

SHELBY COUNTY Sizzles

SEMCORP CHOOSES SIDNEY

On May 5, SEMCORP Advanced Materials Group announced it will establish an 850,000 s.f. manufacturing facility in Sidney.

The project represents a \$916 million capital investment, which makes it the largest initial foreign direct investment in Ohio's history and the largest capital investment in the Dayton Region.

SEMCORP, the global leader in battery separator film production, said the facility will supply the growing need for electrical vehicle batteries in the U.S.

The company will create 1,200 jobs, representing \$73 million in new annual payroll.

SEMCORP is currently finalizing the site and building design, and hopes to begin construction later this year.



Airstream's Heritage Center Opens

In late May, Airstream ceremoniously opened its new [Heritage Center](#) on the campus of their world headquarters and manufacturing facility in Jackson Center, Ohio. Paying tribute to nearly 100 years of business success, the Heritage Center is comprised of vintage Airstream trailer trailers, interactive displays, and Airstream collectibles of every variety. According to Mollie Hansen, Chief Marketing Officer at Airstream,

"75% of this collection when I arrived here was literally in a field. In the summer when we had lots of tours, lots of people, we would talk about those trailers, but they were out in the elements. I think the motivation was to get them protected, number one, and to realize that a lot of our history was in these units that have come from a variety of places. I really felt that we had to preserve our history."

Notable Airstream products on display in the Heritage Center include two trailers dating back to 1938 — a Clipper and an Airlite — a 1984 Airstream Funeral Coach — one of 32 units produced from 1981 to 1991 that could transport 14 family members and a casket underneath from the funeral home to the burial site — and a 1953 Airstream Flying Cloud — the first trailer to come off the production line at the Jackson Center plant that opened in 1952.



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The Heritage Center is an ideal visit for Airstream enthusiasts and really anyone who has an interest in the RV business or Americana in general. Coupled with its weekly Factory Tours and well-stocked Airstream Gift Shop, this Jackson Center destination is a “must see”.



ARPA Fund Update

In response to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Shelby County Commissioners established priorities. To date, \$1,454,462 of the first tranche has been spent on the following:

- Vacuum truck – (50% of cost)
- EZ Scan Check for Treasurer’s Office
- Child care solutions including a contract with 4C For Children and the YMCA for their capital campaign child care expansion
- COVID Vaccine Incentives
- Wastewater facilities
 - ◊ pump & trailer at Filburns Island
 - ◊ fairgrounds storm drainage
- Small Business Grants

- ◊ \$150,000 - Round One funding to restaurants
- ◊ \$437,000 - Round Two funding to be distributed to small businesses

Pending expenses include Scanning & Redaction Software for the Recorder’s Office and a Generator for Arrowhead Subdivision.

Non-profit and Hospitality grants will also be offered soon.

Expansion of Broadband remains a challenge. Shelby County has recently received an RFP from NK Telco to expand middle mile fiber at an estimated cost of almost \$1.2 million with the cost to be split between the County and NK Telco at 75:25. In addition, Shelby County was recently awarded participation in a Broadband Accelerator program which will assist in developing priorities and a long range plan. It is hoped this planning will increase Shelby County’s

Housing Update

Improving the availability of housing continues to be a top priority of the SSEP. A private-public partnership was formed to provide funding for our next phase, which will focus primarily on housing revitalization.

Downing Community Advisors has been engaged to carry out an 18 month scope of work. Our Housing Steering Committee and the City of Sidney, Land Bank and CIC will be working closely with Downing to facilitate the scope of work.

“I’m ready to get moving on a variety of actions that will expand and improve housing in Sidney and throughout Shelby County,” said SSEP’s Jim Hill. “Downing Community Advisors offer us the deep knowledge and expertise that we need in several of our housing segments, added Hill. We will be reporting additional details as this important effort progresses.”

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7,000 Sq. Foot Retail Facility Comes to Sidney

[ComptonAddy](#), a commercial real estate development company serving clients in multiple markets across the country, recently completed a project in Sidney, Ohio. The new 7,000 square foot retail development, located at 2227 Michigan Street, is home to a WellNow Urgent Care and an Aspen Dental location.

The WellNow Urgent Care centers operate in several states and are now open daily for walk-ins or check-ins, as early as 7:00 a.m. until as late as 11:00 p.m., with 24/7 virtual care.

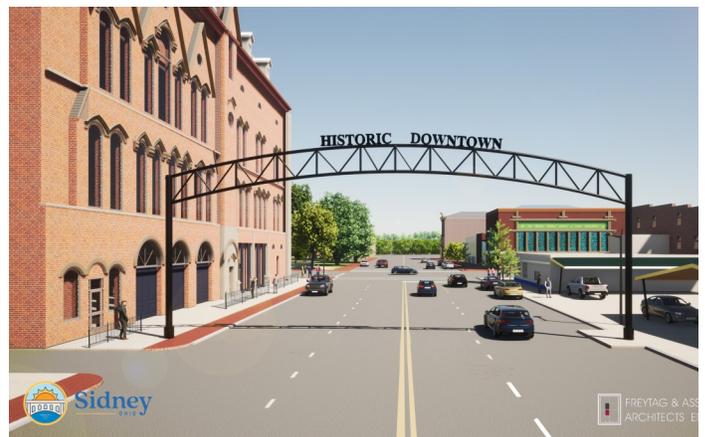
Aspen Dental Management, Inc. is a dental support organization that provides business support and administrative services to independently owned and operated dental practices. Each Aspen Dental branded practice is owned and operated by a licensed dentist.

This retail space development is Phase I of the overall activities taking place on the six acre site. Phase II of the development plans call for a Take 5 Oil Change franchise to be located directly to the east of the new retail spaces.

Anchor Associates, the broker on the first three projects, also has listed approximately 4.13 acres, located at 2255 Michigan Street, at the rear of the full six acre site.



Historic Downtown Enhancement Moves Forward



The City Focus Group is extremely excited about the changes that are coming to the downtown area. The committee has been working for over two years developing ideas as to how we might enhance our beautiful historic downtown district. These pictures illustrate some of the changes that we want to incorporate into our downtown. The fundraising effort has been well received and many local industries, businesses and individuals are financially supporting this effort. It is truly a public private partnership with the City, County Commissioners and private industry and individuals funding this effort. This is seen as a great enhancement to downtown that will help us attract more and more people to not only visit Sidney and Shelby County but hopefully want to live here.

Based on current fundraising efforts we have reached approximately 80% of our goal. However, with all the increased costs for materials as well as delivery issues, we will need to continue with our fundraising efforts through the end of July. Personal contacts are still being made at this time and the committee will be sending out a mailer in mid-July, which will bring the fundraising effort to an end. If you have not received information on this effort and you would like to contribute, please contact the Community Foundation or Sidney Alive for information. At this time, based on current pledges and cash on hand, we have been able to secure the long lead materials and we are hoping to start work yet this summer with an anticipated completion date by the end of the year.

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