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DRG3 Green Business Certification Program: Go "Green" and Save Money at the Same Time

Area small businesses and commercial property owners are starting to take advantage of Montgomery County's DRG3 Green Business Certification Program as a means of showing their commitment to protecting the environment and their bottom lines. The program is designed to recognize businesses in the Dayton region that have taken voluntary steps to protect, preserve, and improve the environment.

One popular component of the DRG3 program is a partnership with Dayton Power and Light that allows small businesses to obtain a free energy audit of their facilities and operations. Increasing your energy efficiency is a great way to control costs, and

that's where DRG3 Energy Audits can help.

DRG3 Green Certified Dayton Power & Light (DP&L) customers can work with a qualified audit firm to conduct a comprehensive energy analysis of your facilities, examining everything from lighting to HVAC to building controls. The end result is an understanding of how energy is being used, the potential savings and a list of prioritized projects that have the most attractive paybacks.

Once the energy audit has been completed, DP&L will reimburse 50% of the cost of the audit. The remaining 50% will be reimbursed if you implement



identified electricity-saving projects within 12 months of the audit, and the amount of your investment is equal to or greater than the cost of the audit. Funds are awarded on a first-come, first served, and case by case basis. Maximum reimbursement for a single facility audit is \$7,500.

To be eligible for the program, applying businesses must first become green certified by DRG3. After that, a business follows a very straightforward process to commission an energy audit and (cont'd on page 3)

2013 Mayor's Business Breakfast Well Attended

Mayor C. Mark Kingseed, for the 15th year, hosted Centerville's annual business appreciation breakfast at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. This year's event was attended by more than 200 local and regional business and community leaders. This year's breakfast was sponsored by Miami

Valley Hospital South which provided attendees with a comprehensive overview of the hospital's recent growth and new programs and services offered in Centerville. Miami Valley's expansion of its Centerville campus signals a continued focus on meeting the (cont'd on page 3)



BusinessFirst! Spotlight— SOCHE Intern Program

The Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) isn't necessarily an organization that business owners and managers would immediately associate with assisting them grow and develop their workforce. That is something the new SOCHE *Intern* program hopes to change. Founded in 1967, SOCHE is a collaborative organization with more than twenty member colleges and universities in the Dayton region helping its members transform their communities through education, employment, and engagement of more than 117,000 students in the area. The employment factor is what SOCHE *Intern* is targeting.

From a regional perspective, ensuring that our workforce is continually replenished by college graduates is critical to the long-term success of the Dayton area economy. The ever-growing message being sent by the business community is that it is becoming more and more difficult to fill their workforce needs with the highly-skilled and trained workforce required to allow them to compete on a global stage. SOCHE Intern's goal is to play a matchmaking role between those soon-to-graduate students in the region and the business community in the hopes of fostering more than just a internship experience and keeping those talented young professionals from leaving the area after graduation.

Internships are sometimes overlooked or dismissed by business owners as a valuable workforce development tool. SOCHE stands committed to assist businesses in the region to find value in hiring interns as a component of their operations. Internships provide employers with a low-cost means of filling certain staffing needs and a way to perform an extended interview process of candidates seeking full-time employment. They bridge the gap between local students and local employers. The benefit SOCHE brings to the table is that it can assist businesses in managing the internship process so that both the intern and the business benefit to the fullest extent possible. To explore this program, you can log-on at www.soche.org or call (937) 258-8890 for more information.



Centerville Seeking Sponsorships for Veterans Memorial Enhancement Project

A new enhancement project, designed to complement the existing Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park is underway. The enhancement features five new bronze medallions depicting various scenes of sacrifice and service during times of war and peace along the brick plaza and reflecting pond at the Memorial. Each medallion pays tribute to a branch of the US Armed Forces. Internationally recognized sculptor and Centerville resident Virginia Hess designed and created the bas relief pieces. Mrs. Hess has generously donated her time, talents and materials to create the medallions and also graciously provided funding for the pieces to be bronzed. Additional funding is needed for the mounting and installation, as the design calls for each bronze piece to be in-laid in a granite marker.

The cost of this project is \$35,000. Centerville and Washington Township have each pledged \$10,000. A community fundraising effort to raise the remaining \$15,000 is underway. Sponsorships with various levels of contribution have been established, beginning at \$1,000, however all contributions will help further the project. Individuals and organizations contributing at the sponsorship levels will be recognized with their names engraved on a permanent marker near the memorial plaza. Tax deductible contributions may be made with checks payable to the Dayton Foundation, 500 Kettering Tower, Dayton, Ohio 45423. The new addition will be dedicated during the Veterans Day Ceremony, November 11, 2013. For more information visit www.centervilleohio.gov or call 433-7151.

