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Help Us Grow & Get Rewarded! Jennifer Wagner

Director of Member Engagement, Retention & Services



We're excited to announce the launch of our Chamber Member Referral Program; a simple way to help grow our vibrant business community and say thank you to the members who help make it happen! As a member of the Richland Area Chamber, you already know the importance of benefits of Chamber membership. Why not spread the word?

Here's how it works:

If you refer a business or organization to the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development and they join within 60 days, you'll receive a \$25 gift card to a Chamber member business of your choice as a thank-you from us! It's our way of showing appreciation for your support and encouraging continued growth in our network of community business partners.

Making a referral is easy:

- 1. To refer a potential member, simply visit our website at www.richlandareachamber.com, click on the "**Membership**" tab, then select "**Member Referral Program.**"
- 2. From there, you can fill out the online form with the business or organization's details and select **submit**.
- 3. Prefer paper? A printable PDF version of the form is also available on the page.
- 4. We'll reach out to the referral and once they officially join, we'll contact you to make arrangements for your \$25 gift card as a token of our thanks!

There's no limit to how many businesses you can refer; so keep those referrals coming!

Have questions or need more info? Contact me at 419-522-3211 or jwagner@richlandareachamber.com.

Please don't keep the benefits of being a Chamber member a secret! Participate today!

Warm regards,

Jennifer Wagner





The Chamber Turns Its Focus to Community Health

photo by Destination Mansfield - Richland County

This year, the Chamber is turning its attention to a new priority: community health. We believe that health is a cornerstone of community development. When individuals are well, our workforce is stronger, our businesses are more resilient, and our region thrives.

We're in the early stages of planning a long-term wellness initiative in collaboration with many of our area's outstanding health partners. This effort will take all of us, and we know that meaningful change comes through shared commitment. Collaboration will be key to its success.

To start, we're inviting local organizations to help us populate our Events Calendar with upcoming health-related events. Sharing your programs helps build awareness and unites our efforts.

Stay tuned for more to come!

Submit event here

How to submit your event

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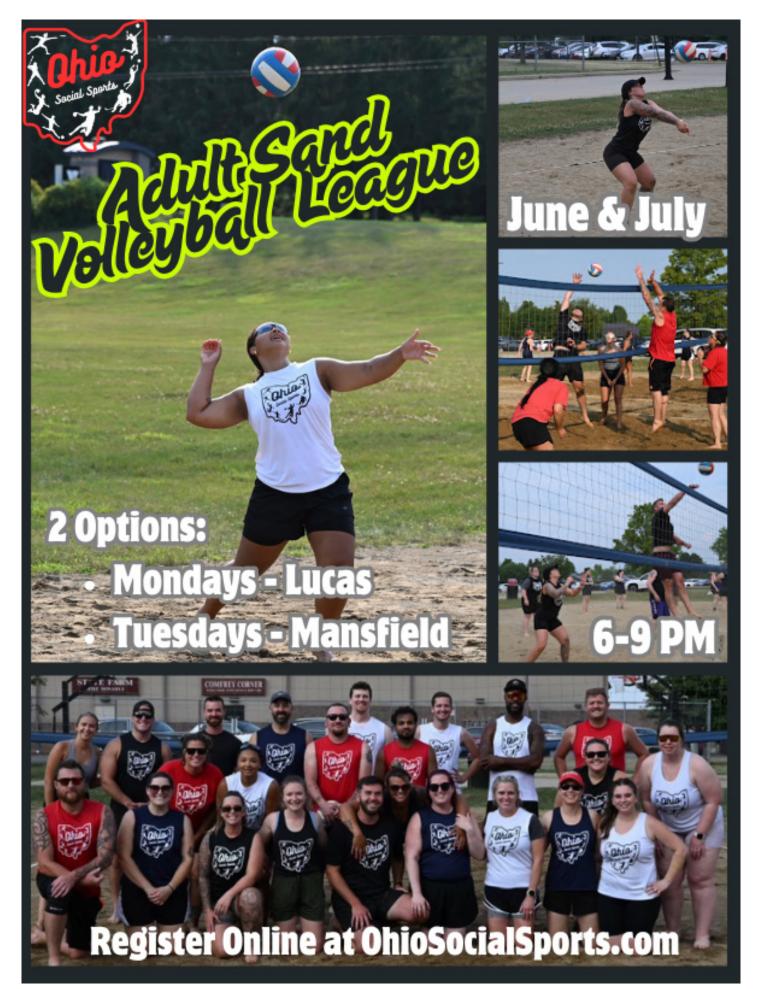


