Wyandot County

Building a Stronger Community

Economic Development

Wyandot County Office of Economic Development Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Dates & Events

February 15th - 8:15 a.m. Wyandot Occupational Resource Committee (WORC) Meeting Wyandot Job & Family Services

March 13th - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

WCOED Board Meeting

Vaughn Industries Training Room

Click here for additional local events

WCOED Dashboard

State Procured Leads	416		
WCOED Leads	81		
Website Visits (1st time)	49,917		
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	\$16,965,335		
Grant Dollars Approved	\$7,186,983		
Incentive Value Secured	\$5,666,804		
Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) Visits	264		

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

Participation Requested - Wyandot Business Retention & Expansion Program

The WCOED is making a push to generate more participation this year than ever before through our Wyandot County Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) Program. We ask all of our member organizations with a business presence in Wyandot County to take 5-10 minutes to complete the 2023 BR&E Survey here.



The BR&E Program is our primary way to identify and provide a narration of strengths and weaknesses in the local economy. The program has been responsible for identifying many growth opportunities among local businesses and ways our organization could provide assistance to their projects.

Onsite business visits are also an integral part of BR&E. The WCOED is already conducting visits, some with our area economic development partners and community leaders, creating a direct line of communication for business assistance. If you would like to schedule a visit sometime in the near future or at any time this year, please do not hesitate to <u>contact us!</u>



Wyandot Launches Yodel Community Calendar

The new Wyandot Community Calendar, powered by Yodel, officially launched in mid-January.

A priority project of the Wyandot Improvement Network (WIN), the new community calendar provides a comprehensive resource for local organizations such as schools, sports leagues, libraries, churches, bars and restaurants, nonprofits, and others to get their public events out far and wide.

The <u>Yodel calendar</u> can accessed from a computer or phone, and offers users the ability to browse events similar to Netflix. Users can also specify their interests, search for an event, or search for a specific organization, and save events directly to their personal calendar. Yodel sends users regular updates and event recommendations to keep them engaged with local events.

Wyandot's calendar can support up to 200 local organizations. With its recent implementation, the calendar is already seeing great results. The current Wyandot County stats include:

- 3,804 upcoming events
- 134 personal users
- 35 organizations





Now is the time to continue growing this great resource! If your organization has public events, be sure to sign up as an organization. Otherwise, register your personal account today:









Commercial & Industrial Property Transfers

Below is a snapshot of recent commercial and industrial use classified property transfers within Wyandot County since the previous newsletter was published:

Recent Wyandot County Commercial & Industrial Use Property Transfers					
Buyer	Property Reference	Property Address	Sale Date	Sale I	Price
		115 N Sandusky Ave,			
HMCM LLC	Former American Family Ins.	Upper Sandusky	10/12/2022	\$	120,100
NICKERSON JEFFREY P &		319 W Wyandot Ave,			
MINDY J	3 apartments & office building	Upper Sandusky	10/28/2022	\$	105,000
BROKEN SWORD REAL		206 N warpole St,			
ESTATE LLC	88 Catering Company	Upper Sandusky	11/1/2022	\$	150,000
		300 S Sandusky Ave,			
MILLER KEVIN	Circle K	Upper Sandusky	11/4/2022	\$	45,000
WENTLING PROPERTIES		116 W Church St,			
LLC	Former Yeater's Laundry	Upper Sandusky	11/21/2022	\$	275,000
		1049 N Warpole St,			
PARKWAY OH MHP LLC	62 mobile home sites	Upper Sandusky	11/22/2022	\$	714,000
		150 W North St,			
LUCKY TREE LLC	Greenbriar Catering	Carey	12/7/2022	\$	330,000

New Commercial Listings:

224 W Johnson St, Upper Sandusky Lovell Market- 7002 State Route 199

Sale Price: \$299,000

The former landmark known as The Carnegie Library of Upper Sandusky is comprised of approximately 6,700 square feet of space.

For the last 30 years the building was used as a doctor's office. It contains many offices in the first floor and basement of the building, as well as restrooms upstairs and a restroom and shower downstairs along with a kitchen.

Sale Price: \$99,000

Commercial Property currently used as a Family Dining Restaurant. Includes D1 and D2 Liquor License. 2022 8' Kitchen Hood System. Double Pizza Ovens. Kitchen was updated in 2022 with approx. \$70,000+ in updates. Sale includes Real

Estate and all building contents. Kitchen - 23'x25',
Prep Area - 10'x14', Walk in Cooler 9'x11' (condition is unknown), Office - 4'x8', Bathroom (Full) - 6'x13', Dining Room - 25'x30', Bathroom (Men's) - 6'x8', Bathroom (Womans) - 6'x8', Additional Square Footage is in a former house.



