



MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' NEWSLETTER

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E4 YOUTH SUMMIT

Commissioner Tim Smith participated in United Way of Medina County's E4 Youth Summit. Students had the opportunity to gain a better understanding of their strengths through the StrengthsQuest survey and then listened to a panel of community leaders discuss what's great about Medina County and learn of their visions and aspirations for the future. Then the students determined how they would like to apply their strengths and interests with a volunteer opportunity and begin to plan what they would do for the site they chose. It's hopeful that this will begin a lifetime of volunteerism.



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PUBLIC LIBRARY RENEWAL LEVY



The Commissioners passed a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation. Medina County Library personnel requested that a levy be placed on the May ballot. The resolution stated that it is necessary to levy a tax for the purpose of current expenses of the Medina County District Library at a rate not exceeding 1.50 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to fifteen cents for each one hundred dollars of valuations for a period of ten years and which the levy is for a renewal of an existing levy of 1.25 mills of an increase of .25 mills to constitute a tax of 1.50 mills.



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PROPOSED TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Black & Veatch (B&V) has analyzed energy conservation measures at the Liverpool Wastewater Treatment Plant (LWTP). The company is a global engineering, consulting, construction, and operations company specializing in water and energy infrastructure. Amy Lyon-Galvin stated that she and Phil Cummings, Superintendent of the LWTP for 42 years, have been working with B&V for nearly two years on an Investment Grade Audit and energy conservation contract opportunity at the plant. There is interest in building an anaerobic digester that will product biogas that they can blend with natural gas and power the two existing 1 MW generators to take themselves as much as they can off the electrical grid to save money. The savings will pay for the majority of the debt in order to perform the project. The total project will be \$35M. The largest driving force, beyond green energy, is that the existing solids handling system uses technology pressure and heat to cook the sludge so that it can be safe for land application. The plant will remove phosphorous and ammonia, removing it from the sludge that goes to the farm fields. When the sludge is applied to the farm fields, there won't be worry about run-off going into streams.



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TAX SURVEY

Western Reserve and Baldwin Wallace are preparing a survey to be taken within Medina County regarding sales tax or property tax being considered for the May ballot. The survey will likely begin the week after the elections. The survey will be given by phone and internet. There is no charge to the county for the survey. This is a legitimate survey and your participation is appreciated.



Do you want to be removed from this mailing or know someone who wants to be added? Do you have suggestions for a newsletter article?

Please notify Clerk Peggy Folk, CAP-OM at pfolk@medinaco.org or 330-722-9210.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Preview **Saturday, November 12** **10:00 AM-7:00 PM**
Historical Downtown Seville
Start your shopping for the holiday season! The quaint town will be decorated for Christmas filling the air with festive sounds of shoppers going from shop to shop enjoying refreshments and specials. Santa will be there to talk with the children and have pictures taken. Don't miss out on this small town Christmas celebration!

15th Annual Nature Art Fest **Saturday, November 12** **10:00 AM-5:00 PM**
Wolf Creek Environmental Center **Sunday, November 13** **Noon-4:00 PM**
The Nature Art Fest features unique items inspired by nature from professional artists. From paintings to stained glass, you'll find unique holiday gifts for everyone on your list. Bring the family and spend the day in one of the most beautiful parks in Medina County. No registration required. Free admission. All ages welcome.

Tales for Tots **Thursday, November 17** **10:00 AM-11:00 AM or**
Wolf Creek Environmental Center **Friday, November 18** **1:00-2:00 PM**
Do you know the difference between a pet and a wild animal? Learn more about what makes an animal "wild" through a story and fun activities. For ages 3-6 with an adult. Some or all of the program will be held outdoors; please dress accordingly. Register between October 27 and November 18. Free.

2nd Annual Art with A Heart **Friday, November 18** **6:00 PM**
Williams on the Lake (787 Lafayette Rd. Medina, OH)
An exciting variety of custom art will be on display and available for auction at this fun event. The selection will include work from local community artists including students as well as works by popular artists such as Neiman, Chagal, Disney, and Dali. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes one complimentary drink and craft beer sampling. Preview, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m. with the auction starting at 7:00 PM.

Medina's Candlelight Walk **Friday-Sunday, November 18-20**
Downtown Medina
Throughout the weekend, the shops and restaurants of the nine-block Medina historic district will be open later into the evening to welcome local and visiting guests. Shuttle buses will be available on Saturday and Sunday to help transport guests to various destinations around the district. The three-day holiday kick-off begins on Friday, November 18, with the much anticipated lighting by district with Mayor Hanwell. Saturday, November 19, will be a day of community celebration, including the amazing Holiday Parade of Lights. At 5:30 PM, parade floats, cars and trucks will make the mile-long trek down the parade route from Medina High School to Public Square. Santa will take up residency on Broadway Street in his house. The pyrotechnic spectacular fireworks will be launched at 7:00 PM from the top deck of the County parking deck behind the County Courthouse. A full schedule of events, including times, locations, bus maps, and parking details can be found at www.mainstreetmedina.com.

K-9 Kapers **Saturday, November 19** **10:00-11:00 AM**
Lake Medina (S.R. 18 entrance)
K-9 Kapers provides dog owners with an opportunity to socialize their pets with other dogs. These alternative hikes will interest both the dog and its owner while offering exercise and fun. All dogs must have an accompanying adult and eight-foot leash (non-retractable). Participants must maintain control of their dogs at all times. We recommend bringing a towel for muddy feet and a water bowl. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

Traditional Holiday Centerpiece **Saturday, November 19** **10:00 AM-Noon**
Wolf Creek Environmental Center
Join Medina Herb Society for this make-it/take-it class. Create a traditional, fragrant arrangement using local greens, yarrow, lavender, and pine cones. This centerpiece is the perfect addition to your holiday table! All supplies provided. Ages 16 to adult. Register by November 17. There is a \$15 fee.

Christmas Around the World **Saturday, November 19** **10:00 AM-5:00 PM**
Medina High School (855 Weymouth Rd., Medina) **Sunday, November 20** **11:00 AM-4:00 PM**
Kick off the holidays in Medina with the Annual Christmas Around the World craft show. You will be amazed at the expertly crafted gifts, holiday decorations and handmade items at over 65 exhibitor booths. Admission is \$4 ages 13 and up; \$3 seniors ages 60+; and children ages 12 and under are free. For more information, visit www.medinacraftshows.com.