

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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We're all about to experience a once-in-a-lifetime event: a total solar eclipse. Whether we actually get to see the eclipse itself is a long shot, given our typical weather in Northeast Ohio this time of year. But that isn't stopping the hype, or the countless events associated with it. It seems as though everyone wants to be included in this history-making occurrence. There's an acronym for it: FOMO - Fear Of Missing Out. Even the Richfield Chamber of Commerce is hosting an exciting watch party!

But there's an exception to every rule, and there are undoubtedly a few naysayers. While most of us are making plans to attend watch parties, a few curmudgeons aren't buying into the hype. They plan to be in a movie theatre, or in their own basement, at 3 p.m. on April 8. To them, it's much ado about something we didn't create and can't control. In their view, it would be better if we had an event to celebrate all the good things happening in our Richfield business community, things we did create and

can control. Well, there's good news: there is such an event! And it happens every month. It's our monthly Chamber luncheon meeting.

I invite and encourage everyone to try your best to attend our Chamber lunches regularly, and bring a friend along with you. They're a great opportunity to network and grow your business. And they're also a great way to meet others in the Richfield business community who share your interests and your experiences. Eclipses may come along once in a lifetime, but we have the opportunity to come together every month to support and promote one another. I look forward to seeing you at a luncheon soon!



**LET'S DO
LUNCHEON!**

**WEDNESDAY,
April 3, 2024**

Speaker

Josh Hayes, Assistant
Principal, Cuyahoga Valley
Career Center

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 April 1.

Chamber's Eclipse Party offering music, food and apparel

Join the Richfield Chamber of Commerce for a Celestial Celebration Eclipse Party on April 8 at the Village Green.

Enjoy live music by SLAM, mouthwatering Italian sausage sandwiches from the Richfield Brewing Company, hot dogs, pizza and fresh baked cookies from Ocelot Café and Bakery.

The party starts at 1 p.m., but come early for this once-in-a-lifetime fun event.

Parking is at Richfield Branch



Library, with overflow parking at Richfield Woods Park and Richfield Town Hall. Lawn chairs are recommended.

Eclipse glasses and exclusive event T-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies are now available at the Chamber office and will be sold at the party, until they run out.

Volunteers are needed to help host the expected throngs of visitors. Call the Chamber office at 330-659-3300 if you can help.

Friends to celebrate founding at annual meeting

Join the Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve on Wednesday, April 17, 7-9:30 p.m., for their annual meeting at The Lodge at Richfield Heritage Preserve.

The Friends are celebrating the 15th year of their founding and the 10th year of their partnership with the community of Richfield and the Richfield Joint Recre-

ation District.

The evening will feature a presentation in recognition of these two important anniversaries. Updates on the Friends 2024 projects and events at RHP will also be provided. Light refreshments will be offered. Please visit friendsofrhp.org for event updates.

Our April Speaker

Josh Hayes, Assistant Principal, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

Josh Hayes has 25 years in public education and 19 years in administration. Over the last nine years, Josh has been the assistant principal/program supervisor at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. His most recent assignment is that of a new work-based learning and career development coordinator.

Hayes focuses on employment partner acquisition, apprenticeships/internships/job placement, curricular alignment of programs to industry, and event management and planning for the job fair and college night. Recent professional accolades include:

- Moving six CVCC programs to apprenticeship/industry articulation models.
- Moving 160 students to job placement/unpaid internships positions. This is approximately 45% of the 2024 senior class.
- Adding CVCC partnerships with: Turner Construction, Local 44 Waterproofers/Warren Roofing, Cleveland Clinic facilities and construction manufacturing works, and Giant Eagle transportation/logistics.

Hayes grew up in the commercial roofing industry as a member of Local 75 Waterproofers and Sheet Metal Union. He is the husband of an esthetician and the stepfather of a nail tech and machinist, all of whom followed the technical career pathway.



Goat Derby returns May 4

Richfield Heritage Preserve will host its 2nd Annual Goat Derby on Saturday, May 4, from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Amity lawn. This year's event, our version of the Kentucky Derby, is expected to attract over 1,000 people. It will offer guests food trucks, craft stations, beer stations,

special raffles, the opportunity to wager on goats, and a VIP area near the newly renovated Amity House. The revenues generated by this fun event will assist in providing funding for the Richfield Heritage Preserve, located at 4374 Broadview Road, for the Richfield community.

