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34th Annual Richland Area Chamber Golf Classic





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Dear Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development Members,

Thank you so much for investing in our community! We are so grateful for your membership and involvement in the Richland Area!

Summer is finally here! With bright sunshine and warmer weather, it looks like it will be a wonderful month!

We've had many exciting developments since our last issue! Here are four major items we wanted to make sure you are aware of:

- Mansfield Main Street Construction Business Support! We are launching several initiatives in the next few weeks in conjunction with our area partners, like Downtown Mansfield, Inc., to provide additional support for businesses impacted by the transformative construction project. More information to come! Future initiatives include a marketing workshop available to all Chamber members.
- Wellness Initiative Launched! Working with Richland Public Health and in collaboration with numerous area partners, including OhioHealth, Avita Health System, Third Street Family Health Services, the Richland County Foundation, and local businesses, we are excited to announce that the Live Well Richland initiative is underway! Additionally, Richland Public Health is hosting a Free Community Health Day on July 22, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please encourage your employees to attend. Stay tuned for more information about the Live Well Richland initiative in the August Newsletter. To get involved, please reach out to Sandy Messner, Marketing and Communications Director, at smessner@ richlandareachamber.com.
- Richland County Port Authority Launched in June 2025! Thanks to the support of Richland County Commissioners, the RCDG team and a number of area partners, our county now has one of over 60 Port Authorities in the state of Ohio! Port Authorities can be a very useful economic development tool for local governments. The Ohio Revised Code provides a wide range of abilities for Port Authorities, including but not limited to providing sales tax exemptions on approved projects, owning land, setting fees, and levying taxes. Port Authorities support community and economic development goals by helping catalyze additional private sector development and can provide financial assistance for a wide range of public and private projects. If you'd like to know if the Port Authority could support a potential expansion or new building project, please contact Tom Vanderhorst, our Finance Specialist, at tvanderhorst@richlandareachamber.com.

• Economic Development Quarterly E-Newsletter/Update! You can now opt in to receive our new quarterly email featuring Richland County economic development updates, including business growth, available properties, and key regional wins. The first edition will arrive in late summer. Look for a reminder email blast to sign up coming soon!

Thank you so much for all you do! We wish you a safe, happy, and productive summer!

Ellen Heinz, M.Ed., OhioCED
President & CEO
Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development



JUNE RIBBON CUTTINGS & GROUNDBREAKINGS













Thank you to our renewing members!

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Interested in enhancing your member benefits?

Contact Jennifer at (419) 522-3211, or jwagner@ richlandareachamber.com

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Savor & Sip Auction

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Item Donation Form

October 23, 2025 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center

Why participate? This event is a great opportunity to **highlight your business** and potentially get some new long-term customers! Some great ideas include: gift cards, baskets, trips, gas cards, chocolate, tickets to sporting events, etc.

Yes, I would	like to donate an item to the auction!					
Business / Organization:						
Contact Person:						
Phone:	Email:					
Item(s): *						
* Item Enclosed? Y / N	Need pickup between (dates)					
Value of Item:						
Please respond by Friday	y, October 3:					

Call: (419) 522-3211 Fax: (419) 526-6853

Digital Form

Email: Iduckworth@richlandareachamber.com

Savor & Sip Auction and Food Tasting

Previous events have sold out at 500 guests!







In addition to the silent auction and live entertainment, attendees enjoy 20+ food vendors offering tasting samples!

Presenting Sponsor

\$4,000 (Exclusive)

- 30 tickets included
- Naming rights (Savor & Sip presented by...)

