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STATE OF THE COUNTY



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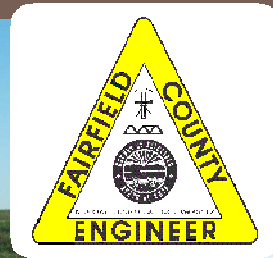


FAIRFIELD COUNTY...



IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE.

2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORTED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS



WE MAINTAIN 362 MILES OF ROADS,
INCLUDING CR 33A, A MULTI-LANE HIGHWAY
INHERITED FROM ODOT

Hocking – 05 Bridge on Crumley Rd. was
replaced in 2012.



MOST FLEET MAINTENANCE IS DONE IN-HOUSE; KEEPING OUR VEHICLES GOING ALLOWS US TO KEEP THE ROADS SAFE FOR THE PUBLIC.



WE ARE UPDATING SIGNS ON COUNTY ROADS TO HIGH INTENSITY PRISMATIC SHEETING TO IMPROVE SAFETY



IN THE WINTER IT SEEMS LIKE OUR WORK IS NEVER DONE



FAIRFIELD COUNTY



When you travel
across the county
think of us and how
our labor supports
quality infrastructure



HELP US HELP YOU

SUPPORT OUR ROAD & BRIDGE RENEWAL LEVY
IT WON'T RAISE YOUR TAXES!



ROAD PAVERS & LIFE SAVERS



Emergency Management Agency

The EMA Mission is to establish, coordinate and sustain partnerships throughout Fairfield County, united in efforts to prepare for emergencies and to minimize loss of life and property and help the community to return to normalcy when they occur.

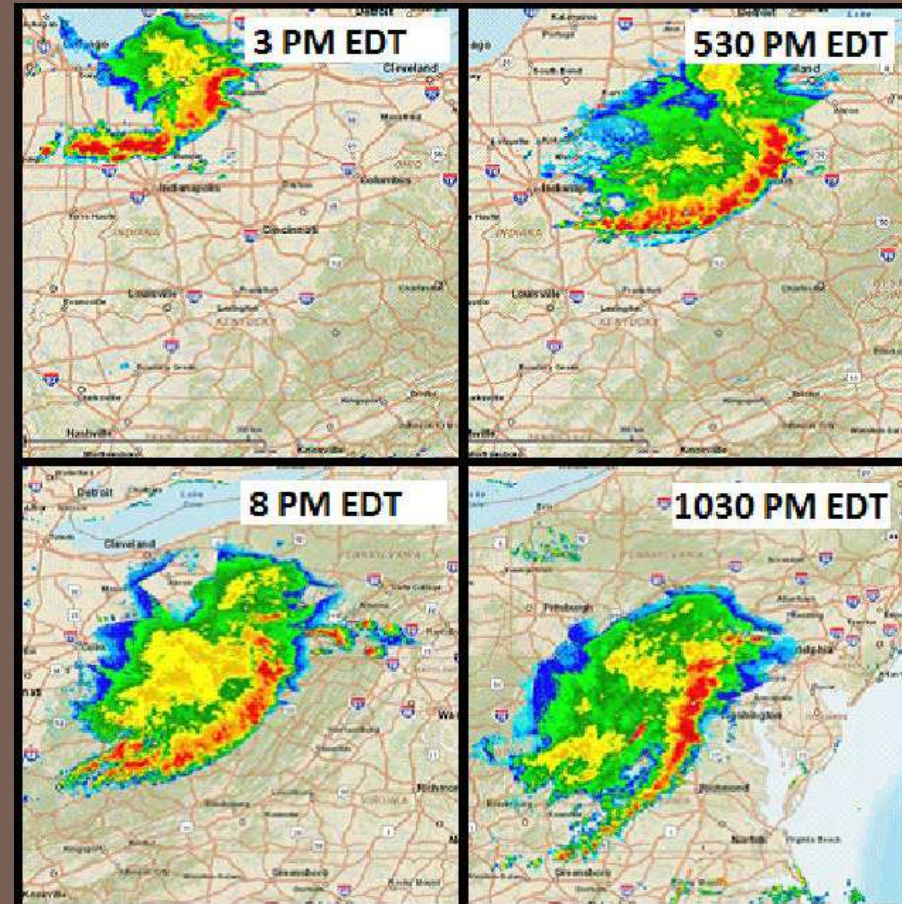


JUNE 29TH DERECHO

EMA served the community in response to the June 20 Derecho.

A Derecho is a widespread, long-lived, straight-line windstorm that is associated with a fast-moving band of severe thunderstorms.

Winds were commonly above 60 mph with numerous reports of winds exceeding 80 mph. Some areas reported isolated pockets of winds greater than 100 mph.





