

Today ... we move toward the light



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Without a doubt, this has been another challenging and heartbreaking time here in Dayton and the Miami Valley. The month of May came in like a lamb but went out like a lion as we were pummeled by more than a dozen tornadoes on Memorial Day. Then barely sixty days later, a senseless act of violence occurred earlier this month in the early morning hours of Sunday, August 4 just hours after a shooting in El Paso. I don't know about you, but the deep sorrow remains and if we had any sense of innocence, it may now be gone.

I, like you, received many, many kind messages from family and friends here and from Florida where much of my side of my family remains. But I also received so many gracious and thoughtful messages from across our nation, some from people whom I've never met. These were sincere gestures and brought back strength, hope, and peace as much as anything could have during this painful time

for our community.

I don't pretend to be the expert and possibly show others with complete clarity and resolve as how to fix this problem of violence. However, there has to be some ideas as to how we can all help stop these senseless, mindless acts of aggression among our own human race. Our leaders are trying to develop compromises that may or may not be acceptable to both sides of the gun-rights issue. However, until we can find the best ways to eliminate this violence, maybe we can at least find ways of reducing it. All of us can be a part of the solution as long as we understand we have a problem and are open to civil conversation, dialogue and debate over how we go forward. Oh, did I say civil conversations? In today's America, that may be a novel idea.

At the very least, part of the answer is for us all to be much more vigilant. We must watch for signs that could point to others' disturbing actions, even if that person you have concerns about is a member of your family, a loved one, a friend, a co-worker, a fellow student or whomever. We must be more aware of warning signs around us and be prepared to actively speak out.

Many knew the individual who caused

this evil action, yet no one reported his behavior until after it was too late. Sorry ... unacceptable. This young man had serious demons inside of him. I will not repeat his name for I will not glorify him nor his actions. Instead, I will share with you how I thanked God for our First Responders and their quick and deliberate actions. Also to those medical responders, both professional and laypeople, who took action that morning on Fifth Street. To them all I give thanks. For me, they are our heroes. In addition, I am thankful our community reacts respectfully to those in or out of uniform who protect and serve us. I'm thankful we as a community have not sunk to the low of other communities who have acted so abusively as of late to those who pledge to serve and protect us ... even when at times it's from our own evil actions.

I hope we remember those nine loved ones who were killed and the 27 others who were injured in this tragedy. And let's not forget others who were in the Oregon District that morning who were traumatized beyond what we might imagine.

In the meantime, we must quicken our resolve to go forward. That's why I am proud to say that several Dayton-

based organizations have banded together to create a major event in the Oregon District today ... Sunday, Aug. 25. Moreover, I'm equally proud of those companies, organizations and people who have helped to fund a local victims fund through The Dayton Foundation. That fund will continue to grow even beyond today, so I thank you for your grace.

I will be in the Oregon District today and tonight. On that same sidewalk of August 4th and not intimidated by those evil acts of the recent past. I hope I can count on you to come together at this gathering of citizens set up to bring us back closer together as a peaceful, loving community. A community that can live, work and play together and discuss our differences civilly. Our nation needs a more-positive cultural change. We've become too polarized, too partisan and too angry. We need a change.

These have been dark times recently; but in the truth of all of this, maybe we can find some light ... and perhaps that light will strengthen us all to find faith in each other; hope for our human race; and the type of love we should teach our children and each other about how to live our lives peacefully together. Dayton Strong.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

City Manager Shelley Dickstein announces the promotion of two employees as division managers.

Brian J. Dahm is the newly appointed manager of the Division of Street Maintenance in the Department of Public Works. As division manager, Dahm will be responsible for a staff of 79 full-time employees and an annual operating budget of approximately \$10 million. The Division's duties include repair and maintenance of streets and alleys, street sweeping, snow and ice removal, grounds maintenance in parks and playgrounds and along boulevards, and vacant lands maintenance.

Dahm is a 25-year City of Dayton employee who has worked in the Departments of Recreation and Youth Services, Finance and Public Works, most recently as acting manager of the Division of Street Maintenance (since August of 2018). He earned a B.S. degree in Applied Management from Ohio University.

Michael (Mike) E. Cross is the newly appointed planning and engineering manager in the Department of Aviation. As manager, Cross will be responsible for oversight of capital projects at Dayton International Airport and Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport, in addition to oversight of contracting and consulting services. Projects under his supervision will include the ongoing modernization of the main terminal at Dayton International.

Cross joined the City of Dayton Department of Aviation in 2000 as an environmental scientist, with responsibilities including developing the airport recycling program and managing the airport's stormwater and air emissions programs. He has served as Aviation's acting manager of planning and engineering since May of 2018 and holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Dayton.

ment, marketing, and identifying financing and capital opportunities. He will join the Center's Dayton office on Aug. 26.

Semere most recently was Director of Media and Film for HXHOUSE, a Toronto-based business incubator and accelerator focused on building opportunity for creative entrepreneurs. His experience also includes serving as a business strategist for Lamp Apparel of Columbus. Semere earned a B.S. in Finance and an MBA from the University of Dayton.

