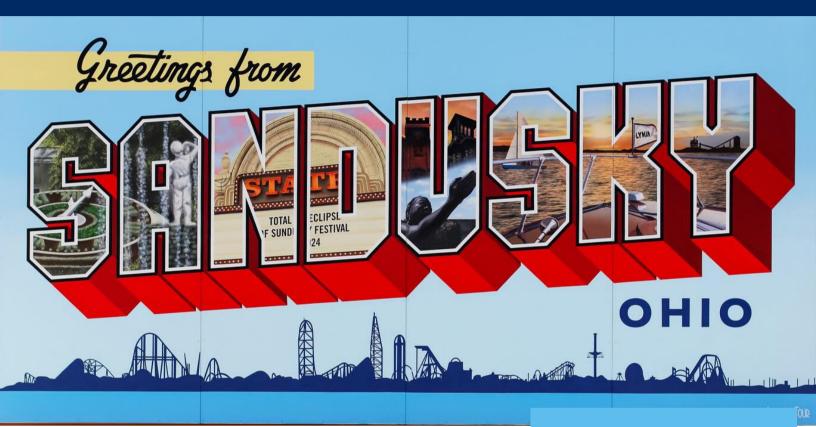


NEWSLETTER APRIL 16TH, 2024



Dear Members,

It's back! <u>The Greetings from Sandusky mural</u> which previously lived on the west side of the State Theatre can now be found on the east side of Mylander Pavilion in downtown Sandusky. What a great photo op and lovely showcase of local culture and history! The return of the mural is thanks to many – the City of Sandusky Public Arts & Culture Commission, Mylander Foundation and the Sandusky State Theatre.

The mural was one of several artworks put up just in time for the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse. Others included a giant pair of eclipse glasses, window art, a chalk wall and roaming chalk artists. Read more about the Total Eclipse of SUNdusky event on Page X.

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Friendly Reminder! TAKE OUR SURVEY

The Greater Sandusky Partnership (GSP) is a business-led economic development nonprofit dedicated to driving the economic growth and quality of life in the Greater Sandusky region.

GSP is the result of the integration of several entities including the Erie County Chamber of Commerce and Erie County Economic Development Corporation (ECEDC) and other programs (e.g., Firelands Forward, Destination Sandusky, RISE, The Helm, Huron Chamber of Commerce etc.), which unified to leverage and maximize impact of regional economic development work.

Currently, GSP is working on its inaugural strategic plan to help its leaders focus its work and clarify community priorities as it pursues its mission. GSP has engaged an outside consultant, Strategy Design Partners (SDP), to facilitate the development of the strategic plan. SDP is engaging key stakeholders to gain perspective on our current and future work.

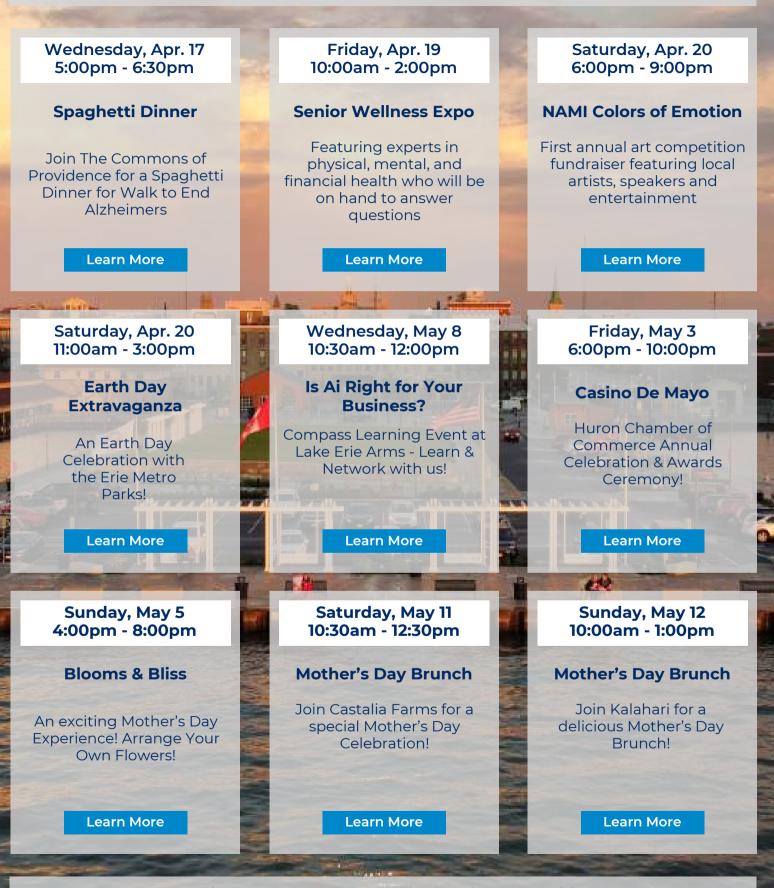
To provide feedback into the planning process, please complete the survey using the link below. The survey is anonymous and should take you 8-10 minutes to complete.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XDHJ5WZ

