



Chamber Connection

Trotwood Chamber
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Trotwood OH 45426
www.trotwoodchamber.org

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO MEMBERS AND TROTWOOD COMMUNITY

Welcome to 2023! A new year has arrived and the last one is behind us. As in previous years, this new year brings with it our hopes for a new beginning.

I am so excited and encouraged about the direction of the city of Trotwood. Last year there were over \$50 million of investments, for example: over 38 new homes were built in Wolf Creek Run and Moss Creek neighborhoods; the groundbreaking ceremony for the GATED Industrial Park; the construction of the Western Division of the Montgomery County Municipal Court; the West Campus Community Center of Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley and the construction of the 50-unit Trotwood Senior Lofts.

I am also excited and encouraged about the direction of the Trotwood Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is continually evolving to help lead and actively support all of the great things the city of Trotwood, Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) and business community are doing and to maximize all of the beneficial program services and events we provide for our members and the community.

Many positive things were spearheaded by the Chamber in 2022; among them were four of our traditional annual events: Our Mother's Day Recognition Luncheon; the Business Showcase/Job Fair; the Golf outing and our elegant Awards Dinner (Awards to outstanding new, small and large chamber members). In addition, we started a new initiative entitled, "Trotwood Businesses' Discount Days," – (Trotwood businesses offered discounts to their patrons).

For 2023, the board will focus on improving members' returns on their membership investments and growing our membership.

To help us improve our understanding of members and their businesses, we are planning several business- after-hours events. Please contact Marie Battle at (937) 837-1484 or email mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org if you would like for us to visit your business.

We would love for you to become a member of our board and offer your talents, ideas, or recommendations to enhance the Trotwood business environment and to make Trotwood an incredible place to live, work and play! Please contact either myself or Marie Battle for information on becoming a member.

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Trotwood Chamber of Commerce

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Interesting Facts About Trotwood

Did you know that the IAMS Homestead is located in Trotwood, Ohio?

Once belonging to pet food brand founder Paul Iams' great-grandfather, the newly renovated 1847 house, which contains heirlooms and artifacts from the 1800's and beyond, is now home to the Trotwood-Madison Historical Society.

Trotwood Historical Society is open Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. (April to November) - Admission is free. Location: 349 S. Broadway, Trotwood, OH 45426
(937) 837-5387

Trotwood Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank our members, City of Trotwood, the Trotwood City Schools and all entities that supported our Chamber in 2022.. We are so thankful for all of you and wish you a *Happy and Prosperous New Year*.

Trotwood Chamber has a great Schedule of Events planned for 2023 and we are looking for volunteers, sponsors and donors (our Calendar of Events Schedule is in this newsletter). If you were to sponsor any of these events, your business name will be listed on our website for six months as well as in our newsletter. Those of you donating and volunteering, will be acknowledged in our newsletter. To take advantage of these opportunities, please call Trotwood Chamber at 937-837-1484, Email: mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org. or visit our website at www.trotwoodchamber.org. Chamber office hours are 8 a.m. until noon Monday thru Friday. Your help is truly appreciated.

Marie Battle, Executive Director



The graphic features the Friendship Village logo (a purple flower) and the text "Friendship Village A Trousdale Living Community". It includes two photos: one of a large building and one of two elderly women embracing. The central logo for "Friendship Coffee House" features a coffee cup icon and the text "FRIENDSHIP Coffee HOUSE". Below this, it says "Grand RE-OPENING CELEBRATION" in large, bold letters. At the bottom, it states "Wednesday, February 15, 2023 | 10:00AM" and "FREE COFFEE & FREE DANISHES - OPEN TO PUBLIC". The address "5790 DENLINGER ROAD - DAYTON, OH 45426" is also present.

