

# CHAMBER MONTHLY

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## DECEMBER 2023

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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December is a month noted for many things. It marks the beginning of winter; it plays host to many of our most prominent holidays and observances; and, for many businesses, it marks the end of another fiscal year.

If this has been a successful year for your business, December is the perfect time to review and make note of all the things that made it positive. You're more likely to repeat your success next year if you have a vision and plan to do so. The same exercise works if this past year has been challenging for your business. Understanding what went wrong can help you avoid the same pitfalls next year.

December is also a good time to take stock of the people who have been instrumental in your success this year. If there is a person, or a team of people, who have made a positive contribution for your business, make sure they know how much you value them. Investing in equipment or software can be cost-

ly, but investing a little time and appreciation in a valued employee or co-worker can garner equally valuable results. And it will make you feel better, too; showing appreciation has a way of doing that.

During this final month of the year, make sure you seize the opportunity to take in all that the season has to offer. So many unique and wonderful things take place only at this time of year! Don't let them slip by; manage your time well so that you can appreciate the best of the season right here in Richfield.

On behalf of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, we wish you a successful ending to 2023 and best wishes for a bright and promising New Year in 2024!



## LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,  
Dec. 6, 2023**

### Speaker

**Ben Baker, Vice President  
of Summit e-Waste  
Recycling Solutions**

**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 Dec. 4.**

## Accepting Chamber Board nominations for 2024

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2024 Chamber Board.

Only Chamber members may nominate someone, including him or her self. If nominating someone else, 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 mail@richfieldchamber.com.

## Our December Speaker

**Ben Baker, Vice President of Summit e-Waste Recycling Solutions**

Ben Baker is an Akron native. He served in the Marine Corps and worked as a civilian in Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the U.S. Military and United Nations. Upon returning to Ohio, he obtained a degree in computer programming and founded Summit e-Waste Recycling Solutions in an effort to divert the massive amount of electronic waste produced in America.



Ben is married to Kelley and they have 4 children - Gretchen 18, Emmett 6, River 4 and Birdie 2. Ben and his family currently live in North Canton. In his spare time, he enjoys running and fitness, genealogy and brewing homemade kombucha.

Ben will be discussing the importance of diverting e-waste from landfills in today's disposable society and digital security by means of data destruction.

**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](mailto: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.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### *Richfield Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet*

*Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024*

National Interstate Insurance  
3250 Interstate Drive, Richfield

Speaker: Chris Berry, Founder & President/  
CEO of OhioX, a statewide nonprofit  
working to build Ohio into a tech hub.

**OhioX**

*Look for your invitation, ticket information and details in the 2024 Chamber Membership packet that will soon be mailed to you.*

## Richfield Heritage Preserve will be the site of Winter Wonders

The Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve are holding a Winter Wonders event in The Lodge at Richfield Heritage Preserve on Saturday, Dec. 2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Homemade Christmas cookies will be available for purchase. Horse-drawn carriage rides can be enjoyed between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (There is a fee involved). Nine artisans will offer handcrafted items.

Holiday swags will be sold, and refreshments offered for a donation. There will be kids' storytelling, holiday crafts, and face painting. Sunny, the Reindeer Horse will be present from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Father Christmas and his elves will appear on horseback between 12-2 p.m.

For additional details, visit [friendsofhrhp.org](http://friendsofhrhp.org).

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce is selling sweatshirts and t-shirts with a fun design recognizing Richfield's water tower, the tallest in the country, and Richfield being in the center of the path of the full eclipse on April 8, 2024. To order a shirt, go to [maspremium.com/richfield](http://maspremium.com/richfield)

