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New Utilities Facility—The ULAB Center

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In September of 1989 the Department of Utilities purchased a house, pole barn and 71 acres of land located south of the landfill. Once known as Square Nursery, the property was one of the many horticultural businesses that existed in eastern Lake County. Since then, the Department has been using this property for record storage and Solid Waste offices. The pole barn, a.k.a. "the lodge," was used as Solid Waste offices and the adjoining workshop was heated by burning oil from our recycling program collections.

Over time it became clear that the small house and pole barn were unfavorable to office productivity. Operations were being conducted out of cramped areas in the barn and storage facilities were overfilled. These conditions inspired the creation of a new facility. This new structure would not only address the administrative needs of the Solid Waste division, but also serve the needs of the entire Department.

In January 2007, construction commenced on the renovation of the existing 2,500 sq.ft brick residential home with an addition of 2,000 sq.ft. The renamed Utilities Learning and Business Center, "ULAB", now boasts solid waste offices, conference and training facilities, and much needed storage space.

Dave Bradshaw, Director of Solid Waste Operations, and Phil Spencer, Assis-

tant Superintendent, have relocated to the second floor and Secretary Kay Meadon was moved from the not-so-spacious scale house to a first floor office. The Department is also preparing to transfer its emergency communication operations center, which is now located in the 3rd floor conference room of the Administration Building, to the new facility.

One of the biggest benefits of the ULAB lies below ground. The newly enlarged basement has been converted into a massive storage room for all Utility Department documents. The space has been specifically designed for record retention and contains metal shelving for file boxes. All documents to be stored there will be logged in a computerized indexing system. The record retention committee is currently organizing and sorting previously stored administrative, engineering, and EPA records and files.

The real success of the ULAB is the variety of functions it offers. Not only does it improve the quality and quantity of the workspace for Solid Waste employees and provide new space for document storage, but it also serves as a meeting and training facility. The East end of the county lacked sufficient meeting space until now. The ULAB's conference rooms provide for the multitude of active committees in the Utilities Department. These include the Professional Development Group, Safety Committees, Record Retention Committee, and the Customer Service Group. The large conference room, complete with two video screens, cameras and numerous lap top stations, can hold up to 100 people. It is the perfect location for public information sessions, public hearings, and pre-construction meetings. All these functions facilitate communication and good relations with the Lake County community.

The ULAB has already been the site of various training sessions. AWWA broadcasts, management, employee, safety and health training are being conducted in a comfortable space designed for that purpose.

Submitted By: Colleen Prendergast



LAKE COUNTY SUMMER EVENTS

Kids bored again? Looking for something new and exciting to do?

July

2nd-5th "The Wind in the Willows"

Rabbit Run Theater, 5648 West Chapel Road, Madison

HOURS: Curtain Time: 8:00pm

ADMISSION: Adult/\$12.00; Senior Citizen/\$10.00; Youth/\$10.00

CONTACT: 440-428-7092

www.rabbitrunonline.org

11th Junk in Your Trunk Sale

Mentor High School Parking Lot, 6477 Center Street, Mentor

A sale of items you can fit in your trunk.

HOURS: 9:00am-1:00pm

ADMISSION: FREE

CONTACT: Mentor Recreation Department, 440-974-5720

www.cityofmentor.com

22nd Children's Chalk Art Contest

Civic Center Park, 8600 Munson Road, Mentor

Chalk Art Contest for children ages 4-14 living in the Mentor School District.

HOURS: 9:30am-12:00pm

ADMISSION: One Fee for all Ages/ \$30.00 Per family

CONTACT: 440-974-5720

www.cityofmentor.com

25th Christmas in July

Garfield Pool, 7967 Mentor Ave, Mentor

Visit with Santa Claus, games, activities.

HOURS: 1:00pm-4:00pm

FREE with regular pool admission

CONTACT: Mentor Recreation Department, 440-974-5720

August

2nd Parent/Child Best Ball Contest

Black Brook Golf Course, 8900 Lake Shore Blvd, Mentor

Skills competition. Prizes awarded to winners in different age categories.

HOURS: 10:00am

ADMISSION: Adult/\$5. Youth/\$5.

CONTACT: 440-974-5720

www.cityofmentor.com

9th Super Star Party

Penitentiary Glen Reservation, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland

Family astronomy night with indoor and outdoor activities, exhibits, crafts, games, night hike, wildlife program, snacks and miniature train rides.

