

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Amy French

It was great seeing many of you for our virtual August Chamber luncheon, which featured Suzanne Miklos on the topic, Leading with Empathy. It has been very nice having a technology alternative when we are unable to be together in person. Suzanne provided some great information on effective and compassionate leadership during these challenging times.

Next up, we look forward to hosting Mayor Wheeler during our Zoom luncheon on September 2. The Mayor will provide a State of the Village update and review changes he has made given our current COVID environment. We certainly hope you can join us. Please be sure to continue to send updates and photos from your businesses for us to share in special editions of the Chamber newsletter!

Our board is currently evaluating options for our annual meeting/banquet, which is typically held in January. While it may still seem somewhat far away, it is becoming clear that we may not be able to host our traditional in person banquet this year. We will notify our members as soon as decisions have been made.

Please continue to stay safe.

Amy French

President, Richfield Chamber of Commerce

Richfield businesses help non-profit with face shield donations

Recently the Friends of Crowell Hilaka (FoCH) reached out through the Chamber to request a donation of clear, lightweight face shields for their Invasive Species Management Task Force to use while removing invasive plants from the high-quality natural areas at Richfield Heritage Preserve. The masks will be used on a regular basis to protect

the volunteers' faces from herbicide splash and help them to work safely during the pandemic.

FoCH is extremely grateful to Dental Ceramics and Elegant Dentistry for their generous donation of 27 shields total.

For more information about FoCH and its efforts at the park, go to friendsofcrowellhilaka.org.

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.



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
September 2, 2020**

Speaker

Mayor Michael Wheeler

Topic: State of the Village

12:00 Zoom Virtual Luncheon

Meeting ID: 823 7570 5565

Password: 176346

We are hosting a virtual Chamber lunch via Zoom on **Wednesday, September 2!** 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 – Mayor Michael Wheeler,
Village of Richfield

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 September Speaker

Mayor Michael Wheeler

Mayor Michael Wheeler was born in Oklahoma but moved with his family at age two and grew up in California. He married Polly in 1984 and moved to Richfield in 1986. They are blessed with four children, six grandchildren with a seventh on the way, and two guard dogs, also known as Chihuahuas. He calls them his wireless doorbells.



Mayor Wheeler attended Hoover High School in Fresno. He graduated from California State University at Fresno with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and management. He later earned an independent graduate degree in geochemistry from California State University at Bakersfield.

Wheeler worked in commercial real estate for seven years, including developing his own brokerage company. He and Polly started Wheeler Publishing Company in 1991 with just the two of them. The company, now known as Novex Systems, has since grown to over 100 employees.

Along the way Wheeler coached Little League baseball, football and soccer. In September 1986 he became an assistant scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 387 and continued until June of 2010.

He has volunteered with United Way, Open M, Girl Scouts, Revere Band, the Town Trust and the Sweet Corn Challenge event, and has given over eight gallons of blood to the Red Cross. Currently, he sits on the board of directors of three companies and is a member of the Richfield UCC, Masons and Kiwanis. He volunteered his expertise, products and services to help make the Richfield Heritage Preserve a dream come true.

Wheeler has been President of Bath Richfield Kiwanis, held the top offices in two Masonic organizations, served on his church council, and been president of the Village of Richfield Council. He currently serves as mayor of the Village of Richfield.

He enjoys camping with Polly, working out, and hiking on any one of our many park trails.

The Chamber is pleased to provide this special feature in our newsletter for you to promote your business. We invited 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 review the below entries to see the changes area businesses have made and how they are continuing to serve customers.

Amy French, President, Richfield Chamber of Commerce

Brookdale Hospice following protocols for patient care

Brookdale Hospice has proudly adapted services to continue to serve patients across Northeast Ohio, despite these trying times. Outstanding patient care is being provided in private homes and care communities following aggressive protocols that provide all team members with full PPE, and integrating virtual visits



into our day-to-day patient care.

