

August 2017



Chamber Chatter

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Next Chamber Event

The next Chamber event will be a Chamber luncheon at the Ponderosa in Carrollton on Thursday, August 10, 2017. Our guest speaker will be Congressman Bill Johnson. Everyone will be responsible for their own food order, and you will pay at the door. If you are planning on attending this luncheon, please R.S.V.P. to Vanessa at the Chamber office at 330-627-4811 or email her directly at: vacation@carrollcountyohio.com.



Upcoming Events August 2017

August 5

Lincoln Way Band to perform at the Bluebird Farm Park Amphitheatre in Carrollton 7pm \$5 for parking
Bring your blankets and lawn chairs!

August 5 & 6

Loudon Township Homecoming Festival in Kilgore
Parade on the 5th at 5pm

August 9-12

Scio Fall Festival
Main Street, Scio
Parade on the 11th at 6:30pm

August 11-13

Sandy-Beaver Canal Days
Magnolia Park, Magnolia
Parade on the 13th at 2pm

August 12

Back to School Safety & Wellness Expo
Carroll County Fairgrounds
11am- 1:30pm

August 12

Family Fun Day
Municipal Park Stage
Minerva, 10am-2pm
Free & open to the public

August 12

Karri Fedor & Kerosene to perform at the Bluebird Farm Park Amphitheatre in Carrollton 7pm \$5 for parking
Bring your lawn chairs and blankets!

August 18

Movies in the Park
Malvern Park, Malvern
8:30pm Free to the public
Popcorn and beverages available for purchase

August 18-19

Sherrodsville Homecoming Festival, Sherrodsville
Parade is on 19th at 1pm

August 19

New Wave Nation to perform at the Bluebird Farm Park Amphitheatre in Carrollton at 7pm \$5 for parking
Bring your lawn chairs and blankets!

August 26 & 27

Great Trail Festival
Great Trail Farm
Malvern 9am-5pm

August 26

Tropic Sensations (Steel Drum Band) performing at Municipal Park Stage in Minerva - Free and open to the public
7pm-9pm

Update from Last Chamber event

The last Chamber event was held at The Villa Restaurant in Carrollton. We had a better turnout with 19 in attendance, this month. Mike Garcar of CommQuest Recovery Services was our guest speaker. (See photo inset)

Special thanks to The Villa Restaurant and staff for the great food and hospitality.



Quote of the Month

"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."
-Christopher Columbus



2017 Chamber Meeting Dates

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| Aug. 10th | Ponderosa | Chamber Luncheon |
| Sept. 14th | TBA | Business After-Hours |
| Oct. 12th | The Virginia Restaurant | Chamber Luncheon |
| Nov. 9th | Ashton House Museum | Chamber Luncheon |
| Dec. 7th | TBA | Business After-Hours |

2017 Board of Directors and Officers

President— Janet Smith
Community Title Agency
Secretary— Michele Catlett
Consumers National Bank

Vice President—Rosemary Brace
Mercy Medical Center
Treasurer— Lester Dodds
Dodds Funeral Home

Chris Shepherd—Huntington Bank
Yvonne Ackerman-Carroll Electric
Dan Long—Republic State Mortgage
Patrick Cooper—Cooper Accounting
Tait Carter— Carroll County Economic Development

Susan Ziler— Carroll Health Care Center
Suzanne Bates— Community Hospice
Alison (McLaughlin) Decker— AMM Designs
Nick Trussell— Elevated Services

Executive Director—Amy Rutledge
Administrative Assistant—Vanessa McConnell

Carrollton Ex. Village Schools
returns to School
on Tuesday, August 22, 2017!
Welcome Back!



Chamber Board Report

The Chamber Board of Directors met Wednesday, July 26, at noon at the Ponderosa with nine members in attendance.

Director's Report- Amy is working with the committee on a strategic plan for Carrollton. She is working with the committee to get sponsors for the Dessert Extravaganza. Amy attended meetings for Adventures in NE Ohio, Ohio's Appalachian Country and the Carrollton Business Women. The CVB is starting its audit process for 2015 and 2016. Amy attended an educational seminar dealing with digital marketing. Carroll County will host the Ohio Barns Conference in 2018 and the CVB is helping to make it a great conference. Editorials were submitted for The Digger and Home Town Country Magazine. The CVB is also working the Carrollton Business & Retail Merchant for the Scarecrows on the Square. **Economic Development-** Centerville Village will hold a ground breaking August 31 for an addition. Monday, July 24, there was an economic development meeting at Colfor with Lt. Governor Mary Taylor and State Rep. Andy Thompson. Tait continues to work on several other projects. **Education-** the Chamber will be partnering with SBDC on a Cyber Security and Physical Security Risks Seminar on August 30. See details below in the newsletter. **Old Business-** the board voted Amy Rutledge as the Chamber representative to the Community Improvement Committee. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, August 23, at noon at St. John's Villa Restaurant.

