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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chamber Members,

It looks like we will have another beautiful holiday weekend for the Fourth of July! I am sending all of our members good vibes for a positive and profitable summer.

It is sometimes hard to be positive when faced with the reality of our current situation. As Chamber Members that is what sets us apart. The support and camaraderie of a large organization such as the Erie County Chamber of Commerce will allow us to conquer any challenge that we face.

To all of our Members - Be Safe and Stay Healthy during the Holiday weekend!

Kind Regards,

Pamela Smith-Droll, President

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS:

Annual Chamber Golf Classic

When: Mon., Aug. 17

Time: Tee times start 8:30am

Where: Plum Brook Country Club



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FACEBOOK SCAMS CHEAT OLDER CONSUMERS

"I saw this ad on Facebook for masks to protect against the coronavirus. I clicked on the link and it looked very reliable so I entered my credit card number and ordered several of them. It has been weeks and I haven't received anything. I went back to Facebook but the ad has disappeared. The phone number (to a foreign country) is disconnected. What can I do now?"

Every day we get calls and emails from consumers who are cheated by popup ads on Facebook. Many are from older folks who don't know how to check out the company or the ads; they just figure if the ad is on Facebook it must be legitimate.

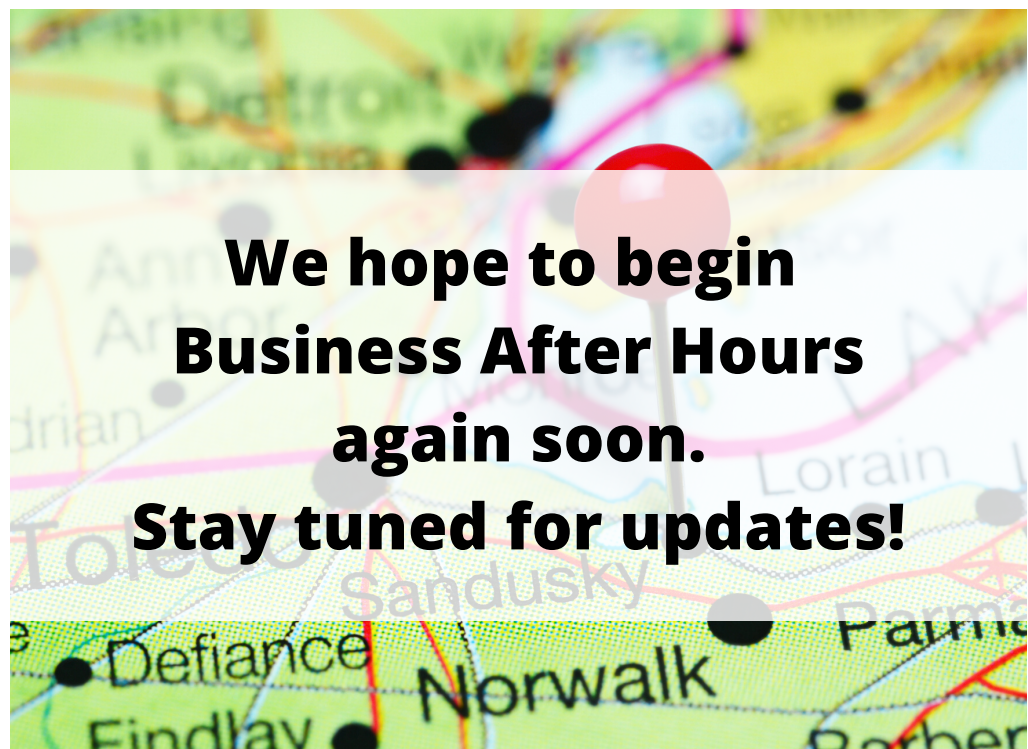
There are scores of scams on Facebook. The cases of simple rackets like popup ads that are "too good to be true," BBB tries to track down the selling company, but the victim may only have and email address or phone number, both useless. We can then counsel the

victim on how to file a charge back with their credit card company. Why does Facebook allow scams? We know they try to monitor this situation and remove the junk ads; but the volume of these scams is astronomical. Biggest Facebook scams we see include:

- **Friend requests**-You get a message from a "friend" telling you about a great deal or government program. These messages are often complete scams.
- **Surveys** - They seem innocent and often have a gift card or nice prize for participating. But they are used to harvest information about you for identity or account theft
- **Requests to verify your Facebook account.** No! In general, any message you receive over the internet – including Facebook – asking "verification" of an account number and wanting your information is always a scam.

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4th of July**

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- A manufacturer in Willoughby **saved \$7,500** per year on their electric and natural gas supply. They also reduced costs on the regulated portion of their electric bill.
- A member in Ashtabula **saved \$640** on their home's annual electricity and natural gas costs.
- In Fostoria, a chiropractor **saved \$86** per year on their electricity costs.
- A welding company in the Vandalia Butler area recently **saved \$146** on their annual electricity costs.
- A small business in Twinsburg locked in their electric supply rate and **saved \$135** per year.
- In Rocky River, a member **saved \$231** on their home electric and natural gas costs by signing up for their chamber's energy program.