



MEDINA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' NEWSLETTER

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MEDINA COUNTY RECEIVES SAFETY AWARDS



At the April 18 Medina County Safety Awards meeting, Medina County Safety Coordinator Keith Blair (*pictured second from the right*) received the following awards:

- “Special Award” plaque issued to the Medina County Commissioners for efforts in preventing accidents and injuries in the workplace February 10-December 31, 2016, and 1,674,078 hours worked;
- Group Award” certificate issued to the Medina County Commissioners for having the best safety record within a group of like companies; and
- “Achievement Award”, issued in combination with the Group Award certificate, for outstanding efforts by supervisory personnel and employees in reducing the annual incident rate by 25% or more in 2016.

Mr. Blair presented the awards to the Commissioners and noted that they belonged to all Medina County employees.

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Chief Building Official Charles Huber (*pictured second from the right*) was presented a resolution proclaiming May 2017 as Building Safety Month. The theme this year was “Code Officials—Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth.” Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in communities, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.



CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH



On April 23, the Children’s Center of Medina coordinated a one-mile walk from Historical Medina Square to St. Francis Church where 466 pinwheels were planted. Each pinwheel represented one investigated case of child abuse in Medina County. Child abuse and neglect not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of long-term physical and mental problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence, and criminal behavior. Over 2,000 cases of child abuse were report. Of the 466 cases that were investigated, 58 were sexual abuse cases.

With the Commissioners are Shannon Collins (center) and Anna Guy-Leach (second from right)

CORONER MAKES FIRST REPORT

Coroner Dr. Lisa Deranek reported that since taking office on January 2, the office staff has set many protocols, including attempting to arrive at a death scene within an hour and to arrange transport within an hour. Toxicology screens are drawn at the scene and sent to a laboratory in Indiana for prompt analysis. All cases are logged into a program so there is clear communication, and they’ve begun to digitize files for easier storage and transfer among law enforcement agencies. Dr. Deranek hired Amy Kerr as a full-time investigator and intern Kelsey Stopek has been assisting with office technology. A pamphlet for families and friends has been created so they know what to expect. Forty-six cases have been accepted so far in 2017, a 25% increase over the same period last year. Despite the high volume of cases, \$6,000 less was spent over the same period last year.



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?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Partnering to Donate Dogs to Veterans

Every Day in May

Dan's Dogs Hot Dog Eatery & Diner (111 W. Liberty St., Medina)

Armstrong and Dan's Dogs Hot Dog Eatery & Diner are teaming up to donate Medina Service Dogs to area veterans. Throughout the month of May (Military Appreciation Month), Dan's Dogs will donate \$2 from every half-pound Angus Beef St. Bernard Hot Dog sold to support Armstrong's Healing Heroes initiative. Healing Heroes provides a highly-trained service dog to qualifying disabled veterans who are struggling with disabilities such as PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, seizure disorders, and more. Armstrong will be matching the funds donated.

Step Up to Prevent Suicide Walk

Sunday, May 7

Registration: Noon; Walk 1:00 p.m.

Medina Public Square

T-shirts are given to the first 300 who register. Participate in either a 2.6 or 4.3 mile walk. The mission of Medina County Coalition for Suicide Prevention is to provide coordinated strategies to educate, increase awareness that suicide is a public health problem, and empower people to seek help for themselves and others. To register or donate, visit www.alternativepaths.org.

Introduction to Grant Writing

Wednesday, May 10

1:00-3:00 p.m. or 6:00-8:00 p.m.

OSU Extension, Professional Building (120 W. Washington St., Suite 1K Medina)

Participants will learn tips to be "grant ready." You will also learn techniques to identify a funding source that is a good fit for your organization. Cost is \$50 cash or check due at time of registration. Class size is limited. For more information and a registration form, go to <https://medina.osu.edu/events/introduction-grant-writing>. For questions, please contact Community Development Educator Kyle White at 330-725-4911, ext. 107 or by email at white.2811@osu.edu.

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, May 11

5:00-8:30 p.m.

