

# Recent storms will have continued economic impact



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Many Dayton-area families and businesses were lucky when the tornadoes hit in the late evening on Memorial Day. But many others were not.

Thanks to first responders and many brave and selfless neighbors and friends, we got through those first few days of shock, trauma and for many, survival. We are now in stages 2 and 3 as we all help respond to not only the massive cleanup, but also assessing the damages, submitting claims (if we have insurance ... many do not), or seeking help from organizations like the American Red Cross or governments that may have resources or contacts for many to use as they rebuild. And rebuild we must.

However, rebuilding our properties is only part of the efforts needed in rebuilding our communities. The deep worry and mental anguish must be considered, too. And many will need help in days and months to come in dealing with these issues.

As we move to stage 4, the actual repair and rebuilding of structures

and especially homes, we must all understand and agree that this will not only take time - for many it will be months - for others it might be a year or more, but it will take huge amounts of resources. Not just money, but also human capital: people, construction workers, builders, remodelers and more with important skill sets.

One of my greatest concerns is how fast can we get these many skilled workers in place to help rebuild our structures. Even before the storms, the construction industry was busy and doing well. Some had future projects already in the pipeline to fill six months to a year or more of work.

But what happens now when you add the desperate needs of those afflicted by the storms? The answer isn't easy and may not be quick to assess. For some contractors under current contracts, adding new work will be difficult and could come at a cost. Access to materials could also be delayed.

What are we to do? First, let's look locally to our area professionals who could help us. Organizations with a strong, pro-community reputation should be your first choice before agreeing to outside or unknown help. These organizations include:

- Home Builders Association of Dayton
- Miami Valley NARI -

The remodeling association

■ Dayton Area Board of REALTORS

■ Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC - commercial builders)

■ Dayton Builders Exchange

■ Better Business Bureau (BBB)

■ Area chambers of commerce

These are just a few suggestions for trusted, local, professional informed help and contact information for all can be found on websites or cellular information services. But I implore you to be watchful of scams or fraud. This is one good reason to check with our local BBB (Better Business Bureau), which can help you with information concerning not only local businesses performing these repairs. Because of its nationwide network, it also could be of assistance if you are dealing with unknown out-of-town contractors.

One last point on this: We will have outside help coming from Cincinnati, Columbus, Lima, Richmond or other areas that can help our citizens rebuild. The vast majority are honest, forthright professionals. But there are some who may not be. Here is where the BBB and others can be of great assistance.

Born in Florida, I was raised around hurricanes and was ashamed of the fraud that occurred when some preyed upon those

most vulnerable - the elderly or those with no options. My advice is to be careful. Check out those who seem to be selling something too good to be true. If you are able to stay local with your repairs, many of us can better control their actions or any problems.

The economic impact, once fully assessed, will be in the millions of dollars for construction repairs alone. But what about job losses or layoffs? What about businesses and their losses? What about worker productivity or having to adjust to different family needs? This is all encompassing when we look at the total economic and human-capital impact of these terrible, severe storms. This will take months, maybe even years, to resolve, but together we will.

Remember, we are Daytonians - no matter where we live in the region. And we are DAYTON STRONG. We have faced many other hardships together. We will rebuild, and we will once again get back to something that feels more normal. God blessed us in that there could have been more killed or hurt during these tragic storms.

Stage 4 next steps will take time and economically impact us more than we are currently thinking. That work lies ahead of us, so we might as well stand tall and get to it together!

## BUSINESS PEOPLE

**Joanna Anderson**, MLIS, has joined the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine as its new Reference & Instruction Librarian. She comes to the medical school after serving as distance education librarian at East Tennessee State University, where she supported many of the students pursuing Ph.D. and Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees.

Anderson was attracted to the position due to the Boonshoft School of Medicine's curriculum, as well as the requirement that all students complete research projects before graduating. She appreciates the teaching style that allows students to help one another learn, with guidance from professors.

At East Tennessee State University, Anderson helped nursing students and health sciences students find information for their research projects. She created tutorials for courses, created research modules, and eventually helped teach nursing courses. Anderson also co-published research with nursing faculty members.

