

Everyone,

We appreciate your membership! Chamber members are noted in **bold type**.

Thank you to renewing member **Franklin Township (Gold member)**.

Free to you: Listing your event or announcement in this e-news is free for chamber members. Many items are also posted on our social media feeds. Please email your announcement by Monday of each week. **Fliers should be sent as .pdfs if possible.**

Chamber announcements

The Best of Warren County Nominations ARE OPEN! Nominations for the Best of Warren County Awards are open until Feb. 10. [Nominate some of the great attractions we have in the Franklin and Carlisle areas!](#) Actual voting will commence after nominations have closed. **Your faves can't win unless they are nominated!** This process is organized by the **Warren County CVB**.

Franklin Area Chamber Events

Networking/Learning Lunch, Mon., Feb. 25 (note: this is the 4th Monday), 11:45 a.m. Location: **Deardoff Senior Center**. Speaker: Attorney Nick Ziepfel, on medical marijuana in the workplace. Cost is \$12/members; \$18/future members. **Pre-pay required**. Please mail a check or call the office to pay via V/MC/AMEX, (937) 746-8457. **RSVP by Feb. 21. New this year:** for every lunch meeting you attend this year, your name will be entered into a drawing for a cash prize that will be drawn at our December meeting. If you bring a non-member guest to a lunch meeting, your name will be entered twice that month.

Networking/Learning Lunch, Mon., March 18, 11:45 a.m. Location: **Franklin Public Library**. Speaker: Martha Bush, Library Director. Martha will provide an update on the library's services and has invited us to stick around after the meeting to try out their virtual reality equipment. Cost is \$12/members; \$18/future members. **Pre-pay required**. Please mail a check or call the office to pay via V/MC/AMEX, (937) 746-8457. **RSVP by Mar. 13.**

Additional 2019 Networking/Learning lunch dates: April 15, May 20, June 17 (annual awards luncheon), July 15 (meeting at Franklin Ridge), Aug. 19 (speaker from **Better Business Bureau**), Sept. 16 (meeting at **Atrium Medical Center**), Oct. 21 (speaker on the importance of the federal census), Nov. 18, and Dec. 9 (date tentative).

Additional 2019 networking opportunities.

Thurs., April 25, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Business After Hours at the **Museum of Spiritual Art**

Tues., Sept. 10, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Joint after hours event with the Springboro and Lebanon Chambers at **Miami Valley Gaming**.

Thurs., Sept. 26, time TBA. Business After Hours at the **Anderson Life Celebration Center**.

Thurs., Nov. 14, 5 to 6:30 p.m.: Business After Hours holiday mixer at the **Harding Museum**

More dates TBA.

Chamber outing at the Dayton Dragons, Tues., May 21, 2019, 7 p.m. Mark your calendars for this annual evening of baseball, food, fun, and networking in a VIP Suite.

Franklin Chamber Annual Golf Outing, Mon., Aug. 5, 2019. Wildwood Golf Course. Mark your calendars now for this annual event.

Member Events

New this week: Wedding Open House, Sat., Feb. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A & S Party Rental. Over 50 wedding vendors. Prizes! [See the Facebook event for all of the details.](#)

New info: Job Fair, Thurs., Feb. 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location: **Miami Valley Gaming**. Event sponsored by **Ohio Means Jobs** (of Butler, Clermont, and Warren Counties). [More details here.](#)

Franklin Junior High Drama Club presents Spy School, Feb. 7 & 8, 7 p.m. Franklin Junior High Media Center. Tickets \$4 at the door.

