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News & Announcements

Stay up to date with all the latest news, announcements and special events from Battle Creek Unlimited.

New Holland Brewing Co. aims for summer opening after getting nearly \$1 million from MEDC

January 15, 2020 New Holland Brewing Co. is now projected to open in Battle Creek in the summer of 2020. It hasn't been easy for New Holland Brewing Co. to begin construction of its downtown Battle Creek brewing, but they are finally ready to begin. The brewery received a \$968,500 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation... [READ MORE HERE ...](#)

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January 15, 2020

2020 Economic Outlook

Join Battle Creek Unlimited and 250 local business and community leaders for the annual 2020 Economic Outlook on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. The 2020 Economic Outlook is one of the most anticipated economic forecast events in our community. **SPEAKERS:** Jim Robey, Director, Regional Economic Planning Services of the W.E. Upjohn Institute, will review regional, state, and national industry trends as they relate to Battle Creek, providing employment projections and an overall economic forecast for our area. Joe Sobieralski, President and CEO of Battle Creek Unlimited, will provide the community with an overview of BCU's ongoing economic development projects and initiatives ...

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January 9, 2020

Jay Andrew Development Co. awarded \$250,000 Real Estate Improvement Fund Grant

January 6, 2020 Battle Creek, Michigan - Jay Andrew Development Co. has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from Battle Creek Unlimited, through the downtown Real Estate Improvement Fund, for its plans to rehabilitate 103 W Michigan Ave. The funds will go toward a phased redevelopment of the property, starting with a full roof repair. Additional plans for the property redevelopment include white-boxing the first floor, which can be configured in a variety of ways to accommodate tenants of different sizes, and residential/office use for the second floor, including some affordable apartments. The Real Estate Improvement Fund was made possible by ...

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January 6, 2020

BCU's Newsletter Fall 2019

BCU is pleased to share its Fall 2019 Quarterly Newsletter. This edition includes: Downtown Progress Tom Davis of Prairie Farms Retires MEDC MarComm Team Hi-Lex Executive Meets with

BCU Consular Corps Reception Save the Date, Economic Outlook 2020 ... plus other news and information. The newsletter is available to view as a pdf here. Our goal is to provide useful information to people who live and/or work in Battle Creek. We welcome your feedback and story ideas. Email your comments to BCUNewsletter@bcunlimited.org. You can also follow Battle Creek Unlimited on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. If you would like to unsubscribe, please send ...

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November 26, 2019

Preliminary Engineering Report RFQ -Southwest Michigan Food Accelerator

Below is the link to the Preliminary Engineering Report RFQ -Southwest Michigan Food Accelerator. Deadline for submission is October 4th, 5:00 p.m. To review the complete RFQ, [CLICK HERE](#) ...

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September 24, 2019

BCU's Newsletter Summer 2019

BCU is pleased to share its Summer 2019 Quarterly Newsletter. This edition includes: Save the Date: Economic Development Town Hall Save the Date: Manufacturing Day 2019 Summer mixer recap BCU's visit to Northern Strike 2019 Stewart Industries launches new FTZ service guest column by Charlie Mead, on the Coordinating Council of Calhoun County ... plus other news and information. The newsletter is available to view as a pdf here. Our goal is to provide useful information to people who live and/or work in Battle Creek. We welcome your feedback and story ideas. Email your comments to BCUNewsletter@bcunlimited.org. You can also ...

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August 29, 2019

Request for Proposals for Lawn Care Maintenance and Snow Plowing

Battle Creek Unlimited is seeking Request for Proposals for lawn care maintenance and snow plowing at the Customs Cargo Center and various other portions in the Fort Custer Industrial Park. A Request for Proposal is also being sought for lawn care maintenance at the Robbins Building. Click on the documents below for further information: [CUSTOMS CARGO CENTER ROBBINS BUILDING](#) A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on September 9, 2019, with final bids due by 5:00 p.m., September 19, 2019 ...

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August 8, 2019

BCU's Newsletter Spring 2019

BCU is pleased to share its Spring 2019 Quarterly Newsletter. This edition includes: an article on an award BCU received from Consumers Energy information on new expansions by WACO and the WMU College of Aviation at the W.K. Kellogg Airport a guest column from Amy Kuchta, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters, about the Bigs in Business program a piece about Battle Creek's status as a finalist for the All-America City Award information on SecondMuse and its new office in Battle Creek an update on the renovations at Kellogg Community College's Regional Manufacturing Technology Center a notice about the construction ...

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May 30, 2019

BCU's Newsletter Winter 2019

Welcome to the winter issue of Battle Creek Unlimited's Quarterly Newsletter. This edition includes: - an overview of the 2019 Economic Outlook - a guest column from Josh Dunn of Voces, a nonprofit which supports the local immigrant community - information on BCU's new request for proposals for a restaurant - news about the a save the date notice for BCU's annual economic outlook - a profile of Torishima Service Solutions of Michigan - an update on new guidelines for the Direct Investment Fund ... plus other news and information. The newsletter is available to view as a pdf here ...