DRM Productions

At DRM Productions, we're proud to call this community home. For more than 40 years, we've worked alongside local businesses, nonprofits, and organizations to help them share their stories and connect with their audiences.

Our team of designers and developers creates custom digital content—from video production and web design to app development, animation, and digital signage—all with a focus on clear, effective communication. We're passionate about what we do, and even more passionate about supporting the people and places that make our region special. Being part of a creative, collaborative community like ours is what drives us every day.





TEAM REGISTRATION FO	ORM
Presented By: 	RICHLAND AREA CHAMBER GOLF Classic
 Price includes greens fees, golf cart, breakfast, lunch, and hors d'oeurves immediately following the tournament. Teams are limited to 36, so please register as soon as possible! 	Friday, June 20, 2025 at Deer Ridge Golf Club
 Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the tournament! Lots of other fun contests throughout the day including Proximity Contests and Skins! 	SKINS COMPETITION Please indicate whether you wish to be
Team of Four: Early Bird Pricing: \$550 per team (\$610 per team after June 10th) Captain:	included in the Skins Competition. \$40 per team Yes No
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Promotion for Your Business

Audience: Business leaders, professionals, nonprofit leaders, elected officials.

This event often sells out (144 golfers)!



All levels also include verbal recognition at dinner



14th Annual Earth Stewardship Take Pride Contest

Celebrating 29 Years of Planting Pride in Richland County

Make a Visible Difference in Your Community!

From April 1 through August 1, 2025, residents, businesses, schools, churches, nonprofits, neighborhoods, and government agencies are invited to take part in this long-standing tradition of enhancing the beauty and health of Richland County.

What Is the Take Pride Earth Stewardship Contest?

- Select a project that improves your community (examples: litter cleanup, beautification, graffiti removal, recycling drive, rain barrel installation)
- Take before and after photos of your project
- Submit your project by August 1, 2025

Recognition and Awards:

- Awards will be given to the top three projects in each category:
- Business, Government, Neighborhood, School, and Nonprofit/Church
- Star Awards will be selected for each village and city in Richland County that registers a project
- A People's Choice Award will be determined by public voting on our Facebook page
- All volunteers will be entered into a prize drawing at the Awards Ceremony on September 12, 2025

How to Participate:

- Register online by scanning the QR code
- Or get a paper registration form at the Chamber
- Visit our Facebook page by searching: Earth Stewardship Celebration

Let's work together to Plant Pride throughout Richland County.

For details and past project examples, visit our Facebook page: Earth Stewardship Celebration

Register>

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Colleen Rice is a passionate advocate for women's empowerment and a key leader at The Domestic Violence Shelter. Her work has helped create programs that provide safety, healing, and the tools needed for survivors to rebuild their lives with dignity and purpose. With deep insight into the barriers women face, Colleen champions the power of connection, resilience, and community—calling on us all to take part in building a more compassionate and empowered future.

Come connect, learn, and leave inspired to uplift others and help transform lives through the power of support and solidarity.





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THE INTERNSHIP BLUEPRINT **Building Programs that Work**

Join us for the next BOSS (Business Owners Sharing Solutions) event, where local business leaders and HR experts will dive into creating internship programs that actually work. If you're considering starting an internship program or looking to improve your current structure, this session will give you some practical insights you can implement right away.

What you'll gain:

- Strategies to attract and retain quality interns
- Guidance on setting expectations and structuring intern roles
- Ideas for integrating interns into meaningful projects
- Best practices from businesses with successful internship programs
- Resources and community partnerships to support your efforts

Pricing: \$30 for members | \$50 for non-members Breakfast included. Complimentary tickets available for gualifying member levels.