BusinessFirst!: Schedule A Visit Today

The City of Centerville is a proud member of the BusinessFirst! program which offers city businesses convenient and effective access to the resources they need to succeed. The BusinessFirst! program uses a customer-focused approach to link businesses with resources that help them stay and grow in the community. The BusinessFirst! team is a coordinated group of nearly 100 economic development, community

development, workforce development and government professionals who are ready to assist firms in meeting their corporate objectives.

Numerous Centerville businesses have benefitted through participation in BusinessFirst!. The program gives businesses a single point of contact for a wide range of assistance.

Services include business financing, workforce training programs, tax

credit assistance, and much more. The City of Centerville is committed to serving its business community and linking it with the resources it needs to grow.

If you are interested in scheduling a BusinessFirst! visit or would like to learn more about the program, please contact Nathan Cahall, at ncahall@centervilleohio.gov.

Centerville Welcomes New Businesses

Below is a listing of new businesses based on recent City permit information for the second quarter of 2013. The City of Centerville proudly welcomes these new firms to our community.

Burr Home Improvements

143-B Westpark Rd.

North Star Exteriors

6344 Far Hills Ave.

Superior Countertops

103 Westpark Rd.

SafeGuard

105 Westpark Rd.

Oberer Flowers

9705 Dayton-Lebanon Pk.

Carmela's Pizza

853 E. Franklin St.

Total Source

80 Westpark Rd.

Ohio Green Works

7989-B South Suburban Rd.

Freedom Family Chiropractic

101 E. Alex-Bell Rd., Suite 186

Skelton and Appley Sports

261 N. Main St.

Raven Rock Workwear

130 Westpark Rd.

Kuk Sul Do Academy

99 Maple Ave.

Swoosh Plumbing

145-C Westpark Rd.

Buckeye Ambulance

1784 South Metro Pkwy.



2013 Mayor's Business Breakfast

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Mayor Kingseed highlighted the City's continued dual development focus. The City will continue to focus its energies on the redevelopment and the sustainability of already developed areas of our community while also keeping an eye toward expansion of the City's boundaries when it is deemed to be in the strategic interest of the City, its residents, and its business community.

The City of Centerville wishes to thank all of the businesses and community leaders that attended this year's event and made it a success. For those business owners or managers that were unable to attend this year's event, we hope to see you next year!



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The DGR3 program offers even more opportunities for businesses in the Miami Valley to reduce their environmental footprint while also saving operational expenses in the process. In fact, the City of Centerville recently attained certification from DRG3 and has acted upon several energy saving initiatives to reduce costs for its facilities across the community. DRG3's efforts are committed to fulfilling its mission to promote greener government, business, and personal practices throughout the Montgomery County and Dayton region to ensure the environmental sustainability of our region and enhance the quality of life for our citizens. To learn more about the Dayton Power and Light rebate program and other valuable energy-related incentives, log on to www.mcoho.org/services/go_green.





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Bring in this coupon for
\$2 off our Sunday Brunch.
Good for up to 4 adults.

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Must present coupon.
Not Valid on Father's Day.

ATTENTION CENTERVILLE BUSINESSES

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace is right here in your backyard! ***We are open to the public***, and are the perfect location for you to entertain clients or host a staff meeting! Our view has been known to inspire great business ventures!

Why get caught up in traffic or loud restaurants? Our restaurant is open for lunch Monday-Saturday, 11am-3pm. Offering free wi-fi and a delicious menu, it's the perfect setting for business meetings. Impress your clients, treat your staff, and enjoy South Dayton's finest dining view of our 306 acre greenspace!

We have banquet space to seat 5-250 people. We can host your training seminar, staff retreat, employee party, client meeting—you name it!

Thinking about hosting a business outing? We can help you arrange a fun afternoon with a private golf clinic, a delicious meal, and much more! We entertain any budget—call us today and we'll help you look smart!

PRE-PAID MEMBERSHIPS

These pre-packaged rounds are designed for the frequent golfer or the business person looking to entertain clients and guests. Each package can be used to bring a small group of golfers, or rounds can be packaged as gifts to clients or employees.

Pre-Packaged Rounds include 18-Holes of golf, golf car, complimentary warm-up basket of range balls and 10-day advance reservation privileges with every round.

- 10 weekday (Mon-Thursday) rounds: \$350
- 10 anytime rounds: \$450

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace

10000 Yankee Street
www.YankeeTrace.org
937-438-GOLF

Open to the Public!