For more information, visit brookdale.com.

Local hotels continue to welcome guests

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Holiday Inn Express Richfield, an IHG Hotel, has continued operating with new social distancing procedures in place. The IHG Way of Clean includes deep cleanings with hospital-grade disinfectants along with hand-sanitizing stations throughout the property. The hotel pool is open, but limited to six people at a time. Breakfast is different with



more individually wrapped grab and go items. Masks are required to be worn by employees and all guests who enter. The front desk has

Plexiglas barriers in place.

To find out more about the hotel's amenities and the IHG Way of Clean, visit hiexpress.com.

Motel 6 Richfield is also open with mask requirements, social distancing and disinfecting procedures.

FoCH provided refreshments and information for park visitors

On two Sundays in July, the Friends of Crowell Hilaka (FoCH) offered refreshments and park information to Richfield Heritage Preserve visitors - all while practicing pandemic

safety protocols. Due to a spike in Summit County COVID-19 cases, however, the park board requested that FoCH discontinue these planned Sunday events.

Share how your business has adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic in the Chamber's next newsletter. Please send a short (50 word maximum) summary of changes you've made and how you are continuing to serve your customers, including any photos you wish to provide, to mail@richfieldchamber.com.



2020 MEMBER DIRECTORY

1 Direction – At 1Direction Strategy, we work with small business owners who've worked hard to build a successful business but they want more and a better, balanced life...that's where we come in! We aren't consultants, we're certified coaches and business strategists who specialize in providing small business owners with the systems, strategies and discipline that they need to support and sustain growth.

1dstrategy.com

Akron Children's Hospital Foundation – Founded on the principle of serving the needs of the community, by improving healthcare services, enhancing public health, advancing medical knowledge and reducing the burden of government.

akronchildrens.org

Applied Financial Concepts – We help our clients make working optional because we have been specializing in wealth accumulation, management and transfer planning for businesses and individuals since 1971. (Securities offered through Valmark Securities, Inc., Member FINRA, SIPC Applied Financial Concepts, Inc. is a separate entity from Valmark Securities, Inc.)

appliedfin.com

Associated Builders & Contractors – Construction Trade Association

nocabc.com

AssuredPartners – AssuredPartners provides individuals and businesses of all types with quality insurance products designed specifically to meet their coverage needs.

assuredpartners.com/Richfield

Bay Metal Inc. (ITran Electronics Recycling) – Electronics recycling and industrial scrap metal processing.

baymetal.com

Bay Pointe Technology – Established in 1998, Bay Pointe has established itself as a trusted advisor and partner in the Information Technology Community. We deliver products and services when and where you need them, with quality to exceed your specifications at a competitive price.

baypointetechnology.com

Bethel Lutheran Church – Church and daycare

bethel-lc.org

Broadview Insurance Agency – We offer auto/home/business/life/long term care insurance. Call us "because we care."

broadviewinsurance.com

CCG Automation – Improving the comfort in buildings, increasing the productivity of their occupants and reducing their environmental impact while using the energy savings that are generated from the facility upgrades to pay for the improvements.

ccgautomation.com

Coleen M. Demas DDS – Professional and comprehensive dental care for the entire family. New patients always accepted. Same-day emergency appointments. In network PPO with all major insurance companies.

drcoleendemas.com

Countryside Florist – Retail florist specializing in weddings, events, gourmet fruit baskets and home accents.

countrysideofrichfield.com

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center – Established in 1972 by eight public school districts including Brecksville-Broadview Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Garfield Heights, Independence, Nardon Hills, North Royalton, Revere and Twinsburg. Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) offers career-technical High School Programs, Adult Education, K-12 Career Education, and Community Services.

cvccworks.edu

Cuyahoga Valley Inn – A cozy bed & breakfast in one of Richfield's century homes, featuring well-appointed rooms and comfortable amenities.

