



# Chamber Connection

**Trotwood Chamber**  
5790 Denlinger Road  
Trotwood OH 45426  
[www.trotwoodchamber.org](http://www.trotwoodchamber.org)

October 2023



*Join us November 10th from 5:30-8 p.m. as we honor and celebrate the businesses in our community at our Annual Dinner and General Membership Meeting.*

*During our special once a year event, we will honor those businesses that are making a positive impact in our community while giving you an opportunity to network and mingle, bid on amazing prizes donated by our local businesses and enjoy a fabulous dinner provided by Chef Miquel Elias at Friendship Village.*

*We will be selecting a small business, a large business and a new business to the Chamber to be awarded. You may nominate your own business or another business that you believe is worthy of receiving this award. A nomination form and other information are in this newsletter as well as online at [www.trotwoodchamber.org](http://www.trotwoodchamber.org). The deadline to submit your form for nomination is October 27, 2023.*

*We invite you to come and join us as we honor those businesses that have contributed to the City of Trotwood, the Chamber and surrounding areas. The deadline to make your dinner reservation is November 3, 2023.*

*See our News Tips Page for some of the events going on in our community and surrounding areas. If possible, we ask you to support these events.*

*Marie Battle, CAP, Executive Director*

**"Life is a song — sing it. Life is a game — play it. Life is a challenge — meet it. Life is a dream — realize it. Life is a sacrifice — offer it. Life is love — enjoy it." — Sathya Sai Baba**

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## **Newsletter Includes:**

*Director's notes  
News Tips  
Annual Dinner  
Fire Safety tips  
SOCA Information*

## **Renewals 2023**

MVCDC  
Sisters of the Precious  
Blood  
Wolf Creek Portable

## NewsTIPS

### Interesting Facts About Trotwood

Vincent M. Ward, (born January 27, 1971), also known as Vincent Ward, is an American actor. He is best known for his roles on the "The Starter Wife" and the Walking Dead.

Vincent is a Dayton, Ohio native and graduated from Trotwood-Madison High School.

Ward has had a host of small roles in film and television, such as bodyguard on Everybody Hates Chris, Hollis on True Blood, a bodyguard in Hot in Cleveland and Darren, a mailman in Wilfred.

Submitted by Marie Battle



### Friendship Village

A Trousdale Living Community

Friendship Village's Festival is Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Friendship Village is located at 5790 Denlinger Road, Trotwood OH. There will be food vendors, crafts, bounce house and carnival games. The time of the festival is 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. For information call Brent Myers at Friendship Village, office: (937)837-5581 ext. 1415.



**TROTWOOD**  
GROWING TOGETHER



Friday, October 27, 2023 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Madison Park (301 S. Broadway, Trotwood,

OH 45426)

If you'd like to sponsor this event or participate as a vendor, and gain exposure for your business while also supporting the community, please contact Parks & Recreation Marketing Coordinator, Charles Wheeler III 937-854-7228 or [chwheeler@trotwood.org](mailto:chwheeler@trotwood.org).



Trotwood High School recognized The Trotwood Madison High School Marching Band TM4. They recently received first in their class and a grand champion-

ship win at the 23rd Annual Music Through the Streets Battle of the Bands held in Cleveland September 16.

Our **congratulations** to T-M High School Marching Band..



**Sisters of the  
Precious Blood**

Trotwood Chamber of Commerce wishes to congratulate Sisters of the Precious Blood on

the celebration of their 100th Anniversary.

### City of Trotwood Public Works Department

The Public Works Department will once again be picking up leaves from curbsides this Fall. Citizens may rake leaves into piles and leave at the curb. No sticks, grass clippings or other debris should be included—leaves only! Do not bag leaves. Any cars parked on the street should be moved, so that Public Works can remove leaves safely and effectively.

Citizens may obtain schedules and zone maps at the Public Works Building, 2400 Olive Road; the Government Center, 3035 Olive Road (2nd Floor) or online @[www.trotwood.org](http://www.trotwood.org). Rumpke will provide disposal of bagged leaves on your normal trash pick-up day (limited of 10 bags, per trash pick-up date). For more information regarding Rumpke's requirements, residents may call 937-461-0004.

