



January 2024 NEWSLETTER



## BusinessFirst! Specialist Meeting on Thursday January 25, 2024

On January 25, 2024, BusinessFirst! will be hold the first specialist meeting of the year at the Sinclair Aviation Maintenance Facility at the Dayton International Airport. This event will feature three great presenters including Sinclair to discuss their new Aviation Maintenance program, Dayton to discuss the developments that are happening around the airport, and Transportation Improvement District (TID) who has led the road improvements that support the airport's growing business base.

The event starts at 9:30 am and will run until 11.

Please contact [Clarence Rahman](#) for additional information.



## Accepting Applications for a Director of Development

The City of Clayton is accepting applications for the position of Director of Development. The position works under the direction of the City Manager and has primary responsibility for economic development, related research, and progressive programs to support new growth and business retention, grant writing and administration, along with supervision of planning, zoning, GIS, and code enforcement staff. (...continued)

Submit a completed [application](#) and resume to the attention of Elaine Wittman, City of Clayton, 6996 Taywood Road, Englewood, OH, 45322, or email it to [ewittman@clayton.oh.us](mailto:ewittman@clayton.oh.us).



## Boys & Girls Club to Renovate Space to Create Opportunities

A Dayton nonprofit is planning to renovate part of its existing footprint to create more opportunities for young adults preparing to enter the workforce.

The Boys & Girls Club of Dayton, located at 1828 West Stewart St. in Dayton, is seeking to transform existing space into the Miami Chapel Inspire Zone Youth Workforce Development Center, according to a funding request. (...continued)



## Accepting Applications for Community Development Dir.

We are looking for an experienced professional with a proven track record in community and economic development to fill the full-time position of Community Development Director. The position provides general staff oversight and budget management of the Community Development Department which includes the offices of the Building & Zoning Administrator, City Engineer and City Planner.

The primary focus of the position is to oversee all aspects of economic development for the City including business retention and expansion, business assistance and incentive administration, and recruitment of new commercial and industrial investment.

### APPLICATION



## Economic Canvas Unveiled: Unpacking the Economic Impact of the Arts

The Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE), a non profit organization is a consortium dedicated to advanced higher education through active collaboration, resource and knowledge building, and professional development programs.

SOCHE uses workforce and internship management to connect employers with talented students. Our focus is on providing high school and college students with experiential learning opportunities through paid internships and co-ops. In order to help develop the workforce of tomorrow.

### SOCHE WEBSITE





## DRMA Shop Talk Event at Yaskawa Motoman Robotics

DRMA Shoptalk, brought to you by the DRMA Associate Board, allows members to get together for a little “overtime” after work. Enjoy the casual atmosphere while learning something new and networking with your DRMA peers!

Marie Davis and Dave Burrows from JobsOhio will discuss how to access grants and other funding available to help offset operating costs.

Event will be held Thursday, February 8, 2024 from 4-5:30pm.

**More registration info coming soon!**

### [DRMA SHOPTALK INFO](#)



## MC3 Apprenticeship Readiness Program

The Dayton Miami Valley AFL-CIO has partnered with the Dayton Building & Construction Trades Council to offer residents a path to the middle class. A career with one of the affiliated trades will provide participants with a great starting wage, health benefits, and retirement benefits.

No experience in the construction industry is necessary or required to apply!

### [APPRENTICESHIP READINESS PROGRAM](#)



**Department of  
Development**

## Development Encourages Companies to Host Ohio Export Interns

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — The Ohio Department of Development (Development) is paving the way for businesses to overcome the challenges of international markets while providing college students with invaluable hands-on experience in global trade and commerce.

Through the Ohio Export Internship (OEIP) Program, Development connects college students with businesses looking to export for the first time or improve international sales. The program is recognized for fostering mutual growth and success for both students and [\(...continued\)](#)

### [EXPORT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM](#)



## Mobile Workforce Unit is Back on the Road!

Montgomery County, Ohio, is bringing workforce development to the streets with its Mobile Workforce Unit. This 38-foot Freightliner coach, brimming with state-of-the-art technology, is making a profound impact by extending valuable services to residents. This initiative equips job seekers with essential skills and polished resumes while acting as a crucial bridge connecting them with prospective employers. [\(...continued\)](#)

### [REQUEST A VISIT FROM THE MOBILE WORKFORCE UNIT](#)



**Small Business  
Development Centers**

## **Miami Valley Small Business Development Center Workshops**

The Ohio Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Program provides comprehensive business management and education services as well as free, confidential, in-depth, one-on-one counseling and low- or no-cost training.

Topics include:

- Strategic Planning
- eCounseling
- Technical Assistance
- Quality-Based Assessments
- Information about Federal, State and Local Programs
- Loan Packaging Assistance
- Business Start-up Planning and Training

### **WORKSHOP CALENDAR/REGISTRATION**

### **\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

## **Community Leader - Washington, DC Fly-In**

**May 13 - May 15, 2024**

The Fly-In is more than just a show of support for the community's interests. The annual trip offers attendees an opportunity to learn more about Washington D.C., and the federal government. Attendees interact with government officials, **Speak with one voice** in support of our federal installations, promote economic development, and help improve the quality of life for those living and doing business in the Dayton Region. The annual Capitol Hill reception is a chance to mingle with members of the delegation and their staffs, as well as other government officials and Washington business leaders with an interest in Ohio.

Each year, sessions include presentations from the House and Senate Congressional delegation representing the Dayton Region.

**Registration will open in February 2024.**

**DDC SAVE THE DATE - Link to Event**



Created in 2001, the nationally recognized BusinessFirst! program uses a customer oriented approach to economic development that connects businesses to resources in the Dayton Region. We are the single-point of contact for all of your business needs. BusinessFirst! has provided assistance to over 7,800 businesses in the Greater Dayton Region - we are here to assist your company, too.

**BusinessFirst! for a Greater Dayton Region**

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