cuyahogavalleyinn.com

Dental Ceramics – Dental laboratory providing a full range of aesthetically crafted restorations to local, national and international clients.

dentalceramicsusa.com

DMA Tech Solutions – DMA Tech Solutions provides your business with fully managed IT solutions: equipment, service, support and consulting. We make sure your office technology is working efficiently so you can focus on your business. We also offer network security solutions for regulated industries such as health care, law and financial.

dmatechsolutions.com

Easton Telecom Services – Easton Telecom is a Richfield based telecommunications company that provides numerous voice, internet, data and wireless solutions to businesses nationwide. Easton's team of knowledgeable, dedicated and experienced professionals provides unsurpassed customer service. Easton knows that nothing is more important than living up to customer expectations, which is why EVERY call is answered by a live operator and immediately transferred to a representative; ensuring customers experience no lengthy waits on hold.

eastontelecom.com

Empaco Equipment Corporation – Unilock, bulk gravel, natural stone.
empacoequipment.com/landscape

Exit 11 Truck Tire Service – Commercial and retail tire sales and service. Automotive Services.
exit11trucktire.com

Fawcett Company – Manufacturer of industrial mixing equipment.
fawcettco.com

Financial Management Strategies – Works with clients to develop a plan to build, protect and enjoy their wealth.
fmstrategies.biz

Friends of Crowell Hilaka – Friends of Crowell Hilaka (AKA Foch pronounce “folk”) is a non-profit advocacy group partnering with the Richfield Joint Recreation District to preserve, protect, enhance and promote Richfield Heritage Preserve, formerly Crowell Hilaka.
friendsofcrowellhilaka.org

Frontier Tank Center – Sales, service and parts for the over-the-road tank trailer industry, custom fabrication and welding.
frontiertrailersales.com

Goodwill – Goodwill’s mission is to help individuals prepare for, find and retain employment. When you shop and donate to Goodwill, you are helping people in our community find jobs. Offering retail stores and donation centers, home pickup service, vehicle donations and Dell Reconnect computer equipment recycling.
goodwillakron.org

Group Management Services – Professional employees organization. HR professionals that take on administrative burdens that companies don’t have the time or expertise to effectively manage.
groupmgmt.com

HFS Wealth Advisors – HFS Wealth Advisors is a full service wealth management practice that provides a comprehensive financial planning process based on goals personalized for each individual and family. We offer personalized financial solutions for individuals and small businesses to help them pursue their goal of financial security.
hfswa.com

Hans’ Freightliner of Cleveland – Hans’ Freightliner offers a fully stocked parts department and a machine shop and complete service for all makes of medium and heavy-duty trucks.
hansfreightliner.com

J Team Management – Property management

Koewler Law Firm – I help seniors who need long-term care keep some of their money in the family rather than spend it all on care. I also help veterans who need long-term care qualify for benefits to help pay for that care.
protectingseniors.com

MAS – Wholesale distributor.
masdistribution.com

Meridian Sun Lodge #69 – Community Organization
meridiansun.org

National Interstate Insurance – National Interstate is a specialty property and casualty insurance company with a niche focus on the transportation industry.
natl.com

OEC – OEConnection (OEC) is the leading automotive technology provider for OEM distribution networks, enabling automakers and dealerships around the world to deliver parts and service information quickly and accurately into the hands of repairers in collision, fleet, mechanical and retail segments, as well as their own service lanes, through a suite of parts cataloging, supply chain, pricing, ecommerce, service and business intelligence solutions. OEC serves nearly 50 international auto brands and fleet companies, and more than 150,000 dealership and repair customers worldwide.
oeconnection.com

Older Wiser Life Services – Community based, RN managed private home care service company. Supporting the “Aging in Place” movement.
olderwiseryliveservices.com

