



Chamber Chatter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SUMMER HEAT!

As the long hot summer progresses there are several opportunities to grow your business. Bedford and Chanel High Schools are looking for advertisement in their respective athletic programs. Bedford hasn't had a program in a while and is offering very good rates for advertisement. Star Glass is hosting a **Business After Hours** on Thursday July 26th from 4:30 to 7:30. (see pg. 3) This is also sort of a Grand Reopening as they have expanded their store and remodeled. This event is going to be a lot of fun and I encourage you to attend and to see how a **Business After Hours** is run. It's a great time to meet the staff of Star Glass and network with other business people. Anyone wishing to propose a program that they would like to share with the Chamber at one of our dinner meetings should contact Gina, our office manager, at the Chamber office. Bedford offers many festivals and programs on the square all summer long. Check our website for a list of events, www.bedfordchamber.org

Have a good and safe summer,
Mike Guyer, President

July 13 – 15 Lion's Carnival

Bob Paulson 440-232-0959

July 21 Mid Summer Wonderland

Bedford City Hall 440-232-1600

July 21 Street Dance

Warner Batten 440-232-0834

July 26 Business After Hours

Garnet Barker, Star Glass 440-439-9299

August 2 Chamber New Member Picnic

Bedford Chamber 440-232-0115

August 10 Jazz Concert & Art Fest

Bedford City Hall 440-232-1600

Aug. 11 Historical Society Flea Market

Chris Sweet 440-439-7470

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ADVERTISING SPECIAL!

The Bedford High School Athletic Department would like to make available to all local merchants the opportunity to advertise your business in the 2007-2008 fall and/or winter sports programs. Money collected for advertising will help benefit athletic events within the Bedford School District.

Deadline for submissions is Tues., July 31, 2007.

Contact Paul Powers at 440-439-4588

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

For those of us who have an American Express credit card, we are used to being told that “membership has its privileges”. The purpose of this copyrighted phrase is to cast an exclusive aura over the prospect of carrying one the company’s credit cards, as if to say, “You too, can be somebody – not just a card holder, but a member of our prestigious club”.

“Apply today” it seems to suggest, “and we’ll look you over to see if you are worthy of having your name etched in plastic”. By definition, a privilege is “an advantage, right, or benefit available to a relatively small group of people, usually as a result of wealth or social status”. Given the image American Express is trying to cast, its use of the word “privileges” makes sense.

Fortunately, your Bedford Chamber doesn’t grant membership as a privilege based on your wealth or social status. Its granted by your desire to help your business grow and prosper through various programs and offerings. The ability to network with fellow members through our monthly meetings, and gain knowledge through various programs and speakers. Basically it’s the Bedford Chamber’s privilege to have you and your company as a member in support of our efforts to provide you with the quality programs, events and networking you desire to grow your business in the community. You also, by being a part of the chamber, are giving us your knowledge and expertise to share with your fellow members of the Bedford Chamber. This is done through our different workshops and networking events that you attend and participate in.

Remember, it is not a privilege to be a member of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce, but it is OUR privilege to have you as one.

Enjoy your summer,
Phil Switz, Vice-President

Visit our Website at:
www.bedfordchambersoh.org
For information & updates!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

NCJ Enterprises Inc., dba Ziebart

612 Broadway Ave.
Bedford OH 44146
440-439-3392

Automotive Protection Packages
zbedford01@sbcglobal.net
www.ziebart.com

Gibbers Playhouse

Chris Gibbs
26018 Broadway Ave.
Oakwood, OH 44146
440-439-7529

Provides family entertainment, children’s programs, meetings and business services.
www.gibbersplayhouse.com
play@gibbersplayhouse.com

PARTIES IN THE PARK UPDATE

Thanks to the support of our Corporate Sponsors, the annual Bedford Parties in the Park have been very successful thus far. Also, I suppose we need to be thankful for the good weather. We have eight more weeks to go and things will simply get better. Attendance has been up so far this year as compared to past years. We’re averaging just about 500 people every Wednesday night and traditionally the crowd gets larger through July & August.

A SPECIAL NOTE TO THE CORPORATE SPONSORS...

There will be a “Porch Picnic/Open House” at the Chamber office along the rail line on Thursday, August 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. ALL SPONSORS may bring guests. Please RSVP so we know how many to plan for. There will be food and beverages and a great opportunity to network! Mark your calendar and plan to attend this event. (casual attire!)

Looking forward to seeing you there,
Chuck St. John, Chairman



STAR GLASS & FINE ART

Garnet Barker, Owner
704 Broaway Ave.
Bedford, Ohio 44146
(440) 439-9299
(440) 439-7005 fax

Hosts...

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

(an elite shopping experience)

Join us on...

Thursday, July 26, 2007

4:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M.

For you we will have...

Great ART,
enjoyable MUSIC,
hot FOOD,
a variety of WINES,
all in wonderful atmosphere!

Please be my guest!
Give your name at the door!



Spirit Apothecary

Upcoming & Ongoing Events

Matthew & Melissa Stewart, CEO/Owner
664 Broadway Ave., Bedford OH 44146

www.spiritapothecary.com

440-439-HERB

July 14th - Psychic Fair

Noon to 6:00 pm

July 15th - Tarot 101 Workshop

Noon to 2:00 pm - Cost \$30

July 18th - Scott Helland,

Gypsy Nomads Concert

Starting at 7:00 pm - \$5.00 Donation

July 21st - Evening Psychic Fair

6:00 to 11:00 PM

Drum Circle

1st Saturday of Every Month

Starts at 7:00 pm

Tarot Readings with Desiree

Wednesdays 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Thursdays 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Rune & Tarot Readings with Mac

Thursdays 5:30 - 9:00 pm

Intuitive Readings with Christine

Fridays 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Angel Card Readings

Last Saturday of the Month

Noon to 5:00 pm