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## Weekly News and Opinion from Ohio's Newspapers July 8-14, 2008

### Greetings!

Welcome to the latest issue of *Economic News from Ohio's Regions*, a new weekly newsletter from the [Ohio Urban University Program](#) and the [Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University](#). We'll search Ohio's papers to bring you economic news and key happenings that impact Ohio's regions.

### News From Around Ohio

**[Foreclosures Rising in Akron Suburbs](#)** (Akron Beacon Journal, July 9, 2008) While Akron remains the epicenter for Summit County's ongoing foreclosure crisis, people are losing their homes at a faster rate in many suburbs, according to a new Beacon Journal analysis.

**[Editorial: Industrial Use](#)** (Akron Beacon Journal, July 8, 2008)

Northeast Ohio's industrial economy is showing heartening resilience. So concludes a new report from Team NEO, the regional marketing organization.

**[Forum Focuses on Great Lakes Manufacturing](#)** (Plain Dealer, July 8, 2008) With only a few exceptions, the North American region surrounding the vast inland sea has suffered economically in recent decades. The loss of manufacturing prowess here -- along with jobs -- is a big reason why. This forum presents a variety of perspectives on how the region might recapture its economic power.

**[GM to Build Gas-Sipping Cruze in Ohio](#)** (The Columbus Dispatch, July 9, 2008) General Motors new compact car will be built the Lordstown plant in northeast Ohio. The Cruze is GM's response to \$4-per-gallon gasoline.

**[Defense Contractors Hope Trade Show will be Business Boost](#)** (Dayton Daily News, July 8, 2008)  
An aerospace trade and technology show to be started

up in conjunction with the 2009 Dayton Air Show could give the region's defense contractors access to new business.

**[RealtyTrac: Ohio Foreclosures up 11% in June](#)**

(Business First of Columbus, July 10, 2008)

Foreclosure activity in June increased 11 percent in Ohio, giving the state the sixth-highest foreclosure rate in the nation, RealtyTrac reported Thursday.

**[Columbus Grows While Rest of Ohio Shrinks](#)**

(The Columbus Dispatch, July 10, 2008) According to U.S. Census estimates, Cleveland lost 5,067 people from July 1, 2006, to July 1, 2007, more than any other city in the country.

**[Gund Foundation to Help Convert GE Nela Park Building into Innovative High School](#)**

(The Plain Dealer, July 11, 2008)

A half-million dollars from the George Gund Foundation will help turn a building at General Electric's Nela Park campus into an innovative public high school.

**[Governor Ted Strickland, Legislative Leaders Pick Commission on Cuyahoga County Government Reform](#)**

(The Plain Dealer, July 11, 2008) Gov. Ted

Strickland and legislative leaders picked nine Cuyahoga County residents for a panel that will study options for reforming county government.

**[Ohio Parks Play Important Role in State's Economy](#)**

(Lancaster Eagle Gazette, July 12, 2008) Ohio has 74 state parks in 60 counties that total more than 174,000 acres of land and water. In 2005, these parks added \$244 million to our state's economy and created more than 7,000 jobs in Ohio.

**[Akron May Use Program to Buy Vacant Homes for \\$1](#)**

(Akron Beacon Journal, July 13, 2008) A federal program that would allow Akron to purchase vacant homes for a dollar soon could benefit local families.

**[Get Ready to Play Keno in Ohio Aug. 4](#)**

(The Morning Journal, July 13, 2008) Keno, a game with roots in dynastic China, is set to begin in Ohio on Aug. 4. About 1,020 locations across the state have applied to become Keno agents.

**[Homeless Students on Increase in Toledo-area Classrooms, Schools Say](#)**

(Toledo Blade, July 13, 2008) As many as 2 million children nationwide,

including 68,500 in Ohio are expected to be affected by the housing crisis as an anticipated 2.2 million homes purchased with subprime mortgages slide into foreclosure this year and next.

**[Smart City Radio: Ned Hill, James Corner and Laura Adams](#)** (Smart City™ Radio) Hear about plans to combine Cleveland area's history, talent and expertise to create a concentrated area in downtown Cleveland and transform it into the industrial design capital of the U.S.

**[Region's Governments Cost \\$3,750 Per Person and Rising](#)** (The Plain Dealer, July 14, 2008) A study released today shows that the combined cost of government across 16 northeastern Ohio counties had reached at least \$16 billion by 2002.

**[State Should Raise Taxes, Freeze Unemployment Benefits, Report Says](#)** (Dayton Daily News, July 14, 2008) According to a new report, Ohio needs to raise employer taxes and possibly freeze benefits to shore up the state fund that provides weekly cash to unemployed workers.

**[Editorial: "Our Incredible Shrinking City"](#)** (Youngstown Vindicator, July 14, 2008) Our 'Incredible Shrinking City' need not continue to shrink. On the surface, population estimates released that show continuing declines in the number of residents of Youngstown, however, the rate of population drain has fallen significantly.

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