

Water quality data is important; let's all work together on issues



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Water quality data is important.

Recently, Congressman Mike Turner created a community committee charged to evaluate our local water quality and best practices for water delivery. The committee's work to report objective and impartial data, when completed, could not have come at a better time to direct any additional work, if appropriate, needed to assure our tax-paying citizens, businesses and community leaders that we all expect the highest level of quality and best and most-efficient systems of water delivery we can create and afford.

Right now the city of Dayton provides water from more than 500 wells and two water treatment plants (Ottawa and Miami) to not only its own citizens and businesses, but through a newly renewed and recently agreed-upon 20-year contract, the city

treats and sells water to Montgomery County for that government entity to resell to its customer base both north and south of the core city.

I know this firsthand because the chamber facilitated these contract discussions in late 2017/early 2018 as the county wanted and needed a fair and long-term deal on predictable pricing or it might have been forced to spend hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to create its own new water treatment plants.

The business community felt - and still does - that additional, redundant treatment plants were an unnecessary cost and burden to our area taxpayers, so we asked the city and county to develop an agreement that was both fair and predictable.

But recently I've noticed a bit of a strain between the city and county over water issues. This started months ago over the question of water quality because of concerns about perfluorinated compounds or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS and PFOA) numbers. Add to that the frustrations by the temporary loss of water delivery twice over a period of about six months.

This manifested into a more recent public debate in the local media. That debate, I believe, can achieve better long-term results if ironed out with good, relevant testing data for our elected or appointed leaders and by having them diligently working together along with the Environmental Protection Agency to better understand water quality and the recognized benchmarks on delivery and redundant back-up services.

I don't want to try and predict what this new Dayton Water Quality Committee (Turner's group) will uncover during its review, but whatever that independent testing and review unveil, we must be prepared to use it should we need any remediation and should the federal or state EPA's decide to change the current lifetime levels of the PFAS (70 parts per trillion) to an expected level much lower.

Should we find out something new or different from this independent, nonpartisan review and study, we will have accurate data and information on best practices as to how we collectively should respond.

Until then, let's all continue to work together on

these water issues. It is much too early for anyone to denigrate an important community asset like our aquifer or treatment practices that, in essence, could possibly lead to the erosion of our citizens' trust and confidence in our water supply and perhaps cause irreparable damage to our community's long-term abilities to attract and retain Miami Valley businesses.

Montgomery County and the city of Dayton have more than just a purveyor and customer relationship; they are and have been long-term partners on these issues and much more.

On this issue, they are tied to each other's hip with a clear mandate of providing consistent, high-quality water resources for our entire area at the most efficient taxpayer cost.

I'm encouraged by both governments' willingness to do the right thing for all of us. But let's work even more diligently, behind the scenes and not in the public media, to understand what lies ahead of us and how we can work together to make sure quality, delivery and price are at the forefront. That has always been our local way.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for all events at
DaytonChamber.org.

2490 CrossPointe Drive,
Miamisburg

Inc.; topic: 40 years of Honda
manufacturing in America

safety manuals

**ECONOMIC SPOTLIGHT:
MIAMISBURG'S
THRIVING DOWNTOWN
& BUSINESS SECTORS**
July 30, 7:30 to 9:45
a.m., Think Patented,

BREAKFAST BRIEFING
Aug. 9, 7:30 to 9 a.m., The
Dayton Club, 40 N. Main
St., Dayton. Speaker: Tom
Shoupe, EVP & COO, Honda
of America Manufacturing

**SAFETY BREAKFAST
WITH THE EXPERTS**
Aug. 15, 7:30 to 9 a.m.,
Crowne Plaza Dayton, 33
E. Fifth St., Dayton. Topic:
Creating and maintaining

**CHAMBER CHALLENGE
GOLF OUTING**
Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. to 7
p.m., NCR Country Club,
4435 Dogwood Trail,
Kettering

Idea sharing takes flight with City2City trip

Contributed story

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is breaking new ground with a new program where Dayton area business leaders can engage in meaningful dialogue and generate innovative ideas from peer cities.

In September, the Dayton Area Chamber will launch City2City, a three-day tour where leaders from our community can explore success, failures, challenges and

opportunities with their counterparts in other communities. Our inaugural trip will take us to Minneapolis-St. Paul Sept. 25 - 27.

