

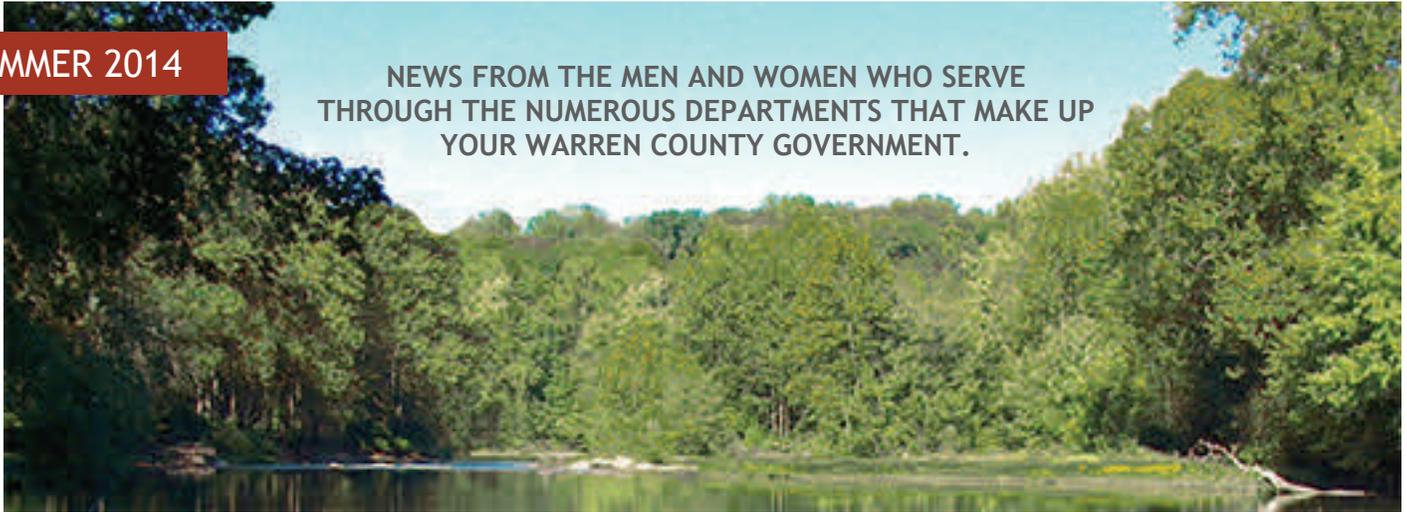
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NEWS FROM THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE THROUGH THE NUMEROUS DEPARTMENTS THAT MAKE UP YOUR WARREN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.



WARREN COUNTY NEWS

DETOUR TO ACCESS COUNTY BUILDINGS S. East Street Reconstruction to Begin Aug. 1



Top Five Reasons to
Enjoy Your County Parks
this Summer:

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1. **Fishing** is a favorite way to relax and past time, while enjoying nature. Warren County's Armco Park, located at 1223 N. St. Rt. 741 in Lebanon, has lake access for public fishing. A state fishing pass can be purchased for \$5 for those ages 16-54 years old and \$3 for those 55 and older, ages 5-15 can fish free. Boat rentals are available. Passes can be obtained from the boat house located in the park. All other county parks do not permit fishing.

The city of Lebanon will be closing East Street between Orchard Ave, and past Louisa Wright School where East Street intersects with Deerfield Road, between August 1, 2014 and December 1, 2014 for street reconstruction.

This closure will impact East Street access to:
-Donovan Intermediate School & Louisa Wright School

- Warren County Government Campus
- Board of Elections (Aug. 5th Special Election, General Election Early Voting and November 4th General Election)
- County, Probate/Juvenile & Common Pleas Courts
- Sheriff's Office/Jail
- County Administration Building
- Health Dept. & Human Services Building
- "Visitor" access to and from Downtown Lebanon for planned special events
- Events (Blues Fest, 3rd Friday on Mulberry Street, Apple Fest, Oktoberfest, etc.)

A detour has been set up using Deerfield Road. The County is working with the City Engineer to keep the intersection of Justice Drive and East Street open as long as possible to allow access to Deerfield Rd. without going all around Cook Road to access Justice Drive. Remember that By-Pass 48 & Cook Road may be an ultimate "Best" access point to all County and School buildings during this reconstruction period of time.

Warren County Coroner, Russell Uptegrove, reports that Heroin related deaths have risen from 2 deaths back in 2007 to a shocking 25 deaths last year, in 2013. Death, crime, court time, jail time, and the breakdown of homes for involved children and families has escalated and affects almost all areas of county government.

Sign up for the quarterly e-newsletter so you don't miss this focus on the heroin epidemic in our county and what your county government is doing to combat it.

2. Hiking and trail walking is a fun and rewarding activity for the whole family. Warren County's Mathers Mill Nature Preserve located at 5349 Wilmington Road in Oregonia is a wonderful place to enjoy 42 acres of beautiful, well preserved, steeply sloped hillsides, that are rich in wildlife habitat and a potential for bird and wildlife viewing and photography.