### October is Breast Cancer Month

Breast Cancer affects 1 in 8 women in their lifetime, but staying ahead is possible. Manage risk factors and prioritize regular screenings for early detection.



Voting is November 7, 2023. Do not forget to vote!



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Trotwood Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to our 21st Annual General Membership Meeting, Business Recognition/Awards Dinner Friday, November 10, 2023 at Friendship Village, 5790 Denlinger Road, Trotwood OH 45426 (Atrium Dining Room Enter via door 18)

## Schedule of Events

Networking & Silent Auction – 5:30 p.m.

Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

Program 6:45 p.m.

**Menu:** Chicken Marsala-Grilled Chicken Breast with a portabella marsala wine sauce, paired with tri-colored potatoes and Broccoli, salad, bread (vegetarian meals are available on request)

**Dessert**—Bite size cheesecake flight

The cost for dinner is \$35/per person; dress is business casual. To register mail your check to Trotwood Chamber of Commerce, 5790 Denlinger Road, Suite 4011, Trotwood Ohio 45426, or visit our website at [www.trotwoodchamber.org](http://www.trotwoodchamber.org)

**Deadline to register is November 3, 2023.**



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#### Trotwood Chamber's Annual Business of the Year

Trotwood Chamber of Commerce invites you to our 21st General Membership Meeting, Business Recognition/Awards and Annual Dinner, Friday, November 10, 2023 at Friendship Village, 5790 Denlinger Road, Trotwood Ohio. Our evening starts at 5:30 with networking and silent auction followed by the program, dinner and awards.

We will recognize a small business, a large business and a new business that joined our Chamber this year. Please take a moment to complete the form below, mail it to Trotwood Chamber of Commerce, 5790 Denlinger Road, Suite, Trotwood OH 45426 or email the form to [mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org](mailto:mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org). We ask that you return the form no later than October 27, 2023. You may nominate your business to be recognized or to receive an award.

The Chamber will also have a silent auction at our event. If you would like to donate an item for our silent auction, call the Chamber at 937-837-1484 or email [mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org](mailto:mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org). and someone will pick up your donation. All awards, recognitions and businesses donating an item will be listed in our program and in our newsletter; sponsors will be listed on our website.

Sincerely,

*Marie Battle, Executive Director*

Trotwood Chamber of Commerce

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nominating this business \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to donate an item for this event? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to participate as a sponsor for this event? Sponsor: \$300. Should you sponsor this event, the Chamber will provide dinner for two at the meeting.

Mission: To work with businesses, government, the non-profit sector, and individuals to build a positive economic environment to ensure and enhance quality of life in Trotwood and the region.

# Fire & Life Safety Tips

Fire safety is a critical concern for people of all ages, but it becomes even more crucial as we grow older. Seniors often face unique challenges that can make them more vulnerable to fires and other health-related issues. In this article, we will explore essential fire safety tips for the elderly along with other health safety recommendations to help seniors lead safe and healthy lives.

## **Fire Safety Tips**

### **1. Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:**

One of the first steps in fire safety is ensuring that your home is equipped with functioning smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. These devices provide early warnings of fires and the presence of CO. You should regularly test these alarms and replace their batteries at least once a year.

### **2. Home Escape Plan:**

You should create a home escape plan and practice it regularly. This plan should include identifying two ways out of every room and a designated meeting place outside the home. Seniors with mobility challenges should discuss their needs with family members or caregivers to ensure a safe evacuation plan.

### **3. Cooking Safety:**

Cooking related fires are a common cause of household fires. You should exercise caution in the kitchen, use automatic shut-off devices on stoves and avoid wearing loose clothing while cooking. Additionally, never leave cooking unattended.

### **4. Space Heaters:**

Space heaters can be a source of fires, especially if placed near curtains or bedding. You should use space heaters with safety features, keep them away from flammable objects, and turn them off when you are not in the room.

