




A Legislative Update from
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House District 53



From the desk of Representative Miller

District Spotlights

Dear Neighbor,

September has been a jam-packed month in-district. I spoke at Lorain County Urban League's Annual Diversity & Inclusion Conference, and presented a commendation to the Amherst Garden Club on their 90th Anniversary (pg. 4). The City Advocates Young Professionals Program had me to speak in early September about co-chairing the Historic Preservation Caucus and affordable housing initiatives in the State. At the Annual Lorain Police Dept. vs. Lorain Fire Dept. Softball Game, I presented a commendation for the rededication of Pipe Yard Stadium at Campana Park (pg. 5). Additionally, I received a tour of the Amherst Fire Department, and presented a commendation to Fire Chief Dimacchia on his recent promotion (pg. 3). I toured P.C. Campana's main facility and got to see their innovative practices in the steel industry (pg. 4). I am looking forward to October's events in the district.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions, concerns, thoughts, or ideas. My office can be reached at 614-466-5141 or Rep53@ohiohouse.gov.

Sincerely,

State Representative Joe Miller

- The Pipe Yard stadium at Campana Park was rededicated on 9/11/24 following extensive upgrades.
- Lorain County unveils the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument on 9/29
- Fire Fish Festival has its 10th Anniversary

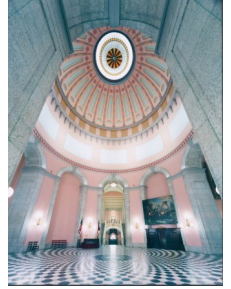
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Legislative Update & Summary

I am excited to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the progression of the legislation I have introduced over the course of this General Assembly.



Bill Number	Title	Most Recent Activity in the Legislature
House Bill 123	Designate Honor and Remember flag to honor fallen service members	Sponsor Testimony 4/23/2024
House Bill 646	Authorize digital driver's licenses	As Introduced 7/29/2024
House Bill 516	Require Annual Transfer of Funds to education licensure Fund	Sponsor Testimony 6/12/2024
House Bill 241	Regards Police Department Vacancies	First Senate Hearing 5/8/2024
House Bill 224	Allow Dedicated Organ Recovery Vehicles to utilize lights and sirens	Opponent Testimony 4/9/2024
House Bill 139	Increase assault penalties if the victim is a sports official	First Senate Hearing 5/7/2024
House Bill 282	Require Director of Commerce to establish an indoor mold program	Sponsor Testimony 2/13/2024
House Bill 78	Regards State Teachers Retirement Board elections and membership	Second Senate Hearing 6/12/2024
House Bill 633	Requires Dept . Of Health to distribute informational materials on type 1 diabetes to parents/guardians of Ohio's students	Introduced 6/24/2024

If you would like to learn more about these bills, please visit ohiohouse.gov/legislation/search.

Amherst Fire Department Names New Fire Chief

The city of Amherst proudly welcomes new Fire Chief Brandon Dimacchia, who was promoted and sworn in after serving as Assistant Chief for 9 years. I presented a commendation this month in honor of his achievement and received a tour of the Amherst Fire Department Building. Chief Dimacchia brings a wealth of expertise and passion for community safety to the department.



Grant Funding Available for Lake Erie Communities and Coastal Resilience Projects

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission is now accepting applications for the Lake Erie Ohio Communities and Coastal Resiliency Grant. It's the second year for the program, which supports projects addressing resilience in underserved communities within Ohio's eight Lake Erie coastal counties.

Grants will be considered for qualifying communities in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa, and Sandusky counties. Applications will be accepted through October 25, with typical grant awards anticipated to range from \$75,000 to \$100,000 with proposals not less than \$50,000 or more than \$150,000 for a single grant award. Funding is provided from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Visit <https://lakeerie.ohio.gov/funding-opportunities/coastal-resilience/leccr+2024>

for more details.



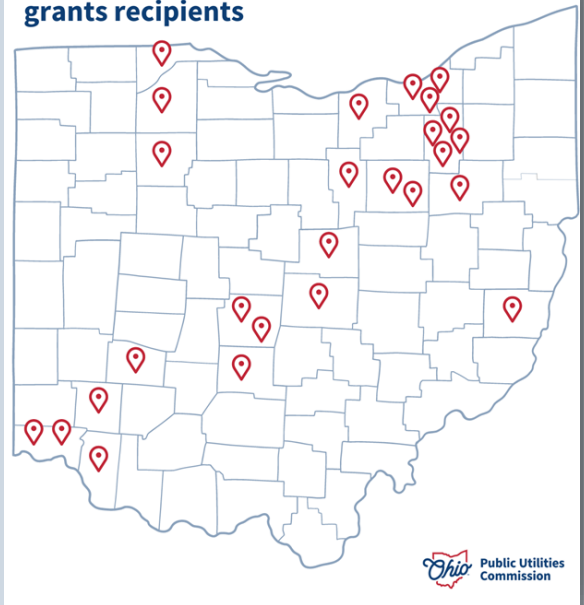
**Lake Erie
Commission**

Public Utilities Commission awards Hazardous Materials Trainings Grants

Lorain County Emergency Management Agency will receive \$6,200 to conduct various hazmat training courses for 120 personnel.

This grant is intended for training of public safety and emergency services personnel in the proper techniques for the management of hazardous materials spills and releases that occur during transportation. Money for these grants comes from fines paid by hazardous materials carriers and shippers.

2024 hazardous materials grants recipients



P.C. Campana Inc. Tour

I would like to thank Scotti Campana for the tour of the P.C. Campana facility this month. P.C. Campana specializes in exothermic cutting, steel mill service, alloy cored wire and innovation in the industry.

Visit pccampana.com for more details.

Amherst Garden Club's 90th Anniversary

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Amherst Garden Club, a cherished community organization that has been beautifying Amherst since its founding in 1934. They oversee eight garden beds, and often take field trips to greenhouses, go on garden tours, or do community service. As it looks forward to its next chapter, the members remains committed to its mission of cultivating Amherst's gardens and providing a garden education.



Pipe Yard Stadium at Campana Park Rededication Ceremony

On September 11th, 2024, Lorain's revamped Pipe Yard at Campana park had its rededication ceremony which was immediately followed by the annual Lorain Fire vs. Lorain Police softball game. These upgrades were made possible with funding from the city through the American Rescue Plan Act, Lorain Schools through its Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds, and a \$1.6 million grant by the National Park Service. The upgrades included a rehab of The Pipe Yard Stadium, new soccer fields, softball field, and renovations of the existing baseball fields.



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- Lorain County Income Tax Department:
(440) 204 1002
- Lorain County Veteran's Services:
(440) 284 4625
- Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services Board of Lorain County
 - Crisis Hotline: 1-800-888-6161
 - Non-Emergency Navigator: (440) 240 7025
 - Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988
- Lorain County Educational Service Center: 440-324-5777



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