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CUYAHOGA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER



The Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter (CCAS) serves as a temporary home for the lost and stray dogs found within the county. It is the shelter's mission to reunite lost dogs with their dog owners, provide safe and humane animal control, as well as educate about animal advocacy and pet overpopulation through community awareness. The shelter is mandated by section 955 of the Ohio Revised Code and makes up one of the 88 county shelters that serve the State of Ohio. CCAS is a self-funded agency that relies on the sale of dog licenses to support the shelter and bring lost dogs back together with their owners. In the past few months CCAS has seen some sizable changes. Most notably, the staff! CCAS now has an almost completely new management staff. Beginning with Mindy Naticcioni, Kennel Manager, Debbie Conway, Sr. Kennel Operations Supervisor and Chief Dog Warden and Cynthia Breda, Volunteer Coordinator, supplementing the shelter has a fresh face and is headed in a new direction. In addition to the management team, the shelter has been actively hiring additional Dog Wardens to appropriately staff the busy agency. This new team comes on board on the heels of an internal audit findings as a roadmap to create a more effective and efficient running agency. For instance, one such efficiency is the active drafting of a proposal for shelter software, which will dramatically streamline shelter operations and record maintenance. In addition, the shelter is creating

a full policies and procedures manual for shelter operations and best practices for standards of animal care. Beyond the audit, the team is working on several different projects such as;

- 2014 Dog License Initiatives
- Cleaning Protocols
- Daily Enrichment
- Community Awareness/Education
- Training and Animal Handling
- Facility Updates
- Reducing Euthanasia
- Network & Relationship Building
- Social Media Exposure
- Fundraising

Want to get involved? CCAS is always accepting new volunteers and foster parents. Involvement does not necessarily require direct interaction with the dogs. Volunteers can work for the dogs, at special events, assisting the front desk, prepping adoption materials or volunteers can work hands on with the dogs. Whatever your preference! Interested in adopting or sponsoring a cage? Go to www.cuyahogadogs.com or contact Cynthia Breda. CCAS is also the home of the Dick Goddard Dogs on Cleveland's Fox 8. Every Friday night you can see six (6) featured dogs at 6:45 p.m. that are available for adoption. If you are thinking of adopting, please visit the shelter at 9500 Sweet Valley Drive, Valley

INTERIM MOVE

An estimated \$5 million in construction costs are saved by beginning this project early. Offices and departments within the administration building began the relocation move to interim locations on August 26th beginning with the move of Human Resource personnel to the Sterling Building, and wrapped up at the end of October, with the final move of OBM to Reserve Square. The Cuyahoga County Administration Building will soon be demolished to free up land for construction of a 600-650 room Convention Center Headquarters Hotel. Hilton Worldwide was selected to operate the new Cleveland Convention Center Hotel. Construction of the full service convention center hotel is expected to begin by the end of this year and is scheduled to open in 2016. The hotel will feature approximately 55,000 square feet of meeting space, a full service restaurant, lobby bar and recreation facilities that will include an indoor pool and fitness center, along with

subterranean links to both the Convention Center and the Global Center for Health and Innovation. These are the temporary locations for staff; **Sterling Building; Human Resources, Bridge Garage; County Planning Commission, Justice Center;** Mail Room and Sheriff's Department - Internal Audit, **Lakeside Place; County Council,**

Information, Tax Map, Procurement & Diversity, Fiscal, Human Resources and Call Center. **Whitlatch; Board of Revisions - File Clerks, Fiscal Operations (1st floor)- Real Property, Investments & Treasurer, Fiscal Operations (2nd floor), Taxation, General Services, Board of Revisions - File Clerks, Information Technology. Court-house Square; Law-**

Artist's rendering shows the approximate location and size of the planned hotel attached to the new Cleveland Convention Center. Rendering from the Plain Dealer.



Southgate USA; Fiscal — Appraisal & Consumer Affairs, 1642 Lakeside; Inspector General, **Reserve Square; Fiscal Officer - Budget & Management, Financial Reporting, Homestead, Conveyance & Transfer/Map, Records Management & Public**

Risk Management, Executive's Office, Communications and Regional Collaboration. Thanks to the trades, movers, custodians and office staff who were a part of making this successful.

Good News!!

Mr. Prochaska, resident of Maple Heights called to say, the men that serviced his home, **Santo Berardi, Equipment Operator** and **Charles Goodrum, Sewer Maintenance Worker** were very nice, pleasant and did a good job. It was the best service he has ever received!!

Parma residents Tim and Pauline Velbeck were experiencing a great deal of rain, which caused flooding in their basement on Center Drive. They were not aware of the service



provided by the DPW to residents of Parma with flooding issues until they talked with their neighbor. Mr. and Mrs. Velbeck would like to take this opportunity and thank **Wendy Clark, Dispatcher** at the Valley View location. Wendy was pleasant, informative and personable. Mr. & Mrs. Velbeck went on to say, Wendy was a bright spot during their flooding issues.