Business Spotlight: Consumers National Bank

Consumers National Bank's philosophy is that community banking is defined by attitude, not size, with employees who are dedicated to the community banking philosophy, local shareholders and leadership at the board and management level, community involvement and leadership, state of the art technology, and long-term vision. Consumers Bank incorporates these ingredients into our business model and into every decision. Our mission is to make

CONSUMERS
National Bank

a difference in the communities we serve.

Communities thrive when a vibrant business atmosphere exists, generating jobs and income for its residents. Consumer National Bank focuses on transforming local deposits into commercial loans that help local businesses grow, and mortgage loans that help families thrive.

Consumers National Bank is located at 3680 Embassy Parkway in Fairlawn. Office phone is 330-937-9004. www.Consumers.Bank.

'Links for Education' set for June 12

Attached are registration and sponsorship forms for our Links for Education Golf Outing -sponsored by GMS. The annual event will be held Wednesday, June 12, at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield. Sign up soon. With an 80-golfer limit, registrations will be taken on a first-come basis.

A \$5 per person late fee will be assessed after the June 1 registration deadline.

Unique sponsorships are available for the beverage cart, keg stop and golfer gift along with unlimited, individual hole sponsorships at different monetary levels in \$100 increments.

Sign up for an exclusive sponsorship, which names the donor as sponsor of a particular hole and provides the opportunity to set up a table on that hole with a representative promoting their business and sharing the company's swag.

The extremely popular Drive Like a Pro, which uses the skills of Revere High School boys' and girls' varsity golf team members, will be back along with other favorite skill challenges and fun contests. New this year will

be The Ring Game. More information will on this game will follow.

The raffle will again feature many fantastic items donated by generous community businesses and individuals. Let us know if you would like to be the donor of a special raffle item.

Individuals are needed to assist with various contests and to drive the beverage cart. Shifts are from 1-3 p.m. or 3-5 p.m. Please consider signing up. You will have a good time while volunteering for a great cause.

A portion of the event proceeds will fund the Chamber's scholarships for graduating seniors who live within the Revere School District. Over \$100,000 has been awarded since the events 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 kls1650@roadrunner.com or 330-659-4750 for more information about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, foursome registration, and/or for specific event details.

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

2024 Gold Members (to date) include:



2024 Silver Members (to date) include:



Meridian Sun Lodge Open House

The Meridian Sun Lodge #69 will host an open house on April 20 from noon to 3 p.m. Discover the rich heritage and principles of Freemasonry, explore the historic Lodge, meet the members and learn about the groups charitable endeavors. Experience the tradition and camaraderie of the fraternity. Whether you are curious about Freemasonry or seeking fellowship, please visit that day. Light refreshments will be served. The Lodge is located in the center of Richfield Village on Grant Street.

'Growing Up Cleveland'

The Richfield Historical Society will present "Growing Up Cleveland: Barnaby, Captain Penny and Ghoulardi" on Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m., in Richfield Fellowship Hall located at 3903 Broadview Road. Dennis Sutcliffe, of Lost Cleveland Memories, will share how baby boomers raised in Cleveland grew up with a variety of unique children's television hosts - including the lovable Barnaby, the affable Captain Penny, and the outrageous Ghoulardi. No reservations are required for this free program. Call 330-659-4750 for additional information and visit richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org for any event updates.

Summit Clerk of Courts offers services

The Summit County Clerk of Courts Title Division accepts passport applications, issues titles for motor vehicles and watercraft, and can help designate a beneficiary for motor vehicles and watercraft. The Summit County Clerk of Courts Title Division has three locations: Main Street in Akron, Northfield, and Green.



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
Price By 6/1		<u>\$425/4some</u>	<u>\$95/person</u>
Price After 6/1		<u>\$445/4some</u>	<u>\$100/person</u>
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
(Team Captain)			
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____	_____

Dinner Only

(indicate steak or chicken)

\$35/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)

