ERIE COUNTY CHAMBER of COMMERCE

An Affiliated Partner of Greater Sandusky Partnership

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 9, 2024

Dear Chamber Members,

We hope you are having a great start to the new year. As we come together in 2024 to embrace an alignment of many organizations, we want you to know that we continue to be committed to helping your business grow and thrive. We will be making some changes to help improve the Erie County Chamber of Commerce and Greater Sandusky Partnership. Please stay tuned for more updates! We appreciate you and your team and look forward to helping you make the most of your membership.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, Jan. 14
3:00pm

Grace Episcopal Church

Piano Concert with guest pianist, Dr. Cole Burger. Free Admission.

Learn More

Tuesday, Jan. 16
9am

Eclipse Info Meeting

Shores & Islands & Destination Sandusky will share how businesses can best prepare for the total solar eclipse this April 8th!

Learn More

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12pm - 1pm

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Monday, Apr. 8
ALL DAY

Total Solar Eclipse

On April 8, 2024, the moon will completely block out the sun for a rare total solar eclipse. Due to our global position directly in the path of totality, our communities in and around Shores & Islands Ohio will enjoy incredible, unobstructed viewing times of approximately four minutes—one of the longest durations in the entire region! The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in the year 2099.

Learn More

Friday, Apr. 12
8am - 1pm

BGSU Firelands Small Business Symposium

Connecting Value to Values: Aligning Purpose with Profit

Discover the power of aligning personal values with business success at the annual BGSU Firelands Small Business Symposium. Learn from experts, engage in workshops, and network with like-minded professionals. Convert values into action for meaningful, purpose-driven business growth.

Learn More

To view all events and for more information, please visit:
https://business.eriecountychamber.com/events

CHAMBER ENERGY PROGRAM

chamber sustainability program

Reduce Your Energy Costs Today

SCAN ME

HEAR FROM PARTICIPANTS

"The process to learn if you can save money on gas and or electric could not have been more simple. Kathy expertly guided our efforts into new savings for the next several months. Thanks for your assistance Kathy and Community Energy Advisors."

-Troy Cyrus, Emery FCU - TLC

emery FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Your credit union with HEART since 1939

"Chamber Energy Advisors did a great job of helping us to significantly lower our electric and gas bills at home. The sign up process was super easy and everything happened in a smooth fashion. If you haven't done so yet, what are you waiting for?!?"

-Deb Katzenmeyer, Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce

Lima / Allen County CHAMBER of Commerce

OUR APPROACH

FREE BILL REVIEW

When you submit a recent copy of your electric and natural gas bills, we review for supply rate savings opportunities. We'll let you know what you're currently paying and if you could be paying less!

EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES

Thinking about upgrading to LED lighting or installing solar? Let us know! We will provide you with information on the latest incentives programs to ensure your project costs are minimized.

ONGOING PARTNERSHIP

Through your chamber of commerce, you have access to our experts for all of your energy needs.

GET STARTED TODAY. GO ONLINE TO REQUEST YOUR FREE BILL REVIEW.

www.ChamberEnergyProgram.com

DECEMBER 2023 UPDATES TO

Lighting Incentives for FirstEnergy Customers!

Earlier this year, FirstEnergy implemented a new incentive program for commercial and industrial customers looking to install LED lighting and controls in their facilities. Although funds are limited, the program is available through May 31, 2024, for both existing buildings and new construction.

The program has incentives in place for LED fixtures, both interior and exterior, at $0.05 per kWh saved. There are also dollars available for LED lamps, exit signs, and custom lighting.

Additional incentives of up to $0.10 / kWh reduced based on level of lighting controls!

There have been recent updates to the program that have added new tiered incentives for new applications. **Effective December 1st,** receive additional incentives* for any new application submitted when your *project includes eligible lighting controls*. Incentive level will vary based on level of control.

These additional incentives will be available until April 30th, but don't wait! Funds are limited. Fill out the request form at chamberenergyprogram.com for more information.

**Pre-approved projects with signed offer letters do not qualify for the additional incentive.*

lighting@ceateam.com chamberenergyprogram.com 330-208-2082

LIGHTING REQUEST FORM

Chamber Energy Program & Chamber Sustainability Program

Chamber _____

Name _____

Company (if applicable) _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

Best Time to Contact _____

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS BILLS (ALL PAGES).

Are you inquiring for your...

☐ **HOME** ☐ **BUSINESS** ☐ **BOTH**

Are you interested in lowering your rates?

☐ **ELECTRICITY** ☐ **NATURAL GAS**

Are you interested in lowering your usage and seeing what rebates and incentives you may qualify for?

☐ **LED LIGHTING** ☐ **SOLAR** ☐ **OTHER** _____

Savings not guaranteed, Actual savings may vary.

PLEASE SEND YOUR INQUIRY FORM TO:

Email - lighting@ceateam.com

Fax - 330-721-8111

Mail - 3725 Medina Rd., Ste. 112, Medina, OH 44256

For questions, call 330-208-2082 to speak with one of our team members.

