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MCEDC Annual Meeting

The Medina County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) held its annual meeting on February 7, 2019 at The Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth with over 250 attendees who heard an economic outlook from keynote speaker, John Augustine, Chief Investment Officer at [Huntington Private Bank](#).



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Executive Director Bethany Dentler reported that Medina County saw capital investment of \$260 million. MCEDC was involved in \$220 million, which breaks capital investment records previously set in both 2016 and 2017. Through MCEDC's work with partners and companies, 505 new jobs were announced in 2018.

In addition to organizing outreach events, MCEDC completed the first ever Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Medina County in 2018 and is playing a leadership role in implementing its goals.

Dave McCarthy, Vice President of the MCEDC Board of Directors, shared the organization's goals for 2019, which include assisting 35 companies to expand, creating at least 500 new jobs, and absorbing 600,000 square feet of space with capital investments exceeding \$75 million. MCEDC is already off to a strong start this year, working with over 25 new opportunities to bring more investment to the county.

McCarthy reported that the county's number one challenge continues to be workforce development. To help businesses deal with this issue, MCEDC is organizing an Employer Resource Expo on April 2, 2019 at Weymouth Country Club. The event will connect businesses with organizations which specialize in recruiting, retaining, and training employees.

The highlight of the annual meeting

invited to their grand opening, where you can learn what they are all about and join the program.

Thursday, February 28, 2019

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

951 North Court St., Medina

Learn more at profileplan.com.

Kudos to Richie Muniak of [ID Images](#) and his [Leadership Medina County](#) class, which handed out bags of snacks, water, toiletries, warm blankets, and socks to the homeless and others in need in Medina County during the Point in Time Count, which took place on a bitterly cold night in January.

Congratulations to Kristy Angerstien of [Apple Growth Partners](#) and Matthew Baker of [DS Benefits Group](#) on their Achievements in Excellence Awards from the Akron/Canton National Sales & Marketing Executives.

Consumer Reports readers surveyed ranked Medina-based [Discount Drug Mart](#) number 27 among the nation's top 50 pharmacies.

Mike Kovack, [Medina County Auditor](#), was appointed to a working group that will study how blockchain technology can improve the efficiency of transferring property deeds.

Check out the events taking place at the Medina County District Library in their spring [newsletter](#), including Food

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“soft landing.” Augustine reported that after a rough fourth quarter to end 2018, the national economy is still in decent shape. Leading economic indicators are holding steady for the U.S. and Ohio, and we are closing in on a record for the longest period of U.S. economic expansion.

Business trends show that profits and capital investment are up due to tax reform, and the economic output of manufacturers is increasing. On the consumer side, income, net worth, and employment are also rising.

Medina County is strong and thriving, said Augustine, who reported that median household income is much better here than in most other parts of the U.S. The economist praised the Medina County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy which was put together by MCEDC last year and adopted by the Medina County Commissioners in November 2018.

Thank you to MCEDC's annual meeting sponsors for supporting this event: [Blair Rubber](#), [Fuserashi International Technology](#), and [Lorain Medina Rural Electric Cooperative](#).

March Member Meeting Reminder

Join us at MCEDC's next member meeting to hear about the state of our schools in Medina County from the superintendents.

Brunswick branch, and STEAM Day at the Highland Library.

Get LinkedIn with MCEDC

MCEDC created a new group in LinkedIn last September. There are a variety of thought-provoking discussions. Please connect with the new group [here](#) and join the conversations!



Tempur Sealy of Medina Saves Big on Utilities

“I met Rick Davidson through the Medina Chamber of Commerce and Medina County Economic Development. When I recently became responsible for the Tempur Sealy's Medina, OH operations, Rick and I discussed the business and CEA evaluated our utility spend. We were able to reduce our facility's annual electric and natural gas costs by \$26,000. In addition, they were able to identify and file for a 30% natural gas sales tax exemption. We are now evaluating other manufacturing locations across the US. I highly recommend Rick and the Community Energy Advisors team. If there are savings to be found in your energy spend, they will help you find it.”

Tob A. Coss, Director of Manufacturing, Tempur Sealy Medina

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Seville, Ohio

assistance in determining your tax exempt status and acquiring the best supply rate for your company's electric and natural gas utilities.

Calling all Medina County Employers looking to fill open positions!
Tri-C is looking for companies to participate in this job fair at Brunswick University Center. For more information, contact Claudia Motiu at 216-987-2893 or register [here](#).



Friday, April 12, 2019
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
BUC 101 and 102

Brunswick University Center
3605 Center Road
Brunswick, Ohio 44212

Register at
www.bit.ly/2TULHxz

MORE INFORMATION
Claudia Motiu,
Director, Employer Outreach
216-987-2893

Brunswick University Center
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Meet multiple employers recruiting for available positions.

Cuyahoga Community College Career Center

Government Academy

[Leadership Medina County](#), in collaboration with the OSU Extension, has begun their Government Academy series of classes about the mechanics and philosophies that impact government action. Learn more about this program and register [here](#). For more information, contact Kyle White at 440-326-5851 or Terri Greene at 330-721-7118 ext. 1004.

Ohio Development Services Agency, Export Assistance Upcoming Events

Doing Business in Nicaragua

When: March 20, 2019, 1:00 p.m. EST

This webinar is designed to educate U.S. companies on market opportunities and key projects in Nicaragua's best prospect sectors, including building products, construction equipment, hotel and restaurant equipment, food processing and packaging equipment, agribusiness, and education and training.

[To register for this event, click here.](#)



*When: April 6-11, 2019**Where: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar*

The U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration is hosting a mission is to introduce U.S. firms to the rapidly expanding healthcare sectors in three countries and to assist U.S. companies in pursuing opportunities in healthcare technology and health services. U.S. companies are well suited to help implement the next generation of healthcare delivery solutions needed in these markets.

[For more information and to register, click here.](#)



Zoomark International 2019

*When: May 6-9, 2019**Where: Bologna, Italy*

The U.S. Commercial Service is organizing a U.S. Pavilion at Zoomark, the largest trade show for pet products in southern Europe and in the Mediterranean region. Zoomark International is an excellent opportunity for American small to medium-sized businesses to enter the Italian and European markets. The U.S. Pavilion at Zoomark represents a unique trade show for American producers of pet products to explore new markets and make contact with potential international partners.

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[about-mcedc-rev/mcedc-impact-on-medina-county/](https://www.mcmedc.com/about-mcedc-rev/mcedc-impact-on-medina-county/)

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