

Chamber Connection

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What is a Chamber of Commerce and Why Join?

As the name implies, we are an organization that is involved with and have an interest in business and free enterprise. We are a private not-for-profit business association with a volunteer board of directors, driven by our mission statement 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 and we are funded by our members/investors.

What are the seven reasons to belong to a chamber of commerce?

1. *Visibility—belonging to the chamber offers you the ability to be recognized by other businesses and community leaders.*
2. *Access—when you join a chamber and actively get involved, you will discover meeting prospects who may have an interest or who can refer you to key contacts you are trying to reach, this is a huge benefit to membership.*
3. *Ongoing training and education—by spreading costs among fellow members through registration fees and sponsorships, members can stay updated, informed and educated at a bargain price.*
4. *Networking—from seminars, workshops and after-five events, to business expos and other business and community events.*
5. *Low cost advertising opportunities—a chamber offers a wide range of affordable advertising options and sponsorships.*

6. *Advocacy—support by keeping members informed on local, state and national issues.*
7. *Money saving discounts—if you fully leverage the cost of savings discounts ranging from health insurance, office supplies, workers' compensation, and member-to-member discounts, it is not uncommon for a small business to easily find enough savings in the first 30-60 days upon joining to recoup most, if not all of your membership dues.*

These are seven great reasons to join or get more involved and fully leverage the benefits your chamber can provide your business or organization.

For membership information call 937.837.1484.

Marie Battle, CAP, Executive Director

Trotwood Chamber & Frontier Communications

Cordially invite you to a
Chamber After Hours Event
When: Tuesday, June 12
Where: Friendship Village (Coffee House)
5790 Denlinger Road Trotwood Ohio
Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Refreshments will be provided
networking and door prizes...
door prizes include a
Kindle Reader, External hard drive
Business card printing
\$20 gift certificate
Tour Friendship Village's New
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To attend please call 937.837.1484
(Space is limited)
RSVP by Friday, June 8,

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BWC Safety Program

Step-7 of the 10-Step Business Plan for Safety

Proper safety training is one of the most important aspects of an effective safety program. New employees need to be taught the company's safety policies, specific job safety requirements and mandated OSHA training. The goal of safety training is not only to convey knowledge, but to develop the proper attitude towards safety and establish safe work practices from the beginning.

Preventing Heat Related Injuries

By: Gary Hanson, President of American Safety & Health Management Consultants, Inc

Summertime is a good time of year; time for outside activities, sports, home projects and general family fun. However, for those who are required to work outside, especially strenuous work, the summertime can create serious safety and health risks. Each year thousands of workers suffer heat related illnesses, up to and including death.

In order to maintain proper body temperature, the body must dissipate excess heat. A rise in temperature of 2 to 3 degrees can start to make an individual feel sick. If the body temperature rises higher, more serious repercussions may occur. The body continuously tries to release heat by increasing the flow of blood to the skin. This allows heat to be released into the air, and the body starts to perspire. As perspiration evaporates, the body is cooled.

Should you have questions or concerns, please call Tammy Purcell, Hunter Consulting Company at (513) 372.8714, Trotwood Chamber at (937) 837.1484 or visit the Chamber's website for the complete article at www.trotwoodchamber.org.

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September 15, 2012

**Trotwood Chamber
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Commerce

Annual Golf Outing

8 AM





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BUSINESSES SHIELDED FROM EXPANDED TRESPASSER LIABILITY

Should a purse snatcher who flees police, climbs a company's fence and is injured on the property win a lawsuit against the company for injuries caused by this trespassing? Most fair-minded people would say "of course not", and they would be right. Ohio's existing law makes it virtually impossible for a trespasser to win such a lawsuit.

However, the American Law Institute's (ALI) Third Restatement of Torts would change the answer to the question above by creating a duty of care Ohioans would owe to trespassers. Restatements are intended to reflect existing principles of law and attorneys often cite them when arguing a case. Courts also often look to these restatements when developing case law.

Strongly advocated by the Ohio Chamber, Senate Bill 202 will codify Ohio's common law (made through court decisions) regarding trespassers, which provides that a land owner owes no duty of care to a trespasser, except in a few narrow and well-defined circumstances. Fortunately, the House this week passed SB 202, which will prevent Ohio courts from adopting the Third Restatement and thus, preserve businesses' legal protection from liability for injuries incurred by people who trespass.

The Ohio Chamber strives to always present accurate and truthful information. In testimony in support of SB 202, the Chamber quoted the purse snatcher scenario above from the Third Restatement itself to illustrate the absurd results its adoption would cause Ohio businesses. However, during this week's House floor debate on the bill, the Chamber's testimony was characterized as "a complete and total fabrication" and the purse snatcher example was dismissed as not found anywhere in the Third Restatement. To the contrary, the Chamber's example was taken directly from the Third Restatement and can be found on page 98. The Senate is expected to concur next week with House changes to the bill.

BILL MAKES OEPA LESS INTIMIDATING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

One of the many pieces of legislation that the General Assembly hopes to have wrapped up and on its way to the governor by the end of the month is Senate Bill 294, the Ohio EPA Omnibus Bill. This week, the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee sent the bill to the full House for consideration, where a vote is expected next week.

SB 294 contains updates to various programs and implements new policies, including a wetland mitigation program. Of significant interest to Chamber members is a provision that expands confidentiality to small businesses seeking help in obtaining compliance with Ohio EPA's regulations. Under current law, small businesses that voluntarily go to Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) to ensure that they are being good environmental stewards and complying with regulations only have protection from liability for non-compliance for air issues. SB 294 extends the confidentiality provision to all regulatory programs at Ohio EPA.

In making this significant change, Ohio EPA is ensuring that small businesses can find help in navigating the myriad of environmental regulations. Small businesses will be able to rest easy when they utilize OCAPP knowing that this non-regulatory division of Ohio EPA has one goal, to help bring small businesses into compliance without the threat of a violation or penalty.

The Ohio Chamber submitted written testimony in support of this provision and thanks the bill's sponsor, Sen. Tim Schaffer, for including this important protection in the legislation.

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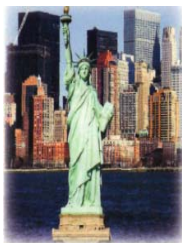
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