

December 2019

Director's Note:

Wishing you a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS


Just think this decade has only 30 more days left in it. Wow! That is somewhat hard to believe, yet exciting that we are focusing on the Vision for 2020 and beyond here at the Chamber office. Try to think about where your business was at the very beginning of 2010. Did you even exist then? What are some of the new challenges you have faced over the last decade? It is almost hard to remember our lives not being ran by an iPhone or being able to have our groceries delivered to our homes, yet did we really think those things would happen at the beginning of 2010? We know the world continues to change rapidly and we as business leaders must be ready to leap forward. Economic development looks differently in our rural community than it does in the major cities around us. We will continue to look at making sure we have a skilled labor pool ready for businesses here.

We are positioned very well with Central Ohio Technical College and the Coshocton Promise to help educate and keep the work force employable. Upskilling workers and giving people the opportunity to become better has been made possible by this generous donation from the Coshocton Foundation. It needs to be a goal of our employers to extend this opportunity for advancements to their workers. We know we must get the younger generation interested in making Coshocton home. We do that by making sure there are opportunities and things for them to want to be involved with.

Our Town Coshocton has done a wonderful job making our Main Street more inviting during the holiday season. Each of us must do our part now by supporting the small businesses that make the Coshocton community so great. I am not saying do not shop at our local Wal-Mart store, I am saying think before jumping on Amazon and pushing the buttons. It might be easier, but our stores offer great prices, outstanding customer service and are what makes Coshocton so unique.

I look forward to leading our Coshocton Chamber into the next decade and hope that each of you as business leaders will be on board with working together to make that happen. I never thought I would be ending this decade as a brand new bride, but you never know what can happen next with some faith and hope.

May the holiday season be filled with Grace!

Amy Crown



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Upcoming Events:

December 6,7,8, 2019

Live Nativity

**Coshocton Christian
 Tabernacle**

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

23891 Airport Rd. Coshocton
 OH 43812

December 7 & 14, 2019

**Roscoe Christmas &
 Candle Lighting**

Ceremony

10 am - 8 pm

Roscoe Village
 (740) 622-4877

December 8 2019

Christmas Festival

Concert Presented by

The Coshocton

Community Choir

Coshocton High School

(740) 623-0554

Tickets- www.coshoctoncommunitychoir.org

Executive Board Members

Mike Finton * President

Kirby Hasseman * Vice President

Sandy Jones * Treasurer

Jesse Fischer

Phil Hunt

Mary Ellen Given

Danny Brenneman

Ingrid Yoder

Jason Thompson

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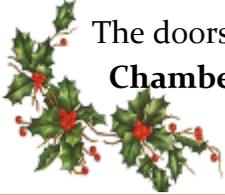
Executive Director

Debbie Ford

Project Coordinator



The Coshocton County Safety Council will meet on Thursday, December 19th, 2019 at the Coshocton Moose Lodge located at 120 Main Street, Coshocton. The speaker for November will be **Beth Cormack** from **Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices**
Topic: "**Emotions and the Holiday Season**".



The doors will open at 11:30 am and the meeting will begin at noon. **Please remember to RSVP the Chamber office by Monday, December 16th** for additional guests that are not included on your annual reservation. Cost will be \$15.00 at the door without reservations.

New Chamber Members.....

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
1005 South Washington Street
Millersburg, OH 44654
(234) 301-9005
www.Holidayinnexpress.com

Indian Mud Run
Coshocton, OH 43812
(740) 502-7208
www.indianmudrun.com

Redwood House of Real Estate, LLC
P.O. Box 58
Coshocton, OH 43812
(740) 224-6967 / Cell (614) 365-1455
Branch/ 170 W. High Ave., Suite 203
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
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www.RedwoodHouseofRealEstate.com

Shout Out to

A big thank you to Our Town Coshocton for the new holiday decorations on Main Street.



Quote for the day.....

A little smile, a word of cheer, A bit of love from someone near, A little gift from one held dear,
Best wishes for the coming year. These make a Merry Christmas!

John Greenleaf Whittier



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.



Heating Things Up at the Office

Space heater safety is not just a residential concern.

Portable electric space heaters are also used in workplaces across the country and can pose a major workplace safety hazard. Fires can be caused by space heaters without adequate safety features, space heaters placed near combustibles, or space heaters that are improperly plugged in. If an employer does not have a written policy specifically forbidding the use of space heaters on company property, it is critical that they establish and publish guidelines for their safe use.

Educating employees about safe space heater practices can reduce the risks to employees and facilities. The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) offers the following space heater safety tips:

- Employees should be required to obtain approval from a supervisor or facility manager prior to using a space heater at work.
- All space heaters should have the certification of an independent testing laboratory.
- Proper placement of space heaters is critical. Heaters must be kept at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including papers, clothing and rugs.
- Locate space heaters out of high traffic areas and doorways where they may pose a tripping hazard.

- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which could overheat and result in a fire.

Do not plug any other electrical devices into the same outlet as the heater. Operating space heaters should never be left unattended. They should be turned off and unplugged at the end of the work day or whenever the employee leaves the room.

Did you know?

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) estimates that there were 21,800 home fires involving stationary or portable space heaters in 2007. These fires resulted in 490 civilian deaths, 1,180 injuries and \$330 million in direct property damage.