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BUSINESS NOTES

The Newsletter of the Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce

July/August 2009

Next General Meeting
Wed. August 19
Community Center
11:30—1:00 p.m.

Please Note: There is NO General Meeting in July

Mike Wojno to address August 19th General Meeting



“Survive to Thrive”. Powerful words. As founder and owner of Wojno Development, LLC, a real estate development company, Mike has seen our current economy stress many in Northeast Ohio businesses. This presentation by ‘serial entrepreneur’, Mike Wojno, stresses the areas on which to FOCUS long term as you and your business attend to the short term challenges of today’s unstable economic environment. Abundance Mentality, Value Creation/Reception and Execution of Core Competencies are a few of the pillars that Wojno will address.

The meeting will be held at the Community Center, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 per person. Reservations are required so contact the Chamber office by telephone 330.633.5417 or email tallmadgechamber@onecommail.com

Our Corporate Sponsor this month will be **Summit Villa Care**. Karen Robertson & Gerri McGonagle will present.

Chamber Members and Non-Members

Advertise your business in Business Notes, the Chamber newsletter - delivered to 400 businesses in the Tallmadge area

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Nominations being accepted for Business & Citizen of the Year Awards

Business Person of the Year (resident/non-resident): This is the 25th year that community minded business people have been publicly recognized for their contributions. Part of the prestige of these awards is because the nominations come from the business community itself, your fellow business men and women. Please take a moment and think about your deserving business associates and nominate them for this honor.

Citizen of the Year (resident): Nominees must be a person who lives in the city of Tallmadge. Nominees must have given outstanding volunteer service to Tallmadge through participation and support of civic or professional groups or organizations, government or school councils, commissions or boards, involvement with local or regional projects of benefit to local residents. Nominations may take into consideration an individual’s professional contributions, if these have received special recognition in their field of endeavor.

Although service in the year the award is presented is important, contribution from past years are also considered.

Contact the Chamber office to make your nominations before Monday, August 3rd.

Chamber Calendar of Events

JULY

July 1 **Trustee Meeting**
11:45 a.m.
Chamber Office

No General Meeting in July

No Golf Outing this year

AUGUST

Aug 5 **Trustee Meeting**
11:45 a.m.
Chamber Office

Aug 19 **General Meeting**
11:30-1:00 p.m..
Community Center
Mike Wojno, Wojno Development

Aug 19 **Akron Aeros**
Tallmadge Community Night
7:05 p.m. Canal Park

OFFICERS

President Keith Lucas
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TRUSTEES

Mary Averill, *A Beautiful Child's Preschool & Daycare*
Bruce Beckwith, *Beckwith Heating & Cooling, Inc*
Pat Carano, *City of Tallmadge*
Nick Dadich, *Delanie's Neighborhood Grille*
Lauren Humphrey, *Alzheimers Association*
Jill Morrow, *Speelman Electric Inc.*
Genel Nichols, *KentRidge at Golden Pond*
Craig Ray, *Akron Gasket & Packing Enterprises*
Nancy Wack, *Individual Membership*
Jim West, *Individual Membership*
Shelley Zimmerman, *Essex of Tallmadge*

Executive Director, Mary Cea
Administrative Assistant Barb Hornyak

Tallmadge Community Night With the Akron Aeros

The Aeros are hosting a special Tallmadge Community Night at Canal Park on **Wednesday, August 19th**, when the Akron Aeros will take on the Bowie Baysox. The first pitch will be at 7:05 p.m.

Your Chamber office has purchased a small block of tickets and is making them available to Chamber members for FREE. Yes, that's right...just for the asking.

We have a limited number of tickets, so we ask that you not request more than 4 tickets. Please, only take tickets if you are in fact going to use them.

Contact Barb by phone (330) 633-5417 or email her at tallmadgechamber@onecommail.com for your tickets.