3. Playgrounds are always a favorite for young families. Kids can enjoy all different elements of a park but a playground is special fun for them. Warren County's Landen-Deerfield Park, located at 2258 W. St. Rt. 22/3 in Maineville, is equipped with four playground areas to enjoy.

4. Grilling for a family outing? Almost all of our parks are equipped with amenities for your meal outdoors without a required reservation, first-come, first-serve. If you are planning a special event such as a birthday party, graduation party, group picnic, or family reunion, Warren County's Armco Park, located at 1223 N. St. Rt. 741 in Lebanon, is convenient with it's 33 shelters and over 300 picnic tables, all with reservation. For Armco Park Shelter information, visit http://www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/parks_list/armco_picnics.htm.

5. Sports are a vital part of life for many youth and adults alike, almost all of our county parks boast sports facilities for organized sports such as baseball, softball, soccer, cross country, and flag football. Many of the parks host local sports leagues. If you are interested in participating in these programs, visit the Warren County Parks website at: 'www.co.warren.oh.us/parks' for more information, and click on "Sports Contact list".

Warren County is **StormReady**

Nearly 90 percent of all presidentially declared disasters are weather related, leading to over 500 deaths and nearly \$14 billion in damage in an average year. The StormReady program was designed to help arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills they need to save lives and protect property.

Our Warren County Emergency Management Department has been recognized for their efforts in including severe weather threats into their hazard mitigation and emergency response plans. They have done this through establishing multiple ways to receive severe weather warnings, forecast, and to alert the public. There has also been work invested in creating a system that monitors weather conditions locally. Our Warren County Emergency Department is promoting the importance of public readiness through community seminars, severe weather spotter training and by conducting emergency exercises.



StormReady is a cooperative effort between Warren County and the National Weather Service. The program emphasizes the necessary flow of information between Warren County and the National Weather Service in the form of severe weather reports and warnings. An improved flow of information results in an improved warning system. As of today Warren County is one of only 25 counties in Ohio's 88 counties and 1052 out of 3144 Counties or County equivalents nationwide that are StormReady. This is quite an accomplishment!

Our Emergency Manager Director Michael Bunner worked very hard in identifying what the county needed to do to become StormReady and then worked with others in the county to make it happen. Key partners in the effort were the Warren County Commissioners: Pat South, David Young, Tom Ariss and the Warren County EMA staff: Rick Murray and Jim Bolen. Warren County is proud to have obtained StormReady Recognition.

In the event of an emergency, the public is encouraged to be prepared in advance. Resources are available at: <http://www.co.warren.oh.us/emergencyservices/> and then click on 'Emergency Services'. A facebook pages is also available at 'Warren County, Ohio Emergency Management' and on twitter at '@WCEMAOhio'.

StormReady is managed by the National Weather Service Office of Climate, Water, & Weather Services for more information visit: <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/index.html>



On June 17th, U.S. Congressman Steve Chabot opened our Commissioner's Meeting by making a surprise presentation to Jonathan Sams, Turtlecreek Twp. Trustee and Mason Lawyer, with 6 U.S. Navy Military medals. Jonathan Sams served 4 tours in Persian Gulf, and for some reason never received his medals. (Pictured is Connie Laug, Dist. Director for US Senator Rob Portman, Commissioners Dave Young, Pat South & Tom Ariss with Jonathan Sams in the center. And 2nd Photo of Congressman Chabot with Jonathan and his wife Julia)



Commissioner Tom Ariss was honored at the Warren County Fair 4-H Appreciation Luncheon by being presented with the 2014 Outstanding Fair Supporter by Fair Board President Joe Wilson. Tom is pictured with his wife Bonnie and was recognized for actively supporting the Fair & 4-H Programs for over 25 years and purchasing in excess of 80 4-H Animals in that time frame.

This year's Warren County Fair saw record breaking attendance on Tues., Wed., & Thurs. - thanks to the best weather in probably 30 years. They had the largest number of entries ever for the Tractor Pull and Demolition Derby. Unfortunately the Tractor Pull had to cancel Friday evening due to rain.

Your County Guide | How do I?...

- Obtain a copy of my deed - Recorder's Office - 406 Justice Drive 513-695-1382
- Obtain a building/electrical permit - Building Dept. - 406 Justice Drive 513-695-1290
- Obtain a Vendors License - Auditor's Office - 406 Justice Drive 513-695-2616
- Pay my Property Taxes - Treasurer's Office - 406 Justice Drive 513-695-1300
- Obtain a Marriage License or a copy - Probate Court - 570 Justice Drive 513-695-1771
- Obtain a passport - Clerk of Courts Office - 500 Justice Drive 513-695-1120
- Obtain a copy of a birth certificate - Health Dept. - 416 S. East Street - 513-695-1228

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