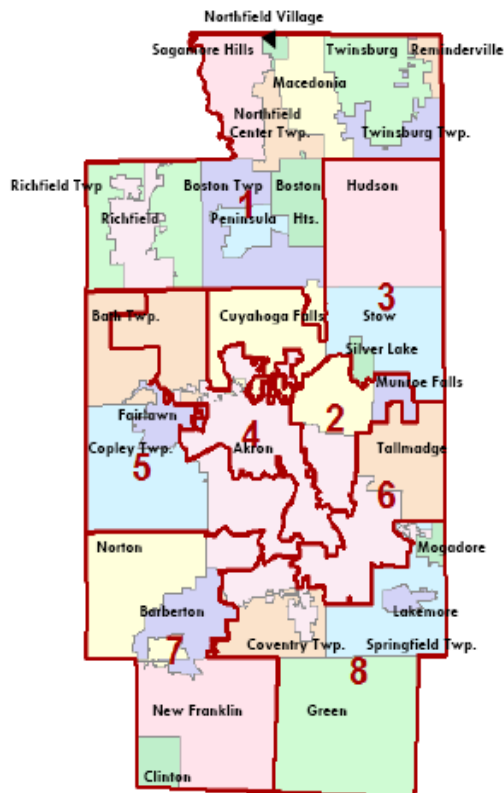
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2016 Council Meeting Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
August 8	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
August 15	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
August 22	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
August 29	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
September 5	Council Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday		
September 12	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
September 19	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
September 26	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
October 3	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
October 10	Council Offices Closed for Columbus Day Holiday		
October 17	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.

2016 County Council Members

- *Ilene Shapiro**
President
At -Large
- Nick Kostandaras**
Vice President
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- 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**
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- Elizabeth Walters**
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