January 15 Chamber Luncheon

Join us for a presentation by Fred Bowditch on Friday, January 15th at 11:30am at the Heritage Golf Club. Fred will be discussing how to protect your business and employees from internal and external violent threats and actions.

Fred Bowditch retired from the Columbus Division of Police in 2010. During his 36 years he developed the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, the Strategic Response Bureau, and the Counter Terrorism Unit. Upon retirement he was hired by the Franklin County Commissioners as a homeland security consultant. He liaisons with New American groups, conduct critical assessment of properties and practices, conduct training in terrorism prevent, active shooter response, and many other projects. His other job is to run the annual National Homeland Security Conference.

Fred and his wife Joan have lived in the Hilliard School district for 30 years.

Please RSVP via the website or by calling the chamber office at 614.876.7666. We ask for payment at the time you make your reservation. The cost is $18 for members and $21 for potential members and guests. There is also a sign up form on page 7 of the newsletter.

Pre-Pay for your Chamber Luncheons in 2016

You have the opportunity to pay for your luncheons the entire 2016 calendar year. We do not have luncheons during the months of June or July. The one-time cost is $180. This also includes the Annual Meeting in March. You are still required to make a reservation prior to each luncheon you plan to attend, but you won’t have to hassle with keeping track of expense receipts! Just mark the appropriate space on your dues invoice or contact the chamber.
Annual Meeting March 11 - Nominate A Deserving Member Today!

The 2016 Annual Meeting will again be a luncheon meeting to be held at the Heritage Golf Club on Friday, March 11, 2016, 11:30 – 1:30. The annual Chamber report in addition to Chamber awards will be presented. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting. A nomination form is included at the end of this newsletter for the three categories for chamber awards: Emerging Business, Established Business, and Most Involved Volunteer. Please feel free to nominate a deserving chamber member for any of these awards. The deadline to receive the nominations is Friday, February 12. See the nomination form at the end of this newsletter for more information and criteria for the awards. Once again, Allied Sources will be doing the video production of the award winners!

Jump into 2016 with us at Adrenalin Trampoline Park on January 20!

We are excited to see you at our first Business After Hours of 2016 at the newest attraction in Hilliard, Adrenalin Trampoline Park, 3708 Fishinger Blvd., where you may choose to jump for $12/hour, plus $2.50 for socks. We will have appetizers in The Boulevard restaurant from 5-7 pm. You will flip when you see this! Make sure that you register for the event on our website, www.hilliardchamber.org.

Office Depot Saves You Money Due To Your Chamber Membership

Your business can save up to 30% overall savings on your office supplies through Office Depot by enrolling in the FREE member benefit provided by your investment in the Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce. The two-sided flyer at the end of this newsletter has a sign up form as well as more information on the savings of: discounted prices on over 14,000 items; aggressive copy paper pricing; free next day delivery with no minimum order requirement; office furniture solutions; and more! Each employee in your business can also receive a Retail Connect Discount Card as well for their use at either a retail store or to order online. The Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce is working to provide you with resources that add value to your membership.

Newsletter Advertising Available

Want a way to get directly into the in-box of more than 400 business professionals? Put a business card size ad in the chamber newsletter! The chamber newsletter keeps businesses up to date on chamber, business and community happenings by giving them quick and easy-to-read information on a monthly basis. The cost to advertise is $150 for 3 months; $250 for 6 months; $400 for 12 months. Contact the chamber if interested (space available basis)
Your New Year’s Resolution: Shop Local

Our community focused “Buy Local” initiative is here to help YOU encourage your consumers to shop local in the New Year. Instead of the traditional resolutions, promote shopping local this upcoming year! At the most basic level, buying local ensures that more money is staying in our community. Remember, for every $100 spent at a locally-owned store, $45 remains in the local economy. Now more than ever we recognize that when consumers buy local, they’re keeping their communities unique and thriving, and assisting in the creation and retention of local jobs.

