



BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Summer 2018 Newsletter

This month we re-convened a meeting of community stakeholders to discuss a comprehensive response to the problem of addiction in Warren County using a Blueprint prepared by the Addiction Policy Forum (APF). Thank you to the nearly 200 leaders from local government, schools, law enforcement, EMS, criminal justice, faith community, mental health, children services and treatment providers who came together to learn about the Blueprint. APF is a diverse partnership of organizations, policymakers and stakeholders whose mission is to work together to elevate awareness around addiction and improve national policy. The Blueprint contains 21 recommendations, 3 of which were identified as being essential pieces of the larger framework. During the forum, attendees were asked to identify which of the 3 priority areas they would like to work on first. Overwhelmingly the group said protecting children impacted by parental substance use disorder is the number one priority. [To read Warren County's Blueprint click here](#)



The Impact in Warren County:

- 102 Overdose Deaths in 2017, + 400% in 10 Years
- 105 Doses of Narcan Administered 2017-2018
- 212 Kids in Custody of Children Services
- 138 Kids in Custody with Parental Drug Abuse
- 174% Increase in Children Services Budget



Next Steps

Warren County has worked to address the drug crisis. Multiple agencies and workgroups are working to develop and implement evidence based practices that are appropriate for our county, and we've seen some success. It's our hope that the Blueprint will spur the sharing of time, talent and resources for a greater impact. By working together, focusing on the recommendations and priorities identified by APF, we can achieve even greater success in reducing the impact of addiction in our community.

"We're so busy being mad at the parents, we tend to forget about the kids"

Priorities

Protecting children impacted by parental substance use disorder

Increasing capacity for medication-assisted treatment utilizing all three FDA-approved medications

Implementing criminal justice diversion programs

#OneVoiceWarrenCounty

In May we joined the Warren County Chamber Alliance and 60 other leaders from across the county for their 4th annual D.C. Fly-In. The Fly-In provided a great opportunity to meet with our Congressional Delegation and high-level decision makers from various governmental agencies to discuss specific challenges impacting our county. The impact of bringing a strong contingent of business and community leaders to advocate in the Nation's Capital cannot be over-stated. We heard from Senator Portman and Congressman Chabot about their policy initiatives, and we had candid conversations with them about issues we're facing in Warren County. Our group also heard from members of the President's policy team on some of their key initiatives. Some common threads were the recognition of the devastating impact the opioid crisis is having throughout our country and the need for skilled workforce to fill open jobs.



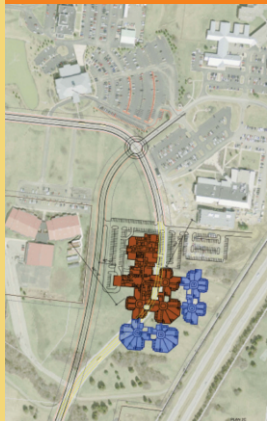
As we tackle these same challenges here at home, we appreciate the work our national leaders are doing to help bring about solutions and look forward to partnering with them.

New Warren County Jail and Sheriff's Office

- Location on Justice Drive selected with LCSD support

- Architect & Construction Manager are working on schematic design and budgets

- Plan to begin construction in summer of 2019



Warren County Sports Park

Construction is underway with much of the earthwork complete. Building construction, paving, and irrigation work will begin in the coming weeks. We're looking forward to opening in Spring 2019!



Probate & Juvenile Court Expansion

Warren County selected elevar Design Group and HGC Construction for the project. Estimated cost is \$4 million and a projected start in October 2018



Happenings

The Highlands at Heritage Hill in Warren County Welcomes 2018 Homerama

New Jobs & Investment

**Kadant Black Clawson
Opens in Lebanon
50 New Jobs
\$150,000 Investment**



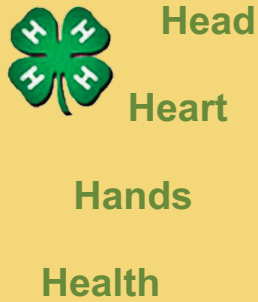
Ohio's 1st Agri-Community develops in Warren County

The Aberlin Springs development preserves an existing farm, blends a mix of housing options and offers farm-to-table living without the work.



Springboro Chamber Breakfast

Commissioner Jones provided an overview of the County's projects, initiatives and fiscal health at the chamber's July breakfast.



The Warren County Fair

We were honored to attend the 4-H Luncheon hosted by the Warren County Fair Board. We're proud of our youth who participated in the various events and would like to thank all who sponsored scholarships and awards, judged contests, purchased livestock and supported the 4-H program. Congratulations to all the winners, and to the 2018 Junior Fair King Tanner Shinkel and Queen Bailey Miller!

The County provides water service to 10 political jurisdictions within the county and sewer to various areas throughout the county.

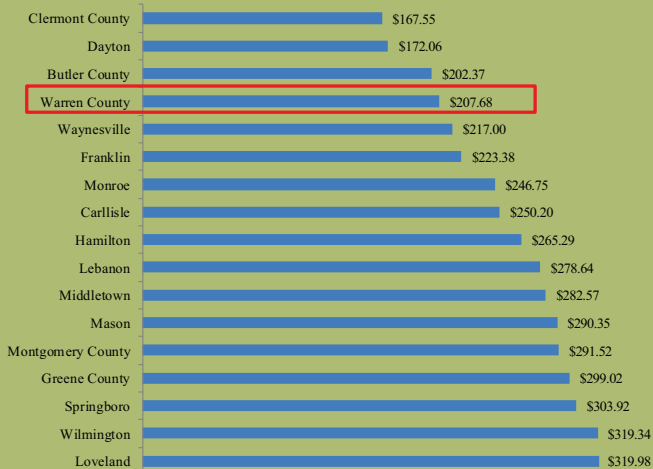
Water Softening Project

A 2015 survey of customers indicated they want soft water and are willing to pay for it. Earlier this year the BOCC selected the engineering firm AECOM to design the water treatment plant upgrades and softening facilities. The BOCC signed the contract to kick off the project in June. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2020.

*Listening to our Customers
and Keeping our Rates Competitive*

Warren County Water & Sewer

2018 Annual Survey Combined Water & Sewer Cost



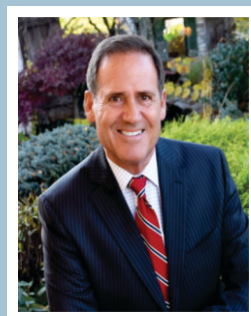


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The Warren County Board of Commissioners begin public meeting sessions every Tuesday (9am) and the 2nd and 4th Thursday (5pm), as needed, of each month in the County Administration Building, 406 Justice Dr., Lebanon, OH.