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# Black Lives Matter Here To Stay

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.  
The Truth Contributor

*You've got to rattle your cage door. You've got to let them know that you're in there, and that you want out.*

- Florynce Kennedy



The #BlackLivesMatter movement, created in 2013 after the acquittal of George Zimmerman for the death of Trayvon Martin, is "pushing and engaging elected officials to consider the role of the state in perpetuating anti-black racist policies," according to Patrisse Cullors, the movement's co-founder.

At the center of the movement's strategy is a "fight for policy reform," that grows out of Cullors' assertion that the Democratic Party has "milked" the votes of African Americans without a serious commitment to address the racial disparities and injustice that reflect "America's systemic hatred against Black people."

In addition to policy reform, local coalitions such as that of Center of Hope, Brother Washington Muhammad, co-facilitator for the Community Solidarity Response Network of Toledo and Black Lives Matter Toledo activist Julian Mack, will be focusing on accountability from elected officials during the current and upcoming election cycles.

On August 11, 2015, The Board of Lucas County Commissioners approved a Resolution in Support of the Black Lives Matter Movement, the first local public entity to do so. I caught up with Tina Skeldon Wozniak, the Board's president, to discuss the County's recent commitment.

**Perryman:** I received a copy of Lucas County's resolution in support of Black Lives Matter.

It's a nice document and I hope it will have some real impact.

**Skeldon-Wozniak:** We've got a lot of work to do with this society and this resolution and the meetings around town, both Toledo, Lucas County and the country, show that we can't shy away from the conversation. The reason that the Board of County Commissioners did the resolution is because we recognize that there's a lot of disproportionality in the way persons of color get handled, whether it's from traffic stops to bookings in the jail, and so we don't want to shy away from it. We think we'll be a better community if we don't shy away from ongoing discussions and dialogue to help each of us gain more self-awareness and do a better job at recognizing our own biases and feelings and we can do better and we want to encourage that approach.

**Perryman:** I think that it is important to acknowledge that we all have some inherent biases that arise from various types of privilege or just from the cultural biases that we've grown up with that affect us. I think the first step toward alleviating a lot of these problems is acknowledgement of the fact that we do all have them.

**Skeldon-Wozniak:** It takes a lifetime of learning to change old ways and old ways of thinking and the only way to improve the way...first, you've got to take responsibility for yourself and then you've got to continue having opportunities to be open and not shy away and not allow for people to be treated differently based on the color of their skin. We want to hit this head on and we want to learn from those particularly in the clergy that are leading the way as Center of Hope is doing and your event on Sunday where you were having a frank discussion with the entire community.

**Perryman:** And I certainly applaud your action, and so what's on my mind is how do we translate this resolution, how do we translate the slogan Black Lives Matter into tangible solutions? And also, how do we get those closest to the impact of the tragedies and disparities as the first people at the table involved in finding solutions?

**Skeldon-Wozniak:** Yes, you reminded me that that is what impacted me so much in your sermon was when you brought it down to imagine from the standpoint as a mother, and for me I am a mother of three sons. And, imagine as a mother burying your child due to something like not having the proper lights on in your car or missing a license plate. And then, because of something that could've been prevented, and instead of having dinner with your child, you're burying your child. When you said it that way, that was so meaningful. You broke it down to a real, true family situation and then you just think of the horror and terror and the sadness and the grief a mom would feel burying her son or daughter, and it just really, it really, it really took it to my core.

That's why this is so serious and so important, is that these are our children in our community, and if it's not mine it's someone else's, and that's why we should work so hard on this issue. And one way that we're working on it, Rev, just one way - there's many ways, but one way we're working is to address the disproportionality in the criminal justice system. Because, if we say we're building a new building we refuse to say that we're only building a building. We're also changing the criminal justice system and improving the system and helping people not go to jail if they need treatment or not stay in jail if they could be out on some sort of program where they can get diverted and still take care of their children and still go to work and not become labeled as someone that has a criminal history. So that's just one area where we can work on it and the tangible change.

**Perryman:** Well, we and other members of the community certainly hope to work with you to reduce, if not eliminate entirely, a lot of these disparities that go on in the criminal justice system as well as health disparities and disparities in educational outcomes. It is the people at the root of the impact of the problems culturally, economically and otherwise who are THE best people to design and implement strategies to solve the problems that impact them.