As with any New Year’s resolution, there’s no better time to start than now! The first step is simple: create themed promotions on Save Local Now; these promotions can be centered around the holiday. “Let us help you SAVE in the New Year” and “Let’s make this year your healthiest yet” are just a few promotional ideas. Remember – you are promoting your business! Offering deals and discounts is icing on the cake, not a necessity.

Save Local Now is all about the small business owner. Have questions about the platform or digital marketing in general? No problem! Send an email to marketing@savelocalnow.com and they’d be happy to lend a helping hand.

From your friends at the Chamber, here’s to a HAPPY and LOCAL New Year!

2016 Cuba Trip

Enjoy a tour of Cuba for eight days, seven nights from May 18-25, 2016, including hotels, meals, day trips and airfare from Miami! This tour will feature people to people discussions, interactions and unusual visits such as: the seaside town of Caibarien, the Sugar Mill Museum, the colonial town of Remedios, the Che Guevara Museum and Mausoleum, a Tobacco Plantation and Cigar Factory, meetings and visitations with artists, meet a Cuban baseball player, Hemingway’s Farm, Old Havana and more.

The price of the trip is $3,799 per person (double occupancy). Do not delay as space is limited and at this price the trip will sell out quickly! View the brochure on our website, www.hilliardchamber.org. This trip is open to everyone in the US and you do not need to be a chamber member.

We Are Social!

The Hilliard Chamber is on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, You Tube and now Periscope, which provides us with another avenue to be in contact with you! If you are on any of these platforms, please search Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce and click to become connected--it’s that easy! We are posting pictures of our events as well as providing more up to date information on which is going on in the Chamber!
Hollyfest Arts and Crafts Show Was a Success!

With the help of many volunteers, we held a successful Hollyfest Arts and Crafts Show for the 33rd year. Over 5000 visitors came to Hilliard Hollyfest to do some Christmas shopping or have their pet’s picture taken with Santa, courtesy of Canine Companions for Independence. We would like to thank ACT, Associations, Conventions and Trade Shows for providing the poles, draping and signs for the booths. Due to their generosity, we receive many compliments from crafters and visitors alike. Thanks to our sponsors: Presenting Sponsor — Credit Union of Ohio; Gold Sponsors — ACT, Associations, Conventions and Trade Shows; First Service Federal Credit Union; Flyers Pizza & Subs; Silver Sponsor — Tolles Career and Technical Center. Bonnie Nyikes, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Calhoun Company, Realtors was the chair of this year’s event.

We would like to thank the following people who volunteered to help make this one of the greatest shows that we have had:


Special thanks to the Hilliard Darby and Hilliard Bradley softball teams who helped the crafters load and unload their items before and after the show and the Hilliard Davidson Interact Club who helped to set up the gym.

LinkedIn Group for the Chamber

The Hilliard Chamber of Commerce has a LinkedIn Group which we would encourage you to join! As LinkedIn is the professional platform of social media, we want to connect you to others in generating meaningful conversations about business issues. Please look for our group and become a member.
The Norwich Township Fire Department is dedicated to providing quality, professional services to those that live, work, invest or visit our community. We provide services to the unincorporated area of Norwich Township, the City of Hilliard, and Brown Township, which is approximately 32,000 residents.

The Norwich Township Fire Department provides a variety of services in addition to Fire and EMS support. During the Christmas season, we sponsor a toy drive that provides toys for Hilliard Community Assistance Council and local churches such as Hilliard United Methodist Church to distribute.

Community education and support are a high priority to The Norwich Township Fire Department. Some of the services offered to our residents are CPR classes, home inspections, blood pressure checks, smoke detector programs, fire extinguisher trainings, and tours of our stations for residents. In addition to community support, Fire Prevention Month in October allows us the opportunity to educate our elementary students on the importance of fire safety.

Our Fire Prevention inspectors work with local businesses from the planning stages through completion and/or opening of those businesses. They ensure that fire systems function well and staff, ours and theirs, are safe with how they operate.

