



Chamber Connection

“Creating a Bright Future”

**Trotwood
Chamber of Commerce**

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Executive Director’s Notes

Annual Dinner & Business of the Year

Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 11, 2009, to attend our Annual Dinner and Business of the Year. Our event will be held at Sycamore Woods Lake, 4444 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood Ohio. This year the committee has planned something different for you — we will not only recognize our small and large businesses, but recognize all Chamber member businesses in attendance!

Don’t miss this opportunity to network with other business leaders, hear a panel discuss on how you can “**Save Your Home and Build Your Wealth,**” and be eligible for door prizes. The cost to attend this event is \$20 per person, RSVP no later than November 10 to 937.837.1484 — dress is business casual.

Board Elections

The Nominating Committee will submit a list of candidates for election of officers to be voted upon at our Board meeting in December. The officers will be elected by plurality vote of the Board and shall consist of a president, president-elect, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The officers shall serve one-year term and shall retain such office until their successors are duly elected. Officers may be re-elected (the president-elect will automatically assume the presidency without election).

Congratulations to *Shiloh Springs Care Center*, 3500 Shiloh Springs Road, Trotwood Ohio, on their new renovated facility. Their grand opening was held on Wednesday, October 28th.



New Member

A *Storage USA* located at 5520 Salem Bend Drive, Trotwood Ohio. They offer self-storage facility to those needing to store furniture or personal items—storage size units vary.

Cornucopia—a goat’s horn filled with grain, flowers, vegetables and fruit symbolizing prosperity, and extreme abundant — this symbol of food and abundance dates back to the 5th century BC. It is also referred to as a “Horn of Plenty.”



Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 26. As you celebrate your abundance with families and friends, don’t forget to share your abundance with those that are less fortunate than you.

*From Trotwood Chamber of Commerce to you,
Happy Thanksgiving!*

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Executive Director

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November 12,
Annual Dinner & Business of the
Year, Sycamore Woods Lake
November 18
Board Meeting, Noon, Sycamore
Woods



HOUSE PASSES BILL DELAYING TAX CUT

October 23, 2009

Governor Strickland's proposal to fill an \$850 million hole in the state budget by postponing a 4.2% personal income tax cut passed the Ohio House this week. In a 55-44 vote, the House sent HB 318 to the Ohio Senate where hearings are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 28. Two Republicans, Rep. Matt Dolan (Novelty) and Rep. Ross McGregor (Springfield) joined all 53 House Democrats in supporting the bill. HB 318 delays until tax year 2011 the last year of a 5-year personal income tax rate reduction that was previously enacted as part of the 2005 tax reforms. It also includes a 5 percent pay cut for state legislators. Since the Ohio Constitution prohibits changing the compensation of legislators during their terms of office, the pay cut will not affect the current General Assembly members, but rather the salaries of those who take office in January 2011.

During debate on HB 318 several technical amendments were adopted while one Republican amendment after another was tabled. Some of the amendments offered by Republicans would have cut the size of state government by reducing spending or consolidating state departments. Democrats argued the budget has already been cut substantially.

The more than 3-hour House floor debate on the bill was defined by strong rhetoric that was undoubtedly a glimpse of what will be heard, again, in the 2010 legislative elections. House Republicans hammered home their message that the tax delay is really a tax increase; while Democrats slammed the Republican proposals as "unrealistic" and positioned the tax delay as necessary to avoid slashing state funding for education. To view HB 318, [click here](#). Ohio Chamber Staff Contact: Daniel Navin, dnavin@ohiochamber.com

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2010 CENSUS

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U. S. Census underway as workers have begun verifying the address of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U. S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is—how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census Worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice: If a U. S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home. Census workers currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security Number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U. S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as salary range, **YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.**

Never click on a link or open any attachments in an email that are supposedly from the U. S. Census Bureau. For more advice on avoiding identify theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org.

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National Holiday Gift Show—Hara Arena Complex

The 28th Annual National Holiday Gift Show, one of Ohio's largest indoor, handmade craft shows, returns to Hara November 27-29. The hours are 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28, noon until 4 p.m. Sunday, November 29. Admission is \$5 for adults, good for all these days; kids 15 and under are free and parking is free. Chamber members you can use your VIP Card and attend this Holiday Gift show **FREE!**

One of a Kind Christmas Shop

Trotwood Historical Society invite you to do your holiday shopping for reasonably priced gifts in a festive atmosphere at the **KRIS-KRINGLE SHOP**, located at Lam's Homestead, 349 S. Broadway, Trotwood Ohio. The shop will be opening December 3, 4, 5 and December 10, 11, 12, from 10:00 to 5:00 PM. The shop will have a vast assortment of gifts for children and adults. For more information, please contact Sue Stiffler at 545-5453, Linda Keeling 837-5387 or Mary Ann Smith 263-5349.

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