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"Creating an Environment for Investment"

TFAC Offers Sponsorship Opportunities



The Troy Family Aquatic Center, a recent recipient of the Best of Aquatics Award, is looking for sponsors for several events in the 2014 summer season. Generous businesses and organizations are an important part of the success of our programs and services. Sponsorship agreements will also provide your business with prime on-site opportunities during many special events with the department. Becoming a larger part of the community is an incredibly effective

New Business Growth Comes to Troy

Economic development activity in the City of Troy realized positive progress in the past year. Some recent projects include:

Magna – Magna moved its U.S. headquarters from 600 Wilshire to 750 Tower Drive in the North Troy Corporate Park. The office is expected to house approximately 300 employees with more growth expected.

Dunham's – Dunham's has moved its corporate offices to 5607 New King. The company will occupy approximately 40,000 square feet for its 115 employees.

Residential Home Health – Residential Home Health moved its headquarters to 5440 Corporate Drive. The company is leasing 45,000 square feet for its 200 employees.

NS International – NS International, an instrument cluster supplier for automotive manufacturers, is moving into 600 Wilshire Dr. – Magna's former location. Approximately 171 employees are expected to be housed at the new North American headquarters location.

Doeren Mayhew – Doeren Mayhew, an internationally recognized top 100 U.S. accounting firm, opened its new headquarters at 305 W. Big Beaver. The 62,000 square foot space houses approximately 200 local professionals.

Total Quality Logistics – TQL is one of the largest freight brokerage firms in the nation. With the addition of its first Michigan office at 3221 W. Big Beaver, TQL now operates 23 offices in 12 states across the country, employing close to 2,500

way to connect with target populations and make lasting ties with the City.

Events will be publicized in the summer edition of the Troy Today which reaches over 32,000 households and is available online. This edition will be mailed out the first week of May. In addition, event flyers will be at the facility and distributed to participants enrolled in programs at the Community Center and Troy Family Aquatic Center. A table is offered during most events along with some availability to supply food at after hour programs which have an average attendance of 500 or more patrons. In order to be incorporated in the Troy Today please contact Kelly Molinar by April 1st at 248.524.3484 or k.molinar@troymi.gov.

Passes on Sale Now

The award winning Troy Family Aquatic Center (TFAC) will open for its 23rd season on Friday, May 23 with a season pass holders only open swim from 10-11am and free admission special from 11am-7:30pm. The Troy Family Aquatic Center features a main pool with a zero-depth edge, tube and body slides, a kiddie area that includes a waterfall, slide and spray area, sand volleyball, sand play area, and concession area.

"Purchase a season pass now and enjoy many new perks as a pass holder this summer. Season Pass holders who purchase a pass on or before Friday, May 23 will receive two free guest passes valid for the 2014 season," Kelly Molinar, Recreation Supervisor said.

people nationwide.

Gallagher-Kaiser Corporation – Gallagher-Kaiser Corporation, a global leader in the design, manufacture, and installation of industrial process systems, HVAC systems and industrial buildings, has moved its headquarters to 777 W. Chicago. Approximately 100 full-time employees are located at the new office, which include 3 floors and 33,000 square feet of offices and meeting space.

Rapid Global Business Solutions – RGBSI, a global engineering services and staffing company, has purchased the vacant 25,000 square foot building at 1200 Stephenson Highway for its new facility. The building will house about 100 employees.

Witzenmann – Witzenmann is expanding its Troy presence into a nearby building at 1305 Stephenson Highway. The 47,000 square foot building will house approximately 100 employees.

Troy's economic development strategy emphasizes partnerships in order to provide existing and prospective businesses with the resources necessary to locate in Troy and grow. The City's primary partners include Automation Alley, Walsh College, Troy Chamber, Oakland County's Economic Development Office, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Through these and other partners, the City is able to address business needs by providing the information, infrastructure and connectivity necessary for business growth.

For more information call Economic Development Specialist Glenn Lapin at 248.524.3314 or e-mail G.lapin@troymi.gov

Business Spotlight

Troy Gymnastics Continues to Expand in Troy

Troy is a major destination for family recreation and sports venues. Our community offers a wide variety of privately operated recreation and sports facilities including ice hockey, trampolines, swimming, soccer, and gymnastics. It is no wonder that in 2013, Family Circle Magazine named Troy as one of the top ten cities for families in the nation!