Thank you to the residents for your continued support of our fire department. Whether business or pleasure, we hope you are able to visit Norwich Township soon! The Norwich Township Fire Department is dedicated to providing quality, professional services to those that live, work, invest or visit our community. We provide services to the unincorporated area of Norwich Township, the City of Hilliard, and Brown Township, which is approximately 32,000 residents.

### New Members

**Dennis Ginty Communications, LLC**  
*Dennis Ginty*  
5119 Calhoon Drive • Hilliard, OH 43026  
614-657-0653 • www.dennisgintycommunications.com  
*Writer. Editor. Speechwriter. I’m passionate about helping you to connect with your target audience by delivering messages that are clear, concise and meaningful.*

**Rock Remodeling**  
*Sean Biddle*  
Columbus, OH 43221  
614-664-3341 • www.rockremodelingco.com  
*Dedicated to the remodeling needs inside and outside your home with a commitment to a handcrafted experience, a heart for service and bettering our local community.*

**Hetter Heating & Cooling**  
*Kevin Cull*  
4780 Kenny Road • Columbus, OH 43220  
614-784-9200 • www.hetterheating.com  
*A 50+ year old family owned company specializing in residential and small commercial heating, cooling and comfort equipment for homes and businesses in Central Ohio.*

**Joslyn Law Firm**  
*Brian Joslyn*  
901 S. High Street • Columbus, OH 43206  
614-444-1900 • www.criminalattorneycolumbus.com  
*Joslyn Law Firm will provide you with a dedicated and experienced criminal attorney. When you find yourself facing charges, you risk tarnishing your record. Having a strong legal defense is important.*

**Healthy Eyes on Trueman Blvd.**  
*Mary Furgerson*  
4211 Trueman Blvd. • Hilliard, OH 43026  
614-876-5082 • www.targetoptical.com  
*Dr. Furgerson practices primary care optometry, conveniently located inside Target Optical at Mill Run.*
Connections and Coffee

Don’t forget Connections and Coffee will meet on Friday, January 8th from 8:00AM to 9:00AM at Scrambler Marie’s, 3939 Britton Parkway in Hilliard. The group meets for coffee, networking and information sharing. Come with lots of business cards!

Member Renewals

You should have received your invoice for your 2016 membership. Please remit your payment by January 31, 2016. We appreciate your continued support of the Chamber’s work on behalf of the business community. We would like to recognize Matthew Forchione, 9 Trees Landscape Construction, as the first business who renewed for 2016! 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: 9 Trees Landscape Construction; Cotterman & Company, Inc.; WatersEdge; Central Ohio Transit Authority; Smile Hilliard; ACC Party Rental, Inc.; John L. Haney, Jr., Attorney at Law; Ohio Semitronics, Inc.; Edward Jones-Fishinger Blvd.; Driscoll Learning, LLC; Crunelle Insurance Agency, Inc.; Advanced Physical Therapy Centers; Hayden Run Animal Lodge; Express Employment Professionals; Mill Run Vision Center; Columbus Metropolitan Library-Hilliard Branch; Racquet Club of Columbus, Ltd.; Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions; American Health Network; Moving Ahead Services; James D. Ford Agency, Inc.; Alternative Risk Management, Ltd.; Harquin Bookkeeping and Consulting; Avery Pointe Apartments; Hamilton Safe Products Co., Inc.; Moo Moo Express Car Wash; Susan E. Thomas CPA, Ltd.; Flyers Pizza & Subs; Dennis P. Williamson, CPA; Wellington Village; Sterling Protective Services; Courtyard by Marriott Columbus West.

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 January, 2016:

- 27 years
  Ackerson Vanderhorst Eyecare Center, Inc.– Laird Ackerson, O.D. & Kathryn Vanderhorst, O.D.

