



Wyandot County Office of Economic Development Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Dates & Events

April 20th - 8:15 a.m.
Wyandot Employment Task Force
Wyandot Job & Family Services

May 9th - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
WCOED Board Meeting
Vaughn Industries Training Room

[Click here for additional local events](#)

WCOED Dashboard

State Procured Leads	359
WCOED Leads	80
Website Visits (1st time)	42,993
Capital Investment from Attraction Projects	\$145,722,000
Capital Investment from Expansion Projects	\$189,770,135
Jobs Created	1,111
New Annual Payroll	\$35,122,455
Jobs Retained	4,370
Annual Payroll Retained	\$212,166,349
Grant Dollars Submitted	\$17,005,840
Grant Dollars Approved	\$6,666,288
Incentive Value Secured	\$5,316,804
Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) Visits	262

Note - numbers are cumulative estimates from the organization's inception intended to give board members a snapshot of the overall impact.

Countywide Branding Reveal Slated for May 5th

The Wyandot Improvement Network (WIN), a charitable organization created through partnership of the Wyandot County Office of Economic Development and Wyandot Chamber of Commerce, began the facilitation of a countywide branding effort long ago that will soon come to completion.

Contracting with community branding specialists from Poggemeyer Design Group, the WIN board and a larger steering committee of roughly 16 local stakeholders used the results of over 600 public survey responses to inform its decision making process in the development of new community imaging and branding.

WIN

WYANDOT IMPROVEMENT NETWORK

New logos for the County of Wyandot, Village of Carey, Village of Sycamore, and City of Upper Sandusky will be revealed in conjunction with Think Local First Day on May 5th at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Wyandot County courthouse. Each of the new logos incorporates similar design elements to represent that each is a part of the larger Wyandot community. The logos come with their own branding guidelines and design elements.

The new imaging will be used in a number of formats including written and electronic communications, gateway signage, billboards, and other printed ad campaigns.



WCOED Member Spotlight

Wyandot Memorial Hospital

This month's WCOED Member Spotlight features platinum level member Wyandot Memorial Hospital (WMH). The hospital was one of the WCOED founding members and where the original organizational meetings were held. The following was submitted by WMH:

Wyandot Memorial Hospital is making access to medical care easier and more convenient for patients despite the lingering challenges of the pandemic.

Just last year, the hospital renovated its Tarhe Trail building to accommodate primary care medical providers and the county's only MedSpa. A brand-new building was constructed in Sycamore to replace the original medical office in the village for improved handicap accessibility and expanded services. Property in New Riegel was purchased and remodeled for medical care, and plans are underway for expansion to both Carey and Forest.

The Norman Gottfried Surgery Center opened on campus in early 2021 and has already exceeded expectations. The spacious operating suite, private patient rooms and dedicated procedure

area serve patients needing robotic, laparoscopic or traditional surgeries and various medical scopes. In addition to better access, privacy and comfort for patients, the surgery center has also attracted new surgeons to join Wyandot, including a spine surgeon, orthopedic specialist, general surgeon, otolaryngologist/facial plastic and reconstructive physician, and vascular interventional radiologist.

WMH purchased Koehler Drug late last year to continue prescription services in Upper's downtown area. Healthcare architects are currently evaluating the building for opportunities to enhance pharmacy services and add UrgentCare to the site. *(Continued on page 3)*



Brenda Koehler of Koehler Drug (center) sold the business and property to WMH to continue local pharmacy services downtown. Also pictured are WMH Pharmacy Director Scott Gier (left) and CEO Ty Shaull (right).



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A much-needed update to the hospital's cafeteria just wrapped up with 885 Bistro now offering an expanded menu for patients, visitors and staff.

The growth in medical specialists caring for patients at Wyandot Memorial prompted the current renovations on the hospital's lower level for additional exam and procedure rooms. Construction is scheduled for completion later this year.

Wyandot Memorial has served the county and surrounding areas since its opening in 1950. The

independent facility is a joint township district hospital with leadership from Crane, Mifflin, Pitt and Salem Townships. More than 400 employees work at WMH and are committed to the mission of Keeping Our Promise to be Your Hospital.

Community support – especially by the Wyandot County Office of Economic Development – has been vital to Wyandot Memorial's continued success. The hospital was a charter member of WCOED and remains actively involved in business retention and expansion efforts. WMH President and CEO Ty Shaull also serves on the U.S. 30 Corridor Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy community advisory committee.

"A strong local economy promotes the social conditions that lead to improved health," Ty noted. "Each of us thrive when our communities flourish."



