As you have seen, we have no ice and it’s January but, I’ll take the warm weather. There are few things that I would like to address as we enter into the new year.

We have started our Kelleys Island Police Department winter house checks which will also include all businesses on the island. We have also started making contact with our elderly island residents who have decided to stay through the winter. These services will continue until the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat begins running for the 2016 season.

Some items I have been requested to look at this winter include Ordinance (95.14) House Numbering Plan, (152.013) Junk Yards, Junk Motor Vehicles Storage and Inoperable Motor Vehicles Storage, and streets with no roadway signs. I’ve talked to both administrations, Kelleys Island EMS and Kelleys Island Fire Department, and we agree, for the safety of the island residents, both the house numbering plan and street roadway signs need to be enforced.

Another important addition to my winter agenda will be training, taking place through the winter. Like I said before, I believe in updated training within the police department.

The Kelleys Island Fire Department and several volunteers spent the afternoon decorating Memorial Park for the Christmas Season. They did a fantastic job as always. This year, they were fortunate to have beautiful weather. The decorations are put in place a couple of weeks prior, but not lit, in preparation for the Annual Park Lighting Celebration on Friday after Thanksgiving. This tradition gives the community something to look forward to and marks the beginning of the Kelleys Island Christmas Season.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the decorating. The Fire Department always welcomes islanders, visitors and their families to participate in the fun. Those who participate are rewarded by being included in the annual group photo.

Thank you!
ment. Myself and several other offi-
cers will be attending several classes
at the Ohio Police Officer Training
Academy in London, Ohio.

On November 8th 2015, Kelleys
Island Venture Resort, Captain’s
Corner, and Firelands Area Runners
Club hosted the 3rd annual Half-
Marathon. It turned out to be a beau-
tiful day on Kelleys Island with over
seventy runners and their families. I
would like to thank all that partici-
pated and donated to the event which
benefits the Kelleys Island Police
Department and Bellevue Police Department. The K-9 Units put
on several informative and educa-
tional demonstrations at the Memorial
Park.

Lastly, the Kelleys Island Police
Department has added some new
events for the season of 2016. These
events are to bring the community and
the police department together.

On April 24th Officer Tkach will be
involved with the Cops and Robbers
at Portside Marina. This event
involves Officer Tkach fishing with
the children. All fishing equipment
will be supplied by the police depart-
ment. In May, June, and July the KIPD
will be hosting the Boots and Badges
softball game at the K.I. ball field. This
will be a competition between local law
enforcement and fire departments in
Erie County. In August, we will have
our first KIPD pig roast. This event
will be held in the parking lot of The
Old Town Hall. Activities will
include roasted pig dinner, dunk “the
chief” tank, and fingerprinting kits
done for the children of residents and
visitors. I’m hoping to have a great
2016 with some new events from the
police department. The dates for
these events will be posted on the
Kelles Island Chamber of Commerce
website. Kelleys Life and Kelleys
Island Venture Resort, Captain’s
Academy in London, Ohio.

I’m very happy to have obtained
the grant money which will be used
to repave West Lakeshore Drive,
between Division Street and Cameron.
Part will be grant money and part of
the funding will come from Streets
and Sidewalks money. This work
should take place in the spring of
2016. I thank the voters for passing
the General Fund Levy, which was
major, because without the funding of
government from the State of
Ohio, we would not have had the
money to survive.

I saved the Village of Kelleys
Island $18,000 when I took over the
Airport Manager’s position in 2013.

I’m happy that one of my first
goals, the replacement of the old
waterline intake, has been completed
and the islanders should benefit from
this for a long time.

Thank you for all your support. It
was a pleasure serving as your mayor.
Mayor Kyle Paine

From the Mayor’s Desk
November – December Issue Corrected

As you probably know, I am not
running for a second term as Mayor.
I’d really like to thank the people
who were so good to me while I was
in office because, it made life bear-
able, there were many of you.

The Bellevue and Vermilion K-9 Units teamed up with the Kelleys Island Police
Department for a K-9 demonstration following the Police Chase – Half Marathon
Island Ferry Boat Line boat schedule.

