

# CHAMBER MONTHLY

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## FEBRUARY 2021

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Amy French

Happy February! I hope everyone is healthy, safe and, before too long, vaccinated!

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank all those who renewed their membership thus far in 2021 and I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that as a Chamber, we are committed to

- Continuing to provide our members with meaningful community and business education through our monthly luncheons
- Facilitating interaction among businesses through social and community events and volunteer opportunities and
- Continuing to grow our membership.

We certainly hope to return to in-per-

son luncheons and community events before too much longer.

Our February luncheon will feature Jeff Shupe, Richfield Township Trustee who will provide an update on the Township. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Thank you again for all your support.

Amy French  
President, Richfield Chamber  
of Commerce

### Have you joined the Chamber in 2021?

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](http://richfieldchamber.com) "Become a Member."

### Friends of Crowell Hilaka helps earn grant for Richfield Heritage Preserve

The Friends of Crowell Hilaka (FoCH) recently played a collaborative role in the application for and subsequent receipt of a \$140,000 grant from the State Capital Budget for the Richfield Joint Recreation District's Lake Jinelle Rehabilitation Project at Ohio's Hidden Treasure, Richfield Heritage Preserve.

FoCH is beginning its 2021 membership drive to help support their mission to protect, preserve, enhance and promote Richfield Heritage Preserve. Members get the "inside scoop" on park projects and receive a 20 percent discount on FoCH merchandise (in-person sales only).

For more information about FoCH, including volunteer opportunities and how to become a member, visit: [www.friendsofcrowellhilaka.org](http://www.friendsofcrowellhilaka.org).



## LET'S DO LUNCH!

### Guests

Jeff Shupe, Trustee,  
Richfield Township

Topic: Update on  
Richfield Township

**12:00 Zoom Virtual Luncheon**

**Meeting ID: 870 4875 2943**

**Passcode: 273155**

We are hosting a virtual Chamber lunch via Zoom on **Wednesday, February 3.**

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.

**Guests** – Jeff Shupe, Richfield Township Trustee, Update on Richfield Township

#### Q & A

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

**For a direct link to join the Zoom meeting, email: [mail@richfieldchamber.com](mailto:mail@richfieldchamber.com)**

## Our February Speaker

### Jeff Shupe, Richfield Township Trustee

Richfield Township Trustee Jeff Shupe is chairperson of the Richfield Township Board of Trustees, and has been actively involved in his local government and community for many years. He served as a member of the township zoning commission, was the township safety officer, and served as a volunteer firefighter for the Richfield Fire Department.



Jeff is currently vice president of the Township Association of Summit County. He is a retired firefighter from the City of Cleveland and coached softball for many years in the Richfield Youth Baseball-Softball League.

Jeff is proud to serve on the township team that has Bob Luther and Janet Jankura as fellow trustees, Mindy Remec as township administrator, and Laurie Pinney as township zoning inspector and fiscal officer.

## NOACC offers discount for women's networking event

NOACC and cleveland.com are partnering to invite female Chamber of Commerce members to participate in an inspiring networking event.

Mentoring Monday 2021 is a woman-only virtual networking event with the opportunity to connect with high-profile female leaders throughout Northeast Ohio. Attendees will participate in one-on-one speed networking and round-table group discussions with more than 50 Mentors.

Dee Haslam, co-owner of the Cleveland Browns and CEO of The Haslam Sports Group will be headlining this inspirational event that will take place on Feb. 22, from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

NOACC chamber members will receive a 25 percent discount with the code NOACC20 at checkout. Visit: [advance-ohio.com/mmtickets2021/](https://advance-ohio.com/mmtickets2021/).

## CVCC offers training partnerships for employers

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is offering partnership opportunities for local employers to provide customized training. Tailor-made programs are offered at their state-of-the-art facility or on-site at businesses. CVCC will work with businesses to develop specific, customized programs to meet their unique needs, and obtain industry-recognized credentials.

Through the TechCred Program, the State of Ohio can provide reimbursement up to \$2,000 per student, and up to \$30,000 per company, per year to train employees.

CVCC can provide assistance with the application process. To learn more about the TechCred Program, contact CVCC's Adult Education Department at 440-746-8230 or visit: <https://techcred.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/techcred>.

## Business Spotlight: Advanced Dealer Solutions

Advanced Dealer Solutions (ADS) is a full dealership development company, which works on behalf of automotive, RV, and power sport dealers. ADS has been advocating for dealers success since 2014, partnering with local dealerships, as well as dealerships across the country. Our team has over 200 years of dealership experience, and we strive to apply our knowledge in all facets of the dealership.

Whether it be marketing, pre-



owned inventory, payments systems, F&I products, or service, we work with dealers to

develop a specific list of goals that become our responsibility. We believe people, processes and products are an integral piece for any dealership. We train and develop professionals with a process built to help them achieve their full potential.

For more information, visit [advanceddealersolutions.com](https://advanceddealersolutions.com)

## CCG Automation partners with Akron Children's for award-winning facility

The American Society for Health Care Engineers announced that Akron Children's Hospital has won an Energy to Care Gold Standard Award for the continued energy reduction work in the Considine Professional Building.

While an addition of 209,979 square feet, an increase of 84% of the building size, was being constructed, ACH partnered with CCG Automation, a Richfield company, to replace the automation system in the existing facility to match that being installed in the new addition. The entire 460,823 square-foot facility is now under control of CCG, whose focus on com-

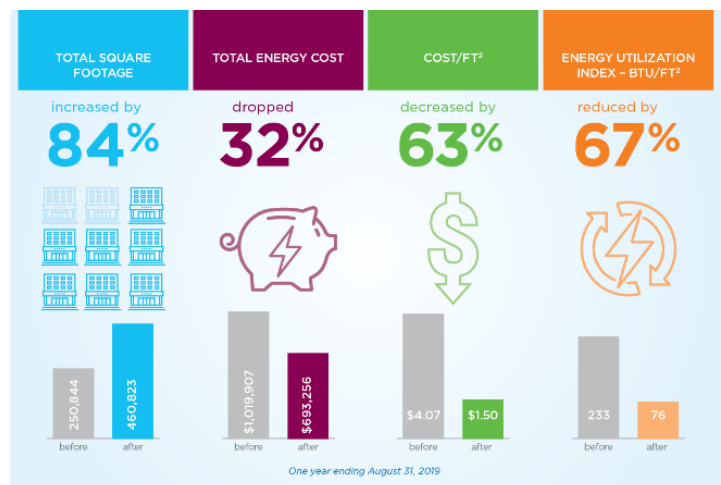
fortable and energy-efficient facilities is a perfect match for the hospital's long-term goals.

"It is an honor to have such a close partnership with Akron Children's Hospital. As they care about the health of our children, so do we. We don't cure the children directly, we cure what ails the facilities, which indirectly impacts the health of their occupants." said Brian C. Wagner, president of CCG Automation, Inc. "This award is another testimonial that we don't just talk the talk, we raise the expectations and set new records."

For more information, visit [ccgautomation.com](https://ccgautomation.com).



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