**Skeldon-Wozniak:** I know one thing. The Commissioners don't want to do it without taking the advice and the teamwork of the entire community.

**Perryman:** Yes, and it won't work unless they do. So, I think that this resolution sets the tone for going forward to make sure, or ensuring, that Black Lives Matter also.

**Skeldon-Wozniak:** Yes, yes Rev, that's perfect.

**Perryman:** Okay. I'd like to share the resolution with the Truth's

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## Community Calendar

### June 13-September 12

Evangelical Church of God: Free parenting classes and free anger management classes: 419-297-3530

### August 26-30

Abundant Life 20th Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Cordell Jenkins; Wed at 7 pm - Guest speaker Bishop Darryl Brister; Thurs at 7 pm - guest speaker Jamal Bryant; Sunday at 5 pm - guest speaker Pastor Larry Trice

### August 28-30

City of Zion Mt Zion Church "Forgiving Forward:" Friday at 7 pm, Saturday at 9 am, Sunday at 10:30 am; Guest presenters Dr. Bruce and Toni Hebel: 419-246-1850 or cozmzionchurch.com

### August 29

Mt. Nebo's Voice of Hope Outreach Ministry Book Bag Giveaway: Family Foods Parking Lot; 2-4 pm

### September 4-6

Armory Church Latter Rain 2015: Guests - Prophet Brian Carn, Pastor Rodney Posey, Supt. Greg Jordan and Calvary COGIC: 419-537-9736

### September 13

New Prospect Baptist Church Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Nathan Madison; 4 pm; Guest speaker Pastor Shears of Rossford Baptist

### September 20

Calvary MBC Roses Flower Ministry 6th Anniversary Commemoration: 4 pm; Guest speaker Rev. Charles McBee of Family MBC; "Headed in the Right Direction"

New Prospect Baptist Church Pastoral Anniversary: Pastor Nathan Madison; 4 pm; Guest speaker Pastor Melvin Barnes of Greater Faith Baptist Church

# Are You On The List?... AND You Can't Un-ring a Bell!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq  
Guest Column

(1) Come out...come out...wherever you are! Remember that childhood game?

You were supposed to hide and after a period of time, if you were not found, then you won and then the finder would call out to you and say, "Come out... come out, wherever you are!"

You would come out from your secret hiding place with a big smile, knowing that you were the victor and your hiding place was so cool and well kept, that no one found you.

Now, fast forward to your adult life and maybe you are still one of those late-blooming adults still playing that fantasy game but, only this time, the stakes are real and upfront.

How's so? Did you ever heard of the adult cheating website called Ashley Madison?

If not, here is how it works: you go to the site and, with a promise of total security and anonymity, you enter your name and e-mail address and credit card information and voila! You have entered a playground of adults, male and female, who are cruising around look for a cheat.

A cheat? Yeah. They are trying to find people who, just like them, are willing to also register at that site and give up their personal data and history and to say a few sexy and choice morsels about their sexual proclivities so as to entice you to have an affair with them.

Why? The motto of the site says it all: Life is Short. Have an Affair.

Seemingly millions of people, worldwide, thought that their lives were in fact too short and wanted to spread their wings, among other things, and sample fleshly fare other than what they were now purportedly sampling.

It is a site where you can unload your fantasies and be bold and brazen as

to your peccadilloes and someone might be in the same mindset as you are and BINGO! you make a connection and the rest is up to you and your future cheater.

Well, guess what happened? Now, millions and millions of those registrars are being caught up in a tempest due to a hacker group that threatened to expose the participants and when the demands of the hackers went unmet, the hackers kept their word.

They release goo-gobs of information of personal data from that website and now the fallout begins.

Purportedly divorce lawyers from coast-to-coast are on DEFCON 5 high alert for an upcoming uptick in divorces to be filed; and jilted marriage partners are warming up pots of hot grits for a 2 AM bedtime greeting to pour on their errant spouse.

Based upon my in depth contacts with the hacker group, they have supplied me with the e-mails of the most notorious users and I, in conjunction with the hackers and their mission, have decided to do my part and unload those scarlet e-mail addresses.

So, if you used any of the below e mail addresses, I strongly suggest that you either run for the hills or be prepared to fork out hefty amounts of legal fees when the papers come to you asking for a divorce, alimony and child support payments.

