

"Creating a Bright Future"

The Chamber has scheduled a number of workshops, Chamber After Hours, network breakfasts and other events to bring businesses leaders together to share common goals in 2010. We are hopeful you will include these meetings/events on your schedule and plan to attend. Individually we can accomplish little but together we can accomplish much and "create a bright future" not only for Trotwood but the entire region.

Marie Battle, Executive Director

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A member-to-member discount card will be included with membership renewal information. The card list those businesses participating in our M2M discount program and the percentage of their discount. If you are interested in participating in our M2M discount program, please call the Chamber at 837.1484.

Trotwood City Map

The Chamber will be updating our City map later this year. As a member of the Chamber you will be given the first opportunity to include you business on the new map. Tommy Thompson, Nova Print, will be contacting member businesses to see if you want to include your business on the new map. We encourage you to give serious consideration to participating in this endeavor; this is an opportunity for you to showcase your business as well let others know about your business.

Events Schedule 2010

Below is a schedule of events for 2010. We encourage you to mark your calendar and plan to attend as many of these events as possible. This is an excellent opportunity for you to promote your business as well as network with other business leaders.

Chamber After Hours Wednesday, February 24 5-7 p.m. North Dayton School of Discovery	Chamber After Hours July (DTBA) Holiday Inn-Englewood
Benefit Workshop Wednesday, March 24, 8:30-10 a.m. Mercy Siena Retirement Community	Get Connected Network Breakfast Thursday, August 5—8-9:30 a.m. Maria Joseph Living Care Center
Small Business Workshop Wednesday, April 7, 8-10 a.m. Sycamore Woods Lake	Annual Golf Outing Monday, September 13 Moss Creek Golf Club
Get Connected Network Breakfast Tuesday, May 4, 8-9:30 a.m. Friendship Village	Annual Dinner/Business of the Year Thursday, November 4—6-9 p.m. Sycamore Woods Lake
Workshop June (DTBA)	

"The reason some people do not recognize opportunity is because it usually goes around wearing overalls looking like hard work."

Thomas A. Edison

Trotwood Chamber of Commerce

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A New Store a New Year By Bruce Kettelle

Trotwood started the New Year with the grand opening of a new O'Reilly Auto Parts store. The 5,900-sq/ft store marks the 7th Dayton area store for the chain as part of a massive expansion within Ohio over the past two years.

"The company has been around for 52 years," said District manager Jim Miller before the ceremonial ribbon cutting. "I think this store will do real well and our customers already seem to like it." The newly built store is nestled on Salem Ave. between three competitors on the same block.

"We have already had customers stop in that were comparing prices from O'Reilly", said Dave Bohardt manager of nearby Main Auto Parts. He thinks the new competition will be good for business.

Trotwood Chamber members and City officials helped out at the grand opening of the O'Reilly Auto Parts on Salem Avenue on January 6. (Left-right) Sandy Riege, Sandy Marty, Karen Garner, Matthew Wynn (manager), Marie Battle, Gary Fischer, Carl Daugherty, Eric Perkins (asst. manager), Jim Mills (district manager) Loren Gross and Shari Hooper (seated)



"There are some things we keep in stock that others don't," said Miller. Each of the competitors has their own niche.

Most of the other 36 Ohio O'Reilly stores opened last year were also built near competitors. Now with 66 stores in Ohio they continue to expand expecting to open 24-26 more stores here in 2010.

Carl Daugherty Trotwood's zoning administrator helped the builders follow the city's updated landscape and signage requirements and is pleased with the way it enhances Salem Ave. He is hopeful the city will witness additional retail growth this year.

"Grandview Weekend Outlet opened a new store before Christmas next to the Salem Av. K-Mart store," said Daugherty. "I have an appointment coming up with another prospect that might locate in the Olde Town area."

Perhaps this new interest in Trotwood could mark 2010 as a turning point for the city's effort to attract new retailers.

Board members from the Trotwood Chamber of Commerce helped cut the ribbon. As with each local O'Reilly opening, a donation is made to a local charity. Accepting for the Goodwill Easter Seals Adult Day Support center was Anna Marty and Shari Hooper. The Trotwood O'Reilly store is located at 3970 Salem Avenue (937)279-0688.

Mark your calendar!

Annual Golf Outing Monday, September 13 Moss Creek Golf Club



Moment in Black History

November 2, 1986—Martin Luther King's birthday was made a national holiday. In the declaration of the holiday, President Ronald Regan cited "the majesty of his (King's) message, the dignity of his bearing, and the righteousness of his cause." The establishment of this holiday was an important part in recognizing those who worked on the Civil Rights movement and the importance in history of our nation.



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