

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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We talk a lot about the vibrant Richfield business climate, and with good reason: we are a diverse and active professional community that fosters growth and opportunity. But it's not all business! The community of Richfield, and the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, offer so much to engage and entertain as well.

Soon, the Chamber will host the Links For Education golf outing at St. Bernard Country Club. What a great opportunity to enjoy a day away from the office, entertain potential clients, meet new people and raise funds for a great cause.

Need a brief escape from the workplace? Look for a return of the Chamber's food truck event this summer. We hope to offer a couple of opportunities to expand your lunch options in a fun and casual setting. Watch for more details soon.

The Chamber is planning a new fundraiser this year, The Trees & Greens Festival on Dec. 2. With Christmas trees and poinsettias for sale, outdoor grilling, a fire table and entertainment, the event will be family friendly dur-

ing a festive time of the year.

For many years, the Sweet Corn Challenge Bike Ride and later, Sweet Corn Fun Run, provided necessary funding to cover Chamber expenses. We hope that this new venture will be equally as successful.

Mark your calendar for the first Saturday in December and join us on the Village Green to purchase your Christmas tree(s) and other holiday décor. All proceeds will help offset Chamber business expenses. The planning committee would like your help. Please let the Chamber office know if you can lend a hand and be part of this event.

These events, and so many other fun and recreational opportunities, make Richfield a great place to live and play. Stay active and be a part of the life of this great community!

Summit County offers lenders forum for small businesses

Summit County is holding a lenders' forum for local small businesses and start-ups in Akron on May 5, from 2-3:30 p.m. The U.S. Small Business Administration, the Ohio Small Business Development Center at Summit Medina Business Alliance, the Greater Akron Chamber, and Summit County are hosting this lender's forum during Small Business Week.

The panel will allow small businesses to hear directly from lenders to better understand small business lending and credit, and provide business own-

ers the opportunity to ask questions directly to lenders.

The U.S. Small Business Administration will bring multiple lenders to participate in the well-encompassed discussion for the small business community.

The event will be held in the Signal Tree Conference Room of the Bounce Innovation Hub, 526 S. Main St., Akron, 44311.

Register for this FREE event at www.eventbrite.com/e/summit-county-small-business-week-lenders-forum-2023-tickets-615141513827



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
May 3, 2023**

Speaker

**Richfield Mayor
Michael Wheeler**

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 10 AM May 1.**

Our May Speaker

Richfield Mayor Michael Wheeler

Michael Wheeler was sworn in as mayor of Richfield Village on Jan. 2, 2020. Prior to that he served on village council for several terms between 2008 and 2019.



As mayor he oversees a \$40 million budget with over 100 employees. He guided the village through COVID-19 and lead the village in bringing city water to downtown Richfield and completing the Briarwood Sewer District, which reduced the costs to residents. He also increased the safety force training and services.

Wheeler graduated from California State University at Fresno with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and management. He also graduated from California State University at Bakersfield with a Bachelor of Science degree in geochemistry. In California he worked in commercial real estate and developed his own brokerage firm.

In Ohio, he started a business with two people and grew it to a multi-million dollar enterprise with over 73 employees today. He coached youth baseball, football and soccer. He was assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 387. He has served as president of Bath Richfield Kiwanis, and on council for Richfield United Church of Christ. He is also a member of Meridian Sun Lodge.

He is married to Polly Wheeler and they have four grown children.

Don't forget to register for Links for Education Golf Outing Sponsors and volunteers still needed

Attached are registration and sponsorship forms for the Chamber's "Links for Education" Golf Outing, sponsored by GMS. It will be held Wednesday, June 14, at St. Bernard Golf Club on Route 303.

There is an 80-golfer limit and registrations will be taken on a first-come basis. A \$5 per person late fee will be assessed after the June 1 registration deadline.

Sponsorship for the beverage cart, keg stop and golfer gift are still available for \$275, along with unlimited hole sponsorships for \$100. The Exclusive sponsorship provides the donor exclusive rights to a particular hole and an opportunity to set up a table on that hole with a representative promoting their business.

