

# BLUE SPRINGS BUSINESS RESOURCE GUIDE

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

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016



The City of Blue Springs, the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Blue Springs Economic Development Corporation, 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.

#### **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.

#### **Blue Springs Economic Development Corporation (EDC)/Grow Blue Springs**

(816) 228-0208 | [www.bluespringsedc.com](http://www.bluespringsedc.com) | [www.growbluesprings.com](http://www.growbluesprings.com) | 1600 N.E. Coronado Drive

The EDC offers business coaching and an online business plan development tool through Grow Blue Springs. The EDC has several programs and events focusing on entrepreneurship 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) | [JacksonKC@missouri.edu](mailto:JacksonKC@missouri.edu) | 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

### **Doing Business In Historic Downtown Blue Springs Guide**

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

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



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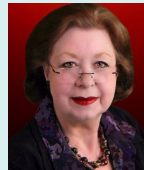
#### FEATURED EVENT

##### SCORE Business Mentoring

Thursday, Jan. 7  
Thursday, Feb. 4  
Noon to 4 p.m.

Blue Springs  
Chamber of  
Commerce

Cost: FREE, please  
register with the  
Chamber for your  
1-hour session



**Paulette Crawford**  
SCORE Mentor

*Paulette Crawford has over 35 years of experience in the small business arena in the areas of finance, accounting, marketing, public relations and event planning.*

As highly successful and experienced business professionals and entrepreneurs, SCORE mentors deliver valuable, timely, and practical advice. Whether you are a start-up or an existing business, SCORE mentors will help you and your business open new markets, reach new customers, and achieve new goals.

##### genbluesprings BYOBreakfast

Tuesday, January 5, 8-9 a.m.  
Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Cost: FREE

##### GrowBlueSprings Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 4:30 p.m.  
Blue Springs Economic Development Corporation  
Cost: FREE

##### SCORE Business Mentoring

Thursday, January 7, Noon to 4 p.m.  
Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Cost: FREE, please register with the Chamber for your 1-hour session

##### Blogging Basics

Tuesday, January 19, 8:30 a.m.  
Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Cost: FREE, Please Register with Chamber

##### Financial and Tax Strategies for Small Business Owners

Saturday, January 23, 2 p.m.  
Mid-Continent Public Library -  
North Blue Springs Branch  
Cost: FREE, Registration Required with Library

##### Springboard Networking Event

Tuesday, January 26, 5-6 p.m.  
TBD  
Cost: FREE

##### genbluesprings BYOBreakfast

Tuesday, February 2, 8-9 a.m.  
Location TBD  
Cost: FREE

##### GrowBlueSprings Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 4:30 p.m.  
Blue Springs Economic Development Corporation  
Cost: FREE

##### SCORE Business Mentoring

Thursday, February 4, Noon to 4 p.m.  
Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Cost: FREE, please register with the Chamber for your 1-hour session

##### There is No Second Chance to Make a Good First Impression

Thursday, February 17, 8:30 a.m.  
Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Cost: FREE, Please Register with Chamber

##### Springboard Networking Event

Tuesday, February 23, 5-6 p.m.  
TBD  
Cost: FREE

