

## Portland Main Street hosts business seminar May 5

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PORTLAND - The Economic Revitalization Committee of the Portland Main Street program will be hosting a free business seminar entitled, "People Practices for Small Businesses," on Thursday, May 5, at 6 p.m. at Portland City Hall. The guest speaker will be Julie Mann, CEO and President of the JMann Consulting Group, from Lansing.

"This seminar is designed to help small businesses with their human-resource needs," said Main Street Manager Patrick Reagan. "Small business owners have certain rules and regulations that they must follow whenever they hire a new employee or terminate an existing employee. This seminar will help business owners navigate both of these process correctly, which will allow them to protect their business, their reputations, and their profits."

Diane Smith, Economic Revitalization Chairperson, believes that this seminar will also help small business owners attract and hire the right person for the job.

"It's important for business owners to hire people who fit the business the best," said Smith. "The Economic Revitalization Committee believes that this seminar will help business owners understand this

process better so they can focus on their products and services."

This seminar is a collaboration between the Portland Main Street program and the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC). Although this seminar is free, space is limited. To reserve seats, individuals are asked to call the MI-SBTDC at (517) 483-1921. Registration can also be done online at [www.misbtcd.net](http://www.misbtcd.net).

The MI-SBTDC is partially funded by the U. S. Small Business Administration. All MI-SBTDC programs or co-sponsored programs are extended to the public on a non-discriminatory basis. Arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made, if requested at least two weeks in advance, by the MI-SBTDC.

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provide opportunities to entrepreneurs; (2) sustain a strong economic foundation for the region; and (3) safeguard history, tradition, and a sense of community for residents and visitors.

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