New this week: Intro to Quickbooks Online, Wed., Feb. 13, 9 to 11:30 a.m. The **Warren County Small Business Development Center** and Gross & Company are sponsoring a workshop to understand QBO online for your business: Choosing the right solution; QBO online navigation; chart of accounts configuration; explore QBO online apps; A/R & A/P overview; reports galore. The seminar location is **Atrium Medical Center**, Professional Building, 5th Floor; Rooms A+B. [Register here.](#)

New this week: Valentine's Day Luncheon, Thurs, Feb. 14, 11:30 a.m., Anderson Life Celebration Center. Lunch, fellowship, and special guest speaker. Call Khristi at (937) 746-6455 to RSVP by Feb. 11. [More details.](#)

New this week: Meet-the-Artist reception, Friday, Feb. 15, 5 to 7 p.m., Franklin Area Historical Society. This opening reception will kick off *The Artwork of Steve Hart* exhibit that will run Feb. 15 through March 15. Museum admission is free. Paintings will be available for purchase. For more information call (937) 746-8295.

New this week: Valentine's Dance, Sat., Feb. 16, 7 to midnight. Sponsored by the **Franklin Athletics Boosters.** Location: AmVets Post 120, 605 S Main St, Franklin. Advance ticket sales are \$15 pp; \$20 day of the event. Food, drinks, DJ are included in the ticket price. Raffles at the dance will help with this fundraiser so the Boosters can continue supporting the needs of student athletes. Tickets available at the main office at high school, the athletic office, the Spirit Shop during home BB games, or from Booster Board Members.

The Art of Steve Hart, Feb.15 thru March 15. The **Franklin Area Historical Society** will present *The Artwork of Steve Hart* at the Harding Museum (302 Park Ave,) on Fridays and Saturdays beginning Feb. 16 and continuing through March 16. Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays, 2 to 4 p.m. The show features Hart's oil-on-canvas portraits and urban landscapes that reflect his extensive world travels and studies in Europe. Hart will be at the Harding Museum every Saturday throughout the exhibit and will be at work painting of one of the many historic homes in Franklin. For more information call (937) 746-8295.

Franklin High School presents The Diary of Anne Frank, Feb. 15 & 16, 7 p.m., and Feb. 17, 2 p.m. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, and \$5 students. On **Thurs., Feb. 14**, a complimentary lunch (11 a.m.) and senior citizen performance (Noon) will be offered. Call the high school to register for this performance, (937) 743-8610.

New this week: Bansuri Flute and Gong Meditation, Sat., Feb, 23, 7 p.m. Oneness Harmony Center, Franklin. Take the very popular Gong Bath Meditation with Jim Feist, which includes gongs of moderate size, a large vintage German symphonic gong, a large Chinese gong, and a large Thai gong and add the exquisite sounds of Indian Bansuri flutes from different parts of the world played by Johnny Ruzsa. Flavor it all with laser lights. Admission is \$15 at the door. [See details on Facebook.](#)

Bag-a-Bargain Library Book Sale, March 2 & 3, Franklin-Springboro Public Library. Purchase a bag and fill it with books! [Details here.](#)

New this week: Healthcare Appreciation Night, Thurs., March 7, 5 to 7 p.m. Anderson Life Celebration Center. Healthcare professionals are invited to a relaxing evening that focuses on self care. Heavy appetizers, wine, beer, vendors samples, and more. [More details.](#) To RSVP, call Khristi at (937) 746-6455 or on Facebook.

Member Announcements

New this week: Warren County Commissioners invite you to read [their latest county newsletter.](#)

New this week: Read [the latest news](#) from **Warren County Career Center.**

New this week: Read the latest [Technology Times](#) newsletter from **IT2 Resource.** Every issue is full of great tips and advice!

An announcement from **Area Progress Council of Warren County Inc.** "It is that time of year when **Area Progress Council** seeks **nominations for excellent educators throughout Warren County public schools.** The members of **Area Progress Council** believe that excellence in education is achieved by encouraging high standards of performance. To recognize public school teachers who have achieved these goals, an endowment was established in 1987. Annually a portion of the earnings are utilized to identify, recognize, and reward selected educators. **A teacher cannot be selected if they are not nominated.** An electronic on-line version is available at www.apcwc.org/project-excellence/ . Please help spread the word and encourage your friends and family to nominate a teacher. Nominations close February 28." Forms are also available at the Chamber office.