- 25 years
  Buck & Sons Landscape Service, Inc.– Chuck Buck
  City of Hilliard – Mayor Don Schonhardt
  Hilliard Dry Cleaners, Inc.– Mindy Watkins
  JC & Co.– Keith Lewis, CPA

- 23 years
  Columbus Appraisal Company– William Utley
  Loeb Electric Company– Tom Rupe
  Power Shack Fitness Centers– Sandy Tullett

- 22 years
  Tolles Career & Technical Center– Kim Wilson

- 21 years
  Darby Creek Community Church– Greg Burlile
  David C. Mueller, DDS & Associates, LLC– Dave Mueller

- 19 years
  Mall at Tuttle Crossing– Peter Cooper

- 18 years
  PNC Bank-Hilliard Rome Rd.– Joyce Middaugh

- 16 years
  Roger Reynolds

- 15 years
  Boyd Harbage Exterior Trim, Inc.– Boyd Harbage
  Laserflex Corporation– M. Beth Hagerty

- 14 years
  Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.– Paula Hammill
  jh Web Works– Nick Hunkar
  The Keenan Agency– Michael Keenan

- 13 years
  City Kids Preschool & Daycare in Hilliard– Patti Elam

- 12 years
  Boyd’s Hilliard Goodyear– Steve Foster
  ITT Technical Institute– Kate Hedges
  Jan-Pro of Columbus– Rick Wolverton
  KEMBA Financial Credit Union– Allyson Tate

Member Bits

Cooperative Business Services (CBS) employee, Leslie A. Biskner, CCIM, was awarded Genoa Township Business Association’s 2015 Business Person of the Year.
Advertising Opportunities in the Newsletter

The Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce is providing opportunities for our members to advertise within our membership and to those outside as well. Please contact the chamber for more information about the following (all are on a space available basis):

**Inserts in the newsletter:** Limited to no more than 3 each issue; member provides a PDF of the insert; emailed to 450 people, cost is $50.

**Business card size ad in newsletter:** $150 for 3 months; $250 for 6 months; $400 for 12 months

**Labels:** Mailing labels of members provided by zip or organization sort: cost is $100

**Flyers in relocation packets:** Member provides the flyers to be inserted in relocation packets requested by companies and potential residents; cost is $100 for one year

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**Be a Chamber Luncheon Sponsor!**

Many of our chamber members have sponsored a luncheon and have found it to be worthwhile! We have spots available in 2016 for YOU to sponsor a luncheon. The cost is $200 which enables you to have two complimentary lunches, be able to speak for three minutes before the membership, have items at each person’s place setting; an 8 foot table for your display; your logo on our webpage linked to yours; and be promoted in the newsletter.

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**Chamber Luncheon**

Friday, January 15, 2016
Heritage Golf Club
3525 Heritage Club Drive
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Program: Workplace Intruder Preparedness

Cost: $18.00 for members and $21.00 for prospective members and guests. Payment is required at the time the reservation is made. You may use this form or go to www.hilliardchamber.org to register. Any reservations made after the RSVP deadline date of January 12th and walk-in registrations will be charged the higher non-member rate if we are able to accommodate them.

Name(s)__________________________________

Company_________________________________

Number of Reservations: __________

Amount Enclosed ____________

Charge my:
Visa ___ MasterCard ____ American Express ___

Card Number ________________________________

3 digit V Code______

Expiration Date __________

Card Holder Name____________________________

Billing Zip Code ____________

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Card Holder Signature

Mail to: Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce, 4081 Main Street, Hilliard, OH 43026 or call the Chamber office by Tuesday, January 12th, at 876-7666, FAX 876-3113, or E-mail to info@hilliardchamber.org.
Central Ohio Business Resources
Small Business Administration
www.sba.gov
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
www.ohiochamber.com
Small Business Development Centers of Ohio
www.odod.state.oh.us
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Service Corp of Retired Executives
www.scorecolumbus.org
The Women’s Business Development Center
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cascenter@aol.com
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Check out our Website: www.hilliardchamber.org

Put Your Events on the Community Calendar
You have the opportunity to let everyone know of seminars, luncheons, open houses, fundraisers, non-profit activities, etc. that your business is doing by putting it on the Hilliard Chamber’s website! It is very simple—on the website, go to the Events tab and the first drop down is Community Events Calendar. Just complete the form and once it is approved, your event will be up for all to see!

Calendar of Events

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3708 Fishinger Blvd.
5:00-7:00pm