Catch up on Chamber news from this summer/fall and mark your calendars for upcoming events!

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Serving the Cuyahoga Valley Region, Rockside Road Corridor & the Communities of Brooklyn Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Independence, Seven Hills, Valley View & Walton Hills

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lynette Slama, President

With 2015 winding down I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber for all that is does for our communities. My term is ending and I look for new and exciting things in 2016. Starting and ending dates are usually noted by a memorable events.
I started with this organization 25 years ago while I was pregnant with my son. Great relationships, increased business for the Holiday Inn and the ability to join in a sense of community are just a few rewards I have enjoyed from my participation. I encourage everyone to share his or her talents, and get involved, it will make a difference.
Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season
Thank You!

Sincerely,
Lynette Slama, President
Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

April Acuña, Executive Director

This has been a spectacular year for the chamber, and I am so delighted to be a part of it these past nine months. For me, it has been a period of making new friends, and learning all about your municipalities from the 6 mayors and all those who work within them.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our summer and fall activities. The turnouts were terrific, and everyone had a great time. We will strive for even bigger and better events next year.

But, for now, I want to focus on what's coming up this holiday season. In one day, we will have our ever popular State of the Region address, in December there will be Share-A-Christmas, partnering with the Holiday Inn. Then, in January, we will have the RNC update for the Cuyahoga Valley region.

At last, we are proud to finally be able to announce the launch of Chambermaster, our new membership software. We've had a couple of false starts, but it is, at last, up and running. This software will improve our member-to-member communications, will allow member businesses to update their information electronically, and will be able to handle members' advertising and promotions. Detailed information is below. Additionally, you will all be receiving comprehensive information in the mail.

I am looking forward to continuing to get to know all of you, and I wish everyone a joyful, safe, and rewarding holiday season.

Thanks,

April Acuña, Executive Director
Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Liberty Schindel, Economic Development, City of Independence

All organizations have someone that always seems to go the extra step. We have been so lucky to have Liberty Schindel be **that** board member. She has been instrumental with our By-Laws committee, diligently working on the Strategic Plan as well as a Committee Handbook. She also sits on the Programming Committee.
On behalf of the entire Board we **Thank You!!**

CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber Master's - Membership Software

Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce announces a new partnership with MicroNet, Inc., the leading provider of online solutions for member-based associations and chambers of commerce.

Your membership gives you exclusive access to specialized tools to promote your organization via the new online Member Information Center. Read more...

Join the Chamber Energy Aggregation Program

This is an exclusive opportunity to save money on electricity and natural gas bills with Community Energy Advisors (CEA). This savings benefit is a group buying program which allows members to aggregate, creating "market power" and savings for themselves. Read more...

SAVE THE DATE

Be sure to register for these upcoming Chamber events!

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More Information
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A RECAP OF SUMMER/FALL EVENTS

Annual Picnic

In spite of the persistent rain during the morning of August 27th, the Chamber proceeded with their scheduled annual picnic. By the time 11:30 AM rolled around, the sun was out, and a beautiful day was beginning for the 70 people who attended this festive event.
Read more...

Annual Golf Outing

Bill Smiley, Charlie Denallo, Frank Denallo of Temple Square Interiors - Golf Chairman, and Milan Zuzek

The Annual Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing this year had to be the best one ever. The powers that be smiled on us granting us a perfectly beautiful day - a perfect golf day! We had 60 golfers in all, although some might count 61.

The 61st golfer was the Chick-fil-A inflated cow with his endearing message to: "Eat More Chikin." Unlike the 60 other golfers, this one challenged you to hit him. For $5.00 you had the opportunity, and if you did, you won Chick-fil-a for a year. Three of our golfers hit the cow! Can you believe it!
Read more...

Elsa Mahnic, Dr. Holly Thacker of Speaking of Women's Health, Tom Thacker of Oppenheimer, VP of the Chamber, and Wendy Kertesz of MarketingSense

Lynette Slama - President of the Chamber, Rosanna Hrabnicky of Marketplace Events, Joe Amoroso, and Susan Amoroso of Walthall CPAs

The Marijuana Legalization Amendment Luncheon

Tony Coder of Drug Free Action Alliance

October 21 - Living up to the new goals of the Chamber's new Strategic Plan, the intention of this event was to provide educational programming to our members.

Unfortunately, Ian James of Responsible Ohio was a no-show. However, Tony Coder of Drug Free Action Alliance more than filled the bill.
Read more...

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE NEWS

Independence and Fairmount Properties Partner in Mixed-Use Developments

The City is pleased to announce the selection of Fairmount Properties as its development partner to facilitate and guide the implementation of the concepts and ideas recommended in the Area Plans.
Read more...

New Hotel Coming Soon to Independence

The newest hotel to the area, the Marriott SpringHill Suites! With a scheduled opening summer of 2016. The 4 story hotel will feature 121 suites, accommodating two different room styles. Two Queen beds or a King bed with a pull-out sofa, as well as, a workspace, coffee maker, mini fridge, and microwave! Hotel amenities include an indoor pool, fitness center, business center, 24-hour market, fire pit and a daily hot breakfast bar! You'll find free wifi throughout the hotel and Marriott rewards points will be accepted.
Owned and operated by Janus Hotels and Resorts. Same owners as the Holiday Inn.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please help the Chamber keep up-to-date records by sending your new information!

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