The **Franklin-Springboro Public Library** will offer great programs for all ages in [February](#) and [March.](#) Topics range widely and include a writer's workshop series, Celtic Knots, writing workshops, knitting, painting, and much more.

HYRA Sponsorships available: Hunter Youth Recreation Baseball/Softball is seeking local organizations to support local youth by sponsoring a team. **HYRA** is a volunteer organization that depends on sponsorship from businesses to pay for uniforms, maintain the fields, pay umpires, buy dirt, and hopefully upgrades at the end of the season. HYRA has been building our local youths self esteem since 1982. [See the flier for sponsorship opportunities.](#)

Warren County Township Association Scholarship gives a scholarship annually. [The 2019 application is available.](#) The deadline is Feb. 22.

Deardoff Senior Center's February [calendar](#) and [newsletter](#) are available now.

Did you know that **Peoples Bank** offers 401K services? [See this flier for details.](#)

See **United Way of Warren County's** [December newsletter](#) and read about the many ways they serve and help Warren County's residents.

Franklin Township is currently accepting applications for Volunteer Firefighters. Learn a new skill, make new friends, and join a growing organization that strives to make the community a better place! No experience is required; training will be offered. Set your own schedule. **Franklin Township** is an equal opportunity employer. To learn more, email careers@ftfd.org or call 937-746-2852.

CPR Classes available: Joint Emergency Medical Services (JEMS) provides free classes for those in the **Franklin Township** community. To register for a class, call JEMS at (937) 746-3471. Students should leave their name, address, telephone number, and email address, as well as the date of the class they would like to attend. [See the flier for dates and other details.](#)

A&G Pizza is hiring and has openings for delivery drivers and servers. Apply in person at 44 Millard Dr, Franklin. between 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

BWC Issues and Safety and Info

Registration is now open for the **Ohio Safety Congress & Expo**, March 6 to 8 at the Columbus Convention Center. [Click here](#) to view event information, including the event schedule, hotels, directions and free online registration. Days one and two (Wednesday & Thursday) offer general sessions, educational sessions, and the Expo Marketplace. Day three (Friday) delivers full-day workshops and in-depth training. Attend the number of days that best meet your training needs.

Identifying Occurrence Events: The Causes of Accidents, by Gary W. Hanson, President of American Safety and Health Management Consultants, Inc. When I visit new client companies, I often have the opportunity of touring the facility or work site with one of the company's management employees. They are usually interested in any physical hazards or safety violations, I may observe during my tour. I, however, am equally interested in observing the work behavior of the employees. [Read more](#)

Many BWC Services are free to employers! Most employers don't realize the resources that are available to them, FREE OF CHARGE, through BWC. The Ohio BWC offers a number of online and in person safety courses for employers – from lock out tag out, to ladder and stairway safety, to OSHA training, and much more. Ohio businesses also have access to the BWC's Safety Video Library, which provides access to online streaming videos and DVDs to assist in safety training. Additionally, various grants are available through BWC to assist employers in implementing Drug Free Safety Programs, Wellness Programs, purchasing safety equipment, etc. Click [here](#) to visit the BWC's website for more information on the FREE safety resources available to Ohio employers.

The Chamber is a Group-rating sponsor. Among our responsibilities is publishing this [2018 Safety Accountability letter](#).
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Thank you for supporting our community and local businesses/organizations! We appreciate every chamber member, with special thanks to our sustaining members:

Diamond member: City of Franklin

Platinum members: Premier Health Atrium Medical Center and Joy Patrick/Patrick Staffing

Gold members: Franklin Township, Wesbanco, and Huhtamaki

Silver members: Anderson Funeral Homes, Patriot Manufacturing Group, Bob's Moraine Trucking, and All About You Catering

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Peggy Darragh-Jeromos, Executive Director

Next events: Networking lunch at the Deardoff Center, 2/25, 11:45 a.m. | Networking lunch at the Franklin-Springboro Public Library 3/18, 11:45 a.m.

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