JUNE 29TH DERECHO

FAIRFIELD COUNTY UTILITIES

The Utilities staff of 23 professionals, serves over 6,000 customers, operating 5 wastewater and 2 water treatment plants in Fairfield County.

We provide over 1.8 million gallons of drinkable water and treat over 2.3 million gallons of used water every day.

This is just one example of how county government is working for you.



GROUND BROKE FOR THE NEW UTILITIES OFFICE...



The new Utilities office on Lockville Road is open!



FAIRFIELD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

For the third consecutive year, Fairfield County has maintained its number one ranking in the State of Ohio for Cross County Titling.

Due to increased title volume, the Pickerington Title Office was recently remodeled, resulting in expanding our office space.

This improvement will create a more comfortable environment for our customers and enable us to better serve the public.

The Pickerington Title Office remodel and lease agreement was completely paid for from the Title Department Fund.



FAIRFIELD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

The Clerk of Courts Title Department gave \$300,000 back to the General Fund. This contribution fully funded the Fairfield County Sheriff's Street Crime Apprehension Program (SCRAP).



FAIRFIELD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS



In order to comply with a mandated Disaster Plan, the Clerk of Courts began the challenging task of digitally scanning all permanent County records. These records total over **one billion documents.**



FAIRFIELD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

Through the Clerk of Courts website, all electronically stored records can be easily accessed.

The Clerk of Courts was able to lease and renovate a Document Storage Facility to comply with the Homeland Security's Mandated Record Retention Requirement.

These projects were funded through the Clerk's Funds.
No General Funds were used.



FAIRFIELD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

A partnership with Franklin County was implemented to develop a mandated offsite and out-of-county Records Retention Disaster Master Plan.

This collaboration is a request from the Kasich Administration to help counties satisfy these mandated requests while incurring the least possible expense.

This Fairfield-Franklin cooperative endeavor is one of the first in the State of Ohio.



FAIRFIELD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

Plans are being made to improve the internet and website accessibility for both intra-county and the general public to more efficiently and effectively retrieve records, files and documents.



<http://www.fairfieldcountyclerk.com/>



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The RPC successfully completed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program grant application on behalf of Fairfield County.

The grant application includes various community improvements to the Village of Pleasantville. The county was awarded the maximum grant amount of \$300,000.



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Local Food Council ---- RPC spearheaded a plan called "Fairfield Growing" to help link the county's farmers, producers, and retailers.



This plan was completed with the help of the County Economic Development Department, Soil and Water Conservation District, Destination Downtown Lancaster, Lancaster-Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, and The Ohio State University.



Growing for Our Future



Local Foods Beyond Farmers' Markets

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RPC has organized the Fairfield County Local Food Council to continue the dialogue among the key stakeholders and to help promote and implement "Fairfield Growing."

In 2012 the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission received a grant to use Fairfield Growing as a model throughout the state.



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The RPC Active Transportation Committee helped identify corridors where **Share the Road** signs could be installed to provide alternative transportation options throughout the county.

In 2012, with the assistance of the Fairfield County Engineer's office, the county's first Share the Road signs were installed.



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Flood Plain maps went into effect for Fairfield County in
January 2012.

The RPC is the flood plain manager for the county and assisted
residents with the effects of the new maps on their properties.



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Scanned signatures of voters into the imaging portion of the Voter Registration system so that all signatures would be available when checking petitions, for voting purposes on election day and for additional unique identification.

Faster and more orderly identification, easier access when needed. Saves time and eliminates uncertainty.



Consolidation of 3 Voter Registration filing systems into one uniform system.

Saves time, space and eliminates confusion.



BOARD OF ELECTIONS



Purchase of two Ballot on Demand Systems for
in house printing of ballots.

Saves time, money, eliminates waste and the 'guessing game'
as to the number of ballots to print. New policies and
procedures for BOD processing written and instituted.



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Implementation of new programs and an online voter change of address tool

Creation of social media – FaceBook and Twitter accounts for the Board of Elections.



Scanned election results and Absentee/Provisional statistics for past elections into shared software program for easy access.

Moved original documents to storage for preservation.





JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Community Services Successes

Modernization was the theme in 2012

- Implementation of document management system
- Child Care Swipe Card
- Increase in customers utilizing the online application
- Introduction of Live Chat through the agency website
- Excellence in the *customer call center*—average of 6,000 calls each month answered within 3 minutes





JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

High Winds Assistance: Replacement of benefits to more than 4,500 families in July

Assisted families and older adults during the emergency with food, ice, water and emergency supplies





JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

- Earned a \$400,000 federal grant to increase parenting time opportunities – 1 of 5 in the nation!
- Awarded a grant from The Martens Trust Fund to purchase a new vehicle for safe transportation of children
- Earned a Resource Center grant to assist people reentering society





JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Awarded a *National Association of Counties Achievement Award* for Fatherhood Leadership in the community





JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

- Collected more than \$22 Million in child support
- Responded to more than 4,800 inquiries relating to the abuse or neglect of children
- Assisted more than 32,900 customers in WorkNet





JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

NO KIDDING OHIO!

