



LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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WELCOME

This newsletter is intended to provide timely updates on local transportation projects, area (re)development initiatives, as well as transit and paratransit-related news, highway safety, and other activities undertaken by the Planning Commission and our partners. The newsletter is supported in part by funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the Planning Commission member political subdivisions.

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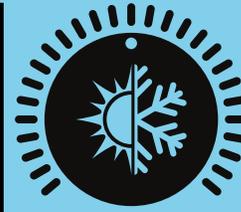
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News from WOCAP
Winter Crisis Program
 starting
November 1st



The Home Energy Assistance Winter Crisis Program Provides eligible Ohioans assistance paying an electric bill, a utility or bulk fuel bill, or assistance paying for heating system repairs. The program will run from November 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

To apply for the program, clients are required to schedule an appointment with West Ohio Community Action Partnership by calling 419-516-0063. Clients must also bring the following documents to their appointment:

- Copies of their most recent energy bills
- a list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member
- proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members
- proof of disability (if applicable)

Eligible households can receive up to \$175 if they are a client of a regulated utility, or \$750 if they are a client of unregulated utilities such as electric cooperatives and municipal utilities. The assistance is applied to their utility bill or applied to heating system repair costs. Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for assistance.

Last year, more than 594 families were assisted in Allen, Auglaize, and Mercer counties.

For more information about the features of the Winter Crisis Program and what is needed to apply, contact WOCAP at 419-227-2586



From left to right: Deanne Hicks (SADD Community Engagement Specialist), Trooper Sanders-Tirado (OSHP Lima Post), Shaunna Basinger (Safe Communities), Shaq & Adrian (Arrive Alive Tour).

The Arrive Alive Tour at the Allen County Fair!

Members of the Safe Community teamed up to work the 2022 Allen County Fair on August 20th. Fair attendees had the opportunity to take part in the impaired and distracted driving simulator provided by the Arrive Alive Tour. Ohio Traffic Safety materials were distributed freely to the public during this event. While the event was cut short abruptly by strong winds and a storm, this event can be marked as a success in the Coalition's goal to increase public awareness of the dangers of impaired and distracted driving.

..... THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

TRAFFIC SAFETY BANNERS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST!

DRIVE SOBER GET PULLED OVER
 WATCH OUT FOR MOTORCYCLES
 CLICK IT OR TICKET
 STAY ALIVE: DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE
 RIDE SMART

FOR COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC, OR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES!

FREE OF CHARGE!

WANT ONE?

Contact:
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONOREES!

2022 TOP COP

Since the founding of *Mothers Against Drunk Driving*, drunk driving-related fatalities have been reduced by half. To this day some 41 years later, MADD's mission remains to end this 100% preventable crime.

Strong allies in this cause are the many law enforcement officers who do the challenging and worthy work of stopping drunk drivers before disaster strikes. On September 6th, Safe Community Coalition teamed up with Crime Victim Services and the local MADD Chapter to host the Top Cop Awards and recognize the men and women of Allen, Hardin, and Putnam counties who had the highest OVI arrests for the year 2021. To be eligible for this award the officer must have a minimum of three arrests.

