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Join us at the 33rd Annual Wayne County Home & Garden Show on April 27 & 28!



The Wayne County Home & Garden Show at the Wayne County Fairgrounds is full of activities for everyone to enjoy. With a wide variety of exhibitors and attendees throughout the weekend, it will be a positive experience for all participants!



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Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Sunday, April 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds

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Olive Lane Oils and Vinegars

Olive Lane Oils and Vinegars carries over 50 varieties of the highest-quality extra virgin olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Located in downtown Wooster, they encourage you to visit the shop and sample the infused olive oils, specialty oils and different flavors of dark and white balsamic vinegars Shop kitchen goods, pantry items, gift baskets and rotating fresh, glutenfree bakery offerings from Standard Measure Bakery. They have recipes to help get you started and are always happy to answer any questions you may have about using the different oils and vinegars. Open 7 days a week.



Vaughan Power Washing

Vaughan Power Washing is a local family-owned business that utilizes both a Hot and a Cold water system. They specialize in Sterilization, Siding, Bricks, Decks, Fencing, Concrete and Soft Wash Roofs. Minimum square footage is required. They take pride in providing Excellent Customer Service and Response Time. Vaughan Power Washing GUARANTEES the best results for your Private and Commercial property using products that are Safe and Effective.

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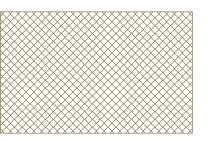
The Chamber offers many valuable and exclusive benefits to its members. To learn more, visit woosterchamber.com/benefits.

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Wooster Works

At Wooster Works, they offer a variety of workspaces to suit your needs. From private offices to shared desks, they provide a flexible and modern environment that fosters creativity. Add in a physical address for mail or package delivery and all you need to do is come in and focus on your business! Wooster Works is located in downtown Wooster at 201 E. Liberty Street Suite 100. Learn more at woosterworks.com





Whippt Dalgona Coffee

Nicole Norris, owner, established Whippt, LLC in April of 2020 after the start of the pandemic while pursuing her bachelor's degree at the University of Akron. Whippt Dalgona Coffee specializes in making a smooth Vegan and Gluten-Free South Korean Style coffee that is traditionally dolloped on top of hot or cold milk. Whippt Dalgona Coffee has been a launching pad for small businesses going on 4 years this September. At Whippt, Dalgona coffee is versatile and can also be paired with other house-made signature coffee-free drinks such as: The Bad Apple, Sea Moss Lemonade, Chai, London Fog, or Matcha Lattes. Each beverage is handcrafted and made to order with customized flavors. It really is "Heaven in a Cup"!



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UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, March 6 Tuesday, April 9 Thursday, May 2

A small materials fee applies

Register online at sbdcksut.org

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*Annual Dinner

2024 Award Recipients Recognized at the **Chamber's Annual Dinner Meeting**



With over 870 business professionals in attendance, the Wooster Chamber honored the 2024 Award Recipients. Thank you to everyone who attended to recognize these outstanding businesses and individuals.

Thank you to our 124th Annual Dinner Sponsors:









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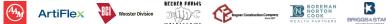






























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Wooster Young Professionals will gather at Meatheads in March

Join the Young Professionals on Wednesday, March 13 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. for a social at Meatheads Union. Enjoy beverages and appetizers while building your network with other YPs.

The Young Professionals meet each month for a social, activity, or professional development session. This program

is designed for individuals between 21-40 years old who are living or working in Wayne County and want to meet other community-minded individuals who are developing their careers. We hope you can join us!

Thank you to our sponsors:







Register at woosterchamber.com/young-professionals

Learn more about saving on utility costs and energy efficiency upgrades

With electric and natural gas rates skyrocketing, many businesses are turning to energy efficiency measures to reduce their energy costs. During this session, we will discuss what options are available from solar to LED lighting and why now is a great time to take advantage of all of the new rebates. incentives, and grants available.

