

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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I hope everyone is continuing to stay safe and well. It was great seeing many of you at our October luncheon which featured Ilene Shapiro, Summit County executive. A big thanks to Ilene for presenting!

Next up, Sophie Veillette from Schulte & Company CPAs will provide an update on Navigating Covid-19 Tax Changes for effective 2020 Year-end Tax Planning during our Zoom luncheon on November 4. We certainly hope you can join us.

I'd also like to highlight a few notes and reminders:

- Chamber scholarship applications are now available at Revere High School. Revere seniors are encouraged to start thinking about their applications.
- It is also time to start thinking about officer nominations for 2021. Anyone interested in being considered for an

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Amy French

officer position on the Board (President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary) should contact Jim Koewler by the end of November.

As the weather gets colder and we see rising COVID-19 numbers, our Board certainly wishes everyone well and, while difficult and 'getting old', encourages continued social distancing, mask wearing and frequent hand washing. We will get through this.

Amy French
President, Richfield Chamber
of Commerce



**LET'S DO
LUNCH!**

**WEDNESDAY,
November 4, 2020**
Speaker

**Sophie Veillette, CPA, MT,
Schulte & Company CPAs**

Topic: Navigating COVID-19
tax changes for effective
2020 year-end tax planning

12:00 Zoom Virtual Luncheon

Meeting ID: 880 0410 0746

Passcode: 299901

We are hosting a virtual Chamber lunch via Zoom on **Wednesday, November 4!** 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 their business.

Speaker – Sophie Veillette, CPA, MT,
Schulte & Company CPAs

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**

Chamber honors RJRD with ribbon cutting on Nov. 12

Gund Hall in the Richfield Heritage Preserve has undergone significant renovations to make it possible to rent the popular building as a venue for large events. As park settings have become in demand for weddings and business functions, the board of the Richfield Joint Recreation District hopes the facility will become a source of income for the park.

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce is honoring the board by hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony of Gund Hall on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Be part of the socially distanced ceremony and then tour the building to see the charm and history of the structure.

Take with you a cookie and cider treat provided by the Chamber.

Please wear a mask.

Accepting Board Nominations for 2021

The nominating committee is preparing a slate of officers for the Richfield Chamber of Commerce for 2021. The committee is accepting nominations for treasurer, secretary, vice president and president.

Only Chamber members may nominate someone, including his or herself.

To make a nomination, please verify that the person is available to serve.

The nominating committee will interview the candidates and describe the duties of the positions.

Please submit any nominations to the Chamber email:
mail@richfieldchamber.com.

Our November Speaker

Sophie Veillette, CPA, MT Schulte & Company CPAs

Sophie Veillette is a partner at Schulte & Company CPAs with over 25 years experience providing tax and assurance services, helping small business owners minimize their taxes and achieve their financial goals. Veillette's background gives her the ability to understand how tax and financial accounting issues affect one another. This allows her to serve clients' tax and financial accounting needs efficiently and effectively with a streamlined approach.



She joined the firm ten years ago, following a broad spectrum of experience: three years with Price Waterhouse in Washington, D.C. and Greenville, S.C, auditing small and medium-sized companies; several years as an accountant for an Akron funeral home; and ten years as accounting services staff and manager for another Akron accounting firm.

Veillette is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a Masters of Taxation from the University of Akron, a Masters of Accounting Science from the University of Illinois, and a Bachelors of Science in Accounting from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

She leads the firm's assurance services. With over 20 years experience in providing these services at the national and local firm level. She helps clients in a wide range of industries, both for-profit and not-for-profit, by performing audits, reviews and compilations of their financial statements, helping arrange financing, recommending improvements in their internal control procedures, recommending tax savings strategies, helping them be tax compliant, recommending workers' compensation cost savings measures, and helping them implement and operate computer based accounting systems.

Veillette is a member of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She volunteers as treasurer and league leader for the Ohio Ladies Golf Association, treasurer of the Akron Zoo's Board of Trustees, treasurer of the Akron Zoo Foundation, past president of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, and member of Business Network International's Brecksville chapter.

