

Chamber News

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Reynoldsburg Area Chamber of Commerce

SUSTAINABILITY– WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

Sustainability has become one of the new buzz words in the English language. Sustainability means “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” Hence we are asked to be socially responsible with our earth’s priceless and irreplaceable natural resources to maintain an ecological balance for the future.

The concept of “GOING GREEN” is a direct result of sustainability. Everything is going green...from communities, to buildings and schools, to automobiles, to food to cosmetics...

Sam’s Club, a member of our Chamber has adopted an

aggressive philosophy on sustainability. *“We view environmental sustainability as one of the most important opportunities for both the future of our business, and the future of our world.*

Our opportunity is to become a better company by looking at every facet of our business—from the products we offer to the energy we use—through the lens of sustainability ... At Sam’s Club we are taking an aggressive stance on establishing conscious practices business-wide. We are currently increasing focus on selling organic products, minimizing waste and conserving energy.” www.samsclub.com



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Reynoldsburg Community Compact on Respect

As a member of the Reynoldsburg community I will show my strength by...

- greeting others I meet with acts of friendliness and kindness,
- taking responsibility for my own actions and how they affect the people and environment around me,
- being truthful and honest to myself and others in all that I say and do as a sign of respect for myself and others,
- treating all persons in ways that I would like them to treat me,
- And recognizing that each person is different and has an individual contribution to make to the community.

EMAIL ALERTS

There have been many times in recent memory where an email alert to our membership could have put the kibosh on a scam, notified a business of an opportunity, informed them of a legislative action that would affect business, etc. Unfortunately, when we send out that notification, it is oftentimes refused or undeliverable.

We are in the process of establishing a relationship with Constant Contact, a email service provider. I encourage you to make contact with the Chamber office with an updated email address, and permission to send info to you via this service. You have the ability to “opt out” if you feel our communication is unnecessary. You can be assured that your email address will not be sold—or abused in any way. Thanks!

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



(Sustainability...Continued from page 1)

On Friday, April 18, 7:30 a.m. Sam's Club of Reynoldsburg will be hosting a breakfast meeting to show the business community ways and products that are available to begin our task of becoming green. Also invited to join us for the morning are our good friends from the Pickerington Chamber. Get to know your neighbors and learn how to be good stewards of our earth. Hope to see you on the 18th!



Fellow Member Investors,

Now that we've survived the Blizzard of '08, now what?

As we prepare for the coming of springtime, your Chamber is hard at work preparing for two important events. The first is the kickoff of a membership campaign, scheduled to begin on Friday, March 28. The Board of Directors and others have been busy building a list of more than 100 prospective member investors, and will contact each of them by letter and by follow-up phone calls. You can participate by adding a prospect to the list, or by asking someone to join. It's that simple. Call either me at 866-7799 or the Chamber office at 866-4753 to volunteer.

The second event will be the annual Silent Auction, slated for Friday, May 2. The committee is asking all members to donate an item for either the live or the silent auction, and to purchase a table of tickets, then join in the fun that evening. Get your tickets early, because, if the past few years are any indication, available seating will become hard to get. Call the Chamber office for tickets and to discuss a donated auction item.

Every event and program we sponsor is for your benefit - the member investor - because they give you opportunities to network, meet and greet civic leaders, and to help fund all that we do. Please - take an active role through your participation. You'll be glad you did!

Dave Reidel
Chairman



Mayor Brad McCloud made a presentation to a "standing room only" crowd at the March Chamber Investors' luncheon.

McCloud reiterated the importance of fiscal responsibility. He has adopted the same open door philosophy the previous administration embraced, enabling the citizens of Reynoldsburg easy access to city officials. His talk highlighted his focus on bringing a sense of community back to Reynoldsburg.

The Chamber looks forward to a positive working relationship with the City.

CHAMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A warm Chamber welcome to several new faces at Reynoldsburg City Hall. Melanie Barnett, Mayor McCloud's secretary is charged with the task of trying to keep our Mayor in line– and where he is supposed to be at an appointed time. *(Melanie, have you ever tried herding cats? We wish you the best!)*

Pamela Boratyn is the new Safety Service Director for the 'Burg. She has the delightful job of keeping Reynoldsburg residents happy with the roads, traffic lights and synchronization issues, trash pickup, maintaining a working relationship with the utilities, development issues, etc. Good luck– you have your hands full!

Jim Miller holds the title of City Engineer for Reynoldsburg. New to the City as an employee, Jim recently served as our City Engineer through another company and was a victim of corporate downsizing. Jim brings a historical perspective to his position and we welcome his expertise.

Megan Kish is the new Human Resource Director for the City. With all of the government regulations and compliance issues that need to be met, Megan is one busy lady.

Lucas Haire is extended a congratulations on his recent appointment to the job of Development Director for the City. Although not new to the City, Luke's new job will focus on the redevelopment of our commercial areas, including Olde Reynoldsburg and the West side of Reynoldsburg. There are many opportunities awaiting our community, and Luke is just the one to tackle those challenges and make them into success stories.

Dan Herrmann is another "seasoned employee" with the City, but in a different position. Dan is now Clerk of Courts for the City. Even though Dan is a nice guy, you probably don't want to get to know him very well. He is the one who cheerfully takes your money when "Reynoldsburg's Finest" issue a ticket for a traffic violation.

Steve DeBolt, a regular at City Hall is serving as the interim Parks and Recreation Director. With the weather finally breaking and the sports season getting underway, DeBolt is working to keep the department running seamlessly in spite of 62 candidates seeking the appointment for that director's position. Thanks Steve for your dedication and hard work!

JOURNEY IN SOLITUDE



GIRRAJ K. BANSAL, M.D., Ph.D.

Have you made an assumption that because a person is in a particular line of work you could pretty much guess what type of personality they have? Have you ever had a fixed notion that computer geeks are just that– geeks? What about scientists and doctors? Analytical, insensitive– because the

rules of nature say so– and everything to them is either black or white?

Recently I had the opportunity to read a book written by a member of the Chamber. Dr. Girraj Bansal, formerly a Principal Research Scientist with Battelle Laboratories working on defense related projects, and a Doctor of Internal Medicine with Reynoldsburg Urgent Care opened my eyes.

Dr. Bansal is a creative writer, gardener, and excellent photographer. He has written a book of poetry about relationships, family values, social myths, nature's laws and human attitudes formed by genetics, heredity and the environment around us. Dr. Bansal has learned much from his patients, who have taught him to appreciate the complexity of human relationships. I admit, my preconceived notion that scientists and doctors of medicine are aloof, distant, and reserved was altered after experiencing his writings.

I encourage you to take a "Journey in Solitude". You can contact Dr. Bansal and get your own copy of his book by calling 614.864.3434. Happy Reading!

(Oh yea, I still think geeks are just that...geeks! But what would we do without them? Gotta love 'em!)



AUCTION TO BENEFIT LEADERSHIP REYNOLDSBURG



The theme for this year's Silent Auction "Friday Nite Fever" will be an ambitious effort on behalf of the planning committee to create an event that will bring everyone together for an evening of fun, and at the same time, provide some financial assistance to our new Leadership Reynoldsburg program.

The Reynoldsburg Eagles Hall will be transformed into a discothèque, with "incredible" (*is there such a thing?*) disco music resonating throughout the evening. Silent Auction items will be displayed for bidding by the attendees. In addition, there will be a Live Auction segment featuring a very special auctioneer, Mayor Brad McCloud.

Items included in the auction are: a four day, three night trip with plane tickets, a stay at Cherry Valley Lodge, Tickets to OSU Football, Tickets to the Columbus Crew, a photo printer, a 70's basket of memories, a Tomato collectors Dream basket, and a massage package.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 2 for the 5th Annual Silent Auction.

