

SSEP Board Supports State & Local Initiatives

The SSEP Board of Trustees recently authorized two resolutions supporting infrastructure initiatives that will be decided by voters on May 6th.

The first is known as State Issue 2—Renewal of the State Capital Improvement Program and the second is the 5-year renewal of the 0.25% Street Levy for the City of Sidney. SSEP leadership strongly supports both initiatives due to the important role of public infrastructure in supporting economic development at the local and state levels.

Since 1988, Shelby County has benefited from the State Capital Improvement Program, receiving grant funding of \$35.4 million for 204 local infrastructure projects. This funding has significantly improved the quality of life and safety for Shelby County.

Since 2010, the City of Sidney has paved or micro-surfaced more than 148 lane miles of roads through the street levy program. By voting “YES” on the City of Sidney Street Improvement Levy, you will provide the funding needed to continue this important work.

The Sidney Shelby Economic Partnership (SSEP) believes that renewing the street levy is critical to maintaining and growing our economic base. On behalf of the SSEP Board of Trustees, we encourage you to vote “YES” on the Sidney Street Improvement Levy.

The Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership urges you to vote YES on State Issue 2. If you reside in the City of Sidney, we also encourage you to vote for the 0.25% Street Improvement Levy!

VOTE YES ON STATE ISSUE #2

SIDNEY RESIDENTS, VOTE YES ON THE STREET IMPROVEMENT LEVY

SEMCORP Breaks Ground on Second Building

With SEMCORP’s first building and phase near completion, the company recently broke ground a second 110,000 s.f building on Millcreek Rd. in Sidney.

SEMCORP Advanced Materials group specializes in manufacturing of battery separator film, a key component in the production of lithium ion batteries.

According to company officials, SEMCORP’s original plans to manufacture and coat separator film in Sidney has been separated into two phases. The current phase will focus on coating and slitting film that will be imported into Sidney.

The first phase entails a 95,000 s.f. facility that will employ 300 workers, according to Thomas Huffman, SEMCORP director of human resources.



SEMCORP building #2 progresses on Millcreek Rd in Sidney

SBA Seeks Input from Manufacturers

As a result of the Trump administration, the U.S. Small Business Administration announced the agency's new Made in America Manufacturing Initiative to restore American economic dominance and national security by empowering small manufacturers.

As part of the Made in American Manufacturing Initiative, the SBA will cut \$100 billion in regulation through the Office of Advocacy, which is empowered by law to work across federal agencies to identify and eliminate rules, policies, and procedures that disproportionately burden small businesses and manufacturers. Contact the Red Tape Hotline at 800-827-5722 option 3 or visit advo-cacy.sba.gov/hotline

SBA also offers lending assistance, so visit SBA's LenderMatch at lending.sba.gov/lender-match to find a participating SBA lender.



Loan Overview

Max loan amount: \$5 million dollars.

Interest rate: Loans greater than \$350,000 are capped at Prime +3%.

Terms: Loan terms vary according to the purpose of the loan, generally up to 25 years for real estate or 10 years for other fixed assets and working capital.

Guarantee: 50 to 90 percent.



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Habitat for Humanity Opening ReStore in Sidney

Habitat for Humanity of Miami and Shelby Counties (HFHMSCO) is thrilled to announce the opening of a second Habitat ReStore, set to open May 1, 2025 at 1024 Wapakoneta Ave. in the Sidney Food Town Plaza, with a Ribbon Cutting at noon. Habitat ReStores specialize in selling donated items to the public at affordable prices.

Proceeds directly support Habitat for Humanity's mission of building affordable homes and offering critical home repair services to local families who qualify. Popular ReStore items include furniture, household goods, paint, flooring, lighting, cabinets, and tools. For the past five years, used furniture has been the top-selling item, with all furniture cleaned and treated to ensure safety for buyers.



local communities. Together, we can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build a better future while creating stronger neighborhoods."



The Sidney ReStore will mirror the hours of the Troy location, operating Tuesday through Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM and Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM. It will be closed on Sundays and Mondays.

