

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

For the week ending June 23, 2023



Monday, June 19, 2023

On Monday, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine marked Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. In 2021, Governor DeWine made Juneteenth a state holiday, following federal legislation that made it a federal holiday.

Tuesday, June 20, 2023



Governor DeWine traveled to Toledo to get a look at the damage caused by last week's EF-2 tornado that hit the Point Place neighborhood. Governor DeWine met with local officials and residents to see what resources the community needs for the cleanup effort. DeWine sent a letter to the National Weather Service urging them to explain to the citizens of Toledo/Point Place why the normal warnings were not issued and what happened on the evening of June 15th.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Governor DeWine and First Lady Fran DeWine joined local leaders at Cincinnati Children's Hospital to celebrate the hospital's ranking by US News and World Report as the No. 1 children's hospital in the country.



The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) learned that their Ohio Early Intervention (EI) system achieved the highest rating of "meets requirements" determination from the federal Office of Special Education Programs for the seventh consecutive year. This determination recognizes the accomplishments that DODD and its local EI partners have made in implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and improving child outcomes. EI is a statewide system that provides coordinated services to parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays. Governor DeWine has prioritized services for Ohio's children, and this achievement for the Early Intervention program is another step in the right direction for children to be supported throughout their growth and development.

Thursday, June 22, 2023



Governor DeWine discussed details of a statewide plan to support local law enforcement agencies with intelligence gathering and forensic evidence examination tied to violent drug-related crimes. DeWine outlined the plan before hundreds of law enforcement professionals attending the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center's (ONIC) Law Enforcement Drug Summit in Columbus.

Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted provided remarks at the Gravity Phase II project's ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the



second phase of this mixed-use development in Franklinton. Gravity II includes a 12-story, 257-unit residential tower, a 5-story, 214-bed shared and private living building, 185,000 square feet of commercial office and retail space, and a 24-unit townhome building. Gravity includes nearly 15 acres and 2 million square feet of building space, making it the largest development in the Downtown Columbus area since the Arena District. The project was awarded a Transformational Mixed-Use Development Program (TMUD) from the Ohio Department of Development in March 2022.

Friday, June 23, 2023

The Ohio Department of Development announced the \$600 million onshoring grant agreement with Intel Corporation has been finalized. These funds will help offset costs associated with the construction of its state-of-the-art semiconductor manufacturing campus in Licking County.

As part of the grant agreement, \$300 million is available for the construction of each of the two chip factories set to be completed as part of the initial phase of Intel's \$20 billion investment in Ohio. Funds will be available for two years after construction begins on each facility, which must be completed by Dec. 31, 2028.

"Companies like Intel, from one coast to the next, are choosing to invest in Ohio because of our strategic location, willing workforce, and positive business climate," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. "I'm proud that we were

able to partner with Intel to make such a transformative investment in our state to make Ohio the new 'Silicon Heartland.'"

"This project is important for our economic and national security because it will allow computer chips to be manufactured in America again," said Lt. Governor Jon Husted. "Ohioans are going to be the economic winners as we bring a new industry to Ohio with a supply chain that will create tens of thousands of high-paying jobs."

Governor DeWine Announces Plans for Estimated \$7.8 Billion Investment by Amazon Web Services in Ohio

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced today that Amazon Web Services (AWS) will invest an estimated \$7.8 billion by the end of 2029 to expand its data center operations in Central Ohio, creating hundreds of new jobs.

AWS's data center project represents the second-largest single private sector company investment in Ohio's history. The new data centers will contain computer servers, data storage drives, networking equipment, and other forms of technology infrastructure used to power cloud computing.

Numerous localities in Central Ohio are under consideration for the new data center campuses, and final site selections will be decided at a later date.

"Amazon is already one of the largest private-sector employers in Ohio, and the company's continued growth here further cements Ohio as the heart of our nation's technology and innovation," said Governor DeWine. "As more of the world relies on cloud computing, this investment will build on Amazon's current infrastructure in Ohio to help new and existing businesses grow, allow residents to securely connect to friends and family, and provide access to online educational resources and entertainment."

"This positions Ohio as a critical location for the most discussed technology in the world, artificial intelligence," said Lt. Governor Jon Husted. "This enormous capital investment further solidifies Ohio as the tech center of the Midwest and positions us for a bright future as cloud computing and artificial intelligence are more integrated into the economy and our everyday lives."

AWS launched its first data centers in the Midwest in 2016 and currently operates data center campuses in Franklin and Licking counties. To date, AWS's investments and operations have generated over \$2 billion in economic benefit for Ohio, and supported more than 3,000 local secondary jobs on an average annual basis. In 2022, AWS directly employed nearly 1,000 Ohioans across the state.

"Today, we are proud to reinforce our long-term commitment to the State of Ohio with plans to expand and invest an estimated \$7.8 billion by 2030," said Roger Wehner, Director of Economic Development, AWS. "Since 2015,

AWS has invested more than \$6 billion in Ohio while supporting thousands of local jobs. This additional investment will bring new, well-paying jobs and will continue to boost the state's Gross Domestic Product each year. We are excited to continue our partnership with the state of Ohio, and deliver new workforce development and educational programs that support the next generation of talent by emphasizing collaborative, long-term public and private partnerships across the state."

"Ohio has a strong future in the technology sector and the more we're able to help companies that are already here expand their investments only strengthens the state's position," said Lydia Mihalik, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "AWS's expanding presence in Ohio is a big win for workers looking for in-demand jobs, the construction industry, businesses who need the computer infrastructure to grow their operations, and consumers who rely on the Internet for so many things in their day-to-day lives."

JobsOhio, One Columbus, and multiple county and local economic development teams are collaborating with AWS to support the expansion.

"AWS was the first-mover in Ohio among the major technology companies and their success has helped pave the way for the explosive growth we're seeing now," said JP Nauseef, President and CEO of JobsOhio. "Their newest investment creates 230 direct new jobs and an estimated 1,000 support jobs, and we look forward to building our partnership with AWS as Ohio continues to make its mark in this important sector."

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