Cyber Security and Physical Security Risks Seminar

The Carroll County Chamber is partnering with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to present a seminar on security. The event will be held August 30, 2017 from 9am-11am, at the Microtel conference room. Registration will be at 8:45am and there will be doughnuts and coffee.

Part 1- What You Need to Know to Maximize Security at Your Business. Tim Dimoff's presentation focuses on planning and managing security for your business. Tim will discuss how times have changed, the need for a foolproof security protocol and the importance of conveying that message throughout the organization.

Part 2-Cyber Security. Michael Mandato's presentation focuses on leading cause of intrusions, laws and guidelines, threats and definitions and best practices.

The cost is \$20. You must register online. The Chamber will send out the flier for this event through email in a week or so. It will have the registration information. This training program is being offered at a reduced fee thanks to the generous support of the SBDC partners.

QuickBooks Class

QuickBooks 1 (Beginner)

Friday, August 4, 2017

Sign in: 8:15 to 8:30am

Event: 8:30am to 4:30pm

Learn how to set up a company's books from scratch, create and understand financial statements and perform everyday transactions, such as: prepare invoices and sales receipts, receive payment, and make deposits, pay bills and process bank reconciliations. Learn time savers and tips to better utilize QuickBooks.

Where: SBDC at Kent State University at Tuscarawas

Tolloty Technology Incubator

1776 Tech Park Drive NE

New Philadelphia, OH 44663

To register:

All attendees must register online. If you have any questions, please contact Deanna Spencer at dmspence@kent.edu or 330-308-7522.

Fee: \$150.00 per class (which includes morning and afternoon break stations and lunch.)

QuickBooks 2 Class

QuickBooks 2 (Intermediate)

Friday, August 11, 2017

Sign in: 8:15am to 8:30am

Event: 8:30am to 4:30pm

Join us to discover how to: set up and pay employees; set up and process credit card transactions and reconciliations; set up and use class tracking; customize QuickBooks; set up, adjust, pay and report sales taxes; and set up and adjust inventory.

*These workshops are geared toward Windows (not Mac). Laptop computers will be provided. This is desktop edition training (not online).

Where: SBDC at Kent State University at Tuscarawas

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Fee: \$150 per class (which includes morning and afternoon break stations and lunch)

Business Start Up Class

Date: Monday, August 14, 2017

Time: 1pm-3pm

Are you ready to take control of your life? Investigate a new career as an entrepreneur! If you have ever considered owning your own business or are in the early stages of starting a business, register for this informative session. New Business Start-Up is an overview of issues related to starting and operating a business, such as: business and financial planning, market demand and financing.

New Business Start-Up sessions have a \$20 materials fee and you must register online. Register now! Seating is limited!

Where: SBDC at Kent State University at Tuscarawas

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Presenter: Joe Belinski, MBA, CBA, Business Advisor

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OSC 18

(Submit by July 31, 2017)

Do you have knowledge to share that can keep workplaces safe and healthy? Are you good in front of a crowd?

If so, you could be a potential presenter for our Ohio Safety Congress & Expo 2018 (OSC 18), the nation's largest occupational-focused safety and health event. We're now accepting presentation proposals for this multi-day event, scheduled for March 7-9, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio.

For more information and to submit a proposal, visit our call for presentations site. <https://bwc.expoplanner.com>

Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

13430 Yarmouth Dr.

Pickerington, OH 43147

614-466-7695

BWC Safety Innovation Awards

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is seeking entries for the 2018 Safety Innovation Awards. Winners will receive \$1,000 to \$6,000 in cash awards and be recognized at the 2018 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo.

Your innovation must demonstrate reduction in safety or ergonomic risk factors, or occupational health exposures.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 30, 2017.

To learn more and apply today, please visit our website at www.bwc.ohio.gov

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CareWorksComp Update

Update! The payroll True-up period for **private employers** begins July 1, 2017. Payroll true-up reports are due to BWC **no later than August 15, 2017.**

At the end of each private employer policy period (July), it is necessary to reconcile estimated payroll with actual payroll. This is called True-up. This report can be completed online at: <http://ow.ly/4mWUlm> or over the phone by calling 1-800-644-6292.

