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## Update on COVID-19 and Hilliard Chamber Resources

While everyone is figuring out the next steps for their businesses, we are also doing that in terms of how we help our businesses. A survey was just sent out to our members asking for a snapshot of what is happening in your business. We want to be able to



provide resources for you so that you can navigate this new world we are all experiencing. On our website we have dedicated a page to information that can be useful to your business from the City of Hilliard, City of Columbus, Franklin County, State of Ohio, and the US Chamber of Commerce. We update the information and links as soon as we receive updates so please keep that page bookmarked on your device. Check out this link: [www.hilliardchamber.org/business-advocacy](http://www.hilliardchamber.org/business-advocacy)

We also have a listing of services that businesses can provide to you. **If your business is open**, please let us know and we will add that to our list. We need the hours of operation and other brief comments so that if someone is looking for a specific service you are listed. We want to support all of our businesses.

If you are hungry, need food for your office if you are still open, provide delivery to employees at home, want take-out for your family, etc., we have a listing of restaurants on the same page. We have also started a Facebook Group dedicated to helping restaurants in our area. Join **Helping Hilliard Ohio Restaurants/Bars During COVID-19 Crisis** on Facebook. There is great interaction on here and people are sharing their experiences at our restaurants and learning about new ones all the time!

# HILLIARD

## HOLLY FEST

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

### Hollyfest Arts & Crafts Show Application Available

Are you or do you know someone who makes amazing handmade crafts? We are looking for them to apply to the 38th Hollyfest Arts & Crafts Show to be held on Saturday, December 5, 2020. Each year brings 5500 people to Hilliard to this premier craft show which features 118 vendors. The vendors who have participated in this and other shows overwhelmingly tell us that this is one of the best run shows in central Ohio. It is a juried show and the application can be found on the Chamber's website, [www.hilliardchamber.org](http://www.hilliardchamber.org). The deadline is July 1st to turn in the application along with at least 3 photos and \$10 jury fee.



### Tee It Up and Participate in the Golf Outing: Sponsor and/or Play!

The Chamber's Annual Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 8th at **Heritage Golf Club**. We are looking for businesses who wish to sponsor holes, skill prizes and other fun specials that day. Look for the information on our website, or call the chamber for more details.

The Golf Cannon will be back again this year - where a play can pay \$20 to shoot their ball from the tee to the green on a par 4! Sounds like a blast—literally! Sign up a team, partial team or yourself to golf. Get your swing in shape, but make sure you come for the fun! It will be a shotgun start scramble format with shrimp cocktail and Bloody Mary's to start out your day of great golf—or at least fun golf!

**\*\*We will NOT be accepting payments at this time due to COVID-19. If we are able to hold this event as planned, we will contact you for payment closer to the event date.**





## Chamber Member Benefit Spotlight—Schooley Mitchell

These uncertain times are challenging and unsettling. Depending on the business adding revenue can be difficult, so managing expenses is more critical than ever to maintaining stability. As a Chamber Member Benefit partner, Schooley Mitchell is helping businesses address adverse financial condition through cost reduction analysis on telecommunications, merchant services, package shipping and waste services.

They're the largest independent cost reduction consulting firm in North America, having delivered over \$340 million in documented savings to our 22,000 clients to date.

Their service is no risk. The fee is simply a portion of any savings that they can implement on behalf of the client. And 100% of their client's save money - an average of nearly 30%. Real expense reduction.

Could your business benefit? Now is a great time to act.

Contact Bob Hays, 614-432-5553 or [bob.hays@schooleymitchell.com](mailto:bob.hays@schooleymitchell.com)

## City Manager - April 17th Meeting

We are planning on having our April 17th meeting from 10:00-11:00 am with Michelle Crandall, City Manager of Hilliard, as our guest. Michelle will share with us the first few months of her experience in Hilliard as well as give us an update on the opportunities the City of Hilliard is undertaking. More information and the link for the meeting will be on our website. The time of the meeting will be announced soon.



## Connections and Coffee April 3

We want to do our Connections and Coffee this coming Friday, April 3 just to check in and see how everyone is doing. We ask everyone to share a little bit about your business and also share something more personal about yourself. The question to share an unknown fact about you is shared at the beginning of the meeting! It is always a great meeting to connect with other chamber members so you can build your referral network. Look for the registration link on our website that will have the Zoom information.



# Business Spotlight — Ahlum & Arbor

**Ahlum & Arbor** is a full-service arboriculture firm that serves residential and commercial clients across central Ohio. Our founder, David Ahlum, began the company in the late 1970s while studying at The Ohio State University. Today, David's son, Chris Ahlum and his team continue to carry on the legacy of exceptional quality standards and professionalism.

