

Business Park forms Alliance

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To improve communications between companies with operations in Lebanon Business Park and the town's municipal leaders and organizations that serve the community, tenants in Lebanon Business Park, along with park developer Duke Realty Corp., have formed the Lebanon Business Park Alliance.

The Alliance, which has been working together for a little more than a year, has several goals. First, it works to keep all concerned parties up-to-date on park developments and actions that may impact tenants' business operations. In addition, the Alliance serves to identify community needs and unify Lebanon Business Park tenants on charitable efforts.

"Lebanon Business Park has helped the community for more than 16 years, providing employment opportunities and strong tax revenues for the town," said Kent M. Frandsen, an attorney with Parr Richey Obremskey Frandsen & Patterson. "The Lebanon Business Park Alliance has been instrumental in opening lines of communication and encouraging involvement in community initiatives."

The Alliance meets periodically to exchange ideas, often bringing in guest speakers. "I have attended Alliance meetings and have found them to be an excellent forum for businesses to communicate their needs and concerns and for the town to respond, said Harold "Huck" Lewis, mayor of Lebanon.

One example of Lebanon Business Park Alliance members contributing to a common cause is the United Way of Boone County. Companies with operations in Lebanon Business Park that have directed donations to this year's United Way campaign

include Case New Holland, Inc., Gander Mountain Distribution Center, General Cable, Hachette Book Group, Haynes International, Inc., and Pearson Education. Over the past year, these businesses have collectively contributed more than \$77,000 to the local United Way effort.

"The United Way of Boone County is gratified by the generosity of Lebanon Business Park tenants and their commitment to the community," said Jill Troha, area director of the United Way of Boone County. "Without their support, we could not continue to

provide needed services to our residents."

Developed in 1994 in close collaboration with the city of Lebanon, Boone County and state economic developers, the Lebanon Business Park has more than 1,250 acres of land and employs more than 2,600 people annually in 6.4 million square feet of office, industrial and manufacturing space. The Lebanon Business Park was ranked the fourth largest industrial park in central Indiana by the *Indianapolis Business Journal*, and boasts a number of the county's top employers.