We will see you in the spring and
everyone at the Kelleys Island Police
Department wish you and your fami-
ly a very Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year.

Quote of the Month: Do not let
what you can not do interfere with
what you can do...

Respectfully Yours
Shawn M. Craig/#901,
Chief of Police

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Kelleys Life
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insight of the hall, where Karen Erne coor-
dinated the event, consisting of a “stom-
ach-filling” meal of roast turkey and all of
the trimmings. The food was great and the
comradery was tremendous, as people
extended thanks to our veterans, and
reflected upon thoughts of their loved ones
who have served. It was also good to see
some of our elected officials in attendance,
including Mayor Kyle Paine and Mayor-
elect Arden Cooper.

Kelleys Island
Brewery News

Happy New Year
We want to take a few minutes to
thank some people in our lives and
give everyone some news we hope you
will want to talk to us about this
winter. Doug, Jay and I would like to
give a special Thank You to Kelly
Bradford, Lisa Calderon, Mark Johnson
and family, Lisa and Jeff Ehleringer,
Jenn B and Jeff, Ellen Saffron and the
past 16 years of the best family/
employees that a small operation
could ask for. Being an island business,
special thanks must also be expressed
to the island businesses that helped us
through the years: the Island Market,
The Village Pump and Bag the Moon.
Borrowing stuff’ and being neighborly
has kept it worthwhile for all of these
years. For some personal friends, Kenny Blanton, John Sofonia, the
Berardi’s and Chippy Skippy, Ed and
Marilyn Muranyi, Haz, the Mackey
family, and the Pisnic’s, your
contribution to the Labor of Love, the
customers, brides and families, each
one of you has made this the family
place that it is. To all of our
event supporters, too many
to mention, our breakfast
clubbers, all the brew
lovers, we thank you for
making this the home that we
love. Now we want to
share our home with you in
a new way.

We want you to
personalize your island
experience, and allow you
to bring your ideas to the
south shore and create a
unique event for your group
on the beautiful lawn that
we call home.

After pulling and
dipping 95,000 ice cream
cones, cooking over 150,000
pounds of home fries, 3 tons
of hamburgers, 250
thousand eggs and 30,000
gallons of high gravity beer,
Patti and Doug have decided
to “Throttle Back” in life.

Well, what does that mean?
We have decided to
reorganize the Kelleys
Island Brewery from a full
service, daily operation
restaurant and microbrewery
to a tap room, an affordable
‘private rental venue’ and
wholesale distributor of our
beers. This is great news for
our loyal customers, the
private interest groups, and
other great full service
restaurants on and off this
cool little island.

Please go to www.
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for some updates and know
that more are coming. Make
your plans early. We look
forward to serving you in a
new way!!!

Cheers, Love and Respect
Doug and Patti

A big thank you goes out to VFW Post
9908, its officers and its members as it con-
tinues to be a stalwart of our community.
It’s not only the Veterans Day and Memorial
Day services which it conducts, that solidi-
fies our community, it’s also the Chicken
BBQ’s, the Clambakes, The October Turkey
Shoots and other social events as well. The
VFW continually supports all of us, we
must continue to support the VFW.

Kelleys Life

Kelleys Island Veterans Day Ceremony 11/11/11
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Crafts features 180 feet of lakefront, which consists of a marina for guest dockage. We also have a bait shop, boat ramp, fish-cleaning table for our guests and freezer storage for freshly caught fish.

Crafts is located about 1/4 mile from Downtown Kelleys Island and within a mile of the ferry boat.
Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce

As the 2016 season quickly approaches, the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce executive board, along with several other business owners and supporters, have been working hard to provide the members of our organization with the best promotional materials and numerous advertising opportunities. The phone and e-mail are being answered daily. Much effort has been put forth to select the best tools to promote Kelleys Island and the business community. The board has worked closely with other organizations and advertising agencies to take advantage of some great opportunities while staying within a strict budget.

