

How To Guide



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What We Do

The Ravenna Area Chamber of Commerce is all about having a positive perspective in bringing out the best in each of our businesses, social services and individuals that make up our beautiful close-knit community. The Ravenna Area Chamber of Commerce is proud of our community with our local flavor and the small-town charm that makes us unique. The Chamber is absolutely committed to helping businesses grow, by understanding individual needs and goals, and connecting them to resources they need to succeed and flourish. We work to provide a positive environment for businesses to grow by encouraging members to actively participate in community events and through various networking opportunities. Inclusivity is our strength, and we strive to include everyone in the community so all can be involved.



Core Values

Ravenna Proud!
Do What You Say!
We've Got This!
Positively Opinionated
I've Got Your Back
Drama Free Zone

Directory of Board Members

Ryann Kuchenbecker	Executive Director.....	Ravenna Chamber of Commerce
Matt Ferrell	President	Buckeye Residential Solutions
Dustin Basch	Vice-President.....	Don Basch Jewelers
Ina Sayre	Treasurer	Portage Community Bank
Kay Dubinsky	Secretary	City of Ravenna
Shawn Gordon	Past-President	UH Portage Medical Center
Nelson Burns.....	Board Member.....	Coleman Professional Services
Judy Watkins	Board Member.....	Ravenna Athletic Center
Ben Ribelin	Board Member.....	Ravenna City Schools
Debbie Mann.....	Board Member.....	Allen Aircraft Products
Erika Sadaj	Board Member.....	Neighborhood Developments Services, Inc.
Kristy Huhn.....	Board Member.....	Portage Community Bank
Patti Hicks.....	Board Member.....	RC Cook Insurance
Brittany Fowler	Board Member.....	It's All Fine Consignment
Anne Marie Noble.....	Board Member.....	The Haven of Portage County
Tommy Freborg.....	Board Member.....	The Pioneer Insurance Group
Eric Schlaubach	Board Member.....	Eric Schlaubach-State Farm
Bob Cramer.....	Board Member.....	Deals to Your Door

Benefits of Membership

Sponsorship Levels

Benefits	Chamber Member	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level	Platinum Level	Ala carte
Package Price	see form	\$500/yr	\$1500/yr	\$3000/yr	\$5000/yr	
Networking Opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Discounts on Events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Access to Printed and Online Directory	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Welcome Home bags to New Residents	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Access to Online Event Calendar and Member Listing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Free Ribbon Cutting / Open House Promotions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ala Carte Sponsorship Options (call for details)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Business Membership listed in our "Only In Ravenna" 2021 Community Guide must be registered by January 31, 2021	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Life / Health Insurance packages available to all members	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Company logo scrolling on web site		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Raven Awards VIP Reception		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mentor Workshops - offered quarterly with FREE lunch		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ravenna Athletic Center - discounted membership fees at the Corporate Rate		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Member highlight in chamber office window for 1 month			✓	✓	✓	
Free booth at the Ravenna on Display in October			✓	✓	✓	
Email blast once a month to all chamber members regarding your company's news and or events. (Must be submitted by the last week of each month)			✓	✓	✓	
Sponsorship of 1 major chamber event per year which includes 4 tickets to the event and advertising in the marketing materials for the event			✓	✓	✓	
Sponsorship of 2 major chamber events per year which includes 8 tickets to each event and advertising in the marketing materials for the event				✓	✓	
Sponsorship of 1 quarterly chamber before / after hour event (limitations may apply)				✓	✓	
Business Name displayed on 1 Raven Award and presented by your business				✓	✓	
Sponsorship of 1 Lunch and Learn plus 10 FREE tickets (RSVP required) (a \$1,000 value)					✓	
1 month sponsorship company listing in the "Chamber Highlight" and Calendar of Events emailed to over 1000 people and social media					✓	
Scholarship Sponsorship of a Ravenna High School Senior (\$500 value)					✓	
E-Blasts (1) = \$40.00 (2) = \$60.00						✓

Member Satisfaction Guarantee

Membership carries a satisfaction guarantee. We are so confident in the value of your Ravenna Area Chamber of Commerce membership; The Chamber Board of Directors is offering new members a money back guarantee on Memberships (less a \$50.00 processing fee). To be eligible for The Member Satisfaction Money Back Guarantee, all we ask is that the member attend at least three Chamber functions during the first 120 days to give us a try.

