



# THE CHAMBER COMPASS

*Official Newsletter of the Port Clinton Chamber of Commerce*

## New Doors Opening Across Port Clinton



Congratulations to our members celebrating new beginnings or milestone moments and a warm welcome to our newest Chamber members! We're thrilled to see local businesses growing and thriving in our community.

## Welcome to Our Newest Chamber Members

- Tri Coast Title
- Habitat for Humanity Port Clinton
- The Verve
- Marine Tech Concepts
- KCS Contracting
- AHO, LLC
- Safe Harbor Lakefront
- Hylant
- Next Level Walls and Designs
- The Great Lakes Nautical Company
- UIS Insurance and Investments
- Teric Cook Construction
- Poseidon Lounge
- Kansha Hibachi Express
- Hip Detail, LLC
- Three Legged Dog
- Orchard Accounting
- True North Consultants
- Pallet Barn Liquidations
- Sandusky Bay City Lifestyle
- Lake Donuts
- Wades Heating and Cooling
- Rich's Drive Thru
- Dockside Barbershop
- American Quality Stripping

# A LETTER FROM YOUR CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Nicole Kochensparger

As we move into the final months of the year, I can't help but reflect on all that we've accomplished together in 2025.

The Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce has had an incredible year filled with growth, collaboration, and community spirit — and it's thanks to you, our dedicated members, volunteers, and partners.

From our successful summer events and the Classic Car Show to the continued momentum of downtown revitalization efforts, this year has showcased what makes Port Clinton such a special place to live, work, and visit. Your support and participation make it all possible.

As we wrap up the year, our Chamber team and Board of Directors are hard at work finalizing our strategic plan; a roadmap designed to strengthen our business community, enhance member engagement, and continue positioning Port Clinton for future success. We're excited to share more details with you soon and look forward to hearing your feedback as we move ahead.

And of course, the year isn't over yet! We still have many wonderful events to celebrate together; Business After Hours, Community Christmas and tree lighting, holiday festivities to our annual Awards Banquet early next year. I hope to see you at one (or all!) of these upcoming gatherings as we close out the year with gratitude and joy.

Thank you for being part of the Port Clinton Chamber family. Your continued commitment and enthusiasm inspire everything we do. Here's to a strong finish to 2025 and an even brighter year ahead!

Warm regards,



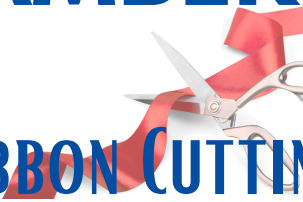
Nicole Kochensparger

President & CEO

Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce



# CHAMBER NEWS



## RIBBON CUTTING

Let us help you celebrate! Are you opening a new business, expanding at your current location, relocating, or celebrating a milestone anniversary? Let your chamber help you celebrate!

For more info about hosting a Ribbon Cutting:  
[admin@portclintonchamber.com](mailto:admin@portclintonchamber.com)

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Business After Hours is one of the Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce's most popular networking traditions — a relaxed, social evening where members connect, collaborate, and celebrate local business success. Hosted by a different Chamber member each month, these gatherings feature great conversation, light refreshments, and the chance to strengthen community ties.

Business After Hours are held on the first Thursday of each month (excluding June, July, and August). We're now booking hosts for 2026 — interested members can email [admin@portclintonchamber.com](mailto:admin@portclintonchamber.com) for details and available dates.

## ANNUAL GALA

The Port Clinton Chamber and Main Street Port Clinton Board of Directors are pleased to announce this year's Annual Meeting of the membership will once again be hosted as a Gala to celebrate our member's accomplishments and conduct annual business.

**Please look for more information coming soon!**



## GET INVOLVED

Our committees meet monthly, and we're always looking for fresh ideas and enthusiastic volunteers to help plan events, support local businesses, and continue growing our vibrant Port Clinton community. If you're ready to make an impact, we'd love to have you join us!