Be sure to check out the four page spread in the 2016/2017 editions of the Lake Erie Shores & Islands Travel Guide. Realizing the impact of our previous two page spread in 2015/2016, the chamber board worked tirelessly to perfect this year’s four page spread.

The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone that advertised in this widely distributed guide. We extend a special thanks to Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line, Seaward Martina and A Water’s Edge Retreat, for tripling the size of their ads. Also, to Portside Marina, Dockers, Kelleys Island Venture Resort, Caddy Shack Square and The Village Pump, The Casino and West Bay for doubling the size of their ads. A round of applause to our first time advertisers, KI Wine Co, Kelleys Island Cantina, Charles Herndon Galleries, Captain’s Corner, Papa T’s, Caddy Shack and Buckeye Bar, Jason Smith of Remax Beyond 2000, Island House Restaurant, South Shore Marine and Kelleys Island General Store. Congratulations to Crafts Lakeview Lane for a fantastic ad revamp by Amy, and to the Quarry Condo Co-op Group, which was comprised of Sandy Alexander of Kelleys Cove Condo, Vera Baka of Baka’s Island Places, June Campbell of Campbell’s Island Condo, Joy Kaser of Ahoy Condo and Kathy Reddinger of Moon Glow Condo. A special note of thanks and praise to the man who saved the day, Rob Watkins of the Island Market and Original Island Fudge Shoppe. Rob stepped in at a critical time to fill a space needed to make our first four page spread complete. Great job Amy Helfinger, of Aha Creative, for designing the majority of the ads and creating the impressive layout, while being sensitive to our limited budget!

The 2016 event dates have been confirmed and posted. Planning has begun for each of the K.I.C.C. events. Anyone interested in taking part of planning or heading up a committee for the K.I.C.C. events, please contact us. Remember, volunteers are always needed for all of our events. We are continuously looking for sponsors for each of the events. If you, or someone you know, would like to be a sponsor of the 5K & 10K Run please contact the K.I.C.C.. Donations for events, especially Fireworks, are greatly appreciated and can be made on the chamber website via paypal.

The Island Fest committee is looking for some unique, local crafters to participate in our festival this summer. If there is someone you know or are familiar with, let us know and we can get them an application. There are numerous crafters and artists that both live and vacation on the island regularly. Let’s get them involved.

The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following on-island businesses for joining and supporting our organization.

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Jen and Jacci Chapman celebrated their wedding on Saturday September 12th at Graceland Chapel in Las Vegas NV. Of course the crew from Kerala’s Island was present to share a little news from the island. A great time was had by all.

Photo: Front Row: The new Mrs Chapman (Jacci) holding Kerala’s Life and Jen Chapman. From left to right Cathie McPhie, Ann Cosor, DeAnn Beatty, Lisa Blitz, Sandy Bing, Back Row: Herb Watling, Bob Cosor, Sam Beatty, Jim Blitz, Ron Link, and Nate Payt

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EMS News

With the holidays, we tend to look back on the previous years and reflect. Reflections of what was, what might have been. This past year was filled with changes and challenges. The holidays also give us time to spend with family and friends. The volunteers of Kelleys Island EMS are a part of the island family. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated, caring group of volunteers for our island.

We were deeply saddened by the loss of a dear member of this family, Sally Hunter, long-time resident and friend, was a member of the EMS since 2002. Her bright smile and engaging wit was always appreciated. Her death has left a void in our hearts.

The purchase of the Power lift System made moving patients into and out of the ambulance easier for the volunteers. This system was made possible through a Bureau of Workman’s Compensation Grant and donations to the Kelleys Island EMS Association. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

The holidays also herald the start of a new year. The EMS is training throughout the winter months, preparing for the challenges. Stop by and observe the team as they train. Emergencies will always happen. Remember to call 9-1-1 and EMS will assist you during your time of need. We are already planning the next Spaghetti Dinner and Safety Forces Day in May and hope to see you there!

Stay Safe!

Sharon A. Devine, paramedic

Kelleys Island Field Station

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Vegas Wedding

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Send us your photos and stories, please!