So, read and weep but here are the most egregious e-mails that have been disclosed to a gossip tainted public:

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If you have ever used any of the above emails, you, my friend may have been busted!

## (2) Un-ringing a Bell?

Did you read the recent semi-sob story of former Mayor Michael Bell now indicating that he may have mis-read the public outrage for his past support of Senate Bill 5 which was proposed by Governor Kasich and which would have drastically curtailed the power of public unions?

Now the crybaby is thinking back to his stubborn days of being a SB5 supporter and hopes that his now contrite, crocodile tears will sway enough voters to give him another chance at being mayor!

Would someone please do the only kind and hospitable act and give the former mayor a box of tissues and gently show him the public stage exit ramp.

Former Mayor Bell was not an intellectual lightweight. How could he not read the public tea leaves in a union town and realize that his championing Governor Kasich's proposal was a political death knell?

Why did he go ahead and do it? He made a political decision and if he thought it was right and correct and was part of his game plan, he should live and die by it and not now wring his hands and maybe, just maybe re-think his support of that issue.

He has been characterized by a local columnist as being his own man and a standup guy. If so, then he needs to quit moaning and groaning about his past vigorous support of that legislation and take his licks and slink away.

If he did it his way in spite of advice to the contrary, why is he now grinning and skinning and trying to win back the voters favor for another run at the mayor's office?

It is because of vanity... a bruised ego. Mike Bell feels he is more than just a past puppet for Senate Bill 5. He wants to get back into the mayor's chair and show everyone that he is more than a one-dimensional mayor; and that he has more to show than his support for that doomed legislation or the now busted deal for the waterfront property with the no-show Chinese buyers.

No...now the former mayor wants to forswear off both Chinese food and Republican follies and plead with the voters that he is a changed man and that he will be good if they give him a second bite at the apple.

My sage advice to the voters? Snatch the dangling apple away and tell Mike that he already got his one bite and that was more than enough.

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readers.

**Skeldon-Wozniak:** Alright, thank you.

**Here is a copy of the Lucas County Board of Commissioners Resolution in Support of the Black Lives Matter Movement:**

Date: August 11, 2015 Resolution No. 15-629

Title: Resolution in Support of the Black Lives Matter Movement  
Department/Agency: Commissioners

Contact: Lindsay Below, Executive Assistant

**Summary/Background:** The Board of Lucas County Commissioners upholds the ideals of equality under the law, racial justice, and human dignity for all. The recent deaths of Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Freddie Gray--and many other citizens, compel questioning of whether or not equal justice under the law is possible for people of color - particularly those who may be economically disadvantaged. These deaths reveal a growing social economic division that threatens the current and future well-being of people of color and society as a whole.

Law enforcement officers are bound by duty to protect the public in a manner that is lawful, honorable, and professional. We recognize that police departments across the nation are striving to engage in constructive dialogue and good faith efforts to improve relations between officers and communities of color and young people. However, racial profiling remains a very serious issue and improvements must be made to protect the lives and civil liberties of our citizens.

Lucas County wishes to express solidarity with the thousands of men and women throughout the nation who are peacefully expressing their outrage and frustration at the deaths of unarmed people of color. We must respect and encourage the understanding of the experiences and traditions of our county's many populations and cultures. We must work to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities, support efforts to promote racial equality, and fight against institutional racism.

**Budget Impact:** None

**Statutory Authority/ORC:** NIA

**Commissioner Gerken offered the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, that:

**Section 1.** The Board encourages citizens to engage in dialogue around the concepts of equality under the law, racial justice, and the fight against institutional racism.

**Section 2.** The Board does hereby support the Black Lives Matter Movement along with Black Lives Matter forums, community meetings, and peaceful demonstrations and encourages all citizens to participate in this powerful movement and to treat people of color equally and with dignity.

**Section 3.** This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

**Action Taken:**


Commissioner Gerken voted yes  
Commissioner Contrada voted yes  
Commissioner Skeldon Wozniak voted yes

Jody L. Balogh, Clerk

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# "Louis Stokes Day" to Honor Legacy of Trailblazing Congressman

State Rep. Stephanie Howse (D-Cleveland) last week announced that she will introduce legislation officially creating "Louis Stokes Day" in honor of the late Cleveland-area congressman. February 23, the congressman's birthday, will be the designated day of recognition.

