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Bellbrook Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber News and Updates

FEATURED MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Henry Conte

Bellbrook Sugarcreek Schools Communication Coordinator

MEETING CHANGES & EVENTS FOR 2023

We are making some changes to our meeting schedule and events for 2023. Moving forward, our morning member meetings will be held on the first Thursday of odd months only. We will have Member Meet & Greets quarterly on even months. We are also expanding our offering of special events, including a Casino Night, Women in Business Luncheon, November Craft Show, and more!

Please see below, or for a printable list of 2023 Meeting and Event Dates, click here.

2023 Member Meetings (Odd Months)

All member meetings will be at the Sugarcreek Township Building (2090 Ferry Road) unless noted otherwise.

January 5 from 9-10am
March 2 from 9-10am
May 4 from 9-10am
July- No Member Meeting
September 7 from 9-10am
November 2 from 9-10am

2023 Meet & Greet Networking Events (Quarterly on Even Months)

- **February 2 Member Meet & Greet 5:30-6:30pm**

BellHOP Café – Little Miami Watershed Presenting
26 N. West St. Bellbrook, OH 45305

- **June 1 Member Meet & Greet 5:30-6:30pm**

Sugarcreek Photography Gallery
15b West Franklin St. Bellbrook, OH 45305

- **August 3 Member Meet & Greet 5:30-6:30pm**

Parrot Sports Gear & Pinspiration Dayton
6100 Wilmington Pike (Hot Springs Spa parking lot) Sugarcreek Twp, OH 45459

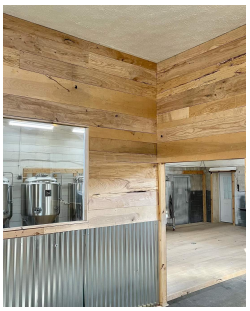
- **October 5 Member Meet & Greet 530-630pm**

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center
51 S. East St. Bellbrook, OH 45305

2023 Special Events

- Every Tuesday 830am -9:30am at the Chamber Office: Coffee With Champions
- Every Friday 8-9am at BellHOP Café: For Bellbrook, By Bellbrook Group
- Friday, March 3: Casino Night at Sugar Valley Golf Club
- April 21 – 23: Sugar Maple Festival
- May 4 – 6: Community Garage Sale
- April or May (Date TBD): Jump Fest
- June 15: Women in Business Luncheon at the Bellbrook Chamber Office (Registration thru the Xenia Chamber. Bellbrook Chamber is hosting the event)
- Friday, August 18 (Date tentative): Golf Outing
- Saturday, November 4: Craft Show at Bellbrook High School
- Saturday, November 11 (Location & Time TBD): Veterans Day Event

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.



BELLBROOK'S FIRST BREWERY TO OPEN SPRING 2023

You may have noticed some activity and repairs beginning on the historical Sugarcreek Township House located at 26 E. Franklin Street. We are so excited to welcome The

Sugarcreek Brewing Company to the heart of Downtown Bellbrook! The Brewery is set to open in Spring 2023. You can read more about the Brewery here. Be sure to visit their Facebook page to follow the progress.

SAVE THE DATE - CASINO NIGHT!

The Bellbrook Sugarcreek Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our 1st ever Casino Night at Sugar Valley Golf Club. The event will be Friday, March 3rd and is open to the public - everyone is welcome! Tickets will be 40.00. This will include a dinner and entrance to the event. Please watch for updates and registration after the 1st of the year. Please keep an eye on www.bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.com for more information and registration details.

Welcome to our Newest Members!

We would like to welcome the following members to our Chamber!

B & E Security Consulting, LLC
Crafters Lodge
Complete Property Group/KW Advisors Realty
Christina James - Realistar Real Estate Brokerage
Alaina Fitzner Photos
Sugarcreek Photography Gallery
Bellbrook Dental
Salon 4 Bellbrook
1913 Media Group
Marcia Treadway
Data Logistics Consulting, Inc.

2023 RENEWAL INVOICES SENT & DIRECTORY UPDATE

2023 renewal invoices have been mailed to all members. 2023 membership dues are due by January 1, 2023. You can also conveniently review membership options and renew online HERE.

We are nearing the release of our new Chamber Directory! This directory will be available both in print and online and will include all current 2023 Chamber Members. This is a huge resource to new residents, new business owners, and those visiting our community.

