



TRIKO Valley News

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From Our President...



May 2021! I don't like getting ahead of myself, but I can hardly believe we are on the doorstep of the midpoint of 2021. We are not where we were two years ago, but compared to a year ago, many things have been re-inserted into our lives taking up our time and resources. When I first submitted my photo for these newsletter publications, I wanted to be honest with where our world was at, so I wore the mask. As much as I and your ASHE Triko Valley board had hoped to be at the Montgomery Inn with all of you, we did not feel it was the right thing given the on-going COVID-19 situation. I can only hope with optimism that we will be back to in-person meetings in the fall. I am looking forward to it! I am excited however that we are planning some live events in June. Hopefully you are also!

The ASHE Triko Valley's last general membership meeting of the 2020-2021 season will take place on May 18th. Register on the [website](#) to receive confirmation and information on joining the meeting. We are excited to hear from Mike Ellerbrock and Jeff Heimann of Strand Associates on the Cincinnati MSD Lick Run project. Our regular committee reports will also be shared. This will be our last meeting before the fall so please plan to join!

I'm happy to report that Dan Ficker has organized our Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup event on Saturday, June 12th. This is a fun service event for you and family members. Being only a 2-hour event, you will still have plenty of time to enjoy your Saturday. Further details can be found on the [website](#).

Also exciting, Katie Dillenburg has been working hard to organize the return of the annual Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing this year at Aston Oaks on Monday, June 21st. COVID-19 precautions have been considered during the planning of this event both by your board and the golf course. I am confident that we can have fun while being safe and ask that everyone do their part. Register and get more details on the [website](#). The funds raised from this event go towards student scholarships so please consider participating (even if you aren't a great golfer like me).

Anyone notice how many times I've directed you to the ASHE Triko Valley website so far in this newsletter? That is because Paul Durham has been working behind the scenes keeping the website up to date. I will encourage you again that if you have not visited it lately, then here is your chance – [click here](#)! Two others that put numerous hours into our section are our secretary Dave Emerick and our treasurer Eric Kistner. These guys are spectacular in their discipline with taking and publishing our meeting minutes, communicating with the membership, and tracking our finances. Please drop them an email or let them know when you "see" them how much it is appreciated.

I will stop here with the mention of folks by name, but I can assure you that your other board and committee members are all top-notch servants. Join me in offering a big "THANK YOU" to all of them. Together they, along with all of you make this section strong! I continue to challenge each of you to consider your friends, peers, and any academics/students that might consider joining the ASHE Triko Valley Section. Furthermore, your opportunity to nominate someone for next year's board is here. If you are interested or want to nominate someone, or have any question, then [email me](#).

The 2021 ASHE National Conference will be held virtually May 25th through 27th. Register [here](#). Have a great day and stay safe!

Aaron Muck
Terracon



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THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021 | VIRTUAL MEETING

Melanie Kitchen from OCA kicked off the joint meeting and then handed it over to Chairman Chuck Ehlers to announce the upcoming OCA Golf Outing and community service project. Chuck then introduced the following governmental representatives to present their capital improvement programs:

Greg Wilkens	Butler County
Chris Ertel	City of Cincinnati
Jerry Evans	Clermont County
Todd Gadbury	Hamilton County
Brandon Seiter	KyTC
Paul Gruner	Montgomery County
Stefan Spinosa	ODOT – District 8
Christopher Pridemore	ODOT – District 9

Neal Tunison from Warren County was not able to attend.

Handouts from the speakers will be available on the OCA website and will be sent to the ASHE Chapter leadership.

Since this was a joint session with OCA, some scheduling accommodations were made which resulted in committee reports from the ASHE TRIKO Valley Section being suspended.

Respectfully submitted,
David Emerick
ASHE - TRIKO Valley Section Secretary



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 SCHRAMM WINNERS

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for
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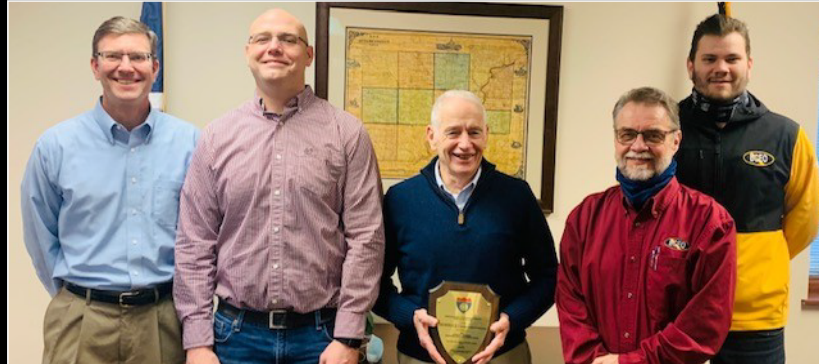
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For
Union Centre Blvd @ I-75 Diverging Diamond Interchange



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ASHE PIN Report - May 2021

Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 74, Ohio's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 transportation budget, into law on March 31, 2021, investing \$8.3 billion over the biennial.