"He was the first black Democrat elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, paving the way for other black Democrats like myself to not only dream about holding office, but to be able to actually have the privilege of representing the people of Cleveland and the state of Ohio," said Howse.

First elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1968, Congressman Stokes was the first African-American member of Congress from the state of Ohio. During his 15-term career at the Capitol, Congressman Stokes led the Se-

lect Committee on Assassinations that investigated the slayings of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., headed the Congressional Black Caucus, and was the first African American member on the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

"It is important that Ohio remembers Congressman Stokes' legacy and that our state continues to honor and recognize such a profound and incredible individual," said Howse.



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## Kasich Statement on the Passing of Former Congressman Louis Stokes

Last week, Governor John R. Kasich released the following statement on the death of former Ohio Congressman Louis Stokes.

"I'm saddened by the loss of my friend Lou Stokes. He was a giant, who led by his conviction as much as he did by his personal grace. I am proud to

have served in Congress with him. Cleveland, Ohio and America are stronger for his service and I hope reflecting on that can inspire future leaders at a time when we need to come together more as a country. My family's thoughts and prayers go out to his at this difficult time."

## Lou Stokes: An Unyielding Force for Justice

*Statement from Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur*

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-9) issued the following statement last week after receiving news that former Congressman Louis Stokes of Cleveland passed away late Tuesday night.

"Our hearts are heavy but immensely grateful for the path-breaking life and legendary generous service of Congressman Louis Stokes. As the first African American Member of Congress elected to serve from Ohio, he wrote fresh history for America every day of his life. Rising from the public housing projects of Cleveland, he and his brother Carl became revered as they built a more inclusive and representative America. What courage and passion that required.

His enlightened leadership moved America forward socially, economically, and legally. In Congress, his gentlemanly demeanor and sharp intellect allowed him to chair, again as the first African American, the Appropriations subcommittee on Veterans, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies. He also chaired the House Select Committee on Assassinations and served on the House Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms

Transactions with Iran. His agile legal mind was evident in the investigations he conducted.

The people of Cleveland and Ohio have been blessed through his life and hold abiding gratitude for his extraordinary life and generous spirit. As Dean of the Ohio delegation, I served with Congressman Stokes for a quarter century. I hold lasting memories of his deep love for his wife and family, his indefatigable and inspired efforts to gain respect and equal justice in the law for all our citizens, his perseverance in building America's communities forward, his dedication to meeting our nation's obligations to veterans, to advance space science, and to catapult Cleveland's health and human services to the top rung of national assets.

I shall sorely miss his dogged determination, easy smile, keen and measured counsel, and persevering nature. What a gifted leader has lived among us. May the angels carry him to a deserved peaceful rest close to the heart of God."

## Portman Statement on the Passing of Congressman Louis Stokes

U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio) last week released the following statement on the passing of former Ohio Congressman Louis Stokes:

"The city of Cleveland and our nation lost an icon this week. Lou Stokes dedicated his life to lifting up others and expanding opportunities for those most in need. He was effective because he knew how to bring people together to solve problems and, as a result, he had a meaningful impact on countless lives in his beloved hometown of Cleveland and around the country. I had the pleasure of serving with Lou in the U.S. House, where we cosponsored a number of bills together, and collaborated on the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in my hometown of Cincinnati. I was then fortunate to be his colleague at Squire, Sanders law firm. I had the opportunity to visit with Lou in Cleveland just last week, where I was able to express my gratitude for his friendship and for his remarkable public service career. Jane and I send our deepest condolences to Lou's wife Jay and their entire family."



Louis Stokes

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# Revisiting Our Roots: Dorr Street Comes Alive Once Again!

On Saturday, August 22, 2015, the African American Legacy Project, under the leadership of Robert Smith, hosted Dorr Street ... Live, a free, public event intended to rekindle the spirit of a community, a neighborhood, a culture and ... a people.

Food, fun, entertainment and more greeted visitors at the corner of Dorr and Collingwood as everyone reminisced about the times – 50 years ago, when Dorr Street was an explosion of colors, sight, sounds and aromas.

The street was filled with black-owned businesses and served as the cornerstone of Toledo's African-American business, cultural and artistic life.

The African American Legacy Project's mission is to document local black history and part of that charge includes documenting the history of Dorr Street especially for those who never had the opportunity to experience that time and place.

