

ASSOCIATION NEWS: CMC

Tuesday, December 27, 2016

CMC forum will focus on regional economic forecast for the new year

With the dawning of a new presidential administration, it may be more difficult to forecast economic trends, but experts in the local and international economy will share their insight at the next CMC forum on Jan. 4. Expert panelist for the 15th year at this annual CMC forum, Bill LaFayette, economist and owner of Regionomics, will share his thoughts about the local economy. Joining him will be Ian Sheldon, Andersons Chair in Agricultural Marketing, Trade and Policy, Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at The Ohio State University. Mark Williams, business reporter with the Columbus Dispatch will moderate the discussion following LaFayette's presentation. The forum is sponsored by Fifth Third Bank, Columbus State Community College and BDO and the Robert Weiler Company with support from the Columbus Dispatch. Leadership Columbus is a partnering organization for the forum.

Sheldon will discuss international trade policy and



Bill LaFayette

how that may or may not affect local companies. During the election, President-Elect Trump spoke of closing borders, adding tariffs and canceling or renegotiating current trade policies such as NAFTA and trade agreements with China, all of which could have significant impact on Ohio's agriculture and manufacturing industries.

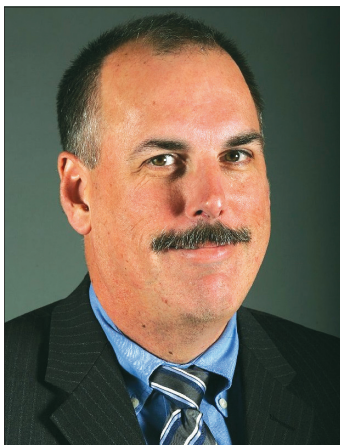
Locally, during this last quarter of the year gas prices are down, unemployment is down (although that leads to a tangential discussion), housing values are up,

construction of new homes, apartments and commer-



Ian Sheldon

cial buildings is up, which is all good news for the local economy. Yet, tax revenues in Columbus and the State of Ohio are down as reported earlier this month. There was even some talk of the "R" word – recession, but LaFayette was quick to note that a true recession has specific parameters and the economic conditions for that have not been met. An economic downturn may be on the horizon, but it's hard to predict how, when and if new federal policies could affect Ohio's economy. LaFayette is concerned is about employment growth and quality of the jobs created. Growth of



Mark Williams

minimum wage positions barely helps working families because that wage does not offer enough money to feed, cloth and pay for housing for a family.

Lest you think this is the standard Bill LaFayette CMC forum, he has some surprises to share this year.

CMC forums are frequently aired on the Ohio Channel via WOSU digital and Columbus Television at channel 3 on Insight and Time Warner and channel 99 on Warner, WOW and AT&T U-Verse. For schedule details, visit ctu.columbus.gov.

2016 Smithy Awards Announced at CMC



Award recipients for the Scioto Greenways are Tony Collins, Columbus Recreation & Parks, Guy Worley, Columbus Downtown Development Commission, Tim Moloney, Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks, Tim Schmulenberger, MKSK and Ken Wilson, Franklin County Commissioners.

The Downtown Commission created "the Smithy Awards" to honor the vision and leadership of its founder and past chair, Harrison "Bill" Smith.

"Although Bill is no longer with us," explained Kyle Katz, member of the Commission, "his impact is felt every day in our downtown, and his desire for

a positive urban experience influences every Downtown Commission meeting. Today, we recall Bill's vital and lasting contributions by celebrating projects that reflect his character; projects that are bold, intelligent, inclusive, and raise the bar for those that follow."

At the CMC forum on December 14,



Award Recipients for the Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Library Renovation are the Library's CEO Patrick Losinski, Bob Loversidge, Schooley Caldwell Architects, Tim Schmulenberger, MKSK, Kathy Fox, The Pizzuti Companies and Turner Construction Company (not pictured).

the Commission announced the 2016 winners, which were the Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Library Renovation and the Scioto Greenways. Commission members Steve Wittmann and Katz, called companies involved with the award winning projects to the stage to receive their recognition.

Featuring Aaron Renn, an urban analyst, writer and speaker who shares a vision to help America's cities thrive and find sustainable success. He is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research.

Sponsored by Smith & Hale, The Robert Weiler Company, The Ohio State University, Lusk Architecture, Edge Group, Design Group.