Medina Historic District

Spending time with girlfriends has never been more fun! Enjoy snacking, shopping, and socializing. Be sure not to miss the After Party at Lager Heads Tasting Room from 7:30-10:00 p.m. to enjoy raffles, music, draft beer discounts, and more! Pick up an event map and bag the evening of May 11 at Medina County Visitors Bureau located at 32 Public Square (while supplies last). Save the dates of July 13 and October 12 for future Ladies Night Out!

Plant and Herb Sale

Saturday, May 13

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Weymouth Preservation Society (3314 Meyers Rd., Medina)

Get ready for spring and summer! Perennials, heirloom tomatoes and vegetable plants, hanging baskets, herbs, and garden books.

Candlelight Vigil for Law Enforcement

Friday, May 19

7:30 p.m.

Medina County Courthouse (93 Public Square, Medina)

Join in the candlelight vigil dedicated to the men and women of law enforcement who serve our community and put their lives on the line to keep us safe. Free hotdogs (donations accepted for Sea of Youth) courtesy of Dan's Dogs Hot Dog Eatery & Diner 6:00-7:00 p.m. on the Square. In case of inclement weather, event will be held in the Medina High School Performing Arts Center. For questions, please contact Annie at 330-241-7510.

Dandelion Drive

Sunday, May 21

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Medina County Historical Societies and Museums

The Dandelion Drive—A Journey in Time, is held the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend each year. The drive-it-yourself tour this year will include stops at Litchfield Township Historical Society, York Historical Society, Medina County Historical Society, Medina Town Hall and Engine House Museum, and The Little Wiz Fire Museum. Call 330-722-5502 for a map or more information.

You Write the Grant

Wednesdays, May 24 and June 7

1:00-3:00 p.m. OR 6:00-8:00 p.m.

OSU Extension, Professional Building (120 W. Washington St., Suite 1K Medina)

This workshop builds on the Introduction to the Grant Writing course. It's a two-part workshop with information about writing a winning grant proposal. In the first session, you'll prepare a draft for your grant with the support and guidance of the instructor. In the second session, you'll leave with a grant application ready to submit or nearly ready to submit. Class size is limited. Cost is \$100 cash or check due at time of registration. For more information and a registration form, go to <https://medina.osu.edu/events/you-write-grant>. For questions, please contact Community Development Educator Kyle White at 330-725-4911, ext. 107 or by email at white.2811@osu.edu.

3rd Annual Pond School

Wednesday, May 31

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Wolf Creek Environmental Center (6100 Ridge Rd., Medina)

With over 8,000 ponds, Medina County is known as the "Pond Capital" of Ohio. With all of these ponds, there are bound to be questions about algae, weeds, and the "how-to" of pond ownership. Ohio State University Extension is partnership with the Park District, Soil and Water Conservation District, Cleveland Metroparks, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to provide a three-hour pond school to help people learn more about pond management. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly recommended. Deadline to register is May 24; payment is due at the time of registration. For the registration flyer, go to go.osu.edu/pond. For questions, please contact Community Development Educator Kyle White at 330-725-4911, ext. 107 or by email at white.2811@osu.edu.

Young Naturalist Camp

June and July

10:00-11:30 or 1:00-2:30 p.m.; 7:00-8:30 p.m. (July 25-27)

Medina County Parks

Children ages 7-12 are encouraged to get their feet wet, their hands muddy, and experience the excitement of discovering the world of nature. These 11 3-day camp opportunities will enable your child to explore different parks and preserves throughout Medina County. Program options include:

Life In a Stream	Butterflies	The Eagles are Coming	Water Science	Life in the Pioneer Encampment	Bats!
All About Muck	Everybody Scats	Fields and Forests	A Pioneer Trail	Native American Storytelling	Moon Mysteries

Each camper receives a t-shirt that they can bring to Wolf Creek Environment Center on July 29 to tie-dye. Registration is \$10 per child. Go to www.MedinaCountyParks.com to register. Call the park office at 330-722-9364 or 1-844-722-9364 for any questions.