Everything changed ... ended ... in 1974 as the city and state completed the urban renewal project that effectively turned the street into merely an expanded corridor to the downtown area.



Andrew Kinsey, Councilwoman Yvonne Harper, Darlene Sweeney-Newbern



Donna Todd, Micheal Alexander, David Fleetwood



Councilwomen Yvonne Harper and Cecelia Adams present Council plaque to AALP's Robert Smith



Romules Durant, Ed.D.; Cecelia Adams, Ph.D.; Gary Johnson



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Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson addresses crowd

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# First Church of God Amazing Community Church Picnic

On August 16, the congregation of First Church of God invited the community to join them for its Amazing Community Church Picnic at Winterfield Park. Guests were treated to food, fun and entertainment during the annual event.



Ed Lindsey, Harold Forrest, Edward Dixon and Pete Culp



Gerrie Lindsey with Raymond Sanders and Sheila Reed



Antoine and Angela Kabwasa and family



Jesse and Gwen Staley



Pastor Culp with Mayor Hicks-Hudson and Councilman Tyrone Riley



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# TAACC Hosts First Annual Gala: "Moving the African American Community Forward"

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

The Toledo African American Chamber of Commerce held its first annual Black Tie Gala on Thursday, August 8 at the Ramada Inn on Secor Road to celebrate the concept of "Moving the African American Community Forward."

"The purpose of the Gala is to communicate to our community and the community at large what the Toledo African American Chamber is all about, who we are and what we do," said Chamber President Jay Black. "And also to express our desire to partner with any other groups or organizations that can help us achieve our mission. By doing that we strengthen not only the underserved community of this area but also the entire community – all of northwest Ohio."

The keynote address for the evening was presented by Wendy Gramza, president of the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Two outstanding business executives were honored by TAACC at the Gala: Erik Johnson of Ivy Development Agency and Florence Buchanan, vice president of competitive marketing at Buckeye Cablesystem.



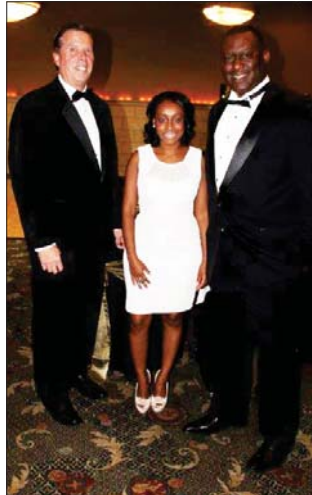
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Presidents Wendy Gramza and Jay Black




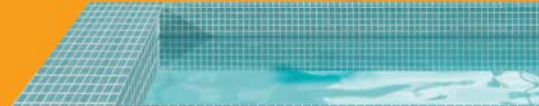
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## Henry and Mildred Clark Celebrate 58 Years of Marriage

On August 8, 2015, dozens of guests joined Henry and Mildred Clark at the Ghana Center in Holland, OH as the couple celebrated 58 years of marriage by renewing their vows and "jumping the broom."

Henry, a graduate of Woodward High School, and Mildred, a graduate of Scott High School and Isaac Lane College in Tennessee, were wed in August 1957 at Phillips Temple CME Church. The couple had two children – Henry, Jr (1958) and Kenneth (1960).

Henry retired in 1982 from his position as a millwright at the BP Refinery and Mildred retired from her teaching position with Toledo Public Schools.

Roy Jenkins and Katrina Furr Hoffman served as the master and mistress of ceremonies for the event which included gospel music, a community award presentation, a raffle, dining and dancing.



Gospel Group Why Now



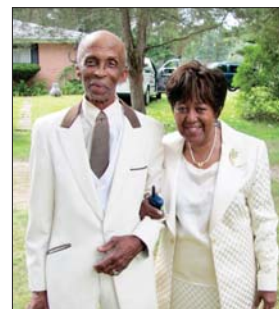
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## Applause! Applause! To Toledo "Memphis" Cast Members

By Carla Yvette

Soulcial Scene Editor

Let's hear a round of applause for the Toledo cast members who starred in *Memphis*, A Rock and Roll Musical at the Crosswell Opera House, Adrian, MI.

*Memphis*, a rock 'n' roll love story set in 1950's Tennessee, tells the story of Huey Calhoun, a white radio DJ in the segregation era, who falls in love with a talented young black singer named Felicia Farrell played by Tatiana Owens.

