

Upcoming Events

- June 4 - Inservice Day, Adult Facilities Closed
- June 9-10 - Informed Trauma Care Training at Radisson at the University of Toledo
- June 10 - Family and Advocate Forum, 9:30 a.m., at Board Admin Building
- June 16 - Monthly Board of DD Meeting, 5:30 p.m., at Board Admin Building
- June 27-28 - Special Olympics State Summer Games
- July 4 - Independence Day, Board Facilities Closed

Managers of the Year



Pam Snyder



Gary Arbuckle

Update

Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities
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Board of DD partners with other agencies and law enforcement in the fight against human trafficking



(from left) Lucas County Commissioner Tina Skeldon-Wozniak; Sheriff John Tharp; and TARTA general manager Jim Gee listen as Jane Meyer, Provider Support Specialist, discusses at a news conference the importance of collaboration in fighting the problem of human trafficking.

TARTA and TARPS have joined the County Commissioners, law enforcement, and several agencies, including the Lucas County Board of DD, in the effort to halt human trafficking. TARTA and TARPS drivers will be trained to recognize the signs of human trafficking and how to respond. The National Human Trafficking Resource Center has ranked Toledo as fifth in the nation for investigations, arrests, and rescues of children forced into prostitution.

Board recognizes van driver Joe Neary and his passengers for their quick, calm response during an emergency



Receiving special recognition from the Lucas County Board of DD for their efforts to help a fellow bus passenger are (from left): Henry Douglas, Bertha Williams, James Hill, Charles Howard, Tonya Buck, Sandra Brooks, Keith Schwarkopf, Kenneth Phillips-Levesque, and van driver Joe Neary. (See the story on page 2)

Joe Neary has built a great relationship with his passengers

The Lucas County Board of DD is pleased to recognize Van Drive Joe Neary and the passengers on his van for a great response to a serious situation.



Joe's van was full when one passenger had a seizure. Following procedures and the passenger's support plan, Joe assisted the stricken passenger with his medical needs while the other passengers remained calm.

Joe contacted the dispatcher and waited for emergency responders. As they waited, he assigned others on the van specific duties to assist him. Joe was calm and very clear when giving the dispatchers details and asking for assistance.

Joe knows his passengers well and assigned them tasks he knew they could handle. Evident was the great relationship that Joe has built with his passengers.

Lott Industries begins hydrostripping partnership with the City of Toledo

Motivated by the need to adhere to federal guidelines regarding retroreflectivity of traffic control signs and a desire to refurbish the materials on hand in the most cost-effective, environmentally-friendly way possible, the City of Toledo Division of Transportation has discovered a way to achieve all this, and more, through a partnership with Lott Industries.

Lott will use hydrostripping, a relatively new process by which the reflective sheeting material is removed from a sign using ultra-high pressure water-jet technology.



Dennis Lechlak, Commissioner of the City of Toledo Division of Transportation, at the hydrostripping machine.

Dennis Lechlak, Commissioner of the Division of Transportation, worked with Lott Industries' Sales Manager Tim Menke to facilitate a mutually beneficial partnership that makes the process cost-effective.

With the help of an Economic Development loan from the City of Toledo Department of Development, Lott Industries has purchased and installed the necessary equipment at its facility on Hill Avenue. Given the close proximity of the Lott Industries facility on Hill Avenue to the Division of Transportation on North Westwood, there will be no shipping charges associated with the transport of signs.

Dan Clemens, the Engineering and Quality Manager at Lott Industries, designed the machine and the process.

Board honors staff with the Josina Lott Award

The annual Josina Lott Award is presented to staff members not only to recognize outstanding contributions but also to remind us about the heritage upon which this program was built. Our history is linked to Mrs. Lott's first formal program in Lucas County, started in 1938 for persons with developmental disabilities.



