

**May 2020**

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# zoom

Joining a Meeting

## Do you ZOOM?

**W**e do! We are holding many Zoom meetings to give our members information as well as just having a casual connection and virtual happy hours! We are compiling our calendar for May so check out our website often. We are doing Connections and Coffee on Friday's at 9:00 am for one hour for you to share information about your business and to get referrals. We are looking for speakers from our members as we know that you have much expertise! If you have a topic that may be beneficial for the community, but is not a sales pitch for a product or service, please contact Libby to see if it would be a good fit. You may contact her at [Libby@hilliardchamber.org](mailto:Libby@hilliardchamber.org) or at 614.876.7666.

## Spaces Available to Sponsor a Hole, Door Prizes for Golf Outing

**W**e still have available spaces to sponsor a hole for our upcoming golf outing. The cost is \$125 and includes a sign with your logo at the hole, listing in the program and newsletter and a listing on the Chamber website. If you would like to donate a door prize with a \$25.00 value or higher, or items for the goodie bags, we would love that, too! You can sign up at [www.hilliardchamber.org](http://www.hilliardchamber.org) or by calling the office, 614.876.7666. We hope to see your name on the course!



# HILLIARD

## HOLLY FEST

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

### Hollyfest Arts & Crafts Show Application Available

Are you or do you know someone who makes amazing handmade crafts? We are looking for them to apply to the 38th Hollyfest Arts & Crafts Show to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2020. Each year brings 5000 people to Hilliard to this premier craft show which features 118 vendors. The vendors who have participated in this and other shows overwhelmingly tell us that this is one of the best run shows in central Ohio. It is a juried show and the application can be found on the Chamber's website, [www.hilliardchamber.org](http://www.hilliardchamber.org). The deadline is July 1st to turn in the application along with at least 3 photos and \$10 jury fee.



### Tee It Up on August 24 – NEW DATE!

We are almost half full with golfers for the outing at **Heritage Golf Club!** Now is your chance to play in a scramble format golf outing at this private club! Bring your clubs, clients, friends, family, etc. to play in this fun outing! Each year we have a great group of people who come to play this Pete Dye designed course.

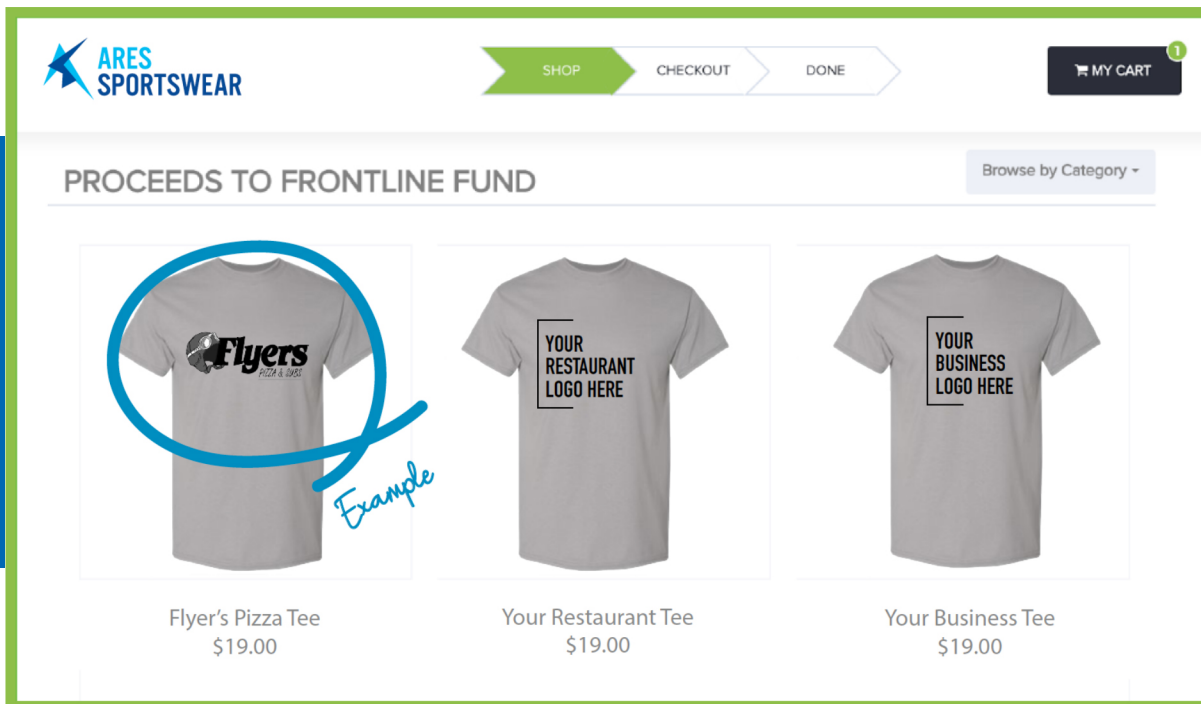
Lunch and a buffet grilled dinner will be provided in addition to great skill holes to win prizes. There will also be a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver and shrimp station. You can sign up at [www.hilliardchamber.org](http://www.hilliardchamber.org). See you at the course!