Thank you for your continued support of GSP's mission and for assisting us in setting our course moving forward.

Take Survey

Upcoming Events



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



Stories you may have missed...



Cooke Castle is rich in history

KRISTINA SMITH | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

Had it not been for Jay Cooke's savvy banking skills, the Union might not have had the money it needed to successfully fight the Civil War and ultimately reunite the country.

Cooke, a Sandusky native who owned his own banking house, came up with the idea of selling war bonds and worked with Secretary of the Treasury Salmon Chase to help the Union obtain loans from Northern banks.

These efforts allowed the Union to keep its soldiers supplied with what they needed to fight the war and keep getting their paychecks.

In addition to the North's success, Cooke also became a very wealthy man. He was also a deeply religious man, and he wanted to build a summer home in a peaceful place where he and his family could enjoy nature and take time for prayer and solitude.

Read the full story at www.thehelmsandusky.com



April 16th, 2024

Firelands Health welcomes general counsel Harris

(Sandusky, Ohio) Justin D. Harris, Esq., recently accepted the role of vice president and general counsel of Firelands Health. Mr. Harris will join Firelands Health effective May 7. Mr. Harris has served as an attorney for 20 years and joins Firelands after serving at Reminger Co. LPA, for 16 years. He brings a wealth of experience in healthcare to Firelands. Mr. Harris was originally trained and practiced as a respiratory therapist at the beginning of his career before attending law school. He has spent the majority of legal career being an advocate for physicians, nurses and hospitals and he has also served as the Law Director for the City of Sandusky.

Mr. Harris served as National Coordinating Counsel for Cedar Fair, L.P.; was a Firelands Regional Medical Center board member; is a board member of the Erie County Public Defender Board and the Wightman-Wieber Foundation; and also serves as an adjunct professor for Bowling Green State University in the legal studies department. He also currently serves on the board of directors for the Greater Sandusky Partnership and the BGSU-Firelands Respiratory Care advisory board. Mr. Harris was recognized as a Rising Star by Ohio Super Lawyers Magazine 2011-2015 and again in 2017.

Mr. Harris studied law at The Ohio State Moritz College of Law and graduated with a bachelor of arts with honors in applied health sciences from Bowling Green State University. He has two children and enjoys golf, traveling, walking and spending time with family.

Harris expressed, "I am local to the Greater Sandusky Region and have followed Firelands Health for a long time. To join this administration team is an exciting opportunity, and I look forward to serving the organization and the community at large."



Justin Harris

Read it at firelands.com



April 3rd - April 8th

Sandusky City Commission issued a proclamation to change the name of the city to *SUNdusky*. Why? To celebrate an occasion of celestial proportions... the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse, whose line of totality happened to be right over *SUNdusky* on Monday, April 8th. To commemorate this event, the City of Sandusky and GSP program, Destination Sandusky, planned a 6day celebration, the Total Eclipse of SUNdusky Festival which began April 3rd with a presentation, *When Day Becomes Dusk* by Cleveland Museum of Natural History Senior Astronomer, Nick Anderson.