Anderson's experience and interests align perfectly in her new position. She is enthusiastic about helping students, faculty, and staff, and has a great deal of experience with evidence-based practice research and systematic reviews.

The Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine is a community-based medical school affiliated with eight major teaching hospitals.

**Barbara A. Johnson**, a system vice president and Premier Health's chief human resource officer, has been selected as the health system's next executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Johnson, who has served Premier Health in various executive roles with progressively increasing responsibility since joining the organization in 2003, will succeed Michael J. Maiberger, who is retiring on Aug. 16, 2019. Prior to serving as chief

human resource officer, Johnson served as executive vice president and chief operating officer at Miami Valley Hospital, and before that, as vice president of operations at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Johnson's leadership has earned respect, not only at Premier Health, but throughout the Miami Valley and Ohio. She was recently tapped to serve on the Governor's Executive Workforce Board, and also chairs the Ohio Diversity Council State Board of Directors and the National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton. Johnson also is a member of the onMain board, the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance Advisory Group, the American Heart Association "Go Red for Women," and the Greater Dayton 5K Heart Walk/Run "Thousandaire Club." A member of the Affiliate Chapter of a Special Wish Foundation Advisory Board, she served as co-chair of the 2019 African-American Wellness Walk.

West Carrollton resident **Carlos Scapero** has joined

Michigan-based Ross Mortgage Corporation as a loan officer and a VA Mortgage Specialist. He

has helped to open a Ross satellite office at 513 Windsor Park Drive, Suite C, in Centerville, which is Ross Mortgage's first Ohio office.

Among Scapero's new activities is involvement in the Military Mortgage Boot Camp, training that educates the public about VA loans. The Boot Camp's co-founder, Michael Fischer, is also the Centerville office branch manager.

Scapero explains that their goal is to overcome misconceptions about VA loans. As part of that process, they have lunch-and-learn and CE classes for Realtors, and home buyer classes for veterans. "The VA process is not difficult, but it is different than what most Realtors are used to," he said. For additional information, contact cscarpero@gmail.com.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for all events at DaytonChamber.org.

Congressman Warren Davidson, R-OH 8th District

Topic: Benefits of joining the Safety Council

### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS BREAKFAST

June 28, 7:30 to 9 a.m., Engineers Club of Dayton, 110 E. Monument Ave., Dayton. Speaker:

### SAFETY COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSION

July 10, 7:30 to 9 a.m., Montgomery County Business Solutions Center, 1435 Cincinnati St., Dayton.

### GENERATION DAYTON MONTHLY MIXER

July 11, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Basil's on Market, 312 N. Patterson Blvd., Dayton

### SAFETY BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS

July 18, 7:30 to 9 a.m., Crowne Plaza Dayton, 33 E. Fifth St., Dayton. Topic: Security and anti-terrorism at food plants

## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### Sales Tax Collections

County	Current Rate	Mar 2019	Mar 2018	12 Mos Change	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Change
Butler	0.75	\$3,206,202	\$3,087,534	3.84%	\$10,830,564	\$10,293,425	5.22%
Clark	1.5	\$1,988,653	\$1,726,042	15.21%	\$6,149,350	\$5,659,118	8.66%
Darke	1.5	\$671,170	\$668,138	0.45%	\$2,115,051	\$2,089,120	1.24%
Greene	1	\$2,010,692	\$1,925,265	4.44%	\$6,791,999	\$6,623,312	2.55%
Miami	1.25	\$1,403,014	\$1,400,700	0.17%	\$4,472,682	\$4,492,424	-0.44%
Montgomery	1.25	\$7,256,525	\$5,711,319	27.06%	\$23,569,736	\$19,034,849	23.82%
Preble	1.5	\$451,192	\$436,811	3.29%	\$1,408,028	\$1,347,684	4.48%
Warren	1.25	\$4,087,366	\$3,675,045	11.22%	\$13,225,228	\$11,179,404	18.30%
<b>Region Total</b>		<b>\$21,074,814</b>	<b>\$18,630,855</b>	<b>13.12%</b>	<b>\$68,562,638</b>	<b>\$60,719,337</b>	<b>12.92%</b>

