

**ISSUE 7 - COMMUNITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT
COMES TO ATHENS**

**TISH O'DELL
PRESIDENT, OHIO COMMUNITY
RIGHTS NETWORK**

**3:00–5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 30, 2014
Friends of the Library Room
Alden Library 319**

**"ATHENS IS NOT ALONE: HISTORY OF RIGHTS-
BASED ANTI-POLLUTION ORDINANCES"**

In 2012 the City of Broadview Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, passed a municipal Bill of Rights as a Charter Amendment, and used those rights to ban new fracking and injection wells inside the city. Tish O'Dell founded a neighborhood organization called Mothers Against Drilling in Our Neighborhoods (MADION). There were 90 drilling operations in the city before the ban was passed; now the city is locked in litigation to defend the ban. The oil and gas companies are suing the city so they can drill the 91st well.

There is no protection for neighborhoods whatsoever from the state regulatory agencies. A well can be dug 150 feet from a school. Neighbors need not be forewarned about a planned well next door. Toxic fluids are held in secret.

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