Bellbrook Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber News and Updates

FEBRUARY MEMBER MEETING

Our next Member Meeting will be Thursday, February 3 from 8:55-10:00 am at the Sugarcreek Township Administrative Office. Our Featured Speakers will be Irongate Realtors - Baker, Cook & Stipp Team.

Donuts and refreshments will be served at the meetings. If your business is interested in sponsoring this, please email us! Your sponsorship will include recognition at the meeting and in the newsletter, and shout-outs on our Social Media pages.

We had a great turn out at our January meeting and appreciate all the positive feedback we've received regarding the earlier meeting time. We will be selecting our next "Featured Member" for February at the member meeting, so make sure to plan to attend!

Please RSVP here: February Meeting RSVP

For a full list of 2022 Meeting Dates and Meet & Greet Dates, click here.

JANUARY FEATURED MEMBER
PARROT SPORTS GEAR

CONGRATULATIONS to Holly Beard and Parrot Sports Gear for being named as our January Featured Member!

Parrot Sports Gear is located inside Hot Spring Spa in Sugarcreek Plaza. Recently they were nominated for Best In Cincy for Promotional Products company!

Their mission is "Every day...We strive to provide a product where personal excellence, honesty and commitment are expected, and to help our customers achieve their potential in swimming and life.

Visit their website at www.parrotsportsgear.com!

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS WANTED!

We are in the process of putting together baskets for our monthly featured members and welcome bags to deliver to new businesses in the Bellbrook and Sugarcreek area and would love to include items from YOU - all of our members! We are looking for gift cards you may be willing to donate, or any promotional items you would like to include from your business (pens, pencils, notepads, stress balls - anything!). Please bring your items to the Member Meeting, drop off at the Chamber Office, or call/email us and we will pick up from you!

SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars and save the dates for these important events in 2022!

-Sugar Maple Festival: April 22-24
-Pee Wee Martin's 101st Birthday Bash & Jump Fest: April 29-30
-2022 Community Garage Sale: May 5, 6, and 7
-2022 Golf Outing: August 11

CITY OF Bellbrook

BELLBROOK CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Bellbrook City Council is currently accepting resumes to appoint a City Council Member to fill an unexpired term. This term expires on December 31, 2023.

All candidates must be a registered voter and a resident of Bellbrook. City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, and other meetings as required. City Council members receive compensation of $4,000 per year.

Interested candidates must submit a resume and cover letter to the address below. Resumes will be accepted until January 28, 2022. Interviews are planned for the first and/or second week of February and appointment is expected to occur February 14.

City of Bellbrook
Attn: Clerk of Council
15 E. Franklin Street
Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

clerk@cityofbellbrook.org

JIM "PEE WEE" MARTIN BRONZE STATUE BRICK FUNDRAISER

Bricks are now available to be purchased as part of a memorial and statue honoring our Hometown WWII Veteran, Jim "Pee Wee" Martin. The bronze statue is projected to be complete in mid to late 2023. The bricks will be a part of a local Sugarcreek Township Veteran's Memorial that will honor ALL branches of our military.

If you are not a veteran or currently serving, you may still purchase a brick. This is open to anyone who would like to be part of this project! There are several sizes and styles of bricks available, including corporate/business bricks that feature your logo.
To purchase a brick and for more information, visit:
https://4everbricks.com/donors/jpm/

Fisher Sculpture will be creating the bronze statue. You can view their website at:
www.fishersculpture.com

UNIVERSAL 1 CREDIT UNION

AWARDING SCHOLARSHIP TO AREA SENIOR

Universal 1 Credit Union will again be awarding the Glen Kershner Memorial Scholarship to an area High School Senior. Deadline to apply is March 7th. For more information and eligibility requirements, please visit:

https://www.u1cu.org/scholarship?utm_source=bellbrook-sugarcreek&utm_medium=web-banner&utm_campaign=scholarship-2022

Retirement Reality Check

NEWPORT retirement services

Among American workers, less than 50% feel confident they will have enough money saved to live comfortably through retirement. Only 16% of employers think most of their employees are saving adequately for retirement[1]. Sadly, the retirement crisis is real. **The good news? Employers now have an easy and affordable solution for their business to help with retirement readiness.**

THE CRISIS IS REAL

Will Your Employees Outlive Their Retirement Savings?

