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Momentum Across Richland County

Jessica Gribben, OhioCED

President & CEO



As we move into the heart of summer, there is a tremendous amount of positive momentum happening across Richland County.

From new investments and redevelopment projects to community celebrations and events, the energy across our communities is undeniable. One recent milestone worth celebrating is the progress of the Buc-ee's project. Congratulations to our partners in Mansfield, Madison and Mifflin townships as well as county officials who have worked diligently to move this transformational opportunity forward. Projects of this scale require vision, persistence, and collaboration, and they represent the kind of investment that can have a lasting impact on our county.

We also look forward to gathering at the former Westinghouse site for the WestingHOUSE Party to celebrate the successful completion of another significant public-private partnership. This project stands as a testament to what can be accomplished when a community comes together to work together toward a common goal.

Beyond these major developments, summer brings countless opportunities to connect and celebrate. From festivals, concerts, and community events to business gatherings and family activities, there is no shortage of reasons to get out and enjoy all that Richland County has to offer.

While every community has its challenges, it is important to pause and recognize the progress being made. The investments, partnerships, and community spirit we are seeing today are helping build a stronger future for tomorrow.

Thank you for being part of that momentum. We look forward to seeing you throughout the summer and continuing the important work of making Richland County an even better place to live, work, and invest.

Warmly,

Jessica Gribben, OhioCED

President & CEO, Richland Area Chamber and Economic Development



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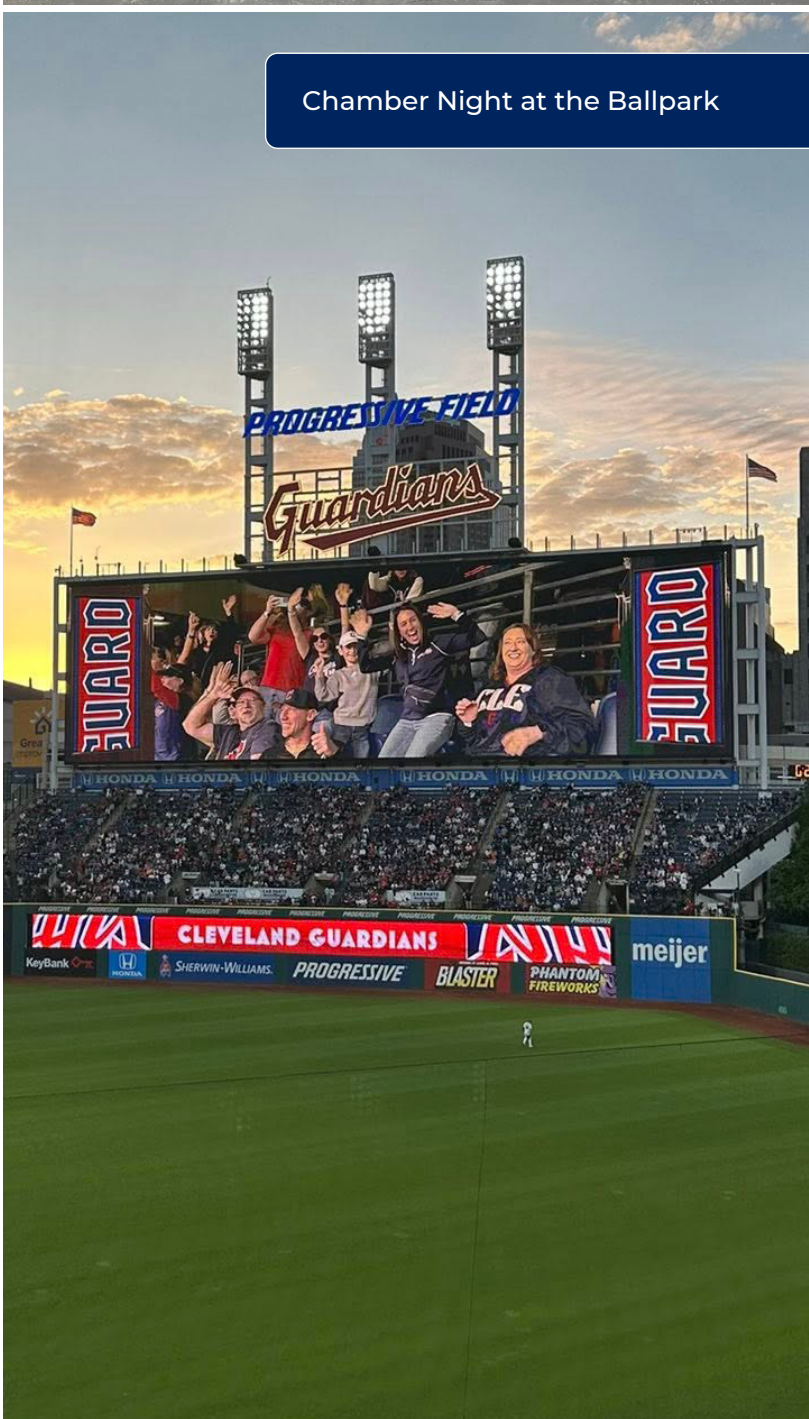