We promise the evening will be a TREAT!

Backyard Bird Lover's Package
Weekend Getaway
Autographed Items
OSU Sporting Events
Columbus Clippers Tickets
Art Work
Jewelry Items
Car Rental Vouchers
Cincinnati Bengal's Package
Computer Software
Backyard BBQ Gift Basket
Columbus Crew Tickets
Sporting Apparel
Auto Detailing Certificate
Set of Tires
Cincinnati Reds Tickets
Theatre Tickets
TV's CD/DVD Players
IPOD
Statuary & Collectibles
Wine Baskets
Golf Packages
Portrait Sitting and Photo
Picnic Gift Basket
Computer Services Certificate
Night at Bed & Breakfast
Gas BBQ Grill
Car Wash for Season
Pizza Party

Lawn & Garden Certificate
OSU Tailgate Party
Fine Dining Certificates
Cleveland Indians Tickets
Columbus Symphony Tickets
Family Fun Gift Basket
Vacation Package
Catering Package
Cleveland Browns Tickets
Personal Fitness Certificate
Blue Jackets Tickets
Airline Tickets
Auto Care Certificates
Bird Bath
Luggage
Dental Whitening Package
Family Museum Membership
Spa Package
COSI Admission Passes
Glamour Makeover
Golf Driver, Bag, Etc.
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Hand Power Tools
Overnight Accommodations
Fresh Bread Basket
Handcrafted Items
Honey Baked Ham
Gourmet Coffee Gift Basket

Hot Air Balloon Ride
Electronics
Tanning Sessions
Massage Packages
Appliances
Digital Cameras
Summer Fun Passes
Pampered Mom Gift Basket
Antiques
Camera Cell Phone
Closet Organizers
Time Share/Condo Rental
Carpet Cleaning
Chiller Ice Skating Passes
Flat Screen Monitor
Golf Lessons
Concert Tickets
Sports Memorabilia
PDA like Palm Pilot
Business Printing Package
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Marketing Materials
Case of Steaks
Smoker
Movie Night Gift Basket
Gift Cards
Office Supplies
Dry Cleaning Certificates
Wings Party

2008 Board of Directors

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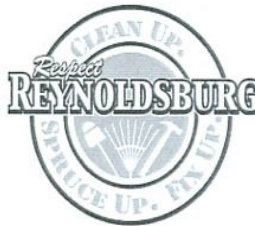
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Community Clean-Up Week

June 6-15, 2008

June 6– 10:00 a.m.- “20 Minute Makeover”– Business, schools, and the community focus on cleaning up their properties. 20 minutes can make a world of difference! See you outside on Friday, June 6th!

June 7– 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Community Clean Up Day. Join your friends and neighbors as we “take to the streets” to spruce up our properties and show our community pride!

“Reynoldsburg’s Fix Up” Assistance Project– Available for disabled and senior residents that are unable to obtain assistance from family, friends or other sources. Assistance forms are available at City Hall and the Senior Center. Contact Chet Hopper for further information at 322.6802.



Doreen Few, my able assistant, just celebrated her eighth year of service to the Chamber. Doreen is a delight to work with and represents the Chamber in a most professional and polished manner. She maintains the records at the office, is responsible for the ad sales for the directory– and pretty much does it all. When you see her tell her congratulations and most importantly **Thanks!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Janitors Supply Inc.

