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STRENGTHENING STARK
A Call for Economic TRANSFORMATION

Strengthening Stark Week October 21-25, 2019

Strengthening Stark Week is almost here! Held Monday, October 21 through Friday, October 25, Strengthening Stark Week is a week-long celebration highlighting county-wide economic development programs and initiatives. Events during the week are an opportunity for people in our community to get involved and learn more about how local leaders and organizations are collaborating to make our community larger, younger and more prosperous.

Tuesday, October 22

8 to 9:30 a.m., Strengthening Stark Governance Overview Breakfast

Courtney's Banquet Center (By Invitation Only)
981 East State Street, Alliance, OH 44601

Members of the Strengthening Stark Governance Committee will provide an update on this year's accomplishments and outline goals for 2020.

4 to 6 p.m., Innovation Day Mixer

The Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center at Walsh University
2020 East Maple Street, North Canton, OH 44720

A panel discussion featuring representatives from major companies including Timken, Aultman and Johnson Controls along with area startups like Phoenix Enterprise Solutions and ScriptLock will share how they use technology and innovation within their business. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Attendees can register here: [Online Registration](#)

Artist Career Workshop

Cultural Center for the Arts
1001 Market Avenue North, Canton, OH 44702

ArtsinStark is hosting a workshop for 30 local artists where the organization will award

\$3,000 in Instant Career Grants and a chance at another \$7,000 in Special Project Grants.

Wednesday, October 23

9 a.m. to noon, Stark County Job Fair

Massillon Recreation Center
505 Erie Street North, Massillon, OH 44646

Hosted by the City of Massillon and co-sponsored by a number of community partners, job seekers will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with employers that are actively hiring. The event is free and open to the public. No registration required.

Employers interested in recruiting at the job fair must register by October 18. Cost is \$150, and registrations are limited to the first 65 employers. Employers can register here:

[Employer Registration](#)

Thursday, October 24

9 a.m. to noon, Grant Writing Workshop

Kent State University at Stark's Conference Center
6000 Frank Avenue NW, North Canton, OH 44720

Led by SCORE, this workshop on grant writing provides knowledge and skills to increase your fundraising success. Cost is \$10 per person. Attendees can register here: [Online](#)

[Registration](#)

5 to 7 p.m., Chamber Consortium Happy Hour Event

Glenmoor Country Club
4191 Glenmoor Road NW, Canton, OH 44718

During the networking happy hour, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose will share state initiatives and how they will impact Stark County. The event, which is for members of participating chambers, is free, but registration is required through the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce. Members can register here: [Online Registration](#)

Friday, October 25

8:30 to 10:30 a.m., THINKBIG

Over 170 conversations taking place at various venues throughout Stark County

Organized by Stark Community Foundation, THINK BIG is a day of engaging community conversations centered on how we can strengthen Stark County together. On October 25th, neighbors will gather in small groups at libraries, restaurants, office breakrooms, coffee shops, homes and everywhere in between to brainstorm solutions to 14 community needs while celebrating the good in Stark County. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Participants can register to join a conversation here: [Online](#)

[Registration](#)

Artist Spotlight

During Strengthening Stark Week, ArtsinStark will launch Artist Spotlight, an online webpage where corporations can visit and contact Stark County artists who specialize in creating one-of-a-kind awards for company employees or board members.

For more information on Strengthening Stark Week, visit strengtheningstark.com .

Want to get involved? Let us know!

Contact us at (330) 453-562 8 or info@strengtheningstark.com if you want to get involved. We would love to chat about how you can play a role in Strengthening Stark County.

Contact us

Do you know others who would be interested in learning about Strengthening Stark? Encourage them to [sign up](#) to receive our monthly email updates!

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