



## **CHAMBER NEWS !!**

### **Chamber Luncheon, February 18**

Chamber members are encouraged to mark Wednesday, February 18 on their calendars and plan to attend our business luncheon which will be held from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Trotter's Café and Sports Bar, 123 North Main Street, New Lexington.

Pat Skilliter, co-chair of the Perry Housing Coalition, will be our guest speaker. Pat will be sharing information about the coalition; what their goals are, what has been done so far, what they hope to do in the future. The primary focus is homeless prevention for residents of Perry County. It is a real concern in Perry County!

Reservations are not required, but we would like a tentative head count. Please call the Chamber Office at 342-3547 by 10:00 a.m. on the 18th with numbers. Both a pork tenderloin and a chicken breast lunch will be offered for \$9.50 which includes beverage and gratuity.

This program is open to the public.

### **Annual Banquet/Social Event, March 16**

**PLEASE MARK THE DATE** and plan to attend this annual event designed for **YOU!!**

Ohio's Lieutenant Governor, Lee Fisher will be our guest speaker, so I hope you will want to be a part! Plans are for him to arrive in the county mid-afternoon, visit a few industries/ businesses in Perry County, then speak at our evening event.

A more formal invitation with specific details will be sent out by the end of this month, so be sure to look for it in the mail! We hope to see you and your guests there!

### **Group Health Insurance Info Meeting Rescheduled for February 19**

This luncheon will be held Thursday, February 19 at 12:00 noon at Fiore's Restaurant, 421 West Broadway, New Lexington. The January meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

A Representative Specialist of Group Health Care Insurance will be there, plus agents from all four local insurance agencies that offer health insurance have been invited to participate.

The meal will be covered, so please call 342-3547 to make a reservation(s) and to give us a tentative count.

### **Board of Directors Election Results**

You elected these new members to your Board of Directors:

Lisa Dodson	John Largent
Steve Holecamp	Amy Toth

Thanks to everyone who voted! Feel free to contact any of them or your other Board members with comments, suggestions, concerns, etc. that you may have. It is **YOUR** Chamber!!

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## Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing, February 20

Perry County will be holding the first of two public informational meetings on Friday, February 20th at 2:00 p.m. The meeting location is the office of the County Commissioners which is located at 121 W. Brown Street in New Lexington. At this meeting, attendees will be given pertinent information about these programs including an explanation of eligible activities, applicable program requirements, and the application due dates. Citizens and local government officials are encouraged to attend this meeting to provide input on the County's programs and to determine if their communities are eligible for funding.

2009 CDBG funds will be available through Perry County's Formula Program, Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Water and Sewer Program, Community Housing Improvement Program, and the New Horizons Program.

Please inform interested individuals of this important meeting. Call 740.767.4500 if there are questions.

## Workers Compensation Deadlines Extended

Applications (AC-3) through CompManagement for Workers Compensation will be accepted up to March 31 for review, and actual enrollment in their program has been extended to April 24.

Feel free to contact the office if you need information regarding this group cost-saving opportunity for our Chamber members. Some of our Chamber members are saving hundreds, others saving thousands of dollars with this benefit! These savings more than pay for your membership renewal dues!

## Census Bureau Hiring Part-Time Workers

The U.S. Census Bureau is still looking for Perry County job applicants to work for the 2010 Census. Peak hiring has begun for these temporary assignments which can last up to 10 weeks. These jobs are offering wages starting out at \$8.25 to \$19.50 an hour for office and field staff.

The next applicant testing for Perry County residents is on Saturday, February 21 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Perry County District Library in New Lexington. Call 614.684.0141 to schedule an appointment to apply and take the test.

PLEASE share with anyone you know who may be interested! Thanks!!

## American Red Cross Health and Safety Classes Offered

The following classes are open to any interested individuals:

Adult CPR	1st Tue. Monthly	6-9 PM	\$30
CPR-PR (Prof. Rescuer)	2nd Tue. Monthly	6-9 PM	\$45
First Aid	3rd Tue. Monthly	6-9 PM	\$30
Infant/Child CPR	4th Tue. Monthly	6-9 PM	\$30
(Free to Help Me Grow Clients)			
Adult/Child/Infant CPR	3rd Sat. Monthly	8 AM-3 PM	\$45
Day Care First Aid	2nd Wed. Monthly	6-9 PM	\$30
CPR Review or Challenge	3rd Wed. Monthly	6-? Call for cost	
Day Care Communicable Disease	4th Wed. Monthly	6-9 PM	\$30

All classes will be conducted at the Red Cross Chapter office at 22 South Seventh Street, Zanesville (unless there is enough interest for it to be offered locally).

Call 740.452.2731 to register. Pre-pay is required.

## Library Spring Events Enclosed

Please share the enclosed flyer with your interested employees, family members, friends, etc. Thanks!

## BWC Safety Congress & Expo, March 31-April 2

This free event, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, is one of the finest occupational safety and health events in the Midwest. It offers dynamic keynote speakers, a variety of educational sessions and displays of occupational safety and health products.

For additional information and to register go to [www.ohiobwc.com](http://www.ohiobwc.com) and click on the Safety Congress link. It is FREE!

## EODA's Upcoming Events and Trade Missions Info

On behalf of the EODA's (Eastern Ohio Development Alliance) Business Development/Marketing Committee, I have been asked to make you aware of the numerous events and trade missions that the U.S. Department of Commerce is promoting. Some of these events are being offered in Ohio, but many are international missions.

You are encouraged to go to [www.export.gov/cs](http://www.export.gov/cs) for a chronological listing, locations, brief description, etc. Feel free to contact the office for additional information.

Sincerely,

John Ulmer  
Executive Director,  
Perry County Chamber of Commerce

FYI : Don't forget! Mark March 16 on your calendar/plan to attend!

Member Discount Program cards and a complete listing of participating Chamber members will be sent soon. Call the office if you would be interested in offering a discount!

2nd Membership Renewal billings will also be sent soon!