45% chance of outliving their savings

41% have taken no steps to start saving more

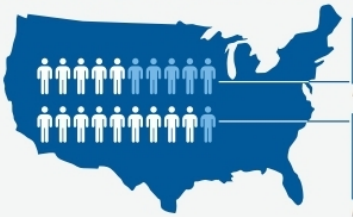
2019 Planning & Progress Study: Work and Retirement by Northwestern Mutual

Workers Lack Retirement Savings

Boomers		Gen-Xers	
17% have less than $5,000 in retirement savings	20% have less than $5,000 in personal savings	21% have less than $5,000 in retirement savings	22% have less than $5,000 in personal savings

2019 Planning & Progress Study: Work and Retirement by Northwestern Mutual

Limited Access To Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plans



52% of private sector workers have no access to a plan

benefitspro.com/march2021

90% of the 5.8MM small businesses in the U.S. do not offer employees a retirement plan

plansponsor.com/newsdash/august2021

Social Security Insecurity

71% of Americans don't believe Social Security will be available when they retire

cnbc.com/july2021

THE SOLUTION: POOLED EMPLOYER PLANS

Employers now have a way to help their employees build a better retirement with the Newport Secure Retirement Pooled Employer Plan* (PEP). A PEP is a new kind of 401(k) with many advantages for businesses big and small. Employers "pool together" and enjoy the benefits typically reserved for larger plans without the hassle of running a plan:

Cost effective | Limits fiduciary liability | Improves retention | Saves time to focus on business priorities | Available for new and existing plans

CONTACT NEWPORT TODAY OR VISIT NEWPORTPEP.COM

Set up a free consultation with one of our retirement specialists to learn if a PEP may be right for your business. You focus on your business. We'll focus on your retirement plan so you can help your employees get started down the path to retirement readiness.

[1]plansponsor.com/april2021 *Registered as the Newport Secure Retirement Pooled Employer Plan with the Department of Labor.

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Newport Group, Inc. is a registered Pooled Plan Provider offering professionally-managed Pooled Employer Plans (PEPs). More information regarding Newport's registration and available plans can be found using the search function at www.efast.dol.gov. 20210830-1812521

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NEW CHAMBER BENEFIT - 401K PEP

We are very excited to begin offering 401K Pooled Employer Plans as one of the featured benefits available to our members!! We have partnered with Newport Retirement Solutions to offer this benefit to our member businesses. Click the links below for more information and to view a short video:

Newport Secure Retirement PEP Explainer Video

Additional resources and printable information available on our Chamber website:
PEP DIGITAL BROCHURE PDF
NEWPORT PEP RESPONSIBILITIES GRID
PEP INFOGRAPH NEWPORT

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We would like to WELCOME our newest Chamber Members!

Winan's Chocolates + Coffees
Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center - Centerville
MasterRoof Contracting
Old Fort Bank - Sugarcreek
Pinspiration Arts & Crafts Studio

WOMEN IN BUSINESS OF GREENE COUNTY

Women In Business of Greene County (WIB) is a wonderful opportunity for individuals in all occupations to network and share experiences as well as learn more about our community. WIB's Mission is to give a network of support so everyone can achieve their own personal or professional goals through encouragement, motivation and networking. The Vision is to empower women in business throughout Greene County.

WIB hosts a variety of speakers from around the Miami Valley to not only share their journey but to educate, inform and promote their businesses and organizations. These events are open to all Greene County Chamber members and their guests and are hosted by the Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce.

Women in Business meets the Third Thursday of every month at 11:30 for lunch at [TBD]. Register online at www.xacc.com. For questions, please call or email the Xenia Chamber at 937-372-3591

2022 RENEWALS DUE NOW & NEW CHAMBER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Just a reminder that effective now, we have moved to an annual billing cycle and are transitioning so that everyone's membership dues are due by January 31st. If you have not renewed for 2022, you can always renew on our website HERE.

During the middle of 2022, we will also be publishing a new 5th Edition Community Guide & Chamber Member Directory in the beginning of 2022. This directory will be available both in print and online. This is a great resource for the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek area and will include a listing for all of our current members. Please take a moment to check out your business listing on our website and email us if you would like to see any changes. You can view the Chamber member list here: Chamber Directory

Please let us know if you have any questions on the new billing cycle. If you are a current

Basic Plus or Premium Tier member and did not renew at that level for 2022, we will be reaching out to you prior to removing your logo from our website and/or newsletter to ensure that you are renewing at the level you would like to for 2022.

SUGAR MAPLE FESTIVAL UPDATE

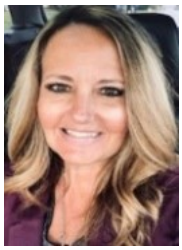
The Sugar Maple Festival returns for 2022! Mark your calendars for April 22-24 and join us as we celebrate in the Heart of Bellbrook! Live music, parade, crafts and food. Be sure to follow the Sugar Maple Festival on Facebook to stay up to date on events and Sugar Maple news.