One local company, Troy Gymnastics, recently opened its third Troy location at 1921 Northwood Dr. Troy Gymnastics One & Two are located at 1600 Maple Road. In total, 82,000 sq. ft. of state-of-the-art fun is available for ages 12 months through college. Nearly 50 hours of open gym is available weekly at \$5 per hour and the first one is free. The facility includes 5 foam pits, 12 trampolines, 4+ spring floors, over 50 balance beams and 50 bars, large viewing areas and lots of parking. There are classes for all ages, competitive teams, birthday parties, trampolines and tumbling, field trips, fundraisers and more. Troy Gymnastics is the largest gymnastics facility in Michigan and is truly world class.

The owners, Toby and Julie Buechner, have lived in Troy for over 17 years and are pleased to open their third facility in the wonderful, family-friendly city of Troy. Troy Gymnastics worked closely with the Troy Building Inspection Department to transform these former industrial properties. Troy Gymnastics' website is

An additional perk for season pass holders this year is entry into the Aquatic Center one hour before it opens each day for open swim. Skip the lines and enjoy the pools, two guaranteed lanes for lap swim, tube and body slides or kiddie area before everyone else. Also new this year, save money on a Family Pass good for 4 household members.

Stop by the Troy Community Center (3179 Livernois) today and purchase your Season Pass. Call 248.524.3484 for more information. The Troy Family Aquatic Center is located at 3425 Civic Center Drive.

Troy Family Aquatic Center
2014 Season Hours:

Memorial Weekend Hours,
May 24-26: Season Pass Holders Only, 10-11am; Open Swim, 11am-7:30pm.

Early Season Hours, May 27 - June 11: Monday-Friday: Open Swim 3-7:30pm; Saturday/Sunday: Season Pass Holders Only, 10-11am; Open Swim, 11am-7:30pm.

Regular Hours, June 12 - August 17: Monday-Sunday: Lap Swim Only, 9-10am; Season Pass Holders Only, 10-11am; Open Swim, 11am-7:30pm

End of Season Hours, August 18 - September 1: Monday-Sunday: Lap Swim Only, 9-10am; Season Pass Holders Only, 10-11am; Open Swim, 11am-7pm

For Economic Development Assistance, please contact Glenn Lapin, Economic Development Specialist at 248.524.3314 or

www.troymnastics.com.

Information on Troy's Building Inspection Department can be found at <http://troymi.gov/Government/Departments/BuildingInspection.aspx>

Congratulations to Troy Company

Valeo Awarded 2014 Top Employer Certification in US



Valeo has been certified by the Top Employer Institute as a 2014 Top Employer in the United States. The award was presented to Valeo North America President Françoise Colpron and Valeo United States Human Resources Director Dennis Clark, at a special ceremony held on March 20, 2014 at the company's North American headquarters in Troy, MI.

"This certification recognizes our human resources management strategy, which supports our objective to be an Employer of Choice in North America", said Valeo North America President Ms. Françoise Colpron. "We strive to provide our team members with a diverse, inclusive and well-balanced place to work."

Top Employer certification is awarded to organizations meeting the highest standards in human resources management based on criteria, such as benefits and working conditions, training and skills development, career development and culture management. Valeo United States joins Valeo's European and Asian operations as 2014 Top Employers. For more information visit: www.top-employers.com/

Valeo is an independent industrial Group fully focused on the design, production and sale of components, integrated systems and modules for the automotive industry, mainly for CO2 emissions reduction and intuitive driving. Valeo ranks among the world's top automotive suppliers. In North America, Valeo's regional headquarters are located in Troy, and the company has 16 production sites and seven research centers.

Testimonials

Due to its growth, AET Integration relocated its facility from Wixom to a 22,500 square-foot building at 1775 Crooks Rd. just north of Maple Rd. "Troy was a logical location for us to move our expanding business," Cindy Jiang, founding owner and president of AET said. "The location is convenient for our customers and there are many other progressive engineering businesses in this area. In addition, we see the city of Troy as a place for growth and innovation."

The new facility features expanded office and laboratory areas for placement of state-of-the-art equipment which makes AET ready for continued growth in cutting-edge technology development. AET now offers more engineering services for advanced materials characterization, new manufacturing technology research and development, engineering testing, and failure analysis.

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NEXTEP SYSTEMS was founded in 2005 and has enjoyed Troy as a setting for their headquarters ever since. All four offices (three previous and current) have been on the Big Beaver corridor, which provides easy access for our employees. "There is an impressive talent pool within a 30 minute drive to Big Beaver and I-75. Rental rates are reasonable and our employees appreciate the many dining options and proximity to Somerset," Nextep Systems President Tommy Woycik said. "Customers visiting from DTW have no problem finding us and the city provides an impressive backdrop for a technology company like NEXTEP. We plan to be a Troy-based company for many years to come,"

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