

Newsletter

June 2026



 **New Departure Films**



Lake Erie Facts

DID YOU KNOW?

Lake Erie is the shallowest of the Great Lakes (Avg. 62 ft. deep)...

it warms up faster than the other Great Lakes

More than 11 million people live along the shore line...

making it the most densely populated shore line of the Great Lakes

Lake Erie is known as the Walleye Capital of the World...

its supports one of the largest freshwater fisheries in North America

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ATTENTION:

Please be advised that, effective May 5, 2026, a 4% processing fee will be assessed on all payments made by credit card or ACH. This fee is implemented to offset the costs incurred in processing transactions. Payments made via check will not be subject to this fee. We appreciate your understanding and continued membership.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Member Mixer
LEADERSHIP CONVERSATIONS
+ HEADSHOTS



Thursday
June 4th

June 4
MEMBER MIXER
(+HEADSHOTS!)

1826 Photographic
5:00 - 7:00pm

REGISTER



June 6
HURON LAKE FRONT
MARKET

Huron Lake Front Park
9:00am - 3:00pm

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Jamie Speer



Jessica Adams

June 24
WHAT THEY SEE STARTS
WITH YOU

Work Space Sandusky
9:00 - 11:00 am

REGISTER

MORE EVENTS



Shores & Islands & Greater Sandusky Partnership Meet with Merchants

Greater Sandusky Partnership and Shores & Islands Ohio joined downtown business owners at the Sandusky Merchants Meeting on June 2 to provide an update on the organizations' upcoming integration and answer questions about what it means for businesses and communities across the region.

GSP CEO Eric Wobser and Shores & Islands Ohio President Larry Fletcher shared how the partnership will better align destination marketing, economic development, workforce initiatives, and business engagement efforts while maintaining a strong focus on promoting the region as a premier Lake Erie destination. By bringing these efforts together, the organizations aim to create a more coordinated approach to growing the regional economy and strengthening the communities that make this region unique.



We appreciate the opportunity to connect with local business owners and stakeholders and discuss the future of the partnership. As planning continues, GSP and Shores & Islands Ohio remain committed to keeping businesses and community partners informed and engaged throughout the process.



**SHORES &
ISLANDS
OHIO**



[Read About the Partnership](#)

FROM THE CEO



Living on the Lake: Summer Edition

Eric Wobser | CEO, Greater Sandusky Partnership

As June arrives, there is a noticeable shift across our region.

Marinas begin to fill. Outdoor patios come alive. Farmers markets return to our downtowns. Event calendars grow busier by the week. From Bike Week and Ironman 70.3 Sandusky to the Huron Lake Front Market, farmers markets, Party at the Pier, and countless community events, this region comes alive.

For many communities, summer is a season. For us, it is also a major economic engine.

Each year, millions of people visit our region to experience our waterfront, attractions, businesses, and communities. In fact, our lake and water-based assets alone attract more than 4 million visitors annually. Upcoming data from GSP's US 250 Visitation Report further illustrates the scale of this activity. During the summer months, visitation patterns along the corridor show that weekdays begin to resemble weekends, creating sustained activity that supports local businesses, restaurants, retailers, attractions, and hospitality providers throughout the season.

What makes this region special, however, is that we are not simply a place people visit. We are a place people choose to build their lives.

One of the greatest assets we have is our location on the shores of Lake Erie. The freshwater coast that defines our communities creates opportunities for recreation, business growth, entrepreneurship, and quality of life that are increasingly rare and valuable. It shapes our identity, supports our economy, and provides experiences that draw people here from across Ohio and beyond.

That is why it is encouraging to see local and regional audiences embracing these opportunities alongside visitors. Last year alone, Party at the Pier welcomed more than 16,000 attendees, with 57% coming from within 10 miles, 23% from the surrounding region, and 20% traveling from more than 50 miles away. It is a reminder that the things attracting visitors are often the same things that contribute to a vibrant place for those who live and work here every day.

The pace of summer will soon be in full swing, and it serves as a powerful reminder of something we should never take for granted: we have the opportunity to live, work, and build businesses along Ohio's North Coast. That is something worth celebrating.

MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE



NEW BUSINESS: EULAS KITCHEN

Eula Sanders officially opened Eula's Kitchen in Sandusky on Sunday May 31st! Eula's Kitchen is a catering business that provides catering for events, personal chef services, and to-go lunch and dinners. Her location can also host gatherings of 10 or fewer people!

