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## Weekly News and Opinion from Ohio's Newspapers December 8 - 14, 2009

### Greetings!

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

### [Chamber sees signs of hope in economy](#)

(Columbus Business First, Dec. 8, 2009) According to a Columbus Chamber report, a comparatively mild impact from the recession and predicted employment growth are causes for optimism in Central Ohio.

[The forgotten 'Yes' vote](#) (The Other Paper, Dec. 9, 2009) As Central Ohio legislators join the drum-beat of local casino opposition, led initially by the Columbus Dispatch and joined more recently by Mayor Mike Coleman and Council President Mike Mentel, there's a segment of the population that's being forgotten-the 'Yes' voters.

[A moving predicament](#) (Cincinnati City Beat, Dec. 9, 2009) The Metropole is one of the few project-based Section 8 buildings downtown, continually operating as federally subsidized affordable rental housing since 1971.

[Ohio gets \\$20 million for biomass project](#) (Farm and Dairy online, Dec. 9, 2009) The Renewable Energy Institute International of Toledo will receive a \$20 million grant to develop a pilot biomass plant that will create a synthetic renewable diesel.

### [Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority committee approves first phase of lakefront development project](#)

(The Plain Dealer, Dec. 10, 2009) A plan to open Cleveland's waterfront to the public by 2013 took another step this morning toward becoming a reality. The first two phases of the lakefront development will encompass acreage north of Browns Stadium, eventually expanding across the entire 100 acres currently occupied by the port's maritime

operation.

**[Ohio hospitals pump \\$14B into economy](#)**

(Youngstown Business Journal, Dec. 10, 2009) Ohio's 178 hospitals employ 333,000 people, pumped \$14 billion into local economies through paid wages and benefits and provided \$2.2 billion in community benefits.

**[Future bleak for foreclosures, experts say](#)** (Akron Beacon Journal, Dec. 11, 2009) In Summit County, the number of foreclosure lawsuits will likely rise this year - after two years of declines. Through November, there were 3,932 suits filed, compared to 4,092 total last year. The county averages more than 300 foreclosure lawsuits a month.

**[How Cleveland aggravated its foreclosure crisis](#)**

(The Plain Dealer, Dec. 13, 2009) The city of Cleveland has aggravated its vexing foreclosure problems and has lost millions in tax dollars by helping people buy homes they could not afford, a Plain Dealer investigation has found.

**[Bank failures scant in state](#)**(Columbus Dispatch, Dec. 13, 2009) There have been some near failures, most notably Cleveland-based National City, and 14 Ohio financial institutions are under scrutiny by federal regulators. However, such failures are rare in this state.

**[Stakes are high for Ohio, Great Lakes Region](#)**

(Toledo Blade, Dec. 13, 2009) Ohio, in particular, has much at stake in what comes out of the United Nations Climate Change Conference, attended by representatives from 192 countries.

**[Economic slump lifts buy-local movement](#)**

(Toledo Blade, Dec. 13, 2009) A global economic downturn has many consumers reconsidering how they spend their holiday dollars, and whether spending on local products or in local businesses might bring a benefit back to them.

**[Editorial: Homeowners need help now](#)**

(Dayton Daily News, Dec. 13, 2009) Ohio cannot afford to sit still while foreclosures wreck its already teetering economy, and neither can Montgomery County. The Ohio Senate, which has been slow to act, must take up the issue. Two reform measures passed by the House last spring have been practically ignored ever since.

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