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## A note from the Chair

“The common good” are the three words which have served as the guiding light for elected officials since the founding of our nation, and through these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic it has caused us to take a hard look at what those three

words mean for our communities.

At this time, as the Chairperson of the Preble County Chamber of Commerce and on behalf of the Board of Directors and Executive Director Leslie Collins, we wish to sincerely thank our Preble County Commissioners, Mayors, Village Councils and Township Trustees, and our essential personnel, which include the Police, Fire/EMS, Administration and Service Departments, for their heroic work on the frontlines in keeping our citizens and businesses safe and healthy.

The essential services these individuals provide each and every day, whether it be to protect and to serve, treat the ill and injured, assure adequate drinking water, process wastewater for a clean environment, or dispose of refuse and recycling in a safe manner, has gone without interruptions and beyond the call of duty.

Also, to our citizens, businesses large and small, non-profits and local school systems: your diligent efforts to work through the Governor and Health Director’s Stay-at-Home and now Stay Safe Ohio orders are applauded and commended.

Lastly, amid unrest, consider empathy and means to improve situations, as the Preble County Chamber of Commerce continues to define and follow our Mission Statement of being “a leader and catalyst for plans, strategies, programs and services which promote a favorable business climate, improve the quality of life, and support the orderly growth and development of Preble County, Ohio.”

**Jeff Sewert**

**2020 PC Chamber Chairperson**

## Member news & updates

### Golf outing registration under way

The 2020 Preble County Chamber of Commerce Chamber Classic Golf Outing will be held on Friday, Aug. 21, at Beechwood Golf Course in Arcanum.



Fortunately, golf is an outdoor activity which has been easily modified to be done safely per health and safety guidelines during the pandemic. We hope this gives our members a chance to get at least one golf outing in their summer schedule.

Due to the COVID-19 sector-specific guidelines for golf, this year’s outing will be operating under several modifications with chamber members’ and participants’ safety in mind. The day will still include lunch and beverages, door prizes, specialty holes, goodie bags and a great day of golf — only in a socially distanced, touch-free as possible, and safe manner, according to organizers. After some recent updates to regulations announced by the course, an 8 a.m. shotgun start will now be observed.

Sign up a team, view safety-related information and modifications, and/or register for a hole sponsorship [HERE](#) For additional information contact the Chamber office at 937-456-4949 or email [chamberoffices@preblecountyohio.com](mailto:chamberoffices@preblecountyohio.com). **Do you have items to promote your business for the golfers’ goodie bags, or door prizes to give away? Let us know!**



### PCAA seeking director

After seven years of leadership of the Preble County Art Association (PCAA), Executive Director Vicky Fanberg is resigning to take a position as Visiting Assistant Professor of Arts Management at Miami University in Oxford.

During Vicky’s seven years as PCAA Executive Director she led the organization’s strategic planning processes and developed initiatives that ensured sustainability and increased the operating budget by 450 percent. She spearheaded the fundraising for the Preble Arts building at 205 East Main Street in Eaton and raised

nearly \$1.5 million for the project. The new home of PCAA was made possible by the support of local citizens, foundations, the state of Ohio, and businesses that shared the vision of community-based arts that Vicky brought to Preble County. Although her leadership will be missed by the community and the Board of Trustees, the PCAA is excited to begin the search for new leadership that will develop new programs for the downtown Eaton location of Preble Arts and continue growing the organizational vision. PCAA seeks a collaborative, strategic, roll-up-your-sleeves leader, arts champion, influencer, and relationship builder, to serve as the next Executive Director of the PCAA. This is a unique opportunity for a skilled leader and proven manager to lead PCAA at a critical point in building its future.

The next Executive Director will have the opportunity to add to PCAA's vision and build a robust suite of programs for Preble Arts and community outreach that include visual, performing, and creative arts while creating and implementing a funding plan to sustain the programs. The board seeks an Executive Director who will engage fully with the community, is sensitive to local culture and can bring new ideas to the table. The Executive Director will need to be flexible, collaborative, energetic, a visionary, have strong management skills and financially responsible. The primary responsibilities focus on fundraising & development, leadership, staff & facility management, financial management, program development and Board Governance. The Executive Director is responsible for the success and sustainability of the organization and its assets. The new leader must demonstrate a firm commitment to and passion for the PCAA's mission and the community that we serve. Interested applicants should read the full job description and application process at <https://www.preblearts.org/Opportunities>.



