

## Chamber News and Updates

### New Website!

We are so excited to announce that our new website is up and running! Our hope is that this will serve as your one-stop for all of your Chamber and Community News and Events. We will be updating the calendar [here](#) to include all of the chamber meetings, events, festivals and important community dates.

You can also now conveniently join or renew your chamber membership directly on the website.

### 2021 Dues & Scholarship Fund

This year, our Board approved a new tiered membership option. These tiers include a basic membership and several options to advertise with the Chamber. Advertising space is limited. For more information, please e-mail us or visit the website [here!](#)

We have also launched our Community Scholarship Fund Sponsorship - this is a great way to advertise on our Home page and give back to our community by donating to our annual scholarship fund. The Chamber of Commerce is proud to present a scholarship each year to one outstanding Bellbrook High School senior pursuing a Degree in Business. THANK YOU to these local businesses for their help in making this scholarship possible:

[The Dublin Pub](#)  
[Miami Valley Spine & Joint, Dr. Tyler Lanning, DC CCSP](#)  
[Thomas & Grushon Insurance Agency](#)



January 6 was named Michael Pittman Community Day in Sugarcreek Township. On January 16, the first annual walk/run Mike Pittman Memorial 5k took place in his honor. Mike's goal was to create community pathways to connect neighbors. Donations are appreciated in hopes of continuing his legacy. You can contact the Sugarcreek Administration Building for more information. 937.848.8426

## On-Line Member Directory

Our on-line member directory is updated and live on our new website! Please take a moment to ensure all of your contact information is correct. If we do not have your logo and you would like it added, you can send it to us at [info@bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.com](mailto:info@bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.com).

[Click Here for the Chamber Member Directory](#)

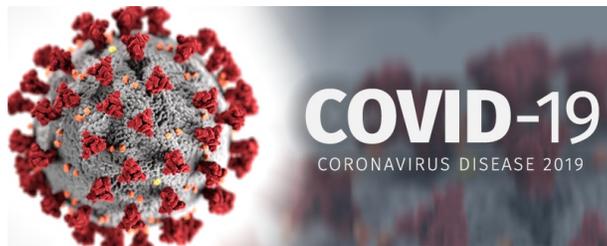


Sincerely,

**Jodi Martin**

Executive Director

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce



### Important Covid-19 News and Resources

#### New \$10,000 EIDL Grants: Do You Qualify?

The Economic Aid Act signed December 27, 2020 includes additional funding for Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) loans and grants. This article includes information about the Targeted EIDL grant application process provided by the SBA.

[Click to Read more.](#)



**Public Health**  
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#### Greene County Vaccine Update

Please use the link below to access a press release about a vaccination update from Greene County Public Health. Beginning the week of February 8th, individuals age 65 and over are eligible to be vaccinated.

[PR: Vaccines Are Limited, Patience Is Key](#)

[Covid-19 Resources](#)



## **Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted Unveil Plan of More than \$1 Billion Targeted to Strengthen and Grow Ohio Communities and Businesses**

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today unveiled their Executive Budget for Fiscal Years 2022 to 2023, which includes an aggressive plan to spur Ohio's continued recovery by investing in communities, people, and businesses. Through the Investing In Ohio Initiative, the Executive Budget launches a strategic effort to invest more than \$1 billion toward accelerating economic growth and ensuring economic vitality.

"We have a unique opportunity to make significant investments that will spur growth and economic renewal across the state," said Governor DeWine. "The Investing In Ohio Initiative supports both our people and our economy as we continue to prepare for the future and showcase Ohio as the premier place to live and work."

The Investing In Ohio Initiative within the proposed Executive Budget includes \$460 million to support Ohio's small businesses that have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposal includes:

- Investing \$200 million in grants for bars and restaurants;
- Investing \$150 million in grants for Small Business Relief Grant applicants, who previously applied and are qualified;
- Investing \$50 million in grants for lodging industry businesses;
- Investing \$40 million in grants for indoor entertainment venues;
- And investing \$20 million in grants for new businesses, many of whom were unqualified to receive previous funding.

"It is a responsible, balanced budget that invests in our health, educational and economic recovery from the pandemic," said Lt. Governor Husted. "We are championing career training and in-demand industry credentials that will help tens of thousands more Ohioans a year earn the skills that will prepare them for quality, good paying jobs without the high cost of a college education."

