

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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November is the eleventh month of the year, and in many ways it's also the "eleventh hour" month: the year is nearly over, and we still have so many loose ends to tie up! In our businesses, we are reconciling accounts and putting on the final push to ensure a successful year-end, all while planning customer appreciation events and holiday office parties. So much to do, and so little time left in the year to accomplish it all!

At the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, we, too, are dealing with our own "eleventh hour" items. Perhaps most important among them is Chamber membership renewal. We exist FOR all of our members and BECAUSE of our members, and we aren't relevant without you. We, as the Chamber Board, are excited and optimistic for another year of promoting and advocating for our local Richfield business community. Membership dues are modest and reasonable, but the value you receive is exceptional. Each month, you have the opportunity to attend our business luncheons, where you can network with other local business professionals and hear engaging and knowledgeable

speakers. Our monthly newsletter affords you the opportunity to submit news items and showcase events about your business. Our new-business ribbon-cutting events provide additional networking and socializing opportunities, and our fundraisers allow you to support, and participate in, the Richfield business community.

We encourage all of our current Chamber members to renew your membership for 2025 when you receive this year's packet. It only takes a minute or two, and then you'll have one less "eleventh hour" item to attend to at this busy time of year. And encourage others in our Richfield business community to become members, if they aren't already. A robust membership roster helps to ensure that we are stronger and more effective. We need you, so renew your membership *today!*

ACCEPTING BUSINESS NOMINATIONS

Nominate a Richfield business by Nov. 29 for the

2024 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

See page 3 in this newsletter for the guidelines.

The Koewler Law Firm is sponsoring this award.

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce would also like to recognize a business that has enhanced their property in 2024.

Nominate a Richfield business for the

2024 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Email the chamber at mail@richfieldchamber.com with your nomination.

The committee will view all nominated properties.



LET'S DO LUNCH!

WEDNESDAY,
Nov. 6, 2024

Speaker

John Evans, Jr., Secretary,
Meridian Sun Lodge

11:45 Informal Networking

12:00 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 Nov. 4.

Our November Speaker

John Evans, Jr., Secretary, Meridian Sun Lodge

John Evans, Jr. was born and raised in Richfield, where his family settled in 1965. He graduated from Revere High School and built deep roots in the community. His family has a long-standing tradition of Freemasonry, starting with his father, who first joined Roosevelt Lodge and served as Worshipful Master of Roosevelt Lodge before transferring to Meridian Sun Lodge. He later served as secretary and has authored Meridian Sun Lodge's 200th anniversary history book. John's uncles and great uncles were also Freemasons, fostering a strong sense of connection to the organization.



In March, 2003, John followed in his family's footsteps, becoming a Freemason in the Grand Master's One Day Class and joined Meridian Sun Lodge. Over the years, he has consistently served the lodge in various officer and committee positions, including two terms as Worshipful Master in 2007 and 2017. He has always maintained the lodge's digital presence. For the past five years, he has dedicated his time as the lodge's secretary, ensuring the smooth operation of the lodge's affairs.

John Evans, Jr.'s commitment to Freemasonry and his community is a testament to his character and the values he holds dear. His leadership and service continue to make a lasting impact within the Meridian Sun Lodge and beyond.

Accepting Chamber Board Nominations for 2025

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2025 Chamber Board. Only Chamber members may nominate someone, including themselves. 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 nominations to the Chamber email: mail@richfieldchamber.com.

Revere Schools recognize student achievement

Following are students who were recognized at a recent Revere Board of Education meeting.

Richfield Elementary School

Pledge Leader: Betty Harris, Benjamin Headings and Braelyn Silva

Bath Elementary School

Bath Nature Club: Gigi Cropper, Riley Yocum and Isaac Ntoni

Revere Middle School

Vision of a Minuteman: Austin Allard and Addison Massough

Revere High School

Sophomore Tommy Kinder competed in the OHSAA State Golf Tournament.

Leadership and Impact: Jake Nations, soccer

Leadership, Revere Players: Bane Thurman

Distinguished Speaker Award: Prabhnoor Singh

Friends to give project updates

The Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve will hold their last quarterly membership meeting of the year on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7-9:30 p.m. Attendees will hear updates on Kirby's Mill restoration and Garfield Hall stabilization efforts, and about plans for this year's Winter

Wonders event to be held on Saturday, Dec 7, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. in The Lodge, as well as other possible events for 2025. Refreshments will be provided. This free, open-to-the-public event will be held in The Lodge at Richfield Heritage Preserve.

Community Tree Lighting

Come "Home for the Holidays" and participate in Richfield's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 29. The festivities, sponsored by the Richfield Civic Organization, will begin on the southeast corner of Broadview Road and W. Streetsboro Road at 6 p.m. The revelers will then move over to Masonic

Hall to enjoy cookies, hot chocolate, punch and receive this year's commemorative holiday pin. Younger participants can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

On the second floor of the Masonic Hall, the Meridian Sun Lodge #69 will host an open house following the tree lighting.

SAVE THE DATE!

Richfield Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025

National Interstate Insurance

Speaker: Brecksville Mayor Daryl Kingston

More information to come in next month's newsletter.

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

2024 Gold Members include:



2024 Silver Members include:



Nominate the Richfield Business of the Year

The Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Koewler Law Firm, 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 29, 2024.

It can be emailed to: mail@richfieldchamber.com

or mailed to: Richfield Chamber of Commerce,
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