

# BLUE SPRINGS BUSINESS RESOURCE GUIDE

## HOW TO START & GROW A BUSINESS IN BLUE SPRINGS

### OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2016



The City of Blue Springs, the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce, the University of Missouri Extension and the Mid-Continent Public Library work together to serve our business community.

We encourage you to take advantage of free/reduced priced training and counseling services available here in Blue Springs. These resources can help you prepare a business plan, secure financing, pair you with a business coach and connect you to fellow entrepreneurs in our community.

#### **City of Blue Springs, Missouri**

(816) 228-0110 | [www.bluespringsgov.com](http://www.bluespringsgov.com) | 903 Main Street

The City of Blue Springs works to retain, support, and collaborate with existing businesses while also recruiting new businesses through our Business Services and Economic Growth & Development Divisions.

#### **Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce**

(816) 229-8558 | [www.bluespringschamber.com](http://www.bluespringschamber.com) | 1000 Main Street

The Chamber of Commerce offers SCORE Business Mentoring and Power Hour classes on a monthly basis. The Chamber has several committees and events focusing on business development and networking.

#### **Mid-Continent Public Library/Square One Small Business Services**

[www.mymcpl.org/squareone](http://www.mymcpl.org/squareone)

Square One Small Business Services at Mid-Continent Public Library offers classes, programs, resources and research guidance both online and in person. Small business specialists can meet with you by appointment.

#### **University of Missouri Extension Office/Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers**

(816) 252-5051 | [Extension.missouri.edu/Jackson](http://Extension.missouri.edu/Jackson) | 1600 NE Coronado Drive

The University of Missouri Extension Office in partnership with the Missouri Small Business Technology Development Centers offers business coaching, business plan development, educational classes and can help you learn about business grants and international trade opportunities.

## FEATURED RESOURCE

### **Home-Based Business Guide**

Are you considering opening a business in your home? Check out the Home-Based Business Guide for a complete list of resources, restrictions and considerations. This new resource is a companion publication to the How to Open a Business in Blue Springs booklet.

[www.bluespringsgov.com/startbusiness](http://www.bluespringsgov.com/startbusiness)



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#### **American Business Women's Association's Dynamic Connections Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, October 13, 5:30-8 p.m.  
Blue Springs Country Club  
Cost: \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members

#### **Making Sense of the Noise: Strategies for Social Media presented by Jen Wewers (Constant Contact)**

Wednesday, October 18, 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Cost: FREE, Please Register with Chamber

#### **Doing Business in the Digital Age: Tips & Resources**

Thursday, October 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Adams Pointe Conference Center  
Cost: \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member. Please Register with Chamber

#### **Springboard Networking Event**

Tuesday, October 25, 5-6 p.m.  
TBD  
Cost: FREE

#### **genbluesprings BYOBreakfast**

Wednesday, November 2, 8-9 a.m.  
Terra Health & Wellness Store  
Cost: FREE

#### **Meet Me for Lunch**

Monday, November 7, 11 a.m. to Noon  
Rancho Grande Cantina  
Cost: Everyone pays for their own lunch

#### **Non-Traditional Advertising for Small Businesses**

Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.  
Mid-Continent Public Library - Blue Springs North Branch  
Cost: FREE, Registration Required with Library

#### **American Business Women's Association's Dynamic Connections Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, November 10, 5:30-8 p.m.  
Blue Springs Country Club  
Cost: \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members

#### **Second Saturday**

Saturday, November 12, 4-7 p.m.  
Downtown Blue Springs  
Cost: FREE, spots are limited, please register with Downtown Alive, 816-808-7553

#### **State of the School District**

Thursday, November 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Adams Pointe Conference Center  
Cost: \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member. Please Register with Chamber

#### **Introduction to QuickBooks**

Tuesday, November 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Jackson County MU Extension Center  
Cost: \$99 Please Register with MU Extension

#### **Springboard Networking Event**

Tuesday, November 29, 5-6 p.m.  
TBD  
Cost: FREE



#### **Global Entrepreneurship Week Kick-off Celebration**

Monday, November 14, 7:30-9 a.m.  
Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Cost: FREE

#### **Power Hour**

Tuesday, November 15, 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Cost: FREE, Please Register with Chamber

#### **Downtown Blue Springs Open House**

Thursday, November 17, 5-8 p.m.  
Downtown Blue Springs  
Cost: FREE, spots are limited, please register with Downtown Alive, 816-808-7553

