

Mayor Mark A. Tyler  
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### **Congratulations on DOD Award to Police Chief Wayne Baumgart!**

At the February 1, 2010 Council Meeting, Officer Michael Valenti honored Chief Baumgart as a Patriotic Employer with a certificate from the Department of Defense. Chief Baumgart was recognized for contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force. Officer Valenti, a Gunnery Sergeant with the United States Marine Corp, submitted a nomination citing Chief Baumgart's ongoing support, encouragement, inspiration and dedication to supporting the mission of the armed forces as the basis for the recognition. Congratulations, Chief!

### **Charter Review Update**

The Charter Review Committee has begun their review of the Charter for the City of Kirtland. The Committee consists of: Marvin Bahr, Deloris Parsons, Don White, Rick Blum, Ted Wiese, Tom Dice, Lorraine Schupp, George Gore and Mike Inghram. The Charter serves as the framework by which the city operates. The Committee will review the Charter and propose for adoption any alterations, revisions or amendments which the Committee deems advisable.

The charter review process should be completed by Memorial Day. Recommendations from the Committee will then be submitted to Council for review. All proposed changes to the Charter will appear on the ballot in the General Election on November 2, 2010. A summary of the proposed changes will be made available to the residents of Kirtland well in advance of the General Election.

Committee members elected Marvin Bahr to serve as Chair of the Committee. Mr. Bahr served on the last Charter Review Committee in 2000. Our thanks to all of the committee members for their time, effort and valued input in this important process!

### **Reappointment to NOACA Governing Board**

The Lake County Mayor's and Managers have reappointed me to the Governing Board for the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for 2010. This agency is the Greater Cleveland Metropolitan Planning Organization and is comprised of representatives from five counties in Northeastern Ohio – Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina. The agency serves as a forum for local officials to cooperatively work together, in accordance with federal and state mandates, on initiatives involving transportation, air and water quality, and the environment. The agency also administers federal funds for projects related to these important initiatives. Collaborative efforts and an open line of communication between Kirtland, our elected officials, and local, state and county agencies is important to Kirtland's development. It is an honor to continue serving as the only Mayor from Lake County and to have the opportunity to work closely with other area elected officials and heads of regional and state agencies, such as the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

### **2010 U.S. Census**

Just a reminder that the 2010 U.S. Census will be mailing out questionnaires in March of 2010. Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all your information and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties. In addition, other federal laws, including the Confidential Statistical Efficiency Act and the Privacy Act reinforce these protections. All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. Please note that private information is never published. The information you provide is used to produce statistics. Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. Additional information is available via the official 2010 Census website: [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov).

This process is vital to our local community, as it affects long-term community planning, federal funding for local projects and determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts. Everyone counts and your participation in this process is important.

**Kirtland Appreciation Day at the Lake County Captains  
Sunday, August 15, 2010**

The Lake County Captains will be honoring the City of Kirtland on Sunday, August 15, 2010 with Kirtland Appreciation Day at Classic Park. Admission to the game will be available to all Kirtland residents for only \$5. Festivities include face painting, player autographs and kids will be able run the bases. A special picnic will be held for Kirtland residents; there will be a separate charge for admission to the picnic. The Captains will be facing the Dayton Dragons, with the games first pitch at 1:00 p.m. **For more information, contact Jeff Gates, at the Lake County Captains, at (440) 975-8085 -- ext. 137 or via e-mail at [jgates@captainsbaseball.com](mailto:jgates@captainsbaseball.com).** We hope you will join us for a day at the ballpark!

**The Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday, March 27, 2010 – 10 a.m. to Noon  
Kirtland Community Center – 7900 Euclid Chardon Road**

Mark your calendars for the annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Kirtland Community Center. Children (ten years of age and younger), from Kirtland, are invited to attend. Adult chaperones are required. Kids should bring their Easter baskets to collect eggs. The outdoor hunt begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. (dress appropriately!). Prize baskets are awarded to the individual that finds the Golden Egg and the child who collects the most eggs in each age group. Indoor activities include kid tattoos, stickers, live rabbits, games, craft, and a visit with the Easter Bunny. In addition, the Kirtland Seniors are hosting an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 10 a.m. to Noon for a nominal fee.

In the case of inclement weather, the outdoor hunt will be cancelled and eggs are handed out indoors on a first-come, first-served basis until they are gone. The pancake breakfast, a visit with the Easter Bunny, and all of the children's activities will take place indoors. Registration is not required.

**NEW – Senior Center Sweet Shop**

Homemade Easter sweets, lovingly prepared by Lorraine Schupp and her Senior Center Sweet Shop Crew will be available for purchase during the Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast.

**A Call for Volunteers!**

The Recreation Department is in need of middle and high school students to help with the Egg Hunt. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the pancake breakfast, craft area, and games. Contact the Community Center at 256-4711! Volunteering for this event qualifies for community service time and volunteers receive a letter.

**We are all looking forward to the upcoming warmer weather as Spring arrives on March 20<sup>th</sup>!**