

# MCEDC Late June Newsletter 2020



First Federal Lakewood provides deposit, lending, residential mortgage lending, cash management, and investment services to individuals and businesses. They are the largest independent depositor-owned bank headquartered in Ohio, with assets of \$2 billion. No matter what your business needs are, they have the right business banking products, service, and advice to help you. By understanding your goals and your unique preferences, they will help you navigate the ever-changing local and regional business climate.

Since 1935, they have worked for our business and consumer depositors, not shareholders. So, they continually reinvest funds into the local business community, helping to boost neighborhood economic growth for all. They are proud to have been there to assist the local community over the past several months. They know and have never forgotten that your success is their success, especially during challenging times.

For more information on First Federal Lakewood's business and commercial banking products, visit [FFL.net/Business](http://FFL.net/Business) or contact Kurt Kappa, Chief Lending Officer, at (216) 529-2998 or [kkappa@ffl.net](mailto:kkappa@ffl.net).

## **Westfield Headquarters Sharing What's Possible Together**

Members attending the June Member Meeting were treated to a discussion and glimpse at the new Westfield Headquarters. Using their culture, brand, and values as the foundation, this remodel and expansion project has brought them to the forefront of office design in the financial services world and clearly shows their status as a leader in companies around the world.

In order to encourage communication, collaboration, and teamwork, the design team took a unique approach to the work spaces. Cube walls were lowered, open spaces were created, and private offices were eliminated. Leadership is now integrated into the workflow and can choose where to work each day as they do not have assigned work areas. This allows for more "casual collisions" as they are described to encourage communication at all levels.

As a company that is over 170 years old, it was vital to preserve the history while looking toward the future. Gone are the stuffy time lines and instead are historical moments throughout the facility. In addition there are

## **Member News**

**Congratulations to Summa Health on receiving national heart valve certification. They have been designated the first hospital system in Ohio and the ninth in the nation to receive Transcatheter Valve Program Certification from the American College of Cardiology.**

**Congratulations to County Auditor, Mike Kovack on being named the chair of the Medina County Democratic Party.**

**Montville Township is pleased to announce the hiring of Matt Neil as the new police chief effective January 2021. Welcome!**

**We are excited to announce Carlisle Brake and Friction will be bringing employees from their Solon office to their Medina facility and making it the North American Headquarters. We are so glad you are in Medina!**

design elements from each design ascetic that have happened throughout the 170 years. The curated art collection shared in the building are all Ohio artists and reflect the strong community ties Westfield fosters.

Another element vital to the design in the incorporation of outdoor spaces. Engaging in the outdoors helps employees move around the space, interact with their teammates, and enjoy their work more. The Sun Terrace is a large area giving employees the option to work, socialize, and enjoy the outdoors.

When the building was conceived, flexibility in the space was vital. To that end, technology plays a strong role in the space. The ability to use any conference room or sharing device in the building from any piece of technology allows employees to be where they want vs. where the technology is available. And this flexibility meant Westfield was able to react quickly and effectively to COVID-19, moving their teams to work from home.

While the pandemic has caused many to begin engaging in discussions of the role of buildings like this in business, Westfield had already begun talking about the impact of technology on their needs for a building. It was decided they want to be a destination employer and bring people to Medina County. We appreciate Westfield's insights and sharing their project with us. If you get a chance, we highly recommend touring the facility in person!

## Vocal for Local

### Medina County

Putting Our Money Where  
Our Mouth Is!

## June 20th is VOCAL FOR LOCAL Day!

When has anyone told you it is your civic duty to shop?!

Shop Online

Shop In Person

Try a new store

Visit your favorite store

Order Out

Eat In

Take Action – Help our small businesses!

At [www.vocalforlocalmedinacounty.com](http://www.vocalforlocalmedinacounty.com) we are highlighting stores and restaurants you might have missed. We also have directories and helpful information on how to stay safe while supporting our businesses!

Get out there Medina County and be Vocal for Local!

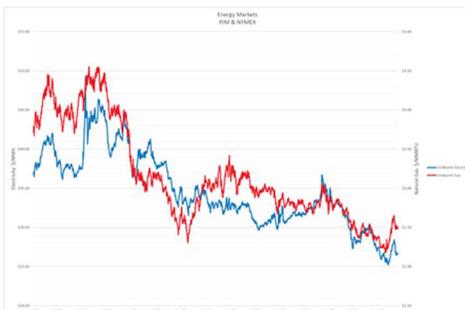
---

## MCEDC Energy Program

Take Advantage of Historic Lows in Electricity & Natural Gas Prices

If you are in an electricity or natural gas supply agreement today, you may benefit from shopping for your next rate sooner than later. The electricity market is currently near 7-year lows and natural gas near 20-year lows.

If



your contracts are up for renewal in the next 18 months, you could benefit from shopping for a “future start” agreement now. A “future start” allows you to lock in today’s prices for your contract renewal without cancelling your current agreements, thus avoiding any early termination fees.

To explore your renewal options, please contact Rick Davidson at [rdavidson@ceateam.com](mailto:rdavidson@ceateam.com) and we will create a custom procurement strategy for your company.

**Medina County Career Center  
Adult Education Office is Open!**

The Adult Education Office is open and staff is working Monday through Thursday from 6:00 am – 8:00 pm and our full-time classes are in session.

Dental Assisting will be held in the evening from 5:30 – 9:30 pm

Medical Office Administrative Assistant will be held from 2:45 – 5:15 pm with 100 hours online

Our catalog is available at: <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/fullscreen/63217008/adult-ed-course-catalog-2020-2021>

# Thank you to our Annual Premier Sponsors!