Friendship Village
A Trousdale Living Community

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FRIENDSHIP
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Trotwood Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events Schedule 2023

February 18	Marketing for Small Business Owners Location: Trotwood Library Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 members, non-member \$15
March 9	Computer Programs for your business Location: Trotwood Library Time: 6-7 p.m. Cost: \$10 members, non-member \$15
March 30	Benefits to members/New Members Orientation Location: Goodwill Easterseals Time: 6-7 p.m. Cost: Free
April 13	How to Network Effectively Location: Goodwill Easterseals Time: 6-7 p.m. Cost: member \$10, non-member \$15
May 12	Mother's Day Recognition Luncheon Location: Friendship Village Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost \$10
June 13	Quickbook 101 Location: Goodwill Easterseals Time: 6-7 p.m. Cost: \$10 members, non-member \$15
June 17 and 18	Trotwood Businesses Discount Days Time: All day
July 28	Business Showcase/Job Fair – “Let’s Get Connected” Location: Goodwill Easterseals Time: 5-7 p.m. Cost: to be determined
September 8	Annual Golf Outing Location: Meadowbrook Golf Course Time: 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Cost: to be determined
October 26	Fire Safety – Trotwood Fire Department Location: Trotwood Library Time: Noon Cost: Free
November 10	Annual Dinner/General Membership Meeting Location: Friendship Village Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m. Cost: to be determined
December 8	Board’s Annual Dinner



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The Entrepreneur Toolkit

The *Entrepreneur Toolkit* is an interactive workshop series of the Central State University Extension Community & Economic Development's (CED) **Ready, Set, Grow!** small business program. It is designed to help aspiring start-ups and existing businesses clarify their business model.

February 7th Session 1: What's Your Business Model?

February 14th Session 2: Is It Feasible?

February 21st Session 3: Is It Viable?

February 28th Session 4: Is It Desirable?

By the conclusion of the training, you will (1) have a business model canvas, and (2) have identified next steps to launch or grow your business.

When: February 7th – February 28th (Tuesdays)

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EDT

Where: Virtual

Cost: FREE!

Registration: Visit <https://tinyurl.com/EntreToolkit>

Facilitators: Your CED Extension Educators are:

Ambrose Moses III

Amber J. Twitty, &

Eric Smith

Questions? Contact Amber J. Twitty at
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CESTA/1890 Land-Grant Programs at CSU

Central State University, an 1890 Land-Grant Institution, is committed to the full inclusion of all people, and does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, race, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status marital or family status, military status, national origin, political beliefs, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. If reasonable accommodations are needed, please contact the Department of Human Resources at 937-376-0540. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution.

SOCA Benefit Plan



The Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance has partnered with Anthem Cross and Blue Shield to establish a simpler, more cost-effective way to offer group insurance to small business chamber members. The SOCA Benefit Plan is a self-funded arrangement for small employers known as a multiple employer welfare arrangement (aka MEWA).

Since 2016, our partnership with Anthem allows the SOCA Benefit Plan to offer big benefits for thousands of small employers throughout Ohio:

1. **Affordable Rates:** Rates similar to large groups, underwritten for the small group market
2. **Stable Costs:** Built-in stop loss coverage, fixed monthly payments
3. **Flexible Benefits:** Designed for local, small business employees
4. **Simplified Administration:** Locally managed, streamlined process
5. **Broad Networks:** Diverse network of doctors and health professionals serving millions locally and nationwide
6. **Additional Savings:** One time credit for adding dental, vision, and/or life coverage

The Plan is offered by more than 280 local Chambers of Commerce in Ohio and through a distribution network of more than 500 insurance brokers. The broker for Trotwood Chamber for Anthem benefits is Scott Marston, VP Business Development, Cincinnati Benefit Solutions, phone number 513-661-1114, email smarston@inscbs.com

Legal Shield

Have you or your employees ever...

- Signed a contract?
- Been overcharged or treated unfairly?
- Had a real estate transaction?
- Had a landlord/tenant issue?
- Needed a will prepared or had estate questions?
- Had a traffic ticket?

All of these are legal issues. And as with all of life, having experts in your corner to navigate the legal matters BEFORE they get serious lets you move through life with less worry and stress. That's what LegalShield is about!

For over 50 years, LegalShield has given families and small businesses access to some of the best legal minds in the country without the worry of high hourly bills. The LegalShield network of attorneys is paid a portion of a very affordable monthly membership allowing them to proactively focus on your individual and small business issues rather than focusing on charging you.

Access to the LegalShield network is not only guaranteed, but through the LegalShield Phone App, the attorney in the specialty you need will return your call within 4 business hours.

In a nutshell, LegalShield provides proactive, on-call assistance to businesses and employees that lets everyone do their job better because they're worrying less! Also, as a SOCA Chamber member, you receive special group rates for LegalShield!

Learn more about how LegalShield can help you, your small business and your employees. Contact Todd Goodwin at (513)200-4826 or Ron Chambers at (313)215-5304 .



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