HOURS: 8:00pm-11:00pm

ADMISSION: Pre-registration required and fee applies

Call 440-358-7275

CONTACT: Pat Morse, 440-256-1404

www.lakemetroparks.com

16th OSU Mini Gold Tournament,

Red Mill Mini Golf, 4243 Red Mill Valley Road, Perry

A family event for all ages. Grand prize – A one-week family vacation for 4 in Myrtle Beach

Rain Date: August 17th

HOURS: Practice 9am-11am; Tournament 11am-6pm

Adult/\$10.00; Senior Citizen/\$10.00; Youth 4-13 years/\$5.00

Call: Joyce/Bob Dame, 440-259-4211

September

7th Bug Day

Penitentiary Glen Reservation, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland

Bring the whole swarm out for a fun afternoon of live bugs, buggy games, activities and adventure.

HOURS: 12:00pm-4:00pm

ADMISSION: FREE

CONTACT: Kathy Terrell, 440-256-3701

www.lakemetroparks.com

21st-23th It's Better in Mentor Festival

Civic Center Campus, 8500 Civic Center Boulevard, Mentor

Live entertainment, arts and crafts, refreshment, rides and games; pancake breakfasts; opening parade, 5 mile run and 2 mile walk-call for more information.

HOURS: Friday, 5pm-11pm; Saturday, 12pm-11pm; Sunday, 11am-8pm

FREE admission and parking

CONTACT: 440-255-1100

www.cityofmentor.com

28th Wildlife Festival

Penitentiary Glen Reservation, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland

Discover the wildlife of yesterday and today and the challenges they face.

Activities include LIVE ANIMALS, Call of the Wild contest, costumed critters, crafts and tattoos for the children.

HOURS: 12:00pm-4:00pm

ADMISSION: FREE

CONTACT: 440-256-2131

Remember! This is just a sample of all the great events that Lake County has to offer this summer.

For a complete list check out:

<http://www.lakevisit.com/events.html>

Winner of the Aquarius Biggest Loser Contest Revealed!

The Aquarius Biggest Loser Contest officially ended Monday May 5th, 2008. Trevor Weaver was declared the winner after losing 15.2% of his body weight. Rich Siepka came in a close second losing 13.5% of his body weight.

The Hungry Eleven lost a total of 177.5 pounds during the four month long contest. Everyone involved enjoyed the friendly competition and no one dropped out! Facing the scale every Monday with everyone knowing how you did definitely keeps you more aware of goals and what you eat. A weight maintenance program has been planned to help everyone with long term success.

Consider starting a Biggest Loser Contest at your location. It really helps bring the group together.

Congratulations to Trevor and to the rest of the participants for all their hard work.

Submitted By: Toni Ice, Aquarius Lab



Congrats Trevor!!

Scrap Tire Collection

On Saturday, April 12th, LCDU held its annual Scrap Tire Collection at Lake County Fairgrounds. This year's collection was a huge success thanks to the nine volunteers and all 547 citizens who dropped off spare tires.

3,140 tires were collected for a total of \$1,486 in revenue. Charges were \$2 per tire over initial 6, \$4 per tire with rim, and \$10 per oversized tire.

This calculation yielded an increase of 600 tires brought by 100 more people than last year's collection.

Liberty Tire Services of Ohio, based out of Minerva Ohio, was the contractor hired to dispose of the tires. The old tires will be recycled into roadway base, playground base, mulch, asphalt aggregate or industrial fuel.

Don't forget to be on the lookout for Lake County's other Special Collection Events for 2008:

- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION ~ OCT. 4, 2008
Lake County Fairgrounds 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m
- PHONE BOOK COLLECTION ~ JUNE 20 TO JULY 25 AND SEPT. 19 TO OCT. 24
Locations: Wickliffe City Hall, Mentor Wal-Mart and Madison Giant Eagle



Submitted By: Chris Hodges, Solid Waste Coordinator



Employee Spotlight

Teresa Schnell



LCDU Billing

Teresa joined the LCDU Billing staff in April, 1990. She has over 18 years of billing experience focusing in the area of data entry and billing balancing. Teresa processes annually an average of 1500 adjustments, 3800 maintenance forms, 1600 final bills, 1700 card readings and 65,000 payments. This position requires an eye for detail to insure customer accounts are updated accurately and to maintain the system balances.

Teresa is looked upon as a team leader insuring processes operable, communications maintained and assists in analyzing system needs.

Teresa has a pleasant demeanor with the ability to focus on accomplishing daily tasks and monthly deadlines. In her off time she enjoys reading a variety of different books and cheering on her husband at his race car competitions. Teresa is an asset to the department and her daily commitment to the department is greatly appreciated.

Submitted By: Connie Strickland, Billing Supervisor

Do you collect anything?

