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## Wooster Area Safety Council returns to in-person meetings and rebates resume

After 2 years of not holding in-person meetings, Wooster Area Safety Council is making a full return this month! The first in-person meeting is set for Wednesday, July 27.

Fire Chief Barry Saley with the Wooster Division of Fire will be presenting How to Avoid Heat-related Illnesses and Death.

Guests in attendance at the meeting will learn:

- What is heat exhaustion and heat stroke
- Safety Tips to avoid heat-related illnesses



Fire Chief Saley has earned an AS in Fire Protection Technology as well as a BS in Fire Administration. He is an Ohio Fire Executive Class 17 - OFE and has an Ohio Fire Chief Credential - OFC. Chief Saley is also an FF/ EMT-Paramedic. Registration is available at bit.ly/ woochambersafetyjuly2022.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

### **MEETING DETAILS**

Date: Wednesday, July 27 Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Bruch Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 621 College Ave., Wooster

**Speaker:** Fire Chief Barry Saley, Wooster Division of Fire

**Topic:** How to Avoid Heat-related Illnesses and Death

**Cost:** \$20 for Chamber members \$25 for non-members Lunch will be provided.

## Participation is simpler and easier than ever before.

### Enroll Today! Earn a 2% rebate on your workers' compensation premiums!

- Join or confirm your existing, active membership in a local safety council by July 31, 2022.
- Attend 10 in-person safety council meetings between July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023: At least eight, or all 10, through attendance at local safety council sponsored monthly meetings, seminars, or special events.
- You can earn external training credit for up to two meetings through attendance at BWC-sponsored in-person or virtual training courses or in-person safety training from other external sources

\* The rebate offer excludes self-insuring employers and state agencies. Limitations apply to a professional employer organization and its clients.



**Chio** Bureau of Workers' Compensation

## **BWC Safety Councils** can help you:

- Learn techniques for increasing safety, health, and wellness in your workplace.
- Network and share best practices with other employers in your community.
- Identify resources to assist you in your accident prevention efforts.
- Access risk management information and strategies to reduce your worker's compensation costs.

To earn a 2% safety council rebate on your workers' compensation premium, meet rebate eligibility requirements in one of Ohio's more than 80 BWC-sponsored safety councils.

For more info about the Wooster Area Safety Council, visit woosterchamber.com/wooster-area-safety-council.

## \*New Members

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### Auer Towing & Recovery

A family-owned and operated company since 2011, Auer Towing started in Ashland County until the need became prevalent in Wayne County. The owners are excited and eager to provide their experience and services to the Wooster area with their new location at 1083 Old Columbus Rd.

Auer Towing has been taking on some major expansions the past few years to make it easier for the communities to get fast and effective roadside services. Additional services offered are enclosed motorcycle transport, auto repairs, tire sales and all light and medium duty tows. Plans are also underway to expand into heavy duty wreckers in the very near future. Call 24/7 at 419-281-5000.



### **Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Professional Realty**

Marinello Realty has merged with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Professional Realty, a top Ohio-based brokerage. Marinello Realty is a leader in the Wooster real estate industry. The companies will operate under the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Professional Realty name and Amy Marinello will act as one of the Principal Brokers while working with Professional Realty's leadership team to continue to grow the local market and the company at large.

Located at 205 W. Liberty Street, the downtown Wooster office will continue to offer Residential and Commercial Real Estate Sales and will also be offering Business Brokerage Services. The office can be reached at 330-601-0456.



### **CrossFit Wooster**

CrossFit Wooster is a premier CrossFit gym that uses a strength and conditioning program to help its clients reach fitness goals. Under new ownership, CrossFit Wooster has an exciting year planned ahead, including building a new, larger facility across from the PNC baseball fields, which broke ground in early June and is slated to open by December of this year. Their new building will also include a sports training facility, Team Ream Sports Performance. This training facility will feature 4,000 sq ft of turf, 3,000 sq ft of netting, batting cages, and pitching tunnels, and will be designed to provide our community with a stateof-the-art sports training facility.



### **DuraFlex**

DuraFlex is an unrivaled flexing door that's taking the warehousing industry by storm. This door was built to last. DuraFlex can withstand heavy damage, from forklifts to 200 mph winds. DuraFlex's key component is pultruded fiberglass tubes, giving it strength and flexibility to withstand damage. This multi-million-dollar product was developed in 2011. Since then, DuraFlex has installed over 17,000 doors with no warranty claims! After outgrowing their facility in Millersburg, Ohio, in four short years, DuraFlex upgraded to their 87,000 square foot facility in Wooster, Ohio.