With support from Wittmann Company, Taft, Katz Development

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Front: Speaker Kyle Katz, CMC Board member Mike Voinovich, from Sponsor Smith & Hale, Jeff Brown, from Downtown Commission Steve Wittmann. Back: From sponsor The Ohio State University, Stephen Myers, from sponsor The Robert Weiler Company Seth Hay, from sponsor Lusk Architecture, Mike Lusk, and from sponsor the EDGE Group, Ted Hardesty.



Representing Legacy in Civic Engagement Fund honoree Harrison Smith are Marianne and Jay Smith, along with CMC President and CEO Jane Scott.



CMC hospitality committee Joey Thomas greets attendees.

Columbus Metropolitan Club

– Calendar of Events –

Forums



Upcoming

Wednesday, January 4

Blue Chip Economic Forecast

Featuring **Bill LaFayette**, owner, Regionomics, **Ian Sheldon**, Andersons Chair in Agricultural Marketing, Trade and Policy, The Ohio State University and hosted by **Mark Williams**, business reporter, the Columbus Dispatch.

Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank, BDO, Columbus State Community College, The Robert Weiler Company and The Columbus Dispatch.

In partnership with Leadership Columbus Class of 2017

Wednesday, January 11

Big City Problems in Ohio's Small Towns

The contrast of big cities to small towns in Ohio is striking in both the similarities and of the challenges and the inequality of the resources.

Featuring **John Begala**, retired executive director, Center for Community Solutions, **Alison Goebel**, executive director, Greater Ohio Policy Center, **Tara Britton**, director of public policy and advocacy, The Center for Community Solutions and moderated by **Karen Kasler**, bureau chief, Statehouse News Bureau.

Sponsored by The Ohio State University.

Wednesday, January 18

Television, Local News and Their Role in Shaping the Community

How do local news leaders balance responsible journalism in a competitive environment?

Featuring general managers from all local commercial television stations including **Tony D'Angelo**, WSYX/ WTTE/WWHO-TV, **Jon Cardenas**, WBNS, **Ken Freedman**, WCMH and moderated by **Robin Davis**, director of media relation for the Office Mayor, Columbus, Ohio.

Wednesday, January 25

Finding Innovation and Opportunity in Unexpected Places

Featuring **Mark Kvamme**, co-founder and partner, Drive Capital

From Silicon Valley to CMH, Kvamme will share his insight of the tech transformation and his new love of the Midwest and Columbus as THE land of opportunity.

Thursday, Feb. 9

Welcome to Columbus Party for New Talent COSI 6 to 9 p.m.

Welcome new talent to Columbus with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Meet the area universities new best and brightest professors and administrators along with new corporate hires. CMC members are all welcome too.

Sponsored by The Robert Weiler Company, Experience Columbus, Greater Columbus Arts Council, Columbus 2020

CMC forums are held at the Boat House at Confluence Park, 679 West Spring Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Free parking. Check-in for forums is at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon. The program concludes at 1:15 p.m. and guests are encouraged to continue the conversation in the lobby with coffee and cookies.

CMC members, the deadline for early-bird registration, \$22 is Friday at midnight, prior to the standard Wednesday luncheon forum. Pre-paid reservations are required. The price is \$25 for CMC members; \$35 for CMC members' guests; and \$45 for the general public.

Reservations can be made online at www.columbusmetroclub.org or by calling (614) 464-3220 ext. 1. Anyone requesting additional information may contact Jane Scott, President and CEO; Andrew Campbell, Vice President of Programming; Debby Rosenthal, Vice President of Member Relations and Marketing, or Lanie Cuthbert, Event Manager.

RE-TWEETS AND QUOTEABLES
FROM THE DECEMBER 14
CMC FORUM – @CMCFORUM



@urbanophile - Glad you don't want to be #1 on twitter, but happy you're on here. Thanks for educating us @busmetroclub today! #Columbus has aging and struggling suburban areas that will present a challenge as time goes on @urbanophile: #Columbus should feel good about its accomplishments and the track it's on. #killingit #busforum – Kelly Atkinson

Aaron Renn: differentiate Cbus development and urban design to create marketplace attention. Aaron Renn: what does Cbus do that is not following the market? Aaron Renn: talking about what @KyleEzell calls "design competitiveness" using what is unique to create a place identity – Rachel Kleit