Owens, a graduate of Toledo School for the Arts, currently resides in New York City. The singer, songwriter and recording artist has had music featured on CBS, USA Network, and Vh1's "Love and Hip Hop" and has worked with writers and producers such as Frankmusik (Lady Gaga), Bill Grainer (Jennifer Hudson) and a host of others.

Director Deb Calabrese benefitted from the musical talents of several other Toledoans and worked with Touch A Dream Dance Studio in Toledo to round out the ensemble for the show's powerful and technically demanding dance numbers.

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Other Toledo Cast members included: Zahra Aprili, Anntalaija Cobble, Kenni T. Green, India Symone' Hart, Morgan McConnell, Brandon Allen, Derrick Jordan, Lydia Schafer, Sabriyah Davis, Charles Waters, Domonique Glover, Davion T. Brown and Scott A. Heurman.



*Memphis cast members after the show, Tātiana Owens (center) with Zahra Aprili (l.) and Morgan McConnell (r.)*



*Kenni Green, dancer and ensemble member in the musical Memphis, with her mom Komako Goolsby on opening night.*



*Tātiana Owens*



*Group (finale)*

## People's Choice Awards Honor Local Artists

The first annual People's Choice Awards, hosted by Bonita and James Adams, was both a celebration and a competition. The playwright and her producer husband honored local artists and cultural icons on Sunday, August 16 at the Great Hall of the Stranahan Theater and also held a contest for local musical talent.

Imelda Hunt, Ph.D.; Clarence Smith, Cynthia Valentine, Shawanda Johnson and the KGB Band were among the honorees.

In the competition, J4V took first place and Hunter Pray was the runner-up.

Transformation models came courtesy of John Casablancas.



*Bonita Adams introduces honoree Imelda Hunt*

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# Ohio State Government Sets New Records in Minority Purchasing

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For the first time in history, the State of Ohio has reached the goals of its Minority Business Enterprise program by purchasing a record 19 percent of eligible goods and services through minority-owned businesses while spending a record \$228.5 million. Ohio's MBE program, established in 1980, mandates that state agencies set aside 15 percent of their annual purchases for goods and services for certified minority-owned businesses.

"More than 30 years ago, as a member of the Ohio Senate, I joined in voting for a more inclusive approach for those seeking to do business with state government," said Ohio Governor John Kasich. "Casting that vote, I never envisioned it would take three decades to achieve it. For far too long, Ohio has failed to live up to expectations that were set into law. By making this a priority, we are now able to help more small businesses from all backgrounds take part in our state's economic success. That is reason to celebrate."

Out of the eligible expenditures for goods and services purchased during Fiscal Year 2015, a total of 17.21 percent were set aside for MBE-certified businesses. Another 2.20 percent of eligible goods and services were purchased from MBE-certified businesses through open-market contracts, for a total of 19.41 percent of eligible goods and services purchased through MBE-certified businesses.

The state has made steady progress in expanding its base of suppliers by identifying more qualified minority businesses and encouraging them to work with the state to supply the goods and services it needs to operate. As a result of this effort, the state set an initial record in Fiscal Year 2014 with \$165 million in minority business expenditures followed by this new record of \$228.5 million in Fiscal Year 2015.

"Helping our small businesses grow and succeed has been a key priority since our first days in office," said Lt. Governor Mary Taylor who was part of today's announcement at

this Minority Business Enterprise event. "Ohio and its local communities cannot be strong without equally strong and financially healthy hometown businesses and that includes our minority small businesses."

Highlights of the 2015 program include:

**The State of Ohio spent more money with MBE-certified businesses than ever before.**

- Total expenditures for goods and services in FY 2015 was \$228.5 million.

- This is an increase from \$165 million in FY 2014 and from \$27 million in FY 2008.

**More MBE-certified businesses did work for the State of Ohio than ever before.**

- The state purchased goods or services from 325 MBE-certified businesses in FY 2015.

- This is an increase from 282 businesses in FY 2014 and 168 in FY 2008.

**More state government cabinet agencies met their goal for purchases from MBE-certified businesses than ever before.**

- In FY 2015, 20 of 24 cabinet agencies met the 15 percent goal for purchases from MBE-certified businesses, up from 17 agencies in FY 2014.