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- Guaranteed seating at a VIP table
- Logo (small) on souvenir glasses (1 color)
- Logo (1 color) on tote bags for attendees
- Logo (large) on event signage
- Opportunity to set up a promotional table at the event to hand out information
- Company name/logo recognized on advertising
- Company name listed on all press releases
- · Logo included in Chamber newsletter
- Logo included in Chamber emails about the event
- Logo on cover of "Tasting Menu"
 Full page ad in the "Tasting Menu" (3.75"w x 10.5" tall)
- Logo (large) on all event posters
- · Business recognized on stage & in announcements
- Logo & link on event webpage
- Logo shared on social media
- · Right of first refusal for next year

Souvenir Glass Sponsor

\$2.500 (Exclusive)

- 20 tickets included
- Logo (1 color) printed on souvenir pub glass given to first 300 attendees, sponsors, & vendors
- Guaranteed seating at a VIP table
- Logo (1 color) on tote bags for attendees
- Logo on event signage
- Company name listed on all press releases
- Logo included in Chamber newsletter
- Logo included in Chamber emails about the event
- Logo included in the "Tasting Menu"
- 1/2 page ad in the "Tasting Menu" (3.75"w x 5"tall)
- Logo on event posters
- Business recognized on stage & in announcements
- Logo & link on event webpage
- Logo shared on social media
- Right of first refusal for next year

Platinum Sponsor

\$1,000

\$550

- 8 tickets included
- · Guaranteed seating at a VIP table
- Logo (1 color) on tote bags for attendees
- · Logo (color) on event signage
- Company name listed on all press releases
- Logo included in Chamber emails about the event
- Logo included in the "Tasting Menu"
- Logo included on event posters
- Business recognized in announcements
- · Logo listed on event webpage with link

Tray Sponsor

\$700

\$300

- 8 tickets included
- Company logo on all trays passed out at event to every participant
- Guaranteed seating at a VIP table
- Logo (1 color/small) on tote bags for attendees
- Name on event signage
- Company name listed on all press releases
- Name included in Chamber emails about the event
- Name included in the "Tasting Menu"
- Name included on event posters
- Business recognized in announcements
- Name listed on event webpage with link

Gold Sponsor 8 tickets included

- Logo (1 color/small) on tote bags for attendees
- · Name on event signage
- · Name included in Chamber emails about the event
- Company Name listed in the "Tasting Menu"
- Company Name listed on event posters
- Business recognized in announcements
- Company Name listed on event webpage with link

Silver Sponsor 4 tickets included

- Company name on tote bags for attendees
- Name on event signage
- Company Name listed in the "Tasting Menu"
- Company Name listed on event posters
- Business recognized in announcements
- Company Name listed on event webpage with link

Sponsors also receive exclusive pre-sale opportunity before tickets are released to the general public.

Chamber members can also support this event and promote their business by contributing an item to the auction. Contact Lisa Duckworth at 419-522-3211 or Iduckworth@richlandareachamber.com.

LOCATION: Mid-Ohio Conference Center

DATE: October 23, 2025

Promotion for Your Business

Audience: Area business leaders, professionals, support staff, general business crowd.

Advertising/Promotion via: Email Blasts, Social Media Posts, Newsletter Ads, Event Program, Event Banner & Event Posters, Newspaper

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CHAMBER





At **Park National Bank**, it's about more than money. It's about building relationships, making a positive impact in communities and helping people take care of what matters most to them.

Whether you're focused on personal financial goals, finding new ways to help your business thrive, or are a local organization serving others in our neighborhoods, we have the banking tools and services to help you. At Park, you get personalized service from a banker who knows you and your story.

We offer personal, home and business loans, a brandnew menu of deposit accounts, digital banking solutions, retirement planning and trust services, and more. Our size and strength give you flexible, secure banking options and convenience with extensive ATM coverage and branches all over Richland County.

We're a community bank at our core. That's why to us, you're more than an account number. You're someone with hopes and dreams, and we want to help you accomplish them. To us, you'll always mean more.



JULY SCHEDULE

LIVE PERFORMANCES | FOOD TRUCKS*
MECHANICS BANK | 2 S. MAIN STREET | MANSFIELD
ALL PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

JUL 11 Tom's Kitchen Table Panchos Tacos*

JUL 25 Luke Watson Grunt Grub*

In the event of inclement weather, visit MyMechanics.com/LiveatLunch for updates. *Food truck items available for purchase







Presented by: OhioHealth

Below are the results from the 34th Annual Chamber Golf Classic! Congratulations to all the prize winners!