This payroll True-up process is part of prospective billing, and as a result, Ohio businesses are required to reconcile their actual payroll annually for the prior policy year and also reconcile any differences in premium paid. According to BWC, the True-up allows more accurate premium calculation. Even if actual payroll for the year matches the original BWC estimate or a business had zero payroll, the True-up report must be completed.

The quickest and easiest way to True-up is online with a BWC e-account. If you do not have a BWC e-account, you can create one by signing on to :

<http://www.bwc.ohio.gov/SelfSvcAccountAdmin/newacc.asp>.

You can also complete the True-up through the BWC call center; however, wait times may be extremely high, as a result BWC encourages the use of their online reporting system.

Important Note:

Again, **August 15, 2017** is the due date for your True-up report to be completed with BWC. This is a critical deadline, as the BWC has indicated that if a business does not complete the True-up timely, they may not be eligible for current, and future alternative rating and premium discount programs such as Group Rating and Group Retrospective Rating. Once more, reports must be submitted either online or by phone at 800-644-6292.

Below are a couple of youtube video links that you may find helpful in the process:

<https://youtu.be/dmYEtuGLEnQ>

<https://youtu.be/YMaslG0eq-M>

More CareworksComp Info

Important upcoming Date:

- **August 15, 2017**– is the due date for the policy year 2016 payroll true-up report! This report must be on file with BWC by that date, or your participation in discount and rating programs may be in jeopardy.

Mergers and Acquisitions: A reminder as we are embarking on a new workers' comp policy year... If you are planning on buying or selling your business, please let us know so that we can project what this action might mean for you, and any groups that you may be a part of, for alternative rating purposes. The BWC recently changed their method for determining successorship.

Ohio Legislative Update on Motor Vehicle Claims: There is a new legislation which changes how motor vehicle accidents (MVA's) affect employers of a third party is at fault. Beginning with **dates of injury on July 1, 2017 and after**, certain MVA claims may qualify to be charged off to the BWC Surplus Fund and not to the employer's risk experience. If you believe you have a claim where this is the case, an AC-28 (Request to Charge the Surplus Fund for Non-At-Fault Motor Vehicle Accident) must be filed with the BWC, and the BWC Administrator will subsequently make a determination within 180 days of receiving the request. Your CareWorksComp Claims Examiner will help manage this new process.

OSHA Electronic Filing Update: RiskControl360, our safety division, has confirmed that the electronic filing requirement of completed **2016 300A forms to OSHA has now been extended from July 1, 2017 to December 1, 2017**. This will provide the new administration an opportunity to review these new reporting requirements before they are implemented and allow those affected additional time to familiarize themselves with the electronic reporting system. This new system will not be available until August 1. This 5-month delay would be effective on the date of publication of a final rule in the **Federal Register**. Please contact Jim Wirth at jim.wirth@careworkscomp.com or 614-827-0370 with any questions.

"Third Billion Back" Rebate: The BWC will begin distribution of these checks to eligible employers on July 10, 2017! Eligible employers must have had billed premium for the 2015 policy year (7/1/15-6/30/16) and be current on policy requirements. If there is an outstanding BWC balance, including a current premium installment, the rebate will be applied to that first and any remainder will be sent to you. The BWC has these tips for receiving the rebate:

- Your check will arrive in a white envelope labeled "IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED".
- Your current mailing address and federal tax identification number on file with BWC must be current in order to mail the rebate. You may verify this information through [employer demographics](#) on BWC website, www.bwc.ohio.gov.
- Most rebate recipients will receive Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 1099 tax documents. BWC will send 1099 forms no later than Jan. 31, 2018.
- If you participated in a group retro program in **the 2015 policy year**, your rebate will be distributed after the group retro refund is returned, which will be this fall.

BWC Future Dating: BWC is pleased to announce that the process for Future Dating payments is now available for customers through our website. Effective June 30, employers now have the option to schedule payments for their premium installments to ensure they maintain active coverage and the True-up reconciliation. The first day the offering was available 650 payments for almost \$2.0 million were scheduled for payment to BWC on July 3, 2017.

Important Notes about future dating:

- ACH transactions ONLY
- **NO** credit card payments
- Employer selects payment date
- Lessens the potential to miss a payment
- Payment may be blocked by employers bank
- **Bank may require an authorization code from BWC, it is the Employer's responsibility to provide to their bank with an BWC Debit blocker code: #3311334187**

If an employer wants to schedule more than one installment payment they will do that through the Accounts Receivable screen by making multiple payments and choosing different dates for each one. They must make ACH payments for all of them. Credit card payments cannot be future dated.

BWC employees cannot future date any payments in the Accounts Receivable screen.