

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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Amy French

Happy early summer! Warmer weather and sunshine provide a much welcome distraction during these unsettled times. I hope you are able to get out and enjoy!

Like all of you, the Chamber has been working to adapt and find new ways to operate during the pandemic. I am pleased to announce that on June 3, we will hold our first ever virtual luncheon via Zoom Meetings! While this will be a 'bring your own lunch' event, we look forward to getting together and seeing everyone. Our speaker will be Janet Jankura, Richfield Township Trustee and she will provide an update on the township. I hope you can join us!

Also, the Chamber would like to provide additional options for you to promote your business. As such, we are inviting all members of our Richfield business community to share information about how you are continuing to serve customers during these times of social distancing and masks. Please send us a short (50 word maximum) summary

of changes you've made and how you are continuing to serve your customers. We will publish them - and any photos you wish to provide - in a special edition of the newsletter.

As some of you may know, the Chamber has typically not held a luncheon in July as many of our members were traveling. Given current circumstances, we are considering hosting a luncheon next month. Please stay tuned... we will share more information on this when it is available. I look forward to seeing everyone on June 3! Until then, please stay safe.

Amy French, President,
Richfield Chamber of Commerce

Richfield Times recognizes new investments by local businesses

During the strict lock down for most businesses, the Richfield Times continued to promote Richfield businesses on our website, scriptype.com/richfield-times, and canceled our print magazine for May. The June Richfield Times is being mailed to homes and businesses today!

In continuing our support of the business community, the issue welcomes a new business to Richfield, Ohio Hardwood Furniture. Also featured are Richfield businesses that are investing in their businesses and/or properties to make them stronger.

Going forward, ScripType Publishing will continue the theme of the interconnectivity of businesses, residents and government.

Taste of Richfield still possible

The committee for the Chamber's Taste of Richfield event has reconvened online. The event was planned for Sept. 2 and would feature artwork from local artists and food samples from local restaurants.

The original plans will need to be modified, but the committee will work to hold the event in a different way to abide by safety guidelines.

We will provide more information as health requirements and therefore our plans evolve.

Sue Serdinak,
Taste of Richfield chair



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
June 3, 2020**

Speaker

Janet Jankura,

Trustee, Richfield Township

12:00 Zoom Virtual Luncheon

Meeting ID: 851 7188 9787

Password: 182523

We are hosting a virtual Chamber lunch via Zoom on Wednesday, June 3rd! We will try to open the Zoom portal a few minutes before the noon start time. While this will be a 'bring your own lunch' event, the agenda will include the following:
Introductions - Participants are asked to introduce themselves and share a little about how they are conducting business in today's environment.

Speaker - Janet Jankura, Richfield Township Trustee, Update on Richfield Township
Q & A

You will need to download the Zoom app (it's free) to participate. Amy French, president of the Chamber, will moderate.

**For a direct link to join the Zoom meeting,
email: mail@richfieldchamber.com**

Our June Speaker

Janet Jankura

- Trustee, Richfield Township
- Former Board Director, Green Earth Technologies, Inc.
- Human Resource Leader



Janet is an engaging corporate board member with 20 years of multi-industry experience in global public and private organizations up to \$5B in revenue. She currently heads human resources for a leading eCommerce distributor of auto parts.

As a director of Green Earth Technologies, a publically-traded, consumer/commercial goods producer, Janet chaired the Compensation Committee and served on the Audit Committee.

She was an executive with Rockwell Automation, National City and Manesmann, was appointed to a Federal Board by US Secretaries of Interior, Agriculture and is a veteran Marine Corps Officer.

Janet earned the National Association of Corporate Directors Governance Fellow distinction.

NOACC offers affordable health coverage options to Chamber members

Through our Chamber's partnership with the Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) there is a cost-saving option for medical benefits that is helping small businesses like yours save 20% to 25% on their monthly medical spend.

The SOCA Benefit Plan is a health coverage solution designed to help small businesses. With plans designed to serve small employers and sole proprietors, your business will be covered with great benefits at a lower cost and more predictable rates, all administered by Anthem.

Contact your broker to assist you with a quote. If you do not have an agent, call toll-free at 1-844-MED-OHIO or visit 844MedOhio.com.

Chamber offers support after cancellations

As you know, due to COVID-19, the Chamber luncheons have been canceled, as has our 2020 Links for Education Golf Outing.

To honor our commitment to the vendors who provide venues for these events, Venue South at Quality Inn & Suites, Michael Angelo's Winery, and

St. Bernard Golf Course, we have approved payments to them for \$300, \$300 and \$1,000, respectively, from funds that came from or otherwise would have been spent on these events.

Please join us in supporting local businesses.

Richfield park recognized as officially historic

Richfield Heritage Preserve has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places as "The Crowell Hilaka Historic District.

Several eras of history are represented at the park, but when the Ohio History Connection was first approached about placing it on the register, they decided that the period of significance

was 1937-1969 - the time it served as a Girl Scout camp where thousands of girls and young women ventured into a world frequently described as "magic."

The listing doesn't affect the park's name or its marketing, but it does certify the site as officially historic and bestows valuable recognition.

Summit County Clerk of Courts announces resumption of suspended services

Summit County Clerk of Courts Sandra Kurt announced that on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, the Clerk's office reopened two of its four Title and Passport Division branch locations to visitors and is making operational adjustments to services in the Legal Division. Services were initially restricted on March 16, 2020 in accordance with public health guidelines in response to COVID-19.

The Main Branch office at 1030 East Tallmadge Ave, Akron, and the North

Branch office at 10333 Northfield Rd, Northfield Village, are set to reopen on May 26.

All motor vehicle and watercraft title processing services will resume.

U.S. passport application acceptance and BCI and FBI electronic fingerprint background check will resume on an appointment only basis.

Additional details and all required forms can be found at <https://clerkweb.summitoh.net/>.

Revised state guidelines for reporting COVID-19 cases

On May 26, 2020, OSHA updated its enforcement guidelines for recordability of cases of COVID-19 infections in the workplace.

This guidance is intended to be time-

limited to the current COVID-19 public health crisis.

Employers are asked to frequently check OSHA's webpage for updates at: www.osha.gov/coronavirus.

As a Chamber Member, If you have an event, special promotion or recognition that you would like included in the monthly newsletter, please submit a press release to mail@richfieldchamber.com by the 20th of the month. Your release should be in paragraph format of 100 words or less. Attachments will not be accepted.