NKO is a peer education program that teaches students the realities of teen parenthood.

NKO reached 1,750 students

6 counties participated

25 schools were visited

Pre-test average score: 50.2%

Post-test average score: 78.6%



FAMILY, ADULT, & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

Help Me Grow:

In 2012 Fairfield County Help Me Grow served 427 children birth to three years of age.

For State Fiscal Year 2012, Fairfield County Help Me Grow received a 100% compliance rating from ODH, for serving children in a timely manner.

Safe Kids Coalition (Childhood Safety initiative)

\$5,000 worth of infant and toddler car seats (50) were distributed to eligible families throughout Fairfield County.



FAMILY, ADULT, & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

Prevention Works for a Drug Free Fairfield County is very proud of its successes in reducing substance abuse among our community's youth.

From 2004 to 2012 frequent (30 day use) tobacco use in high school senior **decreased from 24.1% to 14.1%.**

Between 2004 and 2012, frequent (30 day use) Rx Drug use dropped from 9.3% to 8.5% to 7.2% to 5.7% to 2.4% **an all-time low of Fairfield County twelfth graders.**

In 2004, 49% of Fairfield County high school seniors reported that Rx Drugs were easy to access compared to 2012, 35.7% reported easy access.

From 2010 to 2011 Compliance Checks revealed a **21% reduction in sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors throughout Fairfield County.**



FAMILY, ADULT, & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

Multi-System Youth Committee

The average cost per child placed in out-of-home residential placements by the Council in 2011 was \$15,100.00. In 2012 that cost was \$9,779.48.

MSY worked with over 150 families in 2012.

49 families participated in the Intensive Home Base Program assisting youth to remain safely in their homes.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND GRANT



\$100,000 grant
awarded
for Information
Technology
study



FAIRFIELD COUNTY PROSECUTOR

County Prosecutor Gregg Marx and his team serve more than 39 entities.



PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Office of the Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney to provide effective and efficient prosecution related services as mandated by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Ohio. Our goal is to achieve justice for all people and to be responsive to the needs and concerns of those impacted by crime in our community



CIVIL DIVISION – PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Jason Dolin is the Chief Assistant Prosecutor of the Civil Division. He and Attorney Jeff Porter work closely with County Treasurer Brian Kuhn to collect delinquent real estate taxes – more than \$150,000 have been collected in 2013 alone!



JUVENILE DIVISION – PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE

Julie Blaisdell is the Chief Assistant Prosecutor of the Juvenile Division. Other assistants working in that division include Lori Thomson and Zoe Lamberson.

Our juvenile caseload continues to increase. On March 18, 2013, a Fairfield County jury found a physician guilty of failure to report known or suspected child abuse in the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division, Judge Williams presiding.



JUVENILE DIVISION— PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

This division represents the county in cases involving juvenile delinquency, unruly children, and traffic violations when juveniles were driving. The division also represents Child Protective Services in abuse, neglect and dependency cases.



CRIMINAL DIVISION – PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE

Melissa A. Schiffel is the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the Criminal Division. Other assistants in the division include Darren Meade, Crystal Bennett, James Davey, Darcy Cook, Jocelyn Kelly, and Zoe Lamberson.



FROM THE PROSECUTOR'S PEN

The office of the prosecuting attorney generally inquires into the commission of felony crimes occurring within the county. We work with many law enforcement agents that work for many agencies including the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster Police Department, Pickerington Police Department, Baltimore Police Department, Sugar Grove Police Department, Reynoldsburg Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit and SCRAP. Many other agencies need assistance from our office. In fact, there are more than 250 law enforcement officers that can present cases to the Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office, not including officers from the Columbus Police Department and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.



FROM THE PROSECUTOR'S PEN (CONT.)

The overriding mission of a prosecutor's office is to seek justice. We have an active victim/witness division that assists victims of crime on current cases and cases that have been concluded. Jennifer Boggs, Maria Schmelzer, Ashley Walters and Michelle Triplett are dedicated to assisting victims in their time of need and are actively engaged in educating the public about how to avoid crime and to encourage victims to report crimes. David Kessler works as an investigator for JFS and the Prosecutor's Office and Scott Hargrove is a full-time investigator for the Prosecutor's Office. They both investigate cases, work with officers from the various departments, and assist in crime prevention.



FROM THE PROSECUTOR'S PEN (CONT.)