## **Health Safety Tips**

### **1. Fall Prevention:**

Falls are a leading cause of injuries among seniors. To prevent falls, seniors should keep their homes well-lit, remove tripping hazards, install handrails, and use assistive devices if needed. Regular exercise can also improve balance and strength.

### **2. Medication Management:**

Often, we take multiple medications, which can lead to confusion. To ensure medication safety, use a pill organizer, keep an updated medications list, and consult with a healthcare professional about potential interactions.

### **3. Social Engagement:**

Loneliness and isolation can negatively impact our mental and emotional well-being. Encourage social engagement through activities, clubs, and spending time with family and friends.

## **Conclusion**

Fire safety and health safety are paramount concerns for seniors, and proactive measures can help ensure their well-being. By implementing fire safety practices and adopting healthy habits, seniors can lead safe, happy, and fulfilling lives.

**Submitted by Ralph Bowman, Trotwood Fire Department**



At SOCA, our highest priority is protecting small businesses. However, no one is immune to the current rise in utility costs. Rises in electricity and natural gas prices are especially concerning. Small businesses are focused on maintaining profit margins and combatting rising costs for essentials.

SOCA is here to lend a helping hand. SOCA is focused on providing excellent benefits packages for small businesses all over the state of Ohio. Reach out to your local chamber of commerce today!

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To learn more, visit <https://lnkd.in/gCMXC37g> hashtag #ChambersOfCommerce hashtag #SOCA hashtag #SOCABenefitPlan hashtag #SaveMore hashtag #SmallBusiness hashtag #SmallBusinessOwner hashtag #JoinSOCA



#### VOLUNTARY USE OF RESPIRATORS

By Mr. Gary Hanson, President of

American Safety & Health Management Consultants, Inc.

The OSHA Respiratory Standard requests all employers that require employees to wear a respirator to comply with the requirements.

These include the following:

- \* Development of a Written Respirator Program
- \* Air sampling of areas where respirators are required
- \* Annual employee training on the use, care and sanitation of the respirator provided
- \* Medical Questionnaire reviewed by an approved physician for all employees required to use a respirator
- \* Annual Fit Testing for all employees that are required to use a respirator
- \* Emergency controls where practicable to reduce exposure

I receive numerous questions on these requirements. Many employers want to provide a respirator for their employees, but do not want to have to comply with all of the above requirements. Unfortunately, if you require the use of a respirator then requirements are mandatory.

However, if respirators are not mandatory, but are provided only for an employee's comfort, then these requirements are not mandatory. OSHA has an exception in the standard on this situation. It states that if employees are provided a respirator at their request and there is no documented exposure to an atmospheric hazard, this is permissible provided that the items in Appendix D of the standard are met.

Appendix D is a one page document. It states that OSHA wants to encourage employers to provide employees protection from respiratory hazards even if there is no documented over exposure to an air borne contaminant.

If a respirator is provided to an employee for voluntary use or if the employee provides his/her own respirator, OSHA wants the employer to cover the following areas with their employee:

- Respirators are an effective method of protection against respiratory hazards when properly selected and worn.
- Instructions provided by the manufacturer are to be followed.
- Only certified respirators are to be used. A NIOSH label showing certification must appear on the package.
- Wear only the type of respirator for the atmosphere that the respirator is designed for.
- Keep the respirator issued in good condition, clean and sanitary. Also, keep track of the respirator supplied so another employee's respirator is not used mistakenly.

**NOTE:** If a tight fitting respirator is supplied Annual Fit Testing is required. This is not the case for a paper mask type respirator.

If you do not require employees to use a respirator, but provide them on a voluntary basis for employee comfort, I recommend you get a copy of the Appendix D of the Respirator Standard and give each employee a copy. This will allow you to supply the additional protection without having to comply with all of the other requirements of the Respirator Standard.

If you need a copy of Appendix D or you have any additional questions or safety concerns, please feel free to call me at 1-800-356-1274.



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