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President's Corner

Summit County Executive Russ Pry to speak at the Richfield Chamber of Commerce meeting on June 1.

Thirty one years ago the voters of Summit County were the first in the State of Ohio to approve the charter form of government. The new form of government eliminated the offices of three county commissioners and instead created the position of county executive as the executive branch of government and established a county council as the legislative branch of government in Summit County. County Executive Russ Pry is Summit County's fourth individual to hold that position, having been sworn in on July 13, 2007.

Russ has worn numerous hats as a public servant, including councilman in the Village of Mogadore for nine years and as law director for Boston Heights for nine years. He has served as a member of the Summit County Board of Elections and the Akron-Summit County Library Board of Trustees. He

14th Annual "Links For Education" Golf Outing

Wednesday, June 15

St. Bernard Country Club
in Richfield.

Please contact Karen Smik by
June 1 at (330) 659-4750 or
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Let's do lunch!

Wednesday, June 1, 2011
Days Inn & Suites - Richfield
Russ Pry
Summit County Administrator

11:45 - Informal Networking 12:30 - Speaker
12:00 - Light lunch served 1:00 - Adjourn

Members admitted free with a reservation.
Please R.S.V.P. to 330-659-3300 by May 31.

Non-members bring \$11 check payable to Richfield Chamber of Commerce
No-shows will be invoiced \$11 for their reserved lunch.
Invite an associate. Bring your business cards to share.

has been secretary and treasurer of the Summit County Democratic Party and currently chair.

Russ will present an abbreviated version of the State of the County and the challenges facing government at all levels; however, he will focus his remarks on Richfield.

Richfield Number One

Annually, *Cleveland Magazine's* June edition lead story is "Rating the Suburbs". The Rating the Suburbs report consists of statistics compiled on safety, education, housing, community services, taxes and other quality of life factors. Seventy-seven communities are rated.

For the second time Richfield has been rated by Cleveland Magazine as the Cleveland area's Number One Suburb!

National Park

In his speech to the Chamber last month, Cuyahoga Valley National Park Superintendent Stan Austin talked about several issues regarding the park including economic development in

surrounding communities. Certainly we are aware of the positive effect that the preservation of land has on the quality of life in Richfield and our region. In addition, many of Richfield's businesses already benefit from visitors to the Cuyahoga Valley. Going forward, we will try to develop additional mechanisms to entice national park

visitors to Richfield – and to our motels, restaurants, and etc.

Speakers for 2011

June 1 - Russ Pry, Summit County Administrator

July 6 - John Ciolkevich of Richfield Village Council will discuss his masters thesis on managing local government in tough economic times.

August 3 - Ron Finklestein of World Ventures will discuss the connection between employee vacation time and productivity

September 7 - Tina Thelin of Wise Consultants will discuss marketing via social media.

October 5 - Jason Segedy of the Akron Metropolitan Transportation Study will discuss regionalism and the connection between transportation and economic growth.

November 2 - Litsa Voulgaris of Aris Services will discuss year-end tax planning.

December 7 - Dr. Peter Rea of Baldwin-Wallace College will discuss entrepreneurship.

June 1
June 7
June 20

Luncheon
Board meeting
Newsletter Deadline
11:45 a.m.
7:00 a.m.

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