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**September 15th** DeVore Tech. & Microsoft  
Hands-on/Demo of 2007 Software

**September 20 Chamber Dinner Meeting**  
**5:30 Catered Elegance**  
**Financial Concerns & Your Business**  
*(See attachment & Invitation for details)*

**September 27<sup>th</sup>** Board of Trustees Meeting  
Chamber Office, 5:30 p.m.

**Other Coming Events On Pages 3 & 4**

**September 21** Business & Community Expo  
**September 25<sup>th</sup>** NOACC Networking at  
Jacobs Field  
**October 7** Autumn Harvest Fest  
10 – 2:00 p.m.

**2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**CHAMBER CHATTER**

*Official Publication of the Bedford Chamber of  
Commerce*

**September 2006**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Summer is drawing to an end and fall is beginning. I hope you've all had a relaxing summer. Traditionally the Chamber kicks off its year of programming and dinner meetings starting in September. Phil Switz has put together a number of educational programs for business. There are more multi-chamber networking meetings in the works along with "Christmas in Bedford Falls." This will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber has a new brochure describing benefits. It will be going to the printer shortly. We can thank Office Manager, Judy Groty and Lori DeVore and her staff for their diligence in this project.

The Chamber office location has a new look. Over the summer the City of Bedford stripped the old paint off and repainted the building. This was a monumental task given that the early coats of paint may have dated to the 1800's. Hats off to the City and Gary Law for his backbreaking effort on this job.

Remember to register with DeVore Technologies (232-3846) for their technology seminar showing the latest versions of software and advanced hardware with hands-on experience available. This is a unique event and we are pleased that the Bedford Chamber is helping to host it. You will get to see and experience this new technology at DeVore's location. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity. *(See page 3 for more details)*

**Mike Guyer**

## **PARTIES IN THE PARK**

Just a few simple words to let everyone know how successful the Parties in the Park were this year. Once again we entertained some 10,000 people over a thirteen-week stretch at the Bedford Commons. We had a variety of music, excellent food provided by Anna Rose of Oakwood Village, and a special feature of the Sirna's Farm & Market providing fresh home-grown produce.

As chairman, I would like to thank all the sponsors and advertisers who participated. Your help was deeply appreciated and because of your involvement the Parties in the Park continue on.

I would also like to thank the volunteers, the helpers, that every Wednesday night would show up to help with raffle or door prize ticket sales. Also, thanks to those who gave us door prizes every week. It really makes a difference. We now take a break for a few months before we begin to schedule the 2007 Parties in the Park.

Now we're concentrating on "Christmas in Bedford Falls." Information is on its way to our members who may wish to support this December 9<sup>th</sup> event. It's really a nice event and draws quite a crowd to the Historic District.

The Chamber Board is looking to schedule meetings and possibly a seminar or business expo for the benefit of our members and to draw new members. Watch your Chamber mail for more information.

***Chuck St. John, Chairman  
Parties in the Park***

## **OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce has announced two new programs available to Ohio Chamber members. The first is Corporate Financial Group (CFG), an ISO certified company that specializes in the collections of accounts receivables. The second new program is American Community Mutual Insurance Company, which is offering Chamber members. The first is Corporate Financial Group (CFG), an ISO certified company that specializes in the collections of accounts receivables. The second new program is American Community Mutual Insurance Company, which is offering American's Preferred Employer Plan--a health insurance plan for companies of varying sizes. More info is at [www.ohiochamber.com](http://www.ohiochamber.com) under "Chamber News."

## **ADVERTISING SPECIAL**

Bedford Chamber members can run a 4" x 4 ½" ad in the Bedford Times Register for a cost of \$47.00 per ad per week. Members can run ads as many times as they like without any contract limits. Record Publishing will bill you directly. So contact Angie at the newspaper office, 440-232-4055.

### **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.

## **WORKERS COMPENSATION NEWS**

NOW is the time to find great workers' comp savings through your chamber of commerce. **Comprehensive Risk Management** has been the endorsed Third Party Administrator of **NOACC** for over a decade, and has saved chamber members millions of dollars in premiums! So why wait?

To evaluate your current workers' compensation program

To maximize your premium discounts

To consider a more aggressive claims management approach

To decide if your current administrator is providing appropriate counsel

Think...CRM. Call the Chamber at 232-0115 for an AC-3 form for a free quote!

