



JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER



## BusinessFirst! Outreach Specialist Meeting

We are excited to invite you to the July 24th BusinessFirst! Outreach Specialist Meeting at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center.

Join us as we explore innovative approaches to career readiness and youth empowerment. Our featured speakers will be Robert Ewry, School-to-Work Coordinator with the MVCTC, and Michel Lockett, CEO of Caterpillars to Butterflies.

An optional tour of MVCTC's new facilities will be provided following the meeting.

We look forward to discussing how education, mentorship, and opportunity intersect to shape the workforce of the future.

Contact [Brianna Wolfe](#) at 937-225-6140 or see link below for additional information.

[\*\*EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION\*\*](#)



## Black Tech Week - 2025

July 14-16, 2025; 11:30  
Cincinnati, OH

Black Tech Week is a culture driven experience supported by community and corporate collaboration.

For the last three summers, Black Tech Week has been THE tech culture experience— built brick by brick each year to deliver the content and connection you love, and the extras we know you enjoy.

Events are cultivated with one goal in mind: to connect entrepreneurs and technologists to game changing resources, knowledge, investors and most importantly - one another.

### EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



## OR Leadership Academy - Utilizing Ohio Housing Tools

July 15, 2025; 9am - 12pm  
Sinclair Community College

Join community leaders, planning and zoning officials, county land bank representatives, REALTORS®, builders, lenders, and private investors for a groundbreaking workshop focused on revitalizing neighborhoods through affordable infill housing.

Using the newly released **Housing Ohio - Tools for Development**, this workshop will:

- Present practical zoning solutions and *free, pre-approved building plans*
- Explain how cities can *streamline permitting and lower housing costs*
- Showcase collaboration models between *municipalities, land banks, and private partners*
- Highlight how REALTORS® can *lead community-focused revitalization*
- Provide *actionable strategies for sustainable and affordable development*

Be part of the movement transforming vacant lots into vibrant, livable homes without expanding infrastructure or budgets. RSVP to [Tammy@RH2L.com](mailto:Tammy@RH2L.com).

### Who Should Attend?

Elected Officials • City Planners & Zoning Staff • Land Banks • Builders & Developers • Lenders • Community Advocates

### WORKSHOP FLYER

### HOUSING OHIO - TOOLS FOR DEVELOPMENT BOOKLET



LaunchPad - July

State of the Cities; Surrounding Dayton City Managers Unpack What is Happening in Their

**July 17, 2025; 9am - 5pm**  
**The Hub at the Dayton Arcade**

LaunchPad is a free, monthly event series designed for entrepreneurs, small business owners, creatives, and startup founders looking to grow, learn, and connect.

From April to August, each session will explore a key business topic—like marketing, money management, and business essentials—with expert speakers, panel discussions, and hands-on workshops to give you actionable takeaways you can apply right away.

**July 17 – Business Operations: Optimizing space and inventory for sustainable business growth**

Lindsay Woodruff: Prepping Inventory

Kyrsten French: City Zoning

Expert Panel: Planning for space, inventory, and operational success. Featuring: Lindsay Woodruff and Kyrsten French.

**REGISTRATION**



**DRMA Family Business Succession Planning Webinar**

**July 23, 2025; 1 pm**

In response to a request from a member business, DRMA is presenting a webinar to provide valuable content on the various facets of family business succession planning. Hear from a panel of local experts who can guide business owners on various considerations related to selling your business – even before you are ready to take this step.

Expert panelists include:

Doug Meyer from Brixey & Meyer  
Gary Wilkins of MLA Companies  
Kate Vriner of Sunbelt Business Advisors of Southwest Ohio  
Matthew DiCicco of Eubel Brady & Suttman Wealth Management

The discussion will be moderated by Carol

**Communities**

**July 18, 2025; 7:30 am**  
**Sinclair Community College**

City managers from across the Dayton region will share insights on the current state of their communities, highlighting recent developments, growth trends, and key accomplishments.

The panel will be moderated by Justin Sommer, Director of Economic Development for Preble County includes Brent Merriman, City Manager of Xenia, John Russell, City Manager of Huber Heights and Amber Halloway, City Manager of West Carrollton. The panel will explore emerging business sectors and address the top priorities or challenges each city is focused on, from workforce development to infrastructure and housing.

