



JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER



BusinessFirst! Outreach Meetings

There are two more Specialist Meetings scheduled for 2024!

September 19, 2024 - 9:30 am - Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. 5th St, Dayton, OH 45402

November 13, 2024 - 9:30 am - Aileron Campus, 8860 Wildcat Rd, Tipp City, OH 45371

Stay tuned for additional information on some upcoming Business Walks!

If you are interested in participating in specialist events as a host or speaker, hosting business walks or participating in jurisdictional breakfasts and round tables, please contact BusinessFirst! for additional information.



BUSINESS SOLUTIONS CENTER

Montgomery County Small Business Workshop

August 5, 2024

12 noon to 2:00 pm

Montgomery County Business Solutions Center

Every year, the County spends millions of dollars with small business owners and entrepreneurs; it takes a variety of equipment, supplies and services to keep operations running smoothly. Join the Business Solutions Center for a workshop presented by Montgomery County Department of Purchasing and learn how to register your company as a vendor and start doing business with us!

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



CITY OF KETTERING

Now Hiring! Economic Development Director and CDBG Program Director

The City of Kettering is seeking an exceptional professional with a proven track record to fill the position of Economic Development Manager. Reporting directly to the Assistant City Manager, this position will manage the City's Economic Development Program, including working with top level executives in business, industry and government to attract and retain businesses to thrive in and contribute to the community.

POSITION DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION

The City of Kettering's Planning and Development department is recruiting to fill the Full-time position of "Community Development Program Coordinator."

The Community Development Program Coordinator is responsible for assisting the CDBG Manager in the general administration of federal, state, and local funded housing initiatives; implements and monitors housing initiatives in compliance



Opportunities for
Ohioans with
Disabilities

OOD Disability Inclusion Webinars

The webinars aim to equip employers with the knowledge and tools to tap into Ohio's diverse talent pool, foster an inclusive culture, and create a supportive environment for individuals with disabilities. All webinars begin at 10 a.m. and will be Microsoft Teams webinars. Each webinar will be recorded and archived for future viewing. More information and registration links to all upcoming webinars can be found at [Employer Events](#).

Each webinar has been approved for 1.00 HR (General) re-certification credit hour toward aPHR™, aPHRi™, PHR®, PHRca®, SPHR®, GPHR®, PHRi™ and SPHRi™ re-certification through HR Certification Institute® (HRCI®) and 1.00 SHRM Professional Development Credit (PDC) hour toward SHRM-CP® or SHRM-SCP®. While this training is not pre-approved for CESP Continuing Education (CE) credit, it aligns with CESP content, and verification of attendance will be provided upon request. These credits are available for attendees of the live broadcast.

with federal, state and local regulations for the long-term betterment of Kettering residents, neighborhoods and businesses; and performs other related duties as required.

POSITION DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION



Training Ohio's Manufacturing Workforce

The members of the Ohio Technical Skills Innovation Network, or Ohio TechNet is nationally recognized for developing & implementing collaborative, inclusive, innovative solutions that meet manufacturing and tech workforce needs.

Ohio TechNet supports workplace development and academic professionals at Ohio educational institutions to incubate, develop and sustain innovative programming that accelerates the growth of Ohio's manufacturing & technical workforce.

Ohio TechNet partners benefit from peer-to-peer collaboration, technical assistance and access to resources, making program expansion and innovation at their institution more efficiently, faster to implement, and easier to sustain.

DISCOVER HOW OHIO TECHNET CAN HELP YOU!



Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

Governor's Inclusive Employer Award!

Each October, during National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the governor presents an award to employers who meet the criteria for having a workplace

Webinar Topics Include:

- August 22, 2024: Boosting Engagement in Employee Resource Groups
- September 18, 2024: Effective Partnerships with Job Coaches
- October 16, 2024: Building an Inclusive Apprenticeship Program
- November 21, 2024: Leading Effective Self-Identification Campaigns

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION



I-70/75
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



I70/75 & NAIOP Golf Outing

August 1, 2024
Beavercreek Golf Club

The 2024 I-70/75 & NAIOP Golf Outing will be held on Thursday August 1 at Beavercreek Golf Club. There will be a shotgun start beginning at 9am.