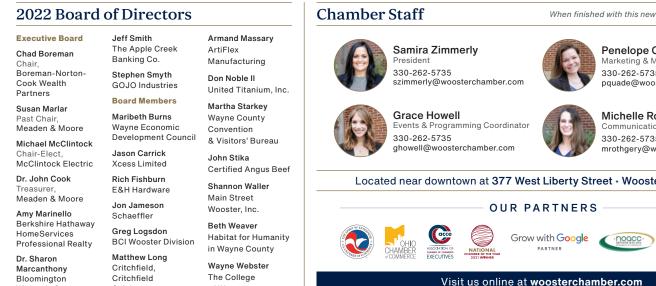


### Sassy Shav's Twisted Mac N Eatz

Sassy Shay's Twisted Mac N Eatz is a new, local food truck serving up specialty Mac N' Cheese and Cheesecake Cups. They just had their grand opening event at an adult night on May 21st at the Akron Zoo and has a full year booked with fairs, wineries, zoos, and other fun festivals and events. Owner. Shannon Gray, is excited to follow her husband, who owns Cheeky's Twisted Eatz, into the food trucking business with her very first truck of her own. Find them on Facebook to see their schedule and enjoy a sneak peak of their delicious "eatz."

## Apply to be a **Member today!**

ECONOMIC INDICATORS										
	March 2022	April 2021	April 2022		March 2022	April 2021	April 2022			
Unemployment, United States	3.8%	5.7%	3.3%	Labor Force, Employed Wayne County	59,100	58,200	58,800			
Unemployment, Ohio	4.4%	5.5%	3.7%	Labor Force, Unemployed Wayne County	1,900	2,100	1,500			
Unemployment, Wayne County	3.1%	3.5%	2.5%	Wayne County Sales Tax by Month	\$1,075,580.41	\$1,301,264.43	\$1,321,525.59			



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UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, July 6



### Honey Bee Counseling, LLC

Honey Bee Counseling is excited to announce it is now open and accepting new clients. Honey Bee Counseling is owned and operated by Nicole Holman, a graduate from the University of Akron who has adopted Wayne County as her home over the past 14 years since relocating from North Carolina.

Honey Bee Counseling also boasts a mini fridge and fluffy pillows, so that's pretty neat! Please stop by and see them, call 330-804-0252 or check them out online at Honeybeeemdr.com to book an appointment!



### Micaden Software, LLC

Micaden Software specializes in creating software solutions for small to mid-sized businesses. They have extensive experience in various industries for system integrations, database management and development, ETL, reporting solutions, custom software development and data warehousing. 25 years of experience will ensure you get the tools you need to become more knowledgeable about your data. Let Micaden Software help you run your business more intelligently. No charge for initial consultations.



### Pizza Hut

No one out Pizzas the Hut, in particular the Wooster Pizza Hut! They are a proud team and want to be your first choice for pizza, pasta, wings, and more; any time you are feeding your team. Please contact them if you want to use their party room-Chamber members book it for FREE-and they will provide coffee and water free of charge as well. And when you are simply craving Pizza Hut; go to pizzahut.com for the best local deals.



### Sprosty Bag, LLC

From a burlap and cloth sack reconditioning company that served the local community to now serving the lower 48 states and Canada, Sprosty Bag has a 75-year history of growing and adapting with the demands of their customers. Today, they offer packaging, printing, warehouse and logistics solutions for agricultural, retail, consumer packaged goods (CPG), restaurants, construction and industrial products.



### Sunflower Sky. LLC

Sunflower Sky, LLC is a commercial property investment company with an emphasis on neighborhood revitalization. The company is owned by Mr. Victor Simonyi and Ms. Maria Sanchez, husband and wife.

If you're interested in selling your commercial property, please call 330-439-2383. Sunflower Sky is seeking commercial properties in any condition and are here to help realize the best and most unique outcome for each seller. Confidentiality is guaranteed if requested.



### The Vault

The Vault Event Center is located at 981 Grosjean Rd in Wooster. Open since 2017, The Vault offers rental for events, a fully stocked bar, and restaurant. Specializing in concerts and comedy shows, The Vault also hosts many different events, such as weddings. birthday parties, baby showers, graduation parties, and more. The Vault is locally-owned by Jamie Hall and Ted Amstutz.



- 1. Apply online at woosterchamber.com
- 2. Chamber staff will contact you with more information regarding the approval process, member benefits, opportunities, and rates
- 3. Once approved, begin utilizing the many valuable resources available to you through Chamber membership.