Sgt. John Iten

Ada Police Department

Dep. Robert A. Wintersteller

Dep. Izak Ackerman & Dep. Jared Breitigan
Allen County Sheriff's Office

Ptl. Eric Rayle

Bluffton Police Department

Ptl. Russel Lammers

Columbus Grove Police Department

Ptl. Tyler Hayson Sgt. Alec Cooper

Delphos Police Department

Tpr. John Madigan Tpr. David Lopez

Findlay Post State Highway Patrol

Dep. Mason Treen

Dep. Braden Jacobs & Dep. Christopher Fannon
Hardin County Sheriff's Office

Ptl. Melvin Yoder Ptl. Luke Bodman

Kenton Police Department

Ptl. Justin Wireman

Ptl. Kaitlyn Weidman & Ptl. Kelsey Lutz
Lima Police Department

Tpr. Brandon P. Schreiber Sgt. Steven G. Posada

Lima Post Ohio State Highway Patrol

Ptl. Shane Vance Ptl. Matt Paulik

Ottawa Police Department

Dep. Christopher Verhoff Dep. Braden Skilliter

Putnam County Sheriff's Office

Ptl. Jacob Breitigan Ptl. Tyler Cramer

Shawnee Police Department

2022 SAFE COMMUNITY AWARDS

For the 24th year, Lima-Allen County Safe Community Coalition held its Safe Community Awards on September 28, 2022. While usually there is one award recipient per category, with such a large return on nominations this year, Safe Community Coalition decided to increase our number of honorees. This was done to increase the visibility of all these wonderful people and the work they are doing in our community. The hope is that all walked away from this afternoon with more knowledge and connections to help further their missions.

Fire Safety

Fire Chief Justin Roberts, Perry Township

Traffic Safety

Tpr. Kenton J. Gibson, OSHP Lima Post
Sgt. Scott Luedeke, LPD

Engineering

Kirk Niemeyer, City of Lima Director of Public Works

Youth Safety

Violence Prevention Program, Crime Victim Services

Soldiers of Honor,
Aaron & Veronica McLaurine

Children's Safety

Emily Bowsher, Lima FD
Autism Life Center
Eric Mericle, Safety City

Outstanding Citizen

Dep. Warden Corey D. Foster
Judge Tammie Hursh
Robert Cornet, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist



Safe Community Coalition would like to Thank the FOP/FOPA Lodge #21 for their incredible support of both the 2022 Top Cop and Safe Community Awards.

Thank you for opening your doors to us and for the delicious meals.



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UPDATE FROM THE RTA!

RTA will be changing from a flagging system to a bus stop-only system starting October 3, 2022 with Routes 5 & 6.



LOCATION	TIME
Corner of Elizabeth & North	:51
Metcalf & North	:53
St. Rita's Parking Lot	:54
Cole & Allentown	:56
Lima Sporting Goods	:57
Lockhaven's	:58
Verizon Wireless	:00
La Charreada's	:02
Sherwood & Cable	:03
McDonald's	:04
Mark Pi's	:07
Walmart	:13
Buffalo Wild Wings	:14
Jarvis Drive	:16
Lowes	:20
Musser & Eastown Rd	:22
Lima Memorial Medical Park	:24
Koop & Eastown	:25
West Elm Plaza	:26
Market St. Beer Barrel	:28
West Middle School	:31
Taco Bell	:32
Superior Bank (Bus Shelter)	:33
Cole & Alentown	:34
Jameson & Allentown	:37
In front of St. Rita's	:38
Metcalf & North	:40
Federal Building	:41
Main & North	:42

LOCATION	TIME
YMCA	:22 & :52
Met Housing	:23 & :53
Lima Towers	:24 & :54
3rd & Main	:26 & :56
7th & Main	:27 & :57
8th & Main	:29 & :59
4th & Reese	:30 & :00
Lima Apartments	:31 & :01
Unity	:33 & :03
2nd & St. John's	:36 & :06
Milburn & 2nd	:35 & :05
South Middle School	:37 & :07
Eureka & Pine	:38 & :08
Daily Bread	:40 & :10

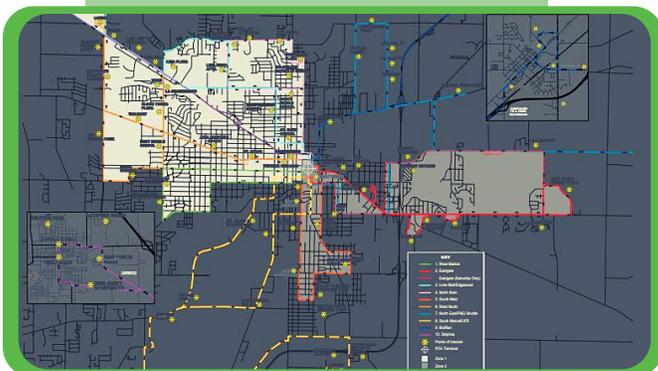
Also beginning October 3, 2022, Allen County RTA will be offering Micro Transit Services. This Service is a door-to-door service similar to Paratransit service and cost is based on Zones in the county. Tickets will be available for purchase at the terminal to eliminate the need for riders and drivers to handle cash on a regular basis.

