

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

P. Lynn Seifert, Esquire



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
October 5, 2022**

Speaker

**Michael Lytz,
Update on
Richfield Brewery**

11:45 Informal Networking

12:00 Light lunch served

12:30 Speaker

1:00 Adjourn

at

**Venue South at Quality Inn
& Suites, Richfield**

Members admitted free with a reservation.

Non-members bring \$20 check payable
to Richfield Chamber of Commerce

No-shows will be invoiced \$20 for their reserved lunch.

*Invite an associate! Bring your
business cards to share.*

Please R.S.V.P. to
330-659-3300 by NOON Oct. 3.

Hello everyone,
Fall is upon us. Time for changing
leaves, bonfires and pumpkin every-
thing.

Please join us for this month's Richfield
Chamber of Commerce's luncheon meet-
ing on Wednesday, Oct. 5th at Venue
South at noon. Come early at 11:45 a.m.
for a great opportunity to network with
other business owners, community lead-
ers and Richfield residents. This month's
speaker is Mike Lytz, owner of the future
Richfield Brewery. The lunch is free to
members and \$20 for non-members. Feel
free to invite a friend. Just let us know
they are joining us.

I wanted to mention again that we
are looking for nominations for the
Chamber board officers, so please
consider whether you would be inter-
ested in being on the board, or, if you
know someone that would be a good
fit, consider nominating them. Another
consideration is to nominate a business
for either the Beautification Award or
Business of the Year. If you have nomi-

nations, let me know, or submit them to
mail@richfieldchamber.com.

I also want to congratulate our former
Chamber president, Amy French, for
being chosen as the Richfield Chamber's
Bright Star from NOACC (Northern
Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce).
Amy definitely deserves this recognition
for her commitment to the Chamber over
the last several years. Thank you, Amy,
and congratulations!

Hope to see you all soon, until then
enjoy the fall.

P. Lynn Seifert, Esquire,
President, Richfield Chamber
of Commerce

ACCEPTING BUSINESS NOMINATIONS

Nominate a Richfield business for

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

See page 3 in this newsletter for the guidelines.

ALSO Each year the Richfield Chamber of Commerce
recognizes a business that has enhanced their property.

Nominate a Richfield business for the

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Email the chamber at mail@richfieldchamber.com with your beautification nomination.
The committee will view all nominated properties.

Our October Speaker

Michael Lytz, Update on Richfield Brewery

Michael Lytz was the co-founder of Sarah's Vineyard in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, with his late wife, Margaret. They took abandoned fields and created



a vineyard in the countryside on Steels Corner Road, following all of the requirements and red tape necessary to operate a business in the national park.

They moved a pre-Civil War barn to the location and restored it to be a winery. They created a butterfly garden to welcome guests. There was much regional excitement when Sarah's Vineyard opened after four years.

Lytz, doing business as Northfork Yellow Creek, purchased .666 acres of land on Broadview Road from the Village of Richfield in 2021 where the former office of Dr. Heinle was located. He plans to build a 5,200 square-foot building and a 1,200 square-foot deck and open an upscale microbrewery called Richfield Brewery.

Lytz will speak at the next Chamber lunch and update guests on the possible opening date in 2023 of the Richfield Brewery.

CVCC offers College Night

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center will host College Night on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 6-7:30 p.m. CVCC invites all those wanting to connect with various colleges and universities, technical centers, and military academies to attend. A financial aid presentation by Kent State University will be available to attendees from 6:15-7 p.m.

This free event will be held at CVCC, 8001 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville. Registration is not required. For more information, contact Martha Sluka at mssluka@cvccworks.edu or 440-746-8260.

Past president honored with Bright Star Award

Past Chamber president Amy French was selected to receive the Bright Star Award from the Northern Ohio Area Chamber of Commerce association.

Amy served two terms as president of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce during the difficult years of COVID. Due to her efforts the Chamber was able to stay connected to the business community even though many businesses transitioned to a full- or



partially-remote work force.

Amy was a hands-on president. She volunteered to help at almost every event and served as the chairperson of the annual banquet and other activities when there was no chairperson.

Amy had also served as secretary and vice president of the Chamber.

Amy is VP of Human Resources for OEC, located on Highlander Parkway in Richfield. The Richfield Chamber greatly appreciates all of her efforts and appreciates OEC for allowing her to share her expertise and time with the Chamber for several years.

Body Work opens on Brecksville Road

Body Work, a women's health and wellness center dedicated to changing the way women self-care, is having a grand opening on Oct. 11, 5-7 p.m. They are located at 3807 Brecksville Rd, Suite 4.

It has been a dream for owner Hannah Hrouda to provide the best physical, mental and spiritual support to women so they can better take care of themselves and their families.

The team of all women and several moms offer fitness and yoga classes, personal training, massage therapy, nutrition coaching, breastfeeding and lactation support, childbirth education, counseling, life coaching, free support groups, Bible studies, and a cafe-smoothie bar. They also provide free childcare during office hours.

For more information visit bodyworkoh.com or call 330-523-7020 or email womenshealth@bodyworkoh.com.



Friends of RHP's 'One in a MILL-ion Centennial Celebration' is Oct. 16

The Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve are holding a "One in a MILL-ion Centennial Celebration" on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2:30-7:30 p.m., at Richfield Heritage Preserve, 4374 Broadview Rd. The celebration honors the legacy of inventor James Kirby, who lived on the property and constructed the water mill 100 years ago

to generate electricity. The event will raise funds to complete the mill's restoration.

This adults-only event will include Northcoast Americana band Hey Mavis, Oktoberfest fare from Hofbrauhaus, an open bar, mill tours, and a live auction. Reservation deadline is Oct. 5. For details, visit friendsofrhp.org.

TakeMeBack Series presents 'The Canal That Created Cleveland'

The Richfield Historical Society will hold its final 2022 TakeMeBack series presentation on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. Judith MacKeigan, historian/archivist for Cleveland Metroparks, will talk about "The Canal That Created Cleveland" - a program on the Ohio and Erie Canal.

The Ohio and Erie Canal, connecting

Lake Erie at Cleveland with the Ohio River at Portsmouth, was constructed by the State of Ohio between 1825-32 to provide cheap transportation and to promote the state's economic development.

This presentation will be given at Richfield Fellowship Hall, 3903 Broadview Road. It is free and open to the public. Call 330-659-4750 for additional information.

Nominate the Richfield Business of the Year

The Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with OEC, will honor the Richfield Business of the Year at the Chamber's annual banquet.

The Chamber Board of Directors is accepting nominations for this award. Large or small Richfield businesses can be nominated and businesses can nominate themselves.



To nominate a business, please send us:

- Your name and contact information.
- The name of the business you are nominating.
- The owner or CEO of that business.
- His or her contact information.

Then describe in 300 words or less how the business meets any or all of the criteria that follow:

1. This business demonstrates success and exceptional performance in business practices.
2. This business has been recognized in its industry or by an employee or business organization.
3. This business has made an economic impact on Richfield, the region or the state within the last one to three years.
4. This business has demonstrated corporate citizenship and/or community leadership.
5. This business overcame a diverse or extraordinary circumstance.
6. This business fills a unique void in the community.

Please submit your nomination no later than November 30, 2022.

It can be emailed to: mail@richfieldchamber.com

or mailed to: Richfield Chamber of Commerce,
4300 W. Streetsboro Rd., Richfield 44286

OEC, the 2012 Richfield Business of the Year, is sponsoring this 2022 award.