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Launch of RCT Flex Extended Service



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BWC mailed 2026 estimated premium notices and installment schedules in early May. Employers expecting payroll changes should contact BWC to adjust their estimates. Timely installment payments are critical, as missed payments may result in a lapse of coverage. Employers who pay their entire 2026 premium by the June due date may qualify for a 2% Early Payment Discount.

True-up notices will be mailed around July 1, 2026, with reporting and any additional premium due by August 31, 2026. Failure to meet the deadline may result in the loss of eligibility for discount and rebate programs. For questions, contact Sedgwick program manager Dave Deyo at david.deyo@sedgwick.com.



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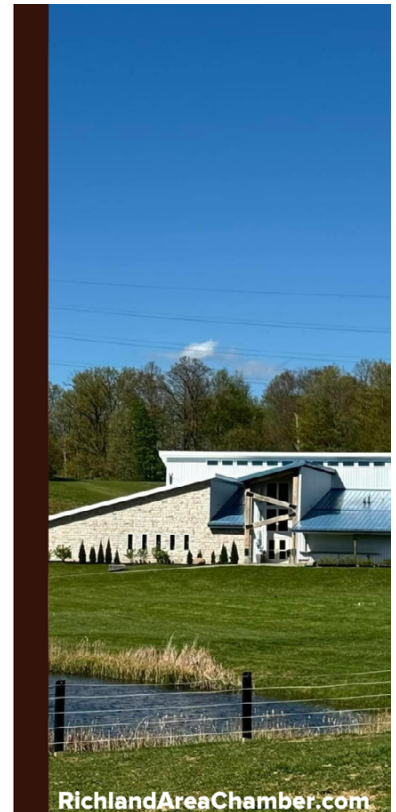
Coffee



When: Thursday, June 25, 2026
8 - 9 AM

Where: The Blueberry Patch
1285 Hanley Rd W,
Mansfield, OH 44904

Why: Coffee, connections...
and did we mention coffee???



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A Morning with Damon West
& The Coffee Bean Message


A Message from
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 Wednesday, August 5, 2026
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

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Damon West
"The Coffee Bean Guy" 



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Wednesday, August 5, 2026
9:00 – 10:30 AM
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A Morning with Damon West.

National Speaker & Author of
"Be a Coffee Bean"

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Damon West is an internationally known keynote speaker, 4-time bestselling author, and former crime boss in Dallas who was sentenced to life in prison for organized crime. USA Today calls him the "modern day Shawshank Redemption and the most in-demand speaker in America." After a spiritual awakening during incarceration, Damon emerged from over seven years in prison a changed man. His story is one of hope, redemption, grit, and the resilience of the human spirit.

