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June 25-July 1

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June 25 - 27th Annual Art Auction

*The Dayton Arcade Rotunda
35 W. Fourth St.; 6:30-9:30 p.m.*
The Contemporary Dayton's Live Auction will be the first ticketed event to take place in the historic Arcade Rotunda. Guests will be greeted with a complimentary drink, have a designated seating area with a plate of nibbles exclusively for their table, and two cash bars. Fantastic cuisine, featured VIP hosts, an action-packed live auction, and dessert reception in The Co's new galleries. Admission \$100 at the door - check for availability - event likely to sell out. [More info.](#)

REGISTER NOW! July 10 - Downtown Adventure

*Clues throughout downtown;
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.*
The [Downtown Adventure](#) is your chance to explore downtown Dayton businesses and sights in a scavenger hunt for the chance to win prizes! This fun event, sponsored by [AES Ohio](#), [Key-Ads](#), and [Dayton.com](#), will be held **Saturday, July 10**, as part of the 2021 [AES Ohio Summer in the City](#) lineup. Register your team now and sign up for the Adventure. Using the scavenger hunt app Roamli, you'll explore downtown Dayton to find the hidden Adventure clues and submit photos of the clues you find - submit as many as possible between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. for a shot at prizes. Learn more and register [here](#).



June 28-July 2 - The Square Is Where

*Courthouse Square, Third & Main sts.;
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.*
Presented by the [Downtown Dayton Partnership](#) and [Montgomery County](#), **The Square Is Where** features free live noontime entertainment in the heart of downtown on Courthouse Square. Enjoy food vendors, games, fun tournaments and themed days, and much more. Grab your friends and coworkers and take a lunchtime break with plenty of space to gather outdoors! For details and updates, visit the program's [webpage](#) or "like" its Facebook page at [facebook.com/TheSquareIsWhere](#). Presented with support from the Ohio Arts Council. The Square Is Where you should be on your lunch break this summer! Free.

Coming Up:

Monday, June 28 - Music Mondays
Tuesday, June 29 - Trivia Tuesdays
Wednesday, June 30 - Big Game Day, music from Justina Clear
Thursday, July 1 - Music from Danny Voris
Friday, July 2 - Fridays Live, featuring Anthony "Sax Tone" Arrington

REDISCOVER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

THE ENTREPRENEURS CONNECTION

Get to know The Entrepreneurs Connection in our Rediscover Business Spotlight!

In this series, we profile some of the small businesses that make downtown great! We ask a series of questions about each business, letting them tell you about themselves in their own words, including their background, what services they offer, how they're responding to the pandemic challenges, and more. It's a great way to learn more about your favorite businesses, or discover a new spot you may not be familiar with yet.

This week we hear from Frank Graci about a family business that's been selling pizzas to loyal customers from the same downtown location for 50 years.

[Click here to read about The Entrepreneurs Connection](#)



Submit your events for inclusion in this e-newsletter and our online calendar!

We know that more and more of our downtown businesses have begun to reopen, expand hours, or find creative ways to host events in person or online in recent weeks.

If you are holding an event downtown that is open to the public, be sure to submit it to us for consideration to be included not only in these weekly emails, but also in our online calendar of downtown events! We're happy to help you promote it.

You can submit your event via our website with the simple online form [here](#).

DOWNTOWN EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Spring & Summer - Out on 5th

*Fifth Street in the Oregon District;
Fridays 5-10 p.m.,
Saturdays & Sundays noon-10 p.m.*

Out on 5th returns to the Oregon District! **Fifth Street will close to vehicular traffic between Patterson Boulevard and Wayne Avenue on weekends**, to create a pedestrian mall in the Oregon District with increased service areas for bars, restaurants, and retailers, and increased space for the public to enjoy. The weekend closures will feature entertainment, special sales events, and amenities to elevate the guest experience. **Out on 5th** will continue every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through the spring and summer months. For more information, click [here](#).

Thru June 30 - BRIDGES

[Dayton Metro Library - Main Library](#),

215 E. Third St.; during open hours.
There are so many things that divide a community, but what brings people together? Artist Leesa Haapapuro explores this question with BRIDGES, a collaborative art installation she will construct at the Dayton Metro Library, May 1-June 30. For more information, visit [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](#) or call 463-2665.