The Greater Dayton MBAC is a component of the Ohio Development Services Agency and is operated by the Dayton Human Relations Council (HRC).

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce has named the 2020 Leadership Dayton Class. Class members of Leadership Dayton are chosen from a cross-section of the community and represent the diversity of the region's business and non-profit leaders. The program focuses on leadership, education, economic development, diversity, justice, the arts, government, health, and human services.

Leadership Dayton is one of the oldest community leadership a community leadership program that has existed in the Dayton region since 1976. With more than 1,500 alumni, the mission of the program is to identify, educate, and motivate a network of community leaders, to increase the individual's capacity to serve the Dayton region, and to advocate continual engagement in support of the Dayton region.

Members of the Leadership Dayton Class of 2020 are: Jim Ahrens, Think Patented; Mary Bane Dermatologists of Southwest Ohio (DSWO); Denise Banks, Verso Corporation; Timothy Bement, App Architecture; Ashley Bielefeld, Messer Construction; Chadwick Bocook, Dayton Power & Light; Jyllian Bradshaw, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur; Mary Butts, PSA Airlines; Erin Davis, Taft Stettinius & Hollister; Beth Duncan, LIZARD Apparel & Promotions, LLC; Cory Earl, Dayton Business Journal; Nick Eden, Danis; Susan Edwards, Wright State University; Jenni Frazer, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Cincinnati Branch; Cindy Garner, Clothes That Work; John Garrity, Brixey & Meyer, Inc.; Patrick Gill, The Dayton Foundation; Sarah Hackenbracht, Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association; Timothy Henry, Premier Health; Jesse Edel, University of Dayton; Erin Kunkle, JJR Solutions, LLC; Andy Lehman, Kettering Health Network; Beth Ling, CareSource; Carol Lundin, Front Street Building Co. LLC; Mark Lyle, Wright-Patterson AFB; Lindsay Maxam, Junior League of Dayton; Joshua Nalls, Dayton Public Schools; ichelle Niedermier, Montgomery County JFS; Michael Osborn, Coolidge Wall Co., L.P.A.; Michael Pabst, Flagel Huber Flagel; Kunal Patel, Coldwell Banker Heritage Realtors - Kunal Patel Group; Cory Paul, American Red Cross, Dayton Area Chapter; Kayleigh Pratt, Girls on the Run of Dayton; Laura Rapoch, Crayons to Classrooms; Pamela Rath, LexisNexis; John Schuermann, Fifth Third Bank; Samantha Sommer Morris, Dayton Daily News/Cox Media Group; Michael Stemen, Rieck Services; Devon Stinson; Amy Thorson, Dayton Children's Hospital; Tracey Tomme, Dayton Society of Natural History; Lee Lauren, Truesdale The Foodbank, Inc.; Graig Tuschoing, Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley; Mariah Vogelgesang, City of Centerville; Monica Walker, The Dayton Art Institute; Terra Williams, Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County; Janet Wirth, Wright Patterson AFB; and Brian Yeakley, Miami Valley Financial Partners.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for all events at DaytonChamber.org

W. Second Street, Dayton

Location: NCR Country Club, 4435 Dogwood Trail, Kettering

SAFETY BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS

Topic: Cyber Security
Date: Sept. 19
Time: 7:30 am - 9 am
Location: Crowne Plaza Dayton, 33 E. Fifth St., Dayton
City2City Exchange Trip
Topic: Share ideas and lessons learned with leaders in Minneapolis-St. Paul

GENERATION DAYTON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPIC: NAVIGATING WORKPLACE RELATIONSHIPS

Date: Sept. 5
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Location: Daywork 130, 130

GENERATION DAYTON MONTHLY MIXER

Date: Sept. 12, 2019
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Location: Flyboys Deli, 2515 Far Hills Ave., Oakwood Chamber Challenge Golf Outing
Date: Sept. 16
Time: 10:30 am - 7 pm

SMART MOBILITY ON THE I-70 CORRIDOR

Speaker: Andrew Bremmer, DriveOhio
Date: Sept. 17
Time: 7:30 am - 9 am
Location: BarryStaff, 230 Webster St., Dayton



Roedersheimer

Stan Johnson Company, one of the nation's premier net lease broker-firms,

announced that **Ryan Roedersheimer** has joined the firm as an Associate Director and will lead the firm's newest regional office in Cincinnati, Ohio. Roedersheimer specializes in the acquisition and disposition of multi-tenant retail building, delivering consistent, efficient, and accurate results to his clients. Roedersheimer previously worked with Marcus & Millichap as an Investment Broker in the Cincinnati market. Prior to joining the commercial real estate industry, he was one of the top sales executives at Verizon Wireless, earning the prestigious Presidents Cabinet award and ranking in the top ten among a sales force of approximately 30,000 colleagues.

With the opening of the Cincinnati office, Stan Johnson Company operates 13 regional offices in addition to the Tulsa, Oklahoma headquarters. This is the company's third Midwest office.