Please take a moment to review your listing on our website and email us if any changes

need to be made. If we do not have your logo, or your logo has changed, please email a high resolution copy to us at info@bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.com. If you are not a current member, it's not too late to join to be included in the directory! You can join on our website HERE.

COFFEE WITH CHAMPIONS AT CHAMBER OFFICE

Join us EVERY TUESDAY morning from 8:30-9:30 for Coffee with Champions at the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce building!! (2090 Ferry Rd. Bellbrook, OH). For more information check out their website at: www.CoffeewithChampions.com

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER GALA

The first-ever “Evening of Opportunity” Gala will be hosted by the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center (BSCSC) on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at the Sugar Valley Golf Club, 1250 Mead Road, in Bellbrook. Attire is “black-tie optional.”

The Gala will start with a cocktail hour from 6pm - 7pm, followed by dinner and dancing. There will be live music, a photo booth, auctions, and other fun opportunities to make the evening memorable while helping to support the Center. You will also hear directly from the clients your donations are supporting. Client sponsorship opportunities are available, so don't miss out on giving a client the opportunity for an evening to

remember! Individual tickets start at $130, and celebrants can also choose to host a table, champagne toast, and more. Reservations are now available at bscsc.eventbrite.com.

Since 2000, the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center (BSCSC) has been providing support and essential needs to our local community.
The BSCSC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works to 'bridge the gap' for members of the community by offering support in ways that meet the unique needs of each individual. The Center's goals are to meet immediate needs by providing food, household items, and emergency clothing, while working with clients over the long term to help build skills and utilize resources that will enable them to reach their goals. The BSCSC offers a wide range of long-term and strategic services outside of immediate need programs, including social work services, life skills education classes, career growth opportunities, a community garden, support groups, a computer lab, and Fellowship opportunities. They provide opportunities for neighbors to support neighbors, leading the whole community to become a stronger and more loving place.

Executive Director Kelsey W. Hurlburt notes, "The Gala is designed to bring the surrounding community together to visit with old friends and connect with new ones. Please join us to celebrate how the BSCSC is making a positive impact on our community, and discover opportunities to contribute."

Jenn Leclaire, Event Coordinator, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center, 937-848-3810, jenn@bscsc.org, 51 S East St, Bellbrook, OH 45305, www.bscsc.org

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UNIVERSAL 1 CREDIT UNION ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP

Universal 1 Credit Union and the Kershner family are once again proud to announce the Glen R Kershner Memorial Scholarship. Glen R Kershner was a close friend, mentor, and colleague. His life's impact began through a scholarship program which led to a passionate 44-year career at U1. Glen passed away in 2011 and left behind a strong legacy marked by youth financial literacy, school outreach and scholarship programs.

Universal One honors him every year by awarding the $1,000 Glen R Kershner Memorial Scholarship to a High School Senior who is a U1 member considering post-secondary education at an accredited college/university. Eligible members can download the application with guidelines at u1cu.org/scholarship. All entries must be received by March 6, 2023.

2023 COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

The 2023 Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Twp. Community Garage Sale will take place May 4 - May 6, 2023. Registration will open after the first of the year on our website.

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GCPH ANNOUNCES 'NATIONAL DAY OF UNPLUGGING'

Do you have multiple cell phones? Constantly Snapchatting, Tweeting, Tik Tok-ing, or Facebook-ing every move and find it hard to get through a meaningful conversation without adding to your story? We increasingly miss out on the valuable moments of our lives as we pass the hours with our faces buried in our smart phones, documenting our every move through social media and shielding ourselves from the outside world, where real connections happen. Like right here in our beautiful parks of Greene County!

If you notice these mannerisms in yourself – or your friends & family, Disconnect to Connect would like to invite you to commit to the **National Day of Unplugging** (NDU) right here in Greene County on March 3, 2023.

Disconnect to Connect (D2C) is a committee made up of professionals from several different county organizations, including Greene County Public Health, the Greene County Educational Service Center, Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties, Greene County Children Services, Greene County Family & Children First, and the Greene County Public Library. The group was developed to tackle the concerns of parents, educators, and community members about the effect of digital devices on the mental health and well-being of our youngest community members.

GCPH invites you to encourage those around you – your business colleagues, your employees, your neighbors, your family, and your friends to take this day and carve out precious time to unplug, relax, reflect, be active, visit the outdoors, and connect with loved ones.

