

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Despite the line from T.S. Eliot's poem about April, for my money it's March that can feel like the "cruellest month." Living here in Northeast Ohio, we've been bundled up for the past six months and we haven't seen the sun since anyone can remember. Seasonal Affective Disorder is a real thing, and it can affect us in more ways than we realize. We're all aware enough of its negative effects that we make the necessary corrections in customer relations. We put on a happy face, even if we're not feeling it. But what about our employees and coworkers? All too often, they receive the brunt of our intolerance, borne of too much darkness and lack of flora and fauna.

It's especially important at this time of year to be hyper-aware of the need to show our appreciation for those with whom we work. Does your business participate in any fun diversions, to make the season of dark-

ness a little brighter? A just-for-fun March Madness bracket can add a lift to the mood of your coworkers and employees. Observing a theme, such as Beach Day or hosting a Beat Cabin Fever potluck lunch are a great way to help everyone over the hump.

Spring may officially arrive later this month, but let's face it: Winter has a way of hanging around long after it's worn out its welcome. So fight back! Do something fun for your staff, and your business will be the better for it. And remember to think positive: Spring will arrive... eventually.



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
March 6, 2024**

Speaker

**Dr. Michael Tefs,
Revere Schools
Superintendent**

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 Mar. 4.**

Put Eclipse Party on your calendar

With the eclipse just one month away, order your Richfield eclipse sweatshirt or t-shirt soon. It pokes fun at our highest-in-the-country water tower. To order one or more go to maspremium.com/richfield/welcome.aspx.

Also, plan to attend the Chamber's Eclipse Party on the Green (corner of routes 303 and 176) on April 8. There will be food, including Richfield Brewing Company's grilled sausage sandwiches, pizza, soft drinks, live music and eclipse glasses. The party will



start at 2 p.m. and last until 4 p.m. Wear your eclipse sweatshirt, which was designed by Revere student Lauren Domdera, with help from her teacher, Bob Pierson.

Co-sponsors of this event are Richfield Brewing Company, Koewler Law Firm, Broadview Heating, Broadview Insurance and Elegant Dentistry.

To have your business name on the event sign on the corner of routes 303 and 176, call the Chamber office and sign up to be a sponsor by March 15.

Volunteers needed for Eclipse Party

The Chamber needs volunteers to help make the Eclipse over Richfield (on The Green) a community success.

Available volunteer positions include: set-up and take-down of tables and chairs, selling food and beverage tickets, selling eclipse shirts, and eclipse glasses, plus helping with last minute details day of event. Volunteers

are needed 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

If someone in your business can volunteer at this event, please contact the Chamber of office at 330-659-3300 or mail@richfieldchamber.com by Friday, March 16.

For more information about the 2024 Solar Eclipse over Richfield, please go to richfieldchamber.com/events.

Our March Speaker

Dr. Michael Tefs, Revere Schools Superintendent

Revere Schools Superintendent Michael Tefs will present a "Revere Update" at the next

Richfield Chamber of Commerce luncheon. A science teacher by training, Dr. Tefs has spent the majority of his 30-plus-year career in educational leadership where he has served as a middle school and high school principal, a curriculum director, and for the last 18 years as a superintendent.

Dr. Tefs earned a bachelor's and master's degree in education from Baldwin Wallace University and a doctorate from Walden University. He is married to Gretchen, a professor at the Collage of Wooster. They have two daughters, Julia and Anna.



Golf outing set for June 12

The 2024 "Links for Education" Golf Outing, sponsored by GMS, will be held on Wednesday, June 12, at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield. Registration, lunch and a putting contest will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The steak or chicken dinner will be served immediately following golf at about 5:30 p.m.

Many favorite contests will be brought back along with some fun new ones that will be described in future newsletters. There will be many great raffle prizes, all donated by local businesses and individuals.

Sponsorships for the beverage cart, keg stop, and golfer gift at the \$275 level are available as well as unlimited individual hole sponsorships at \$100 level increments. In addition the Exclusive Sponsorship provides the donor exclusive rights to a particular hole along with an opportunity to set up a table on that hole with a representative promoting their business and sharing the company swag.

Volunteers are needed to help with

various contests and to drive the beverage cart. No job requires prior experience and you're guaranteed to have a great time. Work shifts are from 1 - 3 p.m. or 3 - 5 p.m.

Registration and sponsorship forms are included with this newsletter. The number of golfers is limited to 80. Registrations will be taken on a first-come basis, so early sign-ups are recommended. A \$5 per person late fee will be assessed after the June 1 registration deadline.

A portion of the event proceeds will fund the Chamber's scholarships for graduating seniors living within the Revere School District's geographical boundaries. Over \$100,000 has been awarded since the golf outings inception. This year, based on the financial results from last year's outing, two \$1,200 scholarships will be given out.

Please contact Karen Smik at 330-659-4750 or kls1650@roadrunner.com for more information about registration, sponsorships, and volunteer opportunities and/or for specific event details.

Passport Fair on Saturday, March 2

Summit County Clerk of Courts Tavia Galonski and United States Representative Emilia Sykes will host a passport acceptance fair on Saturday, March 2 from 8 - 11:30 a.m. at the Clerk of Courts Northfield Title Office, located at 10333 Northfield Road in Northfield Village.

Applicants will need to bring a completed Form DS-11, an original or certified physical copy of their U.S. citizenship evidence, a photo copy of their U.S.

citizenship evidence, a physical copy of a valid ID, a passport photo and a form of payment. Staff will also be available to take photos on-site.

Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling 330-630-7200. Be sure to note how many applicants are in your group when scheduling.

For more information about the passport application process, visit travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html.

Cabin Fever Tour

As a way of supporting local businesses and institutions, the Richfield Historical Society is holding its annual Cabin Fever Tour on Saturday, March 16.

Created in 2009, the tour continues to be a popular event which offers individuals the opportunity to escape their winter doldrums and visit treasure houses of local history, art, antiques, cuisine, gardening, gift items, home furnishings and much more in the communities of Broadview Heights, Richfield, Hinckley and Peninsula.

Detailed information about tour participants - including their location, hours, and any special promotions they're offering that day - can be found online at richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org.

Photography Hike at RHP

The Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve are holding a hike - "Let's See What's Hiding in Plain Sight" - on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 2-4 p.m. James McClintock - a nature photographer whose passion is to capture the beauty and power of the natural world - will show attendees how to photograph winter scenes and objects in nature.

This free hike will be held 'rain or shine' at Richfield Heritage Preserve, 4374 Broadview Road. Suitable footwear and a reusable water bottle are recommended. Attendees will meet by The Lodge.

Visit friendsofrhp.org for registration information.

Recognizing and thanking our 2024 Richfield Chamber of Commerce Silver & Gold Members

2024 Gold Members (to date) include:



National Interstate Insurance

2024 Silver Members (to date) include:



Anthony Allega
Cement Contractor



Davey Resource
Group



Empaco Equipment
Corporation



Revere Local
School District



Petros Homes
Enterprises



Venue South (dba
Quality Inn & Suites)



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 12, 2024

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 \$425 per foursome by 6/1; \$445 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 \$95 per person (\$380 per foursome) by 6/1; \$100 per person (\$400 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 \$35 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")

	Dinner (indicate steak or chicken)	Super Ticket	Regular Fee
<u>Price By 6/1</u>		<u>\$425/4some</u>	<u>\$95/person</u>
<u>Price After 6/1</u>		<u>\$445/4some</u>	<u>\$100/person</u>

Name: _____
 (Team Captain)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Dinner Only

(indicate steak or chicken)

\$35/person

Name: _____

Name: _____

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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)