On Thursday, March 14, Rick Davidson and Kathy Elseser with Community Energy Advisors will share how they can connect you with opportunities to save on your energy efficiency upgrades. This session will be held at the Wooster Chamber from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. lunch will be provided.

The Chamber Energy Program provides energy supply solutions for our members' homes, small businesses, and large commercial operations.



The Chamber Sustainability Program helps members reduce their energy costs by connecting them with effective efficiency solutions and project funding and financing.

We hope you can join us for this informational session!

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Leadership Wooster covers Community Service, Volunteerism, and Human Services





The Leadership Wooster class began their February session at The Village Network where they learned about how their organization is having a positive impact and empowering youth and their families. Later in the day, the class was able to tour the campus and see first-hand how The Village Network is meeting its mission.

The class heard from Katie
Koglman about United Way of
Wayne and Holmes Counties and
what they are doing to help people
improve their lives.

The class experienced a session of Service Club Speed dating where they spent time at different stations hearing from the Rotary Club of Wooster, Wooster Noon Lions Club, Kiwanis Club of Wooster, and Quota Club of Wayne County.

The next hour was spent having round table discussions with representatives from Pregnancy Care Center, Wayne County

Children's Advocacy Center,
Wooster Boys & Girls Club, Wayne
County Humane Society, NAMI
of Wayne & Holmes Counties,
and the Wayne County
Community Foundation.

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore was the next stop of the day.

Executive Director Beth Weaver gave the class a tour of the store and explained how the ReStore supports Habitat for Humanity's vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

A tour and overview of OneEighty was the next stop of the day. John Fishburn, Clinical Director, shared about what their organization is doing to help people change direction.

The class enjoyed a meal prepared by the Salvation Army's kitchen. Majors Thomas and Victoria Clark gave an overview of how they are supporting people in the Wooster community and gave the group a tour of their facility. Joe Szeker, Executive Director, gave the class an overview and a tour of People to People.

From there, the class traveled to Goodwill for a tour of their Industrial Services Division where they help local companies by taking on routine tasks and helping them to reach their production goals.

Then the class returned to The Village Network for another Round Table session where they heard from Forget-Me-Not Baskets, Romich Foundation, O'Huddle, Wayne County Community Action, Wayne County Children's STEAM Playlab, and Friendtique/The Nest.

Samira Zimmerly, President of the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce wrapped up the day with a discussion on Effective Board Membership.

Throughout the course of the day, the class heard from over 25 organizations.





* Leadership Wooster

Apply for the 2024 - 2025 Leadership Wooster Class!

Chamber's premier leadership program designed to identify leaders and motivate them to take a leadership role in the community. Now in its 27th year, and with an alumni network totaling over 700 community members, the program has become a network of business leaders who contribute to the area through a variety of ways including volunteering and serving on the boards of local agencies.

Leadership Wooster is the

Leadership Wooster runs from August through May and is a series of 10 day-long sessions each devoted to a community topic. Students learn about the local economy, government,



education, medical field, community organizations, volunteerism, arts & religion, and small & large enterprises.

Participation is open to anyone in the area who aspires to or has a talent for leadership positions.

Tuition is \$1,650 for Chamber members and covers all costs associated with the program.

Submit your application by April 30, 2024 to be considered for the upcoming class. To apply, visit www.woosterchamber. com/leadership-wooster.











Leadership Wooster is sponsored by:



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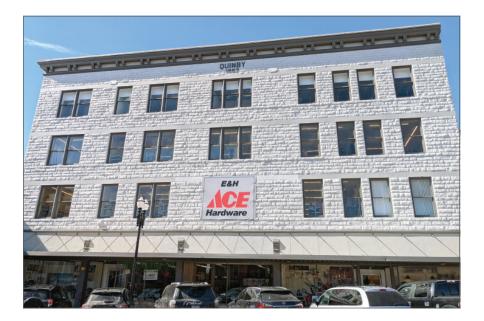
Next Business After Hours is set for April 10 at E&H Ace Hardware in downtown Wooster

Join us for a Business After Hours at E&H Ace Hardware from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10! Stop by to see everything that E&H Ace Hardware has to offer at their 115 S. Market Street location in downtown



As the flagship corporate headquarters for E&H Hardware, this location features new products not yet seen in other Ace Hardware locations, with three floors filled to the brim with everything you'll need for your home—and more! The Nook offers a wide array of specialty items, including handcrafted products made by Wooster artisans and Woo gear.

