



Chamber Connections

January 2024

Where Business & Community Connect

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Chamber News

From the Desk of the Executive Director/CEO



Happy New Year! 2023 is officially in the rearview mirror, and 2024 is here!

A new year is a time for big goals, fresh plans, and new possibilities. This month I celebrate the start of my 5th year leading your Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce. I'm so thankful for this 85-year-old anchor institution in our business community and eagerly look forward to all we can accomplish together in the coming months.

We thank YOU - our over 400 member companies, businesses, and organizations - for believing in and supporting the Chamber's mission year after year through both membership and sponsorship! We are grateful for these ongoing

partnerships look forward to helping you grow and achieve your goals.

As we move forward in 2024, *let's all remember to shop at and support our local businesses and establishments.* The business owners will truly appreciate our patronage.

On behalf of our Chamber Board of Directors and staff, we wish you, your business, your employees, and families all a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2024!

Blessings,

Sarah

Sarah Tackett

Executive Director/CEO

Happy New Year!



First Friday Luncheon 1/6



1st Friday LUNCHEON

DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH
12PM AT VFW POST 3360**

**FEATURING:
BRENT TOW, PRESIDENT/CEO
COMMUNITY HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS**

LUNCH IS PROVIDED &
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

\$15 FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS
\$20 FOR NON-MEMBERS



PLEASE REGISTER BY NOON ON
WED., JANUARY 3RD
FOR CATERING PURPOSES

[Register Here](#)

Business After Hours 1/18



Business AFTER HOURS

DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®

**Thursday, January 18th
from 5-7PM**



SHERWOOD AREA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ▶

**Hosted By Sherwood Economic
Development, Crystal Fountain Park,
& Iron Horse Brews**

**At The Wentworth at Crystal Fountain Park
445 East Vine St., Sherwood, OH**

2023 Year in Review

2023 Year in Review



401

Members



50

New Members



15

Ribbon Cutting &
Open Houses



1,200

Constant Contact Reach

Chamber Event Attendance



54 (on average)
484 (total)

First Friday Luncheon



51 (on average)
610 (total)

Business After Hours



94

Leadercast



126

Golf Outing



241

Awards Banquet & Meeting



223

Reverse Raffle

Chamber Socials



	Followers	New Followers	People Reached	Content Interactions
Facebook	3,190	214	55k	4,991
Instagram	120	110	254	245

Leadership Defiance Lunch Sponsorships Available

SPONSOR A LUNCH



Lunch Sponsor: (\$300) Provide lunch to our participants! Take advantage of this extremely high-profile sponsorship opportunity.

Logo Sign at the event and on the Participant/Speaker agenda



January 12

Criminal Justice &
Civil Service Day

Email carlie.phillips@defiancechamber.com if you are interested.

#FindAJobFriday

Are You Hiring?

The Defiance Area Chamber of
Commerce posts on social media job
openings every Friday for
#FindAJobFriday



Email carlie.phillips@defiancechamber.com
with your job opening and logo

2024 Event Dates



DEFIANCE
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2024 Chamber Events



DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®

Held the First Friday of the Month

January 5	No July
February 2	No August
March 1	September 6
April 5	October 4
May 3	November 1
June 7	December 6

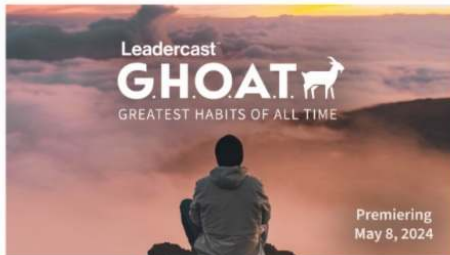


DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®

Held the third Thursday of the Month

**event moved to different Thursday*

January 18	No July
February 15	August 15
March 21	September 19
April 18	October 17
May 16	November 21
June 20	December 12*



Leadercast

Wednesday, May 8, 2024



DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®

Thursday, September 12, 2024
Knights of Columbus Hall #1039



DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®

Friday, June 28, 2024
Eagle Rock Golf Club



DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER FOUNDATION

Thursday, November 14, 2024
Knights of Columbus Hall #1039

2024 Chamber Board of Directors

Executive Board



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Jamie Fleming

Fun Factory Promotional
Products



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Curtis Switzer

General Motors
Defiance



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Shultz Huber &
Associates, Inc.



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Technologies



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City Beverage



Steve Heilshorn

Children's Lantern



Maureen Killion

State Bank



Kirstie Mack

Defiance
Development &
Visitors Bureau



Cam Stanley

Weiner Law Office



Nicole Zolman

Johns Marville

Welcome New Chamber Members



Iron Horse Brews
101 N Harrison St.
Sherwood, OH 43556
(419) 899-4766

Hop on board for a unique dining experience at Iron horse Brews! Our family-owned restaurant is nestled right next to the railroad tracks located right in the heart of Sherwood, Ohio. Our vintage train theme showcases the incredible history of our small town and the great community within. Whether you're looking for a delicious meal, or wanting to enjoy the many Ohio Crafted Brews available, Iron Horse Brews is the perfect destination for a flavorful adventure.

