



BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Fall 2018 Newsletter

We've been talking about the County's growth for some time now, emphasizing the benefits and challenges that come from rapid growth. One of the major impacts has been on our infrastructure system. Last month, U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao visited the region to hear from leaders about critical infrastructure projects. The opportunity to have the country's top transportation official's ear was both an honor and a great opportunity for Commissioners Grossmann and Young, and County Engineer Neil Tunison to highlight SR 63 and our Transportation Improvement District.



The State Route 63 widening project was discussed as vital for our county. SR 63 is a critical connector between interstates 75 and 71 and is an economic driver. As such, we've seen increased public and private investment. A significant concentration of distribution centers has brought nearly 2,500 new jobs. This is great news for our county, however travel along this corridor now exceeds capacity and we're seeing more traffic incidents. SR 63 is a "project-ready" investment with various studies and designs completed.

OVER \$1 MILLION IN FUNDING



Warren County has a proven track record of success on infrastructure projects, largely due to our Transportation Improvement District (WCTID). The WCTID has the ability, through creative financing tools, to provide significant local match that has helped fund vital road projects throughout the entire county.

Development

In 2007 we established the Warren County Port Authority (WCPA) as a way to spur economic development by partnering directly with private businesses to assist in job creation and community revitalization. Port Authorities can borrow funds, purchase property, construct and own facilities, and lease property while passing along savings to the project itself. Over the last 11 years the WCPA has helped with over 25 new business and expansion projects, providing positive economic impact and supporting 6400 jobs. Given its success, the WCPA recently launched the "Ohio Communities Accelerator Fund" as a credit enhancement tool for public and private projects. In just 6 months the fund has closed deals refinancing the Miami Valley Gaming TIF, the Warren County Sports Complex and the Pavilion at Rivers Crossing with more projects on the horizon. The WCPA and its new accelerator fund keeps us competitive in attracting new business and jobs. .



Warren County Sports Complex
\$7.5 Million

Miami Valley Gaming TIF
\$1.5 Million

Pavilion at Rivers Crossing
\$8.5 Million

Happenings

Warren County's Therapeutic Interagency Preschool (TIP)

Commissioner Jones joined Warren Co. Children Services, Warren Co. Community Services, and Solutions for the County's new Therapeutic Interagency Preschool Open House. TIP provides intervention and treatment for children who've suffered abuse or other severe trauma. The program promotes healthy cognitive development and emotional healing.



Mitutoyo America Expands in Mason

We were honored to participate in the ribbon cutting for Mitutoyo's new showroom in Mason, a \$1M investment.



HONORING

A Sept. 11th memorial service was held honoring those who perished on 9/11, as well as our police, fire and military for their service. Many thanks to *Stand2Serve*, Warren Co. Police & Fire Chiefs Assoc., the Warren Co. Sheriff's Office and Lebanon Air Force Junior ROTC for coordinating the event.



The Women's Fund of Warren County

Earlier this month we hosted The Women's Fund of Warren County's kick-off breakfast. The Warren County Foundation established The Women's Fund as a way to engage more women in pooled philanthropy to improve the quality of life for children and adults across the county.



Rising Up and Moving On



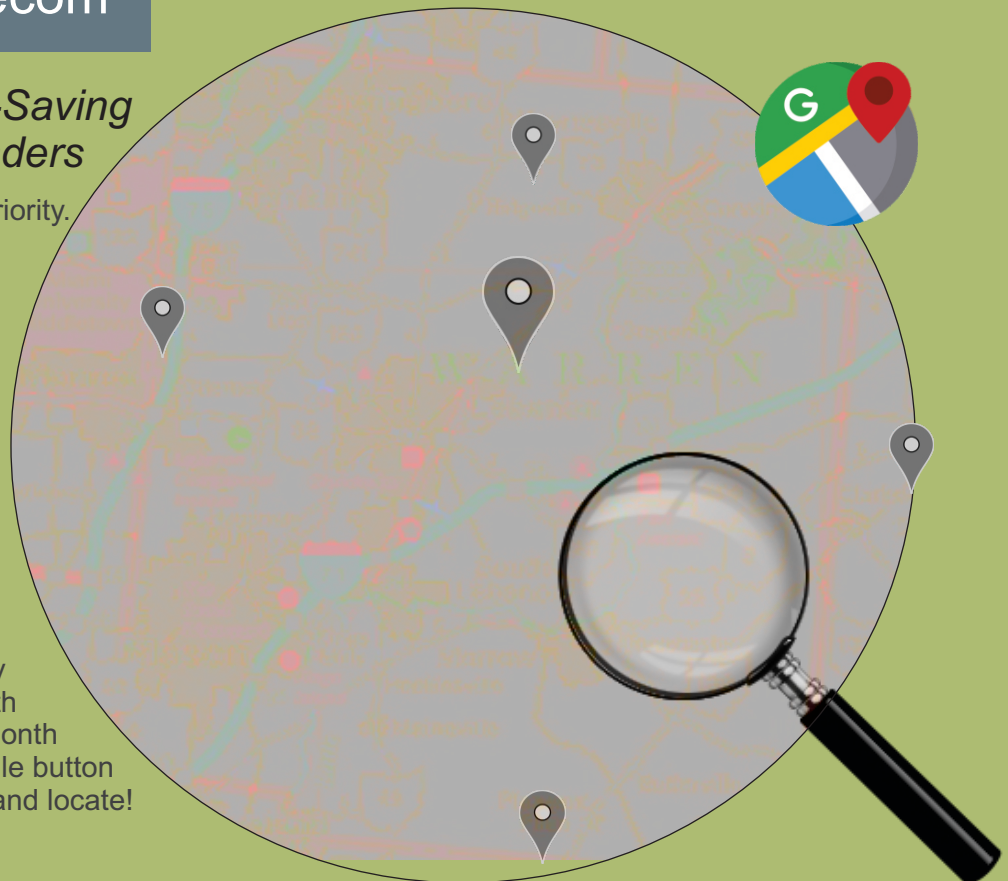
Thanks to Warren County Children Services for sharing Meriel's story

Meriel Humphrey of Warren County won the ***Rising Up and Moving On*** Award from the State of Ohio. Meriel learned about loss at a young age. She grew up with a mother and father who both were battling drug abuse, homelessness and legal issues. At the age of 14 Meriel found herself battling her own addiction, mental health issues and homelessness. When she turned 16 Meriel realized she'd had enough, was ready for a change and she reached out for help. Upon entering foster care, Meriel quickly turned her life around. She's now in independent living and was employed full time throughout the summer. Meriel received all A's in school and is working hard toward graduation. She's interested in becoming a flight attendant or social worker, or maybe both. Meriel has demonstrated that she's a selfless, strong and intelligent young lady who beat the statistics of her circumstances, We're so proud of Meriel and are excited to see what her future holds!

Warren County Telecom

Telecom Develops Time-Saving Process for First Responders

Public safety is our number one priority. We'd like to thank Paul Kindell, Paul Bernard, Gary Estes and the Telecom Team for identifying a problem locating cellular callers needing life-saving assistance in remote areas of the county and developing an innovative solution. The team went to work outlining a process for dispatchers to translate a caller's location into a Google link that can be shared with first responders. To further simplify the process, Telecom will meet with the county's 9-1-1 provider next month to discuss configuration of a Google button that lets dispatchers quickly click and locate!



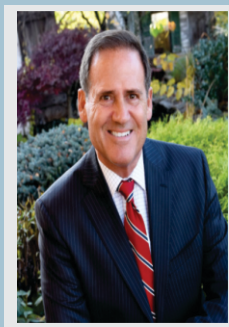


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