Thru June 30 - The Streak

Link bike share stations throughout downtown.

Can you ride a Link bike every day in June? Challenge yourself or make it a challenge with some friends to see who can keep their streak going the longest. There will be prizes to help keep you motivated as well as an exclusive challenge finisher's t-shirt! [Sign up today](#)

Thru July 4 - "The Revolutionists" Streaming on Demand

Online

Four beautiful, badass women lose their heads in this irreverent, girl-powered comedy set during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror, but feeling a bit like "Sex and the City" circa 1793 Paris. This grand and zany comedy is about violence and legacy, art and activism, feminism and terrorism, compatriots and chosen sisters, and how we actually go about changing the world without losing our

Thru July 31 - Exhibit: We're Doing It All Wrong

[Edward A. Dixon Gallery](#),
131 N. Ludlow St.

The Edward A. Dixon Gallery presents artworks that shine light on some of the human issues that plague us. Free, open weekends. [eadgallery.com](#).

Thru August 15 - Exhibit: The Roaring (And The Quiet) 1920s

[Dayton Art Institute](#),
*456 Belmonte Park North; call for times
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays,
noon-5 p.m. Sundays*

The 1920s were a tumultuous decade of remarkable highs and crushing economic lows. In America, women voted, jazz flourished, Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic and alcohol sales ceased. America experienced unprecedented economic growth, and social and intellectual energy while public enthusiasm soared... until the Crash of 1929. This exhibition draws on the DAI collection to look at artistic achievements during this dramatic decade.

Thru August 31 - Great Miami Riverway Summer Challenge

It's time to get out and go! The Great Miami Riverway has just the thing to inspire you to explore the region, have some fun, and win prizes along the way. The Summer Challenge is the Riverway's new regional passport program, available only on the new Great Miami Riverway app. To play, download the Riverway app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and create an account. Complete an activity from the Riverway Summer Challenge and then check that item off your list on the app. For an extra chance to win, post a photo on social media with #riverwaychallenge. The more you explore, the more chances you have to win in the Summer Challenge.

Thru September 3 - Music @ Lunch

[RiverScape MetroPark](#),
111 E. Monument Ave.; 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Take a lunch break at RiverScape MetroPark with live acoustic music Tuesday through Friday from June 1-September 3, 2021. RiverScape MetroPark provides the perfect lunchtime destination. Whether it's meetings,

June 26 - Zumba in the Park

[RiverScape MetroPark](#), *111 E. Monument Ave.; 10-11 a.m.*

Enjoy fun, effective and FREE outdoor workouts under the pavilion! Come out for a fast-paced Zumba workout with Meghan Millat of Fit N Fruitful using dance moves to upbeat music. Pre-registration is required for the in-person option. The class will also be live streamed on the Five Rivers MetroParks YouTube page. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Presented by Kettering Health Network and supported by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. Weather Dependent. More info at [metroparks.org](#),

June 26 - Outdoor Market

[2nd Street Market](#), *600 E. Second St.; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*

Five Rivers MetroParks' 2nd Street Market will reopen its outdoor market so the public can buy fresh produce, meat, and dairy from local farmers. The Market will be open only on Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM, rain or shine. All shoppers will be required to wear face coverings that cover their mouth and nose to protect the health and safety of the Market's staff, vendors and volunteers, as well as their own health and safety. Those who would like to shop from local farmers but would prefer to do so online can access links to Market vendors' websites and social media pages at

[metroparks.org/localfood](#).

June 26 - Backyard Ball

At home; 8 p.m.

The Dayton Art Institute has announced a new at-home fundraising event, [Backyard Ball](#), taking place on June 26. Featuring a special selection of appetizers, wines and special surprises in a commemorative Party Pack, this online fundraiser takes the place of the museum's traditional Art Ball gala. The DAI made the decision not to hold Art Ball in 2021, for the safety of guests and staff, and began planning for Backyard Ball earlier in the spring. More info and tickets [here](#).

