



# Chamber Connection

## “Building a Bright Future”

Trotwood  
Chamber of Commerce

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### Chamber Initiatives

The Trotwood Chamber is working on several exciting initiatives:

- A. A new and improved website ([www.trotwoodchamber.com](http://www.trotwoodchamber.com)— containing member database, website links, etc.)
- B. Updated City Map to include the new “Landmark” (those advertising will receive maps to be given away)
- C. Welcome Packets (for new businesses and residents moving into our city)

We are sure you will be very pleased to have these resources available to you and your Chamber is proud to have these tools available for you. These initiatives are scheduled to be completed by mid-September.

### Business of the Year

Are you interested in working on a committee to plan the program for Business-of-Year? You will help to select businesses to be recognized that have contributed to the success of the City of Trotwood and the Chamber. If you are interested in working of this committee, please contact the Chamber at 837.1484 or [trotwoodchamber@earthlink.net](mailto:trotwoodchamber@earthlink.net).

### The Growth Coach

Michael Ehrler, President and owner of The Growth Coach, will speak at our quarterly board meeting September 20. Michael’s firm is a business coaching firm that operates throughout the Dayton metropolitan area. No matter what your background, if you are interested in improving your business, then Michael’s presentation will be of interest to you. Mark your calendar and join us for this dynamic presentation September 20 at Trotwood Community Center, 4000 Lake Center Drive, at noon.



**Rhonda Finley** from the City of Trotwood and a member of the Chamber Board, has been promoted to Economic Development Dir. for the City of Trotwood.

**United Theological Seminary** achieved a 10-year accreditation from The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and continues its accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) as of Spring 2006. UTS is a Christ-centered graduate school of The United Methodist Church that offers degree programs and continuing education for ministers and lay leaders. ATS and HLC spent two and half days reviewing UTS’ educational processes including: Admissions, student and alumni/ae services, donor services, finance, administration, curriculum and classroom services.

### Be Wary of Door-to-Door Peddlers, by Dayton Better Business Bureau

The Better Business Bureau offer some red flags to watch out for when you are approached by a door-to-door peddler:

1. Look for company identification, like signs on the vehicle.
2. Check to see if the vehicle has an out-of-state license plate.
3. Are there children in the truck/car?
4. Be cautious if he claims to be doing work in the neighborhood or uses scare tactics.
5. Beware if he doesn’t carry business cards, contracts or other information about the business.
6. Don’t do it if he wants cash upfront.

Before you pay money to anyone going door-to-door, be sure to get the offer in writing and carefully review it. Don’t sign the contract until you understand everything, all the blanks are filled in and oral promises are included. You should also make the check payable to the company not a person and don’t pay in cash! Before you do business with a stranger, check with a friend...your Better Business Bureau, visit [www.dayton.bbb.org](http://www.dayton.bbb.org) or call 222.1534, ext. 2270.

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## Workers' Compensation Update

Why are my Ohio Workers' Compensation rates going up? Good question! The Ohio BWC announced this past March that it is raising premiums an average of 3.9% as of July 1, 2006. The reasoning behind this increase is to offset rising medical costs and lower investment returns. An even better question is: Are you participating in the Chambers Group Rating Program? If not you should contact Pat Williams at Hunter Consulting Company, your Chamber's Workers' Compensation provider, at 1-513-231-4023 ext 106.

### Upcoming Events

- July 31 LEADER Meeting— Dayton Convention Center—12 PM
- August 15 Salem Avenue Vision Coalition (SAVISCO) Meeting—Maria Joseph 11 AM
- August 16 Trotwood Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting—Trotwood Community Center 12 PM
- Sept. 20 Chamber Quarterly Meeting, with Michael Ehrler, speaker, at noon

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