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Economic Development Newsletter – December 2018

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Over its history, the **City of Bellevue** has been blessed with a great core of small, medium and large businesses finding success in this City. For the past six months that I have been on the job, that continues to be the case.

During 2018, **Amcor Rigid Plastics USA** ushered in their new production facility & warehouse addition. **Ohio Logistics Warehousing & Transportation** ramped up their 200,000 SF facility which includes 15 truck docks and 6 rail docks. **Magretech LLC** installed a new magnesium-processing line and put up a new materials building.

In addition, **Thomas Steel Inc.** added a new office structure to their Elm St. shop and new conveyor building and production line. **Norfolk Southern RR** was able to complete the two, new rail spurs which will now allow **Mitsubishi Chemical Performance Polymers (MCPP)** and **Ohio Logistics Warehousing & Transportation** the ability to move materials in greater bulk and higher efficiency.

Tower International is in the process of completing a new building addition to their facility which will house a new eco-paint line for **Ford Motor Co.** frames and adding new jobs to keep them as one of Bellevue's top industrial employers. **Goodwill Industries**, the Bellevue plant, is now under construction adding a 48,000 SF warehouse and two additional loading docks resulting in 10 new jobs.

All these companies just mentioned expanded their operations in Bellevue and not only added 88 new positions, but collectively retained over 800 jobs for this City. The labor pool, highway & rail infrastructure, abundant parks and a great school system may attribute to employers wanting to expand their footprint here as they are convinced Bellevue has a lot to offer.

I applaud **Bellevue City Schools** for adding a new option for students in their curriculum called **Career Workforce Development**. This is an elective course for students that want to go directly into the workforce or enter a technical trade school and connecting students with real world opportunities.

Several new homes were built in the **Countryview** and **Gardner Ridge** subdivisions as many folks took advantage of the city-wide **Community Reinvestment Area (CRA)** program and the 15-year real estate tax abatement. This program also applies to any business or industry that decides to build new or expand their facilities. More info on the **CRA** is available on the City website at www.cityofbellevue.com under the 'Departments' section then click on 'Economic Development'.

Lastly, **The Bellevue Hospital (TBH)** recently opened their new rehab center, offices & fitness center across from their main campus on the south side of **Historic U S Route 20**. This new endeavor for **TBH** entrenches them as an invested corporate citizen trying to make **Bellevue** a better place to live, work & play.