Business leaders will explore the good, the bad and the challenging aspects of regional mergers, learning how the area has ultimately embraced its Twin Cities status. We'll also hear from executive leaders at major anchor corporations like 3M, Taylor Corp. and the publisher and CEO of the Star Tribune.

We also will take away ideas for advancing inclusive growth and ask our Minnesota counterparts what that means for corporate employers. Our visit will also include a tour to see first-hand how the cities attract and retain a global workforce through a high quality of life.

Other topics to be explored include workforce retention and development among immigrant and refugee populations and how the region leverages the power of inno-

vation through the Mayo Clinic. Evening entertainment includes networking at one of the most popular breweries and a tour of Paisley Park, former home-studio of the music legend, Prince.

The cost per individual is \$2,000 for members, airfare not included. This price includes hotel accommodations, opening reception, breakfast/lunch and bus transportation/fees for tours.

Reserve your spot now by visiting DaytonChamber.org.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Sales Tax Collections

County	Current Rate	Apr 2019	Apr 2018	12 Mos Change	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Change
Butler	0.75	\$3,895,196	\$3,837,734	1.50%	\$14,725,760	\$14,131,159	4.21%
Clark	1.5	\$2,262,398	\$2,073,581	9.11%	\$8,411,747	\$7,732,698	8.78%
Darke	1.5	\$716,461	\$739,314	-3.09%	\$2,831,512	\$2,828,434	0.11%
Greene	1	\$2,431,722	\$2,368,001	2.69%	\$9,223,721	\$8,991,312	2.58%
Miami	1.25	\$1,603,798	\$1,527,404	5.00%	\$6,076,480	\$6,019,828	0.94%
Montgomery	1.25	\$8,778,200	\$6,645,771	32.09%	\$32,347,936	\$25,680,621	25.96%
Preble	1.5	\$524,986	\$453,399	15.79%	\$1,933,014	\$1,801,083	7.33%
Warren	1.25	\$4,435,240	\$4,120,583	7.64%	\$17,660,468	\$15,299,987	15.43%
Region Total		\$24,648,002	\$21,765,787	13.24%	\$93,210,639	\$82,485,124	13.00%

Source: http://www.tax.ohio.gov/tax_analysis/tax_data_series/sales_and_use/publications_tds_sales/51M0419.aspx

Residential Home Sales

	Apr '19	Apr '18	%Change	YTD '19	YTD '18	%Change
Number of Homes Sold	1457	1415	2.97%	4473	4473	0.00%
Total Home Sales	\$257,162,074	\$228,328,419	12.63%	\$729,666,487	\$689,272,372	5.86%
Average Sale Price (\$)	\$176,501	\$161,363	9.38%	\$163,127	\$154,096	5.86%

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

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they're still trying to sell their location, but fans of the popular pancake restaurant should not fret.

The local family that runs the Kettering restaurant told us a year ago they plan to downsize for family and health reasons.

They listed the property at 2932 S. Dixie Drive for \$2.9 million, but have not yet had any takers.

Next week they plan on changing real estate companies to sell the property but still plan to move to a smaller location if they sell it.

The name and recipes are not included in the sale, co-owner Stacey

Frangomichalos said.

The building location was originally constructed in the 1960s but was entirely rebuilt in 2007 after a fire caused by an electrical problem damaged it.

Original owner Steve Thomas and his wife, Bessie, opened the first Golden Nugget off North Main Street in downtown

Dayton, then moved the restaurant to its South Dixie Highway location. The family opened its second restaurant at North Keowee Street and Stanley Avenue in 1975 but that has since closed.

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BUSINESS AWARDS

The ARCNet Consortium, under the administration of SPGI, funds research that includes autonomy, precision navigation and timing and cyber-physical systems that will strengthen the national aerospace autonomy industrial base and quickly put these capabilities into the hands of our warfighters.

Mark Pohl, ARCNet Operations Director, announced that the ARCNet Consortium has released its first *grant subaward*. "ARCNet has only been in existence for six months and we are already announcing our first grant subaward. Our team has worked exceptionally hard to quickly put all the systems in place to announce this first award. We are breaking the mold of traditional government contracting, which has always been our goal," he stated.

The two-year, \$4.8 million dollar grant subaward was presented to RBR-Technologies, Inc. to conduct cognitive machine learning. RBR-Technologies, headquartered in Odenton, MD, is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business focused on cloud development, software engineering and data analytics. RBR-Technologies, which began operations in 2010 and whose workforce is currently made up of more than 75% veterans serves clients within the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Intelligence Community (IC). RBR-Technologies, Inc.