See below link for information on sponsorship.

INFORMATION AND LINKS TO APPLICATIONS



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BUSINESS

Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans

The Reynolds and Reynolds Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV) program supports the success of military veterans who are aspiring

that is inclusive of individuals with disabilities.

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) determines the award's criteria and promotes participation by Ohio employers.

OOD invites Ohio employers to apply for this prestigious award by completing the [Application Form](#). This [PDF version of the 2024 application](#) can be used to help plan for and navigate the online application

To be considered, the application must be received by **11: 45 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2024**. Winners will be announced in October 2024.

[INFORMATION AND LINKS TO APPLICATIONS](#)



U1CU Community Shred Event

August 10, 2024
10:00am to 1:00pm
1 River Park Dr. Dayton, OH

Bring up to 5 boxes or bags of personal documents for secure shredding by ERTH Systems Shredding. Please take empty boxes or bags back with you. Enjoy refreshments and consider donating to The American Heart Association.

*Drivers must remain at their cars while documents are being unloaded and shredded. All documents will be monitored, protected and shredded by [ERTH Systems Shredding](#), Dayton's hometown family-owned and operated shredder where all documents will be securely shredded on-site, guaranteed to be serviced by an owner.

[EVENT INFORMATION](#)

entrepreneurs.

The EBV at Wright State is part of a larger consortium of higher education institutions, initiated by the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University. The consortium is comprised of universities across the U.S., including Texas A&M, UCLA, the University of Connecticut, Louisiana State University, Florida State University, Saint Joseph's University and the University of Missouri.

The full program is taught by entrepreneurs, professionals and faculty in Wright State University's Raj Sooin College of Business who support small business development.

Post-9/11 veterans with honorable discharge are eligible to apply for the program. There is no requirement that applicants be enrolled as a student.

[INFORMATION & APPLICATION](#)



DRMA Summer Golf Outing

August 12, 2024
Walnut Grove Country Club

Come out for a fun day of golf and camaraderie at DRMA's Summer Golf Outing! This outing is the primary funding source for the DRMA Foundation and its efforts to develop and retain a skilled workforce for our manufacturer members.

The format is a scramble with two shotgun sessions at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sessions will be assigned on a first-come basis. Golf price includes a cart, breakfast/lunch, straightest drive contest, skins game, and a mulligan.

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

Sessions: 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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Executive Women's Council Luncheon - August 2024

August 12, 2024
11:30am to 1:00pm
Marriot at the University of Dayton

In this panel discussion, subject matter experts will cover the circumstances that prevent women leaders from remaining in the workforce including mental health, caregiving for aging parents and childcare.

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and Executive Women's Council's exclusive sponsor **CareSource** are committed to women leaders and their advancement in the workplace. We invite you to join us to learn the data and the stories of women in the workplace as well as how we can support our female colleagues moving forward.

[REGISTRATION/ EVENT INFORMATION](#)



Women Who Mean Business

SAVE THE DATE!!
August 22, 2024
NCR Country Club

The Women Who Mean Business Awards—an event dedicated to honoring the remarkable achievements and contributions of women in the world of business. Join us as we celebrate the women who are not only making a difference today but shaping the future of business for generations to come.

Together, let's champion equality, foster empowerment, and create a more inclusive and prosperous world for all. Reserve your seat now and join us for an evening of inspiration, empowerment, and celebration



2024 National Advance Air Mobility Industry Forum

August 20-21, 2024
NAAMCE/Clark State Performing Arts Center/Hollenbeck Center

Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) will revolutionize the way we travel and transport goods, from military capability to organ transport. The National Advanced Air Mobility Industry Forum (NAAMIF) will bring together manufacturers and suppliers from across the AAM industry for networking, panel discussions, and static displays.

[AGENDA AND EVENT INFO](#)

[REGISTRATION INFORMATION](#)



2024 - West Dayton Business Elevation Expo

August 22, 2024
11:00am to 4:00pm
Montgomery County EOC

Are you ready to take your business to new heights? Join us at the 2024 Business Elevation Expo, hosted by the Greater West Dayton Incubator. This free dynamic event is designed to empower entrepreneurs and business owners with the connections, resources, and knowledge they need to succeed.