**Ahlum & Arbor** helps our clients preserve their trees, maintain their properties and beautify their landscape with our top-notch services and our renowned expertise. **Ahlum & Arbor's** recommendations are customized for the specific needs of your unique trees and shrubs and the microclimate of your site. We do not promote a particular program, but instead, diagnose what your plants need to regain or maintain optimal health. Our services include tree and shrub pruning, removal (if necessary), plant health care treatments, consultations

and high-quality bulk mulch sales.

What separates us from the competition? Easy: our people. The professionals who make up our team at



**Ahlum & Arbor** have myriad credentials and certifications demonstrating their in-depth knowledge in the world of arboriculture, and many are recognized as some of the foremost experts in the field here in Central Ohio. By establishing uncompromising technical and safety standards and making sure employees have the best possible

training and excellent equipment, **Ahlum & Arbor** delivers exceptional quality and value for our clients.

If you are looking to learn more about maintaining the health of your trees and shrubs contact us today! We will set up to have one of our Certified Arborist out to evaluate your property. Contact us online at [ahlumarbor.com](http://ahlumarbor.com) or by calling our office at 614-876-5622.

## 11th Annual Taste of Hilliard & Business Expo for 2020 Sponsors Needed



Have you heard about one of the premier events held in Hilliard? The 11th Annual Taste of Hilliard & Business Expo will be on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at the Makoy

Center. The booths have sold out every year which demonstrates how enjoyable and beneficial it is for our businesses. Don't be on the waiting list when it is time to sign up in June! Last year we had 30 restaurants

and 50 businesses participate. Over 1000 people came through the doors to taste the food and see what businesses had to offer.

Your business will get great exposure by being one of the sponsors of



this event. Our Presenting Sponsor is Credit Union of Ohio. If you wish to be a sponsor at the Platinum or Gold level you can get your booth right now—4 months early! Your booth fee of \$150 is included in the Platinum and Gold level sponsorships. There are other sponsorship levels in addition to these two. Sign up to be a sponsor on our website or contact us at the Chamber office at 615.876.7666 or [info@hilliardchamber.org](mailto:info@hilliardchamber.org)



# Future Meetings with the Hilliard Chamber

As we navigate the different ways to keep in touch with our members we are going virtual just as many of you are doing every day. Knowing that we will be not having any meetings in person through April 30, we will be trying to do our meetings via Zoom. Look for information on our website and register so that you will have access to the code to join our meetings.

## Member Renewals

You should have received your invoice for your 2020 membership. Please remit your payment as soon as possible. We appreciate your continued support of the Chamber’s work on behalf of the business community. We appreciate you being a chamber member and look forward to another great year!

Thank you to the following members who have re-invested as of press time: **Ananta Energy; Beer Barrel, Inc.; Brightview; Buckeye State Bank; Columbus Chiropractic Center of Hilliard; ComDoc, A Xerox Company; Creative Art Bar; Day and Night Building Services LLC; Drayer Physical Therapy Institute; Edward Jones – Norwich Street; Executive**

**Security Consultants; Heartland Bank; Joslyn Law Firm; Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A.; MB Executive Consulting, LLC; National Church Residences – Lincoln Village; Orangetheory Fitness Hilliard; Performance Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram – Georgesville; PNC Bank – Hilliard Rome Road; Primrose School of Hilliard at Mill Run; Pulp Juice and Smoothie Bar; RICH Products; Signature Primary Care and Wellness; Submarine House Bar & Grill; The Goat; The Wendell Apartments; Trudeau’s Fence Company; Universal Gymnasts, Inc.; Vintage Market Days; Wayac Scales & Calibration Inc. and West Jefferson Animal Hospital.**



## Member Bits

Recognized for Top Achievement in Service, Profitability and Growth - **PrideStaff Columbus West** Named 2019 President’s Circle Award Winner!

In an evolving, competitive market where the national unemployment rate remains at a 50-year low, **PrideStaff**, a national, franchised staffing organization, is pleased to announce the annual winners of their President’s Circle Award. Reserved for Owners/Strategic-Partners, account managers and company managers, this prestigious award is given to high performers who have grown their staffing offices and exceeded service and revenue objectives for the year. This year, **Pridestaff Columbus West** was named a President’s Circle Award winner for being a top producer in revenue and profits in 2019. Bill Gross and the entire Columbus West team were recognized at **PrideStaff’s** annual meeting in San Antonio, TX.