**INFORMATION & REGISTRATION**



**Dayton: State of the Market**

**July 24, 2025; 11 am - 2 pm**  
**Benham's Grove, Centerville**

CoStar is pleased to announce we will be hosting a Dayton State of the Market in person at Benham's Grove in the city of Centerville.

Hosted by the Cincinnati/Dayton CoStar Group Sales Team, who will be reviewing performance and outlook on all asset classes in one session created by Senior Director of Market Analytics Veronica Minnello.

Learning Objectives: Describe & Discuss the top leadership capabilities of 2025, Review & overview of Sinclair's Leadership Series,

**EVENT REGISTRATION**

Butler from the Goering Center. If you would like to submit questions to the panel in advance, email [Amy](#).

\*\*Attendees' video will be turned off and names will not be listed so that your anonymity is ensured.\*\*

### EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



#### **SInclair Spark Sessions - Get to Know Workforce Development's Leadership Series**

**July 29, 2025; 12 pm - 1 pm**

Leadership is something that most people learn through trial and error (and sometimes even the hard way). According to DZConnex "We have all heard the idea that 'leaders are born, not made', but this is not always true. Many leaders are developed through practice."

In this session we'll explore the top tips to enhance your leadership skills in 2025 and showcase what Sinclair's Leadership Series can do to help develop the leaders in your organization/department.

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#### **REGISTRATION FOR THIS AND OTHER SINCLAIR SPARKS EVENTS**



#### **Beavercreek Chamber Business Development Grant**

**Applications due by August 1!**

Are you a small business owner in Beavercreek or Greene County looking to expand your operations, launch a new product, or invest in growth? The Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that applications for the



#### **Tech Cred - Submit July Applications through July 31st.**

TechCred helps Ohioans learn new skills and helps employers build a stronger workforce with the skills needed in a technology-infused economy.

Ohio's TechCred Program gives businesses the chance to upskill current and future employees to help them qualify for a better job in today's tech-infused economy. Businesses who submit successful applications will be reimbursed, up to \$2000 per credential, when current or prospective employees complete technology-focused credentials.

#### **TECH CRED INFO & APPLICATION**



#### **I-70/75 & NAIOP 2025 Golf Outing**

**August 7, 2025; 8 am - 5:30 pm**  
**Heatherwoode Golf Club**

Registration is now open for the 2025 I-70/75 Development Association & NAIOP Golf Outing!

Enjoy a day of golf, friendly competition, and meaningful connections with professionals from across Dayton and the surrounding communities. Early registration is encouraged — spots are limited and have sold out quickly in past years.

2025 Business Development Grant are being accepted until August 1! This annual grant offers up to \$8,000 in funding to support local businesses in their growth endeavors.

The Business Development Grant is designed to provide capital to small businesses and non-profits with fewer than 150 employees. The grant aims to support projects that increase capacity, add new ventures, or expand existing operations. Eligible uses include acquiring equipment, technology, permits, or site development necessary for business growth. The grant cannot be used for payroll, legal fees, utilities, insurance, or taxes.

#### CHAMBER & GRANT INFORMATION



#### Annual Community Update 2025

August 14, 2025; 11:30 am - 1 pm  
Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce  
Office

SAVE THE DATE: August 14, 2025! Annual Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce Community Update.

More information on this event will be coming very soon. Stay tuned and check back often.

#### EVENT REGISTRATION

- ✓ Foursomes and individual registrations are now open
- ✓ Sponsorship opportunities are still available — a great way to align your brand with the industries driving growth in our region!

#### EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



#### Startup Training Resources to Inspire Veteran Entrepreneurs (STRIVE)

The STRIVE program is a veteran entrepreneurship training initiative provided by **Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF)** in collaboration with the **Entrepreneurs' Center** and the Miami Valley Small Business Development Center.

This six-week, in-person intensive program is designed for veterans, active duty service members, reservists, guardsmen, and their spouses, equipping them with the essential tools and knowledge to successfully launch and grow their businesses.

The application for our Summer 2025 cohort is OPEN!

#### COURSE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



## Economic Update: What Leading Indicators are Saying about 2026

August 20, 2025; 3 pm - 6 pm

Join us 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.

Improved clarity in the leading indicators suggests improved timing analysis of different markets: leading (e.g. residential housing), coincident (e.g. GDP, Total Industrial Production, Wholesale Trade, and Retail Sales), and lagging markets (e.g. nonresidential construction, wages, interest rates). The presentation will cover markets specific to the audience along with inflation, interest rates, risks, upside potential, and ITR Economics' extended outlook for the 2030s where appropriate.

