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**COUNCILWOMAN CHRISTINE WIEDIE HIGHAM
TO CO-HOST OPIATE HARM REDUCTION AND OVERDOSE
RESPONSE TRAINING WITH
CITY OF TALLMADGE LAW DIRECTOR MEGAN RABER**

Summit County Councilwoman Christine Wiedie Higham (District 6) and City of Tallmadge Law Director Megan Raber will co-host an Opiate Harm Reduction and Overdose Response Training in the City of Tallmadge on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tallmadge City Hall Council Chambers, 46 North Ave., Tallmadge, Ohio 44278. The training, called “Project DAWN” will be conducted by the Summit County Public Health Office. There is no cost for the training and it is open to the public.

Project DAWN is a community-based drug overdose prevention and education project. Participants receive training on recognizing the signs and symptoms of overdose, distinguishing between different types of overdose, performing rescue breathing, calling emergency medical services and administering intranasal Naloxone. More than 100,000 people died in the United States from drug overdoses between April 2020 and May 2021. In Summit County alone, nearly 1200 Emergency Room visits were due to drug overdoses with more than 200 fatalities in 2021.

“I am happy to partner with Law Director Raber to bring Project DAWN to Tallmadge. Addiction impacts our families and communities and the more information we have to identify and support those struggling with addiction the stronger our community will be,” Wiedie Higham concluded.

“Providing resources and support to our community is critical to combating the addiction crisis. I’m pleased to co-host Project DAWN with Summit County Councilwoman Wiedie Higham in Tallmadge,” said Raber.

Councilwoman Wiedie Higham represents District 6 which includes Tallmadge and areas of Akron, including Ellet, Goodyear Heights and Firestone Park.

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