Chamber to Host Economic Forecast Breakfast on March 14th

The Wyandot Chamber of Commerce will host a local economic forecast breakfast on Tuesday, March 14th. Baker Financial Services, the main event sponsor, will provide the keynote speaker, Julia Hermann, a Multi-asset Portfolio Stretegist at New York Life Investments. Prior to Ms. Hermann's presentation, WCOED Director Greg Moon will provide a brief local economic overview.



More about the keynote speaker:

Julia Hermann sits on the New Yor Life Muli-Asset Solutions team, which manages \$8.4B in combined assets, including MainStay's Income Builder Fund, ETF Asset Allocations Funds, and Bespoke Investment Solutions. Julia contributes to asset allocation and is responsible for economic and market research, thought leadership, and regular client engagement. She is to go-to contributor for New York Life Investments' flagship podcast, Market Matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Julia was a macro stragegist at Cartica Management, an Emerging Markets investment firm. She has been featured on Bloomberg, CNBC, and in Forbes.



NW Ohio News

Ohio Logistics Plans NW Ohio Spec Facility

RGP Northwest Ohio— One of the top logistics firms in the Midwest is taking a lead role to spur further development in Northwest Ohio. Ohio Logistics has announced plans to develop a new spec building in Bowling Green – a move intended to attract high-end manufacturing to the Wood County community. Clouse Construction will build the structure.

"This is a great opportunity for growth in Bowling Green," said Chuck Bills, president and CEO of Ohio Logistics. Construction of the 100,000 square-foot building, expandable up to 300,000 square feet, is expected to begin soon on the southern portion of the Woodbridge Business Park.

Along with the potential of attracting new business, Bills highlighted that the business park's expansion also addresses existing safety concerns. "This park only has one way in and out, as well as only one source of water – those are safety issues for the current businesses here," Bills said. "This project opens a second access point to the park and taps into the water line off SR 105."

For Bills, this will mark the third building his company has developed within the park. Ohio Logistics operates a 200,000 square-foot warehouse on the park's north side. In addition, the company partnered in developing a 100,000 square-foot facility for Marelli, a Tier 1 automotive supplier.

"Having curbside-ready land and a spec building increases our probability of success," Bills said. "This will strengthen Northwest Ohio, which benefits everyone."

Specifically for this project, JobsOhio approved a \$1 million grant toward infrastructure, site prep and construction under its Ohio Site Inventory Program (OSIP). "We could not have done this without that money," Bills said. "This OSIP program through JobsOhio allows us to be competitive."

The primary goal of the OSIP is to fill gaps in Ohio's real estate inventory with real estate targeting near-term sector wins.

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Source: RGP Northwest Ohio. (2023 February 2). Spec Building in Northwest Ohio Opens Door for New Business, Investment. Retrieved February 6, 2023 from: https://rgp.org/ohio-logistics-bg-spec-building/



Ohio Economic Development News

State Opens High School Tech Internship to Applicants

The High School Tech Internship round three pilot program officially opened January 3rd, 2023.

The High School Tech Internship round three pilot program is an opportunity for Ohio employers to receive reimbursement for establishing a recruitment pipeline by hosting high school interns in tech-related roles. The goal of the program is to provide businesses with the tech talent they need while also providing students with valuable work experience at an early age.

Educational entities looking to participate in the program can apply now. Please email High_School_Tech_Internship@Development.Ohio.gov to get your application started. Businesses looking to host interns should notify their local educational entity (school district, educational service center, business advisory council, etc.). A business entity cannot participate without partnering with an educational entity.

Interns will be expected to perform job duties similar to what is expected of an entry-level employee in technology roles that focus on software development, data, cloud and IT infrastructure, cybersecurity, and other technology-focused roles. Businesses will be reimbursed up to 100% of the wages paid to interns to encourage employers to hire high school students in technology roles. Businesses are also eligible to earn bonuses for each student that earns a credential.

Internships can start at any time once the educational entity has received notification of approval for funding, but no students can be placed after June 15th. Internships must be completed by October 1st.



For more information, please visit the program website on the <u>Ohio Department of Education's</u> Website.

Source: Ohio Department of Higher Education. (2023 January 3). High School Tech Internship. Retrieved February 6, 2023 from: https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Career-Tech/Work-Based-Learning/State-Supported-Internships/High-School-Tech-Internship



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.

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