Contact the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce team at (330) 262-5735.

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## **Ohio Attorney General** visits Wooster to get an update on local issues



We would like to thank Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost for meeting with the Wooster Chamber to discuss the challenges we are facing locally. Your Wooster Chamber is proud to advocate for you!

## **Next Business After Hours** event to be held on July 14 at the opening of the **Mark E. Gustafson Center!**

Join the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce in recognizing the opening of the Mark E. Gustafson Center for Supportive Care and celebrating 40 years of care at Ohio's Hospice LifeCare during a Business After Hours on Thursday, July 14! Come mingle and enjoy refreshments at 1900 Akron Road in Wooster between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

We look forward to having you!

Register at www.woosterchamber.com/business-after-hours

## **Educational Series Webinar: Chamber Health Insurance Programs 101**



Account Executive Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Health insurance benefits are often cited as a key factor in employee recruitment and retention. Learn all about our Chamber health insurance programs at our next Educational Series, which will be a webinar hosted by Nancy Kuzenko on Tuesday, July 19th at 1pm.

Visit bit.ly/woochamberedseriesjuly2022 to register.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS THROUGH THE CHAMBER





Our next networking social will be at Buffalo Wild Wings on July 7 from 5-7 p.m. The Wooster Young Professionals is open to anyone between 21-40 who lives or works in Wayne County. If you are looking to meet and connect with other young community members, we would love to have you! Please learn more and register at www.woosterchamber.com/youngprofessionals



Hospice

LifeCare



Wooster Young Professionals is sponsored by:



Register at www.woosterchamber.com/young-professionals

# Lemonade Day

## **First Wayne County Lemonade Day was the Zest!**



Each glass of lemonade purchased on Wayne County Lemonade Day was an investment in our future leaders, entrepreneurs, social advocates, and community volunteers.

The inaugural Wayne County Lemonade Day boasted 21 lemonade stands set up across the county! Lemonade Day kids in Dalton, Marshallville, Rittman, Shreve and Wooster spent the day running their very own businesses to earn their own money and achieve the goals they set throughout the program.

Each kid is encouraged to save some, spend some and share some of their proceeds. Kids have set goals to save money for the next hockey season, karate

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For more information about Wayne County Lemonade Day! Visit woosterchamber.com/lemonade-day.

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lessons, getting their pilots license opening a bank account, and other achievements. Some are donating a portion of their proceeds to local non-profits such as Joyful Cafe, People to People, Wayne County Humane Society, and many more.

We are looking forward to the Second Annual Wayne County Lemonade Day next year!

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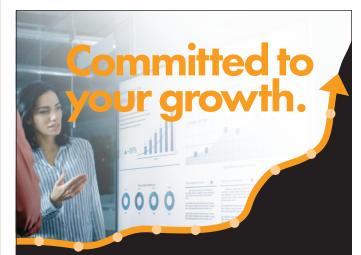
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# **Congratulations Leadership Wooster Class of 2021 – 2022**





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Not Pictured: Dalton Smith, Pallotta Ford Lincoln





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Lisa Haberbusch Christian Children's Home of Ohio



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**Breanne Welty** Wayne County Schools Career Center



Jennifer Wigal Westfield Bank



Dave Winter Seaman Corporation



Andy Yost Hummel Group



**Michele Young** Western Reserve Group



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## **Ashland University Career Center** for Life Calling hosts Educational **Series on Handshake**

Members gathered for an early morning Educational Series hosted by Shelbie Bardall and Staci Carnahan from Ashland University's Career Center for Life Calling to learn about Handshake, an all-in-one online recruiting platform designed to connect current and recently graduated college students with potential employers.



Used by universities and colleges around the globe, this tool offers a great free resource to local employers looking to fill open positions. Shelbie also presented on the benefits to employers provided through Ashland University, including a wage reimbursement grant, which can cover up to 75% of employees wages. To learn more, connect with Shelbie at sbardal2@ashland. edu or visit ashland.edu/student-affairs/career-center-for-life-calling.

## Wooster YP's met at Lincoln Way **Vineyards for tour and wine**



For the May meeting, the Wooster Young Professionals met at Lincoln Way Vineyards. We were excited to have almost 30 YPs in attendance and the group enjoyed learning more about the winery through a presentation and tour, and there was a tasty spread of food, alongside the delicious wine. It was a great evening!

Lincoln Way Vineyards.

