

The Connector

September-October 2017



Welcome to the *The Connector* newsletter and resource guide. We really hope that you find it helpful and informational. We would love to hear from you! [Send Us Your Feedback!](#)



2017 Manufacturing Month Kickoff!



Attention Manufacturers!
[Click here to RSVP!](#)

The Lorain County Growth Partnership (LCGP), developed by the Lorain County Board of Commissioners, works with Lorain County organizations and businesses to compete more

The Lorain County Growth Partnership will be hosting the **2017 Manufacturing Month Kickoff** at **Thogus Products** on **October 6th**.

Keynote speaker will be Matt Lavin, CEO & President of Thogus Products. Facility tours will be offered immediately following the presentation.

The Lorain County Growth Partnership's goal during Manufacturing Month is to create awareness of manufacturing in Lorain County and to highlight career pathways in manufacturing to local high school students and transitional workers. Our collaboration with the business and education sectors allows us the opportunity for open dialog to understand the skills needed for future employees. WEOL will be broadcasting live from the Kick-Off

effectively in a regional marketplace. Whether you want to start a business, expand your current business or partner with other area businesses and organizations, the LCGP is your place to start.

and the event is expected to draw some positive media attention for our region and the manufacturing sector of Lorain County businesses.



Meet John Kubicki!

John graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 2015 with his degree in Botany & Environmental Studies. He worked several seasonal jobs but was unable to find full-time employment. When his last seasonal job ended in November 2016, John sought help from the OhioMeansJobs Lorain County (OMJLC) Youth program. In late December 2016, John was connected to a part-time work experience opportunity coordinated by Ann Cabbil, Employment Specialist with the Youth Program. Before starting the work experience opportunity, John had to interview with Rodney Eye and Scott Payne with the Forestry Division of the City of Elyria's Sanitation Department. John was accepted and after several weeks of working with the department, John was approached by Rodney and was offered a full 40 hours per week. John accepted and continued to work with them in his field of study. In a personal thank you letter to the OMJLC Director John wrote **"Over the course of this program I gained not only professional skills in the work place but an increasing sense of self confidence, while also being provided with a means to maintain my finances."**



John Kubicki is pictured above standing next to the Kopf Family Reservation sign. Kopf Family reservation is located in Avon Lake where in now works as Assistant Park Manager for the Lorain County Metro Parks.

John took the initiative to increase his marketable skills by also signing up for the Development Dimensions International (DDI) leadership workshop hosted by OMJLC and presented by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) last winter. Later in the spring, John was offered and accepted a full time position working as an Assistant Park Manager for the Lorain County Metro Parks. John's thank you letter concluded by saying, **"This program was invaluable to me because it allowed me an opportunity to gain confidence and a place to network with other professionals. I am writing to thank you for the opportunities for growth that have been provided to me through the OMJLC Youth Program."**



OMJLC by the Numbers

Customers & Traffic	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Last Year
	August '17	July-August '17	July-August '16
Newly Registered Customers	197	413	477
# of Visits to the Center	1987	3616	5568
# of Unique Users	618	1189	1226
Attended One-Stop Orientation	103	211	202
Training			
Total ITA Training Requests Approved	16	25	17
Total Obligations	\$84,530.47	\$137,461.49	72,887.45
Total OJT Training Agreements Approved	0	0	4
Total Obligations	0	\$0.00	\$11,171.25
Employment			
Total Reported Job Placements	64	84	91

Numbers reflect Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth job seekers



Job Search Skills Workshops

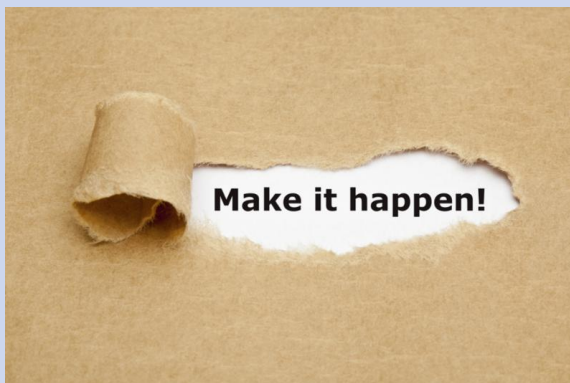
Winning Resumes & Cover Letters!

