

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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I'd like to wish you all a very happy holiday season! I am guessing that New Year's Eve will be especially noteworthy this year as we will all be more than ready to put the year 2020 behind us. I hope everyone continues to stay safe and well. Happy New Year! I don't think I have ever been more excited to welcome in a new year than I am this year! I hope everyone had a very nice holiday season even though it likely looked a little different than in the past.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Board President for the Chamber again in 2021 and look forward to getting back to more of a normal routine at some point in 2021. I would also like to congratulate our newly elected Board officers for 2021 and thank the team to committing to another year of leadership: Lynn Seifert, Vice President; Mark Yantek, Secretary; and Justin Hamlin, Treasurer. I would also like to thank Sue Serdinak, Sophie Veillette, Karen Smik, Jim Koewler, and Stacy Dottavio for their ongoing support.

As we begin 2021, our Board will continue to focus on building our membership and increasing interaction among our members. To support this mission, please remember to "follow" "like" and "share" our messages on so-

cial media and continue to get involved in our monthly luncheons - continuing with the Zoom format for now - and networking and fund-raising events when we are able to resume them. Also, if you haven't already done so, please be sure to send in your membership materials for 2021!

Sadly, and as previously communicated, we are not holding an in-person banquet in January. We do, however, hope to hold an event some time in the spring/summer timeframe. We are also moving our annual Business of the Year and Beautification award programs to later in 2021.

Congratulations on getting through a year filled with many challenges and thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing everyone a little more in 2021!

Amy French
President, Richfield Chamber
of Commerce

Chamber welcomes new members in 2021

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce continues its 2021 membership drive and would like to welcome the following new members: AC Electric & General Contractors, Advanced Dealer Solutions, Cummings Express Inc. and Giant Eagle.

Benefits of being a member of the Chamber include networking events

such as the monthly luncheon, opportunities for business announcements in the Chamber's monthly newsletter and eligibility for group rating health insurance plans through area Chamber partnerships.

More information is available at richfieldchamber.com "Become a Member."



The Chamber will not be holding a luncheon during the month of January. The next virtual Chamber luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, at 12 p.m.

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.

Regina Health Center earns 2020-21 Best Nursing Home recognition

Regina Health Center, a 5-star-quality skilled nursing and assisted living facility located in Richfield, is among the top U.S. skilled nursing facilities that have been recognized as a Best Nursing Home for 2020-21 by U.S. News & World Report.

Regina Health Center earned Best Nursing Homes status by achieving a rating of "High Performing," the highest possible rating, for long-term care.

This year, to accompany the new ratings, nursing home profile pages were updated to include a patient safety summary that reflects COVID-19 data alongside other measurements of safety and related advice on choosing a home or facility amidst the pandemic.

To learn more visit reginahealthcenter.org or call 330-659-4161.

Decorated trees donated to share joy with local residents

To help celebrate the holiday season at Ohio's Hidden Treasure, Richfield Heritage Preserve, the Friends of Crowell Hilaka placed several blue spruce trees along some of the hiking trails and by Kirby's Mill. Each tree was sponsored and charmingly decorated by various individuals, FoCH members and park partner groups.

Because they were on display for a limited time, FoCH decided to share the joy by donating several of the trees to some who are confined to their residences due to the pandemic. Recipients included The Renaissance of Richfield/Bath, the Richfield Retirement Village, and an older couple not able to be with their family for Christmas.

Richfield Historical Society working to save the Oviatt House

The Richfield Historical Society is working closely with the Save the Oviatt House group to save a house that was built in 1836 by Mason and Fanny Oviatt, who had direct ties to abolitionist leader John Brown and the Underground Railroad.

Several RHS members have been researching the Underground Railroad in Richfield with plans to apply to have appropriate sites listed on the National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. Such recognition could be important to Richfield and its economy.

For information on the effort to save the house, contact saveoviathouse@aol.com.

CVCC Student and Parent Information Night

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center will host its annual Student and Parent Information Night on Thursday, January 14, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for high school students and their families to learn more about the specialized career and college preparation opportunities available at CVCC.

This year, the event will be in a virtual live-tour format with program sessions available to see programs, meet instructors and ask questions.

Access to this event will be through CVCC's website, www.cvccworks.edu.

Contact CVCC Admissions Counselor Kelli Buccini at 440-746-8286 or kbuccini@cvccworks.edu with any questions.

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.

Studio XEL provides above and beyond service with safety measures

Studio XEL Salon is an upscale, full service salon located at 3807 Brecksville Rd.

During the pandemic, the salon is striving to keep clients safe while receiving the same excellent service.

Multiple sanitation stations are available throughout the salon, and staff is sanitizing every touch point around the clock with virus-killing Barbicide to keep everything sanitary. Salon chairs are seven feet apart and employees are masked at all times.

For more information on services visit studioxel.com.



Broadview Insurance offers virtual appointments

Broadview Insurance has continued to operate during the pandemic to offer clients continued service for their insurance needs.

The Buntain family and agents are excited for the New Year, and the potential that a vaccine has to bring normalcy back to everyone's personal and professional lives.

Located at 4025 Broadview Rd, the team continues to practice social distancing and mask wearing in the office. Virtual appointments are also available to customers.

For more information, please visit broadviewinsurance.com.

