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**“think globally,
shop locally”**



Play Ball!

Join Brookville, Huber Heights, Northmont, Trotwood and Vandalia chambers in a networking event Monday, April 28, with the Dayton Dragons at Fifth Third Field. The Dragons will play the Lansing Lugnuts. Gates open at 6 p.m., cost is \$25 per ticket. One ticket is allowed for the suite and includes a VIP parking pass, a Dragon hat, complimentary food and beverages and two (2) drinks.

Space is limited, so please make your reservation today! For information call Jake Miller at 937.228.2287 ext. 124, email jake.miller@daytondragons.com or Trotwood Chamber at 937.837.1484, email mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org.

How secure are your documents (credit cards, on-line purchasing, bank accounts)? The chamber will present a workshop on “Cyber Security on a Budget” at Madison Lakes Learning & Conference Center, 581 Olive Road, Dayton Ohio, Thursday, June 26, 8—10 a.m.; breakfast will be provided, cost to members \$5.00; non-members \$10.00 ... For information on this workshop contact Bruce Kettelle at 937.837.6401, email theebyfarm@compuserve.com, Bethany Yost 937.837.4157, email Bethany.yost@ftr.com, Michele Spear 937.222.4645 x1603, email mspear@firstdayfinancial.org. or you may contact the chamber at 937.837.1484, email mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org.

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our newsletter.

Welcome

Edward Jones Investments
8224 N. Main Street, Dayton OH

Save These Dates

Monday, April 28—Northern Chamber Coalition Networking event Fifth Third Field—Dayton Dragons vs. Lansing Lugnuts

Friday, May 2—Trotwood Madison Educational Foundation's Silver Anniversary Gala, Meadowbrook Country Club. Tickets are \$35 ... please contact Calvin Heard at 937.837.5273 or email cdheard5360@gmail.com for tickets

Wednesday, May 28—Social Media Made Simple, Trotwood Madison Board of Education, noon

Thursday, June 26—Cyber-Security (Emergency Preparedness), Madison Lakes, 8-10 a.m.

Friday, September 19—Annual golf outing, Meadowbrook Country Club



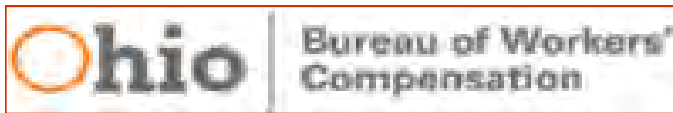
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Step 8 of the 10-Step Business Plan for Safety

Written and Communicated Safe Work Practices

Safe work practices are essential to a safe work environment. Written procedures should be developed and used to guide your company's safety effort. These in turn need to be communicated to all management and hourly employees.

The safety manual or handbook should include company wide work practices, OSHA specific written procedures and job or task specific safe operating procedures. The manual should also include Safety Policy Statement, Management and Employee Responsibilities and General Work Rules. Ask your employees or Safety Committee to help in developing these guidelines. For more information contact **Tammy Purcell, Group Rating Manager**, (513)372-8714, tpurcell@hunterconsulting.com or visit our website at www.hunterconsulting.com



Modernizing BWC—The plan to optimize the premium collection model

BWC is transitioning to a billing system that will provide more flexibility for employers while reducing overall systems costs. This change aligns BWC with standard industry practice and enables us to collect premiums before extending coverage. This transition becomes effective July 1, 2015, for private employers, and Jan. 1, 2016, for public employers. This conversion is part of BWC's ongoing efforts to modernize its operations and provide better service to Ohio's employers.

The benefits of prospective payment

A switch to a prospective billing system could provide the following benefits to Ohio employers:

- Overall base rate reduction of 2 percent for private employers and 4 percent for public employers;

- Opportunities for more flexible payment options (up to 12 installments);
- Better opportunities for BWC to provide quotes online or via the phone;
- Fewer costs from employers who either don't pay premiums timely or have workers injured without coverage being mutualized among employers in good standing;
- Increased ability for BWC to detect employer non-compliance and fraud.

How it will work

Ohio employers will see a few modest changes as this transition takes place. They are:

- Earlier opportunities to sign up for incentive programs - Beginning in the fall of 2014, employers looking to participate in programs such as group rating, group-retrospective rating or other rating plans will have the opportunity to make those selections sooner;
- A one-time credit in July 2015 - An average employer will enjoy a one-time premium credit, as BWC will cover his/her August payroll report (covering the January to June 2015 premium) as well as the first two-month's (July and August) prospective premium;
- A new payment schedule - Employers will receive their invoice in June and begin paying premiums before July 1. While that is earlier than before, all employers will be able to make at least quarterly payments, and some employers will be able to pay up to as many as 12 installments;
- A true-up process - Because BWC is providing workers' compensation insurance coverage based on estimated payrolls, we will ask businesses to report or "true-up" their actual payroll for the prior policy year. This begins in August 2016.

Dates to Remember

- April 15—BWC will mail individual retro rating billing for previous policy year (public employer)
- April 18—Deadline to submit Group Retrospective Rating enrollment forms to Hunter Consulting (private employers)
- April 30—Private Employers application deadline for July 1st start date:
 - Deductible program
 - Drug free safety program
 - One claim program
 - Industry specific safety program



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Trotwood Community Garden



Citizens can grow and maintain their own garden at the Community Garden plot, located on South Broadway at the former baseball field. For \$30 you can have a garden space plowed and ready for planting. Standard size plots are 25' x 25' and are available by contacting the Trotwood-Madison High School Band Boosters at 937.239.9010.



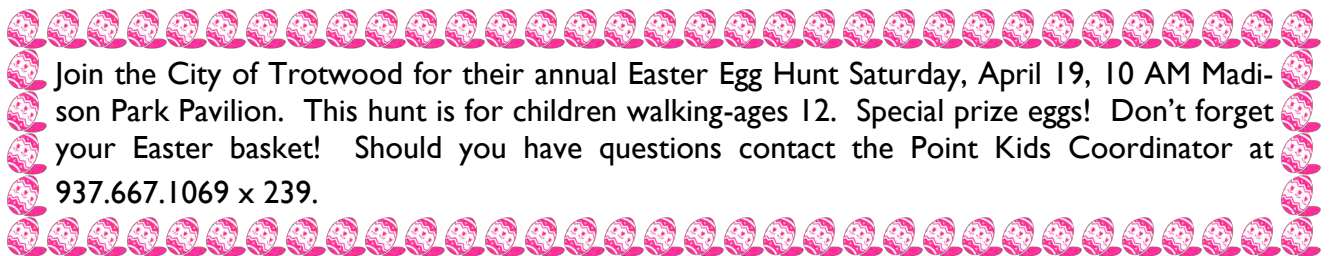
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World Book Night April 23

The Trotwood Branch Library is a proud host site for World Book Night volunteers. These pre-selected individuals who share a love of reading will pick up books and distribute them for free to people in need in the Trotwood Community. Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments and socializing on behalf of World Book Night Monday, April 14, from 4-6 p.m., at the Trotwood Branch Library, 651 E. Main Street, Trotwood Ohio.



Join the City of Trotwood for their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19, 10 AM Madison Park Pavilion. This hunt is for children walking-ages 12. Special prize eggs! Don't forget your Easter basket! Should you have questions contact the Point Kids Coordinator at 937.667.1069 x 239.

Happy Easter

*From the Officers & Board of Directors
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of Commerce*





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