**Applications for certifications from minority-owned businesses to be eligible for the MBE program were processed faster and more efficiently than ever before.**

- The MBE-certification process has been reduced to an average of 19 days, with certain applications processed in as few as five days.

The MBE program is administered by the Equal Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Minority business owners interested in learning more about MBE certification are encouraged to visit [mbe.ohio.gov](http://mbe.ohio.gov) or call 614-466-8380/614-466-8380.

## Ohio Black Legislative Caucus Gets Minority Set Aside Law Implemented

**State Announces \$228.5million Spend**

State Representative and President of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus (OLBC) Alicia Reece spoke at a press conference last week announcing that the state of Ohio met its Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) certification goals for the first time since the program was written into law over 30 years ago.

OLBC President Rep. Reece released the following statement:

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"Although it is sad that it has taken over 30 years for the state to fully implement Ohio's Minority Business Enterprise law that was championed by the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, today is a victory for minority businesses and the state of Ohio. Meeting this benchmark of minority inclusion was at the top of the OLBC Action Agenda, and we worked with Governor Kasich and the administration to make it happen. This is not just a contract program but an economic expansion program that creates jobs and diversifies the marketplace."

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# 2015 TRIENNIAL VALUE UPDATE



On the third year between revaluations (last revaluation was completed in 2012), the County Auditor is required to perform an update on the sales which have occurred in the prior three years and provide for a percentage adjustment to be made to the values of all properties in each given market area.

This year, Lucas County looks at sales from **2012, 2013, and 2014** to determine whether a change in market value has taken place since 2012. Because this is a triennial update, the Lucas County Auditor's Office will look at sales, not each individual parcel.

**2015 Triennial Value Change Notices are being mailed by neighborhood group throughout the summer. Once you receive your notice, please proceed with the steps below.**

## What are Your Responsibilities as a Property Owner?

### 1 Check your data and value.

The more accurate the data on record is for your property, the more accurate your valuation will be.

### 2 Report any physical changes or discrepancies

about your property to the Lucas County Auditor's Office since your last value was issued in 2012.

### 3 Provide feedback to the Auditor's Office

about your data and value to ensure its accuracy.

### 4 If you would like to meet with an appraiser,


please call (419) 213-4406 for your appointment.

Triennial Update Information ➡ [www.co.lucas.oh.us/tri2015](http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/tri2015)

## PROPERTY REVIEW MEETINGS TRIENNIAL

*Unless otherwise noted, all events are scheduled 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

Property owners have the opportunity to report a discrepancy and request a VALUE ADJUSTMENT by filing a PROPERTY REVIEW.

UAW Local 14 Union Hall August 31 & September 1 5411 Jackman Rd.	Frederick Douglass Community Center September 2 1001 Indiana Ave.	Teamsters Local 20 Union Hall September 3 435 S. Hawley St.
Heatherdowns Branch Library September 8 & 9 3265 Glanzman Rd.	Aurora Gonzalez Believe Center September 10 1 Aurora L. Gozalez Dr.	University of Toledo Scott Park Campus September 14 - 17 2205 East Scott Park Dr.
Washington Branch Library September 21 & 22 5560 Harvest Ln.		East Toledo Family Center September 23 & 24 1020 Varland Ave.

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## CLERICAL SPECIALIST

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking experienced applicants for a Clerical Specialist position. Visit [www.lucasmha.org/](http://www.lucasmha.org/) Employment and click on "Housing Choice Voucher Program" link for details. **Only on-line applications received at the above website by Sunday, August 16, 2015, will be accepted.** This is a Section 3 covered position. HUD recipients are encouraged to apply and are to indicate on the application if you are a LMHA Public Housing resident or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. **NO PHONE CALLS.** An Equal Opportunity Employer.



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Applicant should have excellent organizational and communication skills and be computer proficient. Ability to work well in a team environment required. Fluency in Spanish is preferred but not required. Salary based on relevant experience. Comprehensive benefits.

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Equal access to LAWOW's office is available. Applicants requiring accommodation to the interview/application process should contact the email address listed above. EOE

**Notice to Bidders:** Inquiry # FY16-09, (Project # 1130-15-967) for Elevator Safety Repairs and Replacements for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from APEX Micrographics, 5973 Telegraph Road, Toledo, Ohio 43612. Call 419-476-6535 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$77.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Rob Green of DLZ Architects, Inc. at 419-720-8720. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 12.5%. Project Estimate: \$1,750,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$1,750,000.00.