June 28 - Free Community Swerk Class

[RiverScape MetroPark](#),
111 E. Monument Ave.; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join Amanda Miller for a free community SWERKOUT at Riverscape Metropark in Downtown Dayton! Swerk is a dance fitness

heads. Ages 15 and up. Individual streaming tickets can be purchased from Broadway On Demand. [For more information, click here.](#)

Thru July 6 - American Veterans Heritage Center Exhibit

[Dayton Metro Library - Main Library,](#)

215 E. Third St.; during open hours.

An exhibit of military uniforms, artifacts and written material about veterans is on display at the Dayton Metro Library through July 6. The exhibit, presented by the American Veterans Heritage Center (AVHC), is located in the Dayton Room on the second floor of the Main Library, and is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [DaytonMetroLibrary.org](#) or call 463-2665.

Thru July 10 - Exhibit: Arron Foster: A Place Between

[The 48 High Street Gallery,](#) 48 High St.

Arron Foster is concerned with how the physical landscape is transformed into a cognitive one and how personal and public spaces intersect in the stories we tell about a place and the way we choose to represent it. His exhibit, A Place Between, will be on view at the 48 High Street Gallery through July 10. [More info.](#)

Thru July 11 - Exhibit: Looking at Family: Photographs from the Collection

[Dayton Art Institute,](#)

456 Belmonte Park North; call for times
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays,
noon-5 p.m. Sundays

Artists often find inspiration close to home. This exhibition, pulled from the Dayton Art Institute's photography collection, presents a range of artworks in which artists analyze concepts of family, love and relationships, many of whom used family members and close friends as their muses and models. Artists included are Harry Callahan, Emmet Gowin, Sally Mann, Jane Reece, Edward Weston and a recent acquisition of an image by Dayton photographer Amy Powell, among others.

free WiFi, or just a casual lunch break, you'll enjoy the sights, sounds and fresh air of Dayton's downtown MetroPark. Visit [the Facebook page](#) for upcoming schedule.

Thru September 12 - Exhibit: Changing Times: Art of the 1960s

[Dayton Art Institute,](#)

456 Belmonte Park North; call for times
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays,
noon-5 p.m. Sundays

This DAI exclusive exhibition presents a look at one of the most transformative and often turbulent decades the world has ever experienced, the 1960s. The visual arts of the decade reflect the social and political movements of the era, seen in diverse styles of Pop, Op, Minimalism and Conceptual art, and artists working in abstract styles responded to the influences of earlier artists. Drawing on the museum's extensive collection and featuring art from Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Jim Dine, Aka Peregyma, Robert Motherwell, Gene Davis, Sol LeWitt and many others.

June 24-26 - This Week at Levitt Pavilion Dayton

[Levitt Pavilion Dayton,](#) 134 S. Main St.;
7 p.m.

Bring your picnic blanket, chairs, food, friends, and family and enjoy FREE live music at Levitt Pavilion Dayton! Thursday, June 24, come hear multi-instrumentalist **Vanessa Collier**. On Friday, it's blues and rock from the **Scotty Bratcher Band**. Saturday, check out all-female country group **Farewell Angelina**. For a full schedule and more information, visit [levittdayton.org](#).

June 25 - Open Paint Party Picture Perfect Paint Parties

123 N. Ludlow St.; 6 p.m.

Come paint the town at an open paint party! Enjoy painting, great music, and all around fun. \$32.99. More info [here](#).

June 25 - Comedian Preacher Lawson

[Day Air Ballpark,](#) 220 N. Patterson Blvd.;
7 p.m.

(Rescheduled from May 9) Americas Got Talent finalist, Preacher Lawson, along with an opening act, will take the stage at Day Air Ballpark. Ticket prices are \$50.00 for on-field

class that gives you a chance to let go and feel good about your body just as it is. We embrace all the jiggle by shaking it out and leaving everything on the dance floor.

June 29 - Story-time at Reza's

[Reza's Downtown,](#) 438 Wayne Ave.;
10:30-11 a.m.

Reza's welcomes little ones (and their chauffeurs) to our cafe every Tuesday at 10:30. Order a beverage from our Children's Menu and join our Barista Karen in the Parlor for Story-time.

June 30 - Zensday Meditation with Kaye

Online

Join your favorite yoga teacher, Kaye, as she leads a virtual yoga session each ZENSDAY at 6 pm over Zoom. Make a donation and get a link to an hour-long class each week. More info on the [Dayton International Peace Museum Website](#).

