

Annual Golf Outing October 1



Columbia Hill Country Club

The Chamber's annual Golf Outing will be held on Monday, October 1 at Columbia Hills Country Club.

The Chamber has always been proud to offer this outing at one of the finer venues in the greater Cleveland area. Columbia Hills is in terrific condition and presents a fun opportunity for golfers of all levels," commented Dave Jager, Chamber president.

Brunch and registration are held from 10:30 – 12:00 in the main clubhouse. Golf begins with a shotgun start at 12:00 noon, with a brief closing ceremony and prizes following the conclusion of golf. Snacks will be available and a cash bar will be open during the closing ceremony.

Cost per golfer this year is just \$110, including 18 holes of golf, cart, brunch, and prizes. Hole sponsorships are available for just \$100 each.

Once again this year Pete Baur Pontiac is sponsoring a Hole-in-One contest with a new Pontiac G-6 as the Grand Prize. Last year Dave Czerniak, a Chamber member, did make the Hole-in-One and won the car. It can be done!!

Call the Chamber office at 440.238.3366 today to reserve your spot in this fun outing!



Newsletter

Dear Fellow Chamber Members:

Well, we did it again! The 2007 Homecoming was one of our most successful in the last few years. We did have the challenge of the weather on Thursday but that did not dampen attendance on the other days. The parade came off without problems, the bands were great and we had a great time which is the most important factor.

I am sincerely grateful to all those that individuals that contributed to this year's success. We could not even come close to what we do without the significant effort by a number of individuals. Of course we start with our Homecoming Chairmen, Tom Burichin, Mike Kalinich and our individual committee members. A special thanks goes to Bill Harr for his parade organization efforts and to Doug Kawiecki who leads the Sponsorship Committee. Certainly, we could not be as successful without the overwhelming support of our Executive Director, Rea Cantwell and our office managers, Lore' and Amy.

I think everyone will agree, however, that there are several keys to our success. First, our success lies in the support and efforts of all our tent managers and volunteer help. Secondly, we could not do this every year without the support and backing of our city leaders. Mayor Tom Perciak, the council members, police, fire and service associates demonstrate that even in a city the size of Strongsville, we can still work together for a common good. Finally, a special "Thank You" goes to all the sponsors that supported us financially this year.

I trust you will have a safe and pleasurable fall and I hope to see you in the fall at our Chamber events.

Sincerely,
Dave Jager, Chamber President





Beautiful weather (mostly), outstanding crowds, and a dedicated crew of more than 200 volunteers combined to make the 65th Annual Strongsville Homecoming a tremendous success.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Families First Homecoming theme was well supported by Homecoming guests of all ages who enjoyed the family-oriented activities and environment.

Chamber Trustee Tom Burichin, who serves a General Chair of Homecoming, summarized the four day event by pointing out that an estimated 60,000 residents, guests, and business persons joined in the fun at this year's celebration.

"The weather was nearly perfect – just a bit of rain on Thursday evening." Burichin said, adding:

"This year's Homecoming brought back the nostalgia of our old-fashioned Homecoming, where all events and activities focused on family fun for everyone. The overall sense is that we want to provide the safest and cleanest environment for people of all ages."

The four-day celebration officially opened Wednesday evening when upwards of 10,000 people lined Pearl Road to take in the 34th Annual Homecoming Parade, sponsored again by Fifth Third Bank. The crowd then followed the parade to the Commons where all activities were in full swing.

Throughout the four day event, thousands of people enjoyed quality entertainment, exciting rides, delicious food, and great games for people of all ages.

The event would not be possible without the generous support of Homecoming sponsors. Thanks very much to these local businesses and individuals who make the Homecoming possible:

Thank You!

Company	Sponsorship	
Fifth Third Bank - Parade & Top Stage	Cleveland Clinic - Clock Tower	Parkview Homes - Clock Tower
Darice Inc. - Clock Tower	Perciak Family - Clock Tower	Slim & Chubby's - Dining Pavilion
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Nak's Eatery and Drinkery	New Century Builders	North Coast Pediatric, Inc.
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Pete Baur Pontiac	Pinzone Financial Services	PSE Credit Union Incorporated
RFC Contracting, Inc.	Sandy Plumbing	Sartschev, Haskins & Co., LLC
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Strongsville Rotary Club	Super Cleaners	The Write Company
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WOMEN IN BUSINESS BREAKFAST

The Chamber will sponsor another in a series of educational seminars targeted for the women members of the organization. The breakfast program will be held on Thursday, October 4 from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. at the Strongsville Holiday Inn.

This quarter's program will feature a panel presentation on the topic "Are You Ready for a Life Changing Experience?" On the panel will be an attorney, a Certified Public Accountant, and a funeral director who will consider steps that women should be taking to prepare for the possibilities of the unexpected death of a spouse or a personal diagnosis of a terminal illness. Following the presentation by the panel members, there will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

Cost of the breakfast program will \$20 for Chamber members, \$25 for non-members, payable at the door.

To reserve your seat for the breakfast and program, please call the Chamber office at 440.238.3366 before October 2.

Holiday Dance Scheduled for December 7

The annual Holiday Scholarship Dance has been scheduled for Friday, December 7 at Michaud's Town and Country, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

This event, which has become the unofficial kick off to the holiday season in Strongsville, has become one of the most popular evenings of the year in our community.

Tickets will be available in early November when more details have been worked out.

For now – SAVE THE DATE!! You won't want to miss this exciting evening!



BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE FOR OCTOBER LUNCHEON

The monthly business luncheon for the Chamber will be held on Tuesday, October 16 at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center.

The program will be the first of what is expected to become an annual Business Roundtable and will feature a panel presentation by each of the department directors for the City of Strongsville. Each will give a brief explanation of the responsibilities of his or her department and then take questions from Chamber members that will enhance understanding and communication between the business community and the City.

"One of the goals of our strategic plan for this year is to open the important channels of communication that will promote and advocate for the benefit of our members," commented Jim Mocho, chairperson of the Chamber's Strategic Planning Committee. "We feel that this forum will offer our members an opportunity to get direct answers to the questions that may help them grow their business."

To reserve your space for the luncheon, call the Chamber office at 440.238.3366. Cost of the luncheon is just \$12 per person, payable at the door or in advance by calling the office. Deadline will be October 12. The luncheon will be provided by Chamber member Bucci's Catering.

The speaker for the November luncheon (November 20) will be Len Komoroski, the president and CEO of the Cleveland Cav's. He will be presenting some important information about the prospects for a repeat championship season.

Mark your calendars now for November 20!

Chamber Welcomes 13 New Members

- Amy Augustine
- Aspire Management Inc.
- Bradco Home Maintenance
- Critchfield, Critchfield, & Johnston, Ltd
- DirectBuy
- Ed Tarris Photography
- Erin Welch
- Janine's Café
- LeClair's Custom Cabinetry
- Millisor & Nobil, Co. LPA
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- Rafter Equipment Corp.
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