When Day Becomes Dusk Presentation at Cedar Point Sports Center - April 3rd

Totality

The moment of totality was an out-of-this-world experience that began at 3:12pm and lasted about 4 minutes. Hundreds of people were gathered on the lawn of Jackson Street Pier, a prime spot for viewing. At 3:12pm, some fell silent and some roared with cheer. In that mesmerizing moment, all experienced this momentous event as a community and that was very special.







Music, Shopping, Sunshine

The celebration included entertainment from seven bands and musicians including SWAGG, the Kinsman Dazz Band, Steve Brownell and the Menus (picture above). Attendees were also able to shop at a carefully curated vendor market located in Mylander Pavilion which featured special 2024 Eclipse swag and unique celestial trinkets!

Sandusky was lucky to have beautiful weather and sunshine for the event - clear skies and a great line of sight for the big show on the 8th.



Totality over SUNdusky - captured by Tom Horsman











Artsy Additions to Downtown

You may have noticed while in downtown SUNdusky for the eclipse there were several popup art installations for individuals to interact with and enjoy. These included the Greetings from Sandusky mural, a giant pair of eclipse glasses, interactive window art where you could write you bucket list items, a chalk wall to sign to commemorate the 2024 eclipse and several roaming chalk artists through our downtown. Public art is important because it fosters community identity, stimulates dialogue, and enriches the cultural landscape for all. These pieces were supported by the City of Sandusky's Public Arts & Culture Commission.





April 3rd - April 8th

SATURDAY - APRIL 20 - 11AM-3PM OSBORNI METROPARK

Extravaganza 2024

Erie MetroParks will celebrate Earth Day again this year with a family-friendly event filled with activities, giveaways, food, entertainment, live animals, exhibits, and more.

Erie MetroParks is teaming up with various organizations to host the Earth Day Extravaganza at Osborn MetroPark in Huron on April 20, 2024. The event, running from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., aims to blend education and entertainment while highlighting the community's love for nature.

Activities include a parkrun at 9 a.m., the 3rd Annual Ohio Wildlife Youth Art Show, and performances like Dr. Insecta's "Spider Stroll" and Back to the Wild's "Birds of Prey" exhibit. DJ Percolator will provide music throughout the day, complemented by free face painting and caricatures.

Attendees can engage in craft stations, live animal encounters, disc golf, bird feeder workshops, seed plantings, and more. Erie MetroParks will distribute native tree saplings and eco-friendly items while supplies last, alongside giveaways from other participating organizations.



Earth Day Extravaganza Continued...

Food options include Guesswho Tacos, Cameo Pizza, and Great Plains Bison Burgers, with shopping opportunities from local vendors like Peace by Piece Pastries and Themis Jewelry. Various community organizations will also showcase their initiatives and offer unique activities.



Earth Day serves as a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation. Erie MetroParks, established in 1968, maintains over 13 parks and preserves, focusing on conservation, minimal environmental impact, and year-round educational programs for all ages.

About Erie MetroParks- Erie MetroParks was established in 1968. In 1974 Osborn MetroPark became the first park in the system which now has grown to include 13+ parks or preserves. Many of the properties that are managed by the park district are maintained in their natural state in keeping with the role assigned by the Ohio Revised Code. Areas used for active recreation are designed to have minimal impact on the natural environment of the parks. Educational programs are offered year-round for all ages. Each park is unique and allows for a variety of activities for people of all ages.





The Commons of Providence



WEDNESDAY APRIL 17TH 5-6:30PM

> RSVP 419-624-1171 TO MARIA

Join us for a spaghetti dinner for Walk to End Alzheimer's \$10 per Adult/\$5 per Child

Assisted Living Community Room 5000 Providence Dr. Sandusky, Ohio 44870



SENIOR WELLNESS EXPO

Physical, Mental, Emotional & Financial Health

April 19 10am-2pm, Center Court

Experts will be on hand to discuss aging topics & health concerns for people ages 55+.