June 30 - Trivia with a Twist

[Lock 27,](#) 329 E. First St.; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Enjoy Trivia with a Twist in the Lock 27 Downtown Dayton Brewpub. Every Wednesday this summer except for Wednesdays that the Dragons have a home game! [facebook.com/Lock27Brewing](#). Free.

July 1 - PNC Tiny Thursdays at Home

Online.

Are you a toddler with an awesome parent/grandparent/caregiver who likes to take you to fun, creative weekday programs? Join The Dayton Art Institute on Thursdays for the popular child and caregiver preschool program, PNC Tiny Thursdays. Ages 2-5 and a caregiver (baby siblings welcome) are invited for story time, a gallery visit and a make-and-take art project. Every month features a different theme, and each week investigates new stories and DAI collection artworks. [More info.](#)

July 1 - Showcase Thursday Yellow Cab Tavern

[Yellow Cab Tavern,](#) 700 E. Fourth St.,
6:30 p.m.

Yellow Cab Tavern's weekly showcase returns! Come enjoy some free live music from local artists.

Thru July 17- Inaugural Exhibitions in the New Dayton Arcade Space

[The Contemporary Dayton](#),

25 W. Fourth St.; call for times.

The Contemporary Dayton presents its Inaugural Exhibitions in the new galleries at the Dayton Arcade. Zachary Armstrong's *Grids & Abstracts* uses newly designed wallpaper, large paintings, prints, and other elements, transforming the gallery into a massive collage in black, white, and gray using lines, grids, found and created images. Globally recognized filmmaker, artist, and teacher, Cauleen Smith, and her video *Remote Viewing* uncovers a true story about a boy who watched the whites in his town attempt to obliterate every trace of the black community's history. *Love & Peace* is an exhibition of art by the late Curtis Barnes, Sr. [More info.](#)

seating, and \$30 for stadium seating bowl. Preacher is family-friendly, suggested age of 14-years and up. [More info/tickets.](#)

June 25-27 - Annual Fireworks Comedy Competition

[Wiley's Comedy Joint](#), 101 Pine St.; 7:15 & 9:30 p.m. Fri/Sat, 7:15 p.m. Sun.

Each comedian will give their own five minutes of funny in front of a panel of judges and an equally judgemental audience for a chance to win \$1,000! Find more informaton on the website [here.](#)

July 1-31- July Power Shots

Denise Danielle Photography, 120 W. Second St., #810.; call for times.

Denise Danielle Photography is offering "mommy and me," senior, birthday, headshots, family, and maternity photos sessions for \$100 during the month of July. Special comes with 2-3 edits and up to 2 outfit changes. [More info.](#)

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Restaurant Revitalization Fund



U.S. Small Business
Administration

This program provides emergency assistance for eligible restaurants, bars, and other qualifying businesses impacted by COVID-19.

The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.

[Please click here for program details.](#)

Who can apply?

Eligible entities who have experienced pandemic-related revenue loss include:

- Restaurants
- Food stands, food trucks, food carts
- Caterers
- Bars, saloons, lounges, taverns
- Snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars
- Bakeries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Brewpubs, tasting rooms, taprooms (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Breweries and/or microbreweries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Wineries and distilleries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Inns (onsite sales of food and beverage to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Licensed facilities or premises of a beverage alcohol producer where the public may taste, sample, or purchase products

Allowable uses of funds

Funds may be used for specific expenses including:

- Business payroll costs (including sick leave)
- Payments on any business mortgage obligation
- Business rent payments (note: this does not include prepayment of rent)
- Business debt service (both principal and interest; note: this does not include any prepayment of principal or interest)
- Business utility payments
- Business maintenance expenses
- Construction of outdoor seating
- Business supplies (including protective equipment and cleaning materials)
- Business food and beverage expenses (including raw materials)
- Covered supplier costs
- Business operating expenses

[**APPLY NOW**](#)



Coming Right Up!
Help is here.

Getting back to business
with the Restaurant
Revitalization Fund
sba.gov/restaurants



The SBA began accepting applications for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) on Monday, May 3. In the [first two days of the RRF application window](#), the SBA has received:

- 186,200 applications from restaurants, bars, and other eligible businesses in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and five U.S. Territories.
- 97,600 applications of which came from restaurants, bars, and other eligible businesses owned and controlled by women (46,400), veterans (4,200), socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (30,800), or some combination of the three (16,200).
- 61,700 applications from businesses with under \$500,000 in annual pre-pandemic revenue, representing some of the smallest restaurants and bars in America.