Welcome New Members

Akron Legal Services, Sean Gordon, 14 Whitehall Drive, Suite #101, Tallmadge, 44278 tele: 330.630.2994 email: info@AkronLegalServices.com website: www.akronlegalservices.com

Tallmadge Photography, Bob Williams, 137 East Avenue #38, Tallmadge, 44278 tele: 330.633.2291 email: info@tallmadgephotography.com website: www.tallmadgephotography.com

Tallmadge Primetimers, Irene Welch, 80 Community Road, Tallmadge, 44278 tele: 330.633.5610

78 Design House, Todd Yaquinto, 78 Northeast Ave., Tallmadge, 44278 tele: 330.836.1600 email: todd@78designhouse.com Website: www.78designhouse.com

Scholarships Awarded To Three THS Grads

Kevin Murphy, Grant Cohoe & Philip Powell each received scholarships from the Chamber of Commerce.

Kevin has chosen the University of Akron, where he will major in Mechanical Engineering. Grant will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in Network Systems Administration and Philip will go to Nyack College and major in Teaching English/Speakers of Other Language.

Tallmadge High School Guidance Counselor and Scholarship Coordinator, **Don Duffy**, wants to express his "sincere thanks and gratitude to the Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce, not only for our generous scholarship donation, but also for all you do throughout the year in support of the School and it's students. The Chamber's ongoing support is extremely important and appreciated."



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we have reached the halfway point in 2009. I must admit that things feel better than they did only three months ago. On Friday, March 6, I recall feeling awful as I flew to Florida for the weekend to see three clients. The stock market had retested the lows and it appeared that the sky was falling. Merely 14 weeks later, the temperature is 50 degrees higher, the stock market is 35% higher and the banking system seems to have stabilized, as most banks passed their "stress test" with little difficulty and many banks have even repaid their government loans.

Our economy still faces tremendous difficulty, but it appears that we are looking ahead to eventual recovery as opposed to imminent collapse. Terms like "green shoots" have entered our vernacular to describe signs of life in our economy. It generally gives me a feeling of hope instead of despair.

In Tallmadge, we have our own "green shoots" to water and nourish. The old Tallmadge Middle School property on North Avenue has been sold to Carmen Construction for development. The concept is a First & Main style mixed use (retail, commercial and residential) development. Several large businesses have moved into the Crystal Parkway development and Kohl's is ready to begin construction in the JEDD area of Brimfield.

From July 18-25 Tallmadge will be the capital of little league baseball for the state of Ohio as we host the State Championships for 12-year old boys. This is a huge honor for our city and our little league program. Keep in mind that there will be a good number of visitors to our town during this event. It is a great opportunity to show people from around Ohio, what a great town we have.

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Membership Directory Being Printed

You should expect to receive your 2009 Chamber Member Directory in the mail within the next few weeks. Please notify the office if there have been any changes in your listing from last year. New email address? New website? Thank you in advance for keeping us up to date.

Member-to-Member Discount Program

High gas prices are here to stay. There has never been a better time to develop the habit of shopping locally.



The Chamber encourages you to do business with other Chamber members, and one of the incentives is our **Member-to-Member Discount Program**.

Barb is in the process of putting together the roster of participants for August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010. If you would like to participate, contact the Chamber office. There is no cost to become one of the participating companies. Membership discount cards will be printed and distributed to our entire membership in late July. So don't delay!

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Chamber Member, and Trustee **Jim West**. He was recently granted Realtor Emeritus status by the National Association of Realtors, in recognition of forty cumulative years of membership and his contribution to the profession.

Executive Director's Letter



I just want to wish everyone a wonderful summer. Be safe and use your sunscreen. Also, I would like to encourage everyone to visit our new addition to the City's recreation department, our own new swimming pool at the Maca Aquatic Center and Rotary Park facility on Maca Drive. It's a wonderful design for young and old and I'm sure you will love it. One thing is certain....we can all be proud of this newest addition to our parks and recreation area.

*Mary Cea
Executive Director*



Don Bullock and D Manuselius were among the chefs.

Pancake Breakfast Highlights

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast Chairman **Bruce Beckwith**, Beckwith Heating & Cooling, was thrilled with the turnout — not only of the public but also the great turnout of volunteers to help decorate the hall, cook, serve and clean up. They made serving over 1,000 breakfasts within four hours look easy. Thank You to everyone who participated!

Shawn Ritchie excitedly reported that they had almost 800 walkers/runners for their 16th Annual 5K.



Tom & Jo Ann Boggs handled over 1,000 tickets for our Pancake Breakfast. Our largest crowd in recent years!



Trustee Nick Dadich & Larry Bagnoli serve up pancakes galore.

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