She has previously volunteered for the Hoban High Schools Booster Club and Christ Child Society of Akron and various organizations at St. Sebastian Church and School. She resides in Akron with her husband, Bob, and two sons. She grew up in Maryland.

Friends of Crowell Hilaka to host 'Winter Wonders – A Kirby Christmas'

Friends of Crowell Hilaka will host "Winter Wonders – A Kirby Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 5, 1-4 p.m., at Richfield Heritage Preserve. Because of COVID-19, all activities have been moved to the southwest portion of the park, accessed from Route 303 and Oviatt Road, and held outdoors following pandemic safety protocols.

There will be photo ops with Sunny the Reindeer Horse, horseback visits from Father Christmas and other holiday characters, take-home nature craft kits, special "Trails and Trivia" self-guided hikes, and more.

For more information contact Karen Smik at 330-659-4750 or kls1650@roadrunner.com.

CVCC's Adult Education programs enrolling now

Are you looking to start a career as a medical administrative specialist, emergency medical technician, dental assistant, machinist, esthetician, EKG technician, or web designer?

Check out these careers and

many more at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center.

Student financial aid and payment plan options are available to those who qualify. Find your career at CVCC by visiting cvccworks.edu or call 440-526-5200.

Attention Chamber members!

Don't forget to utilize the Business to Business Discounts!

Here is a list of members offering discounts to other Chamber members:

Applied Financial Concepts – Free initial one-hour consultation; plus 10% discount on 1st year's financial planning fee.

Countryside Florist – 10% off any local delivery or flowers.

Empaco Equipment Corporation – 10% off retail pricing for Chamber Members on Unilock products.

Richfield Chiropractic Center – Complimentary examination of the spine and upper/lower joints of the body. Nutritional supplements 25% discount.

Weidrick, Livesay & Company – Free initial consultation and 10% off on our professional fees.

1Direction, Inc. – Free invite to attend one of our 2020 lunch and learn events "7 Steps to a Great Business!"

Please visit brianalquist.actioncoach.com/events

Richfield Chamber of Commerce Board Members

President – Amy French (OEC)

Vice President – Lynn Seifert (Seifert & Cox LLP)

Secretary – Mark Yantak (Regina Health Center)

Treasurer – Justin Hamlin (HFS Wealth Advisors)

Past President – Sheryl Wilson (Bay Pointe Technology)

Taste of Richfield Chair – Sue Serdinak (ScriptType Publishing)

Links for Education Chair – Karen Smik (Richfield Historical Society)

Scholarship Committee Chair – Jim Koewler (Koewler Law Firm)



Small Business Relief Grant

Overview

The Small Business Relief Grant is designed to assist Ohio businesses that have been harmed by the effects of COVID-19. The \$125 million grant fund will provide relief to Ohio businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Funding for the program is from the CARES Act.

Eligible Businesses

The business must be a for-profit entity with no more than 25 total or full-time equivalent Ohio employees as of Jan. 1, 2020. The business must also have a physical location in Ohio and earn at least 90% of annual revenue based on activities performed in and taxable to Ohio.

The business must have been in continuous operation since Jan. 1, 2020, except for interruptions required by COVID-19 public health orders and have the ability to continue operations as a going concern.

Ineligible Businesses

Businesses not eligible for funding include those that are: publicly traded; clubs; lobbying firms; operates an adult entertainment establishment or produces adult entertainment, as those terms are defined in section 2907.39 of the Revised Code; regulated by the Casino Control Commission or that operate Video Lottery Terminals; primarily engaged in advancing or managing partisan political activities or political issue advocacy; majority interest owned by persons under the age of 18; hospitals, private schools, or long-term care centers; engaged in the sale, cultivation or distribution of cannabis products; engaged in the sale or distribution of liquor, tobacco products, or vaping products; utility providers; and subject to the Financial Institutions Tax under Chapter 5725 of the Revised Code.

