

Lyndhurst Neighborhood News JANUARY 2013

FROM THE LYNDHURST MUNICIPAL COURT...

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that Judge Mary Kaye Bozza makes a two-fold announcement for the 2013 New Year affecting the Lyndhurst Municipal Court.

Kevin J. Bergem has been appointed Clerk of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court, commencing January 1, 2013 as Kristina A. Furcsik's successor. Kevin has assumed all statutory duties of the Clerk of Court and will continue the tradition of excellence that Kristina has achieved over the past 11 years. Kevin has been with the Lyndhurst Municipal Court for six years as Chief Bailiff. He has demonstrated strong leadership capabilities and has gained respect from the Court's staff. Kevin is a graduate of Ohio University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, additionally; Kevin earned a paralegal certificate from Lakeland College. He completed an Ohio Bailiff Basic Training Program which included courses in court security. Kevin qualified and is currently participating in the Ohio Supreme Court's Court Management Program, which is a three year educational commitment.

Kristina has been appointed to a newly created position bearing tantamount responsibilities as Special Projects and Technology Coordinator. Kristina has served the Court in several different capacities for 22 years. She most recently served as Clerk of Court for 11 years. With the ever changing and increasing demands of Court technology in a multi-jurisdiction Court, Kristina will now focus her time and attention to designing and launching new technology projects as the Court continues to move forward in this millennium.

The Court welcomes you to visit, especially if you not seen the Court Annex located in the lower level of Lyndhurst City Hall.



Make the Right Choice Program. As recently featured article on the front page of the January 3, 2013 Sun Messenger, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza continues to educate the community through her "Make the Right Choice Program". Both the Men and Women's programs begin at 9:30am and are held at the Lyndhurst Community Center at 1341 Parkview Drive. The programs usually last for 3 hours and lunch is included. The topics at these meetings cover the medical, psychological and legal consequences of alcohol and substance abuse. There is no fee for these educational programs and they are open to the public. For information call Patti at (440) 461-6500 extension 205.

The next Women's "Make the Right Choice Program" is scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2013, and the Men's Program is scheduled for Friday, March 1, 2013.

Senior Projects and Mentoring. As part of Judge Bozza's educational outreach programs, she is actively involved in senior project programs for students from local high schools and mentoring programs for new lawyers through the Supreme Court of Ohio's "Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program". In May of 2005, Marissa, a Lyndhurst resident, fulfilled her "Senior Career Experience" with Judge Bozza. Marissa enjoyed the experience of shadowing Judge Bozza asking questions and learning about the law. During this encounter, her determination to become an attorney solidified. Marissa graduated from John Carroll University in 2009 and from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law this past May. Marissa has been sworn in as a licensed attorney this past November. She is working for the Attorney General's Office in Columbus in the Opinion Section. Marissa selected Judge Bozza to be her mentor, as she will be participating in the Ohio Supreme Court's Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program. Judge Bozza has graciously honored her request, and looks forward to another year of mentoring.