

GLR CONNECT

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Hello there,

In this issue, we're excited to share project updates, upcoming events, and all the latest happenings in the Greater Lima region.

PROJECT UPDATES

Project 129

Census Tract 129 in Lima, Ohio, is an opportunity zone dedicated to enhancing community and health services. Project 129, LLC, established by the passionate staff of Mercy Health-St. Rita's Medical Center plays a crucial role in supporting these initiatives. One standout program they provide is down payment assistance, making it easier for residents to purchase homes within the neighborhood.

The aim is to attract valuable investments that significantly improve the health and well-being of the community. All properties in this zone have been thoughtfully assessed, receiving ratings from A to F. An A indicates properties with minimal issues, while an F designates those that appear to be uninhabitable.

We're excited about the positive changes happening in this area!



Civic Center's Memorial Project

The new memorial honoring veterans will be built in downtown Lima, with construction expected to be completed by the end of the year.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION



Lima Memorial Hosts "Journey to the Max" at the Apex Sports Zone

Over 400 guests attended the Journey to the Max, a premier networking event organized by the Lima Memorial Foundation. This gathering included more than 120 key business partners who united to invest in local healthcare. Together, we raised over \$890,000 to enhance diagnostic technology in our region, ensuring that our community has access to the highest quality care right at home.

WHAT'S NEW



WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK!

Scan the QR Code & Share Your Thoughts on the 2026 Strategic Plan for the Greater Lima Region



Your input will help us establish valuable planning initiatives.



GLR Strategic Planning Survey

Your input is needed! Greater Lima Region is inviting all GLR Members to participate in our strategic planning survey for 2026. This survey will help guide the county's vision and priorities for 2026, ensuring our growth and development reflect the community's needs and values.

Your feedback is essential to the success of this effort. This is your opportunity to share what you like about our county, identify challenges, and tell us where you believe our focus should be.

Access the survey through the QR code above or by following the link below.

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EVENTS

CEDS PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

Allen County – you are invited to a public comment meeting for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This is the final step to ensure your voice has been heard in shaping the future of our county's economy.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2025
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

CAMBRIDGE BUILDING
418 N CENTRAL AVE
LIMA, OH 45801

YOUR INPUT MATTERS, SO DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY!

ANNUAL MEETING

November 13, 2025
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Shawnee Country Club
1700 Shawnee Road
Lima, OH 45805

Save the date for the AEDG and GLR Annual Meeting—an evening of connection, collaboration, and great food! Details to follow closer to the meeting date.

RSVP HERE!

AEDG & GLR Annual Meeting

Save the Date! The AEDG and GLR Annual Meeting will take place on November 13 at the Shawnee Country Club! This event is a great networking event and is an update/informational time of interaction.

Please use the QR code in the image above or the link below to RSVP for the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

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MAKER-FEST

This year's MakerFest event is right around the corner, taking place on October 9 and 10 at the Allen County Fairgrounds. With 59 participants, 104 activities, and over 1400 students, this event is set to be a record-breaking year!

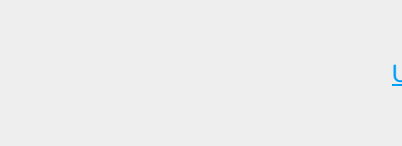
If you would like to visit the event to learn more, please reach out to Jena Shafer at shaferj@greaterlimaregion.com.

Thank you for reading this month's edition of **GLR CONNECT**. We're excited about the growth and progress within our community, and we look forward to keeping you updated on future developments. Stay tuned for more exciting news, events, and opportunities to get involved.

If you have any feedback or want to contribute, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We value your input!

Until next time,



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