By attending just three functions, you will get a sample of the benefits that your membership will bring. You will also receive on a monthly basis the Chamber's newsletter and calendar, which will alert you to all the business news and activities taking place during the month. Join us! You'll be glad you did.

Meet with the Executive Director for an orientation session and participate in at least 3 of the following activities:

1. Attend 2 Lunch and Learn
2. Attend 1 Networking Opportunity
3. Volunteer and/or participate in 1 major event hosted by the chamber
4. Actively participate on a chamber committee

How to create an account on Chamber of Commerce website

1. Access <https://ravennaareachamber.com/>
2. Click on the “Join” button at the upper left corner.
3. Fill in your company info on page.
4. Make sure to check the “I’m not a Robot” box at the bottom of the page.
5. Click “Submit” to complete your application.

How to register your account:

1. At the Chamber of Commerce website, click on the “Member Login” button at the top left corner.
2. Enter your business email address and click on “Register”.
3. On the Register page, create User Name and enter your email address.
4. Click on “Register”.
5. Look for an email in your inbox from the Chamber and follow the link to create your password.
6. On the “Reset password” page, create a new secure password.
7. Confirm your password in the next box.
8. Click on “Reset Password”.
9. Chamber will receive and approve your password request.

How to access Member Listing:

1. From the Chamber of Commerce website, click on the “Membership” tab at the top.
2. Select “Active Members List” from the drop-down menu.
3. Click on the dated Members List to download the file.

How to add an event:

1. From the Chamber of Commerce website, click on the “Events” tab at the top.
2. Select “Add Event for Members Only” from the drop-down menu.
3. Enter Event Title, Event Description, and any other information as necessary.
4. Click on “Submit Event” button at the bottom of the page.
5. Chamber will receive and approve your submission.

2021 Community Events Calendar

2020 has shown us how we can plan for anything and everything and in a blink of an eye it can be turned upside down. Our goal with all of our activities and events is to provide opportunities for our members through networking, marketing, education, and awareness on what their business offers. At the same time, we are continuously staying connected with our Ravenna Community and Surrounding Area to ensure that we ALL are working together to support one another and “Rise UP” united!! We have been working hard and are in the process of re-creating and implementing some NEW Activities and Events that will benefit ALL. You can find these activities and events on the ***RavennaAreaChamber.com*** website once they become finalized.

Below you will see Events that are described in detail. As always, the Ravenna Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes any new ideas and suggestions, and we appreciate the continued support.

State of the City

The 2021 State of the City will be a virtual/video to be shared throughout our community.

We will hear from Ravenna Mayor Frank Seman, Economic Development Director Dennis West, Main Street Ravenna Executive Director Julie McClain, Ravenna Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ryann Kuchenbecker, and other City Officials. We will learn about the successes and areas of opportunity within 2020 and what is projected for 2021.

Raven Awards

Each year, Raven Awards are given to notable individuals and/or companies in the community for their contributions and involvement for the previous year. Awards are given in the following categories: Lifetime Achievement, Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, New Construction, New Renovation, and Any New Businesses that opened in 2019 & 2020.

For nomination information please
e-mail RavennaChamber@att.net
or visit our website at RavennaAreaChamber.com.

Annual Golf Outing

The Chamber has organized a “Business Break” Golf Outing at Windmill Lakes Golf Club for years. It is recognized as one of the largest Golf Outings in the area and continues to be the place to be. We always have a great time which includes food, drinks, fun and prizes for select skill levels. For more information, please e-mail RavennaChamber@att.net or visit our website at RavennaAreaChamber.com.

Taste of Ravenna

Join us for our 3rd Annual Taste of Ravenna. This is set up as a scavenger hunt throughout town where you can get a Taste of what Ravenna has to offer. Last year we had over 40 businesses participate, and we are looking to grow this year. Whether you have a business downtown or happen to be on the outskirts, no worries we will find an

opportunity for ALL to be involved and participate.

