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JANUARY 2026

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dr. Mariah Southard

As we begin a new year, I am honored and excited to step into the role of President of the Richfield Chamber of Commerce. For those I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Dr. Mariah Southard, and I am the owner of BodyWork Chiropractic & Wellness here in Richfield. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve our Chamber and work alongside such a committed group of business owners and community leaders.

As a local small business owner, I understand firsthand both the challenges and rewards that come with running a business in our community. BodyWork Chiropractic & Wellness was built on the belief that when people feel supported, they thrive - and I believe the same is true for our local businesses. The Chamber plays an important role in bringing people together, supporting our members, and creating opportunities that help our business community grow stronger.

Looking ahead to 2026, I am excited about the momentum we have and the year in front of us. My goal as president is to continue fostering meaningful connections, encouraging collaboration, and supporting the success of our members. Whether you've been involved with the Chamber for years or are new to the organization, your ideas, participation, and engagement truly matter.

Thank you to our board and members for your continued dedication to the Richfield business community. I am looking forward to the year ahead and all that we will accomplish together.

Here's to a positive, connected, and successful year for the Richfield Chamber of Commerce!



The Chamber will not hold a luncheon during the month of January. The next Chamber luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 12 p.m. Save the date!

Please Join Us

Former Ohio Senator and Ohio Representative, and now CEO of Team NEO, the leading economic development organization in Northeast Ohio, **Matt Dolan** will be the featured speaker at the annual event of the **Richfield Chamber of Commerce**.



The Jan. 22 event will be held at **National Interstate Insurance**, located at 3250 Interstate Dr., Richfield. A complementary cocktail hour hosted by National Interstate will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:15. Dolan's remarks will begin at 7 p.m.

Please find a reservation form at richfieldchamber.com/events

A reservation form is also attached to this newsletter.

Our Banquet Speaker

Matt Dolan, CEO of Team NEO

Matt Dolan, CEO of Team NEO, drives economic growth across Northeast Ohio by strengthening business attraction, supply chains, innovation, and site readiness. A former Ohio House and Senate member who chaired both Finance Committees, he oversaw major budget decisions and helped shape the economic development tools now used by JobsOhio and Team NEO. His private-sector experience includes serving as a partner at Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan and leading real estate and family enterprise initiatives. Widely recognized for his leadership, Matt holds a J.D. from Case Western Reserve University and a B.A. in History from Boston College.



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.

Popular golf event seeking title sponsor

After 15 years, GMS is stepping down as the Chamber's "Links for Education" Golf Outing title sponsor. We are looking for a business or individual to take on this title sponsorship. The cost is \$1,500 and provides the following benefits:

- Your logo on promotional materials and on the Chamber website.
- Your company banner placed at the registration table.
- Complimentary "Super Ticket" (valued at \$425) which includes a golf foursome, lunch, green fees, cart, refreshments, dinner, inclusion in skins contest, as well as two raffle tickets and a special gift for each golfer.

- Complimentary \$100 hole sponsorship.

If you are interested in this tremendous opportunity, contact Karen Smik at kls1650@roadrunner.com.

The 2026 "Links for Education" Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, June 10, at St. Bernard Golf Club in Richfield. A portion of the event's profit goes toward funding scholarships for graduating seniors living within the Revere School District geographical boundaries. Two \$1,200 scholarships will be awarded in 2026, based on funds raised in 2025.

Please join us in thanking GMS for their 15 years of support and for their continued generosity which was very much appreciated!

The Chamber welcomes Constantine Gardens as a new member

Constantine Gardens apartments are under construction on the former Constantine Garden Center property, located on Brecksville Road, just north of Everett Road. The first phase of the 44 single-story ranch apartments is scheduled to be available in 2026. Designed for those aged 55 and

older, the ranch apartments will offer one, two and three-bedroom layouts along with a variety of amenity choices. Leasing for the first apartments is underway.

For more information call 330-305-2090 or email constantinegardens@zaremba.net.

Richfield Chamber of Commerce 2026 Board Members

President – Dr. Mariah Southard (BodyWork Chiropractic and Wellness)

Vice President – Brian Burch (Akron Summit Library, Richfield Branch)

Secretary – Dana Walters (Consumers National Bank)

Treasurer – Justin Hamlin (HFS Wealth Advisors)

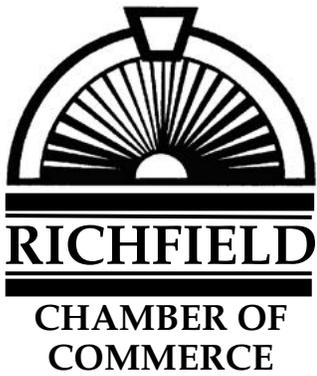
Past President – Mark C. Yantek (Regina Health Center)

Resource Chair – Sue Serdinak (ScripType Publishing)

Membership Chair – Don Laubacher (Township Trustee)

Links for Education Chair – Karen Smik (Richfield Historical Society)

Scholarship Committee Chair – Jim Koewler (Koewler Law Firm)



26th Annual Banquet

Thursday, January 22, 2026

Guest Speaker

Matt Dolan

CEO TeamNEO

“The Road Ahead: Northeast Ohio’s Economic Outlook”

at National Interstate Insurance, 3250 Interstate Drive, Richfield

5:30 p.m. – Hors d’oeuvres & Cocktails - **Sponsored by National Interstate Insurance**

6:15 p.m. – Plated Dinner featuring Sauteed Chicken and Beef Stuffed Pepper, Salad & Dessert
(Vegetarian option is available)

7:00 p.m. – Speaker and presentation of awards

\$60 per person; \$54 per person for reservations for tables of 8

Name: _____ Business: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please reserve _____ dinners @ \$60 each. My check # _____ for \$ _____ is enclosed.

-or- Please reserve a table of 8 @ \$54 each. My check # _____ for \$ _____ is enclosed.

_____ I was a Gold Corporate member in 2025. Please reserve my **two free dinners**.

Please print names for name tags and indicate if vegetarian option is preferred.

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

5) _____ 6) _____

7) _____ 8) _____

Please return this form with your payment by **January 8, 2026** to:
Richfield Chamber of Commerce, 4300 Streetsboro Road, Richfield, OH 44286.
You may call 330-659-3300 for more information.

Richfield Chamber of Commerce

Membership Application

Type of membership : Gold - \$2,000 _____ Silver - \$900 _____ Basic - \$250 _____

*The Chamber's membership year runs Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

Check here if you would like to donate \$50 on top of your membership fee to college scholarships for Revere High School students _____

Company or Organization: _____

Member Name: _____ Date: _____
(Print or Type) Last First

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Business Description to appear on the Richfield Chamber of Commerce website:

Signature _____

Dues Enclosed \$ _____ Check preferred.

Submit to:

Richfield Chamber of Commerce - 4300 W. Streetsboro Rd. - Richfield, OH 44286

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