Volunteers are being sought to assist with our various contests as well

as to drive the beverage cart around the course on the day of the event. No prior experience is required. Shifts are from 1-3 p.m. or 3-5 p.m.

We hope you can participate, sponsor, donate and/or volunteer for this fun and worthwhile event, which will feature skill challenges, entertaining activities and a fantastic raffle. A portion of the proceeds will fund the Chamber's scholarships for high school graduates living in the Revere School District. Over \$100,000 has been awarded since its inception. This year, based on the financial results from last year's outing, three \$1,000 scholarships will be given out.

Please contact Karen Smik at kls1650@roadrunner.com or 330-659-4750 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve Offer Migratory Bird Hikes

The Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve will offer two migratory bird hikes on Saturday, May 6, at 7:30 and 9:30 a.m., at Richfield Heritage Preserve. Attendees will meet by The Lodge.

Professional birder Fred Dinkelbach will review basic birding skills and lead attendees on an easy one-mile hike through the different park habitats, listening and looking for our

feathered friends in the height of their spring migration.

Held rain or shine. Suitable footwear, a reusable water bottle and binoculars are recommended.

While this is a free event, attendees are asked to please RSVP at FriendsBirdHike2023.eventbrite.com. Visit friendsofrhp.org for event updates.

Historical Society presents The Archeology and Prehistory of the Richfield Heritage Preserve

Join the Richfield Historical Society for a TakeMeBack Series illustrated presentation by Cleveland State University archaeologist Phil Wanyerka on Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m. about "The Archeology and Prehistory of the Richfield Heritage Preserve."

Although ancient Native Americans arrived in Richfield and adjacent Cuyahoga Valley more than 13,000 years ago, historically little has been

published regarding the archaeology and ancient prehistory of the Native People who called Richfield Heritage Preserve home.

This program will be held at Richfield Fellowship Hall, 3903 Broadview Road. It is free and open to the public. Call 330-659-4750 for additional information and check the Society's website, richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org, for updates.

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.



RICHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 "LINKS FOR EDUCATION" ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
 (With Over \$100,000 in Scholarships to Revere Students)
 SPONSORED BY GMS



DATE: Wednesday, June 14, 2023
 LOCATION: St. Bernard Golf Club
 5364 Streetsboro Road -- Richfield
 GOLF: 4 Person Scramble (soft spikes only)

Check-in/Lunch/Putting Contest Begin at 11:30 a.m.
 Putting Contest from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.
 Contests/Raffle throughout event
 Dinner after golf (steak or chicken)

FEE: **Super Ticket \$400 per foursome by 6/1; \$420 per foursome after 6/1 (this package available to foursomes only)**
 (includes hot dog for lunch, greens fee for 18 holes of golf, cart, refreshments, dinner, skins, 2 raffle tickets per golfer and special gift for each member of the foursome)
Golf & Dinner \$90 per person (\$360 per foursome) by 6/1; \$95 per person (\$380 per foursome) after 6/1
 (includes hot dog for lunch, greens fee for 18 holes of golf, cart, refreshments, dinner and special gift for each golfer)
Dinner Only \$30 per person

Mulligans (\$5/person) and skins (\$20/foursome for those not on the Super Ticket) will be sold the day of the event

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:
 "Richfield Chamber of Commerce" 4300 W. Streetsboro Road Richfield, Ohio 44286

Golf Foursome

(All foursomes must be on the same fee "package")

	Price By 6/1 Price After 6/1	Dinner (indicate steak or chicken)	Super Ticket	Regular Fee
Name: _____	_____	_____	\$400/4some	\$90/person
(Team Captain)	_____	_____	\$420/4some	\$95/person
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Dinner Only

(indicate steak or chicken)

\$30/person

Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (CHECK PAYABLE TO "RICHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE") \$ _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____
 (street--or p.o. box # if applicable) (city) (zip code)

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

PAYMENT IN FULL MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM
 80 GOLFER LIMIT - REGISTRATION ON FIRST COME BASIS
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1 (\$5 LATE FEE PER GOLFER ASSESSED AFTER JUNE 1)