The service will run Monday through Friday from 7:20 pm-11:00 pm, this service will replace the night service that was cut a year ago.

To schedule a ride, individuals will need to call the RTA office at 419-222-2782 or 567-940-9445. an answering machine is also available 24/7 to accept trip reservations and cancellations.

For more information contact Brian Wildermuth at 419-222-2782 ext. 5755

#6 West North route will no longer be going through the Clock Tower Plaza effective October 3, 2022. You must go to the bus stop sign located on Cable Rd in front of McDonald's.



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission bade farewell to Executive Director Shane Coleman at the end of September as he transitioned to the City of Lima as the new Chief of Staff in Mayor Sharetta Smith's administration. Shane Coleman took up the post of Executive Director in the spring of 2020 after previously serving as the Safety Service Director for the City of Delphos. Since joining the LACRPC, Coleman has shone exemplary leadership and diligence in his role. While we are sad to see him leave, we wish him well in his work with the City and know that he will be a wonderful addition to their team and we look forward to working with him in his new role.

The search of a new Executive Director is underway and being conducted by the LACRPC Board.

Photo: Law Director Tony Geiger swears in Sheena Conley (left) and Shane Coleman (right) at the Mayor's Press briefing on August 24th with Mayor Smith (far right).



BLUFFTON
BEYOND TOMORROW

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE!

INVITES YOU TO

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
OPEN HOUSE**

JOIN WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BLUFFTON COMMUNITY TO SHARE IDEAS AND HELP CREATE A VISION FOR BLUFFTON'S FUTURE AND LEARN THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST SURVEY.

LOCALLY SOURCED LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

WHERE: BLUFFTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIUM
116 S. JACKSON ST.

WHEN: OCTOBER 19TH
3:30 PM- 7:30 PM




STOP IN FOR 10 MINUTES
-OR-
STOP IN FOR AN HOUR!

ARE YOU 12-19 YEARS OF AGE?
ALLEN CO. BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!
TAKE THE SURVEY!



What is Active Transportation?
all the ways people can get around without using a motorized vehicle- walking or biking, using mobility assistance devices (such as wheelchairs or scooters), skating or skateboarding, and more. In other words:
Human Powered Travel.
-ODOT



**Remember to drive with
caution this harvest season!**



UPCOMING MEETINGS

OCTOBER 2022 NOVEMBER 2022 DECEMBER 2022

CMTE	DATE	TIME	CMTE	DATE	TIME	CMTE	DATE	TIME
DCC	Tu, Oct 11th	3:00 pm	CAAC	Thu, Nov 3rd	3:00 pm	DCC	Tu, Dec 6th	3:00 pm
CAAC	Thu, Oct 13th	3:00 pm	DCC	Tu, Nov 8th	3:00 pm	CAAC	Thu, Dec 8th	3:00 pm
CDC	Thu, Oct 20th	3:30 pm	CDC	Thu, Nov 10th	3:30 pm	CDC	Thu, Dec 15th	3:30 pm
CAC	Tu, Oct 25th	10:00 pm	CAC	Tu, Nov 15th	10:00 am	CAC	Tu, Dec 20th	10:00 am
TAC	Tu, Oct 25th	1:30 am	TAC	Tu, Nov 15th	1:30 pm	TAC	Tu, Dec 20th	1:30 pm
DCC	Tu, Oct 25th	3:00 pm	AAC	Wed, Nov 16th	4:00 pm	DCC	Tu, Dec 20th	3:00 pm
AAC	Wed, Oct 26th	4:00 pm	TCC	Thu, Nov 17th	3:00 pm	AAC	Wed, Dec 21st	4:00 pm
TCC	Thu, Oct 27th	3:00 pm	EC	Thu, Nov 17th	4:00 pm	TCC	Thu, Dec 22nd	3:00 pm
EC	Thu, Oct 27th	4:00 pm	DCC	Thu, Nov 22nd	3:00 pm	EC	Thu, Dec 22nd	4:00 pm

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