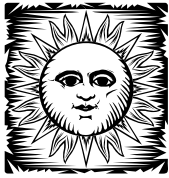


## Chamber Chatter



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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **Chuck St. John, President**

Looking forward to another summer of activities in Bedford, especially the Chamber sponsored Parties in the Park. It is well over 25 years since your Bedford chamber began sponsoring these events, but it is only the past fifteen years or so that it has been expanded to 13 weeks, June through early September. Much time and effort goes into it and even though it is looked upon as a "senior event", more young families tend to show up than in the past.

Bedford is "festival city" during the summer. There is not another town in Ohio that has so many summer activities at their Town Square or commons as Bedford. Yes, some big cities have weekly parties but they are sponsored by the city itself and very commercialized. Our festivals are sponsored by organizations that use the profit to benefit our local needs, scholarships, beautification, improvements and other wholesome things that make Bedford the fin city that it is.

I highly encourage all our members to support these events in whatever way you can. For our Parties in the Park, both local weekly newspapers are doing a special promotion of these events and offering advertising at a special price. This is a good way to promote the Parties in the Park and do some advertising for yourself.

Lastly keep your eyes and ears open for the Chamber Gold Outing this coming September  
Chuck

### **Message from the Vice-President** **Mike Guyer**

Summer is here!

The Chamber of Commerce Event Calender has been very successful. They were distributed in the Plain Dealer on Friday in Bainbridge, Aurora, Solon, Twinsburg, The North Summit Area, The Valley Area, Brecksville, Independence, Cuyahoga Hts., and Garfield. Fifty Thousand of these calenders were printed. Event sponsors are already receiving many calls. Keep this

program in mind for the future.

We are looking for businesses who would host a Business After Hours. This entails opening your business between 4-7 P.M. (a suggestion) to other chamber members and the public.

This is an opportunity to get people acquainted with your business and staff. All too often we drive past businesses and never know what goes on there. We have had some very successful Business After Hours Events in the past. Please call me or the Chamber Office for more details and dates.

Mike Guyer

### **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Parties in the Park**

Wednesday Evenings, Bedford Square

June 11-September 3

June and July 7-9 pm

August and September 6:30-8:30 pm

#### **Bedford Chamber of Commerce 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing**

. Bedford Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing  
Please join us for a fun filled day of golf Friday Sept. 12, 2008 at Astorhurst Country Club 12noon shotgun start, Lunch and Dinner included. \$85.00/person. If you don't golf you can join us for dinner or if you would like to sponsor a hole with your companies name contact the chamber office or Mike Romito 440-232-1441. We are also looking for anyone that would like to donate door prizes you will be recognized at the golf outing.

#### **IMPORTANT WEB SITE UPDATE!**

Our Chamber of Commerce is committed to providing money savings discounts and other Value Added Benefits to our members.

Through our association with [NOACC \(Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce\)](#), businesses with current Chamber memberships can take advantage of the many benefits listed, at no additional expense.

These special discounts can improve your bottom line, saving you both time and money.

All you do is go to our web site at [www.bedfordchamber.org](http://www.bedfordchamber.org), go to the Chamber

Member Benefits page, click on the NOACC news to use and search for the information pertaining to your business.

**Chamber membership doesn't cost....it PAYS!**

#### **Welcome New Members!**

##### **Dennis Grossman M.D. Inc.**

88 Center Road Suite 280

440-232-5215

Medical Services

##### **Hudec Dental Associates**

466 Northfield Road

440-232-4222

hudecdental.com

Dental Office

##### **P & P Machine Tool, Inc.**

26189 Broadway Avenue

Oakwood Village, Ohio

440-343-7404

#### **SCORE - Counselors to America's Small Business**

For Chambers of Commerce Members: **SCORE** is offering free and confidential mentoring to help keep your business on track. **SCORE** counselors are experienced business owners or managers who have had the same or similar concerns in their business careers that you might be experiencing. They will listen and guide you through ANY concerns you might have at your business or a **SCORE** location. **SCORE** offices are located in Lake, Geauga, Lorain, Huron and Erie Counties. The main office is located at 1350 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Or stop in or call 216-522-4194 to arrange an appointment. Check out: [www.scorecleveland.org](http://www.scorecleveland.org) for more info.

#### **Member of the Month**

##### **Barnes Roofing 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

Congratulations to Gary Barnes, Owner of Barnes Roofing. Located at 903 Broadway Avenue, Bedford. Phone number is 440-439-1210. Gary is a 1975 graduate of Bedford High School and started his roofing business in 1978. Barnes Roofing is licensed and bonded in more than 40 communities and

specializes in commercial and residential roofing plus siding, gutters, windows, doors and outdoor home improvements. Gary and his company Barnes Roofing are also very active in the community events and many of the City of Bedford's programs. Best wishes and continued success!

