



JUNE 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

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](#)



Now Hiring! Workforce Coordinator and Workforce Director

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 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](#)

Workforce Director

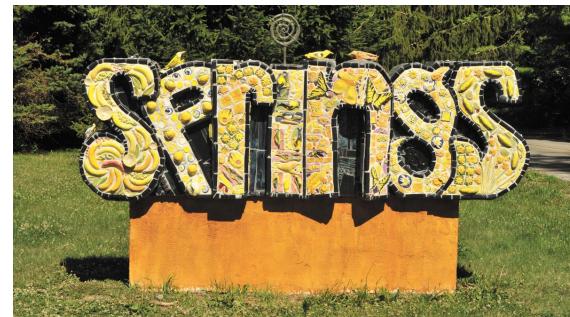
This position is responsible for cultivating strategic partnerships with employers and community organizations, with a strong emphasis on workforce development and specialized contract training. This role involves the design, coordination, and delivery of customized training programs in collaboration with external clients, primarily businesses, or agencies ensuring alignment with their specific employment and skill development needs.

[POSITION DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION](#)



Now Hiring! Development Coordinator

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



Yellow Springs joining BusinessFirst!

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 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



Centerville Mayor's Business Breakfast

The 2025 Centerville Mayor's Business Breakfast was held on May 22, 2025, at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, connecting with dedicated business leaders throughout Montgomery County. The event featured keynote speaker Chris Kershner from the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and presentations by Mayor Brooks Compton and City Manager Wayne Davis on "Building Our Future."

The event celebrated outstanding local businesses, including The Fairy Godmother Events, which received the Centerville Small Business of the Year 2025 award. We extend our congratulations to all award recipients whose hard work and commitment continue to make a positive impact in our community.

The Village of Yellow Springs was approved to rejoin the BusinessFirst! program at the May 22 Outreach Specialist meeting. The Village is expanding their business retention and outreach activities and requested membership.

Aaron Arellano, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator, had experience with BF! in a former position and suggested it to the new leadership team. Staff are working to set a future meeting in Yellow Springs for members to learn more about what is happening in the community and they are also talking about the possibility of a business walk later this year.



BF! Members attend OEDA Basic ED Course

The 2025 Ohio Basic Economic Development Course wrapped up in June with 85 professionals (several of them, members of BusinessFirst!) earning their certification after four days of intensive training and connection-building in Dublin, OH.

Led by 31 expert speakers and hosted by the Ohio Economic Development Institute, the course featured:

26 sessions + 3 resilience workshops
22+ hours of in-depth learning
Topics ranging from workforce & talent to site selection, BRE, incentives, small business, and more

Thank you to our participants for bringing energy, insight, and a commitment to advancing Ohio's communities. You are the future of economic development—and we're proud to support your journey.

OEDA POST

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2025 Southwest Ohio Growth Summit

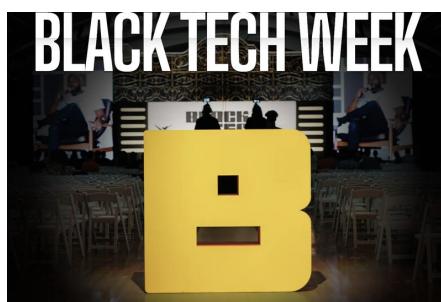
June 26, 2025 - 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Champions Mill Conference Center

The Cincinnati Business Courier and Dayton Business Journal will host the Southwest Ohio Growth Summit - a joint event highlighting growth and development in Southwest Ohio.

The first panel will focus on economic development and the attraction, retention, and development of talent in the region. This conversation will focus on what our growth organizations are doing to attract businesses and employers to the region between Interstate 275 and I-675, and how our education partners are working to make sure we have the talent needed to fill the jobs of tomorrow.

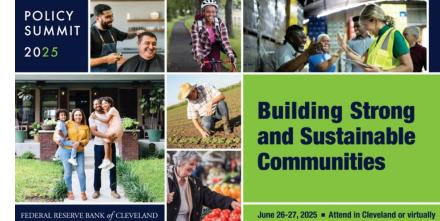
The second panel will focus on real estate development in Southwest Ohio. This conversation will focus on the physical growth and development happening in these counties, with an emphasis on current and upcoming developments, as well as tools businesses and developers can tap into to make projects happen.

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION



Black Tech Week - 2025

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



June 26-27, 2025 • Attend in Cleveland or virtually

2025 Policy Summit: Building Strong and Sustainable Communities

June 26-27, 2025
Sinclair Community College

The Policy Summit is the Cleveland Fed's premier community development conference that explores solutions, at both the practitioner and policy levels, to challenges that low-and moderate-income communities face. This biennial multiday event brings together leading voices from across the nation to present attendees with the latest research and best practices.

Join us in Cleveland or virtually for the 17th annual Policy Summit. This year's theme is "Building Strong and Sustainable Communities," and the focus will be on research and innovative strategies related to housing, the workforce, and economic development.

At this event, community practitioners, policymakers, researchers, grantmakers, bankers, and students will benefit from

- access to timely research and best practices from across the country
- learning how to design and implement impactful programs and strategies
- opportunities to build new relationships through meaningful networking

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LaunchPad - July

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

LaunchPad is a free, monthly event series designed for entrepreneurs, small business

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.

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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 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

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



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.

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

REGISTRATION FOR THIS AND OTHER SINCLAIR SPARKS EVENTS

names will not be listed so that your anonymity is ensured.**

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I-70/75 & NAIOP 2025 Golf Outing

August 7, 2025 - * 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.

- ✓ 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!

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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



DRMA MEETUP - Workforce/HR

August 26, 2025 at 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.



Workforce360: 2025

August 27, 2025 at 8 am - 1 pm
Sinclair CCommunity 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

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.

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attracting, retaining, and upskilling talent. Attendees will hear from a diverse group of industry professionals throughout the event who will share insights into our regions current and future workforce landscape.

Registration will open June 2025. The event agenda will be updated as speakers and topics are confirmed. Additional sponsorships are available. Please contact [Sydney Ryan](#).

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