Our February Chamber Meeting will take place on February 3, 2022 from 8:55-10:00AM at the Sugarcreek Township Office. We hope to see you there!

As you think about training in the new year, we want to remind you to check out all of the on-demand and express training that "A Better Way To..." offers. You can find courses and more information on her website here: A Better Way To Website - Training and More

Be sure to visit our website and check out our calendar. If you have an event or meeting you would like to add, please send us the details. Do you have something that you would like to include in our weekly newsletter? We would love to hear from you! Please send any questions or newsletter submissions to us at info@bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.com.

Sincerely,



Jodi Martin
Executive Director
Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce

MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR OF OHIO

News and Updates from the State of Ohio

FREE AT-HOME COVID TESTS AVAILABLE NOW THRU USPS WEBSITE

The Federal Government has made free at-home Covid tests available to be shipped to every US Household. You must submit an order on the USPS website. Four tests will be

sent to you via USPS once you place your order. For more information, or to place your order, visit:

https://store.usps.com/store/product/shipping-supplies/free-at-home-covid-19-tests-P_TKIT22

OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY IS HERE TO HELP YOU!

The Ohio Development Services Agency has many resources to help business owners make it through the current crisis and prepare for a strong future. Here are some of the resources, and most of them are offered at no cost to businesses.

- Small Business Development Centers: SBDC.Development.Ohio.Gov.
- Minority Business Assistance Centers: Minority.Ohio.Gov.
- Procurement Technical Assistance Centers: Find.GovContracts.Ohio.Gov.
- Manufacturing Extension Partnership: MEP.Development.Ohio.Gov.
- Export Assistance: ExportAssistance.Development.Ohio.Gov.
- Entrepreneurial Services Provider Program: ESP.Development.Ohio.Gov.

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Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Upcoming Training, Webinars & Info From Our Partners

Upcoming Ohio BWC & Hunter Consulting Training

BWC is hosting a number of occupational safety and health webinars and virtual classes in January. For detailed information and to learn how to register, view this flyer.

Webinars - presented live with BWC discount program and continuing education credit:

- Preventing Through Design: Taking Chance Out of the Equation (January 11)
- Recordkeeping 101: Recordkeeping for the Safety/HR Newbie (January 20)
- Workers' Compensation and How Safety Affects Small Business Profitability (January 25)

Virtual classes

- Electrical Safety Maintenance (NFPA 70B) - Practices for Electrical (January 11-13)
- Safety Series Module 2: Ergonomics, Accident Analysis, and Hazard Assessment Basics (January 13)
- Crane Rigging and Signal Person Duties (January 19-20)
- Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Series Module 1: Regulatory Background - EPA, DOT, OSHA (January 24)
- OSHA Recordkeeping Half-day Workshop (January 27)
- Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Series Module 2: Chemical and Toxicological Terminology (January 31)

Online E-Courses

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

For more information or assistance when registering, contact the staff member listed or dshcc@bwc.state.oh.us

Ohio | Bureau of Workers' Compensation
Division of Safety & Hygiene

Distance Learning in January 2022

BWC provides at least one webinar 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. If the webinar provides credits, the host will provide further details regarding requirements for those seeking BWC program credit or Continuing Education Units (CEU)s during each webinar.

Webinar	Date	Time
Prevention through Design: Taking Chance Out of the Equation	Jan. 11	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Recordkeeping 101: Recordkeeping for the Safety/ HR Newbie	Jan. 20	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Workers' Compensation and How Safety Affects Small Business Profitability	Jan. 25	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Click here for Prevention Through Design

Click here for Recordkeeping 101

Click here for Workers' Compensation

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

1. Go to 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).

Virtual Training Classes (VTC)
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 Maintenance (NFPA 70B) - Practices for Electrical	Jan. 11-13	9:30 a.m. - 1:35 p.m.
Safety Series Module 2: Ergonomics, Accident Analysis, and Hazard Assessment Basics	Jan. 13	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Crane Rigging and Signal Person Duties	Jan. 19-20	9:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Series Module 1: Regulatory background (EPA, DOT, OSHA)	Jan. 24	9:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
OSHA Recordkeeping Half-day Workshop	Jan. 27	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Series Module 2: Chemical and Toxicological Terminology	Jan. 31	9:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Click here for VTC information

Click here for details about our 9-part HAZWOPER Series presented Jan.- Mar. 2022
Designed to meet HAZWOPER TECHNICIAN and HAZWOPER 40 training requirements.