Want to check out Eula's Kitchen?

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)



SANDUSKY SAILING CLUB

We were excited to meeting with our member, the Sandusky Sailing Club, to discuss future development plans! Thanks to Bryan Huntley and Denise Roznovsky for a great conversation!

Interested in Sandusky Sailing Club?

[READ MORE HERE](#)



GSP MEMBER ORIENTATION

If you're looking to make the most of your membership this event is for you! Join other members for coffee and find ways to get involved. Whether you are new to GSP or looking to re-engage...

Member orientation will be held at the Huron Public Library on Wednesday July 29th 10 - 11 am.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 24th

GSP and Work Space invite you to an engaging conversation with sisters Jamie Speer of 1826 Photographic and Jessica Adams of Discover Yellow.

They'll share insights on entrepreneurship, personal growth, and how self-perception shapes the way we lead and connect. This interactive session will include conversation and networking designed to leave attendees inspired long after the event ends.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

What They See Starts With You



TALENT ENGAGEMENT



CAREER SHOWCASE

SHS Global Internship Experience

This past semester, Bobby Garr, an SHS student and a part of the Global Internship Experience Program, worked closely with GSP talent manager Jarvis Cole to help organize North Coast Young Professionals initiatives.

Bobby presented his internship experience to his class, sharing how he supported NCYP throughout his time with GSP.

[VIEW POST](#)



KICK-OFF PARTY

Summer on Sandusky Bay Internship Experience

On May 27th, our SOSB program had their kick-off party to begin their 6-week program of networking, experiencing the area, and professional development.

The interns met at Clubhouse No.3 for a night of breaking the ice and enjoyment

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EHOVE SCHOLARSHIPS

This month GSP was honored to present Community Impact Scholarships to EHOVE students Beau Riley (Norwalk High School) and Leeland Ramsey (Norwalk High School) during their scholarships and awards night.

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BINGO RECAP

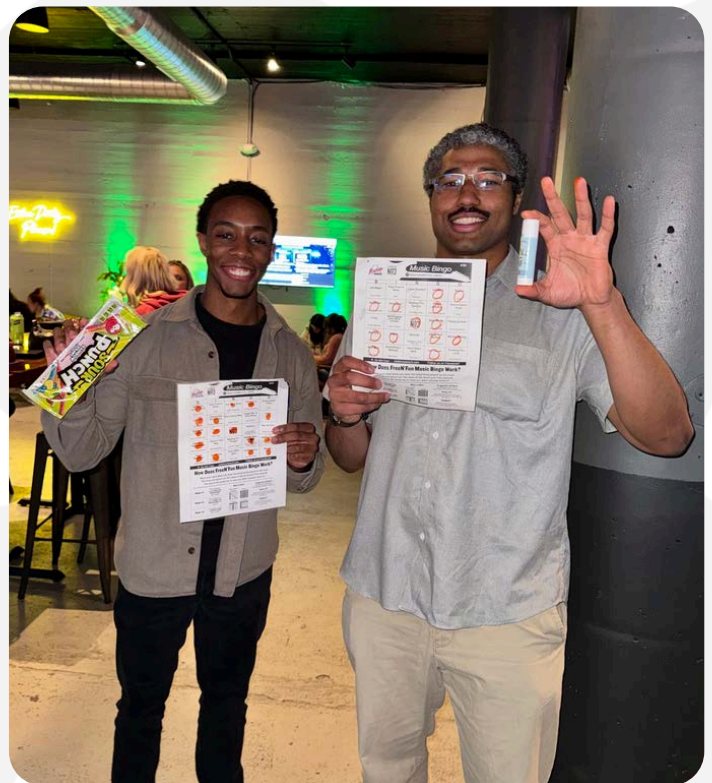
NCYP Member Event

North Coast Young Professionals gathered at Clubhouse No.3 for a night of networking and music bingo.

NCYP, a program of the GSP, invited its members to connect and have an evening of enjoyment!

Thank you Clubhouse No.3 for partnering with NCYP for the event!

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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

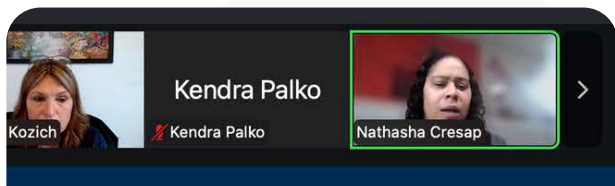


PROPOSAL TO CLOSE SOON FOR NASA LAND

Due July 2, 2026

NASA's Glenn Research Center is seeking proposals to lease select land parcels at the Neil Armstrong Test Facility in Sandusky. This is over 1,700 acres of land available for private development and an opportunity to build on industries like advanced aerospace and technology in our region.