Linda Simpson



Kim Krieger



Denise Haynes



Kristen Genson



Lisa Comes



Rachel Newton



Samantha Vascik



Lisa Buschman



Lynn Franklin

Robbie Mack identified as a great self-advocate

The Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities is pleased to recognize Robert Mack with the Special Recognition Award for March, 2014.

Robbie is a gregarious person! His outgoing personality has contributed to the development of his self-advocacy skills. Robbie currently works with the Shipping and Receiving Department at the Hill Adult Services Center. He has a good rapport with customers. His duties provide him the opportunity to independently interact with community employers while picking up their documents for destruction and delivering finished product.

Robbie proudly serves on the Safety Committee, where his attention to detail has resulted in the reduction of safety violations, such as blocked fire extinguishers. He is a great self-advocate and is also very active in Special Olympics. With his enthusiasm and knowledge, Robbie serves as a role model for his peers. Congratulations, Robbie!



Summer Options opens opportunities

The focus of the Summer Options program is to provide an appropriate summer camp opportunity for children with disabilities.

“We want to make sure children with intense needs have the same opportunities as those who are more independent,” said Steve Mentrek, Community Support Coordinator.

Through a contract with the Ability Center of Greater Toledo, trained support staff will be implanted into community-based camps such as the YMCA/JCC and the Metroparks.

“That way they can provide camp opportunities for children with disabilities and accommodate their needs without having to create separate programs,” said Mr. Mentrek.

“It’s all about integration.”

There are still opportunities to register for a camp. The goal set with community-based camps is to have 30 percent of the campers be children with disabilities.

The Board of DD is not providing transportation to the community-based camps but each camp is accessible by TARTA or TARPS, Mr. Mentrek said.

For more information about Summer Options and listing of camps that are participating, contact ReShay Thompson at 419-380-5108.

Lott Industries television commercials stress cost-effectiveness and efficiency

Wanda Huber is one of several employees at the Lott Industries Hill Avenue facility featured in a series of new television commercials. The commercials reach out to area businesses reminding them that Lott is a cost-effective and efficient solution for handling labor-intensive needs such as light assembly, packaging and document destruction. Lott sales manager Tim Menke can be reached at 419-381-5200.



Wild Connections stays focused on the goals of the Celebrate Urban Birds project



At a recent gathering for Toledo Grows, Duane Thomas, representing the Wild Connections group, discussed the Manos Community Garden and the seed bombs the group is making. Duane is seen here with Allison Wood-Osmun, the Community Garden Manager for Toledo Grows. The seed bombs are made with clay, potting soil, compost and seeds. The plants that sprout will help feed their neighbors — urban birds! The work of the Wild Connections group is featured on a webpage created by Celebrate Urban Birds at Cornell University at this link: celebrateurbanbirds.org/?p=11975

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The Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities is committed to providing a steady stream of information to our families, persons served, providers, and the general public. This Update newsletter you are now reading is one of our primary communication tools. Here are some others:

- The Board's website is a repository of information on current programs and services, plus our complete video library—www.lucasdd.org
- The Friday Update email newsletter is free and provides information weekly on activities of interest to the developmental disabilities community—subscribe by sending an email to comments@lucasdd.org
- The monthly Family & Advocate Forums are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Board's Administration Building

Shared Lives Studio participating in downtown Toledo Art Walks



local art, while getting to know the artists and galleries.

The Shared Lives Studio is one of the participating stops again this year on the monthly Art Walks through the downtown Toledo arts community sponsored by the Arts Commission. The Art Walks occur every second Thursday through September 12. The Art Walks are a great opportunity to browse and purchase affordable

The Shared Lives Studio, 20 North St. Clair, is open Tuesday-Friday from 1000 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. until 300 p.m.

Again this year, the Board of DD will enter a team in the Dragon Boat Races



This year, the races will be held on July 19 along the downtown Toledo waterfront. The Great Maumee River Dragon Boat Festival raises funds to support the mission of Partners In Education of Toledo, a non-profit organization which develops and fosters partnerships between area schools and northwest Ohio businesses, government agencies, organizations and churches.