To find out more, visit www.ARCNetconsortium.com.

Fuyao Glass America has been awarded with the *Montgomery County Solid Waste District Business Incentive Grant*. The grant, in the amount of \$32,734.10, will go towards the purchase

of four vertical downstroke balers to be used to assist in the collection, sorting, and compacting of recyclable materials generated during production and distribution of automotive glass. In addition to the \$32,734.10 grant, Fuyao will match the grant in the amount of \$14,028.90, for a total project amount of \$46,763.00.

This is not the first time Fuyao has been a recipient of the Solid Waste District's Business Incentive Grant. The Corporation was awarded this grant back in 2015 for \$29,897.00, which was used to purchase a stationary compaction unit, cart dumping system, and monitoring system to be used as the primary processing equipment for Old Corrugated Containers (OCC). Fuyao also matched the 2015 grant with \$12,812.73, for a total project amount of \$42,709.73.

Montgomery County Solid Waste District offers grant funding to increase recycling at local businesses. Funds are available on a competitive basis to all Montgomery County businesses. A total of \$150,000 is available for the program, including \$120,000 to fund capital equipment purchases and \$30,000 for new recycling service contracts. Additionally, capital equipment purchase grants require a 30% cash match by businesses.

BUSINESS OPENINGS

Gem City Surgical Associates & Hernia Center and Gem City Surgical Breast Care Center will now be called **Gem City Surgeons**. The practice, which specializes in general surgery, including hernia and breast care, also welcomes Laszlo Toth, MD, to its team from Midwest Surgeons of Dayton, another Premier Physician Network practice. Dr. Toth joins Thomas Heck, MD, James de Caestecker, DO, Michelle DeGroat, MD, and Kelli Schumacher, FNP-BC.

Gem City Surgeons is located at 9000 N. Main St., suite 233, in Dayton and 200 Medical Center Dr., Suite 250 in Middletown. The practice is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling 937-832-9310.

Premier Physician Network announces the opening of **Premier Urology Specialists**. The practice is located on the campus of Miami Valley Hospital North at 9000 N. Main St., Suite 333.

The practice includes Howard Abromowitz, MD, Ahmad Abouhossein, MD, Jenny Baker, CNP, and Joni Reser, ACNP. Drs. Abromowitz and Abouhossein have been serving the Dayton community for over 30 years. The practice is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling 937-734-3970.

Middletown Cardiology Associates will relocate its main office to Franklin from Middletown and open a new, additional location in Liberty Township.

Middletown Cardiology Associates' main office will now be located at 5275 State Route 122, Suite 200, in Franklin, Ohio. It will also

open a new satellite location in Liberty Township, at 6615 Cincinnati Dayton Rd., Suite B.

Middletown Cardiology Associates, a Premier Physician Network practice, is a multi-specialty cardiovascular practice with eight physicians and five locations throughout Southwest Ohio. The practice is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling 877-229-0321.

The Clinical Neuroscience Institute is opening a location in Troy. The practice location will offer general neurology, multiple sclerosis, and epilepsy services to residents of Miami County and surrounding communities.

The Clinical Neuroscience Institute is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary neuroscience practice with 30 physicians across locations in Centerville, Englewood, Dayton, Middletown and now Troy. CNSI's Troy practice is located on the Upper Valley Medical Center campus in the Physician Office Building at 3130 N. County Road 25A, Suite 114. The practice is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling 937-440-7665.

Unity Care Group Adult Day Services opened in Washington Township on July 22, 2019 with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House. Unity Care Group is an established home care agency founded by University of Dayton graduate Emmanuel Chikwa. The company currently provides home personal care and non-medical transportation to individuals with developmental disabilities.

For more information, contact 937-723-6556.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VENDORS LICENSE

■ Bagwell, Teresa E, dba Clever Owl Boutique, 5335 Lindbergh Blvd, West Carrollton 45449

Spouse Splash, 4588 Falcon Cir, Dayton 45424

■ Belmont Gym LLC, dba Belmont Club, 630 Watervliet Ave, Dayton 45420

■ Stamper, Caleb Royce, dba Just The Tip, 4528 Byesville Blvd, Dayton 45431

■ Sanders, Brian L, dba

■ Suney S Beauty Supply LLC, dba Beauty's Beauty Supply LLC, 118 W 1st St Ste 116B, Dayton 45402