213 Bent Tree Lane
Pataskala, OH 43062
740.739.8443
Jeff Sturgiss
(Janitor Supplies)

PuroClean

620 M Taylor Station Rd.
Gahanna, OH 43230
367.9611
Matt Farris
(Cleaning)

State Farm, Jennifer Goncz. Agent

1347 Rosehill Rd.
Reynoldsburg, Oh 43068
367.9040
Jennifer Goncz
(Insurance Agency)

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530 W. Spring St.
Columbus, Oh 432135
628.8400
Cori Marion
(Office Equipment/Document Solutions)

A. O. Wing Insurance Agency

6768 Refugee Rd.
Canal Winchester, OH 43110
837.9464
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FOCUS

ON THE CALENDAR



Thursday, April 3, 11:30 a.m. Membership Luncheon– Parkside at Wesley Ridge. “Life After the Levy, Now What?” Featuring Steve Dackin, Superintendent and Dan Hoffman, Assistant Superintendent of Reynoldsburg City Schools. Sponsored by Xango Team McPherson.



Friday, April 18, 7:30 a.m. Breakfast hosted by Sam's Club– Focusing on the importance of being good stewards of our environment. Joining us are our neighbors from the Pickerington Chamber.



Thursday, May 1, 11:30 a.m. Membership Luncheon– Program TBA. Sponsored by Reynoldsburg Kiwanis.



Friday, May 2– “Friday Nite Fever “ Silent Auction. Reynoldsburg Eagles Hall

Saturday, May 3- Breakfast with the Kiwanis.



Thursday, May 22, 5:30 p.m.– Networking After Hours hosted by Allegra Print & Imaging– Co-sponsored by City Barbecue. Joining us are our good friends from the Whitehall Chamber.



Thursday, June 5, 11:30 a.m. Membership Luncheon– Parkside at Wesley Ridge. Program TBA.

Thursday, July 10, 11:30 a.m. Membership Luncheon– Truro Township Fire Department– Livingston Ave. “**Fire Safety in your Business.**”

Tuesday, August 12, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.– “Picnic in Paradise” 11th Annual Taste of Reynoldsburg– Taylor Road Elementary School



Wednesday, September 3– Saturday, September 6– 43rd Annual Tomato Festival

Thursday, September 4, 11:30 a.m. Membership luncheon– Parkside at Wesley Ridge. Program TBA.

Wednesday, September 10– Annual Chamber Golf Classic– Willow Run Golf Course

Thursday, October 2, 11:30 a.m. Membership Luncheon– Parkside at Wesley Ridge. Program TBA.

Thursday, November 6 11:30 a.m. Membership Luncheon– Parkside at Wesley Ridge. Program TBA.

Interested in sponsoring a Third Thursday Networking Event? Available dates for 2008 are: Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct., 16 and Nov. 20. First come, first served on requesting a date. Simply call the Chamber office and we will place you on the calendar as the month's host. There is no sponsor fee for this event.

We will assist you in the preparation by mailing out the invitation for the evening, handling

NETWORKING AFTER HOURS

Where great minds meet

the RSVP's and making nametags. You are responsible for providing the location, serving the food and drinks, staffing the registration table and providing any door prizes you may wish to give out. Call the office today with your date request at 614.866.4753.

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In 2001 your Chamber made the decision to purchase a building on Brice Road with the goal of improving our service to the membership. With the added space and exposure this decision dramatically enhanced our ability to serve the membership and the community.

Our Wall of Pride, the Chamber's building debt reduction campaign is spotlighted in the conference room of the Chamber. By purchasing a tile, these businesses have made an investment in the Reynoldsburg Area Chamber of Commerce. We are grateful to have them "move in with us" by adding their name to our "Wall of Pride". We would love to have your business join those who have already united in supporting the Chamber and assist in the reduction of our financial obligation.

This support will allow us to focus more on how we can provide better services and programs for you, the Chamber member.

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Bill Kay– Edward Jones Company
In memory of Vernon W. Reidel
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Allegra Print & Imaging, Tom & Ruth Boder
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Columbus Gymnastics Academy, Sue Casto
Cotner Funeral Home
Echo Manor Extended Care
Fifth Third Bank
Mount Carmel East
Pickerington Nursing & Rehabilitation
Nancy Sharp– Sharp, Keaton & Company Realtors
Wells Family Chiropractic
Wesley Ridge Retirement Community

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