



Chamber Connection

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Trotwood Chamber's Business Connection after 5 at J. W.'s Wine Cellar Friday, March 23 was a huge success. The atmosphere was great and the venue wonderful! Our sincere thanks to Linda and Jake Wells, J.W.'s Wine for hosting, and Sam's Club for providing refreshments for our event. We thank the City of Trotwood's Mayor, the Honorable Mary McDonald, our guests, board members Sandra Monaghan, Kimberly Willis, Deborah Smith and Jim Pierce for attending and supporting our event. Thanks to all of you for helping to make our evening enjoyable.



There will be other events in the near future. If you are interested in participating or attending our events, call the Chamber at 937.837.1484 or visit our website www.trotwoodchamber.org for our schedule of events for 2018.

Marie Battle, Executive Director



Trotwood Chamber of Commerce

*cordially invites you to a Mother's Day Brunch
When: Friday, May 11
Where: Friendship Village (Atrium Dining Room)
Location: 5790 Denlinger Road
Trotwood OH 45426
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

This event is FREE and open to the public; however, **reservations must be made for you to attend.** RSVP by Monday, May 7 to 937.837.1484 or email mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org. We will recognize our youngest and oldest mothers, and pay tribute to mothers.

Our sincere thanks to Friendship Village for sponsoring and hosting this special event for our mother's.

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Sales Tax Holiday Becomes Permanent



By Jeff McClain on March 23, 2018

The legislature brought some future certainty to Ohio's Sales Tax Holiday on Wednesday. Senate bill 226 establishes a three-day period each year during which clothing and school supplies and instructional materials are exempt from state and local sales and use taxes. Similar sales tax holidays were held in August of 2015, 2016, and 2017; however, those tax holidays were each authorized separately as one-time events. This bill will make it a permanent holiday the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August.

The bill's exemption includes items of clothing up to \$75 each, items of school supplies and instructional materials up to \$20 each. Evidence has supported business growth through more participation in shopping, with many retailers reporting higher sales on other goods, not just those exempt from sales tax. The sales tax holiday helps bring customers into stores, but once there they don't limit their purchases to exempt items.



Ohio has updated its minimum wage posting with the 2018 rate of \$8.30 per hour and the tipped minimum wage of \$4.15 per hour. Employers who gross \$305,000 must pay employees no less than the federal minimum wage rate. Get the new posters here:

<http://hrnewstodayonline.com/?>

[TLM=3&C=11746&P=19238621&T=1&S=21064&D=8&State=OH&L=249-11OH&M=EMT4PS](http://hrnewstodayonline.com/?TLM=3&C=11746&P=19238621&T=1&S=21064&D=8&State=OH&L=249-11OH&M=EMT4PS)

Maggie Sheely, US Chamber of Commerce and others, will make a presentation on the new tax law May 9, 2018, at Miami Valley Career Technology Center, 6801 Hoke Road, Clayton, Ohio..

Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation will start at roughly 12:10 p.m. The cost for lunch is \$15.00.. RSVP no later than May 4 to 937.837.1484 or email mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org.

This presentation is presented by the Northern Chambers Coalition Brookville, Huber Heights, Northmont, Trotwood and Vandalia.



Southern Ohio Chambers Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16 at the Mandalay Banquet Center, the time of the meeting will be from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.



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Want to start an employee health and wellness program at **NO COST** to you?

Learn more about **BWC's Better You, Better Ohio!**

<https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/employer/services/SandH/BtrYouBtrOhioOverview.asp>



A recent discussion about ways to reduce Workers' Compensation Claims Costs took place at an ORMCA Safety Committee meeting. Several members determined that one sure way to reduce workers' compensation costs was to establish a Salary Continuation Policy.

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation allows companies to pay salary continuation instead of workers' compensation payments ensuring employers can significantly reduce future claims costs.

If your company is interested in establishing or re-establishing your salary continuation policy, please contact Gary Hanson of American Safety & Health Management Consultants, In., at 1-800-356-1274.

GROW OHIO

Incentive Program.

Grow Ohio - allows employers new to the Ohio area the opportunity to take advantage of significant discounts when they either sign-up to join a group-experience-rating program or can receive an automatic discount on

their workers' compensation premiums.

- Employers who opt to join a group-experience-rating program receive a premium discount-potentially up to **53%** effective their **FIRST** day of coverage.
- Those employers who do not join a group, can receive up to a **25%** discount on their workers' compensation premiums.

Visit the BWC www.bwc.ohio.gov to learn more about Grow Ohio, or simply click **GROW OHIO**

Just a reminder

Public Employers, your green year has changed.

Any employer that incurred a claim during the **GREEN period** and is currently participating in a WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RATING PROGRAM, **must complete 2 hours of safety training** to be compliant with Ohio BWC guidelines.

Private Employer green year:
July 1, 2015- September 30, 2016

Public Employer green year:
**** January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017****

There are a number of options available for completing this requirement, employers can:

- Complete 2 hours of online training @ www.bwclearningcenter.com
- Attend a training session provided by the BWC's **Division of Safety & Hygiene**
Dates, times, and locations
- Complete the BWC's online Accident Analysis course and the corresponding report.

Once you have completed the training send your **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION** to **Alisha Tyler** via fax at **(513) 372-8742** or via email at atyler@hunterconsulting.com



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