# New Members

**World Class Plastics**

**Nick Wisniewski**

**7695 State Route 78**

**Russells Point, OH 43348**

**937-843-4927**

**www.worldclassplastics.com**

*Plastic Injection Molding*

**EEVA Ventures ltd DBA Board  
and Brush Creative Studio**

**Hilliard**

**Vanessa Phillips**

**2975 Rockford Drive**

**Columbus, OH 43221**

**670-510-0473**

*EEVA Ventures ltd has purchased  
a Board and Brush franchise to be  
set up in Hilliard, OH*

**Advanced Destistry by**

**James Blank**

**Malinda Shipman**

**5491 Scioto Darby Road**

**Hilliard, OH 43026**

**614-876-4900**

**www.advancedhilliard.com**

*Dental Office*

**Premier at Sawmill Athletic  
Club**

**Jim Miller**

**3111 Hayden Road**

**Columbus, OH 43235**

**614-336-2582**

**www.premieratsawmill.com**

*Premier at Sawmill Athletic  
Club combines the prestige and  
privilege of a luxury club with a  
warm and welcoming atmosphere  
comfortable for the athlete or the  
family who is looking for Fitness  
and Fun*

**WeGetTheMoldOut.com**

**Chris Flood**

**4134 Anson Drive**

**Hilliard, OH 43026**

**614-771-9099**

**www.wegetthemoldout.com**

*Mold remediation and property  
restoration*

**Valentino Business Services, Inc.**

**Richard Valentino**

**5224 Westbreeze Court**

**Hilliard, OH 43026**

**614-325-2602**

*Insurance Broker*

**Resurrection Evangelical**

**Lutheran Church**

**Amy Behrendt**

**3500 Main Street**

**Hilliard, OH 43026**

**614-876-7926 • www.relc.org**

*Church*

## Member Anniversaries

The Chamber would like to recognize our members who have continually supported the purpose of the chamber and its activities. The following members have invested in the chamber for ten or more years as of March 2020:

**32 years**

**Columbus Metropolitan Library – Hilliard Branch –  
Amy McLanahan**

**31 years**

**Hilliard Family Medicine – Lucinda Jeu**

**25 years**

**OhioHealth – Debbie Donahey**

**23 years**

**Mill Run Rehabilitation Center, Skilled Nursing and  
Assisted Living – Adam Zimmerman**

**20 years**

**Rosati Windows – Michael Rosati**

**18 years**

**Powell Prints – Jaylene Dooley**

**18 years**

**Hampton Inn & Suites – Janet Boissy**

**13 years**

**Credit Union of Ohio – Jill Gerschutz**

**Hamilton Safe Products Co. Inc. – Eric DeBellis**

**10 years**

**Canine Companions for Independence –  
Megan Koester**

## Board of Directors:

Jeremy Felix, A Team Investments  
 Aaron Conrad, Bo Jackson's Elite Sports  
 Jill Gerschutz, Credit Union of Ohio  
 Keith Lewis, JC & Company  
 Brian McCallister, OhioHealth  
 Melissa McKenzie, OhioHealth  
 Stacie Raterman, Hilliard City Schools  
 Steve Sefner, Heritage Golf Club  
 Bobby Sneed, Heritage Golf Club  
 Mitch Staugler, Dot's Tots Foundation  
 Emily West, Dogwatch of Columbus

## Staff:

Libby Gierach, President/CEO  
 Sandra Simpson, Events Coordinator

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**www.HilliardChamber.org**

## Calendar of Events

**Friday, April 3th**  
*Connections and Coffee*  
 9:00-10:00am  
 Chamber Members Only  
 Zoom meeting

**Friday, April 17th**  
*Chamber Meeting*  
 Time TBD  
 Zoom Meeting  
 Register on Website

**Friday, May 8th**  
*Connections and Coffee*  
 9:00-10:00 am  
 Zoom Meeting  
 Chamber Members Only

**Wednesday, May 13th**  
*Hilliard Women in Business Luncheon*  
 The Reception House at Raymond Memorial by Schmidt's  
 3860 Trabue Road  
 Columbus, OH 43228  
 11:30am - 1:15pm  
 Reservations required

**Friday, May 15th**  
*Chamber Annual Meeting*  
 Heritage Golf Club  
 3525 Heritage Club Drive  
 11:30am – 1:00 pm  
 Reservations required

**Monday, June 8th**  
*Golf Outing*  
 Heritage Golf Club  
 3525 Heritage Club Drive  
 Noon Shotgun  
 Reservations required



**ADD YOUR EVENT**

Quickly add your events to the **HACC event calendar** online by selecting the event calendar in the events drop-down menu and click on **Submit New Event!**