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EARTH DAY

Ever wonder how Earth Day started? This observance arose from an interest in gathering national support for the environmental issues. In 1970, San Francisco activist John McConnell and Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson separately asked Americans to join in a grassroots demonstration. McConnell chose the spring equinox (March 21, 1970) and Nelson chose April 22nd. Millions of people participated, and today Earth Day continues to be celebrated with events on both dates.

Typical ways of observing Earth Day includes planting trees, picking up roadside trash, conducting various programs for recycling and conservation. Earth Day aims to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the earth's environment.

Earth Day Coalition will be holding Earthfest 2015 on April 19th at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. This year's Earthfest will celebrate the "Year of Clean Water." The event will feature 270 exhibits in 10 sustainability exhibits areas including; Clean Water, Zero Waste, Advanced & Renewable Energy, Environmental Science, Local & Sustainable

Food, Clean Transportation, Health & Fitness, Community Works, Family Fun and Green Home & Garden. Families will enjoy all day entertainment with eco-activities, biodiesel powered amusement park rides, all day music, farm animals, healthy food from local food trucks and much more.



Earthfest is Ohio's largest environmental education event and the longest running Earth Day celebration in the nation.

Please continue recycling at work and at home. Every ton of paper that is recycled saves 17 trees. The energy saved when we recycle one glass bottle is enough to light a light bulb for four hours. A national recycling rate of 30% reduces greenhouse gas emissions as much as removing nearly 25 million cars from the road.

Every bit of recycling makes a difference.

2015~Harvest for Hunger

The Department of Public works is proud to announce the grand total raised for the 2015 Harvest for Hunger Campaign is, **\$1,344.25!!!!**

Thank you to all of our coordinators!!! **Headquarters Tamala DiFilippo, Lori Margenin, 1642 Lakeside Avenue, Jackie Smith, County Animal Shelter, Nicole d'Aliberti and Mindy Naticchioni, Justice Center and Juvenile Justice Center, Amy Murray and Carolyn Ragan, York Yard, John DiLauro, Archives, Jim Fisher, and Valley View, Terra Miller.**

Events that were held to help raise funds to benefit the campaign were, the very popular dress down days held at the headquarters as well as Valley View. A luncheon of sloppy joe's and hot dogs were served at 1642 Lakeside. Bake sales were conducted at the Juvenile

Justice Center as well as the headquarters, and hot dog luncheons at Valley View. Special thanks to **Mary Medakovic** for preparing and cooking her delicious Belgium waffles, hot off the grill! Special Thanks to the **Anthony Hughes, David Novak and David Pedly, out at Valley View.** Thank you to everyone that took the time to bake or donated items for the bake sales. Thank you to **Lisa Willey**, who donated two Lake Erie Monster Hockey game tickets to be raffled. The lucky winner was **Sheila McNea!**

Sheila, found out that Annette Linden's daughter was going to be presented with an award at the hockey game the same night, Sheila was happy to give the tickets to Annette...way to go Sheila!!

Canned food drives were held at the York Road Facility and the County Animal Shelter. A small twist at the Animal Shelter, there is a 74 year old volunteer who comes to the shelter almost daily (provided she can get a ride there) and volunteers in 8 hour shifts. She is losing her home and has very little assistance. Other volunteers at the shelter frequently buy her groceries and help take her places. Therefore, all canned items that have been collected at the shelter will be directly donated to this special volunteer.



Good News!!

Public Works, five star customer service! Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn from Parma, sent an email expressing what fantastic customer service they experienced with the Sanitary Sewer Maintenance staff. The Blackburn's were having problems with their basement drain backing up whenever any of the upstairs toilets were flushed. Mrs. Blackburn called the SSMD and spoke with **Radio Dispatch Coordinator, Jessica Jadrych** about the problems they were experiencing, Jessica said a crew would be at the

Blackburn's house before 4:00 p.m. that same day. The crew arrived 45 minutes after the initial call was made, and their crisis was resolved in less than 30 minutes. Great customer service from start to finish!!

