

Infrastructure upgrades enhance our economy



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CAE, CCE President & CEO

I wanted to share with you an update on several important infrastructure improvements underway that will serve our region well for years to come.

Along with several of our key partners, we have been strong advocates for these roadway improvements that will help not only our logistics and manufacturing companies move their goods,

but these upgrades will be important for our workers, their personal and professional productivity and families.

In recent years, you have heard many of us demand upgrades to U.S. Route 35, our third-busiest highway in the region behind interstates 75 and 70. We have also known for years that the last pinch point on U.S. 35 from Dayton east to the Ohio river was in Beaver-creek.

That project is finally kicking off this month and will create a "super-street" between Factory Road and Orchard Lane that will improve safety and traffic flow by 75 percent or more. This project

should be fully completed by late 2022.

This project, along with the now-funded expansion to three full lanes of U.S. 35 from Steve Whalen Boulevard east to Interstate 675, will also ease daily congestion and our frustrations when moving to and from downtown Dayton on U.S. 35.

Both these upgrades have been high priorities with community leaders, showing what we can do if we all come together to prioritize our important needs. Each of these projects was also re-engineered for creative savings of millions of our taxpayer dollars.

Our thanks should be extended to our Greene

and Montgomery County leaders, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission as well as the Ohio Department of Transportation Districts 7 and 8 and ODOT Transportation Review Advisory Council officials in Ohio.

All of us, including our region's chamber of commerce, came together to reach these goals of improving traffic flow and safety in our region.

You should also keep your eye on what's happening in our northern parts of Montgomery County near the airport. With the creation already of more than 2,300 jobs and plans for more, we advocated the need to expand U.S. Route 40 to

serve those employers and their employees.

Thanks go out to the cooperation between the cities of Dayton and Vandalia, Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District and again ODOT for investing in this much-needed infrastructure for our growing logistics industry. This is another good example of government and the private sector working together.

We have successfully continued to work together on multiple projects that will improve our lives and opportunities to expand our area's economy. This success sure beats the heck out of those

old days when we argued just to be disagreeable.

These successful upgrades will certainly help relieve our headaches and frustrations when using our freeways, but believe me we have more yet to do, especially with the infrastructure supporting Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and its 30,000 employees.

Look for future additional roadway improvements coming there, too. I hope you can be patient with all this construction. Trust me - in the long run it will be well worth all our community's efforts and persistence.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Sales Tax Collections

County	Current Rate	Nov 2019	Nov 2018	12 Mos Change	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Change
Butler	0.75	\$3,736,388	\$3,558,661	4.99%	\$41,246,211	\$39,500,254	4.42%
Clark	1.5	\$2,140,521	\$1,974,701	8.40%	\$23,685,702	\$21,437,938	10.48%
Darke	1.5	\$768,254	\$696,006	10.38%	\$8,318,467	\$8,021,751	3.70%
Greene	1	\$2,520,637	\$2,206,279	14.25%	\$26,191,218	\$24,796,728	5.62%
Miami	1.25	\$1,587,769	\$1,503,556	5.60%	\$17,260,250	\$16,580,945	4.10%
Montgomery	1.25	\$8,481,427	\$7,631,051	11.14%	\$91,304,085	\$71,833,735	27.10%
Preble	1.5	\$478,369	\$446,426	7.16%	\$5,339,491	\$5,189,046	2.90%
Warren	1.25	\$4,633,827	\$4,417,471	4.90%	\$50,330,918	\$46,150,669	9.06%
Region Total		\$24,347,193	\$22,434,151	8.53%	\$263,676,342	\$233,511,066	12.92%

Residential Home Sales

	Nov '19	Nov '18	%Change	YTD '19	YTD '18	%Change
Number of Homes Sold	1286	1335	-3.67%	15334	15237	0.64%
Total Home Sales	\$232,032,279	\$218,286,172	6.30%	\$2,719,669,130	\$2,522,770,668	7.80%
Average Sale Price (\$)	\$163,510	\$180,429	10.35%	\$177,362	\$165,569	7.12%

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

BUSINESS AWARDS

Vision Care partner Anderson honored

Everything the team does at Miamisburg Vision Care is geared toward delivering patients the best experience not only in eye care, but anywhere. Practice partners **David Anderson, OD**, and **Keith Basinger, OD**, recognize staff every week for going the extra mile. Anderson was recently awarded the OOA Key OD of the Year award in honor of his advo-

cacy efforts. The practice regularly gives back to its community, volunteering at the civic level, through religious groups, or by donating time and/or funding to groups that serve the local community.

Miamisburg Vision Care is an early adopter of new technology and treatment options, and is involved in contact lens and other eye-related FDA trials and studies, keeping them at the leading edge of latest innovations.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VENDORS LICENSE

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Cleaning

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department to help answer the phones.

"It's all hands on deck," said Casey Decker, Aftermath's vice president of field services.

The calls haven't slowed even as more companies require employees to work from home.

As restaurants, bars, gyms and other businesses close their doors, some professional cleaning firms expect demand will ramp up. Buildings can be thoroughly disinfected when there are no customers or employees inside.

"It's very possible that almost everything will end up shutting down," said Vanessa Cabrera, director of client services at All Clean Inc. MD, which cleans commercial and industrial properties on the East Coast. "When that's the case, then we'll have a lot more people calling and more jobs to do ... They're going to want a deep clean of their facility."

Workers, at times, might

wear full-face respirators, one-piece protective suits, two pairs of gloves and booties, particularly if they're at a place that had confirmed cases of the coronavirus. Brewer, the UCLA professor, said booties and respirators aren't necessary. A face shield or surgical mask will do.

"When you're going in and you're 100% encapsulated, you feel like you can go up against anything," Decker said of the protective suit.

Cabrera's mother, Adriana Corona, a manager at All Clean Inc. MD, is often in the field with workers and said they now wear more protective gear than they would during their normal course of work. She's also done online training on how to do deep cleanings.

She said she hasn't been afraid of becoming infected while on jobs. "We just clean and disinfect everything," Corona said.

Clean Harbors, a Massachusetts company that specializes in hazardous waste removal, designates three different zones for its employ-

ees when they arrive at a decontamination job.

Workers suit up in the "warm zone" before entering the "hot zone," where decontamination occurs. After the job is done, one person who did not enter the building helps the others take off their suits back in the warm zone before they can enter the "cold zone," or clean area.

The protective gear is put into a drum and incinerated. The respirators are rinsed with bleach, soap and water before they're used again.

In some ways, there's precedent for the kind of thorough disinfection that cleaning companies are now doing. Some have compared the work to sewage and mold removal or to cleanups of crime scenes and meth labs. Some even have experience with other viruses, such as MRSA or norovirus.

"We're used to this," said Chuck Geer, senior vice president of field services at Clean Harbors. "It's not uncommon at any point in time for our teams to respond to something like this."



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