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WEBINAR RECAP

GSP partnered with Team NEO and Find Your Ohio to host a webinar about the JobsOhio Relocation Incentive Program.

The program offers \$15k per out-of-state hire to employers in Ohio with the goal of motivating more employees to work in the state and fight against Ohio's skilled labor shortage.

Interested in learning more? Ask us how to get started!

New Program Launch 2025

- \$50M total investment
- \$15K per hire
- \$225K company max

[WATCH WEBINAR HERE](#)



GENOA BANK PLANNING NEW BRANCH

ECPA Supports with Capital Lease Agreement

GenoaBank partnered with the Erie County Port Authority to cooperatively support its new construction project at 3911 Milan Road in Perkins Township through a capital lease agreement executed on Monday, May 4.



[READ MORE](#)

JOBSOHIO SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

Several companies in the region are pursuing JobsOhio Small Business Grants. This funding can be used for equipment, training, rolling stock, software, and more.

Interested in applying? Ask us how to get started.

[LEARN MORE](#)



PLANNING & POLICY



GSP VISITS COLUMBUS

Legislative Day 2026

The GSP held its first Legislative Day in Columbus on May 20.

GSP Staff and Bill Reed, Resort General Manager, Kalahari; Jim Stouffer President & CEO of Catawba Cleveland Development Corp; Larry Fletcher, President of Shores and Islands Ohio) met with legislators and agencies to discuss the important issues facing our region and opportunities for growth.



SIX FLAGS CEO, JOHN REILLY

A Visit in Sandusky

GSP had an opportunity to meet with the new CEO of Six Flags, John Reilly, in Sandusky, Ohio.

The meeting provided an opportunity to stress the important relationship between Cedar Point and GSP, Sandusky and Erie County, and the many projects we have developed together.



THE HEART OF IT ALL

“The Heart of it All” is a pass program that would give residents and visitors access to discounts, special promotions, and unique experiences at participating businesses, attractions and destinations throughout Ohio. State Rep. Melanie Miller believes the program will encourage travel within the state, strengthen local economies, and showcase Ohio’s diverse tourism while providing additional statewide tourism promotion.

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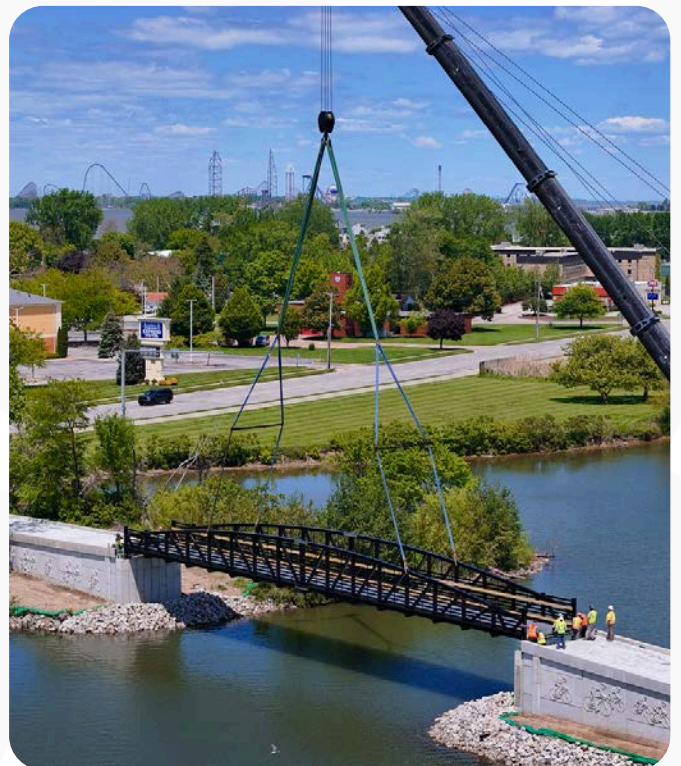


Photo: Ohio House of Representatives

LANDING BRIDGE SETTING

The Landing is a long planned waterfront park project that will transform a former airport site into a major public park just behind Sports Force Parks. The project is designed to welcome people but protect wetlands and natural habitats in the process. A bridge has been set and begins in Castaway Bay and will cross over the creek to The Landing. This is a major milestone for the City of Sandusky and the Sandusky Bay Pathway.