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February 28, 2019

BCU's Newsletter Fall 2018

Welcome to the latest issue of Battle Creek Unlimited's Quarterly Newsletter. The fall edition includes: an overview of our recent trip to Japan information on the progress of the Heritage Tower redevelopment news on BCU's new office a recap of our supplier event with Boeing an update on the Request for Proposals for downtown properties a save the date notice for BCU's annual economic outlook a profile of Omega Castings ... plus other news and information. The newsletter is available to view as a pdf click here: [BCU Newsletter Fall 2018](#). Our goal is to provide useful information to people who ...

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November 30, 2018

BCU Awarded MEDC Grant to Position Battle Creek for Drones, Missile Defense

October 3, 2018 BATTLE CREEK, Mich. - In September, Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) was awarded a Defense Industry Growth Area Grant for \$150,000 by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The grant is part of the Michigan Defense Center's Protect & Grow Initiative, which seeks to grow the state's defense sector. BCU will use the grant money to assess Battle Creek's existing aerospace infrastructure and position the city to attract investment from companies developing unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), more commonly referred to as drones. Funds will also be used to identify business opportunities for local companies if/when Battle Creek is ...

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October 3, 2018

Dennis Group Opening New Office in Downtown Battle Creek

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 PRESS RELEASE September 12, 2018 Dennis Group Opening New Office in Downtown Battle Creek Battle Creek selected for the company's first Midwest office Plans to hire 60 people over 3 years Battle Creek, Michigan - Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) is pleased to announce that Dennis Group will expand into downtown Battle Creek. The company provides design, engineering, and construction management services for the food and beverage industry. Dennis Group expects to invest more than \$600,000 and hire more than 65 employees over the next 3 years. Dennis Group was established in 1987 and is based in Springfield, ...

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September 19, 2018

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September 19, 2018

Ground-based Midcourse Defense Supply Chain Opportunities

Friday, August 24, 2018 PRESS RELEASE For Immediate Release Battle Creek, Michigan - August 24, 2018, Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) has partnered with Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association (MAMA) to provide an opportunity for a detailed briefing on the scope of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) system project, what the project means to Michigan, and how Michigan companies can participate. This event will be held on September 27th in Battle Creek. The Fort Custer Training Center (between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo) is the leading candidate being considered for construction of an intercontinental missile defense system called the Ground-based Midcourse Defense. A tour of the proposed Fort ...

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September 18, 2018

BCU Adopts New Strategic Plan for 2018-2023

PRESS RELEASE, August 27, 2018 □Plan identifies key growth sectors and attraction strategy□ Battle Creek, Mich - Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) released a new plan for the organization's next five years. BCU's strategic plan spells out how the organization will prioritize its human & capital resources and outlines specific metrics by which success will be measured. By July 2023, BCU's goal is to generate \$250 million in new capital investment in Battle Creek and create 750 new jobs paying an average of \$17 per hour. The strategic plan was developed with input from BCU staff and board members, as well ...

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August 27, 2018

Announcement - \$10 Million Small Business Fund

Tuesday, June 05, 2018 Battle Creek Unlimited is excited to partner with the WKKF and other community members to help establish a \$10 million Battle Creek Small Business Loan Fund. Working together as a community, we can change lives.(PRESS RELEASE WKKF) June 5, 2018 Contact: Mary Cohen or Kathy Reincke Tel: 269.969.2079 mary.cohen@wkkf.org or kar@wkkf.org BATTLE CREEK, MICH. - BCVision's economic development efforts received a significant boost at a

Steering Committee meeting today, with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) announcement of a \$10 million investment to establish a Battle Creek Small Business Loan Fund. [READ MORE HERE ...](#)

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June 5, 2018

15 Carlyle Building Awarded to Restore (269) and Startup Brewery Awarded \$200,000 to Locate in Facility

Tuesday, May 01, 2018 **PRESS RELEASE** May 1, 2018 Battle Creek, Michigan - Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) has awarded the building at 15 Carlyle Street to local developer Restore (269).

Restore (269) plans to renovate the three story building and convert the space into a brewery on the first floor, office space on the second floor, and a multipurpose event space on the third floor. In December 2017, BCU announced a request for proposals for three buildings in downtown Battle Creek. At the same time, BCU announced a \$200,000 incentive to attract a brewery/distillery to downtown Battle Creek. As a result ...

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May 1, 2018

New Holland Brewing Awarded \$200,000 Incentive for New Battle Creek Location

Friday, April 20, 2018 **PRESS RELEASE** April 20, 2018 New Holland Brewing Awarded \$200,000 Incentive for New Battle Creek Location Battle Creek, Michigan - Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) will award \$200,000 in incentives to New Holland Brewing Company in support of a new location in Battle Creek. New Holland is known for its award-winning beer and spirits. The company operates the New Holland Pub on 8th Street in Holland and the Knickerbocker in Grand Rapids as well as a production facility in Holland. In December 2017, BCU announced a request for proposals for three buildings in downtown Battle Creek. In ...

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April 20, 2018

United Way BCKR stopped into BCU this week

Thursday, March 15, 2018 Thank you, United Way BCKR for stopping by this week! We know, by coming together as a community, great things can be accomplished! We were glad to have played a small role in helping make big changes... [ChangeTheStory ...](#)

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