First Place: Wallington & Bauer
Second Place: Schmidt Security Pro
Third Place: Rumpke Waste & Recycling

Special thanks to all our golfers, sponsors, prize contributors, and volunteers for making this event possible. This is one of our most popular events because of you! Last but not least thank you to our friends at Deer Ridge Golf Club for a wonderful day on your beautiful course!



Our Proximity Contest Winners:

Longest Drive (Must be in the Fairway): Jay Wagner, Schmidt Security Pro Longest Putt: Jerry Morasko, Avita Health Systems



Professional photos taken by Braxton Daniels III, Studio 45 Multimedia (419) 989-7047 https://www.facebook.com/Studio45Media







Celebrate Small Business!

2025 Small Business of the Year Awards Nomination

To be considered for the Richland Area Chamber &

business must:

Awards, the nominated

- · Be headquartered in Richland County
- Employ 250 or fewer full-time equivalent employees
- · In operation for at least three years
- · Have annual sales revenue of less than \$20M

Economic Development Small Business of the Year

Demonstrate an active concern for the community

Eligible applicants will be judged on the following:

- · Business History & Performance
- Staff Training & Motivation
- · Community Involvement
- Customer Service
- Business Strategies & Goals

To be considered for the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development Non-Profit of the Year Awards, the nominated business must:

- · Be headquartered in Richland County
- · Total budget of \$2M or less
- · In operation for at least three years
- Must be a 501c3 organization

Eligible applicants will be judged on the following:

- · Collaboration with other organizations
- Employee Practices
- Financial Performance (diversification, income streams, rainy day fund, etc.)
- Customer Service
- · Strategic Planning long range

Contact Person:	Title:	100	
Nominee's Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Nominee's Telephone (day)	Nominee's Email:		
Why are they deserving of the awar	rd (briefly):		

Return to:

Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development | 55 N. Mulberry St. | Mansfield, OH 44902 Email: lduckworth@richlandareachamber.com

Deadline for nominations is September 13, 2025





You put everything you have into your business. And we put everything into creating high-quality health insurance plans for you and your employees. We've partnered with the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development and Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE) to offer a unique benefit option for small businesses like yours. The COSE Benefit Plan is a multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWA) that allows businesses of 1–50 to experience rate stability, savings and the same great health benefits that large corporations have. Bundle your health plan with our dental, vision or life plans for a fully integrated benefits package.

Contact your broker | COSEBenefitPlan.com









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MARY HENTON **Executive Director** Impact Now



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The Class of 2025 wrapped up a remarkable year with a visit to Gorman Nature Center, exploring local conservation efforts and the work of the Richland County Park District. In memory of classmate Rachel Fagan, they planted a Redbud tree in a new garden at the visitor center. The day closed with reflections and a renewed commitment to civic leadership.







BlueScope Recycling & Materials gave the group a behind-the-scenes tour of their full-service steel recycling site. From ferrous to non-ferrous processing, the explored how sustainability drives their long-term vision.







Richland County Solid Waste Management, class members learned how residential recycling is processed and how educational outreach is shaping future generations. The class even hosted a recycling drive and filled a bin.

Learn more about program days at facebook.com/LeadershipUnlimited.



Class of 2025 Commencement



What an incredible evening at the 2025 Leadership Unlimited Alumni Dinner & Commencement!

We honored the LU Class of 2025—leaders who explored everything from economic development to health equity, and made a lasting impact through their capstone project, raising over \$20,000 for NAMI Richland County. We were moved by Pam Siegenthaler's keynote, honored Fred Boll as the Outstanding Alumnus, and paid tribute to the beautiful spirit of Rachel Fagan. We also welcomed the Class of 2026—33 new leaders ready to make a difference in Richland County! Thank you to our sponsors, alumni, and everyone who made this night so special. Let's keep leading with heart and purpose.



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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>



LUNCH & LEARN MISSION: HR POSSIBLE

Save the Date

Thursday, August 14 2025 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

REGISTER NOW



ENGAGE RICHLAND APPLICATIONS NOW DUE JULY 31



Why should you or a rising professional you know take part in Engage Richland?