HFHMSCO relies on the generosity of the community for donations of gently used and new items. The Sidney ReStore is currently accepting donations at the rear of the building on Thursdays from 10am-4pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm. They also provide pickup services for larger donations. Donors can schedule pickups by calling 937-703-9683.

Director Scott Barr stated, "The Miami Shelby County Habitat for Humanity works with our

Betty Wehrman Retires

Betty Wehrman retired this month after 6 years serving as the Administrative Assistant to the Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership and Workforce Partnership.

"I had the pleasure of hiring Betty, so we have worked together closely for all that timeframe," said Executive Director Jim Hill. "Betty has been instrumental in carrying out so many of our initiatives over the past 6 years, so she will be missed," added Hill. "I want to commend her for a job well done and wish her all the best in her retirement", concluded Hill.

While most of Betty's work was behind the scenes, Shelby Sizzles readers have seen her work in every edition of this newsletter. Betty has directed each quarterly publication, handled everything from organizing the team, to laying out the design, to digital and print distribution.

Again, we all thank Betty for all her years of loyal service and wish her the best as she enjoys her retirement!



New Beginnings in Russia—Restore Physical Therapy & Wellness Opens Its Doors

Sometimes, the right opportunity comes along at just the right time—and for Dr. Katie M. Barga, that moment arrived in November 2024. After years of dreaming, planning, and leaning on the encouragement of family and friends, she finally brought her vision to life with the opening of Restore Physical Therapy + Wellness in the heart of her hometown of Russia.

Opening a clinic had always been in the back of Dr. Katie's mind. But as life moved forward, the timing never quite aligned—until she stumbled upon a charming space in Russia. The moment she stepped inside, she knew. The character of the building, the location, the potential—it all clicked. What started as a dream quickly became a mission: to create a space where people feel seen, heard, and genuinely cared for.

The renovation process wasn't without its challenges, but Dr. Katie was determined. She envisioned more than just a treatment facility—

she dreamed of a welcoming environment where every patient could receive personalized care tailored to their unique goals and needs. Today, Restore Physical Therapy + Wellness is just that – a place where healing happens in a warm, compassionate, and expert-driven setting.



The clinic offers a full spectrum of orthopedic and neurological services, including vestibular and balance therapy, Integrative Dry Needling, and running gait analysis designed to enhance performance and prevent injury.

And this is just the beginning.

The future is full of possibility for Restore Physical Therapy + Wellness. Dr. Katie envisions not only expanding the services and knowledge offered to clients, but

also building a team of passionate providers who share her commitment to personalized, high-quality care. As the clinic grows, so does its mission—to empower more people on their journey to wellness, one step at a time. Phone 937-710-8744 to reach Dr. Katie and the team at Restore Physical Therapy + Wellness.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US

SIGNING EVENT

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER-HOURS
MAY 14, 2025 from 5-6:30PM @ The Historic Sidney Theatre



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Workforce Power Lunch—February 2025

On February 11, 2025, Workforce Partnership hosted the Power Lunch. This annual event aims to create connections for students planning to enter the workforce directly after graduation. The event saw 85 students in attendance, with 25 local companies participating. Students had the invaluable opportunity to network, engage with company representatives, and learn about potential job opportunities in their community.



Aaron Adelsberger from Airstream, Director of HR and Development, shared with the students some foundational advice

on being successful in life, what it takes to stand out in the competitive job market, and the importance of showing up.

Students rotated through networking sessions where they had the chance to ask company representatives questions and learn about the job opportunities and benefits offered. For many students, the event served as a practical introduction to the professional world, providing them with a clearer picture of their career options and a chance to form connections with employers in the region.

The Power Lunch follow-up is now underway, including job shadowing, company tours, and for those who made a strong impression—job offers. The goal is to provide students with a direct path to employment after graduation, setting them up for future success.

In cooperation with the United Way, the Workforce Partnership Career Coach program was responsible for coordinating the activity. The event was made possible through the generous support of Hometown Opportunity and the Community Foundation of Shelby County.

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