The SBA is still accepting applications. For more information and how to apply, visit sba.gov/restaurants.



The SBA is currently offering PPP loans originated only by participating community financial institutions including Certified Development Companies (CDCs), SBA Microlenders, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), and Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs) until May 31, 2021 or until remaining funds are exhausted. Please note that not all community financial institutions are participating in PPP.

[Learn more](#)



PUBLIC PRIVATE
STRATEGIES
— INSTITUTE —

SBA and Public Private Strategies Institute are providing several educational opportunities for you to learn more about programs that will help your business get back on track. On **Tuesday, May 11 at 1pm ET**, the Office of International Trade will present [a webinar](#) on programs that could help your business grow by connecting

you with international trade opportunities.

Join SBA, Public Private Strategies Institute, and other stakeholders to hear about:

- Steps you can take now to connect to the Office of International Trade
- What SBA exporting assistance programs your business may qualify for
- International trade success stories

[Register for the webinar](#)



May is World Trade Month and the SBA has teamed up with partnering organizations to offer webinars all month to help small business owners gain valuable insights on strategies for international sales success. All webinars begin at 2:00 p.m. EDT.

- **May 12** | SBA Support for Commercializing Innovation | [Register here](#)
 - **May 18** | Going Global with Trade Agreements | [Register here](#)
 - **May 20** | Utilizing eCommerce Tools to Drive Global Sales | [Register here](#)
 - **May 25** | Business Beyond Borders: Commemorating World Trade Month | [Register here](#)
 - **May 27** | Logistics of Growing Global eCommerce | [Register here](#)
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Shuttered Venue Operators Grant



Apply at sba.gov/svogrant



The SBA is currently accepting applications for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant. To submit an application, visit sba.gov/svogrant.

Asian American & Pacific Islander *Heritage Month*



Save the date! The SBA will host an online panel discussion on May 27, 2021 with Asian American/Pacific Islander-owned small businesses as they share their small business stories and how they pivoted during the pandemic and utilized SBA's critical financial lifelines.

The SBA will also share resources available to help AAPI entrepreneurs launch new businesses, compete in the marketplace, and connect with the training and funding opportunities to help recover and rebuild.

Registration will be available soon.



Be Inspired: Small Business Success Story

During Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we're highlighting inspiring people like Lisa Chin who are making a big impact on the economy and their communities.

In 1988, a group of Seattle-based social workers founded the nonprofit organization Treehouse on the belief that kids in foster care deserve a community that is committed to their success. Funded by bake sales and car washes, they started small, purchasing little things such as birthday presents and school supplies.

[Learn more](#)



Webinar: How to Market Your Federal Contract

May 13 | 2:00 p.m. EDT

There are many opportunities available in the federal procurement market. Developing a federal marketing and sales strategy can help you achieve success in the federal sector. Join the U.S. General Services Administration for a webinar about tips on creating a federal marketing strategy.

[Register](#)



Beware of Malicious COVID-19 Phishing

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

Confirm any SBA disaster assistance emails by contacting **(800) 659-2955**, TTY **(800) 877-8339**, or **disastercustomerservice@sba.gov**.

Avoid scams and fraud, visit **sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert**

 U.S. Small Business Administration

The SBA recently launched the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant and Restaurant Revitalization Fund. Bad actors may take this opportunity to impersonate lenders or government officials in emails, robocalls, social media accounts and phony websites. Their goal is to attract victims and commit fraud, scams and schemes. The result is financial or personally identifiable information (PII) loss for the victims.

As a reminder, the SBA directly communicates from email addresses ending in **@sba.gov**. The SBA also communicates via email updates/notifications using an email marketing platform, (the same one you are receiving this newsletter from). Those emails end in **@updates.sba.gov**.

If you applied for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant and emailed the SVOG Support Center, you may receive an email back from a **zendesk.com** account. This is an authorized SBA contractor.

If you are being contacted by someone claiming to be from the SBA who is not using an official SBA email address, you should suspect fraud. To report potential fraud, visit sba.gov/covidfraudalert.



COVID-19.

