



# Newsletter

## October 14th, 2025





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# ANNUAL MEETING RECAP



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM GSP'S ANNUAL MEETING 2025



### 2025 AWARDEES

- Visionary Leadership Award: EHOVE Career Center
- Talon Flohr Young Professional Award: Joe Lisa & Olivia Hartley, SoLSTAY Lodging
- Regional Collaboration Award: Firelands Health & The Bellevue Hospital

[WATCH THE VIDEOS>](#)

### TWO PANEL DISCUSSIONS:

- **Fulfilling our Mission**

*GSP Staff shared their focus of work and why they chose to be a part of the team.*

- Moderated by COO, Ryan Dillard
- McKenzie Spriggs, Sr. Director of Destination Management
- Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer
- Lee Alexakos, Director of Public Affairs

- **Maximizing Member Value**

*A discussion on the value of GSP membership and customizable benefits.*

- Moderated by Alissa Fisher, Director of Marketing
- Patrick Shepherd, Director of Member Services
- Matt Maschari, Member Committee Chair / GM, Firelands Auto Group
- Jarvis Cole-Caston, Talent Engagement Manager

### SANDUSKY BAY POLICY CENTER

*Did you know the most visited place in our region is..... Lake Erie?!*

*Jeff Kerr, GSP's Director of Planning & Policy shared the top 5 most-visited places, top 5 busiest days (October 19<sup>th</sup> being number 1!), and more interesting facts about our region.*

# MEMBERSHIP

## MEMBER CENTER BENEFITS



### Manufacturing + Distribution

Assembly + Packaging,  
Distributors, Food  
Manufacturers,  
Manufacturers,  
Manufacturing + Production

## New & Improved: Business Directory Listings

As a member of GSP, your business is listed on our digital business directory. Your listing is customizable! Please add any important information, photos or video to make sure it best reflects your company.

[ACTIVATE ACCOUNT](#)

[LOG IN](#)



## Post Your Upcoming Events

Through the member center, you can post your upcoming events to our public community calendar.

[Watch an example of how to create an event here >>>](#)



## Post a Job

Through the member center, you can post any available positions within your company. These jobs are public on GSP's website.

[Learn how to post a job from the Member Center>>>](#)

# MEMBERSHIP

## MEMBER ORIENTATION EVENT

### JOIN US!

Thursday, November 13th  
10:00am - 11:00am  
Sandusky Book Bar

### REGISTER TO ATTEND

### About the event....

Whether you're brand new to the Greater Sandusky Partnership or looking to re-engage, **Member Perks & Pastries** is a welcoming opportunity to connect over coffee and learn how to make the most of your membership.

Learn about the full menu of member benefits—ranging from networking and visibility to regional programs like North Coast Young Professionals.

You'll also hear about upcoming events, sponsorship opportunities, and how your business or organization can align with GSP's mission of regional growth, talent development, and vibrancy.

This event is perfect for:

- New members exploring benefits for the first time
- Current members looking for a refresher or deeper engagement
- Team members who want to get more involved in representing their business

Come hungry—for pastries and possibilities.



# Thank You

ACCURATE BUSINESS  
MACHINES

AIR FILTER  
FACTORY LLC

TOFT FUNERAL HOME  
& CREMATORY

BERARDI'S FAMILY  
KITCHEN

BALCONI MONMENTS  
& COUNTERTOPS

BRADY SIGN  
COMPANY

CINTAS  
CORPORATION

FLEX-TEMP  
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

FIRELANDS HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

H&R BLOCK HURON

GREAT LAKES  
PACKERS

PEERLESS OVENS

LATANICK  
EQUIPMENT

STEFANO  
DENTAL

GARDNER & STRAYER  
INSURANCE

JANOTTA &  
HERNER

GOODTIME I - LAKE ERIE  
ISLAND CRUISES

HOTY  
ENTERPRISES

GRACE EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

OSUPPLIES

BAYSHORE  
COUNSELING

PAYNE, NICKLES &  
COMPANY

TRADITIONAL  
MARBLE & GRANITE

JUNE AESTHETICS,  
LLC

LONGHORN  
STEAKHOUSE

GARNER SANITATION  
SERVICES

LIVE UP BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH

# NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS! SEPT - OCT



NV DEVELOPER SERVICES

PIZZA HOUSE  
EAST

GREEN HILLS GOLF  
COURSE

ASSURED PARTNERS A  
GALLAGHER COMPANY

EDISON BIRTHPLACE  
ASSOCIATION, INC

DAVES FOOD  
MART

SANDUSKY  
STAR LANES

CHILDCARE RESOURCE  
CENTER INC

MAROUS MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES

CHICK-FIL-A

WILLARD CHRISTIAN  
REFORMED CHURCH

PARKVUE  
COMMUNITY

RENT BY THE LAKE  
LCC

LESCH CANVAS  
LLC

BRECKENRIDGE KITCHEN  
EQUIPMENT AND DESIGN

D"ELISH"OUS  
DESSERTS

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL  
ILLNESS ERIE COUNTY

FIRST FEDERAL  
BANK OF OHIO

TRUE ALPHA WEALTH  
MANAGEMENT

UNITED WAY OF ERIE  
COUNTRY

RESTOREPRO  
INC

FIRELANDS SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA

UNIVERSAL DESIGN &  
FABRICATION

HORIZON EDUCATION  
CENTERS

GREATER FIRELANDS  
SOCCER ASSOCIATION

GLO SKIN STUDIO,  
LLC

HORVATH ROOFING

# Thank You

NORWALK CONCRETE  
INDUSTRIES

SNYDER  
COLLISION

S&H BLINDS &  
FLOORS

ERIE RESIDENTIAL  
LIVING

PAPER RESOURCES  
INC. (PRI PLUS)

TRENT INSURANCE  
GROUP INC

RED BARN GROUP,  
INC.