SPECIAL OFFER TO ALL CHAMBER MEMBER COMPANIES & THIER EMPLOYEES





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 ENGAGE RICHLAND GRADUATES



The 15 Engage Richland participants and their mentors were recognized at the Richland Young Professionals annual dinner on April 17. The program included tours and discussion on leadership, tourism, local government, healthcare, workforce development, and economic development. Throughout the program, participants demonstrated leadership growth and began applying their program knowledge to their professional and civic roles. They will certainly continue to drive positive change in our community. We thank the mentors for dedicating their time and expertise to the program.



Apply for the Class of 2026 by June 20.





In March, the LU Class of 2025 explored housing in Richland County. The class also toured Wayfinders, Habitat for Humanity, and the Crossroads City Center. Jotika Shetty from the Richland County Regional Planning Commission shared an insightful housing market analysis. Class members engaged in roundtable discussions with agencies and real estate representatives at Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, focusing on how people of different generations and demographics can secure housing. Lunch at Idea Works Kitchen was a treat, where the class learned about the inspiring mission of Rubies Women's Group.









Friday, June 6, 2025 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Schedule

12:00 Registration 12:30 Lunch

1:00 Program Begins 3:00 Happy Hour (Cash

Bar)

Fees/Admission \$28.00

Lunch Included



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What this means to you:



1. Check your listing for accuracy at www.richlandareachamber. com

(your business info displayed on the Chamber website will also be used in the printed guide). If corrections are needed, you can either use the members-only portal of the Chamber website or contact Jennifer at 419-522-3211 / jwagner@richlandareachamber.com

2. Consider including an ad in the guide

8,000 copies are printed of this valuable reference guide used all year long by area residents, visitors, hotel guests, realtors, and local businesses! Contact Angie at 419-522-3211 / afanello@richlandareachamber.com.

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5th Annual Block Party

Saturday, August 2, 2025 12:00 - 3:00 pm Malabar Intermediate School 205 W Cook Rd, Mansfield, OH

Walk-in clinic, games, free lunch, community resources, giveaways, and more!





U.S. Chamber Business Leads Fellowship Program & Ohio/DC Advocacy Highlights

April 2025, Ellen Heinz



Ellen Heinz was selected as one of 35 participants for the U.S. Chamber Foundation's Business Leads Fellowship Program (BLFP), an eight-month initiative focused on sharing best practices nationwide in areas such as workforce and economic development, talent attraction, and education.

During the program's kick-off event in Washington, D.C., Heinz met with five U.S. elected officials: Senator Bernie Moreno, Congressman Max Miller, Congresswoman Emilia Sykes, Congressman Jim Jordan, and Senator John Husted.

Prior to the event in D.C., she attended the Ohio Economic Development Association's Legislative Events, where she met with Ohio State Senator Mark Romanchuk and Ohio State Representative Marilyn John.



UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Register for these events HERE or visit our event calendar at <u>www.richlandareachamber.</u>

- 05/09/25 Dicover Richland Tour: Economic Insights from Healthcare, 9am-5pm
- 05/15/25 Business After Hours, Snow Trails, 5-7pm
- 05/22/25 Brown Bag Webinar, Virtual
- 06/06/25 2025 Reigonal Economic Forum, The Blueberry Patch & 1285 Winery, 12-3pm
- 06/12/25 Leadership Unlimited Alumni Dinner & Class of 2025 Commencement, Kingwood Center Gardens, 5:30-7:30pm
- 06/18/25 Women's Leadership Connection, Colleen Rice, DLX, 11:45am-1pm
- 06/20/25 Chamber Golf Classic, Deer Ridge Golf Club, 7:30am

06/24/25 Business Owners Sharing Solutions - The Internship Blueprint, TBD, 8-10am 06/30/25 Demystifying Ai Workshop, Buckeye Imagination Museum, 1-3pm 10/23/25 Savor & Sip

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