### 2025 WOMEN'S

## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Our Ambassadors are excited to announce the return of our Women's Leadership Conference in early 2026.

Save the Date Coming Soon!

## COMMUNICATIONS

If you would like to receive email updates from the chamber to additional contacts, please send info to [admin@portclintonchamber.com](mailto:admin@portclintonchamber.com)

# MAIN STREET NEWS



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

①MAINSTREETPORTCLINTON

①WALLEYEFEST



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

[WWW.MAINSTREETPORTCLINTON.ORG](http://WWW.MAINSTREETPORTCLINTON.ORG)

## 45TH ANNUAL WALLEYE FESTIVAL



Festivals bring the community together- and this year we're celebrating **YOU!** Join us as we kick off five days of fun with Local Night on Thursday May 21, 2026. Featuring music by *Miss Kitty and the Litter!* Let's reel in another great year together on the shores of Lake Erie!

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS



Main Street Port Clinton's Community Christmas Celebration is coming December 6, featuring the Lighted Christmas Parade, tree lighting on Adams Street, Santa & Mrs. Claus, treats, music, shopping, and more!

Parade applications and sponsorship information are attached—we'd love to have you join in and help light up downtown!

## THE GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY



The Great Pumpkin Party was a huge success! Thank you to all the volunteers! An extra thank you to *The Port Clinton Candy Company*, *Barnes Nursery* and *Polter's Berry Farm* for all your help! Thank you to all the fantastic businesses that participated in making a lot of kids very happy!



## Grants Awarded



Members of Main Street Port Clinton's Economic Restructuring Committee awarded a grant for \$2500 to Jamie Polter, owner of Polter Real Estate, and an additional \$2500 to The Knights of Columbus. The ER Committee is charged with providing Downtown Development Grants to business and building owners in our historic downtown each year with funds raised from the Walleye Festival.



# BENEFITS FOR YOU

## PARTNERSHIP

The NOACC Shipping Program, managed by PartnerShip®, helps businesses save on small package shipping with exclusive discounts on select FedEx® services. Chamber members can also lower costs on freight with competitive discounts on LTL and truckload services from reliable carriers like UPS Freight, YRC Freight, and more.



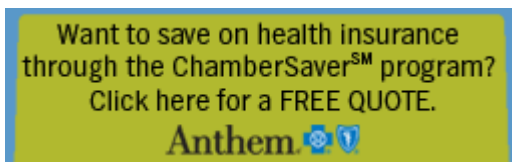
## V & A RISK SERVICES

V & A Risk Services uses a flat-fee structure that makes it easy to understand your true costs of workers compensation versus line charges that are often buried in paperwork. With accurate and insightful reporting on all claim and trend data, their dedicated claims professionals are committed to your success with proactive claims strategies.



## ANTHEM

Full range of health insurance plans with cost savings. Businesses also get access to a large network of quality providers. Premium savings of up to 1.4% on groups from 2-50 employees. Groups from 50-500 may be eligible for a 1% premium savings.



## CHAMBER ENERGY SOLUTIONS

This program helps manage your natural gas costs by bringing local businesses together. CES helps control your natural gas costs by applying its market knowledge and negotiation expertise, reducing your prices and helping you buy your natural gas when the pricing is advantageous. This strategy provides insurance against dramatic price increases in the natural gas market.



## FREE MEMBER DIRECTORY PAGE – DON'T MISS OUT!

Did you know each Chamber member receives a free directory page on our website? This online listing helps promote your business and boosts your SEO visibility. To get started, simply log in to Chamber Nation or contact the Chamber office for help. Once your information is verified, Chamber Nation will build your page and send a proof for approval before it goes live.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

PartnerSHIP 800-599-2902  
Anthem 1-844-633-6446  
Chamber Energy Solutions 419-539-9180  
V & A Risk Services 866-210-5717



**IMPORTANT**

# 2024/2025 Premier Members



Thank you!