We at Kerala’s Life would love to hear about your and/or your family’s life on the island. Please send us your stories and photos - don’t worry if their not done to a finished condition, we can do that for you. We’d also love your photographs of family events on the island. Please include the names of everyone in the photo and a contact name and number in case we have questions. If you wish to have your photos returned, include a SASE. We’ll get them back to you as soon as the printer sends them back. We at Kerala’s Life appreciate your kind cooperation!

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Kelleys Island Venture Resort and Captain’s Corner hosted and organized the 3rd Annual Police Chase Half Marathon on Sunday, November 8. The race was supervised by the Fireland’s Area Runners Club of Sandusky.

The Police Chase was initiated in 2013 to raise funds for the Kelleys Island Police Department. All profits from this event provide the department with money to help purchase new equipment, training and other things that they need to operate safely and efficiently for our community.

Many of the participants and their families spend the weekend on Kelleys Island. For some families, this is a first time visit. They enjoy dining, shopping and exploring the island. We hope that these visitors will return with more family and friends. There were also several island participants. It is always fun to watch for those that we know.

The marathon began promptly at 11:00 a.m., in the downtown area. The weather was a little cool but sunny, perfect running weather and great for November. Over 70 runners participated, some in shorts and tank tops. The Town Hall was set up for registration, a waiting area for the runners’ families, awards ceremony and post-race appetizers and beverages.

Once the runners arrived back at the Town Hall, they received their awards and headed to the Memorial Park. Guest K-9 Units from Vermilion and Bellevue took advantage of the beautiful day and held their presentations in the park. The demonstrations were enjoyed by all. The kids received cards with the K-9 photo and

The Bouman Family would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers, the Fireland’s Area Runners Club, the islanders that cheer on the runners and supported this event, those who provided and manned water stations, Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line for running the extra boat schedule, Kelleys Island EMS team, K.I. Police Department for leading the race and providing course maintenance and all of our loyal and generous sponsors that provide financial support, door prizes, food and beverages for the runners.
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Depending on where you are on life’s journey, the value of planning ahead can run the gamut. It can seem like a chore when you’re just starting out. But further down the road, as compound interest kicks into high gear, you’re glad you started early. And while saving is totally necessary, it’s only half of the equation. The tools you use to invest and grow your funds are key.

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Thanksgiving Weekend
Filled With Loads of Events and Family Fun

The Annual Park Lighting, sponsored by the Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department, is a much anticipated event. Children gather to greet Santa as he arrives on the Kelleys Island fire truck. His arrival sparks the lighting of the Christmas lights in Memorial Park. As the children meet with Santa, giving him their list of Christmas wishes, families can walk the park and enjoy the decorations.

Following the Park Lighting, families gather at the Captain’s Corner where the kids can enjoy decorating cookies and drinking hot chocolate. This year, the children all received a craft donated by Robin Benvenuto. Thank you so much! Everyone had a really good time coloring, crafting and eating cookies.

The weekend is topped off with the TailGate Party at the Village Pump. This features plenty of food, entertainment and fun. And of course, the annual Village Pump TailGate Party photo (see page 5).

Thanksgiving weekend has become a tradition for islanders and visitors. Many families have extended their vacationing seasons so that they can be a part of the festivities. The weekend kicks-off with the ever popular potluck at the Village Pump. Friends and families gather to dine and visit with acquaintances they will not see until spring.

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Crews Conclude Product Removal from Tanker Barge Argo

Editors Note: The Joint Information Center for this response has been disestablished. Questions should be directed to the Ninth Coast Guard District Public Affairs Office at 216-902-6020.

Cleveland – Response crews completed salvage operations to remove a water product mixture from the Lake Erie sunken tanker barge Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

As weather allowed, salvage crews worked methodically, removing the hazardous substance from the sunken barge. The hazardous substance was then pumped into receiving tanks aboard a work barge at the site, mitigating potential impact to the marine environment.

“The Unified Command, consisting of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Ohio EPA, worked in partnership with other federal, state and local agencies ensuring that safety of the responders and the public of Lake Erie’s surrounding shores remained their highest priority throughout response operations,” said Lt. Cmdr. Shaun Edwards, federal on scene coordinator. “Due to the diligence and collaborative efforts of all those involved in the response, the Unified Command was satisfied that the barge does not continue to pose a safety or environmental hazard.”

