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## **Summit County Dept. of Economic Development launches Business Walks in Munroe Falls**

**SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**—Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development launched their first Business Walk in the City of Munroe Falls on June 26, 2025. The Business Walk is a new extension of the County's Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) efforts. Led by Economic Development and Business Outreach Manager Caitlin Elrad and in partnership with City of Munroe Falls Community and Economic Development Director Jenny Markovich, the County team visited 8 businesses in Munroe Falls to better understand the needs and concerns of local area businesses, while fostering new connections to county resources and beyond.

Many small businesses may be unaware of funding and resources available to them through Summit County and the State of Ohio. The Business Walk initiative is a personal, hands-on way to bridge that knowledge gap and connect local businesses to resources that meet their specific needs. For example, learning that a business may be eligible for a JobsOhio Small Business Grant can be a game-changer.

"Whether these companies need more space due to booming business, or assistance attracting and retaining talented workers, opening up lines of communication is always the first step," said County Executive Shapiro. "I am very proud of our team for launching this creative initiative in Munroe Falls, and I am looking forward to the connections we will make as we take more and more Business Walks throughout our thriving communities in Summit County."

The Munroe Falls-based businesses visited on the first Walk include Bell & Blaire LLC, MSB Machine, Tringia, Mulberry Gardens Memory Care, Signs 330, Lemongrass Grill Thai Restaurant and Bar, The Healing Cave, and Duck Duck Games. Each business has a distinct profile in their size, purpose, and goals; therefore, they naturally have their own distinct needs. Some common concerns include locating new space to expand operations, difficulty finding an experienced workforce, and challenges in offering higher wages or benefits packages to retain employees.

Bell & Blaire LLC has been in the commercial HVAC, project management, and construction business for 13 years. MSB Machine is a manufacturing business with a sole employee looking to retire after 31 years. Tringia has been refurbishing machines with a small staff for 21 years. Mulberry Gardens Memory Care has 64 employees serving their residents with memory care needs and is interested in getting more involved in Alzheimer's awareness efforts.

Signs 330, which makes signage for businesses, is growing and landing larger projects, and has already engaged with the Ohio Means Jobs Center for hiring purposes. With minimal staff turnover, Lemongrass Grill Thai Restaurant and Bar has a thriving business with a demand for a larger kitchen but is very satisfied with their location in Munroe Falls.

The Healing Cave is a woman-owned salt room and spa that recently started 7 months ago, seeking to continue growth as their weekends get busier. Duck Duck Games has been in the business of buying, selling, and repairing video game consoles and games for 3 years with a busy holiday season.

Summit County seeks to continue the Business Walk initiative into multiple communities. To learn more about economic development opportunities with Summit County, please reach out to Caitlin Elrad at [celrad@summitoh.net](mailto:celrad@summitoh.net).

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