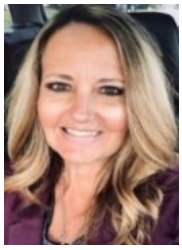
For more information on this county-wide effort, please e-mail Laurie at The Greene County Public Health District using the e-mail address below. If you are willing to commit to this project, please send an email to lfox@gcph.info so you can be recognized as a supporter in GCPH's promotional efforts and on their social media pages.

Our next Member Meeting will be January 5th at the Sugarcreek Township Administration Building, and we will meet in the mornings for regular member meetings every other month after that.

Coffee With Champions meets every Tuesday at 8:30am at the Chamber Office and is FREE to all our Chamber Members! We would love for you to join us and start your morning inspired and motivated!

Be sure to check out our calendar here: Chamber Printable 2023 Events Calendar. We have a lot of exciting events we will be hosting in 2023, including Casino Night and the 2nd Annual Handmade Holiday Craft Show! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns - we are here for you! Have a safe and Happy Holiday season!

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.

Upcoming Training, Webinars & Info From Our Partners

Upcoming SCORE Webinars and Training

[View more SCORE webinars and courses-on-demand at: https://www.score.org/take-workshop](https://www.score.org/take-workshop)

Upcoming Ohio EPA, BWC & Hunter Consulting Training

OHIO EPA WEBINARS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

See below for information on grants and upcoming webinars from the Ohio EPA.

2023 Recycling & Litter Prevention Grant Informational Webinars

Market Development Grant

Need money for a cardboard baler, recycled-plastic pelletizer, or to expand food waste diversion efforts? Ohio EPA has funds available that provides businesses (for example, manufacturers, recyclers, material processors, etc.) opportunities to create or expand recycling processing capacity and recycled material production. This includes funding for equipment specifically needed to remanufacture recyclable materials into bulk raw material or finished product. This grant requires the business to have a government sponsor. Grant funds are reimbursed only after project completion through the government sponsor.

Some recently funded projects include:

- Recycling Coordinators in Summit County installed new shredder line that increased throughput of processing recycled lithium-ion batteries by 1,200 tons per year.
- American Paint Recyclers in Van Wert County installed a second paint disperser line to increase production of post-consumer latex paint into product by more than 1,900 tons per year.
- Barnes Nursery in Erie County purchased screening equipment with a magnet and conveyer system to recover more than 106 tons of ferrous metals and 9,600 tons of foundry sand.
- Earth N Wood Products in Stark County purchased a screening system to increase diversion of food waste by more than 1,000 tons and yard waste by 7,000 tons.

Nov. 8, 2022, and Jan. 5, 2023 (10 – 11 a.m.)

Presenters: Recycling & Litter Prevention Grant Program, Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance

Description: These webinars will discuss Ohio EPA's 2023 Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant application process, funding opportunities, and eligible project activities. This competitive grant program provides opportunities for local governments, schools, businesses, and nonprofit organizations to establish and implement recycling and litter prevention programs, recycling market development for manufacturers, expansion of recycling equipment and processing facilities, and recycling infrastructure improvements. The 2023 grant application deadline is Feb. 3, 2023, at 3 p.m. (EST).

The Jan. 5 webinar will have the same content as the Nov. 8 version but will also include any updates and feedback about the online grant application process.

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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

2023 Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants Informational Webinar

January 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. EST

Travis Limbert
Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance

Marie Barnett
Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance

April Stevens
Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance

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Recycle Ohio
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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Scrap Tire Grant

Is your community interested in beneficially using scrap tires in a local construction or paving project? Is your business looking to use scrap tires as feedstock in your manufacturing process? Are you looking to expand your scrap tire processing facility to recover additional scrap tires? Ohio EPA has funds available. This grant program offers businesses (e.g. manufacturers, scrap tire recovery facilities, material processors) funding to create or expand scrap tire processing capacity and product manufacturing. Funds are also available for local governments and nonprofits to complete beneficial use projects that incorporate the use of ground tire rubber. Business applicants must have a government sponsor. Grant funds for business applicants are reimbursed only after project completion through the government sponsor. Grantees have 24 months to complete the project.

Some recently funded projects include:

- Rumpke Waste & Recycling in Butler County purchased a new tire shredder to increase their capacity to process scrap tires and improved worker safety;
- Triad Local Schools in Champaign County upgraded their track and walking paths using an asphalt mixture including ground tire rubber; and
- Friends of Lucas County Children Services updated and made their outdoor playground more accessible with a recycled tire rubber surface.

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