SANDUSKY CITY  
SCHOOLS

SANDUSKY BAY CITY  
LIFESTYLE

LINDA ARMSTRONG  
THE A TEAM

MULBERRY CREEK  
HERB FARM

SANDUSKY STEEL  
& SUPPLY

STEINEMANN-HAFNER  
INSURANCE SERVICES

THE SOCIAL BUTTERFLY  
SANDUSKY, LLC

KASTOR  
CONSTRUCTION LLC

CLAG BREWING COMPANY +  
SMALL CITY TAPHOUSE

SANDUSKY  
SAILING CLUB

GILBERT HEATING AND AIR  
CONDITIONING

NORTH COAST  
ROCKIN' RANCH

U.S TSUBAKI

DOWNTOWN SANDUSKY CEDAR  
POINT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

ZENBUSINESS

APEX CLEAN ENERGY

MESENBURG CREATIVE  
CATERING

THE KNIGHT TEAM | KW CITYWIDE  
| KELLER WILLIAMS



# NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS! SEPT - OCT



HARBOURVIEW PRODUCTS  
INTERNATIONAL LLC

PLUM BROOK COUNTRY CLUB

FIRELANDS  
INSURANCE AGENCY

HAMPTON INN  
SANDUSKY CENTRAL

ERIE COUNTY  
SENIOR CENTER

HAMPTON INN AND SUITES  
NORTH COAST

KUHL OUTDOOR DESIGNS INC

# MEMBER MILESTONES

# *Congrats!*



**SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**CELEBRATION**



**SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**WORKSPACE**  
**GRAND OPENING**



**SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SORA AND OAK**  
**SUSHI & WHISKEY BAR**  
**GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION**



**OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES**  
**1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN**  
**DOWNTOWN SANDUSKY**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MEMBER MIXER**  
**FIRELANDS WINERY**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM**

[DETAILS](#)



**OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**COMPASS LEARNING**  
**THE EMPORIUM AT**  
**WEST MARKET STREET**  
**8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**

[DETAILS](#)



**NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MANUFACTURING DAY 2.0**  
**LORAIN COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

[DETAILS](#)

**MORE MEMBER EVENTS**







*Register  
Now*



# Christmas PARTY

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DECEMBER 5

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6:00 PM

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**Tony's**  
**115 W. Water Street**  
**Sandusky, OH 44870**

Appetizers | Drinks | Karaoke | Games





## JobsOhio Relocation Incentive

We have exciting news! JobsOhio recently launched the JobsOhio Relocation Incentive Program, designed to support companies by offering incentives for relocating talent to Ohio. The relocation incentive is the latest addition to JobsOhio's comprehensive talent strategy that also emphasizes developing and retaining Ohio's existing workforce through additional programs.

We encourage you to review the program's qualifications and details via the official JobsOhio page. The incentive applies to companies of all sizes, is based on specific criteria, and it's essential for interested companies to determine if they meet the qualifications. **Bring top talent to Ohio and earn up to \$225,000 in incentive payments.**

[LEARN MORE](#)



GSP hosted a webinar in partnership with Team NEO on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The webinar outlined eligibility requirements and how to apply for the incentive.

[!\[\]\(17413706fd4997a1a4bdf85c6864eee1\_img.jpg\) WATCH NOW](#)



# PUBLIC AFFAIRS

## CANDIDATE FORUM RECAP



**On Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we hosted the 2025 Sandusky City Commission and Perkins Township Trustee Candidate Forums!**

**Thank you to everyone who came out to listen, learn, and take part in these important conversations about the future of Sandusky and Perkins Township.**



Pictured are Sandusky City Commission Candidates Tim Schwanger, Luvada Wilson, Patricia L. Ferguson, Gregg A. Peugeot, and Tom Tucker

[WATCH THE RECORDING](#)



Pictured are Perkins Township Trustee Candidates Lisa M. Crescimano and Timothy Coleman. Not pictured Jim Lang

[WATCH THE RECORDING](#)

Early voting has begun, and Election Day is Tuesday, November 4th. Polls will be open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

To find your polling location or learn more about voting, visit the Erie County Board of Elections website.





# PROGRAMMING & PLACEMAKING

## Sandusky Farmers Market

# OH SNAP!

We are excited to announce the Sandusky Farmers Market now accepts SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), EBT, and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program benefits. Families and seniors can now use these programs to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy, and other local products right in downtown Sandusky.

Shopping is simple: swipe your EBT card at the info booth to get tokens, then spend them with any vendor displaying a “SNAP accepted here” sign. Seniors using SFMNP benefits can grab fresh produce, herbs, and honey too. Volunteers from Second Harvest Food Bank are on-site every week to answer questions and share info about SNAP.

The market runs every Saturday through October at 100 E. Washington Row, thanks to Firelands Health. It makes fresh, local food simple to get for everyone while supporting our fantastic local vendors!

People can learn more by emailing [afisher@greatersandusky.com](mailto:afisher@greatersandusky.com) or visiting [Facebook](#).

[READ MORE](#)





# PROGRAMMING & PLACEMAKING

## HALLOWEEN EVENTS



### Halloween Capital of Ohio

A title trademarked to celebrate our incredible fall season and regional gems like orchards, wineries, the islands, and Halloweekends at Cedar Point.



Launched “Haunt the House”, a residential Halloween home decorating contest with the City of Sandusky.

Categories:  
Spookiest, Festive  
Fall, People’s  
Choice



### Sandusky Witches Walk

#### Sunday, Oct. 19

This year’s event will aim to break two Guinness World Records: the largest witches’ costume contest and the largest witches’ dance.

The event continues to grow each year and highlights the strong community spirit in downtown Sandusky.





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