FREE Admission · Wellness Talks · Door Prizes · FUN!









is hosting our first annual art competition fundraiser - a dinner and art event that you won't want to miss:

The Colors of Emotion

The food will be catered by Berardi's Restaurant of Huron. We will be featuring art from local artists, knowledgeable speakers on mental health, entertainment, and a silent auction!

> Date: April 20th, 2024 Time: 6-9 pm Location: Mylander Pavilion (223 W Shoreline Dr. Sandusky, OH 44870)

Ticket Price : \$50 (includes your seat and meal) Table Price: \$400 (includes 8 seats and meals)

Purchase your tickets by April 1st, 2024 by calling 419-370-6352 or by emailing nami.in.erie@gmail.com

CASINO DE MAYO



A NIGHT OF EXCITEMENT & RECOGNITION AT OUR ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY!

Included With Ticket: Chips for Casino Games Mesenburg Brisket Nachos

Cash Bar: \$5 Corona lite OR \$6 Ship Faced Frozen Margaritas

Awards Ceremony will begin at **6:45pm** Raffle Prizes will be drawn at **9:30pm**



May 3, 2024 6pm-10pm

South Shore Marine, 1611 Sawmill Parkway

www.huronchamber.com



Is Artificial Intelligence Right for Your Business?

Presentation by John Edwards, Communica

A Compass Learning Session Brought to you by Shores & Islands Ohio, Greater Sandusky Partnership & Ottawa County Improvement Corporation

Join us for a quick journey through the evolution of generative AI and its profound impact on modern business. In this session, discover practical ways to leverage AI for improved customer interaction, streamlined operations, product innovation, marketing, sales, and beyond. Gain valuable insights and actionable strategies with real-world examples that are relevant today and visionary for the future.



John Edwards, EVP/Partner at Communica

Wed. May 8th 10:30AM - 12:00PM

REGISTER NOW >







Kalahari. Mother's Day BRUNCH BUFFET





SPLASH

Special

Blooms & Bliss

The Ultimate Mother's Day Experience Sunday, May 5th | 4PM - 8PM Spa Open House & Flower Arranging Classes (Hosted by Wild By nature Design)

Learn More >

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

Sunday May 12th | 10AM - 1PM

Learn More

Spring Splash Special

Splash around this spring with a special offer! Purchase your day passes and visit us between April 15-23 to receive a special bounce-back coupon for our Safari Outdoor Adventure park. Bounceback coupon is valid only on Ropes Course or Free Fall attractions



Mother's Day Brunch

FLOWER BOUQUET BUILDING & LIVE MUSIC

Date: Saturday, May 11th, 2024 Join us for an enchanting Mother's Day celebration that promises a delightful fusion of food, creativity, and music! Indulge in a flavorpacked brunch featuring a wide array of unique dishes. Then, embrace your creative side in our Flower Bouquet Workshop, where you and your special guest will have the chance to design a personalized bouquet with a vast assortment of fresh and vibrant flowers at your disposal. Take your masterpiece home with you as a cherished memento and token of beauty.

Ticket Price: \$79.00 per person

<u>REGISTER</u> <u>NOW</u>

Location:

Castalia Farms, 7101 Heywood Road, Castalia, OH, 44824

> **Time:** 10:30am to 12:30pm

you're invited to

CAMPBELL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER'S

Spring Garden Gala

DINNER, MUSIC, AND MORE!

MAY

MONDAY **13** AT 5:30 PM

VITA SANDUSKY

2024

\$50 per person

Spring Garden Gala

Join us in celebrating new beginnings at the Spring Garden Gala!

The evening commences with a delectable meal catered by Vita Sandusky amidst a backdrop of vibrant flowers. A live performance by Rumors Unplugged Trio will follow. The event will also include raffle baskets, a 50/50 drawing, and door prizes, with a cash bar available throughout the evening.

As the evening concludes, we will be sharing exciting updates about the future of the the Campbell Christian Community Center (formerly known as the Nehemiah Partners of Sandusky)!

Invite your friends and reserve your seat today by visiting springgardengala.eventbrite.com.