[READ MORE](#)



CELEBRATING 250 YEARS ON US 250



INSIGHTS FROM THE US 250 VISITATION REPORT

- 15.8 million total visits in 2025
- Visitors spend an average of 103 minutes per day in the market.
- 71.6% of all visitors from the 5 county core (Erie, Huron, Sandusky, Ottawa, Iorain)
- 65% of visits happen outside of the summer months.
- Visitors make an average of 6.15 trips per year.

****REPORT RELEASING SOON***

U.S. 250 STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

GSP is surveying businesses and other key stakeholders on U.S. 250 to learn more about their priorities, challenges and how GSP can be a resource and partner.

TAKE SURVEY



CALLING ALL VENDORS

SANDUSKY FARMERS MARKET

EVERY SATURDAY
June 13 - Oct 31

- Local Farmers
- Bakers
- Fresh Plants
- Artisans

Greater Sandusky Partnership

SANDUSKY FARMERS MARKET RETURNING IN JUNE

The Sandusky Farmers Market runs every Saturday from 8:00am - 12:00pm from June through October. [Follow the Sandusky Farmers Market on Facebook](#) for information and updates.

The Farmer's Market is moving to Columbus Ave! Come check out the fun and fresh vendors!

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PARTY AT THE PIER SUMMER CONCERTS

June brings back the warm weather and summer fun for all the music lovers! The first concert is scheduled for June 11th at 7pm featuring Legend of New Country: Wallen and Wilson!

The series run through the first Thursday in August with a total of 11 concerts supported by the City of Sandusky and the Lange Trust of Sandusky Library.

VIEW CONCERT SCHEDULE



SEASONAL WORKER KICK-OFF PARTY

GSP partnered with Shores and Islands Ohio for a warm welcoming night.

Sandusky's seasonal workers are a large part of the summer operations. May 28th they got the opportunity to make new friends and local connections with bowling and pizza at Thirsty Pony!

[VIEW SANDUSKY EVENTS](#)



HURON LAKE FRONT MARKET

Sponsored by Shores & Islands Ohio

Huron Lake Front Market is June 6th from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Huron Lake Front Park (310 Park St).

The event will feature nearly 70 vendors, food trucks, an author's tent, a young entrepreneur tent and a kid zone with activities for families to enjoy before, during or after shopping.

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HURON FARMERS MARKET

Farmers Market to Take Place The Second and Fourth Tuesday

The Huron Farmers Market will run from June through August and take place the second and fourth Tuesday each month. It is an evening event from 4pm - 7pm. Join us at Huron Lake Front Park (310 Park St) and check out all the cool small town vendors Stay up-to-date by following Destination Huron.

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SUNSET CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday, June 10th begins Sandusky Sunset Celebration that goes through August 26th. It's an open invitation event for the community to get together and take in the view at Jackson Street Pier.

The celebration is a way for the community to wave goodbye to the sun at the water's edge. The event takes place every Wednesday night from 8:20 - 9:30 pm! Special thanks to our Sunset Sponsor, Oh Taco!

FIND MORE EVENTS HERE

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[**LEARN MORE**](#)

GSP Member & Community Events, Announcements and Updates

June 2026

Visibility & Promotional Opportunities with GSP

Members can post events, announcements, job opportunities or deals through the Member Center. These posts are published directly on the [GSP website](#) under [Community Events](#), [Local Job Opportunities](#), [Deals & Discounts](#) or [Member Announcements](#).

Members, please note, if you have an addition to the newsletter, it should be 8.5"x11" and shared as either a png, jpg or PDF file. Newsletters will be sent monthly. Please send your flyers to Alissa Fisher, Director of Marketing, at afisher@greatersandusky.com.

Not yet a member? Join GSP today as a [Business Member](#), [Community Partner](#), [Individual Member](#) or [NCYP Member](#)!

