Bellbrook Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber News and Updates

MARCH MEMBER MEETING & FIRST MEET AND GREET

Our next Member Meeting will be Thursday, March 3 from 8:55-10:00 am at the Sugarcreek Township Administrative Office.

Because the February Meeting was canceled, we will have a packed agenda, and TWO great featured speakers. We will hear from Irongate Realtors - Baker, Cook & Stipp Team. We will also hear from Dale Essenmacher, Regional Vice President of the Newport Group. He will be reviewing one of the new benefits available to all our Chamber Members - the SOCA 401k Pooled Employer Plan!

Please RSVP here: March Meeting RSVP

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

For more information on the 401k PEP, click the links below to be directed to the Chamber website:

PEP DIGITAL BROCHURE PDF
NEWPORT PEP RESPONSIBILITIES GRID
PEP INFOGRAPH NEWPORT

Our first after-hours Member Meet & Greet will be on Thursday, March 10th 5:30-6:30 at TrueNorth Global Training Institute. This is a great opportunity to get to know other members and network outside of our normal meeting setting! Light refreshments and snacks will be provided. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP here: March Member Meet & Greet RSVP

CHAMBER TO HOST 2022 BELLBROOK CRAFT FAIR AT BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL!

We are so excited to announce that the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the 2022 Craft Fair! The Bellbrook Lioness Club has done an amazing job hosting this event since 2012, and we are very excited to keep this tradition going! The event will feature all hand made items, and will return to Bellbrook High School for 2022! Stay tuned for more details!

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WHO IS IT FOR?

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WHEN & WHERE

We meet the 1st Saturday of each month from 9-11 am at our Bellbrook Training Center.

REGISTRATION

You can register online at **TrueNorthGTI.com/programs** and enter promo code **Bellbrook Chamber.**

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SAVE THE DATES!

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

-Chamber Meet & Greet: March 10, 5:30-6:30 at TrueNorth GTI

-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

-Chamber Meet & Greet: June 9, 5:30-6:30, Location TBD

-2022 Golf Outing: August 11

-Handmade Craft Fair at BHS: November 5, 9:00-4:00

CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND SPONSORS!

There is still time to become a Chamber Scholarship Fund Sponsor for 2022! The Chamber Scholarship is awarded to a Bellbrook High School Senior that is planning to major in Business. This is a great way to invest in the future of our business community! Last year, through the generosity of all our sponsors, we were able to award TWO $1,000 scholarships to BHS Seniors. This year, our goal is to award two $1,500 scholarships! The cost to become a scholarship sponsor is $125, and is applied in full to the scholarship fund. Scholarship sponsor logos are listed on a large banner that we display at meetings and events, and are also listed on the home page of our website. We will be ordering the new banner at the beginning of March 1st. The deadline to become a scholarship sponsor and be included on the banner is March 1st. Please email us for more information or to become a sponsor!

THANK YOU to our 2022 Scholarship Fund Sponsors:
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SOCA NEWS - FEDERAL GRANT CAN FUND 25% OF SOLAR INSTALLATION COSTS FOR YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

Solar energy is on the rise in the United States and with good reason.

Solar power is growing cheaper by the day and with many businesses looking for a way to decrease their daily spending, self-sourced solar power is one the most attractive options for cutting loose from big power companies.

One of SOCA's proudest partners, Chamber Energy Partners, is now offering significant grants and relief to those businesses looking to install solar panels on their business.

The USDA Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) provides grants and/or loan guarantees to support renewable energy system installations or energy efficiency improvements. The grant program can cover up to 25% of the eligible project costs while the loan guarantee can cover up to 75% of the eligible project costs. Grants can range from $1,500 to $500,000 with loan guarantees up to $25,000,000.

There are multiple financial incentives that can make a solar project more affordable than ever. For example, a $100,000 solar system immediately qualifies for a 26% Investment Tax Credit, dropping the total system cost to $74,000. If eligible, this same system could qualify for an additional $25,000 in federal grants. These combined benefits could mean reducing the total solar system cost from $100,000 to $49,000!

To qualify, you must be either a small business in areas with a population less than 50,000 or an agricultural producer (at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations). A "small" business is defined by the following guidelines at this link www.sba.gov.

The next deadline for the USDA REAP program is March 31, 2022. Application materials can be found on the REAP site under the "To Apply' tab. The Chamber Energy Program can assist with all aspects of your project, including assistance in completing the REAP funding paperwork. Applications are subject to meeting qualifying criteria as determined by the USDA.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Claire Wilson, Energy Management Engineer, at claire@viridi.eco or (330) 800-9134.

BELLBROOK-SUGARCREEK PARK DISTRICT LOOKING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Are you interested in being a part of the Park Board Commissioners?
What are the major responsibilities of the board members?

- Represent the best interest of the community's natural resources and open space for both active and passive recreation opportunities.
- Attend monthly board meetings (generally the 4th Thursday of the month).
- Provide oversight and support to various Park District activities.

Send letter of interest and application to:
Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District
2751 Washington Mill Road
Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

For more information and to download an application, visit:
https://www.bellbrooksugarcreekparks.org/get-involved/board-of-park-commissioners/

2022 Bellbrook – Sugarcreek Twp.

Community Garage Sale

Thurs-Sat: May 5, 6, 7

Sponsored by the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce. List of participating homes will be available online and at Dots Market the week of the Sale.
www.bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.com
for more information!