Regina Health Center – 155-bed skilled nursing and assisted living center sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. We provide short-term rehabilitation and skilled nursing services, as well as outpatient geriatric rehabilitation services. Mission is to provide compassionate and holistic nursing care for anyone in need.
reginahealthcenter.org

Renaissance of Richfield Assisted Living/Memory Care – A new, 72-unit, privately owned and operated community providing compassionate care that allows members to age in place.
renaissanceassistedliving.net

Revere Local School District - Revere Local Schools is a public school system serving grades preschool through 12. The district is located mid-way between Akron and Cleveland, serving the communities of Bath and Richfield. Revere maximizes the collective resources of our community to inspire and prepare all students academically, emotionally, physically and socially to achieve their individual potential. For many consecutive years, Revere High School has been recognized at the highest level by the Ohio Department of Education. Enrollment is approximately 2,500 students.

revereschools.org

Richfield Chiropractic Center - 33 years of service to our community. Corrective care for your back, neck, shoulders, arms, wrists and for your hips, legs, knees and ankles. Do you know that chiropractic adjustments can relieve pressure on spinal nerves that go to all parts of our body? When was the last time you had your spine checked?

richfieldchiropracticcenter.com

Richfield Historical Society - Mission is to preserve and interpret the history of Richfield by collecting and preserving records and articles of interest and to promote interest in and educate the public about the people and events that have shaped our rich history by making historical information available. The society's purpose is to create and promote appreciation for Richfield's diverse cultural, social and economic history.

richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org

Richfield Joint Recreational District - Joint Village of Richfield & Richfield Township Recreation District. Mission to safe guard, support and maintain the natural properties of Richfield, OH while encouraging recreational and educational opportunities in our community.

rjrd.org

Richfield Library - The Akron Summit County Public Library provides resources for learning & leisure, information services, meeting spaces, and programs for all ages.

akronlibrary.org

Richfield Township - Richfield Township, a political subdivision of the state, was founded in 1809. Three trustees and a fiscal officer, each elected to a four-year term, administer the township.

richfield-twp.org

Schulte & Company CPAs - We provide tax, accounting and payroll services.

schultecpa.com

ScriptType Publishing - Publishers of Richfield Times, Brecksville Magazine, BroadView Journal, Hinckley Record, Hudson Life, Bath Country Journal, Independence Today, Sagamore Voice and Twinsburg Tribune magazines. Direct Mail, printing and designing brochures, post cards and other presentation materials.

scriptype.com

Seifert & Cox LLP - Law firm providing family law and estate planning services.

seifertcoxlaw.com

Summit County Clerk of Courts - The Summit County Clerk of Courts Office is comprised of two Divisions - Legal and Title. The Clerk of Courts - Legal Division maintains records for the Summit County Common Pleas Court - General Division, the Summit County Domestic Relations Court, and the Ninth District Court of Appeals. The Clerk of Courts - Title Division, with four offices throughout Summit County, is responsible for issuing Certificates of Title for watercraft and motor vehicle owners throughout the region.

clerkweb.summitoh.net

Summit County Executive - Government.

co.summitoh.net

The Inn at Apple Ridge - The Inn at Apple Ridge is a premier assisted living residence. Personalized services include 24 hour nursing on site, three full meals daily, cable TV, electric, gas and water, daily social events and activities, weekly housekeeping and laundry services.

innatappleridge.com

The Symphony Group LL - Real estate consulting firm specializing in lease audits, lease abstraction and lease administration services.

thesymphonygroup.net

Thorson Baker & Associates, Inc. - Civil, structural, mechanical, electrical and technology consulting engineering.

thorsonbaker.com

Venue South at Quality Inn & Suites - Event and banquet center.

choicehotels.com

Village Auto Body - All aspects of auto body repair including insurance and restoration work.

villageautobody.org

Village of Richfield Mayor - Municipal government.

richfieldvillageohio.org

Wayside Farm, Inc. - Nursing home specializing in long-term care and behavioral health.

waysidefarmnh.com