

## OUR BG CHAMBER

The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is a private voluntary organization of the business community. The Chamber unites hundreds of retail, manufacturing and professional firms, as well as non-profit organizations and government entities. The Chamber creates a unique centralized organization working to improve business and economic development.

Supporting a healthy economic system is not the only function of the Chamber of Commerce. A healthy, growing community with a quality of life that contributes to companies and individuals within the Bowling Green area are also a vital ingredient of business success and expansion.

The strength of the Chamber lies in attracting the greatest number of investors, creating a pool of resources from which ideas, influence, legislative power, energy and finances can be drawn.

### History

- Began with the Board of Trade, formed in January 1905.
- 1910 the Bowling Green Commercial Club was formed.
- 1936 the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce became incorporated and chartered as a non-profit organization under the laws of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.
- Currently, grown to nearly 500 investors, with more than 90% of them being small businesses.

### Governance

The Chamber's investors elect a minimum 27-member governing board. This board is instrumental to all of the Chamber's project teams and councils. Without the time, support and dedication of the business governing board and the business community, the Chamber could not serve the needs of our investors.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## YOUR INVESTMENT VALUE

Chamber investors are offered a variety of opportunities in which they experience a return on their investment. Investors take advantage of value added services, numerous networking, marketing, advertising and promotion opportunities, educational seminars, and participate in our many programs and events.

**New Business Contacts** The Chamber provides the opportunity for you to meet new potential clients and customers through our events.

**Referrals** Each year the Chamber receives hundreds of calls from people needing information on products and services. Only Chamber investors are referred.

**Improving your Bottom Line** The Chamber offers cost saving programs exclusively to Chamber investors. These include health insurance group rating discounts, dental and vision insurance, workers' compensation program, shipping discounts, and others.

**Publicity and Networking** Use your Chamber membership to your advantage! Your visibility at events and marketing through the Chamber gets your business noticed.

**Making a Difference in our Community** Since 1936 the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce has been working on behalf of Business. When you invest in the Chamber, our staff works for you and the rest of the investors in a concerted effort. Through our volunteer support, we are able to strengthen our business base, enhance our quality of life and our community.

See back for a more detailed list of our  
Annual & Monthly Events.

## DUES & LISTING

### Dues Investment Schedule

*(Note: 2 part-time employees equal 1 full time employee)*

#### **Retail/Professional**

1-10 Employees	\$180 base plus \$3.75 per employee
11-25	\$190 base plus \$3.25 per employee
26-50	\$215 base plus \$2.75 per employee
More than 50	\$240 base plus \$2.25 per employee

#### **Banks**

\$34.50 per million dollars in deposits in Bowling Green. (min. \$180)

#### **Industry**

1-25 Employees	\$180 base plus \$3.25 per employee
26-50	\$220 base plus \$3.00 per employee
51-100	\$260 base plus \$2.75 per employee
101-200	\$300 base plus \$2.50 per employee
More than 200	\$360 base plus \$2.25 per employee

#### **Associations**

Includes charitable institutions, associations, service clubs, and public agencies. **\$140 each.**

#### **Associates or Additional Representatives**

Non business status including retirees, government officials or other partners, agents, managers or associates within a business, who are chamber investors may join as a full member with all benefits including voting rights, mailings, right to hold office, etc. **\$90 each.**

### Online Directory Listing

Listing in the online directory is free and automatic for all investors. A listing includes your company name, address, contact name, and an optional link to your website and/or email address.

*There is no charge to change investor information, so long as the membership remains active.*

### Email Communications

The Chamber wants to spread the news! For no additional cost, you can send us additional email addresses to be put on the Chamber email list. They will receive the weekly Chamber Chatter, special event reminders, and important business announcements. This is a great way to keep your entire office up to date with the local economic climate. Send additional email addresses to: [chamber@bgchamber.net](mailto:chamber@bgchamber.net)

#### **Disclosure:**

**The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit 501 (c) (6). Chamber dues may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense, but not as a charitable contribution.**

**The Chamber membership does not guarantee acceptance into any Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce benefits program. All applications are subject to approval by the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.**

## YOUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT

## CHAMBER EVENTS

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### A few of the benefits you will receive by being a Chamber Investor:

- ACT\*BG Group
- Business Advocacy Task Force
- Business After Hours
- Business, Briefing & brew
- Business Council programs
- Chamber Chatter - weekly e-newsletter
- Economic Advertising Opportunities
- Group Health Insurance Discounts
- Group Rating for Workers' Compensation
- Investor Directory
- Leadership BG Program
- Legislative Monitor
- Marketing and Promotional Opportunities
- Member2Member Discount Program
- Networking Opportunities
- New Investor Breakfasts
- Newsletter - published bi-monthly
- Relocation Packets
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Seminars and Professional Workshops
- Shirt Showcase Fridays
- Usage of Chamber's Meeting Room
- Vision/Dental Insurance Opportunities
- Website Listing
- Window Showcase

### Annual Events

- Annual Meeting Dinner & Dance - January
- State of the City Address - February
- High School Career Forum - March
- State of the County Address - March
- Blood Analysis Program - April
- Bowling Green Community Fireworks - July
- Mid-Year Meeting - July
- Chamber Day at the Wood County Fair - August
- Golf Outing - August
- Merchant Fair / BGSU CampusFest - September
- New Teacher Luncheon - September
- Annual Community Holiday Parade - November

### Monthly Events

- Business Briefing & Brews - BB&b
- Project Team Meetings
- Board of Directors Meetings

### Additional Events

- BGSU Preview Days
- BGSU Housing Fair
- Business Before Hours
- Business After Hours
- Lunch-N-Learn - Quarterly
- Ribbon Cuttings



**CELEBRATING  
OVER 73 YEARS  
OF PROUDLY SERVING THE  
BOWLING GREEN  
BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

**The Mission of the  
Bowling Green  
Chamber of Commerce  
shall be to support  
an environment for the  
development and success of  
business within the  
Bowling Green area.**