## TOLEDO ZOO SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Toledo, Ohio - The Toledo Zoo is accepting applications for adults interested in volunteering as a member of our Zoo Educator program. This program is a great way for people 18 and over to get involved in the community, learn about animals and conservation while inspiring others to care about wildlife.

Zoo Educators (Eds) work on and off Zoo grounds to engage visitors, assist with educational activities and bio-facts (biological artifact), introduce visitors to live program animals and offer scripted interpretive programs at key Zoo exhibits. Zoo Eds receive training that focuses on animal science and conservation. These training classes prepare volunteers to lead visitors and students in conversations that help develop connections with animals at the Zoo. In addition, Zoo Eds also assist education staff with classroom programming by visiting area schools and organizations to present curriculum-driven programs such as Cool Coverings, Animal Needs, Story Safari and more.

Bill Davis, the Zoo's volunteer manager says: "The Zoo's mission highlights the importance of inspiring others to care about nature and serving as a Zoo Educator provides a unique opportunity for people to fulfill that objective. By engaging with visitors and sharing their enthusiasm for animals and nature, our Zoo Educators have an impact that lasts long after the gates have closed for the day."

For more information about Zoo Eds and other Zoo volunteer opportunities, please visit [toledozoo.org/](http://toledozoo.org/) volunteers or contact Bill Davis at 419-385-5721/419-385-5721 ext. 2045 or [bill.davis@toledozoo.org](mailto:bill.davis@toledozoo.org).

## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF TOLEDO DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR 40TH PROGRAM YEAR – JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015

The City of Toledo (COT) is directed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to notify the general public of the undertakings, activities, and accomplishments completed in and at the close of each Program Year through a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER provides an assessment of the federally funded programs monitored by the COT's Department of Neighborhoods; i.e., Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

The Draft CAPER will be available for public review as of September 2, 2015 at the locations listed below:

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| 1) Department of Neighborhoods<br>One Government Center, 18th Floor<br>Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets | 5) Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority<br>435 Nebraska Avenue<br>Toledo, Ohio  |
| 2) Office of the Mayor<br>One Government Center, 22nd Floor<br>Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets         | 6) Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board<br>1946 N. 13th Street, Suite 437<br>Toledo, Ohio   |
| 3) Clerk of Council<br>One Government Center, 21st Floor<br>Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets            | 7) All Toledo branches of the Toledo-Lucas<br>County Public Library<br>(Refer to local telephone directory or <a href="http://toledolibrary.org">toledolibrary.org</a> for locations) |
| 4) The Fair Housing Center<br>432 N. Superior Street<br>Toledo, Ohio   | 8) Dept. of Neighborhoods website:<br><a href="http://toledo.oh.gov/neighborhoods">http://toledo.oh.gov/neighborhoods</a>   |

A public meeting to present the CAPER is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the main Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (McMaster Family Center) located at 325 Michigan St., Toledo, OH 43604.

Written comments are welcomed through September 17, 2015 by submittal to:

Consolidated Annual Reports  
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Department of Neighborhoods  
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or by email at: [milva.wagner@toledo.oh.gov](mailto:milva.wagner@toledo.oh.gov)

For more information, please call 419-245-1400. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request by contacting the Department of Neighborhoods 72 hrs. in advance at 419-245-1400, or Milva Wagner at [milva.wagner@toledo.oh.gov](mailto:milva.wagner@toledo.oh.gov).



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## Soulcial Scene's 2nd Annual Naturalista Photo Shoot

By Carla Yvette



We did it again! The Toledo Museum of Art served as the backdrop for the Soulcial Scene's 2nd annual Naturalista Photo Shoot. Beauty in all shapes, sizes and colors were on display July 26 as natural sisters from around the city joined together for yet another fun, colorful photoshoot, showing off their vibrant smiles and personal style in a natural hair color splash!



Crystal Hooks, Kim Taylor and Bridget Mars



Jarran Smith, Tanayla Gregory, Bridgett Mars, Petronella Holmes, Sandra Bowen and Brenda Durrant-Jones



Kim Taylor, LaRhonda McCoy and Carolyn Rankin



Emily Evans, Zahra April, Darlene Moye-Whitehead



Carcinie Odorn, Sherry Reed and Debora Gregory

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