We hope you can join us!



Register for this upcoming Business After Hours event online at woosterchamber.com/business-after-hours.

Jarrett hosts Business Before Hours in February to celebrate latest expansion project



In February, Jarrett hosted a Business Before Hours. Guests were able to tour the newest addition to the 400,000 sq. ft. warehouse space and see how AI technology combined with the company's cloud-based management system is helping streamline the process of inventory, fulfillment and warehouse management.

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Night on Hill

Thursday, March 21st 6pm - 9pm



30th Annual Wayne County Child Abuse Prevention Month Community Event Event Presented By:



Awards will be presented to: Child Advocate & Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

April 18, 2024 • 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. NEW VENUE: The Grevstone Event Center: 50 Riffel Rd. Wooster. OH \$21 per person - Tables of eight available Please RSVP by: March 27, 2024



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Safety Council

Wooster Area Safety Council will review the Basics of **Combustible Dust**



Safety Consultant Specialist, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation



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Council will be covering the Basics of Combustible Dust during the March 20 meeting. Deb Bailey, Safety Consultant Specialist with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will be discussing the key items employers should be aware of when working with materials that could be hazardous.

Deb has been a Safety Consultant with the **BWC** since December 2006. She works with a

diverse range of companies in many different industries, from public entities to a wide variety of private companies. She helps customers evaluate their current safety situations, set goals and create plans of action to successfully achieve their goals. She also teaches many safety-related classes for the BWC.

Prior to working at the BWC, Deb was an Environmental, Safety and Health Manager at US Chemical, Environmental Manager for Sea World of Ohio, Environmental Engineering at Babcock & Wilcox Nuclear Equipment Division. She started her private industry career as a Research and Development Chemist, after graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from The University of Akron

We hope that you can join us!





MEETING DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, March 20

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location:

First Presbyterian Church, 621 College Ave., Wooster, Ohio 44691

Speaker: Deb Bailey, Safety Consultant Specialist, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Topic: Basics of Combustible Dust

Cost: \$20 for Chamber members \$25 for non-members Lunch will be provided.



Register at woosterchamber.com/wooster-area-safety-council

Lemonade Day

Save The Date for the Third Annual Wayne County Lemonade Day!



SATURDAY - JUNE 8, 2024

The Wooster Chamber is proud to, once again, bring Lemonade Day to Wayne County and to be among the nearly 100 communities hosting the day locally in 2024! Save the date for Saturday, June 8, when kids will set up their lemonade stands across Wayne County.

Due to the support of our generous sponsors in 2023, we were able to engage over 27 youth across Wayne County and we are looking to help an even greater number of youth realize their potential in 2024! Last year, we hosted two Lemonade

Day Workshops to help kids and their mentors brainstorm for their businesses and we look forward to facilitating those again this year. We invite you to share in this opportunity to plant the seed of entrepreneurship within the next generation and create the business leaders, social advocates, community volunteers, and forwardthinking citizens of tomorrow.

An investment in Lemonade Day will ensure the materials, curriculum. and all events are free to every kid who participates in Wayne County. As a supporter, you will foster a one-of-a-kind experiential learning opportunity that impacts character, teaches financial literacy and business acumen, engages mentors, and provides hands-on experiences for kids to make a profit, save some for a rainy day, and give some to a charity of their choice - all while squeezing as much fun out of the experience



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For more information about Wayne County Lemonade Day! Visit woosterchamber.com/lemonade-day.



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