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JIM "PEE WEE" MARTIN'S 101ST BIRTHDAY JUMP FEST!

Mark your calendar for the return of Jumpfest to celebrate the 101st Birthday of local WWII Vet, Jim "Pee Wee" Martin! The event will be held on April 29 and 30th at Skydive Greene County. Registration is open now for jumpers, and the event is also seeking donations and sponsors. For more information, or to register or donate, please visit: https://wandrvets.givecloud.co/product/P101/event-registration

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CareSource

CARESOURCE INVESTS IN DAYTON-DEVELOPED MENTAL HEALTH APP FOR TEENS

Congratulations to Bellbrook Chamber Member, CareSource, on their investment and support of a new mental health app for teens! Read more from the Dayton Daily News article below:

A youth mental health app developed in Dayton landed new investment via a sponsorship deal with CareSource.

CareSource, a Dayton-based insurance company, said its sponsorship agreement is to support the growth of an app aimed at improving the mental health of teens, called Positiv.ly, which was launched by parent company Ascend Innovations.

Positiv.ly, which is geared toward teens, has resources to find help and is also a forum for sharing mental health stories. Some of the school districts that use Positiv.ly include Dayton, Kettering, Northmont and Beavercreek.

The app launched in April 2021 and its pilot reached around18,000 students, according to CareSource.

Read the entire Dayton Daily News article HERE.

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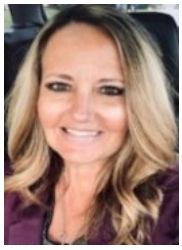
We are very excited and grateful for the opportunity to partner with TrueNorth Global Training Institute to offer our first TrueWealth Performance Assessment Class. This is being offered for FREE to our Chamber Members! Please see the flyer at the beginning of the newsletter for more information.

Our first Member Meet & Greet for 2022 will be March 10th from 5:30-6:30 pm at TrueNorth Global Training Institute. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with other local businesses. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks, and plan to attend!

Sincerely,



Jodi Martin
Executive Director
Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce

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News and Updates from the State of Ohio

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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2022 BWC OHIO SAFETY CONGRESS AND EXPO - ONLINE MARCH 9-10

The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo offers educational sessions to help company executives, safety and health professionals, and risk managers improve organizational culture, boost productivity, and increase profits.

Continuing education credits will be posted as they are received for human resource managers, attorneys, nurses, rehabilitation counselors, disability management specialists, and claims managers.

All live sessions and many on-demand sessions offer attendance credit for IACET continuing education units (CEUs). As an IACET Accredited Provider, BWC Division of Safety & Hygiene's Education and Training Services offers IACET CEUs for its learning events that comply with the ANSI/IACET Continuing Education and Training Standard.

All live sessions and many on-demand sessions offer attendance credit for BWC rating programs.

For more information and to view the speakers and schedule of events, CLICK HERE.

US PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE ONLINE EVENTS

Free online 2022 Women's Entrepreneurship Symposium, coming March 2, 16, and 30

Are you a current or aspiring inventor or entrepreneur? Would you like to learn from successful innovators and subject matter experts about keys to success and how to use your creativity to reach your full potential? If so, be sure to attend the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) free, online 2022 Women's Entrepreneurship Symposium coming **March 2, 16, and 30.** Don't miss these great opportunities to be inspired and informed.

Register and learn more about the March 2 event: WES Part one, Educate and innovate

Join us for a conversation with Amy M. Elliott, Ph.D., a researcher, patent holder, and American Association for the Advancement of Science IF/THEN Ambassador. Elliott also serves as the Group Leader for Robotics and Intelligent Systems at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. She will share insights about her work, motivations, achievements, and challenges, and will offer advice for the next generation of women innovators.
The second portion of this event will include a panel discussion about the importance of cultivating innovation in a variety of environments; the role policymakers can play in supporting science, technology, engineering, math (STEM), and invention education among diverse groups of students; the federal five-year STEM plan; and the importance of developing pathways to innovation for girls.

Register and learn more about the March 16 event: WES Part two, trends and opportunities
Hear from Tené Dolphin, Executive Director, National Women's Business Council, and Adji Fatou Diagne, Ph.D., Economist, Survey and Economic Research, Demographic Research Area, Center for Economic Studies, U.S. Census Bureau, about the economic impact of women in business and how social trends are affecting their professional growth and business opportunities.

Register and learn more about the March 30 event: WES Part three, From inspiration to commercialization
Hear from Georgia Grace Edwards, CEO and Co-Founder of SheFly Apparel, and Ceata E. Lash, Founder, Inventor and Co-CEO, PuffCuff LLC, about how they found the inspiration to turn ideas into commercial successes. Find out their secrets for success and how they overcame obstacles in their journeys.
As we close out the series, our final conversation on innovative women will bring together USPTO leadership with Abi Olukeye, Founder and CEO, Smart Girls HQ, who promotes science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education solutions through providing engaging content and facilitates exciting experiences to enable young girls achieve STEM career literacy by age 12.

This program is presented by the USPTO's Office of Innovation Outreach. For more information, please contact WES@USPTO.GOV
The USPTO offers many informative presentations, panels, and chats throughout the year. For more information, visit www.uspto.gov/events.

Upcoming SCORE Webinars and Training

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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Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Chamber of Commerce

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.

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