Eligible Uses of Funds

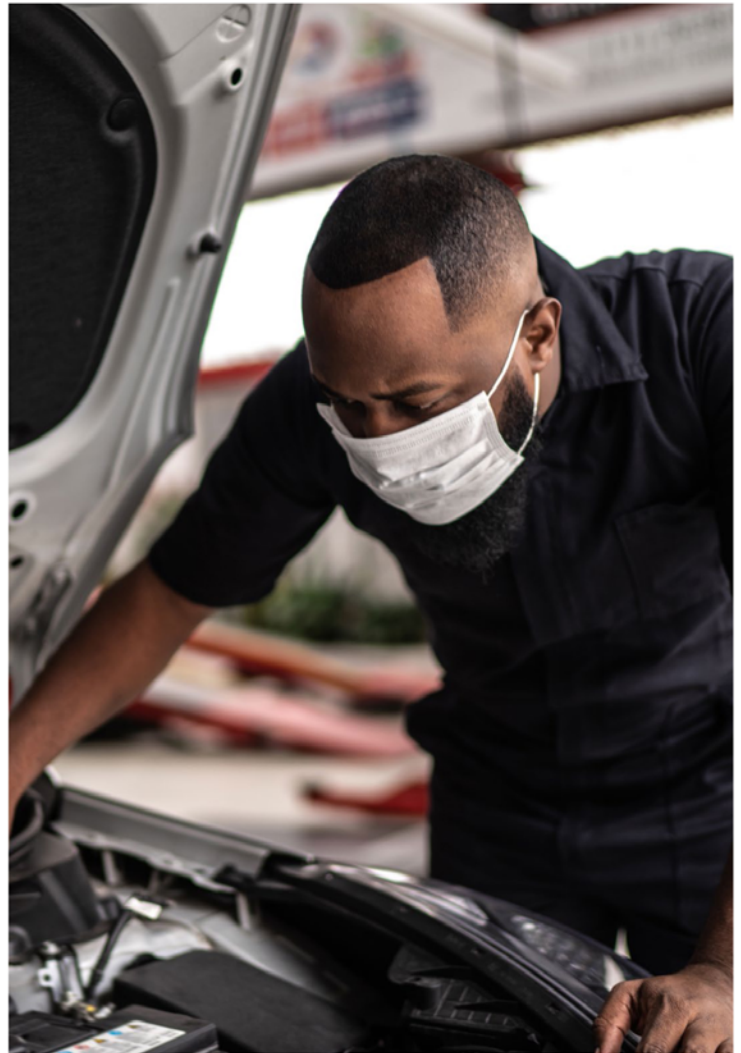
Grant funds can be used to reimburse eligible businesses for the following expenses because of revenue loss or unplanned costs caused by COVID-19:

- Personal protective equipment to protect employees, customers, or clients from COVID-19.
- Measures taken to protect employees, customers, or clients from COVID-19.
- Mortgage or rent payments for business premises (personal residences explicitly excluded).
- Utility payments.
- Salaries, wages, or compensation paid to contractors or employees, including an employer's share of health insurance costs.
- Business supplies or equipment.

Awarding Funds

Each business that meets the criteria and submits a complete application will be eligible for a grant of \$10,000 in accordance with the following guidelines:

- \$44 million of the grant funds will be set aside to ensure businesses in all 88 counties receive funding. 50 businesses will be funded in each county.
- As applications are approved on a first-come, first-served basis, grants will be awarded first from each county's allocation.
- When a county's allocation is depleted, grants will be awarded from the remainder of funding on a first-come, first-served basis regardless of the business' location in Ohio.
- If Development does not receive eligible applications sufficient to award all 50 grants to businesses in each county within the first 21 days after the application is opened, the remaining funds allocated to that county will be available to businesses regardless of their location in Ohio.



Application Process

The Ohio Development Services Agency is establishing an online application for the program. Businesses applying for funding will be required to establish a registration ID with the state of Ohio. The application will be available November 2, 2020.



Development
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For more information, visit
BusinessHelp.Ohio.Gov