You Are Invited! The 21st Annual Kiwanis Golf Scramble May 15, 2024

The Kiwanis Club of Sandusky is a leading service club in our area, serving the children of Sandusky and the surrounding communities. Proceeds from this event will help fund our signature project, the *Erie County Imagination Library*, which provides free books every month to over 2,500 children from birth to five years old, regardless of income!

There are three ways you can help......

1. Hole Sponsor - \$125

As a hole sponsor you or your business will have a sign posted at one of the holes for all our golfers to see. Your support will also be listed in our program.

2. Sponsor a Team - \$340

Sponsor a team for your business or organization and enjoy the day. Registration with payment is due by May 8, 2023 to insure you will be included in the day's event and dinner.

3. Meal Sponsor - \$500

This sponsor will receive recognition in our program, signage the day of the event, recognition on our Facebook page, and a hole sponsorship. Our golfers will also appreciate your generosity! **Only one sponsorship available.**

To be a sponsor of the 2024 Kiwanis Golf Scramble simply fill out and return the form on the reverse side. For additional information, please email <u>sanduskykiwanis@gmail.com</u>.

Kiwanis also supports other local charities, awards scholarships, and sponsors the Lake Erie Aktion Club, the SCCS Key Club & the SCCS Builders Club.



Website: sanduskykiwanis.org Facebook: KiwanisClubSanduskyOH Meetings: American Legion Post 8 1st Wed. at 5:30pm; remaining Wednesdays each month at noon



Have fun while making a difference in the lives of children in our local communities! Kids need Kiwanis, Kiwanis needs you! Ask about membership today!



Kiwanis Club of Sandusky 21st Annual Golf Scramble

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 **Thunderbird Hills North**

- Tee Times starting at 8:06 am. Preferred time based on availability.
- Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.
- Chances to win hole proximity contests.
- 50/50 drawing. No requirement to be present.
- \$85 Per Person or \$340 per Team
- Hole Prizes
- Fee Includes: Cart, 3 drink tickets hot dog at the turn, & a boxed lunch.

\$10.000 Hole in One Prize Up for Grabs! Sponsored by Fidelity National Title

Please mail registration form, sponsorships and payment by May 6, 2024. This event is rain or shine unless the course closes. There are no refunds, but player substitutions are permitted. Due to service and bank fees, online payments will not be available.

Mail to:	Kiwanis Club of Sandusky P.O. Box 1686 Sandusky, OH 44871	Questions? Call Tony Cummings: 419.625.1894 Email: sanduskykiwanis@gmail.com		
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MAY 18th 10am - 11am

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Examples





Tours Available Following Event RSVP to Hailee Sage 419-917-6028 6010 WEST LAKE ROAD. VERMILION OH 44089



of **VERMILION**



Golf outing.

Saturday, June 22, 2024

For sponsorship information, please contact Holly Dagg at 419.624.1171 or holly.dagg@commonspirit.org.

Sponsorship level

We wish to sponsor The Commons of Providence at the level selected below.

- Hole Sponsor \$125
 Signage at hole
 Table at hole (optional)
- Lunch Sponsor \$750 Signage at event Team of 4 players
- Dinner Sponsor \$1,250
 Signage at event
 2 teams of 4 players
- Beverage Sponsors (2) \$1,000
 Signage on beverage cart
 Team of 4 players

General Donation

Sponsorship donation form

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Golf outing.

Saturday June 22, 2024

Check-in 7:30 a.m.

Shotgun Start 8:30 a.m.

Woussickett Golf Course

6311 W. Mason Road Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419.359.1141

Registration Fee

\$400/team Includes greens fee, cart fee, lunch, dinner, welcome bag, and chances to win pin prizes. Top three teams receive: 1st place – \$800 2nd place – \$600 3rd place – \$400

All proceeds benefit The Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Ohio.



Registration form - please print.