[MEMBER CENTER GUIDE](#)

[MEMBER APPLICATION](#)



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

ALL MONTH LONG

Summer Learning Program begins Monday, June 8th & ends Friday, July 24th

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**TUES
JUNE**

11:30 am (K-2) or 1:30 pm (tweens): Fossil Fitness
3 pm Stitch Niche Crochet Club
6 pm Chess with Paul Sherwood
6:30 pm Family Story Time

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**WED
JUNE**

10 am or 11 am: Babies & Toddler Time
1:30 pm or 3 pm Preschool SLP
5:30 pm Romance Book Club

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**THUR
JUNE**

12 pm Intro to Investing
2 pm Virtual Author Talk
6:30 pm Book Exchange Book Group

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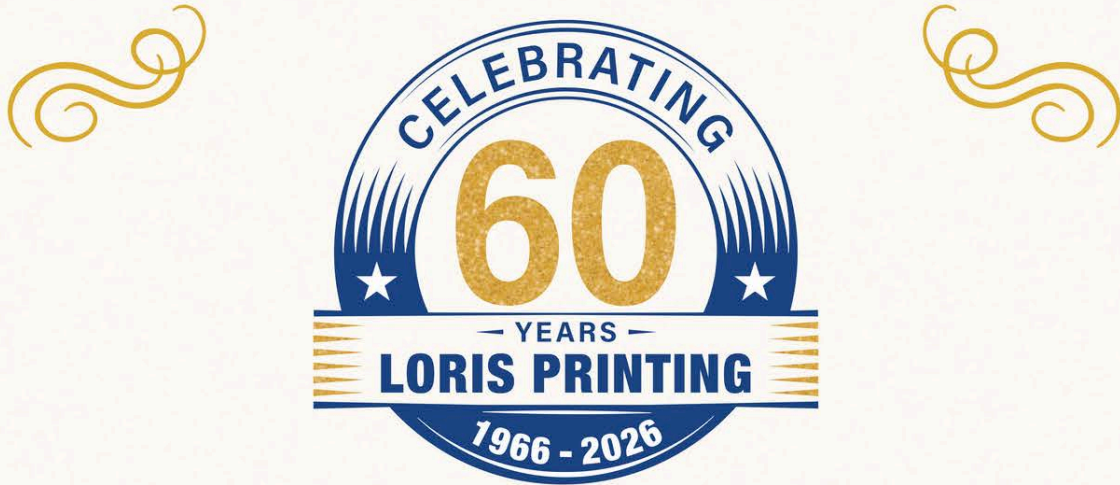
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[VIEW ALL PROGRAMS & EVENTS ONLINE!](#)

GSP MEMBER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please join us for our
Anniversary Open House*



*Wednesday, June 24th, 2026
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm*

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Enjoy Ice Cream and Hors d'oeuvres,
along with a tour of our facility.

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Erie County Home Builders

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

@ SAWMILL CREEK



GOLF FOR A CAUSE & GIVE BACK

10K

FUNDRAISER GOAL

OHgo supports Sandusky and Erie County through hundreds of food, book, holiday gift, and resource distributions each year. OHgo is partnering with ECHB for a golf scramble to raise \$10K to support Ohio families in need. Last year, OHgo provided 1.4 million meals through its outreach programs.



register team

EVENT DETAILS:

\$500 per team of four, or \$125 per person. Registration includes lunch, dinner, and two drink tickets. Non-team members may attend dinner for \$35 per person.

Registration and pre-games begin at 7:30 AM, with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM. Please submit all teams and entry fees by end of day 06/20/26.

50/50, Mulligan, Skins, Putt for a bottle during registration, \$1000 for hole-in-one, and other cash prizes for men and women longest drive, closet putt, and longest putt.

OHgo will be volunteering at the Putting practice greens for a chance for a golfer to putt for bottle of spirits.

GOLF FOR A CAUSE SPONSORSHIP

levels



TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

@ SAWMILL CREEK

\$250

LEVEL 1: HOLE SPONSOR

Includes company signage at one hole plus a booth opportunity and social media recognition.

\$650

LEVEL 2: PREMIUM HOLE SPONSOR

Includes company signage at one hole plus a booth opportunity, social media recognition, and one 4-man team.

\$1000

LEVEL 3: HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR

Includes one 4-man team, social media recognition, and verbal recognition. Four Hole-in-One Sponsor opportunities are available: two on the front 9 and two on the back 9. Sponsors may purchase two opportunities for \$1,500.

\$2500

LEVEL 4: MAIN EVENT SPONSOR

Includes one 4-man team, premium company signage at key areas, a booth opportunity at the hole of your choice, promotion of your company or brand through social media, a Facebook ad, the ECHB website, and inclusion in press/newspaper media.

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Donations of door prizes, raffle prizes, etc. are always welcome.
Please let us know if you would like to discuss donating to the event.