At the time of the barge Argo sinking in 1937, a news report estimated 100,000 gallons of crude oil and 100,000 gallons of benzol were onboard, but this information could not be verified.

The sunken barge is located away from commercial ship traffic, and the vessel is in 44-foot deep water. The Coast Guard has utilized the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act to conduct pollution mitigation operations. No injuries, impacted wildlife or pollution have been reported.

The Coast Guard’s established safety zone, located 8 nautical miles east of Kelleys Island and extending 1,000 feet around the position of the Argo, remains in effect and is closed to all traffic until further notice. No vessel may enter, transit through or anchor within the regulated area without permission from the Coast Guard patrol commander, Station Marblehead, which may be contacted via VHF-FM channel 16.

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According to David R. Hamilton, PhD in organic chemistry and author of an article in the Huffington Post, “The Beneficial Side Effects of Kindness” (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-r-hamilton-phd/kindness-benefits_b_860537.html ), kindness supports healthy aging.

In his article he explains, “Kindness slows aging - Aging on a biochemical level is a combination of many things, but two culprits that speed the process are free radicals and inflammation, both of which contribute to making unhealthy lifestyle choices.”

“But remarkable research now shows that oxytocin (which we produce through emotional warmth) reduces levels of free radicals and inflammation in the cardiovascular system and thus slows aging at its source. Incidentally these two culprits also play a major role in heart disease, so this is also another reason why kindness is good for the heart.”

“There have also been suggestions in the scientific journals of the strong link between compassion and the activity of the vagus nerve. The vagus nerve, in addition to regulating heart rate, also controls inflammation levels in the body in what is known as the inflammatory reflex. One study that used the Tibetan Buddhist loving-kindness meditation found that kindness and compassion did, in fact, reduce inflammation in the body, mostly likely due to its effects on the vagus nerve.”

You are probably thinking, “Creating a compassionate Erie County culture is never going to happen. It’s too big of a goal.” Think again! Dr. Hamilton reported in the same article that “Kindness is contagious.” He said, “When we’re kind, we inspire others to be kind, and it activates a ripple effect that spreads outwards to our friends’ friends’ friends – to three degrees of separation. Just as a particle creates waves when it is dropped in a pond, so acts of kindness ripple outwards, touching others lives and inspiring kindness everywhere the wave goes.”

“A recent scientific study reported that an anonymous 26-year-old person walked into a clinic and donated a kidney. It set off a ‘pay it forward’ type ripple effect where the spouses or other family members of recipients of a kidney donated one of theirs to someone else in need. The ‘domino effect,’ as it was called in the New England Journal of Medicine report, spanned the length and breadth of the United States of America, where 10 people received a new kidney as a consequence of that anonymous donor.”

Here is how you can help Serving Our Seniors in achieving its goal to Make Erie County a Compassionate Community? Write to us and share your stories about random acts of kindness that you have done for another; or have been receiving. Post them to our facebook page at www.facebook.com/ServingOurSeniorsErieCounty or send them to mail@servingourseniors.org or Serving Our Seniors, 310 E. Boalt Street, Sandusky, OH 44870. Your stories and pictures will be shared to infect other Erie County residents – of all ages – to live each day showing kindness and compassion to others.

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world”. – Mahatma Gandhi

Kelleys Island has many qualities. One of its qualities is the kindness and the concern Kelleys Island residents show for one another.

Serving Our Seniors is Erie County’s geriatric social service. For over 20 years, Serving Our Seniors has served as an island social service. One of its qualities is the kindness and compassion. It sets off a “pay it forward” ripple effect and touches others’ lives and inspires kindness everywhere the wave goes. It is contagious. He said, “When we’re kind, we inspire others to be kind, and it activates a ripple effect that spreads outwards to our friends’ friends’ friends – to three degrees of separation. Just as a particle creates waves when it is dropped in a pond, so acts of kindness ripple outwards, touching others lives and inspiring kindness everywhere the wave goes.”


