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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good Morning Chamber Members,

We are excited to host the Erie County Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic event at the beautiful Plum Brook Country Club on Monday, August 17th, 2020.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we are doing Tee Times instead of a Shot Gun Start. The Chamber will be following social distancing during the event. Masks are required only if you are in the building.

All Golfers should arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled Tee Time. There will be 2 Players per Golf Cart. Each Golfer/Ambassador will get a Box Lunch with a Sandwich, Chips, Cookie, Energy Bar. There will be 2 Beer/Snack Carts stocked with Beer, Pop, Water and Snacks. One on each side of the course. On the Dock we will have Toft's Ice cream.

There will be Games and Prizes that Players can win.

We have a couple of Teams left to purchase and 1 Team that needs 2 Players. Please let me know if you are interested in getting another Team. For our Ambassadors that will be helping during the day-please bring a Bag Chair, Hat, Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Bug Spray, Jacket, Book or anything else that you would need to be comfortable.

Kind Regards,

Pamela Smith-Droll, President CEO

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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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"THE SECRET OF CHANGE
IS TO FOCUS ALL YOUR
ENERGY NOT ON
FIGHTING THE OLD BUT
ON BUILDING THE NEW."
— SOCRATES, FATHER OF
WESTERN PHILOSOPHY



PayPal Scams! We are seeing a dramatic increase in the number of Scam Tracker reports indicating the consumer made a purchase and was given a tracking number, and the tracking number is for a package delivered incorrectly to someone else somewhere else. When the consumer files a dispute with Paypal, they do NOT get their money back. Paypal accepts the tracking number from the merchant as valid even when the consumer has shown the tracking numbers are invalid, and further Paypal does not provide the consumer with any contact info for the company - many of which seem to be in China, or somewhere else overseas, though some may be stateside.

Here is an example from an actual complaint to the Sacramento BBB: "After I ordered a patio set from them on 6/16, I received an order confirmation from a foreign entity, NGUYEN THI BAC HAI and email given a completely different person. My paypal charge is to this person (not the company) and it states type of business as "fast food" I received an email from Paypal (I paid through them) with a UPS shipping confirmation and tracking #. The tracking stated that my item from Kmartnow had shipped on 6/15 (day before I ordered) and the item had been delivered to me on 6/16/20 at 3:30pm (5 hours before I ordered from their website). When I researched, many other people had the same thing happen with this company."

Scammers seem to have identified a path to successfully **circumvent the Paypal refund policy** with the fake tracking information, and they are seriously exploiting that. We have had many consumers tell us that the fake tracking numbers have invalid addresses and/or inaccurate weights for the type of merchandise purchased, but their appeals to Paypal are still denied. BBBs are working with PayPal to deal with this difficult situation.

MORE NEW SOLUTIONS SCAM

"More New Solutions", a company reportedly using a "virtual" office on Preston Road in Dallas, TX, has an "F" rating due to its failure to answer complaints from 18 states including Ohio and Michigan. Consumers allege that More New Solutions, LLC, makes unauthorized electronic checking withdrawals from individuals' bank accounts. Victims told BBB they were completely unaware of having made any purchase or having had any marketplace transaction with the business. In most cases, the electronic checking withdrawals are accompanied by information stating that "no signature is required" and that, "the check has been electronically authorized by voice or electronic verification by the depositor." The amount deducted is between \$25 and \$40. One Utah consumer stated, "My checking account was debited \$27.46 by More New Solutions, LLC. We have never done business with the company. We have contacted our bank to report the payment as fraudulent."

Better Business Bureau Dallas advises consumers nationwide to monitor their accounts closely for unusual charges from More New Solutions.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: FIRELANDS AUTO GROUP

The Erie County Chamber of Commerce would like to introduce and welcome our newest members, <u>Firelands Toyota</u> and <u>Firelands Chrysler</u>, <u>Dodge</u>, <u>Jeep and Ram</u>. We look forward to working with you in the future and thank you for your investment in

Sandusky!





MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: THE MACA ROOT

The Maca Root Juice Bar & Eatery is a great place for a nice refreshing stop when riding bikes around downtown Sandusky. Visit them online: www.macarootjuicebareatery.com.





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Learn more by contacting Pamela Smith-Droll, Chamber President (419) 625-6421 • PAMELAS@ERIECOUNTYCHAMBER.COM

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Schedule a RISE appointment

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Please follow the COVID-19 Guidelines and Stay Safe!



ERIE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBER BENEFITS



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