The new Norman Gottfried Surgery Center entrance at WMH



U.S. 30 Corridor CEDS Available for Public Comment

The Center for Regional Development (CRD) at Bowling Green State University (BGSU) along with the U.S. 30 Corridor CEDS Strategy Committee, comprised of representatives from Ashland, Crawford, Richland, and Wyandot counties, developed a draft of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and is seeking formal public comment on the U.S. 30 Corridor CEDS. Over 30 one-on-one interviews, 600 survey responses, and a 45 member Community Advisory Committee provided input to develop the goals laid out in the CEDS.



The Strategy Committee developed two formats for the CEDS: a PDF report that goes into detail about the CEDS and a web-based report providing high-level information about the 5-year CEDS.

This public comment form, being administered by CRD at BGSU, will help ensure the CEDS meets the expectations of the U.S. 30 Corridor region's community members. Your responses will be completely anonymous. Comments will be accepted until April 18, 2022.

Thank you for your valuable input that will help shape the future of our region!

[Click Here to View the CEDS & Provide Your Comments](#)



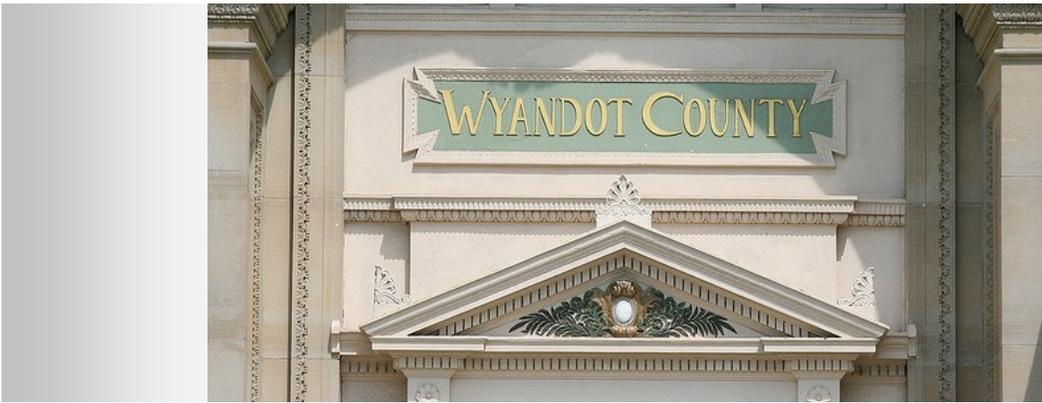
Board of Developmental Disabilities Seeks Renewal Levy

Among the issues on the May 3rd Primary Election ballot will be a renewal of a tax for the operation of the Wyandot County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Angeline), and for the operation of developmental disabilities facilities.

Below are further facts concerning the levy:

- The May 3rd Renewal Levy replaces an existing 1.5mill levy for a 5-year period, and will result in zero increase in taxes.
- The renewal levy costs the same as it did in 2017. The owner of a \$100,000 home pays \$52.50/year (i.e., \$4.38 per month) in property tax.
- *Why not an income tax or a sales tax?* A: Ohio law only allows county DD programs such as Wyandot County DD/Angeline to request property tax.
- *What services does the levy support?* A: A broader range of services than ever before:
 - Early intervention services to children and toddlers age birth to 3 with developmental disabilities
 - An integrated special education preschool program.
 - A school-to-adult life transition (SALT) program.
 - Family Support Services for families supporting a loved one in their family home.
 - Adult Day Services such as those provided by Angeline Industries as well as other state certified day program providers.
 - SSA/Case Management services to both children and adults.
 - Funding for home & community-based residential services, including group homes and supported independent living.





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Commercial & Industrial Property Transfers

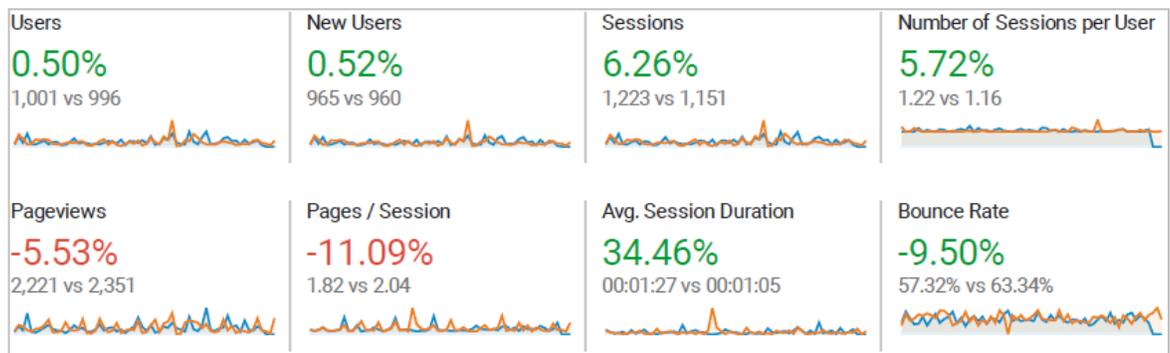
One of the newest features of the WCOED Newsletter is a bi-monthly snapshot of recent commercial and industrial use classified property transfers within Wyandot County since the previous newsletter was published. Provided below are those property transfers as currently found on the Wyandot County Auditor's records:

