

# CHAMBER UPDATE

January 2020

# **Director's Note:**

Welcome to the beginning of a brand new decade-2020! We are exciting for the New Year and a renewed energy within our community. It is exciting seeing new businesses open on Main Street. The local stores have been blessed with a great holiday season with increased sales in retail. The consumer confidence is up and unemployment is at record lows for our great nation and community. We have a new Mayor elect and several new elected officials on our local school boards and City Council. I truly believe that Coshocton County will see great growth moving forward.

Making sure our community is poised to take advantage of opportunities we must each remember that we are the community's best marketing partners. Be encouraging to guests and vendors visiting your businesses. Make sure to share all of the wonderful places to visit when you have guests in town. Highlight our positives and share your favorite places that make Coshocton where you call home. How can you help move Coshocton County forward? Get involved and share your expertise. Many non-profits, civil organizations and groups are looking for engaged community members. Be one of them! Look at your interests and see how you can volunteer for an organization that has a shared value. When we give of ourselves, and so many of our members do, it makes the whole community better.

We are looking forward to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Health, Safety & Wellness Expo on Saturday, January 18 at Kids America from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Come out and join us as Coshocton Regional Medical Center along with many other vendors share their services. We will have many diagnostic tests and free information to keep you healthy for the New Year and moving into this new decade. We hope to see you and remember if you are a member of the Coshocton County Safety Council attending this event will count as a meeting. This is a great way to make up a missed meeting for your required attendance.

We look forward to our continued partnership with your business!

Happy 2020!

Amy Crown
Executive Director



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# **Upcoming Events:**

January 18, 2020 Health, Safety & Wellness Expo 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Kid's America 1600 Otsego Avenue Coshocton, OH 43812

January 23, 2020 Chamber Quarterly Luncheon 11:30 am - 1 pm Frontier Power

Reservations: (740) 622-5411 or email debbieford@coshoctonchamber.com amycrown@coshoctonchamber.com

**Community Room** 

## **Save the Date:**

March 1, 2020 Coshocton 2020 Bridal Expo 12:00 pm - 3 pm Lake Park Pavilion

For Vendor Application Form go to visitcoshocton.com/events

## **Executive Board Members**

Mike Finton \* President Kirby Hasseman \* Vice President Sandy Jones \* Treasurer

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# <u>Chamber Staff</u>

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The Coshocton County Safety Council will meet on Thursday, January 16th, 2020 at the Coshocton Moose Lodge located at 120 Main Street, Coshocton. The speaker for January will be Rich Rausch from McWane Ductile

Topic: "Bloodborne Pathogens".

The doors will open at 11:30 am and the meeting will begin at noon. **Please remember to RSVP the Chamber office by Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> for** additional guests that are not included on your annual reservation. Cost will be \$15.00 at the door without reservations.

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

December 6th the Chamber celebrated the opening of the new offices of our Chamber member Optics Plus Vision Center on Chestnut Street in Coshocton. Dr Charles Fornara's office was previously located on Main Street and relocated in order to expand the business. They offer full service optometric care including eyeglasses, contacts and non-surgical medical eye care. Optics Plus Vision Center, located at 224 Chestnut Street, is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are taking new patients and accept most insurances. Contact them at (740) 622-1484 for more





# Quote for the day.....

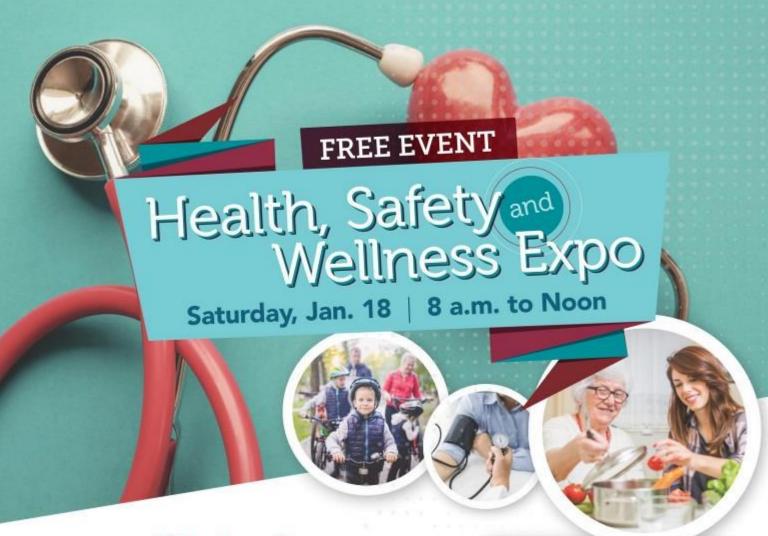
Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.

## **Benjamin Franklin**

# 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.



# Kids America 1600 Otsego Ave., Coshocton

Learn great ways to keep your family safe and healthy at the 8th Annual Coshocton County Health, Safety and Wellness Expo.

## The expo offers helpful information including:

- Life-saving health screenings provided by Coshocton Regional Medical Center
- · Home safety tips
- · Fitness and exercise programs
- Nutrition advice
- Rehabilitation tips after illness or injury
- And more

Get great ideas and professional advice for a safe and healthy 2020!

Blood draws are available for the following tests:

FOR ALL:

12-hour fast is recommended.

- Complete Blood Count w/o differential
- Chem 8 (Glucose, BUN, Creatinine, Sodium, Potassium, Chloride, Carbon Dioxide, and Calcium)
- Lipid Profile (Cholesterol, Triglyceride, HDL)
- TSH (Thyroid Stimulation Hormone)
- 14 A1C

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#### **Press Release**

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COSHOCTON COUNTY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION AGENCY RECEIVES GRANT FROM ODOT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDING.

Coshocton, OH (October 28, 2019) - Coshocton County Coordinated Transportation Agency (CCCTA) is pleased to announce it has received a \$473,811 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). ODOT awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process. These funds will support CCCTA operations and improve mobility throughout Coshocton County and all of Ohio.

This funding will allow CCCTA to be reimbursed 50% of approved operating budget expenses, including salaries, fringe, travel, meetings, advertising, and other miscellaneous operational expenses. Funding will also reimburse the agency 80% of approved capitalized maintenance expenses. Through the grant award, CCCTA will also receive one expansion vehicle, a MMV - Modified Mini Van, funded at 80%.

The expansion vehicle as well as the operational funding received will be used to help start and run a Deviated Fixed Route Shuttle Service within Coshocton City. Residents will be able to ride to and from city locations, including Wal-Mart, for a nominal fee. Hoping to start this service yet this year, there will be more details to come about the new route.

A portion of the local match for this federal grant would not have been possible without the grant funding provided locally. CCCTA would like to thank the Coshocton Foundation for \$31,148 to help purchase new route software, as well as providing the match money for the new MMV vehicle. The agency also wants to thank the United Way for \$5,000 in grant dollars they provided to the agency in order to help fund this route as well. In addition to the route, matching funds are required for all other areas of the grant as well. If you have any interest in donating, please contact the CCCTA office.

"We are so excited for this new opportunity. As this is the first time the agency has applied for this type of funding, we were not sure what to expect. These grant dollars will have an enormous impact on our agency as well as our community as a whole. CCCTA will be able to serve many more county residents than ever before and will provide many more transportation options for individuals."

Valerie Shaw, Director Coshocton County Coordinated Transportation Agency 740-622-7139 valerieshaw@coshoctoncounty.net Congratulations to our board member Kirby Hasseman on the upcoming launch of his new book, "The Give First Economy, How to Succeed in it."

The launch date is scheduled for January 6th, 2020.

