

MEMBER NEWS

Preble County Recovery Edition 58

Member updates & resources

CARES Act funding news for our member municipalities: The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) reported yesterday it is now accepting registrations from counties, cities, villages, and townships for Coronavirus Relief Funding so that funds can be quickly disbursed after SB 310 is enacted. The registration portal can be found at <https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx>. Note that each jurisdiction will need a DUNS number to complete the registration. Directions for obtaining a DUNS number along with how to register it in the federal SAM is located at <https://grants.ohio.gov/helpfulresources.aspx#helpful-resources-DUNS-SAM-registration>.

While the CRF disbursements for cities, villages, and townships will flow from the state through county auditors, OBM considers each local government to be a subrecipient of the state and will structure reporting and monitoring that way; therefore, we need to collect this contact information and have attempted to create a process that is streamlined and easy to use.

In addition, OBM has developed a 42-minute training to provide an overview of grants management for those who are new to managing federal grant funds or for those who would like a refresher. That training can be found at <https://grants.ohio.gov/helpfulresources.aspx#helpful-resources-citizen-grant-training>. If you would like to maintain a record of your training, you can register through the Ohio Learn system; if you do not need to maintain a record, you can view the training online through YouTube by clicking the direct link. Contact the Ohio Grants Partnership team at OBM at grants@obm.ohio.gov with any questions.

Preble County Historical Society -- Due to safety concerns in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic the PCHS announced it has decided to postpone the annual Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration scheduled for Sunday, July 5. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, Sept. 6.

Preble County Park District --

On June 5, Chris Mears officially announced her retirement as the Secretary-Treasurer at the Preble County Park District (PCPD) after serving the organization for almost 11 years. Mears said, "I worked with a lot of interesting people and learned a lot. The Park District is now in good hands with the new Manager, Mindy Davidson, who has many years' experience. She will be a great asset to Preble County." Mears successfully managed the finances and day-to-day operations of the PCPD during her tenure. She was loved and will be greatly missed. Mears will



Pictured in the Garber Farm House are Mike Mears, Chris Mears, Steve Simmons and Tom McQuiston.

continue to assist the PCPD as the Treasurer of the Friends of the Preble County Park District whose mission is to support and promote the PCPD. Park Commissioners J. Stephen Simmons and Tom McQuiston wish Chris many joyous days in this next chapter of life. The PCPD is encouraging the public to "Catch a Breath of Fresh Air" at its parks, The Allen and Adeline Garber Nature Center in Lewisburg and Herbert and Patricia Wager's Devil's Backbone Park in Camden.

From the Statehouse

Governor DeWine yesterday directed [Ohio's Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board](#) to begin developing uniform minimum standards related to mass protests. Members of the collaborative will examine issues surrounding best practices for interaction between law enforcement and crowds that fail to disperse, when tactics involving tear gas, pepper spray, and non-lethal projectiles are necessary and when these tactics should be considered excessive, and how to better protect members of the media from injury.

Ohio's Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board was formed in 2015 to create uniform minimum standards for Ohio's law enforcement agencies covering use of force, including deadly force, and hiring and recruitment. As of today, 79-percent of all of Ohio's law enforcement officers work for an agency that has voluntarily complied with these standards or is in the process of certification. Governor DeWine directed the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services, which oversees the certification process, to reach out to every

agency that is not certified in these standards and assist them in moving toward certification. **The full 2020 Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board report, which lists the certification status of all law enforcement agencies in the state, is available [HERE](#). Preble County-specific data from the report can be found [HERE](#) & [HERE](#).**

Governor DeWine also announced that he will create a new Ohio Office of Law Enforcement Recruitment within Ohio's Office of Criminal Justice Services to encourage minorities and women to join the ranks of Ohio's enforcement officers especially in urban communities. This, along with today's other announcements, are the first of several efforts to improve community-police relations in Ohio.

PPE Update: As of last week, Ohio has distributed over 30 million pieces of PPE. Sources of these resources include donations, FEMA, JobsOhio purchases, and purchases by state agencies such as our Departments of Administrative Services, Health, and Public Safety using federal CARES Act funds. Of the 30 million total PPE pieces, 27.8 million pieces have been shipped to county EMAs for local distribution.

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation "Protecting Ohio's Workforce- We've Got You Covered" program has also sent over 1.5 million face coverings to employers to support and enhance any workforce safety and health efforts that businesses already have in place. Ohio is also providing PPE to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, through their Office of Pharmacy Services, to support requests for PPE from state agencies, boards, and commissions.

Ohio is currently looking at long-term solutions to PPE supply chain issues plaguing the country. This includes longer-term contracts for ventilators and N95 masks. Ohio is also currently evaluating the results of a recently issued Invitation to Bid for gloves, gowns, and three-ply masks.

The updated Responsible RestartOhio guidance for county and independent fairs, released yesterday, can be found [HERE](#).

Upcoming events

BUSINESS after hours

Virtual Business After Hours, Wednesday, June 17, from 5-7 p.m. via Zoom: [Legislative Update with U.S. Congressman Warren Davidson](#). Join us for a member-only update from Congressman Davidson, and more during

this special virtual Business After Hours. Watch for additional details. Register to attend online [HERE](#).

Mark your calendars for a virtual Business Over Breakfast event! In today's uncertain and changing times, do you find yourself confused by the hundreds of executive orders and legal changes surrounding the events of the past weeks? Join fellow members **Kathleen McCreary and Wendell Beculheimer** to learn what this new landscape might look like and how a LegalShield business membership can help keep an entire law firm in your pocket as you reopen business and make those necessary new adjustments and changes.



Join us for this breakfast-time webinar on Thursday, June 18, at 8:30 am. We look forward to sharing information with you. Registration information, including a special breakfast offer, coming soon!

Find additional resources & information at WWW.PREBLECOUNTYOHIO.COM



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