The biennial budget includes:

- \$318 million for highway safety projects.
- \$2.6 billion for other state-maintained roadway improvements.
- \$2.4 billion for local roadway improvements.
- \$74 million in public transit.
- \$116 million for the Public Works Commission, including \$14 million for emergency road-slip repair.
- \$8 million for electric vehicle charging station grants through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Additionally, the biennial budget includes various provisions to enhance and expand services offered by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, requires the completion of classroom or online instruction for driver's training before beginning behind-the-wheel instruction, repurposes closed weigh stations, and creates a school zone around a preschool. With this news, the TRAC process has been restarted and accelerated in Ohio.

Even though Representative Sal Santoro filed House Bill 561 to raise Kentucky's gas tax by 10 cents a gallon, it did not make it out of committee before the legislative session ended on March 30, 2021.

Meanwhile the Federal bill is getting national attention as President Biden's number one initiative: Build Back Better. The American Jobs Plan is an 8-year, \$2.25 trillion proposal that includes significant investments of all types of including:

- \$621 billion for transportation infrastructure and resilience;
- \$111 billion for drinking water infrastructure;
- \$100 billion each for power infrastructure, public schools, and broadband; and
- \$35 billion investment to research climate science.

While the Republicans and some Democrats are opposed to the price tag of this measure, negotiations are now starting with a bipartisan committee to resolve concerns about the bill. One large difference is the way that the bill is being proposed to be paid for: by revoking the tax cuts that were passed a few years ago and to raise the corporate tax rate back to 28%. In addition the reintroduction of earmarks has entered the mix. Stay tuned for more updates as progress on this initiative moves forward with a goal of passage by July 4, 2021.



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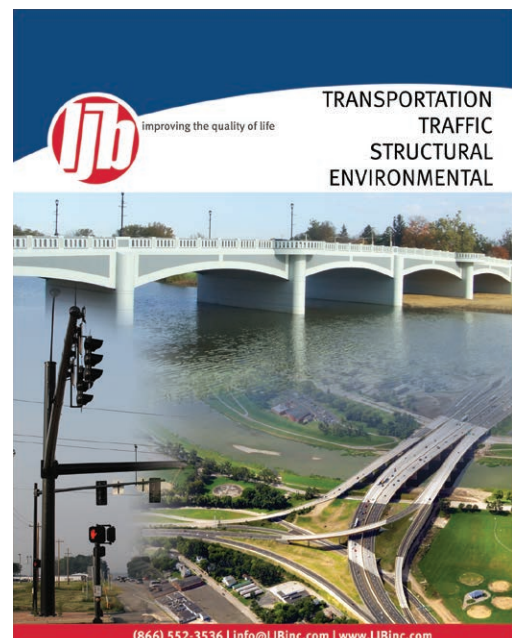
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2021 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

The TRIKO Valley Section of ASHE will hold its annual golf outing on **Monday, June 21, 2021**, at **Aston Oaks Golf Club**. Our outing is named after Lloyd Wallace, former ODOT District 8 Deputy Director, in tribute to his contributions to the highway engineering field.

The outing will be a scramble format with check-in at 10:30 am and a **shotgun start at 11:00 am**. Due to COVID-19, please register online at <https://trikovalley.ashe.pro/golf/> or by mail. Please pre-pay including options for contests and mulligans. No cash or checks will be accepted at the golf course.

Registration is \$100 per golfer, which includes greens fees with cart at Aston Oaks Golf Club, a box lunch with a soft drink, and hors d'oeuvres following golf. Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams. Contests will include longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt.

The money raised from this outing is exclusively used for the **ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Annual Scholarship Program**, which provides yearly scholarships to college students who are scheduled to graduate in a transportation or construction program within the next two years.

A donation of \$175 will give your firm a sponsorship at the golf outing, either as a hole sponsor or as a beverage sponsor. A sponsorship donation of \$250 will provide golfers with a box lunch. Special recognition for each sponsorship will be provided throughout the event.

Another method of advertising for your firm is to provide a "Cart Prize" (e.g. sleeve of golf balls, golf glove, divot repair tools, etc.). This is a great opportunity to market your firm as approximately 70 transportation and construction industry personnel typically participate, from consultants and contractors to clients and owners. Due to COVID-19, we do not intend to have Door Prizes.

Also with regards to COVID-19, in addition to pre-payment and Door Prize exclusions, we also ask that you arrive as close to 10:30 am as possible, not too much earlier or later. Please wear masks whenever possible, they are required when inside the clubhouse. Remember to practice social distancing. Two golfers per cart will be assigned, however, please let us know if there are special requests. If separate carts are desired, we will work with the golf course to accommodate if possible. After golf, hors d'oeuvres will be served with tables spread out and additional outside seating provided. Please follow any additional COVID-19 related restrictions/practices including other golf course guidelines.