*A Special Invitation from NOACC.*

**Networking Night  
at Jacobs Field**

**Monday, September 25th**

Party will begin at 5:30 p.m. Game at 7:05  
*Check out these prices!!!!*

Bleachers \$7 - Mezz \$8 - Lower Res. \$11

For More Information, contact  
Dominic Polito @ [Dpolito@indians.com](mailto:Dpolito@indians.com) or  
open attachment

*Have a great time!*

**Bedford Heights  
Chamber of Commerce  
Is Hosting A**

***Business and Community Expo***

*Thursday, September 21, 2006*

**4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

*Jimmy Dimora Community Center  
5615 Perkins Road, Bedford Heights  
Registration Deadline – August 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Contact Bedford Heights Chamber of  
Commerce at 440/232-3369 for details and  
booth application.*

**Welcome To The August 2006  
New Members**

Auto Trim Design of Cleveland  
Raymond Ott, Owner  
26100 Broadway  
Bedford, OH 441146  
440/439-6015  
Auto Graphic & Signage, Alarms, Sun Roofs etc.

Lake Shore Electric Corp.  
Mike Shane, VP  
205 Willis St.  
Bedford, OH 44146  
440-232-0200  
Manufacturer of generator control switchgear

Spirit Apothecary Botanicals & Findings  
Matthew Stewart, CEO  
664 Broadway  
Bedford, OH 44146  
440-439-4372  
Herbs, oils, hand-made crafts, books etc.

The Federal Metal Co.  
David Nagusky, President  
7250 Division  
Bedford, OH 44146  
440-232-8700  
Manufacture Brass & Bronze Ingot

**DeVORE TECHNOLOGIES.....**

Invites you to participate in the  
**Microsoft Across  
America Mobile Event  
Experience**

The Mobile Event Experience is a hands-on interactive environment complete with workstations, a Tablet PC, a server, and powerful software solutions. Here's your chance to test drive the new Windows Vista, Office 2007, SQL 2005 and attend various breakout sessions on these and other topics. Come meet with us to view live demos and get your questions answered.

**Register today!**

Space on the Microsoft Across America Mobile Event Experience truck is limited, so secure your place now.

**Date: September 15, 2006**

DeVore Technologies Headquarters

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

To register, contact Jen Hughes or Jon Franks:

Phone: 440-232-3846

E-mail: [jhughes@devore.com](mailto:jhughes@devore.com)

**Registration: [www.devore.com/events](http://www.devore.com/events)**

## **Volunteers Needed**

Are you geared to volunteer?  
Heritage Care Nursing  
and Rehabilitation Centers are looking  
for outgoing people to help in our  
activity departments.

*For more information, please contact:*

**Jody Smith**  
440-439-7976

## **NOACC Seminar**

**Investing in Customer Relationships**  
----*Maximizing Value and Revenues*

*Lior Arussy, author, visionary and  
consultant will present information on  
executing profitable customer strategies.*

**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

**\$50 Chamber Members**

**\$200 Non-members**

*Sponsored by Corporate College*

*4400 Richmond Rd*

*Warrensville Hts.*

*(1-127 Harvard Rd Exit)*

*For more information click onto*

[www.noacc.org](http://www.noacc.org)

## *A Special Note...*

*Darla Perkins, Executive Director, at  
Heritage Care Nursing and  
Rehabilitation Centers is pleased to  
announce that both the Grande Oaks  
and Grande Pavilion are in the  
renovation process. Both building are  
slated for extensive cosmetic  
improvements. Look for our Open  
House to be announced this fall. Call  
anytime for a tour or information at  
440-439-7976.*

*Save the Date...*  
*Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>*  
*10 - 2:00 p.m.*  
*Autumn Harvest Fest*

**V.F.W. Post 1082.... Invites you to  
join them for a bus trip to**

***Washington, D.C.***

***October 15 – 17<sup>th</sup>***

**Visit Memorials & Monuments**  
**The White House**  
**Arlington National Cemetery**

**\$309.00 per person includes:**

**(Double occupancy)**

**- 3 days with 2 nights lodging**

**- tour fees and guide**

**- some meals**

**Contact Richard Kendzierski:**  
**440/232-7996**