Lake Erie Film Commission Board Members Needed

Lake Erie Film Commission is looking for 5 more members to join our Board Of Directors.

LEFC's Board of Directors is a vital component in supporting us in our mission to mentor, promote, and fund Erie County, Ohio filmmakers.

Benefits of being a board member include: a stake in Lake Erie Film Commission projects, networking opportunities, and entry into LEFC events.

The board position is perfect for nonprofit finance experts, nonprofit tax experts, nonprofit fundraising experts, and anyone that can offer insight and creative problem solving skills towards achieving our goals as a thriving 501(c) nonprofit in Erie County, Ohio.

Lake Erie Film Commission's meetings will be held at 5 PM in The Chamber of Commerce, every other month on the last Monday of the month, except for the month of May in observance of Memorial Day.

Upcoming 2024 Meetings: January 29th, March 25th, May 20th, July 29th, September 30th, and October 25th.

The meetings are currently free and open to the public until we get an official board together.

Please RSVP to info@lefc.org if interested!

Mission statement: "mentor, promote, and fund Erie County, Ohio filmmakers."

LAKE ERIE FILM

Lake Erie Film Commission
Paid Internship Opportunity

Lake Erie Film Commission is currently looking for nominees to receive a Paid Internship Opportunity at $2,000 per intern.

One of the internship opportunities will be working alongside Executive Director Danielle Murray to help build and grow Lake Erie Film Commission as a 501(c) nonprofit.

The second intern opportunity award winner will be working alongside an Executive in TV and film in the field of their choice.

The interns will be working on a two month contract.

Please email info@lefc.org to nominate someone for the intern position - or to nominate yourself for the position.

Deadline for nominations: February 21.

LAKE ERIE FILM

The Study
Pop Up Shop
Event Space

Rental Rates:

Small Business Pop Up $35 (NO Multi-level Marketing)
Friday 4pm-7pm (with Mocktail Bar)
Saturday 9am-1pm

Small Parties + Workshops: $25 an hour (includes ice water station)
Coffee Bar: +$14.95 (includes 3 coffee carafes + condiments)
Mocktail Bar: +$30 an hour (open bar or cash bar)
GG Bar: +$30 an hour (open bar or cash bar)
Grazing Table: +$20 per person (individual plate options available)

To book: Email events@gatheringgroundscoffeehouse.com
Capacity 27 seats

Businesses, be prepared for this stellar experience!

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Join the meeting here:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82962717351?pwd=UzbdjCS38TeaZFsW9PzsWNJKqazj8R.1

Or Scan the code:

Meeting ID: 829 6271 7351
Passcode: 298362

9 a.m.

Tuesday, January 16th

Zoom

HURON PUBLIC LIBRARY

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMS

Monday, January 8	**All Day:** Take & Make Craft - Let it Snowman* **11:30 a.m. -** Mahjong Mondays **7 p.m. -** Socrates Café
Tuesday, January 9	**3 p.m. -** Art Club **3 p.m. -** Stitch Niche Crochet Club
Wednesday, January 10	**10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. -** Stay & Play Time **5:30 p.m. -** Coding for Adults* **6:30 p.m. -** Euchre Night **8 p.m. -** Virtual Author Talk with Rebecca Serle*
Friday, January 12	**10 a.m. to 12 p.m. -** Firelands Free Health Screenings
Sunday, January 14	**1 p.m. -** Chess with Paul Sherwood

***Registration required**

January 8 - January 14

FREE Webinar Series starts next month!

Erie County Economic Development

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Dr. Cole Burger

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Grace Episcopal Church

315 Wayne St.

Sandusky

FREE ADMISSION

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Membership Benefits: Small Business Health Benefits

Greater Cleveland Partnership
COSE

MEDICAL MUTUAL®

The Erie County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE) and Medical Mutual to offer a new type of health insurance coverage for our member businesses, titled the Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA). This coverage is available for businesses with 50 or fewer employees, including business owners with no employees.

What the COSE Benefit Plan Offers:

Attract & Retain Talent

Ensure your most valuable employees are satisfied with both their job and their compensation package to increase longevity and retention.

Gain Tax Savings

Employers and employees pay less for health insurance when it is purchased at a group level because it is paid for with pre-tax dollars.

Network Access Benefits

Group health plans often have access to large networks of doctors and hospitals compared to an individual plan on the public exchange.

Get Broker Help

A broker can guide you through the process and help you find the best health plan for you and your employees.

One-Stop Shop

Dental, vision, group life, accidental death and dismemberment insurance and short-term disability can be added to your health insurance plan.

Cost Savings

In addition to health insurance, as a Chamber member, you can take advantage of savings on electricity and natural gas, office supplies, workers comp and more.

To learn more or sign up for this benefit package, contact the Erie County Chamber of Commerce at info@eriecountychamber.com

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ohio SHORES by BEST STAY CONCEPTS HOSPITALITY FIRM

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Lighthouse Marine

Buckeye Tree & Crane Services LLC

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