### LinkedIn Group for the Chamber

The Hilliard Chamber of Commerce has a LinkedIn Group which we would encourage you to join! As LinkedIn is the professional platform of social media, we want to connect you to others in generating meaningful conversations about business issues. Please look for our group and become a member.





## Community Tee Project

**Ares Sportswear** is doing something called the “Community Tee Project” where they sell the biggest fans/customers of local businesses a tee with that business’ logo on it. The business will get \$10 for EVERY tee sold! That can add up real quick. In fact-- **Flyer’s Pizza** is already a participant.

**\*\*There is no cost for the business to do this\*\***

If you have a restaurant/bar/small business in mind that you wish to support, or if you yourself are a small business owner and want to participate, you can visit the website <https://centralohiocommuni-tee.itemorder.com/>, email them at: [info@areswear.com](mailto:info@areswear.com) or call 800-439-8614 to get started.

When the store closes, the businesses will receive checks for the amount that was raised. A very easy way for free money to come in and **Ares Sportswear** does all the work. The deadline for this project is May 25 to get your orders in.

## Light Ohio Blue Week— May 8-15

**H**ave you heard of Light Ohio Blue Week? It is a statewide campaign to show support to the law enforcement personnel who protect our communities all over the State of Ohio and a way to honor and pay respects to the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

Each year, in May, every citizen and business is encouraged to change their exterior lights to blue to show their support for Law Enforcement personnel. Light Ohio Blue Week will take place May 8-15 this year, in coordination with May 15 being National Peace Officers Memorial Day. Hilliard residents and businesses are asked to leave their lights blue through May 19 in recognition of fallen Hilliard Officer Sean Johnson, who ended his watch May 19, 2016. For more information please visit [lightohioblue.org](http://lightohioblue.org).



# Business Spotlight — State Farm Insurance



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office we have loved being able to help you, your family, and the small businesswomen & men in our community protect your assets and dreams for 30 years. As a local small business ourselves, staying involved and contributing to the stability of our community through the ups and downs is something we stay committed to.

**State Farm** believes in building safer, stronger, and better educated communities. At the Mike McClaskie **State Farm**

What makes us noteworthy: **State Farm** is the #1 auto & home insurer in Ohio and the United States, the #2 largest life insurance provider and a leading small business insurance provider.

**The McClaskie Agency** has repeatedly been recognized as one of the top 50 out of more than 19,000 State Farm agents in the U.S., which has resulted in a special lifetime recognition award from State Farm. This achievement would never have been possible without a great team and total dedication to serving our clients.

(614) 777-9777 <https://www.statefarm.com/agent/US/OH/Hilliard/Mike-Mcclaskie-S2K9W1YS000>

## Post a Job Opening to the Chamber Website

Looking to add to your team? Post a job opening on the Chamber website! It's as easy as logging into the member center on [www.hilliardchamber.org](http://www.hilliardchamber.org), click on the job openings link on the dashboard, click on **Add job posting** button, enter the information and click on submit for approval.



## Connections and Coffee May Dates

We would like to host our Connections and Coffee the following Friday's in May: May 1, May 8, May 22 and May 29 from 9:00-10:00am. We ask everyone to share a little bit about your business and also share something more personal about yourself. The question to share an unknown fact about you is shared at the beginning of the meeting! It is always a great meeting to connect with other chamber members so you can build your referral network. Look for the registration link on our website – once you register, you will be given the link and password to access the meeting.

## Small Biz Cares Week

The Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to be a community partner for Small Biz Cares



Week, which is happening from May 3rd to May 9th. The week aims to connect small businesses, employees of small businesses, and those that love and support small business to connect and inspire through acts of kindness, philanthropy, small business support and virtual events. Please visit the website: <https://smallbizcares.org/small-biz-cares-week-2020/> for more information.

## Want a Great Investment in Your Marketing Plan?

Be a Chamber luncheon Sponsor! By being a sponsor for a Chamber luncheon you have the ability to promote your business at one time to many business people. The sponsorship includes:

- two complimentary lunches
- 3 minutes to talk about your business
- ability to put handouts at each place setting
- 8 foot table for your display
- sit at the main table with the speaker, Chamber President and Chamber Chair
- business promoted in newsletter and in emails
- your logo on our webpage linked to yours

The cost of \$200 allows you this opportunity and is limited to two businesses per month. Let us know which month you would like to be spotlighted!



## Member Renewals

You should have received your invoice for your 2020 membership. Please remit your payment as soon as possible. We appreciate your continued support of the Chamber's work on behalf of the business community. We appreciate you being a chamber member and look forward to another great year!