Discover what it takes to write your own winning resume! Get the employers attention, Get the interview, Get the job! Must RSVP!

Oct. 3, Nov. 7 5:00-7:00 PM

“You’re Hired!” Increase your chances of hearing these two words after your next interview. Gain the confidence and presentation skills that will impress any interviewer. Must RSVP!

Oct. 5, Nov. 9 5:00-7:00 PM



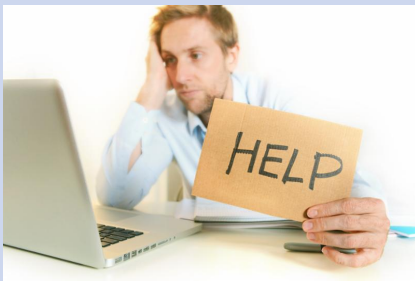
Resume Lab: Beginners and seasoned job seekers alike can get help with their resume - any question, any issue! Prerequisite: Job Seekers must attend OMJLC Orientation, a Resume Workshop and have a completed resume template or previous/current resume prior to attending. Must RSVP!

Oct. 11, 24; Nov. 7, 28 1:00-3:00 PM

Mock Interviews: Refine your interviewing skills through a videotaped mock interview session. Prerequisite: Job Seekers must attend OMJLC Orientation and one of the Interviewing Skills workshops before enrolling in the Mock Interviews workshop. Must RSVP!

Oct. 12, 26; Nov 9, 30 1:00-4:00 PM

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OMJLC Basic Computer Training

- Introduction to basic computer hardware
- Introduction to basic computer terminology
- Introduction to basic computer use including creating and saving documents.

This course consists of two 3-hour sessions.
Students must plan to attend both sessions.

OMJLC Orientation required prior to attending

**October 3 & 4, 17 & 18; Oct.
31 & Nov. 1, Nov. 14 & 15
1:00-4:00 PM**

[RSVP: 440-284-4217](tel:440-284-4217)



Work Ready Lorain County

ACT WorkKeys Changes Coming to OMJLC Oct. 1, 2017!

All WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate assessments and credential will be updated to ensure ongoing relevance and alignment to the changing skill requirements of today's jobs. The updated assessments will be delivered on a new modernized delivery platform for stability, security and a better user experience. ([Read More](#))

Total Tested (including TANF Summer)	1070
Certificates Earned	865
% Earning Certificate	80.84%
Bronze Earned	34.22%
Silver Earned	52.72%
Gold Earned	12.95%
Platinum Earned	0.12%
Not Eligible	19.16%

National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) earned by OhioMeansJobs Lorain County job seekers since May 2016

The NCRC complements such traditional credentials as high school diplomas, community college degrees, and certificates of technical proficiency. Academic credentials mark the fulfillment of an individual's classroom learning experiences. The NCRC relies on standardized assessments and confirms an individual's competence in a specific set of workplace skills including Math, Graphics Literacy, and Workplace Documents.



Lorain County Labor Market Data

Source: Wanted Analytics (CEB Talent Neuron) September 2017

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Unemployment Rate (August 2017)

- United States 4.4%
- Ohio 5%
- Lorain County 7.3% (July 2017)

Top Job Titles:

- Sales Associate
- Registered Nurse Emergency ER
- Registered Nurse Medical Surgical
- Teller
- Registered Nurse

Employers with the most job openings posted:

- Mercy
- Bendix
- Panera Bread
- Dollar General
- McDonald's Corporation

Top Job Skills in Lorain County:

- Food Preparation
- Mathematics
- Bilingual
- Six Sigma
- Forklifts

The number of workers unemployed in Ohio in August was 311,000, up 11,000 from 300,000 in July. ([Read Report](#))



Employment Opportunities!



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