

# OSU Extension In the City

## News

December 2014

### WELCOME

#### 2014 Highlights

OSU Extension strengthened commitment to Ohio's largest cities by investing in human resources and setting an integrated strategic approach. This builds on a long-standing interest documented in a new interactive timeline

<http://cityextension.osu.edu/about-us/history>.

### STATE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### Leadership in the City: Register Now

Interested in Ohio's largest cities? Improve your knowledge, skills and results by participating in this new comprehensive professional development program that launches in 2015.

- 10 sessions course via the eExtension moodle campus, CarmenConnect and Face-to-Face
- Flipped Classroom - Learn from content experts, apply what you learn in your city, attend the online and face-to-face sessions for advanced learning.

Space is limited, <http://cityextension.osu.edu/leadership>

#### Ohio's Population: Applied Response

An OSU Extension in the City poster presentation at the 2014 OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium focused on our applied response to Ohio's population shifts. See the poster and other conference highlights related to Ohio's largest cities on <http://u.osu.edu/cityextension>.

### NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

#### National Urban Leaders Network

The recently formed National Urban Leaders Network (NULN) convened in San Antonio, TX this December. *Thought Leaders* shared insights and prompted dialogue on the history and future of the Extension's unique local, state, and national contributions to improving cities and life in the city.



Texas Extension Director, Doug Steele challenged Extension leaders from 20 states

#### Joint Council of Extension Professionals

Two Ohio presentations were requested for the 2015 Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Conference. A Franklin county group is receiving a Teamwork Award and presenting, *A Community-designed Healthy Urban Food System*. Julie Fox, from OSU and Brad Gaolach, from Washington State University are presenting, *Leadership in the City, the history and future of urban Extension*.

#### National Urban Extension Conference

Many Ohio representatives will travel to Atlanta, May 4-7, 2015 to network, share best practices, and learn with other Extension professionals. Registration is now open, [www.urbanextension2015.com](http://www.urbanextension2015.com).



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## FEATURED CITY

**Dayton**

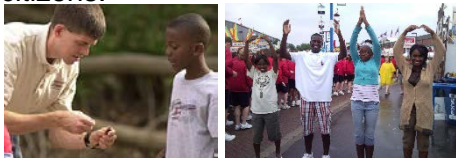
The city of Dayton is served by the Montgomery County Extension team, Adventure Central, and specialists from around the state.

**Montgomery County Extension Highlights**

- Master Gardener Volunteer Program – 29 adults trained in 50 hours of horticultural education.
- Real Money Real World – exposed 734 teens to the real costs of living and how to budget.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce Skills – 4-H youth learned how to excel at their future careers.
- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) – 399 Montgomery County families were impacted in 2014.
- Successful Co-Parenting – reached 260 parents in 2014.

**Adventure Central Highlights**

Adventure Central, an OSU Extension partnership with Dayton MetroParks, is an education center for youth ages 5-18. Adventure Central serves youth through after school programs, activity nights, day and overnight camps, as well as parent and family programs. Participants spend time connecting with nature in a positive youth development context for the intended outcome of creating caring, capable, and contributing citizens.

**Specialists in Action**

This year's Montgomery County Food Policy Coalition Summit, "Connecting Producers to Consumers," was held in November at the University of Dayton River Campus. Montgomery County Commissioner Judy Dodge and the Dayton & Montgomery County Health Commissioner Jim Gross welcomed the nearly 200 attendees. Featured speakers included Dan Carmody of The Detroit Eastern Market, a panel of producers and markets, and OSU Extension specialists, Brian Raison and Christie Welch.

## TEAM UPDATES

**Food & Agriculture in the City**

The Food & Ag working group is responding to the increasing interest in urban food and agriculture in Ohio. Team highlights include:

- Master Urban Farmer Program: A new program increases the number of local master gardeners, and now has 109 graduates.



*Franklin County Commissioner, John, O'Grady' joined in the Master Urban Farmer Graduation in Dec, 2014.*

- Urban Ag Presentation Track at Farm Science Review
- Food Hub Development – Providing education and support for influencers
- Urban Farm Tours – Urban ag exposure
- US-China Urban Ag Scientific Exchange Program
- Extension leaders from 23 states visited Cleveland for the USDA AFRI funded Food Security Conference hosted by the eXtension Local & Regional Food Systems Community of Practice.

## TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Janice Hanna**

Janice Hanna's primary focus is finding ways to better serve the 18,000 young people in Mahoning County through OSUE 4-H youth development. By contacting multiple local community leaders and organizations, Extension was able to better reach the diverse population in Youngstown Ohio. Program impacts were shared at 2014 events such as the Ohio 4-H Professionals Update and the OSU Annual Outreach & Engagement Forum.



*Janice Hanna*

**Quotes from new 4-H participants in the city**

*"I like how 4-H makes me feel really good. I want some more leadership stuff!" - Tyraille Philips*

*"I want 4-H to stay in my school. It's fun and it's education based." - Marcella*

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