

# morpc *insider*

**Remember to share this newsletter with your councils, commissions, trustees and staff!**

## Top 5 Things to Know and Share

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**—Information and resources can be found on MORPC's website, [www.morpc.org](http://www.morpc.org) or our national organization's websites including the National Association of Regional Councils, [www.narc.org](http://www.narc.org) and the National Association of Development Organizations, [www.nado.org](http://www.nado.org). Keep in mind that in addition to the \$1.3 Billion for infrastructure, central Ohio will also receive an additional \$28 million. Money may also be available for alternative energy projects, home weatherization, extending broadband, improved public education, modernizing health care, job training and for first time homebuyers.
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program—Application Deadline is June 25**—the purpose of these ARRA Funds is to develop and implement projects to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions in your communities. The application package is located at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).
- State of the Region Report Released**—Don't forget to check out the 2009 State of the Region Report. It can be found on MORPC's website at [www.morpc.org](http://www.morpc.org). This year's report focuses on sustainability and the affects on central Ohio's people, place and prosperity.
- Compact with Ohio Cities Task Force**—Chester Jourdan, MORPC Executive Director, has been appointed to this task force which is part of Speaker Armond Budish's (D-Beachwood) goal of aligning economic development efforts between the state, cities and local governments to pursue a more collaborative approach. Created by a resolution the House adopted earlier this session, the Task Force is charged with identifying ways to improve the impact of tax incentives, bond issuances, infrastructure, and services on urban economic development efforts. Chester will provide members with monthly reports on the status of this committee. More information about this committee can be found at [www.legislature.state.oh.us/res.cfm?ID=128\\_HR\\_20](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/res.cfm?ID=128_HR_20).
- Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration**—Executive Director Jourdan is also serving on this Committee formed by Governor Strickland. The Committee has been meeting for the past six months and will begin holding public hearings throughout the state in the coming months. The Commission shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor not later than July 1, 2010. This group has a web site with information on their goals and areas of focus as well as a place for the public to provide their feedback: [www.ohioreformandcollaboration.org/](http://www.ohioreformandcollaboration.org/)

## Upcoming Workshops

### Mid-Ohio Development Exchange (MODE)

**Topic:** The Proposed ODOD Budget and The Future of Economic Development in Ohio

**Date/Time:** June 18, 2009—11:30 A.M.

**Location:** MORPC, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Registration:** Please RSVP by **12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 16, 2009** by email to: [ruth\\_yorston@columbus.org](mailto:ruth_yorston@columbus.org).

### Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)

**Topic:** A workshop on the application process to receive funding for Franklin County local public infrastructure projects through the Ohio Public Works Commission.

**Date/Time:** June 24, 2009—1:30 p.m.

**Location:** MORPC, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100 , Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Registration:** Contact Wilma Yoder at [wyoder@morpc.org](mailto:wyoder@morpc.org) or call (614) 233-4175 by June 22.

## Save the Date!



**Summit on Sustainability  
& The Environment  
October 6, 2009  
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The Summit on Sustainability & the Environment has been developed over the past two years to aid community leaders in going green. Now in its third year, the event has become highly anticipated. The Summit provides a gathering place to gain support for the ongoing challenges experienced in going green, educational programming, and the opportunity to network with people with similar interests. For more information go to [www.greenregion.org](http://www.greenregion.org).

### Central Ohio Organization of Public Purchasers (COOPP)

General Meeting

**Topic:** Cooperative Purchasing. Meet local public purchasers and discuss opportunities for cooperative purchasing.

**Date/Time:** June 24, 2009—8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** City of Columbus, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228

**Registration:** No registration required.

## Village of Cardington and Village of Baltimore Join Commission

MORPC welcomes its two newest members to the Commission, the Village of Cardington and the Village of Baltimore. “We are delighted to welcome our first member from Morrow County”, stated Amy Lowe, Member Services Coordinator during the May Commission meeting. The Village of Cardington in Morrow County will be represented by Administrator Dan Ralley.

The Village of Baltimore in Fairfield County also petitioned for membership during the June Commission meeting. MORPC’s board unanimously voted to approve the Village’s membership bringing the count of local communities up to 47. Administrator Marsha Hall will represent the village. For more information about membership with MORPC, please contact Amy Lowe at [alowe@morpc.org](mailto:alowe@morpc.org) or call 614.233.4135.



***Congratulations to Tom Homan On Completing 10 Years of Service as Delaware City Manager***

## Summit Gears Up For Third Year—Needs Community Sponsors

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For the third consecutive year the Summit will be returning to serve its captive audience on Tuesday, October 6 at the Center for Science and Industry (COSI) in downtown Columbus.

MORPC invites you or a business in your community to become a sponsor or exhibitor at the Summit. As you know, sustainability issues are becoming increasingly relevant, affecting the operations of day-to-day business and public relations with current and prospective customers. The Summit is a unique opportunity to showcase the green initiatives taking place at your organization to over 400 attendees.

For more information or to confirm your sponsorship of The Summit please register online at [www.greenregion.org](http://www.greenregion.org) or contact Ashley Lester at [alester@morpc.org](mailto:alester@morpc.org) or 614.233.4168.

## Join Us This October for Walk to School Month

MORPC is helping communities organize walk to school events for National Walk to School Month, October 2009. If you would like to participate and need assistance organizing Walk to School month in your town, contact Amanda McEldowney at 614.233.4112 or email [amceldowney@morpc.org](mailto:amceldowney@morpc.org).

***Next Board Meeting: July 16 at 1:30 pm***  
*We look forward to seeing you at the July 16th Board Meeting. Come to receive the most up to date information on the ARRA Funding. We will also be hearing from the Census Bureau regarding efforts to promote the 2010 census.*



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