Registration and pre-games begin at 7:30 AM, with a shotgun
start at 9:00 AM. Registration closes on June 20. Please
submit all sponsorship information by end of day 06/20/26.





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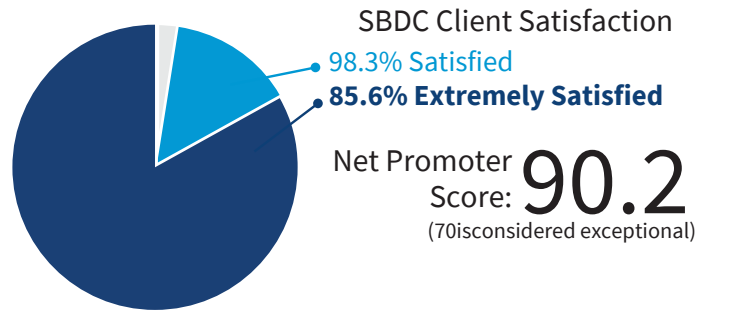
OHIO SBDC METRICS

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| 12,599 CLIENTS SERVED | 24,595 HOURS OF ADVISING |
| \$182 MILLION IN CAPITAL ACCESS | \$151 MILLION IN INCREASED SALES |
| 423 NEW BUSINESS STARTS | |
| 2,473 JOBS CREATED | 4,164 JOBS RETAINED |
| OVER 675 TRAINING EVENTS | |

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LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITY

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR

Join the City of Sandusky team as the Public Works Administrator. With support and input from the City Manager and City Commission, the Administrator is responsible for the overall direction and management of the Department of Public Works. The Department consists of multiple Divisions including Engineering, Water Treatment, Wastewater Treatment, Public Services. Further, Public Services Division contains units including Forestry, Water Distribution, Sewer Maintenance, Streets and Cemetery.

[VIEW JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

[MORE LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES](#)

SANDUSKY RECREATION CENTER



Construction continues to move forward on the City of Sandusky's new Recreation Center at the corner of Rockwell Street and Hayes Avenue at the old American Crayon site. Recent progress includes installation of concrete block walls for the gymnasium and the Pre-Engineered Metal Building frame for the gymnasium has been completely erected. Next, the contractors will start to install the insulated metal roofing for the gymnasium.

Once complete, the nearly 38,000-square-foot facility will feature basketball and volleyball courts, an indoor walking track, fitness and activity spaces, meeting rooms, and an outdoor water feature, creating a year-round destination for recreation, wellness, and community connection.

The City of Sandusky is offering naming opportunities for those who want to be part of the project and leave a lasting mark.

If you are interested in sponsoring a space or learning more about naming opportunities, please contact Chris Mehling at cmehling@cityofsandusky.com or 419-627-5783 to inquire about naming opportunities.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Melanie Myers, Communications Director
Firelands Federal Credit Union
Email: myersm@firelandsfcu.org

May 28, 2026

Firelands Federal Credit Union's Free Photo Contest Returns

BELLEVUE, OH - Firelands Federal Credit Union (Firelands FCU) is pleased to announce the return of the "Firelands In Focus" photo contest aimed at celebrating the unique beauty within the Firelands region.

The contest invites photographers of all skill levels to showcase their favorite scenes, landscapes or hidden gems within the area. Winning entries will be featured in Firelands Federal Credit Union's 2027 annual member calendar.

Contest Details:

The contest begins June 1, 2026, and is free to enter, and open to the public. Participants may submit up to three photos. Submitted photos must have been taken in Erie, Huron, or Crawford County. Photos must be submitted as digital images using the registration form. Deadline to submit photos is August 31, 2026.

"Every year, reviewing the submissions for our calendar photo contest is one of my favorite tasks. The photos never fail to surprise or inspire me and my colleagues. Clearly, our communities have a talent for finding beauty in the places they love," said Kelly Steele-Moore, VP Marketing at Firelands FCU.

To enter your photos and view contest rules, visit firelandsfcu.org.