The Investing In Ohio Initiative also includes a \$70 million investment to upskill Ohio's workforce. This funding works to ensure that businesses have access to the talent needed to be successful, while upskilling Ohioans who are looking to acquire in-demand, tech-focused credentials. The workforce investments also includes targeted funding for economically distressed rural and urban parts of Ohio. The proposal includes:

- Investing an additional \$5 million for 5,000 tech-focused credentials through the TechCred program in fiscal year 2021;
- Funding \$50 million (\$25 million in each fiscal year 2022 and 2023) for 40,000 tech-focused credentials through the TechCred program;
- And investing \$15 million for workforce efforts in economically distressed rural and urban communities.

Ohio's communities have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Investing In Ohio Initiative includes a targeted investment of \$200 million to support infrastructure projects that will attract new jobs and investment opportunities. Additionally, the budget makes a landmark investment towards broadband expansion by providing \$250 million to help bridge the digital divide.

At the onset of the pandemic, Governor DeWine took swift action to control state spending through targeted revenue reductions, which along with increased funding from the federal government, limited the economic impact of the pandemic on the state budget. The Investing In Ohio Initiative targets one-time investments to the most hard-hit industries in the pandemic.

"As we enter the year 2021 and emerge from winter, the path of economic recovery continues to be directly tied to beating this global COVID-19 pandemic. Ohioans, our families, friends and neighbors must remain vigilant," said OBM Director Kimberly Murnieks. "Through these shared priorities and fiscal prudence, Governor DeWine charts a course of genuine stewardship with a balanced budget and expert and leading eyes on the changing marketplace."

The Investing In Ohio Initiative also includes a \$50 million investment toward elevating Ohio's standing on a national scale through a marketing campaign to promote the state as a world-class place to live, work, and learn. The initiative aims to showcase all that Ohio, and its people, have to offer, including its wide array of career opportunities, top-tier colleges and universities, premier destinations, and vibrant communities.

"This is our opportunity to tell people what we already know: Ohio is the best place to find your future- a family, a career, an education, and a place to call home," said Governor DeWine. "We want to position Ohio as the place to be. After the pandemic proved that people could work anywhere, we want to convince them to live and work here."

Governor DeWine's proposed Executive Budget also invests in key administration initiatives, such as RecoveryOhio, Children's Initiative, H2Ohio, workforce development, TechCred, and broadband. The proposed Executive Budget "blue book," including Governor DeWine's full budget recommendations, and budget highlights, can be found on [budget.ohio.gov](http://budget.ohio.gov).

Resources:

- [Investing in Ohio's Future- Healthy People](#)
- [Investing in Ohio's Future- Renewed Communities](#)

[Investing in Ohio's Future- Thriving Economy](#)

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## Upcoming Training, Webinars & Info From Our Partners

### Ohio Safety Congress & Expo

The BWC Ohio Safety Congress & Expo is free and completely virtual this year! More than 4,000 representatives from Ohio businesses and government are expected to attend the event to discover the strategies and tools needed for a healthy, safe, and productive workforce. The event offers topics on organizational behavior, safety leadership, emerging trends, and mental health. Participants can visit the digital expo marketplace, compete in a scavenger hunt, download resources, earn attendance credit and chat with others.



[www.ohiosafetycongress.com](http://www.ohiosafetycongress.com) • Registration opens in December. It's FREE!

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For more information or to register, please visit:

[BWC Safety Congress & Expo](#)

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## Upcoming SCORE Webinars

### How Packaging Can Build Your Brand, Reduce Damages and Waste, and Even Save Money

**Feb. 9, 2021; 1 p.m. ET Sponsored by FedEx.**

Learn how packaging can do more for your business than protect your shipments – including building your brand and cutting costs.

### Get Your Local Business on Google Search and Maps Wednesday, February 10, 2021; 8:30 - 9:30 a.m

Showing up when customers are searching online is more important than ever. Ensure customers can find accurate, updated information about your local business on Google Search and Google Maps, no matter which device they use. In this workshop, you will learn how to create and manage a Google business profile from start to finish.

In this session we'll show you how to:

- Create or claim your Business Profile on Google
- Manage your business info across Google Search and Maps
- Use Google My Business to connect with potential customers

## Mastering Finances for Black Owned Businesses

**Feb. 16, 2021; 1 p.m. ET**

This session will get you more informed about your finances, understand your numbers, and make better financial decisions.