## News from our current Members

### Imagination Arts

Imagination Arts (owner Kristen Boyesen) will participate in Drawing Day 2008, Saturday, June 7 at the June Art Show, sponsored by the Artist Review Today Gallery, in the Galleria, Cleveland. Drawing Day is a world-wide event to post one million drawings on the Internet in one day. Non-artists may participate by doing an Imagination Arts exercise. There will be several artists at the event to assist people wanting to participate. Materials are being donated by Utrecht Art Supplies, Cleveland Heights. All are welcome. While there, vote for your favorite local artist artwork. 10 to 3. [www.artistreviewtoday.com](http://www.artistreviewtoday.com)

### Holy Spirit Cookbooks for Sale!

The families and friends of Holy Spirit Academy have generously donated this collection of recipes. Cookbooks are professionally bound and colorfully printed. This special keepsake makes a wonderful gift! Our "Bon Appetit" cookbooks are available for \$10 each. Place your orders now! Call to order: Gina Pieragostine at 216-780-8444 or Lisa DeLuca at 440-439-2537. thank you for your support!

## Bedford YMCA News

Southeast YMCA News:  
Sports Camp is available for boys and girls, ages 6-12 years. Weekly themes, different sport each week. Includes skills, drills, playing time and conditioning. Hours: 9-4pm. Call Kyle at 216-663-7522.

Licensed Day Camp: Weekly themes, field trips, swimming, fun & games. Hours: 6:30pm-6:00pm.

Maureen Mizerak, Executive Director  
Southeast YMCA

460 Northfield Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146

Telephone: 216-663-7522 Fax: 216-663-9043

Email: [mmizerak@clevelandymca.org](mailto:mmizerak@clevelandymca.org)

### Southeast Library

The Southeast branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library is located in Bedford at 70 Columbus Road. 440-439-4997

#### Summer Reading is Coming!

This Saturday readers of all ages can begin to "Imagine and Explore" through the Cuyahoga County Summer reading program at the Southeast Branch Library. This program is open to all readers' birth – seniors. Every week the reading prizes will change. You will also have a chance to win free books, and larger prizes that include a VIP Pass to see a space shuttle launch at Kennedy Space Center. The more you read the more chances you have to win.

#### Monday Morning Health Talks

Ever wonder if that twinge you feel is normal? The experts from University Hospitals will have some answers for you at Southeast Library on June 9, at 10am. Learn about *Pains You Shouldn't Ignore*. Please join us for coffee at this informal and informative presentation.

#### Children's Summer Program registration has begun!

Don't miss all the exciting, free events that will be coming to the Southeast Branch Library for children this summer. Programs range from weekly story times for preschoolers to specials for all ages. A complete list of Children's events is available at the library or on-line at [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org). Click on "branches", "Southeast", "view all events", then view June – August for events. Registration for all programs begins

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### Star Light, Star Bright

Join us Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for our children's Summer Reading Kick-off event. Children Shine Brightly as they help Susan Weber and her puppets Timothy Timberwolf and Forgets-to-Twinkle sprinkle stardust, create shooting stars with their fingers, enjoy a star song, a star dance and star fun! Registration for this event begins June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Registration and Further Information

Please call the Southeast Library at 440-439-4997 for more information and to register for all our branch programs, or visit our webpage at [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org) to register online. To contact Southeast Friends of the Library with news or questions, e-mail them at: [southeastlibrarynews@hotmail.com](mailto:southeastlibrarynews@hotmail.com)

### Member-to-Member Discounts

We are looking for businesses that would be interested in offering member-to-member discounts to other Bedford Chamber businesses and their employees. This would be a great way to promote your business and support other businesses in our chamber. If you are interested please call our office at 440-232-0115.

**The following discounts are offered to Bedford Chamber Members and Employees:**

### **Bedford Auto and Van Rentals 320 Broadway Avenue Bedford, Ohio 440-232-4265**

We are offering a 10% discount on any rental needs to other chamber of commerce members!

The Bedford Auto and Van Rentals motto is: Personalized, honest service. We're here to assist you with any aspect of customer service. If any questions arise as you surf through our

site, you may call us at 440-232-4265.

We are the oldest car & van rental business in Bedford, a suburb of Cleveland about 8 miles southeast from downtown Cleveland. We have recently moved our office less than a quarter mile from our old location where we were for over 20 years, into a brand new building at 320 Broadway, at the corner of Harrison Street, between AutoZone and Nero Lincoln-Mercury.

If you have any questions you can [email us at info \[ @ \] bedfordautorentals.com](mailto:info@bedfordautorentals.com) or call either Mary, Dan or Jim at 440-232-4265.

### **Berwyn Technologies 50 South Park Bedford, Ohio 440-232-0682**

Discounts that apply to members would be free pickup/delivery at locations within the city.

Also, Bedford residents and businesses get a 50% discount on labor charges.

We offer discounts on purchases of new systems and software to employees of our commercial customers.

More info is available on our website.

<http://www.berwyntech.net>