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Monday afternoon, all remaining equipment was demobilized, officially ending the ARGO Response. In all, up to $5.2 million was made available from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and $450,000 from the hazardous material superfund to utilize in clean-up operations. Cost documentation for the response is still being finalized and will be reviewed to ensure proper accountability of all funding used.

Share-side transport operations began December 8. Cargo mixture was pumped into tank trucks for transfer to a disposal facility. A total of 10 transfers were the course of five days were completed without incident. Following the transfers, the portable tanks were decontaminated December 12.

Date: Dec 17, 2015

North Coast Guard District Contact: U.S. Coast Guard Great Lakes Office: (216) 902-6020

Argo Response Comes to an End

Cleveland — The ARGO response officially ended Monday afternoon, when all remaining equipment was demobilized. A total of 33,475 gallons of cargo and water mixture were removed from the vessel.

“The U.S. Coast Guard and the Ohio EPA would like to thank all personnel involved with the response,” the Unified Command said in a statement prior to demobilizing. “Every time multiple organizations work together, there is a steep learning curve as independent agencies blend different policies and procedures to complete a common goal. A total of 13 federal, state, local and Canadian agencies and salvage organizations worked together to remove the product from the 104 year old vessel. All agencies displayed exceptional teamwork which greatly contributed to a safe and highly successful incident response.”

Due to the hard work and dedication shown by all, a significant hazard to the public and the environment has been effectively mitigated. In addition, the interagency cooperation shown during this response has better prepared local agencies to effectively address future problems that may arise in western Lake Erie.”

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North Baltimore, Ohio – October 26, 2015 – Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative President and CEO George Walton expressed his disappointment with the recent ruling and encourages his 10,900 NW Ohio members to speak out against the Clean Power Plan (CPP).

Walton says, “The Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) plan imposes huge costs and tremendous regulatory burdens on states and utilities but will likely reduce emissions by a mere few percent from what will happen without this costly regulation. I urge our Members to speak out to Congress against this rule.”

The EPA recently finalized the CPP, which has been called one of the most aggressive and controversial regulations in the history of federal environmental regulation. In Nov., the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), on behalf of its members and cooperatives listed on the association’s petition, will join with other key stakeholders in filing a Petition to Review asking the courts to review the ruling. Currently, Ohio is among dozens of states that have filed a lawsuit against the CPP ruling.

“This regulation is an overreach of authority by the EPA and has the potential to cost Ohio’s electric cooperative Members hundreds of dollars a year on their electric bills while providing little, if any, environmental benefit,” said Pat O’Loughlin, president and CEO of Buckeye Power, Inc. (BPI), the wholesale power provider for Ohio’s electric distribution cooperatives. “It’s in our members’ interests to protect the reliability and affordability of our electricity supply.

BPI joined the NRECA and 36 other cooperative generation and transmission utilities in filing the petition to review. According to the NRECA, the CPP emissions rates chosen by EPA cannot be achieved solely by the coal-fired power plants that are the subject of the regulation. To comply with the CPP, regulated power plants would have to invest in new natural gas, renewable and/or nuclear generation and in new end-use energy efficiency programs. All of which would be subject to EPA review and indirect regulation.

This is not the first time the EPA has exceeded their boundaries. In the case of Utility Air Regulatory Group v. EPA, the Supreme Court ruled that the EPA had overstepped its authority under the Clean Air Act. The justices wrote: “EPA’s interpretation is also unreasonable because it would bring about an enormous and transformative expansion in EPA’s regulatory authority without clear Congressional authorization.

As detailed in the NRECA/utility motion to stay, should EPA’s rule go forward, utilities would be forced to take immediate and irreparable action that will:

• Significantly impair the value of existing generation facilities
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• Force utilities to incur tremendous costs associated with the immediate need for utility system remodeling

Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, established April 20, 1938, serves portions of Hancock, Wood, Allen, Erie, Hardin, Henry, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca and Wyandot counties and remains dedicated to the communities it serves.

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