## **Community Energy Advisors and Energility present on ways to** reduce use and save energy costs

Community Energy Advisors and Energility hosted an informative Educational Series on Energy Audits! Rick Davidson, Claire Wilson, and Justine Kale presented on methods for getting a handle on everclimbing energy costs by reducing energy

consumption and controlling energy rates. For more information visit www.woosterchamber.com/chamber-blog.

## **Wooster Color Point** celebrates 75th Anniversary with a Business After Hours



The event was a great opportunity for all attendees to learn more about the company's history, products, and services. We were glad to see so many members connecting and networking throughout the evening. You can learn more about Wooster Color Point and the

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Business After Hours event by visiting our blog at www.woosterchamber. com/chamber-blog/2022/6/17/business-after-hours-at-wooster-color-point.



Schedule of Events

August 25 6-8 pm Member Recruitment Meet and Greet at Flamingo Jack's

August 27 4-7 pm Food Truck Festival Fundraiser at Wooster Elks #1346

(https://fb.me/e/3AQvPuDq5)

Vendors: Flamingo Jack's, Rolling Leaf, Oma Gourd, FreeWheelin' Pizzeria & Lemonade

Benefits: Forget-Me-Not Baskets, Boys & Girls Club Wooster, Wayne County Dog Shelter, Children's Advocacy Center, People to People Ministries & Adaptative Sports Ohio

September 24 4 pm- Purse Bingo at American Legion Post 68 benefits Hope Totes https://www.eventbrite.com/e/317339911217 (What is purse bingo? It's bingo but you win designer purses! Dinner, drinks, raffles & fun!)



47th Annual Poinsettia Sale Benefits our community grants & scholarships Delivery on December 2nd

March 11th 4pm- 2nd Annual Adult "Prom" Fundraiser 80's/90's Theme

benefitting People to People Ministries

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/318425889407

(What is prom? A night out fundraiser with OPEN bar, dinner, dancing, photo booth, poker, raffles, auction & more!)



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**Find us on Facebook** www.facebook.com/Wayne.JWSC Email: iwscofwavnecounty@gmail.cor President- Brittany Tharp 330-347-8343 VP & Event Chair- Jenna Poindexter 330-347-1293

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## Save the Date for the 2022 Wayne Economic Forum taking place on Thursday, November 3!







Behind the Wooster Buehler's Milltown store 3540 Burbank Rd.



**Questions? Concerns? Call us.** Geri Shie 330-345-5908 x2907 or Nita Murray 330-345-5908 x2908





Marcie Merriman Managing Director Americas FY



2022 Wayne Economic Forum Speakers:



JP Nausee President & CEO, JobsOhio





Tom Hassfurthe Executive VP, Packaging Corp. of America





Pat Finley Founder & Chairman, Vitalia Smart Living





**Carev Jaros** President & CEO, GOJO Industries



Learn more at www.woosterchamber.com/wayne-economic-forum.



# **Wooster Milltown Free Community** Saturday, August 13, 2022

9AM - NOON

All residential and businesses welcome!

## smart to **BEGREEN**

## **Shredding Guidelines**

### ALL PAPER, to include:

(small paper clips and staples do not have to be removed)

- Accounting Ledger paper
- Adding machine tape
- Advertisements
- Booklets, Brochures
- Copy machine paper
- Colored paper 20 lb.
- Computer paper
- Envelopes
- Faxes
- Manila File folders bleachable
- Greeting cards
- Laser printer paper
- Legal pad paper
- Post-it Notes
- NCR paper
- Receipts
- All types of white paper

## NO, these products can't be

shredded.

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- Magazines
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## **Congrats to Heartland Promotional Products on their grand opening** in Downtown Wooster!

The Heartland Promotional Products team graciously welcomed the community in for an open house of their location in Liberty Commons and showcased a sampling of their high-guality, customizable products.

Heartland Promotional Products is a fullservice advertising specialties company offering a wide range of promotional items for your company. They will work with you to find cost-effective ways to market your business with custom promotional items that speak to

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NMLS ID# 51021



your customers, employees, and trade show visitors.

For more information about the products they offer, visit them at heartlandpps.com

## **The Chamber Welcomes Honey Bee Counseling to Wooster**





Located on the bottom floor of Liberty Commons, Honey Bee Counseling specializes in the use of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) in the treatment of trauma disorders such as PTSD, anxiety, depression, grief, and addictions. In-Person and Tele-health sessions are available.

Follow their Facebook page for practice updates and news or learn more on their website at www.honeybeeemdr.com/.

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