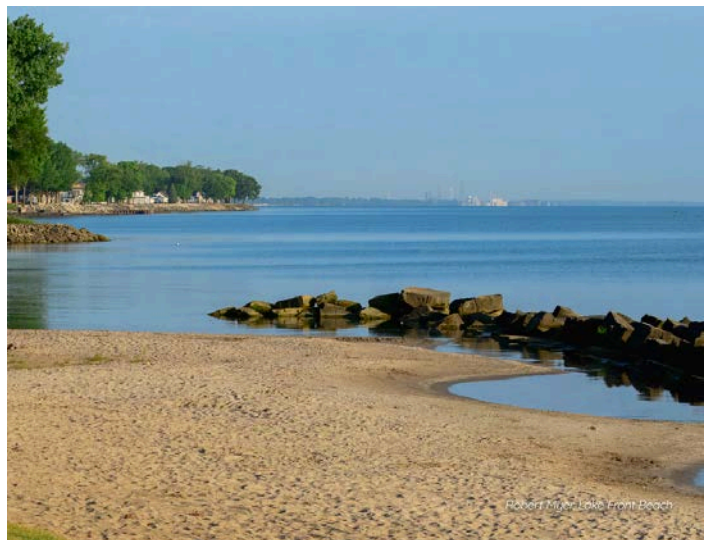
About Firelands Federal Credit Union

Firelands FCU is a member-focused financial institution offering a variety of savings and lending products. Chartered in 1957, we are committed to improving the financial wellbeing of our members and offering services that support their long-term financial goals.

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GSP MEMBER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exploring the Possibilities of Starting, Buying, or Expanding a Business?

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presented by

**Ohio Small Business Development Center
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Small Business Basics is a free, two-hour seminar that will answer your questions about starting, buying, or expanding a small business. This seminar will take the confusion out of your efforts, and help you to avoid costly mistakes and unnecessary steps.

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2026

Location:

Terra State Community College
2830 Napoleon Road, Fremont, Ohio 43420
Doepker Leadership & Entrepreneurial Center, Building B, Room 103

Dates & Times:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| January 14, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | June 24, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| January 28, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | No July Seminars |
| February 18, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | August 12, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. |
| February 25, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | August 26, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| March 11, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | September 9, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. |
| March 25, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | September 23, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| April 8, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | October 14, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. |
| April 22, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | October 28, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| May 20, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | November 4, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. |
| May 27, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | December 2, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| June 10, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | |

To register, contact: **Miranda Hoffman, Director**

Ohio Small Business Development Center at Terra State Community College

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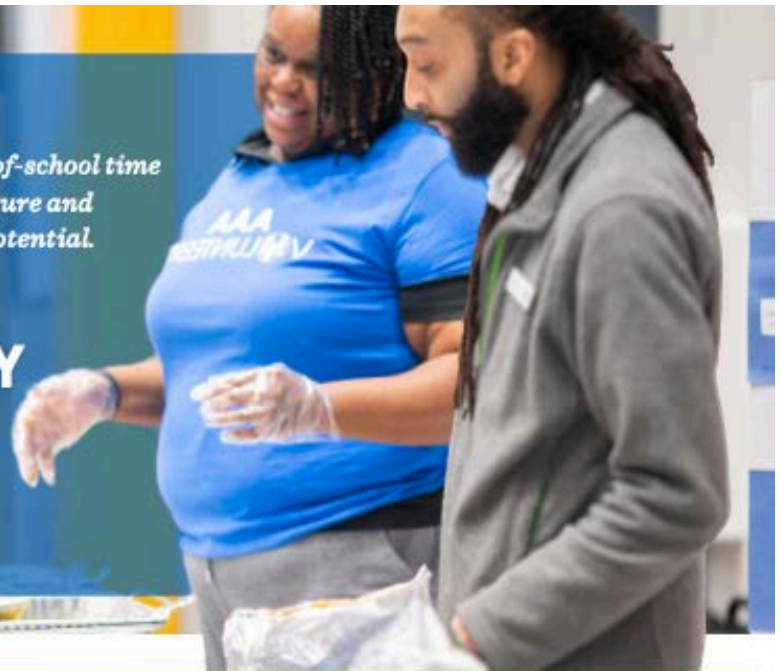




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OPEN DOORS ACADEMY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Amplifying our mission



Volunteers play an essential role at Open Doors Academy. When you show up for scholars, you help build their confidence, expand their opportunities, and strengthen the communities we serve.