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For questions or to register:

Contact Holly at 419.624.1171 or holly.dagg@commonspirit.org

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CAMPBELL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER'S THIRD ANNUAL

Monday, July 22, 2024

Shotgun start at 10:00am

Sawmill Creek Golf Course Registration is \$150 per person or \$600 per team



On July 22, 2024, we are hosting the 3rd Annual Golf Tournament at Sawmill Creek Golf Course where over one hundred golfers will tee off for a great cause! With your sponsorship, The Center's Team will be able to encourage, empower, and educate children and youth in Erie County through afterschool, summer, and hunger alleviation programs.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Eighteen holes of golf
- Golf cart rental
- Driving Range will be open during check-in (weather
- permitting) Games on the course
- Coffee station
- Lunch Boxes on carts
- BBQ Dinner Buffet
- 50/50 Raffle with extra prizes
- Optional skins and mulligans for purchase

REGISTERBYJULY1STBYMAIL:

CAMPBELLCHRISTIANCOMMUNITYCENTER,C/O ALISON MORRIS,1617W.BOGARTRD.,STE#5,SANDUSKY,O H44870.CHECKSPAYABLETO:THECENTER



CAMPBELL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER'S THIRD ANNUAL

GOLF TOURNAMENT

TEAM NAME:

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CELL:	CELL:
EMAIL:	EMAIL:
PLAYER 3:	PLAYER 4:
COMPANY:	COMPANY:
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TEAM LEADER TO COLLECT ALL FUNDS FROM THE PLAYERS AND RETURN WITH REGISTRATION BY JULY 1ST VIA MAIL: CAMPBELL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER, C/O ALISON MORRIS, 1617 W. BOGART RD., Ste. #5, SANDUSKY, OH 44870. CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE CENTER If you have any questions, please call: 419-502-4333 or visit thecentersandusky.org



TITLE SPONSOR- \$6,000

Co-branded tournament, complimentary golf team of four, the opportunity to speak at awards ceremony, and Banner at Registration area.

DINNER SPONSOR- \$5,000

Premium logo placement on center of table tents at dinner and invitation for two to attend dinner, and golf team of four.

LUNCH SPONSOR- \$3,500

Logo placement on lunch boxes and logo at check-in table '

CART SPONSOR- \$2,500

Logo placement on sign attached to front of each golf cart. and logo at check-in table.

HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR- \$1,500

Logo on only sign by both Hole-in-One tee boxes, logo at check-in table, and the opportunity to set up table during check-in to meet golfers.

TEE SPONSOR- \$300

Logo on sign at a tee box and logo displayed during the refreshment time before dinner

PER GOLFER -\$150

TEAM OF FOUR -\$600

- Eighteen holes of golf.
- Gŏlf cart rental.
- Driving Range (weather permitting). Games on the course

- Coffee Station, Boxed lunch on carts
- BBQ Dinner Buffet
- 50/50 Raffle with extra prížes Optional skins and
- mulligans for purchase.

*All sponsorship levels include logo placement on The Center's Facebook, day of pamphlet,

& signs at entrance and dinner

MAIL: CAMPBELL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER, C/O Alison Morris, 1617 W. Bogart Rd., Ste. #5, SANDUSKY, OH 44870. Checks Payable to: The Center

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THE CENTER'S 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Over the last 14 years, Nehemiah Partners of Sandusky has done an incredible job of helping our community flourish. In 2024, we are officially rebranding to Campbell Christian Community Center (AKA, The Center). While our name is changing, our mission to "create safe spaces for children to learn and grow, while being surrounded by caring adults" will remain the same. We are fully embracing being a community center, so come and be a part of the team!

TOURNAMENT SPONSOR BENEFITS

There are two lead sponsorship packages and four additional sponsorship levels available for The Center's Third Annual Golf Tournament. Each level comes with a set of benefits allowing your business to share its logo and brand with participants. All sponsorship levels include logo placement on The Center's Facebook, day of pamphlet, and signs at the entrance. Promote your company to all golf tournament participants and The Center's hundreds of supporters.

The Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, so a percentage of all sponsorships are tax deductible.

EMPOWER AND CONNECT

Not only is this a great opportunity to promote your brand and connect with your target audience, all funds raised through sponsorships and this event will go directly towards providing programs to children and their families in the Sandusky area.



Membership Benefits: Small Business Health Benefits





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.



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



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