### EVENT REGISTRATION



**OHIO CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**

## Dayton Regional Impact Ohio

August 26, 2025; 12 pm - 5 pm  
Wright State University

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, Dayton Development Coalition and JobsOhio, invite you to join us for the Dayton Regional Impact Ohio Conference. This is your opportunity to hear directly from influential political, business and community leaders as they explore the most pressing issues and emerging opportunities shaping the future of the Dayton region. Designed to foster meaningful dialogue and collaboration, this half-day event brings together decision-makers from across sectors to discuss economic development, public policy,



## DRMA MEETUP - Workforce/HR

August 26, 2025; 11 am - 12 pm

Workforce/Human Resources Meet Up is for anyone responsible for human resources or skilling up your manufacturing workforce. This roundtable discussion group covers topics ranging from recruitment/retention, building the workforce pipeline, training resources, funding sources, HR policies and practices, and others.

In order to simulate an in-person event and to ensure a worthwhile discussion, please be prepared to turn on your video AND contribute with questions, best practices, and suggestions.

### EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



## Workforce 360: 2025

August 27, 2025; 8 am - 1 pm  
Sinclair Community College - Bldg 12

Join us for an exciting half-day event bringing together our region's business leaders, HR professionals and DEI advocates to discuss best practices for attracting, retaining, and upskilling talent. Attendees will hear from a diverse group of industry professionals throughout the event who will share insights into our region's current and future workforce landscape.

Registration will open in June 2025. The

innovation and workforce trends unique to our area.

This event will include a keynote address by Vivek Ramaswamy, offering a compelling perspective on national issues, in what promises to be a thought provoking and timely discussion.

#### INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



#### **2025 Ohio Defense & Aerospace Forum**

**September 15, 2025; 7:30 am - 6 pm**  
**Wright State University**

The Ohio Defense & Aerospace Forum provides an opportunity for defense installation leadership, community leaders, industry representatives, and elected officials to connect, build awareness, and gain a deeper understanding of the current defense environment and the role they play in supporting all facets of national defense.

[\*\*FORUM WEBSITE\*\*](#)

[\*\*INFORMATION & REGISTRATION\*\*](#)



#### **Now Hiring! Development Coordinator**

The City of Dayton is currently accepting applications for a Development Coordinator.

The Development Coordinator is a position appointed and directed by the City Manager to coordinate with key stakeholders and partners in the execution of the Greater Downtown Asset Based Development strategies, actively pursue economic development opportunities within the

event agenda will be updated as speakers and topics are confirmed. Additional sponsorships are available. Please contact [\*\*Sydney Ryan\*\*](#).

#### INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



#### **Mindful Mondays at the GWDI**

Every Monday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, we open our doors for a full day of coworking, community, and intentional growth. Whether you're an entrepreneur, freelancer, or creative professional, this is your space to work, connect, and reset.

Come for an hour or stay for the day. Meet fellow business owners, explore the resources available at the GWDI, or simply enjoy a change of scenery while you work.

[\*\*MINDFUL MONDAYS CALENDAR & INFO\*\*](#)



#### **Now Hiring! Workforce & Outreach Coordinator**

This position supports the development and delivery of professional credit training programs by assisting with employer engagement, community outreach, and workforce partnership initiatives. This position plays a key role in maintaining connections between the College and local employers, community organizations, and

Greater Downtown geography and attract investment. Though the primary geographic responsibility will be the Greater Downtown area, lead responsibilities may include representing the City Manager in complex redevelopment projects in other areas of the city.

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**ONLINE APPLICATION**



**Now Hiring!  
Director of Development**

Miami County is currently accepting applications for a Director of Development.

The primary function of the Director of Development is to direct, plan, and supervise the Economic Development, Building Regulations, and Planning/Community Development functions of the County. A specific focus on Economic Development is preferred.

**JOB DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION**

industry groups to help identify workforce training needs and promote the College's programs and services. This role assists the director with the end-to-end process of client engagement from initial contact and proposal development through closing the agreement, implementing the training, and conducting post-training evaluation to ensure satisfaction and continuous improvement.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION**



**Now Hiring!  
Community Development Director**

The City of Moraine is currently accepting applications for a Community Development Director.

The city is 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. The Community Development Department promotes and regulates the use, reuse and land development within the City and the capital improvement plan for roadway and public infrastructure.

**JOB DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION INFO**



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.

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