I have a large collection of roosters. I have all sorts from crystal to metal in various colors and sizes. I even have a Boyd's Rooster. I also have rooster dish towels, pictures, wall hangings, tea pots, as well as many other items.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to read. I like books that incorporate a bit of history in with the story. Such as stories set in the Civil War, World War II, and the Victorian Era. "Gone with the Wind" is my all time favorite book. I also enjoy watching the History Channel and love visiting historical sites such as the Garfield Home and other historical places. I went to Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Jamestown, Virginia last year. As it turned out, I got to see Queen Elizabeth II, which was very exciting. She was there for the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown. We were able to get fairly close to her and got some really good pictures. That was a great trip. I also like to collect antiques and garden.

Do you have any family in the area?

My husband Greg and I have been married for 30 years and live in Perry with our daughter Amanda (age 22). My other daughter, Amber (age 27), lives in Tennessee. My mom and step-father live in Harpersfield. I have two sisters who live in Perry with their families and a brother that lives in Mentor with his family.

Did you grow up in the area?

I was born in Murfreesboro, TN (near Nashville). We moved to Texas when I was 11 and then to Ohio when I was 12. My dad and step-mom live in TN along with my older brother and his family and my youngest sister and her family, as well as my daughter. I have tons of aunts, uncles and cousins there also. I have another brother that lives in Texas with his family.

What would you say is your least favorite household chore?

Well, if grocery shopping was in that category, that would be my answer. However, I guess it technically isn't so I will say scrubbing floors.

What would you say is the most interesting place you have been?

Maui, Ohua and Hawaii (The Big Island). We saw black sand beaches, hot lava flowing across the road (we stood right next to it!) and watched the sunrise from atop "Halaekala" (the largest dormant volcano on earth). We also visited Pearl Harbor, which was a very moving experience. Not only were the islands interesting, they were just beautiful. I would love to go back some day but if I don't I consider myself lucky to have gone at all.



Meet This Year's Seasonal Workers

This summer we have seven college students and one recent graduate working at various locations within the Department of Utilities.

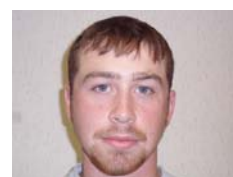
If you have not had the pleasure to meet them all yet, here are some fun facts to help start a conversation.



Megan Holly
Administrative Asst.
Marietta College '08
Perry High School '04
Favorite Ice Cream:
Moose Tracks



Nate Anzelc
Engineering Dept.
Lakeland '10
Perry High School '06
Favorite Ice Cream:
Vanilla



Jeff Shelby
Aquarius
Bowling Green '11
Riverside '07
Favorite Ice Cream:
Mint Chocolate Chip



Kelly Repicky
Aquarius
Miami '10
VA-SJ '06
Dislikes Ice Cream but
loves soccer!



Colleen Prendergast
Safety
Holy Cross '10
Willoughby South '06
Favorite Ice Cream:
Coffee



Megan Diemert
GLK
Lakeland '11
Riverside '07
Favorite Sherbet:
Rainbow

Patrick Chase
Engineering Dept.
OSU '10
Mentor '06
Favorite Ice Cream:
Moose Tracks



Casi Dosky
GLK
Lakeland '11
Riverside '07
Favorite Ice Cream:
Vanilla



The Lake County Wellness Program

For years Lake County has wanted to emphasize the importance of health and wellness in the workplace. Finally, with the Commissioners support, this goal was made into a reality when the Lake County Wellness Committee met for the first time in May 2007. The Committee's purpose is to offer information, events, and health fairs on topics related to physical and mental well-being.

The newly formed wellness committee has developed many ideas for programs, some of which have already been implemented such as the new healthy choices in all county drink and snack machines. Jackie Via, Administrative Secretary in the Commissioners' Office, was selected to facilitate the Committee's programs.

Other programs that have been implemented include the County's very first Health Awareness Fair in October 2007. The Health Awareness Fair was a huge success with over 705 employees participating. It was implemented by Human Resource Manager Bill Margalis, Benefits Coordinator Hazel Whitley, and Workers' Compensation Coordinator Norma Hutchinson. At the fair, employees took part in multiple screenings consisting of a blood pressure check, height/weight measuring, body mass index and a collection of blood samples to check glucose levels, total cholesterol, and HDL levels. Employees were also able to receive their annual flu shot, creating a one-stop wellness exam. The participants received immediate feedback and counseling. A confidential Personal Health Profile

(CPHP) was mailed to the individual at a later date. The best part of the fair was that the event was convenient and on county time. There was also a health insurance premium rebate of \$50 as an incentive to all employees enrolled in the county healthcare plan. An overall assessment of the health fair results showed the need to focus on weight loss and to increase physical activity, which would aid improvement in the areas of arthritis, stress, cardiovascular problems, cancer and diabetes.

This past March, Michael Gazzuolo, a Fitness Instructor, was hired to teach Pilates two times a week for interested employees. The Pilates classes are available at lunchtime and immediately after work to accommodate as many employees as possible.