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| <p>Support Scholars' Academic Success</p> <p>Pageeturners Read with elementary scholars and discuss books or assignments with middle and high schoolers to build literacy and critical thinking skills.</p> <p>Count Me In Play math games with K-5 scholars to build skills and confidence.</p> <p>Volunteer tutor Provide weekly one-on-one or small-group support in English or math. Background check required.</p> <p>Summer Camp Helper Assist our staff in elementary camp.</p> | <p>Number of volunteers</p> <p>Ideal for groups of 5-15 (flexible)</p> <p>As above.</p> <p>Individual.</p> <p>Ideal for groups of 5-15 (flexible)</p> | <p>When?</p> <p>Afterschool 4-5pm & summer days</p> <p>As above.</p> <p>Afterschool weekly preferred.</p> <p>Typically for the day or half day.</p> |
| <p>Career Exploration & Development</p> <p>Career Panels & Industry Insights Share your career journey and professional expertise to help scholars explore real-world pathways.</p> <p>Mock Interviews & Résumé Review Help high school scholars strengthen interviewing and workplace readiness skills.</p> <p>On-Site Visits & Job Shadowing Welcome scholars to your workplace for a behind-the-scenes visit.</p> <p>Internship Opportunities Provide real-world experience through summer or school-year internships.</p> | <p>Number of volunteers</p> <p>Typically 1-6. Can be mixed panel or profession specific.</p> <p>Ideal for groups of 2-6 (flexible).</p> <p>Flexible.</p> <p>Flexible.</p> | <p>When?</p> <p>Typically 4-5:30pm afterschool or summer days.</p> <p>As above.</p> <p>Afterschool & summer (during the day)</p> <p>Flexible.</p> |

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| <p>Make a Difference For Our Families</p> <p>Holiday Heart Program Purchase and wrap gifts for ODA families during the holiday season.</p> <p>Summer Food Backpack Pack or distribute weekly food backpacks for scholars.</p> <p>Haven House Pantry Organize a workplace drive or donate essential items for families. Find what our families need most: opendoorsacademy.org/havenhousepantry</p> | <p>Number of volunteers</p> <p>Individuals, families, teams.</p> <p>3-8 (flexible)</p> <p>Flexible.</p> | <p>When?</p> <p>Program runs October - early December.</p> <p>Wednesdays (packing) & Thursdays (distribution) in summer</p> <p>Year-round.</p> |
| <p>Make a Difference For Our Community</p> <p>Help at Family or Program Events Support events during the school year and summer — or serve as a judge for Spelling Bees, Pitch Challenges, and more.</p> <p>Fundraising Support Organize or assist with drives and initiatives that directly support ODA scholars.</p> | <p>Number of volunteers</p> <p>Groups & individuals.</p> <p>Flexible.</p> | <p>When?</p> <p>Afterschool, evenings, or summer days.</p> <p>Flexible.</p> |
| <p>Rapid Impact Activities</p> <p>Summer Camp Move-In & Move-Out Help our team set up and close out our summer camp sites.</p> <p>Staff Appreciation Lunch/Dinner Host or deliver a meal to show appreciation for our dedicated team.</p> <p>Holiday Sweatshirt Wrapping Party Join the party and wrap sweatshirts for our scholars.</p> <p>Event Support Join our team to help with set-up, guest support, and activities at family events like the Holiday Dinner and International Festival.</p> | <p>Number of volunteers</p> <p>8-20.</p> <p>Various.</p> <p>Up to 15 (flexible)</p> <p>Up to 20 (flexible)</p> | <p>When?</p> <p>Move in - early June; Move out - late July</p> <p>Flexible.</p> <p>A Monday evening in December.</p> <p>Various.</p> |

Thank you for helping us create a welcoming, engaging environment where scholars can learn, grow, and thrive. We're grateful to have you as part of the ODA community.

To explore or schedule a corporate volunteer opportunity:

Joe Hollings, Senior Director of Engagement
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FIRELANDS CHALLENGE

Supporting Academic Excellence

For 45 seasons, Firelands Challenge has celebrated student achievement, academic competition, and educational opportunity among area high schools.

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Support the next generation of talent in your region by sponsoring the Firelands Challenge!

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\$2,000

Silver Sponsor

\$1,000

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\$750

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\$250-\$500

***Inquire for additional sponsorship opportunities**

Sponsor benefits include: Program recognition, match acknowledgements, media inclusion & more

Contact: William Muthig, Program Coordinator, to secure sponsorship by August 3, 2026
wmuthig@npesc.org
(419) 627-3900



ABOUT FIRELANDS CHALLENGE

Firelands Challenge is a long-running academic competition that brings together high school students from across the region to demonstrate knowledge, teamwork, and critical thinking in a fast-paced quiz competition format.

Organized by the North Point Educational Service Center, the program promotes academic achievement while giving students an opportunity to represent their schools in a positive and competitive environment.



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