The office as a whole has never been busier. In 2013 alone prosecutors have been in jury trials more than 29 days. In fact, 8 of the 10 prosecutors that work on criminal or juvenile cases have prosecuted jury trials in 2013. Jury trials are anticipated to occur the next three weeks also. The appellate division of the prosecutor's office is busy because so many cases have resulted in guilty verdicts. In fact as of March 21, 2013, two appellate briefs have been filed in the Ohio Supreme Court and seven have been filed in the Fifth District Court of Appeals.

I thank my terrific staff for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the public. I also am grateful for the service from our county's employees on behalf of the public. Public employees strive to do their jobs well and are frequently under- appreciated and misunderstood. As a member of the public, I thank all of our county's employees. Keep up the great work!



COUNTY TREASURER



County residents can pay real estate taxes in monthly installments, rather than twice a year.





ODOT PLAN

ODOT announced plans for intersection improvements on U.S. 33 in the Village of Carroll.

An application will be submitted to the Transportation Review Advisory Council in 2013.

If approved, the project will likely be shovel-ready at the end of 2014.



SHERIFF SCRAP UNIT 2012 BY THE NUMBERS

- 178 felony charges filed
- 43 misdemeanor charges filed
- 39 arrest warrants served
- 20 meth labs located
- 1,499 units of heroin seized
- 593 marijuana plants seized
- 13.9 grams of crack cocaine seized
- 314 pharmaceutical medications seized
- 12 vehicles seized
- 1 stolen vehicle recovered
- 11 firearms seized



DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT

The Domestic Relations Court partnered with the County Commissioners to apply for a Safe Havens Grant which will allow the Fairfield County Visitation Center to become fully operational in Fairfield County.



Fairfield County earned \$400,000 for the three-year Safe Havens project.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The purpose of the Revolving Loan Fund is to assist new or existing small businesses achieve their goals and create jobs in Fairfield County.

- Created in 1992
- Grants from the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), Office of Housing and Community Partnerships
- Funding for 80 projects with loans totaling \$3.7 million



DEMOLITION PHASE



Reese Peters Stone Wall Project



THEN



NOW



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Wear Blue to Work! **April 10**

Wear **BLUE**
to Work on
April 10
and make a
difference in
the life of a
child.

Fairfield County Job & Family Services is asking you to Wear Blue to Work on April 10 in an effort to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect.

We would love to "See the Blue" and encourage you to take a photo of yourself, your group, or company wearing blue and send it to wearblue@fcjfs.org.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month





Join us for an evening of **FREE** fun for the whole family!

Circus Night

- P.T. Reptiles—Snakes, alligators, frogs, spiders and more
- The "Amazing Meeker" balloon fun
- Giggles the Clown
- Free hot dogs and refreshments
- Free car seat safety check

April 24, 2008
5:00-6:30 p.m.

At Fairfield County Job and Family Services
Corner of Main and Memorial



Circus Night is part of the Fairfield County Family Festival. For a complete calendar of Family Festival events, stop by Fairfield County Job and Family Services or the Fairfield County District Library for a copy.

Event will be held weather permitting



TEAMWORK MAKES IT ALL HAPPEN



Welcome to olde Bremen Village

1834



BREMEN AREA
Chamber of
Commerce



ARE YOU READY?

Federal Tax filing deadline is April 15th

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One Man's Trash is Another's Treasure

BREMEN COMMUNITY

YARD SALE

June 15, 2013 9am - 3pm



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Commerce



10th Annual Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce
GOLF OUTING

Saturday, August 31, 2013

 Early Bird Player Registration

Fun Filled Day

Deadline 8/26/13-\$60 per player. After 8/26/13-\$70
(limited to 20 teams)

Promote Your Business with Hole Sponsorship

For more information: 740-569-9150

Proceeds benefit the Community Service Fund.



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TRICK OR TREAT
Thursday, October 31st, 6-7:30pm



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11th Annual

Bremen Pumpkin Walk

Howell Park

Sat., Oct. 19, 10am - 8pm



Family Fun All Day

5k Run ~ Gift Vendors ~ Live Music

5k Run ~ Gift Vendors ~ Live Music
Family Fun All Day



BREMEN AREA
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As Good As Grandmas!

The Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church
will be hosting their

Annual Turkey Dinner

November 2nd, 4-7 PM

\$7.50 Adults / \$4 Children 12 & under



BREMEN AREA
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Commerce





 Bremen's
Historical Figures
November 2, 2013 - January 4, 2014

**A Driving Tour
Through Yesteryear**

Experience Creative Art Displays
of Life in a Rural Community.

Project funded by donations and  **BREMEN AREA
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Bremen First United Methodist Church

NEXT
to
NEW

Sale

Fri. Dec. 6th
9am-5pm

Sat. Dec. 7th
9am-12noon

Corner Mulberry & Walnut

Corner Mulberry & Walnut

noon-12am



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*Visit our
tree-lined, brick streets
again soon!*



Thank You!