

# CHAMBER MONTHLY

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## AUGUST 2025

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Although it seems hard to believe, we're past the halfway mark of 2025. Soon, summer vacations will be over, the school year will begin, and then, before we know it, the holidays will be upon us! But we're not there yet – there's still time to take stock of the year thus far, and make tweaks and changes to our business plans.

Mid-summer provides a good opportunity to review the plans you made and the goals you set for yourself and your business at the start of the year. It can be a constructive use of time while we're still in "summer mode."

Ask yourself:

- Which goals have I already achieved this year? Give yourself a pat on the back for each one; positive self-talk is important.
- Which goals need some tweaking? Has anything changed since I established this goal? If so, there's still plenty of time to adjust your strategy. The ability to pivot is an important skill to develop.
- Are there goals I'm not likely to complete? If so, it's OK. Don't waste time and energy that can be spent on more fruitful endeavors. You'll know when it's time to abandon a plan in favor a more realistic or profitable one.
- What additional goals have emerged

since I set up my business plan at the beginning of the year? Are there new opportunities to capitalize? If so, you'll need to establish goals and make a plan to achieve them, too. Success is much more likely if you're following a purposeful, well-laid path.

• Perhaps most importantly, have I taken time for myself, amidst the busy-ness of work and the completion of my professional endeavors, to enjoy these fleeting summer days? After all, isn't that why we plan so diligently and work so hard to make our businesses successful?

Summer is going fast, but it isn't over yet! Take some time to evaluate your business plan and the goals you established back in the bleak days of December and January. And then grab the golf clubs, tune up that bicycle, hop in the kayak, or just grab a cold beverage and sit on the front porch. However you enjoy summer, make sure to find that elusive work-life balance. You'll be glad you did!

## Treat yourself, your staff and family to Fall Leaf Excursion train ride

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce is collaborating with Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to offer a fall dinner excursion on the famous Valley train on Sept. 15.

With this package Chamber guests will be treated to a 2.5-hour train ride, buffet dinner, a sweet treat dessert basket and an open bar. Local historians will roam the train aisles.

Guests will have reserved seats in two cars, and a third train car will provide open-air viewing during the excursion.

The ride begins nearby at the Peninsula Train Depot, on 1630 Mill Street West, near Route 303. Plenty of parking is available at the Lock 29 parking and overflow parking lots.

See the next page for additional details and ticket information.

**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.



## LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,  
Aug. 6, 2025**

**Speaker:**

**Don Laubacher,  
Richfield Township  
Trustee**

**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 Aug. 4.

## Our August Speaker

### Don Laubacher, Richfield Township Trustee

Don Laubacher is the current chair of the Richfield Township Trustees.

Following his graduation from Bowling Green State University with a master's degree in accounting, Don spent his professional career in financial services before retiring in 2023.



Don serves as the trustee liaison to the Richfield Township Zoning Department, Richfield Joint Recreation District, the stormwater district, and the police and fire safety services.

He also serves on the board of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce as the membership chairperson.

Don can be contacted through the Richfield Township administration office by telephone at 330-659-4700 or through email at [d.laubacher@richfield-twp.org](mailto:d.laubacher@richfield-twp.org).

## Notary service available

Joyce Parton, a new member of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, is offering notary public services to Chamber members. Call her at 330-730-2350.

## Business Walk offered to Richfield businesses

Summit County Dept. of Community and Economic Development has launched their first Business Walk program – an extension of the county's Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) efforts. The department hopes to bring this initiative to all Summit County communities to provide resources.

If your business is interested in being part of the walk in Richfield, please contact Caitlin Elrad at [celrad@summitoh.net](mailto:celrad@summitoh.net).

## Friends meeting

Join the Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve at their membership meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 7-9 p.m. Various park partner groups will provide brief presentations about their accomplishments at the park, and the Friends will give an update on their upcoming plans as well as their historic structure restoration and stabilization efforts. The Friends will also hold a native plant sale, with proceeds to benefit native plant restoration at the park. The event will be held at the Richfield United Church of Christ and is open to the public.

### Ride the Train with the Richfield Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber has reserved three cars on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for a Fall Leaf Excursion on Sept. 15.

The event will include a Buffet Dinner, Open Bar and Sweet Basket. The two-and-a-half hour excursion will start at the Peninsula Depot with boarding at 5 p.m.

Plenty of parking at nearby at Lock 29 and an overflow parking lot.

Tickets are \$80/person or 4 tickets/\$300.

Please bring or send a check to:  
Richfield Chamber of Commerce  
4300 W. Streetsboro Rd.  
Richfield, OH 44286.

Include contact information and an address to return your tickets.

You can also purchase tickets at the Chamber booth at Richfield Community Day, 1-5 p.m. Sunday Aug. 10 at Richfield Woods Park. The deadline for ticket purchases is Aug. 29.

For questions, call the Chamber at 330-659-3300.

## Golf Outing results are in

The results have been finalized, and we're pleased to report that the net profit for this year's "Links for Education" Golf Outing was \$6,759.41. Thanks to the generosity of our golfers, sponsors, and raffle donors, we will be able

to fund two \$1,200 scholarships in 2026.

It was a great event, and we look forward to next year's outing – to be held on Wednesday, June 10, at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield. Mark your calendars now.

## Car show for Alzheimer's Association

The Inn at Apple Ridge is hosting its second annual car show to benefit the Alzheimer's Association on Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

Last year we raised over \$700. Help us reach our goal of \$1,000 this year. With food, music, raffles, and classic cars, it's

fun for the whole family.

To make a donation for our raffle, or to register your classic car for the event, email [activities@innatapppleridge.com](mailto:activities@innatapppleridge.com), or call 234-400-0555 and ask for Hannah. No entry fee is required.

The Inn at Apple Ridge is located at 3308 Brecksville Rd.

## Toledo War next TakeMeBack presentation

The Richfield Historical Society's next TakeMeBack series talk is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m., at Richfield Fellowship Hall.

Carl Quatraro will present "The Toledo War", a border dispute between Ohio and Michigan in 1835 that nearly erupted into an armed conflict when

both claimed ownership of the Toledo area. Is this the root of the Ohio-Michigan rivalry?

No reservations are required for this free program. Call 330-659-4750 for additional information and visit [richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org](http://richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org) for any event updates.