



## Benefits of the program

Your Family Matters is a free community program providing tools to help the citizens of Summit County plan for the future. The program discusses options available to you, without the assistance of a third party, which may protect your property and assets upon inheritance.

Your Family Matters was developed through the collaborative efforts of Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise CPA, CFE, Probate Court Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer and Clerk of Courts Sandra Kurt.



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# Your Family Matters

## Options to Protect Your Heirs and Assets



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# Your Family Matters

## Answers to help you plan

Your Family Matters will provide you answers to questions about deeds, probate court, vehicle titles and more.

- *What is Probate?*
- *Why do I need a will?*
- *What is the difference between Transfer on Death and Pay on Death?*
- *What is the difference between a beneficiary and a joint owner?*
- *What happens to my Homestead Exemption if I die?*

This **FREE** community program is open to the public. Go to these websites for a full list of events:

[www.summitohioprobate.com](http://www.summitohioprobate.com)  
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## Elinore Marsh Stormer Judge, Probate Court

Most of us have heard that it is wise to avoid probate, but we don't really know why. *Your Family Matters* takes you beyond the *Good Deeds Project* to give you easy tools to use to protect your family and heirs.

You don't have to be a millionaire to plan the best way to protect your property and assets. You've worked hard and deserve the peace of mind in knowing that your wishes will be followed. This program is not specific legal advice. It simply offers great thinking guides and information from the experts at the Summit County Probate Court, the Clerk of Courts and the Fiscal Officer on the ways to provide for intended heirs.

## Kristen M. Scalise CPA, CFE Fiscal Officer

There are many things to consider when preparing your property for the future. As a homeowner, you are faced with many deed and tax exemption options to choose for your property. *Your Family Matters* will review these options to help you determine which could most benefit you and your family in the years to come.

During the program, we will also look at options that could be saving you money right now. For example, the Homestead Exemption can provide qualifying Summit County homeowners an average annual savings of \$535.

To learn more, please join us at the next session of *Your Family Matters* or visit <http://FiscalOffice.summitoh.net>.

## Sandra Kurt Clerk of Courts

When you buy a new car or boat, you're excited about your purchase. You're not thinking about what will happen to it in the case of unexpected events. *Your Family Matters* will share how owners can use a title option to save their heirs time and money in the future.

This program is a fantastic resource. I hope you will take advantage of the wealth of information it can provide to you and your family.