**Choose the right E-Commerce Technology to Grow your Business  
Feb. 18, 2021; 1 p.m. ET Sponsored by FedEx.**

Discover how the right technology can help you scale up, improve efficiency, and create a friction-free customer experience.

**Shoestring Solutions to Common Startup Issues  
Feb. 23, 2021; 1 p.m. ET**

This webinar will help you understand what the most common startup pitfalls are and how to avoid or solve them - without spending a lot of money!

**Expand to New Markets with Small Business International Shipping  
Feb. 25, 2021; 1 p.m. ET Sponsored by FedEx.**

Find out how to speed up growth by shipping to international customers, with less paperwork and fewer obstacles than you may think.

**March 2021: Reach Customers Online with Google  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021; 8:30 - 9:30 a.m**

Learn how your business can be found online with Google. This workshop explains how Google Search works and how you can improve a website's visibility with Search Engine Optimization (SEO). The session also introduces products like Google My Business, Google Trends, Search Console, Google Analytics, Google Ads, and more.

In this workshop we'll discuss best practices for:

- Improving your website's visibility in Google's organic search results, on all devices
  - Creating a free Google My Business listing
  - Advertising your business on Google

**April 2021: Make Better Business Decisions with Google Analytics  
Wednesday, April 14, 2021; 8:30 - 9:30 a.m**

Learn best practices and analyze trends about how customers engage with your business online, then turn these insights into well-informed, actionable decisions.

In this session we'll talk about:

- Identifying business goals and how you plan to use your online presence to achieve them
  - Incorporating data into your marketing plan
  - Selecting tools to help you find the answers you need

[Click Here for additional SCORE training and workshop registration](#)

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## Ohio BWC Webinars

BWC is hosting a number of occupational safety and health webinars and virtual classes in **February** including:

**Weekly Webinars – now presented live with BWC discount program & continuing education credits!**

- Accident Analysis
- Office Ergonomics Tips for Teleworkers

## Virtual classes

- Electrical Safety in the Workplace
- Job Safety Analysis
- OSHA Recordkeeping Half-Day Workshop
- Lockout/Tagout and Safety-related Work Practices
- Hazard Communication Half-Day Workshop

## Online E-Courses

- Bloodborne Pathogens, Developing a Safety Culture, OSHA Recordkeeping 101 and others

BWC provides at least two webinars on different safety and health topics each month. Subject matter experts share their knowledge and provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions. These lessons engage students with a variety of interactive methodologies, including whiteboard activities, polling, and chat discussions. To obtain BWC program credit, participants must complete a short knowledge assessment within the BWC Learning Management System after the webinar and earn a passing score. The webinar host will provide further details regarding requirements for those seeking BWC program credit or CEUs during each webinar.

Webinar	Date	Time
Accident Analysis	Feb. 9	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Office Ergonomics Tips for Teleworkers	Feb. 17	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

[Click here for Accident Analysis](#)

[Click here for Office Ergo](#)

### Webinar Recording Replays

If you miss a webinar, just search "replay" in the BWC Learning Management System.

1. Go to [www.bwclearningcenter.com](http://www.bwclearningcenter.com).
2. Log in or create a new account.
3. Type "replay" in the "Search Catalog" field and click the magnifying glass to search.
4. Review recordings of past webinars (no credits provided). .12

### Virtual Training Classes

As an alternative to in-person classes, which have been canceled due to the pandemic, BWC is providing a limited number of virtual classes to meet more in-depth learning needs. Virtual classes provide the opportunity for participation and interaction consistent with the BWC classroom experience. All BWC program credits associated with a normal classroom experience are available with virtual class completion. System and participation requirements are outlined in more detail in the link for more information below.

Virtual Training Class	Date	Time
Electrical Safety in the Workplace through Insight and Implementation of NFPA70E	Feb. 1-2	9:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Job Safety Analysis	Feb. 3	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
OSHA Recordkeeping Half-Day Workshop	Feb. 10	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Lockout/Tagout and Safety-related Work Practices	Feb. 23	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Hazard Communication Half-Day Workshop	Feb. 25	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

[Click here for more information](#)

### Online E-Courses

These on-demand courses cover topics including Bloodborne Pathogens, Developing a Safety Culture, OSHA Recordkeeping 101, and others. Online course times range from 30 minutes to approximately two hours and provide the ultimate in convenience for learning at your pace and at your desired time.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Thank you to our Chamber of Commerce Sponsors



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