Source: [http://www.tax.ohio.gov/tax\\_analysis/tax\\_data\\_series/sales\\_and\\_use/publications\\_tds\\_sales/51M0319.aspx](http://www.tax.ohio.gov/tax_analysis/tax_data_series/sales_and_use/publications_tds_sales/51M0319.aspx)

### Residential Home Sales

	Mar '19	Mar '18	%Change	YTD '19	YTD '18	%Change
<b>Number of Homes Sold</b>	1182	1288	-8.23%	3002	3042	-1.31%
<b>Total Home Sales</b>	\$191,855,727	\$195,179,397	-1.70%	\$470,596,213	\$457,449,647	2.87%
<b>Average Sale Price (\$)</b>	\$162,314	\$151,537	7.11%	\$156,761	\$150,378	4.24%

Source: Dayton Area Board of Realtors, Dayton Area Home Sales for March 2019

## Insider

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Reza's Downtown is preparing to open and was set for a health inspection this past Friday. The final opening date should be on their "Reza's Downtown" Facebook page.

The woman-owned, family-run business got its start roasting coffee in Fairborn and is now opening a coffee shop at 438 Wayne Ave.

The coffee business notably gets its coffee by

sourcing its beans from farmers the roaster has a direct relationship with.

Another Dayton coffee shop, Ghostlight Coffee, announced last week that it is preparing to open a second shop at 800 S. Patterson Blvd., sharing a building with Old Scratch Pizza and across from RINSE Cycle.

The South Park coffee shop will stay in business as usual and the second location should open this fall.

The new midtown loca-

tion will have much more room for an expansive food menu, ranging from breakfast sandwiches and "from-scratch" bakery goods to toasts, tartines and salads inspired by international cafes.

Lastly, Press Coffee Bar appears to have plans to expand options at its new Belmont location. Press Coffee Bar, which opened Feb. 19 at 732 Watervliet Ave. near South Smithville Road, submitted its application to the Ohio Department of Commerce Divi-

sion of Liquor Control on June 12. The application is pending.

Janelle Barker, co-founder and co-owner of Press Coffee Bar with her husband, Brett, said last week that she did not want to discuss details of her plans for the licenses until the applications are approved by the state, so we'll have to wait and see to learn more.

Contact this reporter at 937-225-2279 or email Kaitlin.Schroeder@coxinc.com.

## BUSINESS OPENINGS

**Care Center**, located in Centerville, announces the opening of its new, expanded, state-of-the-art 15,000-square-foot, 24-hour veterinary emergency and specialty center located at 6421 Cloy Road, Centerville. On June 3, the hospital transitioned from its 5,000-square-foot hospital to the newly constructed building right next door. The nationally respected Care Center has cared for pets throughout The Buckeye State since 2008.

The new hospital features cutting-edge technology to further elevate patient care with an MRI, CT and fluoroscope. In addition, Care Center is also expanding its veterinary services to include surgery, interventional radiology and acupuncture.

With 11 doctors, including five board-certified vet-

erinarians, and more than 40 support staff members, the opening of the new hospital marks another important milestone for Care Center. Since its opening 11 years ago, Care Center has never been closed a single day and that tradition has continued, even as the hospital transitioned to its new location.

The hospital was designed by architecture firm Luminant and was constructed by Miller-Valentine Group, to specifically maximize patient care, by allowing critical care patients the environment they need, and general patients the ability to easily enter and exit the hospital.

Care Center has two Ohio locations in Centerville and Cincinnati.

For more information on Care Center visit <https://care-centervets.com>.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY VENDORS LICENSE

■ A4C Auto Sales LLC, dba A4C Auto Sales LLC, 2892 Dayton Germantown Pike, Germantown 45327

■ MD Subs LLC, dba Subway, 9656 N Springboro Pike, Miamisburg 45342

■ Newcomer, Linda, dba Linda Newcomer Quilting, 904 Peach Orchard Road, Kettering 45419

■ Platt, Edward Charles, dba Tents Table & Chairs, 2141 University Place, Dayton 45406

■ Scott, Nancy L, dba Staging Solutions, 2221 Cogswell Ct, Miamisburg 45342

■ Sugoom Petroleum Inc, dba Shell Food Mart, 1650 Woodman Dr, Dayton 45432