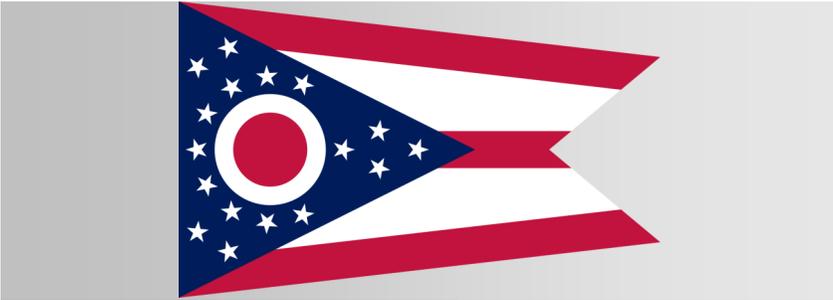
Recent Wyandot County Commercial & Industrial Use Property Transfers				
Buyer	Property Reference	Property Address	Sale Date	Sale Price
LMKHC INVESTMENTS LLC WARD LUKAS T & HANNAH M JTS	Mini Storage Units	461 W Spring St, Upper Sandusky	2/10/2022	\$ 425,000
	Downtown Building	105 E Findlay St, Carey	3/1/2022	\$ 130,000
LNL FARMS LLC	BF Walton & Sons (partial)	6655 SR-67, Upper Sandusky	3/18/2022	\$ 288,750



WCOED Website Analytics

The following is a representation of WCOED website statistics for the most recent months of February & March vs. December & January. The website saw overall increased traffic with more visits per user and longer visit durations during the most recent 2-month period.





Ohio Economic Development News

TechCred Applications Open on Bimonthly Basis for 2022

TechCred helps businesses address their workforce needs by upskilling current and prospective employees. Businesses of all sizes, from any industry, are eligible for up to \$30,000 per round and up to \$180,000 per year. **To allow businesses more time to plan their employee trainings in advance, the TechCred application will officially open on a bimonthly basis for the remainder of 2022.**

Upcoming TechCred application periods:

- March 1 – 31
- May 2 – 31
- July 1 – 29
- September 1 – 30
- November 1 – 30

Learn how you can apply at TechCred.Ohio.gov.

"TechCred is helping businesses and thousands of Ohioans become more competitive," said Lt. Governor Husted. "TechCred has become part of the job training fabric of Ohio as many companies apply to use the program regularly. As a result, we want to

help Ohio's job creators plan ahead, so we are announcing an official application schedule for the rest of 2022 that will help businesses maximize TechCred and better compete in today's tech-infused economy."

Since the program launched in October 2019, a total of 1,615 Ohio employers have been approved for TechCred, which will fund up to 32,269 tech-focused credentials to upskill Ohio workers. The results of the 12th round, which closed on January 31st, will be announced in the coming weeks.

The next TechCred application period opens May 1st and closes Thursday, May 31st. Businesses with employees who have completed their approved TechCred training should complete the reimbursement process at TechCred.Ohio.gov.

Source: Ohio Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation. (2022 February 28). Husted Announces Launch of March Round of TechCred [Press release].



Mission Statement

The WCOED was established to assist existing local businesses in economic development projects enabling them to remain profitable and competitive. In addition, we strategically research existing supply chains and regional industries to target and recruit new businesses development into the community. Ultimately, it is our intent to help improve the overall economic viability and quality of life in Wyandot County and the various municipalities located therein.

Special Thanks to our Supporting Members

Platinum Members:



and The Wyandot County Board of Commissioners

Gold Members:

Blanchard Valley Health System
Carey Exempted Village Schools
Charles Construction Services, Inc.
CSI Construction Services Inc.
Custom Glass Solutions
First Citizens National Bank
Freedom Caregivers
Hempy Water
Kimmel Corporation

Kirbys Sand & Gravel
Marion Technical College
M.C. Diversified
Mohawk Local Schools
National Lime & Stone Company
North Central Electric Cooperative
One Energy, LLC
Premier Bank
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Sycamore Telephone Company
Teijin Automotive Technologies
UIS Insurance & Investments
Upper Sandusky Schools
Upper United Development Corp.
WMS Marketing Services

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Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc.
Peterman Associates, Inc.
Pfeifer Hardware
Regina Vent Realty LLC
Roth Bacon Moon Attorneys, LLC
Union Home Mortgage

Village of Sycamore
Wyandot Chamber of Commerce
Wyandot County Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

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