Taste of Ravenna offered tastings from Sunshine Cupcakes, listening to live music at the Courthouse lawn, wine sampling from West Main Street Winery, discounts/ coupons at our retail stores, participating in a Zumba class and the list goes on and on.
Visit RavennaAreaChamber.com for details.

Ravenna on Display

Ravenna on Display is held at the Ravenna High School Gymnasium. It is a great opportunity to show and educate the community on what your business has to offer. We attract a wide variety of different ages from children for our costume contest and trick-or-treating at the booths, to parents watching their children perform, to adults that are interested in the community support. To reserve your booth or additional information please contact RavennaChamber@att.net or visit our website at RavennaAreaChamber.com.

Halloween Walk/Drive Thru Trick or Treat

The Halloween Walk is an event where the community can trick-or-treat at the local participating merchants and businesses in downtown Ravenna. We meet at the courthouse lawn and have crafts, games and music for the children to enjoy. Next, we come together for a group photo and parade around the square to show off the costumes. It finishes with going through town to the local businesses that are participating in the Halloween Walk to trick-or-treat in a safe and friendly environment.

Ravenna's Holiday Celebration/Midnight Madness

Ravenna's Holiday Celebration is an event where the community comes together to celebrate the Holiday Season. Kicking the festivities off is the Balloon A-Fair Light up Parade down Main Street bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus on the back of Ravenna's fire truck, stopping at the Court House lawn to light the Christmas tree, then on to shopping at our businesses and eating and drinking at our restaurants. More festivities are offered throughout the night: Ice Carving demonstration, Elf Workshop, Holiday Raffle, Christmas Caroling with the Ravenna Community Choir, Photos with Santa and Mr. Jingeling and so much more.

Honorary Way

Bi-Annually Honorary Way is a means to publicly and temporarily honor distinguished citizens and good Samaritans for their achievements by ceremonially naming the street after them. The Honorary Way bench and street sign can be found at the corner of S. Park Way and W. Main St. – at the entrance to Veterans Memorial Park, across from the Triangle building. The name of the honoree will hang from a decorative post at the center of the flower bed. Bi-Annually the Ravenna Chamber's selection committee will select a new honoree with approval from the Mayor.

Rise & Shine with Ravenna/Un-Wind with Ravenna

Rise & Shine with Ravenna and Un-Wind with Ravenna has been requested by our members. They have requested the opportunity to come together socially and professionally to build a stronger business relationship and connection with fellow members and businesses. Any Chamber Member can “HOST” these events, which allows them to showcase their business and what they offer in their own unique, interactive, and inclusive way. This is a great way to allow fellow chamber members to come together all while supporting, learning, and networking with other members.

Mentor Workshops

The Chamber will be offering educational mentor workshops to give our businesses the additional resources that are needed to enhance their business success. The workshops will focus on specific areas of business, such as Finance, Marketing, Human Resources, Business Coaching and so many more. Members will need to pre-register for these events!!

Again, this is a brief overview of some of the activities and events that we are planning on. As always, for the most up to date information please either visit our website at ***RavennaAreaChamber.com***, email at ***RavennaChamber@att.net*** or call ***330-296-3886***

Emergency Numbers in Ravenna

The Ravenna City Police Department

If you are reporting an emergency, please dial 9-1-1
220 Park Way
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(330) 296-6486 • Fax: (330) 296-4561

The Ravenna City Fire Department

214 Park Way
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
Non-Emergency: (330) 297-5738 • Emergency: (330) 296-6422

UH Portage Medical Center Emergency Room

6847 N Chestnut St, Ravenna
Emergency Room: (330) 297-2850 • General: (330) 297-0811
Northeast Ambulance

Portage County Sewer & Water

449 S Meridian St, Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 297-3672

First Energy/Ohio Edison

To report power outage:
1-888-544-4877

City of Ravenna

530 N Freedom St
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-5607
Service Department

Ravenna School District

507 E. Main St
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-9679
Dennis M Honkala, Superintendent

Poison Information Center

1-800-222-1222

Portage County Sheriff

(330) 296-5100

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Portage County
(330) 297-1441