

April 2020

## Director's Note:

As I write this April newsletter from my home office, I think back to just a few short weeks ago as we started March and never would I have imagined all of this. I am more than ever proud to live in Coshocton County as I am seeing and living amazing acts of selflessness ever where. We are all trying to find our new norm, many businesses are still up and running, and others are finding themselves out of work. The Chamber office has been extremely busy with many conference calls with State officials working to get help for our business owners and their employees. We have answered calls from the elderly scared and worried about getting their prescriptions. Schools are working to feed the kids that are locked out and navigating homeschooling. Many leaders are flying solo in their locked down office buildings. Yet the one thing that shines brightest in all of this is that we are in this together. Several of our local businesses have come together to make masks for our local hospital patients, our home healthcare workers, and those working with compromised populations. The United Way of Coshocton County has proactively established a Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund to which foundations, organizations, civic groups, and individuals can contribute.

The Coshocton Port Authority and Chamber worked quickly to establish all of our Federal, State and local resources into one document that can serve businesses. We emailed that out to all of our members and used social media to get the information in the right hands. This is such a fluid situation and things are changing rapidly. We hope and pray our leaders can come together and get the needed funds into the main stream population very quickly. How can you do your part? If you are still working, think about paying it forward. Send your barber or beautician your normal monthly check, purchase gift cards to be used as soon as this clears up, ask your neighbor if they need anything, purchase takeout for your family at least once a week, reach out to our senior high school and college kids ready to graduate and make sure they know how proud you are of them. So many things have changed in just a short few weeks and will continue to revolve, but together we can all make a positive difference.

Do your part to flatten the curve!

Amy Crown

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## Fun things to do in Coshocton County:

While all events have been canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, there are many things you can still enjoy in Coshocton County while maintaining social distancing. Here are some suggestions:

Clary Gardens

Lake Park trails and paths

Fishing with your family

Long car rides

Picnic in the parks

We hope you will all stay safe out there!



## Executive Board Members

Mike Finton \* President

Kirby Hasseman \* Vice President

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Jesse Fischer

Phil Hunt

Mary Ellen Given

Danny Brenneman

Ingrid Yoder

Jason Thompson

## Chamber Staff

Amy Crown

Executive Director

Debbie Ford

Project Coordinator



The Coshocton County Safety Council will not meet in April due to the Coronavirus situation. All members will be awarded credit for this meeting. As this situation takes us closer to the end of the fiscal year, BWC is reviewing policy and legal requirements to determine flexibility with program requirements. When any further decisions are made about the Ohio Safety Council rebate program we will share them with you. We will keep our Safety Council members updated for future meetings. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Amy and Debbie  
Coshocton County Chamber of Commerce

### **Annual Chamber Auction.....**

The pickup date for the Annual Auction is April 23<sup>rd</sup> however we know that this might have to be postponed. All of the merchandise is secured in COTC and anything that is food related has not been made or picked up. It will be fresh! Thank you for understanding that during this Covid-19 situation our main goal is to keep the community safe. Your bidding is much appreciated!



### **Annual Chamber Dinner.....**

If all goes as planned the Annual Chamber Dinner will take place on May 15. Again, we do not know how long this situation is going to impact our community. If that date does not work out (we hope it does) we will move our Annual Dinner to August 21<sup>st</sup>. We want to honor those special community members with awards and once this is all over with we will need something to celebrate. Thank you for understanding that this is out of our control.

### **Social Media.....**



The Coshocton County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page is communicating weekly with around 8,000 to 10,000 people. If you have postings you would like the Chamber to forward, please tag us in your posts. That way we can see them and share them. Take a minute to like our Facebook page. We also post job listings which you can email to [debbieford@coshoctonchamber.com](mailto:debbieford@coshoctonchamber.com).

## **New Members.....**

Hometown Lenders, LLC  
534 Main Street  
Coshocton, OH 43812  
(740) 868-6410

Gleam & Glisten Cleaning Services, LLP  
51723 County Road 425  
Fresno, OH 43824  
(740) 502-7062



Coshocton County Board of Developmental  
Disabilities/ Hopewell School  
23720 Airport Road  
Coshocton, OH 43812  
(740) 622-2032

## **Ribbon Cutting.....**

On March 12th the Chamber welcomed a new business and Chamber member to Coshocton with a ribbon cutting. Hometown Lenders is located at 534 Main Street, Coshocton, Ohio. See them for your mortgage lending needs.

For more information contact :

**Hometown Lenders, LLC**  
534 Main Street  
Coshocton, OH 43812  
(740) 868-6410

**[www.hometownlenders.com](http://www.hometownlenders.com)**





**March 19, 2020**

This page is designed to help economic development leaders, employers and our workforce in the Coshocton area, this page will help us respond to the challenges of COVID-19.

Our Regional and State partners would like to help you be informed. Below is a list of programs and resources we have gathered thus far. We will continue to add to this list as further resources become available. Please click [HERE](#) for our partner updates from  Ohio SE.

#### **Federal:**

- [SBA \(Small Business Administration\) Disaster Loan Assistance](#) (because of Governor Mike DeWine's emergency declaration, Ohio businesses will be eligible for [Economic Impact Loans](#); application may be possible by March 20th.)
- [Updated Info: SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Process](#) provided by Ohio University SBDC
- [U.S. Chamber of Commerce: Combating the Coronavirus](#)
- [CDC Resources for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers from the CDC](#)
- [Coronavirus: What You Need to Know](#) provided by the National Governor's Association
- [US Department of Labor Coronavirus Resources](#)
- [OSHA Guidance for Prepping Workplaces for COVID-19](#)

#### **State of Ohio:**

- [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#)
- [ODJFS Coronavirus and Unemployment Insurance Benefits](#)
- [Liquor Buy Back](#) (for impacted bars & restaurants)

## Regional:

Has your organization or do you know of organizations in the OhioSE region who have developed local resources? Please email Heather Church at [heather@ohiose.com](mailto:heather@ohiose.com) for inclusion.

- [Appalachian Growth Capital](#) (AGC) (small business lending)
- [13 Week Cash Flow Excel Spreadsheet Download](#) supplied by FocusCFO, to help business owners understand cash flow needs 13 weeks out. (FocusCFO has also offered to help business owners understand and complete the form free of charge. Additionally, your local SBDC center can provide the same service if business owners are struggling to understand cash flow needs.)

## Workforce:

- [ODJFS SharedWork Ohio](#) (a way to equally cut back worker hours and allow unemployment compensation to fill the gap)
- [SharedWork Ohio PDF Guide](#)

## Utilities & Service Providers:

- [Columbia Gas of Ohio](#)– suspending non-payment shutoffs
- [AEP Ohio](#) – suspending non-payment shutoffs
- [Charter Communications](#)– free access to Spectrum Broadband and Wi-Fi for new, student households
- [South Central Power Company](#)– response to COVID-19

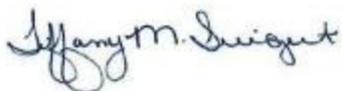
## Public Health Updates:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Ohio Department of Health](#)

## General Information:

- PDF: [Coping with Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#) by SAMHSA

Sincerely,



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Coshocton Port Authority



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