Federal Coronavirus Resources

State, local, and federal agencies are working together to maintain the safety, security, and health of the American people. Check out coronavirus.gov for updates from the White House's COVID-19 Task Force. Go to cdc.gov for detailed information about COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Visit covid-sb.org, the official federal resource website for U.S. small businesses affected by

[Learn more about the federal government's response](#)



Virtual Mentoring and Training

Offices around the country may be closed due to the pandemic, but SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, Veterans Business Outreach Centers and other resource partners are providing free business mentoring and training by phone, email, and video.

[Find an SBA resource partner near you](#)

Join the SBA Team:

Employment opportunities
to support SBA's COVID-19
pandemic response



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- Achieving Greater Outcomes
- Executive Communication
- Coaching for Performance
- Creating a Great Workplace Culture
- Leading Change
- Accounting & Finance
- Operations Management
- Strategic Management

Currently accepting applications for the Emerging Leader fall cohort kicking off on August 12. For a complete schedule and course description visit [Emerging Leader Certificate](#).

[Apply Now!](#)

Manufacturing Scholarship Opportunity

Emerging Leader certificate program scholarship support available for small/medium (<800 employees) manufacturers through [Fastlane](#) for those who qualify.

Contact April Mescher at 937-229-2664 or amescher1@udayton.edu to discuss your ideal candidate.



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Launch Dayton

STARTUP WEEK



Save the date for Launch Dayton Startup Week, Sept 13 - 16!

Apply now for Early Risers: Startup Week Pitch Competition at Dayton's premier entrepreneurship conference

Mark your calendars for the sixth annual [Launch Dayton Startup Week](#) on Sept. 13-16, 2021 at the Dayton Arcade!

Startup Week brings together the **thinkers, dreamers, doers, makers and entrepreneurs** with resource providers, mentors, and peers. **All experiences are welcome.** Whether you're a seasoned entrepreneur or new to the community, there is space for you to join.

This year, Launch Dayton Startup Week will be a blended conference that will offer both in-person and virtual attendance options. Sessions will be held in the Arcade Rotunda and at The Hub Powered by PNC and streamed live online via webinar.

"Launch Dayton Startup Week inspires current and future entrepreneurs. It is the Dayton region's premiere opportunity for entrepreneurs to connect and network with both resource providers and fellow founders," said John Owen, Startup Week organizer. "We're curating speakers and workshops to spur tangible progress for local businesses and to celebrate the diversity of our startup community."

On Monday, we'll host a series of powerhouse speakers from the local entrepreneur community on our main stage in the Arcade Rotunda. The day will wrap with an entrepreneur resource fair + social and the annual Early Risers: Startup Week Pitch Competition, where ten area startups will compete for cash + services. [Interested in pitching your company? Apply here!](#)

Tuesday through Thursday, we'll be offering industry-specific tracks that will enable attendees to dig deeper into relevant niche topics, as well as workshops where entrepreneurs can actively work on their businesses. These sessions will be offered in afternoons and evenings to accommodate founders who are still working day jobs as they get their companies up and running.

On Tuesday, Sept. 14 catch:

- a medtech track coordinated by [BioOhio](#)
- a SaaS track coordinated by [Technology First](#)
- marketing workshops, coordinated by [LMG - a Dayton-based national branding and marketing firm](#)
- business-building workshops, coordinated by [Early Risers Academy](#)
- elevator pitch practice coordinated by various Launch Dayton partners

On Wednesday, Sept. 15, catch:

- a food & beverage, retail, consumer products track coordinated by the [Downtown Dayton Partnership](#) & the Arcade Kitchen Incubator
- an artists & creatives track, coordinated by [Culture Works](#)
- tech founder workshops, coordinated by the [Entrepreneurs' Center](#)
- a million-dollar women founders' panel, coordinated by [Aviatra Accelerators — Dayton](#)
- meet-your-banker office hours.

On Thursday, Sept. 16, catch:

- a defense track, coordinated by [Parallax Advanced Research](#)
- a future tech track
- a second round of marketing workshops, coordinated by LMG
- meet-an-investor office hours

Want to support this year's conference? Several sponsorship tiers are available. Contact KeAnna Daniels at keanna.daniels@parallaxresearch.org for more information.

Stay tuned to launchdayton.com/events/dayton-startup-week/ for the latest info as speakers are announced!