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

HUNTER CONSULTING

SAFETY PROGRAM EVALUATION FORM

It's the start of a new year and there is no better time to review our Safety Plans. For this month's safety information, we are sharing a Safety Program Evaluation Sheet prepared by Gary Hanson of American Safety & Health. We encourage all employers to utilize this form, evaluate their programs, and see if there is room for improvement.

Download, View and Print the Evaluation Form HERE.

Upcoming SCORE Webinars and Training

Getting the Most Out of a SCORE Mentorship to Help Your Business Soar

Thu, Jan 27, 2022 1:00 PM EST
Presenter: Suzanne McGrath, SCORE Certified Mentor
Presenter: Stephan Beauchesne, Pop-up Patisserie and Pop-up Poutine
Insights into mentorship, best practices for working with and becoming a mentor, as well as challenge and success stories.

Ask the CPA 2022 - Tax Advice for Your Small Business

Thu, Feb 3, 2022 1:00 PM EST
Presenter: Micah Fraim, provides comprehensive CPA services.
dedicated to answering your tax-related questions and concerns.

Small Business Resilience - How to Sharpen Your Focus and Decrease Stress

Tue, Feb 8, 2022 1:00 PM EST
Presenter: Melissa Mueller-Douglas, Founder and CEO of MYRetreat Inc.
Bring your own chocolate as our expert presenter, using experiential learning, shows you how to build resilience in the ever changing business landscape.

The 7 Secrets to Mastering Your Sales Pitch

Thu, Feb 10, 2022 1:00 PM EST
Presenter: Tim Pollard CEO of Oratium, Oratium
Engineer your sales pitch to ensure your value proposition is delivered to your customer every time, shorten sales cycle, and increase sales close rates.

Grow Your Business Brand by Becoming a Self-Published Author

Tue, Feb 15, 2022 1:00 PM EST
Presenter: Chandler Bolt, CEO of Self-Publishing School
By becoming a self-published author, you can bring attention to your brand, grow your business success, and be seen as an authority in your industry.

Keys to a Successful Black Owned Business Startup

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 1:00 PM EST
Presenter: Phyllis Johnson, Owner CEO of PKJ Consulting
Sponsored by: Equitable
If you're an entrepreneur with a good idea, join our live webinar to learn how to plan your start up business and succeed in your industry.

E-Commerce Technology - Level Up or Level Off?

Thu, Feb 24, 2022 1:00 PM EST
Presenter: Christina Roushakes Manager, Strategic Planning – Customer Technologies, FedEx Services
Sponsored by: FedEx
Expert insights on re-platform technology, shipping systems and solutions, and warehouse management options to grow your business.

How to Take Advantage of Speaking Opportunities to Help Drive Business Success

Thu, Mar 3, 2022 1:00 PM EST
Presenter: Bobbie Carlton, founder of Carlton PR & Marketing
In this webinar, you'll learn about the business of public speaking and how to use speaking opportunities to drive your business growth.

Comparing E-Commerce Platforms: The Criteria that Matters to Your Online

Store

Thu, Mar 10, 2022 1:00 PM EST
Presenter: Emily Pfeiffer Senior Analyst, Forrester
Presenter: Ryan P. Kelly Vice President, Global E-Commerce Marketing, FedEx Services
Sponsored by: FedEx
Today's top platforms, their strengths and benefits, criteria for choosing the best e-commerce platform for your business with confidence.

3 Tax Saving Secrets Every Company Needs to Know Today!

Thu, Mar 17, 2022 1:00 PM EDT
Presenter: Yuko Tsuchida, founder of Hito, LLC
In this webinar, you will learn how to select the ideal tax credit for your business, and see what you qualify for.

Packaging Tendering - How Pickup and Drop-Off Make A Difference to Your Bottom Line

Thu, Mar 24, 2022 1:00 PM EDT
Presenter: Brian Dunagan Director, Alliances Marketing, FedEx Services
Sponsored by: FedEx
Maximize your profits by utilizing the best method of package pickup and drop-off for each order, packaging types, cost-effective solutions and more.

Connecting with Customers in the Digital World

Thu, Apr 7, 2022 1:00 PM EDT
Presenter: Michelle Rowe Director, US Performance Marketing, FedEx Services
Sponsored by: FedEx
Marketing tips on utilizing channels such as email and social media, paid ad strategy, and the importance of personalized messaging.

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Our Purpose

The purpose of the Chamber is to be an advocate for the welfare of members, schools, civic organizations and community. The Chamber shall foster the development of business and community leadership working collaboratively to promote a positive image of the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek community in the Miami Valley Region.

Visit our Website