E-mail sent from Tanya Hairston, Administrative Assistant to County Executive Ed FitzGerald.

Tanya would like to inform everyone that **Denis Duckworth, Mail Room Supervisor**, found a cell phone in the HPG and brought the phone to Tanya hoping the individual would contact her office. Eventually Tanya was able to track down the owner and had it returned. The owner was very relieved and happy that an honest person turned in the cell phone instead of keeping it.

Meet **Loki**, he is a very



playful but cuddly 1.5 year old pit bull mix. If you are interested in adopting Loki, he is in cage #1 at the County Animal Shelter. It's that time of year again for **Holiday Photos**



with **Santa Paws!** Early bird discounts on 11/23 and 11/24 at 3:00. All pets are welcomed! For more information log on to www.cuyahogadogs.com.

SAFETY...Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

More than 400 Americans die every year from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and it is responsible for more than 20,000 people visiting the emergency room annually. As the winter months and the cold weather settles in, we are all turning on our heaters, warming up our

cars and using our space heaters. Dangerous situations occur when carbon monoxide is trapped in poorly ventilated areas. Initial symptoms are flu-like but without fever. They may include dull headache, weakness, dizziness and nausea. High level poisoning can result in vomiting, shortness of breath, confusion, blurred vision and loss of con-

sciousness. You can take several precautions to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

Install a carbon monoxide alarm in the hallway near every area of your home that is used for sleeping.

Get your heating system professionally inspected and serviced every year, as well as chimneys and flues.

Do not use charcoal inside your house or your garage, vehicle or tent. In an attached garage, even if the door is open, do not leave a

car running.

Do not operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in a room where people are sleeping.

Do not operate a portable generator or any other gasoline engine-powered tool in or near any house, garage or other enclosed space. If a carbon monoxide alarm sounds, go outside and call 911 immediately.

Do not return to the building until emergency services personnel give you the all-clear.

Purchase and install a carbon monoxide/smoke detector.



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

As of February 2013, **Jim Hazimihalis**, was promoted as the **Road and Bridge Maintenance Supervisor** for the Department of Public Works. Prior to his new position, Jim was a Bridge Inspections Maintenance Engineer for just over eleven years. A number of Jims duties include, overseeing the

maintenance of 196 bridges located throughout Cuyahoga County, along with the maintenance of the County Airport and county roads and culverts in Olmsted Township. Jim and his wife are on the go with their two very active sons Yani and Mihali's sports activities. Both children are enrolled in

the Youngstown Youth Flag Football Association, (YYFFA) where they are involved in



football, soccer and baseball. When Jim and his wife are not cheering on their boys, they enjoy visiting their favorite Italian restaurant, Osteria di Valerio located at 408 St. Clair avenue.

Human Resource Corner

Annual Ethics Training now on MyHR; Annual County Ethics Ordinance requires that all employees working in a County Executive agency receive annual ethics training. This year's presentation is 15 minutes in length. Each employee must view and/or hear the presen-

tation, and complete a 7 question quiz, to maintain eligibility for county employment in 2014. Employees may access the presentation during working hours as long as doing so does not interfere with the department's operational needs.

Open Enrollment for

Benefits-2014; Open enrollment for benefit plans will start November 1st and end on November 30, 2013. Open enrollment will be on MYHR. It is mandatory that all employees go online to select their benefits. All medical, prescription, and dental providers remain the

same as last year. The new vision provider for 2014 is VSP. There will be two vision plans offered-the regular plan and a premium plan. More information will be posted on MyHR under the benefits section. Check out all the benefits options!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!!!!



11/2	Daniel Diemert	11/20	Christopher Carlo
11/3	Charles E. Leamon	11/21	Anthony Melaragno
11/3	Thomas J. Coyne, III	11/21	Gary Wolf
11/3	Mary Dobranic	11/23	Stanley Gosciejew
11/4	Francis Quinn	11/23	Michael Lors
11/6	Annette Davis	11/24	Michael W. Fruechtl
11/7	Patrick V. McNeeley	11/24	David Novak
11/7	James Moore, Jr.	11/24	Thomas Kerr
11/8	Gloria Linton	11/25	Daniel Parker
11/8	Christine Costello	11/25	Jeffrey D. Horvath
11/8	Delores Smith	11/26	Jeffrey Dobransky
11/11	Martin L. Roznik	11/26	Daniel R. James
11/11	Nancy C. Bencivengo	11/27	Grant Overbaugh
11/11	Michael Holstein	11/28	Brian D. Sowers
11/12	Mary Gould	11/30	Vincent Lanese
11/13	Marvin Reynolds	11/30	Derrick Wallace
11/14	Michael W. Dever		
11/14	Kevin Hynes		
11/16	Alan S. Davis		
11/16	Giuseppe Sarto		
11/17	Michelle R. Carter		
11/17	Rickie D. Jenkins		
11/17	Terry P. Cain		
11/17	Martin Sawchak		
11/18	Dwilt Ford, Jr.		
11/20	Gina Kirby		