Thank you to the following members who have re-invested as of press time: **a&e accounting services inc.;** **Central Ohio Transit Authority;** **Heritage Preserve;** **Hetter Heating & Cooling;** **The Laurels of Hilliard and Whits Frozen Custard.**



## Social Media Works!!

The Hilliard Chamber is active on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and we love talking about our members and sharing news about Hilliard with all of our friends! **CONNECT** with us to see what is happening in Hilliard and **ENGAGE** with us by sharing, liking and commenting on our posts. With 5000+ fans, we want you to grow with us!

## New Members

**Thomas K Alexander Insurance & Associates  
Inc.**

**Dhea Simpkins  
3179 Alton Darby Creek Road  
Hilliard, OH 43026  
614-771-8572**

**[www.thomaskalexanderins.com](http://www.thomaskalexanderins.com)**

*Insurance for non-profit's, small businesses,  
Christian affiliations, life, & personal insurance.*

**Rugh's Remodeling**

**Eric Rugh  
3211 Hilliard Rome Road  
Hilliard, OH 43026  
614-710-1389**

**[www.rughsremodeling.com](http://www.rughsremodeling.com)**

*Rugh's Remodeling is a family owned and operated  
General Contractor that specializes in storm  
damage restoration such as, Roofing, siding, gutter  
and window replacement.*

**Kisling, Nestico & Redick**

**Dakota Williams  
1105 Schrock Road  
Columbus, OH 43229  
614-487-8669**

**[www.knrlegal.com/columbus-office/](http://www.knrlegal.com/columbus-office/)**

*Kisling, Nestico & Redick is a personal injury law  
firm in Columbus, OH. We assist clients injured in  
car accidents, truck accidents, and other personal  
injury matters.*

## Member Anniversaries

The Chamber would like to recognize our members who have continually supported the purpose of the chamber and its activities. The following members have invested in the chamber for ten or more years as of May 2020:

**33 years**

**Syntero, Inc.-Northwest Counseling Services/Dublin  
Counseling Center – Julie Erwin-Rinaldi**

**30 years**

**Dispatch Media Group – Mary Pardi**

**18 years**

**Kirkey & Co. Financial Advisors, Inc. –  
David and Stacey Kirkey**

**14 years**

**Beef 'O' Brady's – Jan Hoschak**

**Nationwide Children's Hilliard Close to Home –  
Kristin Nietfeld**

**13 years**

**EB Solutions, LLC – Frank Isabelle II**

**11 years**

**Buck Gardens Animal Hospital – Emily Gabriel**

## Office Depot Saves You Money Due To Your Chamber Membership

Your business can save up to 30% overall savings on your office supplies through Office Depot by enrolling in the FREE member benefit provided by your investment in the Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce. The two-sided flyer at the end of this newsletter has a sign up form as well as more information on the savings of: discounted prices on over 14,000 items; aggressive copy paper pricing; free next day delivery with no minimum order requirement; office furniture solutions; and more! Each employee in your business can also receive a Retail Connect Discount Card as well for their use at either a retail store or to order online. The Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce is working to provide you with resources that add value to your membership.

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## Board of Directors:

Jeremy Felix, A Team Investments  
 Aaron Conrad, Bo Jackson's Elite Sports  
 Jill Gerschutz, Credit Union of Ohio  
 Keith Lewis, JC & Company  
 Brian McCallister, OhioHealth  
 Melissa McKenzie, OhioHealth  
 Stacie Raterman, Hilliard City Schools  
 Steve Sefner, Heritage Golf Club  
 Bobby Sneed, Heritage Golf Club  
 Mitch Staugler, Dot's Tots Foundation  
 Emily West, Dogwatch of Columbus

## Staff:

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 Sandra Simpson, Events Coordinator  
  
**Email: [info@hilliardchamber.org](mailto:info@hilliardchamber.org)**  
**Phone: (614) 876-7666**  
**[www.HilliardChamber.org](http://www.HilliardChamber.org)**

## Calendar of Events

**Friday, May 1st**  
*Connections and Coffee*  
 9:00-10:00am  
 Zoom Meeting  
 Chamber Members Only

**Friday, May 8th**  
*Connections and Coffee*  
 9:00-10:00am  
 Zoom Meeting  
 Chamber Members Only

**Friday, May 15th**  
*Chamber Meeting*  
 10:00am  
 Zoom Meeting  
 Register on Website

**Friday, May 22nd**  
*Connections and Coffee*  
 9:00-10:00 am  
 Zoom Meeting  
 Chamber Members Only

**Friday, May 29th**  
*Connections and Coffee*  
 9:00-10:00 am  
 Zoom Meeting  
 Chamber Members Only



**ADD YOUR EVENT**

Quickly add your events to the **HACC event calendar** online by selecting the event calendar in the events drop-down menu and click on **Submit New Event!**