



Chamber Connection

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Commerce

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Building A Bright Future

Executive Director's Notes

Businesses that have renewed your membership, thank you! If your business was inadvertently omitted from our list of renewals, we apologize for the omission. Your Chamber has two after hours events planned (August 25 and September 29). These events will improve your awareness of what is going on in your community as well as give you an opportunity to network with other businesses. We encourage you to participate in these events. Participating in these events will foster a better relationship between you and other businesses as well as help you to become a more informed citizen.

Our Congratulations to Michael J. Lucking, Acting City Manager, on his appointment to **City Manager** for the City of Trotwood.

Summer is an exciting time of year — vacation, gardening, visiting family/friends and relaxing. Whatever your endeavor, enjoy, and be safe.

High School Ready for September

During a Chamber After Hours tour of the new Trotwood-Madison High School, local business leaders got a sneak peek of completed furnished classrooms and the nearly ready cafeteria as workers put on the finishing touches. Chamber Members enjoyed a light Saturday morning breakfast provided by Hunter Consulting (our work men's comp provider) as they saw and heard about educational improvements that will be offered in the completely fiber optic wired facility.

Students will have access to more opportunity because of the innovations, and, administrators will have more control including access limited to cardholders and digital camera surveillance throughout the building. Superintendent Lowell Draffen and Business Manager John Smith led the tours saying the project is on schedule for the public ribbon cutting scheduled in the last week of August.

The \$40-million dollar facility, when complete, will be the most expensive complex in Trotwood and will be good news to employers as another reason to locate in Trotwood.

Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

COLUMBUS —The Ohio Workers' Compensation Oversight Commission voted not to concur with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation's (BWC) recommendation to grant a one-time percent dividend on upcoming employer premium bills. Based on its projected \$606 million surplus balance, BWC recommended an 8 percent dividend worth \$70 million in savings to Ohio's employers. Three of the four voting commission members voted no, with a fourth member abstaining, thus defeating the recommendation.

For bills covering the January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005 billing cycle, employers will be required to pay their full premium. In order to help employers manage these bills, BWC will reinstitute its "50-50 Payment Plan," which allows employers to pay half their bill by the end of August with the other half due in November.

Breakfast with the Mayor

City officials, business leaders and chamber members attended a breakfast with the Honorable Mayor Donald McLaurin June 30 at the Trotwood Community Center. The Mayor gave an update on the New Town Center (The Landmark). Demolition of the Salem Mall should be completed by the end of the year. Sears, Bank One, Lens Crafters and Home Depot will remain viable businesses in Trotwood. The Mayor indicated that the future for the City of Trotwood looks very encouraging.

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Call Before You Dig

Residents, contractors and anyone planning to dig in Ohio, call 48 hours before you dig. Have the following checklist ready before you call:

- ✓ County, city or township, location of work, street address
- ✓ Intersecting streets/roads, distance from intersection/direction
- ✓ Extent of work front/rear/both sides
- ✓ Date of excavation, start time of excavation, type of work, caller's name
- ✓ Contractor/contract number, contract person/additional information
- ✓ Call 1.800.362.2764 or email at www.oups.org

Calendar of Events 2005

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting at noon the Third Wednesday of every month—Trotwood Community Center • Dayton Chamber of Commerce LEADER Meeting July 25 • South Metro Regional Chamber Caucus August 12 • 1st Trotwood City Jazz Festival August 20 • Easter Seals/Shiloh House Chamber After Hours August 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast with the Mayor August • General Membership Meeting September 21 • Mercy Siena Chamber After Hours September 29 • Dayton Chamber of Commerce LEADER Meeting October 31 • Send out election form for new board October |
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