[Learn More](#)

Civista Bank
122 E Washington St.
Napoleon, OH
(800) 604-9368

Civista Bank has provided financial solutions to generations of businesses, families, and individuals since 1884. Civista is committed to developing life-long relationships built on trust, expertise, and exceptional service.

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Crystal Fountain Park
445 E Vine St.
Sherwood, OH 43556

Ohio's first Spiritualist Camp and home of the historic Wentworth Hall, newly reimagined for your weekend wedding destination or next big event.

[Learn More](#)

Member News, Specials, & Events

Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) Health Insurance for Chamber Members

Now you can get cost savings on your health insurance benefits usually reserved for larger companies. How? You get the purchasing power of the group insurance market through your chamber of commerce membership. PLUS, you also get access to the comprehensive care and quality providers you've come to expect.

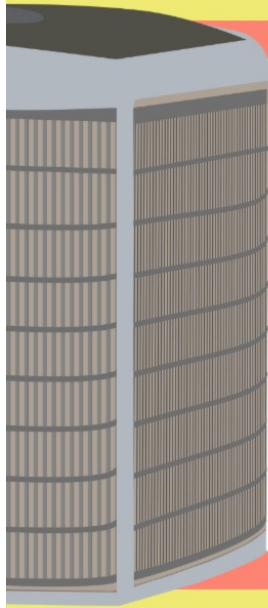


There are two Anthem discount programs available to you through your local chamber of commerce.

1. ChamberSaver – traditional ACA plan. Informational Flyer
2. SOCA Benefit Plan MEWA – self-funded group plan for employee sizes 2-50. Also a Sole-Proprietor plan. [Informational Flyer](#)

How do I enroll my company? Ask your current Anthem licensed agent for a quote with your NOACC chamber membership discount. If you are not currently working with a broker, let us help you find one in your area.

[CLICK HERE to submit your request for a broker](#)



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January Sedgwick Monthly Learning

The Safety Services Education and Training Services Center offers a wide variety of continuing education courses that emphasize the practical application of safety principles, development of a safety culture, current and proposed standards for regulatory compliance, risk reduction, and BWC programs.

IN-PERSON CLASSES*



BWC offers in-person occupational safety and health courses for Ohio employers with active workers' compensation coverage and their employees at no extra charge.

[Click here for In-Person Classes](#)

In-person Class	Date	Time	Location
OSHA 10: Construction safety basics	Jan. 9-10	8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Youngstown
OSHA 10: Industry safety basics	Jan. 16-17	8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Lima
Fall hazards in construction and maintenance	Jan. 24-25	8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Canton
Emergency preparedness planning	Jan. 25	8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Toledo/BGSU
OSHA 30: Industry safety principles	Jan. 29-Feb. 2	8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Cincinnati

VIRTUAL TRAINING CLASSES (VTC)*



As an alternative to in-person classes, BWC provides virtual, instructor-led classes to meet more in-depth learning needs. Virtual training classes provide the opportunity for participation and interaction consistent with the BWC classroom experience. All BWC program credits associated with a normal classroom experience are available with virtual class completion.

[Click here for VTC information](#)

Virtual Training Class	Date	Time
Developing a driver safety program	Jan. 9	9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Electrical hazard recognition and abatement	Jan. 9-12	9:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Hazardous waste operations and emergency response awareness	Jan. 18	9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Hazardous waste operations and emergency response series Module 4: Air monitoring, work zones	Jan. 22	9 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Controlling workers compensation costs	Jan. 30-31	9:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

**IN-PERSON CLASSES and VIRTUAL TRAINING CLASSES (VTC) qualify for Safety Council rebate external training credits.*

WEBINARS



BWC provides at least one webinar on different safety and health topics each month. Subject matter experts share their knowledge and provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions. These lessons engage students with a variety of interactive methodologies, including whiteboard activities, polling, and chat discussions.

Webinar	Date	Time
Precision OSHA recordkeeping	Jan. 10	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Training the next generation	Jan. 23	10 - 11 a.m.

[Click here for OSHA recordkeeping](#)

[Click here for Next generation](#)

Webinar Recording Replays

If you miss a webinar, just search “replay” in the [BWC Learning Management System](#).

1. Go to www.bwclearningcenter.com.
2. Log in or create a new account.
3. Type “replay” in the “Search Catalog” field and click the magnifying glass to search.
4. Review recordings of past webinars (no credits provided).

PLEASE NOTE: To obtain BWC program credit, participants must complete a short knowledge assessment within the BWC Learning Management System after the webinar and earn a passing score. If the webinar provides credits, the host will provide further details regarding requirements for those seeking BWC program credit or Continuing Education Units (CEU)s during each webinar.

ONLINE eCOURSES



These on-demand courses cover topics including Bloodborne pathogens, Developing a safety culture, OSHA recordkeeping 101, and others. Online course times range from 30 minutes to approximately two hours and provide the ultimate in convenience for learning at your pace and at your desired time.

[Click here for eCourses](#)

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