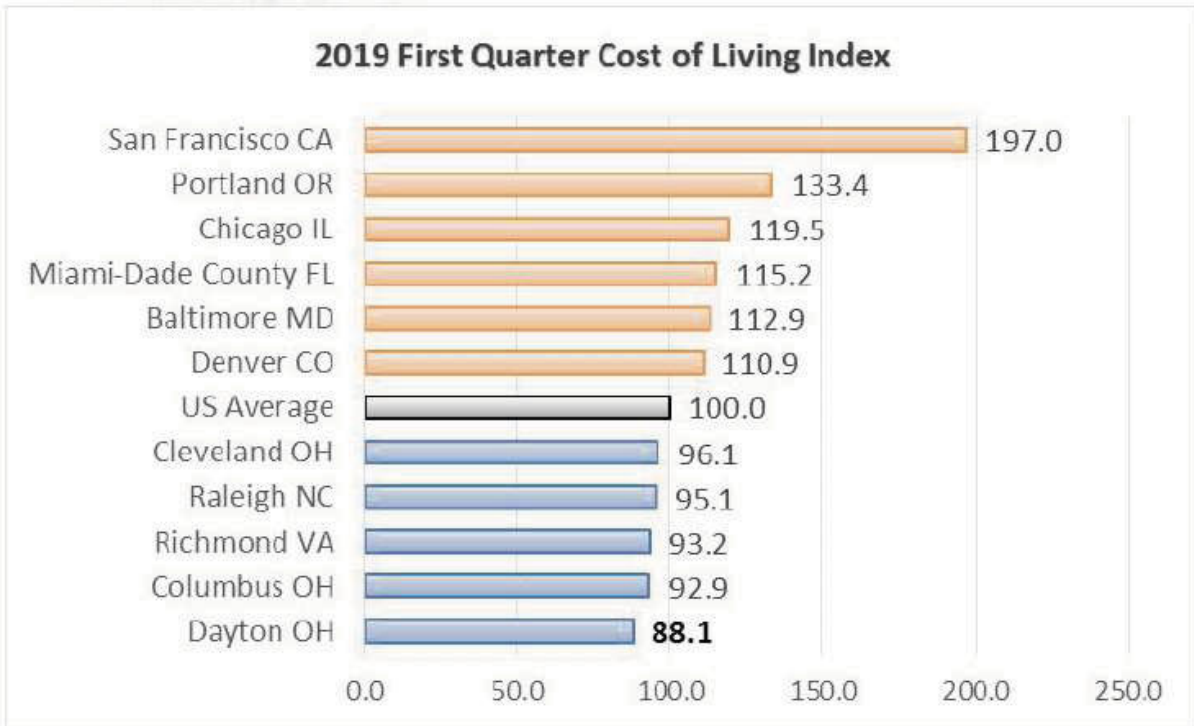
To learn more about Stan Johnson Company, please visit the recently enhanced website at www.stanjohnsonco.com.

Senay Semere will join the Greater Dayton Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) as program director, overseeing the Center's work of aiding development of minority-owned and disadvantaged businesses in a 12-county region.

Semere will manage and enhance the Center's business services, which include assistance with accounting, government certification applications, contract procurement, estimating/bidding, resource develop-

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Cost of Living Index



Source: Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER), ACCRA Cost of Living Index

Sales Tax Collections

County	Current Rate	Apr 2018	Apr 2017	12 Mos Change	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Change
Butler	0.75%	\$3,837,734	\$3,733,951	2.78%	\$14,131,159	\$14,929,707	-5.35%
Clark	1.50%	\$2,073,581	\$2,290,617	-9.48%	\$7,732,698	\$8,884,108	-12.96%
Darke	1.50%	\$739,314	\$767,309	-3.65%	\$2,828,434	\$2,983,235	-5.19%
Greene	1.00%	\$2,368,001	\$2,301,588	2.89%	\$8,991,312	\$9,327,275	-3.60%
Miami	1.25%	\$1,527,404	\$1,698,171	-10.06%	\$6,019,828	\$6,275,454	-4.07%
Montgomery	1.00%	\$6,645,771	\$7,353,240	-9.62%	\$25,680,621	\$27,900,203	-7.96%
Preble	1.50%	\$453,399	\$508,109	-10.77%	\$1,801,083	\$1,994,458	-9.70%
Warren	1.00%	\$4,120,583	\$3,385,993	21.69%	\$15,299,987	\$13,214,016	15.79%
Region Total		\$ 21,765,786.73	\$22,038,977.98	-1.24%	\$82,485,123.63	\$ 85,508,455.85	-3.54%

Source: http://www.tax.ohio.gov/tax_analysis/tax_data_series/sales_and_use/publications_tds_sales/S1M0116.aspx

Residential Home Sales

	May '19	May '18	%Change	YTD '19	YTD '18	%Change
Number of Homes Sold	1720	1595	7.84%	6212	6087	2.05%
Total Home Sales	\$311,763,470	\$272,842,039	14.27%	\$1,043,742,673	\$965,223,185	8.13%
Average Sale Price (\$)	\$181,258	\$171,061	5.96%	\$143,450	\$135,000	6.26%

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VENDORS LICENSE

Kramer, Gerald R., dba Gem City Discounters,

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