Whether you're a seasoned business owner or just starting out, the 2024 Business

at the Women Who Mean Business Awards!

The DBJ will be naming it's fifth-annual Jane Haley Award honoree as well!

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

EVENT INFORMATION



Growing Black Business Symposium

August 24, 2024
10:00am to 12:30pm
Dayton Metro Library - Main Campus

Hear from a panel of small business experts as they discuss challenges, give insight, and share resources for Black Owned Businesses. Network with local business service providers and entrepreneurs.

Contact [Camille Hall](#) for any additional information

EVENT REGISTRATION



DRMA Economic Update

September 10, 2024
2:15pm to 6pm
Sinclair Conference Center

Save the date for DRMA's most popular event of the year! Listen to an engaging update from one of the country's premier economists, [Connor Lokar](#) of ITR Economics. His presentation will provide the information you need to guide your business moving forward.

Conflicting trends characterized the first half of 2024, with lingering concerns regarding future actions by the Federal Reserve Board

Elevation Expo offers something for everyone. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your business connections, resources, and expertise.

EVENT INFORMATION & RESERVATION



2024 - Dayton Black Business Summit

Saturday August 31, 2024
10:00am to 1:00pm
31 S. Main St., Dayton OH

Join us for a day of inspiration, networking, and growth. The Dayton Black Business Summit is dedicated to empowering and supporting black-owned businesses in the Dayton area.

Our lineup of businesses includes successful entrepreneurs, industry leaders, and community advocates who will share their experiences and insights to help you take your business to the next level.

SUMMIT INFORMATION



Startup Week

SAVE THE DATE!!
September 10-12, 2024
The Hub, Dayton OH

Launch Dayton Startup Week Presented by Fifth Third Bank is the top gathering of the year for the Dayton region's new and aspiring entrepreneurs. Hundreds of bold makers, innovators, dreamers and doers converge at The Hub in downtown Dayton to be inspired and empowered at this community-driven conference. The week-long schedule includes powerful talks, impactful hands-on workshops, and vibrant networking opportunities. Register today and build your custom conference agenda!

and the pace of disinflation. Some leading indicators were rising; others remained mired in decline. The reasonably good financial status of consumers in general and robust business cash balances in many industries kept the downside of the business cycle mild in 2024. Join us as we look at the trends for 2025 and into 2026, including the onset of recovery in the industrial economy and a faster rate of rise in most of the service sector. We will look at key markets domestically and globally and their expected impact on attendees. Knowing what to watch for and the probable timing of the reversal to rise will give you confidence as you lay out your plans.

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



Chamber Challenge Golf Outing

September 10, 2024
NCR Country Club

You won't want to miss the 32nd Chamber Challenge Golf Outing. This is the perfect opportunity to invite your clients, prospects, and colleagues for a fun day at NCR Country Club with fellow business professionals. Get away from your computer for a day; meet valuable new contacts and strengthen business relationships. Golf expertise is not required. We play a four person scramble, and after golf, enjoy networking over cocktails, followed by dinner and awards. It's all in good fun, but you could earn bragging rights for a year if your foursome wins!

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION/CONFERENCE INFO TO BE PROVIDED SOON!



I-70/75 2024 Economic Development Summit

SAVE THE DATE!!
October 18, 2024
Sinclair College

This year's summit is all about the topic that puts Dayton on the map, Aerospace and Aviation! We have speakers coming from Wright Patterson Airforce Base, the Governor's Office, Sinclair Community College, Hartzell Propeller, and most Regional Airports to give us updates, insights, and knowledge on the progression of this field.

Special thanks to our title sponsor Level MB Construction for helping us "take flight" as we plan and market for this event. Please reach out to Clarence Rahman, Summit Chair for any questions or concerns about your sign up. You can reach him at Rahmanc@mcoho.org!

SUMMIT INFORMATION

Created in 2001, the nationally recognized BusinessFirst! program uses a customer oriented approach to economic development that connects businesses to resources in the



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