Because building strong leaders starts with real-world experience, strong connections, and a deeper understanding of your community.

Engage Richland is a six-month leadership experience for early-career professionals, ages 18 to 35, who want to grow as leaders, build their network, and make a difference right here in Richland County.

Program Info:

- Meets monthly from October 2025 through March 2026
- Second Tuesdays, 1:00 to 5:00 PM
- Tuition: \$750 (payment plans available)
- Open to ages 18 to 35
- Limited to 20 participants

New deadline to apply: July 31, 2025

Questions? Contact Angie Cirone at 419-522-3211 acirone@richlandareachamber.com



A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Richland Area Chamber ATHENA Leadership Award

Nominate an exceptional woman for the Richland Area Chamber ATHENA Leadership Award! This prestigious recognition celebrates individuals who excel professionally, contribute to their community, and empower other women. Nominees should have ties to north central Ohio. Be a part of this distinguished tradition and submit your nomination by October 3, 2025. Recognize remarkable women in the categories of professional support, business accomplishments, community service, and more.

Join us at our Annual Meeting on February 11, 2026, sponsored by Park National Bank, as we honor these outstanding leaders. Don't miss the chance to acknowledge their remarkable contributions.



<u>NOMINATE</u>

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS RCDG Economic Excellence Awards



Nominations are open for the 2026 Economic Excellence Awards, recognizing the game-changers in Richland County's economic landscape. We invite you to highlight businesses, individuals, and organizations that have significantly influenced economic, workforce, and community development. The Economic Impact Awards specifically acknowledge outstanding efforts in these areas.

Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting on February 11, 2025, at the Mid-Ohio Conference Center. Nominate deserving candidates by October 3, 2025 by following the link below.

<u>NOMINATE</u>

COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY

JULY 22, 2025 9:00AM-3:00PM 555 Lexington Ave. Mansfield, OH 44907

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health screenings,
consultations, giveaways, and
more! Featuring services from:













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!



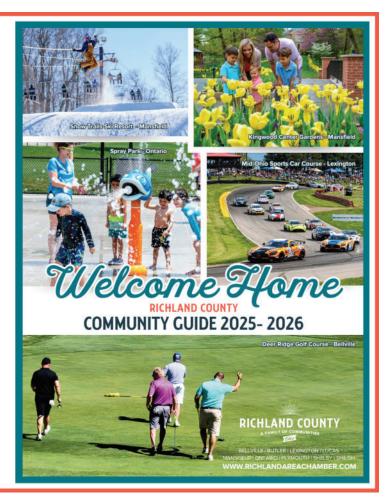


THE NEW DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVEDI

Explore everything our region has to offer with the interactive Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development Member Directory and Community Guide. From local attractions to trusted businesses, it's your go-to resource for discovering the best of our community.

VIEW ONLINE

REQUEST MORE COPIES



Item Donation for Events

When you donate items to Chamber events such as Savor & Sip, Business Expo, Golf Outing, and Business Professionals Day, you put your business name in front of a captive audience!

Contact: Lisa Duckworth at (419) 522-3211
 Iduckworth@richlandcareachamber.com



Accepting donations now for Savor & Sip!

CLICK HERE TO DONATE





UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Register for these events HERE or visit our event calendar at www.richlandareachamber. 08/14/25 Lunch & Learn - Mission: HR Possible, Area Agency on Aging, 11:30am-1:30pm

08/14/25 Business After Hours, Whishmaker House Bed & Breakfast, 5-7pm

08/20/25 Women's Leadership Connection - Mary Henton, DLX, 11:45am-1pm

09/25/25 Business After Hours, Buckeye Imagination Museum, 5-7pm

10/23/25 Savor & Sip, Mid Ohio Conference Center, 5-7:30pm

12/09/25 Small Business of the Year Awards, Kehoe Center, 11:30am-1:30pm

02/11/26 Annual Meeting and Economic Excellence Awards Dinner 2026, Mid Ohio Conference

Center, 5-8pm

























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