Knowing that the weather would soon improve, Lake County kicked-off its first 10,000 Steps Program on May 5th, 2008. Again, there was a huge amount of enthusiasm in the program with 600 employees and 200 dependents taking the step to participate. The goal of the program is to walk 10,000 steps per day, an initiative to get people up and moving. All participants received a pedometer and a step tracker. Employees simply log their daily steps and submit their logs monthly for prize give-a-ways.

On May 22nd, 2008 the county held a 10,000 Step Noon-Walk in conjunction with the Healthy Ohio Fitness Walk. County employees joined with their co-workers for a 30 minute, 3,000 step walk around the city. Upon com-

pletion, participants received a hot dog, sun chips, granola bar and bottled water for lunch.

The Wellness Program is gearing up for the Lunch-n-Learn programs. To decide what topics would be addressed at these lunch programs an interest survey was sent out to our employees. After reviewing the surveys, it appears that the top three topics of choice are stress, exercise/diet, and diabetes. We hope to start holding these lunch programs in the fall of 2008.

We are also planning to have our Second Annual Health Awareness Fair this coming October. Some additional tests for the fair may include echocardiograms, bone density exams, mammograms, skin cancer checks, and Prostate-Specific Antigen Testing (PSA Testing). The county is also reviewing a possible weight loss program, provided by Lake Hospital Systems, similar to that of "Weight Watchers".

The Wellness Committee has been extremely instrumental in the coordination, distribution and promotion of pertinent health and wellness activities for their departments. Currently, there are about 30 committee members representing each of the county's departments. We must also thank our county employees for their participation. Without you, these programs and future ones could not go on.

Submitted By: Jackie Via



Positive Customer Feedback — Great Work

In May, Director Rick Martin received a letter from a satisfied customer praising our outstanding customer service.

"I want to thank you and the Lake County Department of Utilities for taking a positive step in installing the device so your workers can read the water meter from outside vs. inside the homes. This is a positive step. Your service gentleman (Frank) that came out was very professional and friendly. His work was completed quickly and with no mess. The service dispatcher I had talked to in scheduling the installation was also very friendly and helpful." -*Bill of Eastlake*

Upcoming Holidays

Independence Day: July 4th

Labor Day: September 1st



According To...

According to Ken Anzelc, the Five Best Things to bring to a barbeque are:

1. Bleu Cheese Hamburgers
2. Deli Style Kosher Hot Dogs
3. Fresh Mozzarella and Tomato Salad
4. Refreshing Beverages for all Ages
5. Grilled Vegetables (squash, peppers and onions)



Did you know that you have a RIGHT TO KNOW?

Any worker that may be exposed to hazardous chemicals has a right to know about the hazards and how to safely handle the materials.

Look at the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for any chemical that you work with or ask your supervisor.

Submitted by: Scott Cole, Safety Manager

July Birthdays:

Glen Oldaker 7/2
David Bradshaw 7/3
Thomas Hillwig 7/4
Grant Glazier 7/5
Angela Keck 7/5
Bradley Frederick 7/9
Karen Dickerson 7/9
Katie Sheffield 7/10
Paulette Knepp 7/11
Debbie Szampias 7/11
Louis Locher 7/13
Anna Knapp 7/16
Marie Vanjo 7/16
Jesus Gonzalez 7/18
Rhuden Burnheimer 7/21
Michael Stephens 7/23
Bobbie Hill 7/24
Frank Martin 7/24
Mark Yahner 7/26
Domanick Sherwood 7/27
Jay Spetrino 7/28
David Hardy 7/29



Happy Birthday

August Birthdays:

Robyn Needler 8/2
Thomas Erkkila 8/5
Dale Anthony 8/8
Richard Siepka 8/10
Patrick Chase 8/11
Helen Hensley 8/12
Karen Peterson 8/15
Mary Jo Valaitis 8/16
David Mihalik 8/18
Vicki Thorsen 8/20
Keith McCloskey 8/23
Karen Goodin 8/24
Edward Ruscitti 8/24
Joe Popely 8/24
Cindy Leonello 8/27
Robert Shelby 8/28
Roland Skaggs 8/29
Colleen Prendergast 8/29
Jolene Ball 8/30



September Birthdays:

Donald Battista 9/1
Kenneth Bowling 9/1
Bert Guinn 9/1
Kenneth Anzelc 9/2
Mark Tenkku 9/4
Ruth Medved 9/9
James Berg 9/11
Nate Anzelc 9/14
Kenn Paprocki 9/14
Joseph Scaperato 9/14
Mickey Scoville 9/14
Leonard O'Dell 9/19
Kay Meadon 9/23
James Lubinsky 9/25
Phillip Peluso 9/27
David Woodford 9/27
David Ivans 9/28
Rick Martin 9/29