Ute Lindenmaier Vilfroy, Court Administrator with the Court of Appeals, sent an email on the quick and excellent response she received, regarding the work orders for moving and cleaning the judge's chambers. The trades staff did a great job? They were courteous,

professional and worked hard to make sure the court staff was satisfied. She particularly would like to thank; **Fran Dougherty, Tom Chambers, Daron East, Ben Cannon, Michael Pierce, Tess Kilbane, Bryan Kelley, Francis Quinn, Charles Williams, John Thompson, and Artie Roberts.**

Meet **Ornament**, he has been with the Animal Shelter since early December and has a sponsorship for his adoption fee & first vet visit from the BonoBoy Organization:

Ornament is a 6 year old Lab mix male. This strong guy is active and full of life! Would you like to play fetch? Come in and meet this fun guy in kennel #17.

SAFETY:

With warmer weather and longer days approaching, its time to think spring cleaning and home repairs!

Take a walk around your homes exterior and grounds. Make a list of any needed maintenance. Clear away any remaining dead foliage and weeds from beds and lawn, which can smother plants

and cause disease. If your doing any major landscaping projects, spring is the time to plant bushes and trees. Prune away dead and damaged branches that have been damaged by cold, snow, and wind, but wait to prune spring bloomers, like the forsythia bush, until after they flower.

**Spring
Cleaning**

Inspect the roof for winter damage, leaks, missing or broken shingles. Arrange for a spring inspection of your cooling systems. Don't wait for the first hot day! Air conditioning companies will give better service when they're not busy. Drain sediment from hot water

heaters. Inspect, clean and repair outdoor furniture. Use a sunny Saturday to scrape, prime and paint peeling spots on trim or woodwork, this will protect against summer's heat and moisture and prevent a more difficult paint job in the fall. Don't forget to clean out the garage too!



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Please welcome, **Ksenija Tatic**, the newest member of the DPW team. Ksenija is the Facilities Project Manager. Prior to working for the DPW, she worked as a Project Designer at VAA for just over 15 years. As a Project Manager for the DPW, Ksenija provides project management for the county, reviews design plans, as well as manages construction of county



financed projects. Making sure the construction process is on schedule and on budget. Away from the office Ksenija enjoys being outdoors, during winter

cross-country skiing in the Lake Metroparks-Chapin Forest Reservation, located in Kirkland, during the summer, biking in the Metroparks and the Towpath Trail. Ksenija and her husband Bojan along with their daughter Bernada came to Cleveland from Zagreb, Croatia 20 years ago, (a month before the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Museum's opening), and fell in love

with Northeast Ohio. They have become true Clevelanders. Their favorite place to visit is University Circle, particularly the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Human Resource Corner:

Effective March 1, 2015 Cuyahoga County switched its Employee Assistance Program provider from Ease@Work to Moore Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc. Moore Counseling offers free confidential services to Cuyahoga County employees, family members, and retir-

ees. Some of their services include: Four (4) sessions of one-on-one counseling per occurrence, same day crisis intervention appointments, assessment services, community referrals, local legal and financial referrals, and more. You can contact them by phone

24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling (216) 404-1900. Please look for information posted throughout county facilities, or contact your HR representative for additional information.





APRIL BIRTHDAYS



4/1	Willie Young	4/15	James Cotner
4/2	Andre Malone	4/15	Michael Vogel
4/2	Brendan Meade	4/15	Rashawn Byrd
4/2	Carolynn Ragan	4/17	Walter Bandza
4/3	Louis A. Cipriano	4/17	Deborah Gagliardi
4/3	Ernesto Robles	4/18	Kevin Richardson
4/4	Brett E. Colvard	4/19	Michael Tworzydlo
4/4	Wesley Liptak	4/19	LaChanda Hulittle-Hilliard
4/4	Michael P. Kilbane	4/19	Natasha McDowell
4/5	Anna Welch	4/20	Mark Stanzeski
4/7	Myron L. Davis	4/22	Michael Sarges
4/7	Keith Hansberry	4/23	Michelle Nelson
4/8	Gary Harris	4/24	Denise Steve
4/9	Santo Berardi	4/28	Albert Kawkabany
4/9	David M. Mach	4/29	Jonathan Wager
4/9	Daniel Myers	4/29	Mark Atkins, Sr.
4/11	Tyrone M. Hairston	4/30	Wilson Obrero
4/12	Daniel Adams		
4/13	Deborah Davis		
4/14	Timothy Kelly		