Please see registration and sponsorship information on the next page. Registration is also available online at <https://trikovalley.ashe.pro/golf/>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 513-492-9837 or at katiedillenburger@bayerbecker.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Sincerely,
Katie Dillenburger
Golf Committee Chairman

2021 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing

Monday, June 21, 2021
Aston Oaks Golf Club
1 Aston Oaks Drive
North Bend, OH 45052
(513) 467-0070

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10:30 am to 10:45 am	Check-In and Lunch
10:45am	Announcements
11:00 am	Shotgun Start
4:00 pm (or following golf)	Hors d'oeuvres and Prize Presentation

Cost per Golfer: \$100

- A box lunch will be provided on your cart at check-in. Hors d'oeuvres will be served immediately after golf.
- Please consider a hole or beverage sponsorship for \$175 or a lunch sponsorship for \$250. All sponsorships will allow your firm special recognition during the event.
- Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams. Contests will include longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt.
- Registration deadline is Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Payment can be made online at <https://trikovalley.ashe.pro/golf/> or by mail. Due to COVID-19, no cash or checks will be accepted at the golf course. Please indicate below and pre-pay for contests and mulligans.**
- Please contact Katie Dillenburger at 513-492-9837 or katiedillenburger@bayerbecker.com with any questions.

Register online at <https://trikovalley.ashe.pro/golf/> or send a copy of this form and check, payable to ASHE TRIKO Valley, to:
Bayer Becker
6900 Tylersville Road, Suite A Mason, Ohio 45040
Attn: Katie Dillenburger

Golfer's Name & Company	(\$100 each)	Contests (\$20)		Mulligans (\$5 each)		
		Circle One		Circle One	Number	
	1	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	2	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	3	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	4	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Amount Due:	\$	\$	-	\$	-	

Sponsors/Donations

Company	Hole Sponsor (\$175)		Beverage Sponsor (\$175)		Lunch Sponsor (\$250)	
	Circle One		Circle One		Circle One	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Amount Due:	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

Supply Logo in electronic format via email to katiedillenburger@bayerbecker.com

Contact Person: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Cart Prize Donation: _____



ASHE's Late Spring Interchange Cleanup Event!

Come out and join us on Saturday, June 12th at 10:00 A.M., for our first *Post Lockdown* cleanup of 2021 at our adopted I-71/Route 126 interchange!

The Triko Valley Section of ASHE will be cleaning up the I-71SB entrance to Ronald Reagan Highway (Route 126) on **Saturday, June 12th**. We will be meeting at **10:00 A.M. at Rear Parking Lot of The Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery**. *(There is a limited area for to park at the cell tower site in the inside of the SR 126 westbound to northbound I-71 loop ramp for those uncomfortable of riding in a car with others at this time)* We will start with a quick safety briefing and then car pool to the interchange for about an hour of cleanup. The following will be provided:

- Leather gloves
- Safety vests
- Pickers
- Trash bags
- Bottled Water
- Men Working Signage



Suggested attire includes sturdy boots, long pants, long sleeve shirt and hat (don't forget the sunscreen). Ages 12 years and up are welcome! (ages 12-18 will require special release form) If you plan to participate please watch the Adopt-A-Highway Safety Training at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwTaEDNNFLA> prior to event. Please register online or contact Dan Ficker dficker@palmernet.com or call 513.498.6921 if you plan to attend, so we can make sure we have enough equipment.

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

May General Membership Meeting

MAY 18, 2021 11:30 AM

Presentation Topic: MSD Lick Run Project

President Aaron Muck will address the attendees and reports will be given by committee chairs during the general membership meeting. The 2021 Schramm Award winners will be announced. Mike Ellerbrock and Jeff Heimann from Strand Associates will then lead a presentation about the Cincinnati MSD Lick Run project. The Lick Run Project is part of Project Groundwork, MSD's multi-year plan to reduce sewer overflows into streams and rivers in Hamilton County, providing cleaner streams and improved protection of public health.

2021 – Elevate Your Business Strategies FREE Webinar Series hosted by ASHE

The series is designed to address virtual meeting challenges, approach business development with a fresh perspective, and help prioritize client relationship. Continuing education credit (0.5PDH) is available for each session. Follow this link for more information: <https://ashe.pro/documents/2021-WebinarAnnouncement.pdf>

Please register using the following link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Regards,
ASHE Triko Valley Board of Directors

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\$50/year for small ads, \$150/year for large ad and corporate link on the TRIKO website.

If interested, contact Stan Harris at stan.harris@stantec.com.

Send website logos to Paul Durham at paul.durham@stantec.com

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The ASHE TRIKO Valley Board of Directors has several committees to help promote our organization in a variety of ways. Listed below, you can find the contact information of the chair person for each committee. If you would like to share an idea or would like to volunteer to serve on a committee, please contact the appropriate chair person. The Board thanks you for your continued support and dedication to the transportation industry.

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