

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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MARCH 2026

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dr. Mariah Southard

March always feels like a turning point – longer days, fresh energy, and renewed momentum throughout our community. As we look ahead to spring, it's exciting to see so many opportunities for connection, collaboration, and growth taking shape within the Richfield Chamber of Commerce.

One event already well underway in the planning process is our annual Links for Education Golf Outing, scheduled for Wednesday, June 10. This signature event brings together Chamber members, local businesses, and community partners for a great day on the course while supporting education in our area. Registration is now open, and we are also actively seeking sponsors. Sponsorship opportunities are available at multiple levels and provide an excellent way to support a meaningful cause while gaining

visibility within the Chamber and broader community. Find out more on the next page.

As always, I encourage you to stay engaged – attend events, support fellow members, volunteer your time, or consider participating as a sponsor. The strength of the Chamber comes from participation, and every connection helps move our community forward.

Thank you for the time, energy, and passion you bring to the Richfield Chamber of Commerce. I'm looking forward to the months ahead and all that we'll accomplish together.

Warm regards,

Dr. Mariah Southard, President,
Richfield Chamber of Commerce

Business Owner Strategy Summit scheduled for March 5

DWT Wealth will host the Business Owner Strategy Summit on Thursday, March 5, at Group Management Services' headquarters in Richfield. This interactive event brings together M&A experts to help business owners confidently plan a full or partial exit. Attendees will learn how to estimate business

value, navigate payroll and HR considerations, understand current tax rules, and build a successful exit. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. also features lunch and a networking cocktail hour. To reserve your spot by March 3, contact DWT Wealth at 330-564-1700 or acameron@dwtwealth.com.

Thanks from brewery

The Richfield Brewing Company would like to thank the Chamber and its members for all your help and support during our inaugural

year as part of the Richfield Village community. It was a great honor to be selected as the Business of the Year.



LET'S DO LUNCH!

**WEDNESDAY,
March 4, 2026**

Speaker:

**Michael Wheeler,
Mayor of Richfield**

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
or mail@richfieldchamber.com
by 10 AM March 2.**

Our March Speaker

Michael Wheeler, Mayor of Richfield

Michael Wheeler was sworn in for his first term as mayor of Richfield Village on Jan. 2, 2020. He was re-elected in 2023, and sworn in for his second term in 2024.



He also served on village council for several terms between 2008 and 2019.

As mayor he oversees a \$40 million budget with over 100 employees. He guided the village through COVID-19 and lead the village in bringing city water to downtown Richfield and completing the Briarwood Sewer District, which reduced the cost to residents. He also increased the safety force training and services.

Michael Wheeler graduated from California State University at Fresno with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and management. He also graduated from California State University at Bakersfield with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geochemistry. In California he worked in commercial real estate and developed his own brokerage firm.

In Ohio, he started a business with two people and grew it to a multi-million dollar enterprise. Today that company has over 73 employees. He coached youth baseball, football and soccer. He was assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 387. He has served as president of Bath Richfield Kiwanis, and on council for Richfield United Church of Christ. He is also a member of Meridian Sun Lodge.

He is married to Polly Wheeler and they have four grown children.

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.

Links for Education sign-up now open

Plans are well underway for our 2026 "Links for Education" Golf Outing, sponsored by GMS. It will be held on Wednesday, June 10, at St. Bernard Golf Club on Route 303 in Richfield. Registration, lunch and a putting contest will begin at 11:30 a.m., our shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Dinner will be served immediately following golf, about 5:30 p.m.

Favorite activities, contests and skill challenges are returning, including Revere varsity boys' and girls' golf team members to help golfers with their tee shot on hole #10. All golfers will receive a great gift. Terrific raffle prizes, donated by local businesses and individuals, will be awarded.

Two of our \$250 special sponsorship opportunities (beverage cart and golfer gift) have already been spoken for, but the keg stop sponsorship is still open. An unlimited number of individual hole sponsorships, at various monetary levels in \$100 increments, are available including the Exclusive sponsorship for \$300, which 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.

Volunteers are needed to assist with our various contests as well

as to help drive the beverage cart on June 10. No job requires prior experience, and a good time is guaranteed. Work shifts are from 1-3 p.m. or 3-5 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to sign up for both shifts.

Registration and sponsorship forms are included with this newsletter and are also posted on the Chamber's website. The number of golfers is limited to 80. Registrations will be taken on a first-come basis. A \$5 per person late fee will be assessed after the June 1 deadline. Participants and sponsors can now pay via Square. The processing fees will be charged to the payer. To pay by Square, contact Karen Smik as indicated below.

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 given out since the outing's inception. This year, based on the financial results from last year's golf outing, two, \$1,200 scholarships will be awarded.

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

Cabin Fever Tour supports local businesses

As a way of supporting local businesses and institutions, the Richfield Historical Society is holding its annual Cabin Fever Tour on Saturday, March 21. Created in 2009, it 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 Richfield, Hinckley, Peninsula and Broadview Heights. Detailed information about tour participants can be found online at richfieldohiohistoricalsociety.org.

The Historical Society will also have a 250th USA anniversary display at the Richfield Library from March 1-31.



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 10, 2026

LOCATION: St. Bernard Golf Club
 5364 Streetsboro Road -- Richfield

GOLF: 4 Person Scramble (**soft spikes only**)

Check-in/Lunch Begin at 11:30 a.m.
 Putting Contest from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. and from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
 Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.
 Contests/Raffle throughout event
 Dinner after golf (steak or chicken)

FEES: **Super Ticket \$440 per foursome by 6/1; \$460 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 (beer, water, pop), dinner, skins, 2 raffle tickets per golfer and special gift for each member of the foursome)

Regular Golf \$400 per foursome by 6/1; \$420 per foursome after 6/1
 (includes hot dog for lunch, greens fee for 18 holes of golf, cart, refreshments (beer, water, pop), 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 Golf
<u>Price By 6/1</u>		<u>\$440/4some</u>	<u>\$400/4some</u>
<u>Price After 6/1</u>		<u>\$460/4some</u>	<u>\$420/4some</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") \$ _____
 (TO PAY BY SQUARE, CONTACT KAREN AS LISTED BELOW. YOU WILL NEED TO COVER THE PROCESSING FEE)

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. IF PAYING BY SQUARE, INDICATE THAT ON THIS FORM.
 80 GOLFER LIMIT - REGISTRATION ON FIRST COME BASIS
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1 (\$5 LATE FEE PER GOLFER ASSESSED AFTER JUNE 1)