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- Business logo on social media posts
- Business logo on membership emails advertising the event
- Table sign with corporate logo
- Verbal recognition from the podium at the event

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- Business logo on all event advertising (medium)
- Business logo on our event webpage
- Business logo in Chamber Newsletter
- Business logo on social media posts
- Business logo on membership emails advertising the event
- Table sign with corporate logo
- Verbal recognition from the podium at the event

SILVER \$1,000

- 4 tickets to the event
- Business name on all event advertising
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- Business logo in Chamber Newsletter
- Business name on membership emails advertising the event
- Verbal recognition from the podium at the event

BRONZE \$500

- 2 tickets to the event
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- Verbal recognition from the podium at the event

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Monday, June 15
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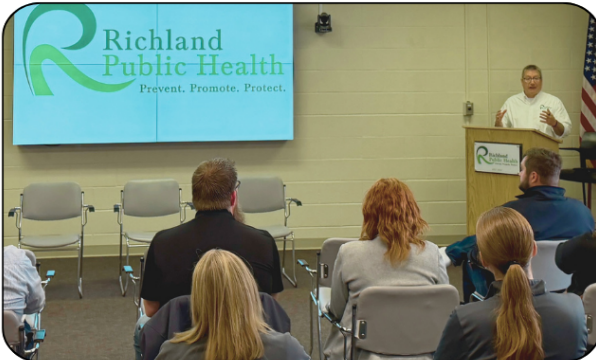
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The panel on Community Health Realities: Challenges, Trust & Innovation featured Peggy Anderson of Third Street Family Health Services, Brice Eyerly of the Community Health Access Project, and Katie Reitler of Catalyst Life Services.



Richland Public Health shared about key programs to keep residents safe and well including the Richland AED program.



Class members connected with the Avita Health System team and toured the Ontario Hospital, including the new Jode Cancer Center.



The OhioHealth team delivered an engaging presentation and guided participants through an inside look at Mansfield Hospital, highlighting key services and innovations.

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



A WestingHOUSE Party



Mansfield's next chapter is here.
A WestingHOUSE Party celebrates the cleanup milestone and invites everyone to help build what's next.

SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026 10am–10pm

🍴 FOOD TRUCKS: ALL DAY

👨👩 CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL: 10am–1pm

- ➔ Vendors such as the Buckeye Imagination Museum, United Way's Big Red Bookshelf, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, and more will provide family-friendly activities.
- ➔ The Performance Dogs of Ohio will provide entertainment at 10:00am and 12:00pm.
- ➔ The Mansfield Fire Department will have a children's firefighter training course.
- ➔ Interactive activities such as bounce houses, a dunk tank, yard games, and more!

🏐 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: 10am–4pm

- ➔ \$25 per player
- ➔ Minimum of 5 games guaranteed
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🛹 SKATE OHIO! ATTACK THE SPOT: 2pm–6pm

🎵 MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT: 6pm–10pm

- ➔ Shucking Bubba: 8pm–10pm
- ➔ Fireworks: At Dusk

Learn more at: brandrichland.com/a-westinghouse-party

LOCATION	DATE & TIME	
Former Westinghouse Site, 200 E. Fifth St., Mansfield, OH	Saturday, June 13, 2026 10:00am–10:00pm	

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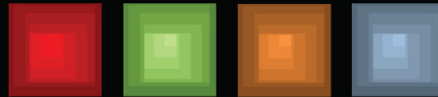
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Leadership Unlimited Alumni Dinner & Class of 2026
Commencement, DLX, 5:30-7:30pm

06/15/26

Chamber Golf Classic, Westbrook Country Club

06/17/26

Women's Leadership Connection – *The Power of You:*
Women Doing Good, DLX, 11:45am-1:00pm

06/18/26

Business After Hours, Charles Mill Marina, 4:00-6:00pm

06/25/26

Chamber Coffee Hosted by Directions Credit Union,
The Blueberry Patch, 8-9am

08/05/26

Second Chances. Stronger Communities.
A Morning with Damon West, Historic Ohio
State Reformatory, 9am-10:30am

10/22/26

Savor & Sip, Mid Ohio Conference Center, 5-7:30pm

12/08/26

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

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