## Take the family to PCPD's Garber Nature Center

Visit the Preble County Park District this Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9-11 a.m. and join in as they "bug-a-long" on a walk of discovery in the world of insects. How are insects helpful in nature? Learn to identify various insects. Naturalist, Tom Hissong, will lead this fascinating session. Increase your sense of wonder and knowledge as we are introduced to some incredible insects. The Garber Nature Center is located at 9691 Ohio 503 N., Lewisburg.

## From the Statehouse

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine on Thursday, July 30, provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Updated county risk levels

Governor DeWine released last week's new Ohio Public Health Advisory System map. "The good news is that more people are wearing masks in our urban counties and we are seeing the spread slow because of that," said Governor DeWine. "The bad news is that Ohio's more rural counties are turning orange with significantly more spread taking place. I will again urge those who live in rural counties to wear masks while in public."

Remaining at Level 3 were Allen, Cuyahoga, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Hamilton, Licking, Lucas, Henry, Lawrence, Marion, Medina, and Montgomery counties.

Downgraded from Level 3 to Level 2 were Clark, Defiance, Hardin, Athens, Clermont, Delaware, Pickaway, Scioto, and Union counties.

Richland county was downgraded from Level 3 to Level 1.

Preble County remained at a Level 2.

### Alcohol sale and on-premises consumption limits

Governor DeWine announced he has asked the Ohio Liquor Control Commission to call an emergency meeting to consider enacting a statewide emergency rule to limit liquor sales at establishments that serve alcohol for on-site consumption.

The rule would prevent the sale of alcohol at these liquor-permitted establishments beginning at 10 p.m. each night. On-premises consumption must end by 11:00 p.m.

Businesses may stay open, and establishments that sell food can continue serving meals until closing.

Governor DeWine requested the new administrative rule after seeing outbreaks associated with bars across Ohio including Toledo, Cleveland, and Columbus.

"The problem is, bars, by their nature, lend themselves to a revolving door of people in close contact, oftentimes indoors, with interactions between many different people," said Governor DeWine. "While this may have been fine during normal times, these are not normal times. We must make a change to curb the social behaviors that will cause this virus to continue to spread."

Separately, Governor DeWine is also asking the commission to raise the number of liquor and mixed drinks permitted to be purchased for carryout with a meal from two drinks to three drinks.

The Ohio Liquor Control Commission held its emergency meeting on Friday and approved the administrative rule. Governor DeWine signed an executive order making it effective.

### Mass gathering order

Governor DeWine announced Ohio will separate its mass gathering guidance into its own order. Mass gathering guidance was most recently referenced as part of other orders, and combining this information into a stand-alone order will allow citizens to easily find guidance on holding gatherings in a safe manner.

Mass gatherings in Ohio remain limited to 10 people.

"We have seen cases in recent weeks where outbreaks have been connected to informal social gatherings like birthday parties, neighborhood gatherings, graduation parties, weddings, funerals, and gatherings at people's homes," said Governor DeWine. "The fact remains that this virus spreads when someone with the virus comes in contact with others who don't yet have it. When we gather together with people outside our households, we increase the likelihood this virus can spread."

The order will still permit Ohioans to go to work, worship, go to school, and acquire goods

and services, however, this order will offer clear recommendations on safely holding gatherings.

Gatherings at a household or family residence should be limited to close friends and family and are recommended to be 10 visitors or less. Residents in a red or purple county, as designated by the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, should limit hosting or attending gatherings of any size.

Wear a mask at all times at gatherings and maintain physical distance.

Use take out, outdoor dining, or indoor dining only when strict social distancing can be maintained. Take extra precautions if you go to bars or nightclubs, where use of masks typically is inconsistent and drinking alcohol can lead to less social distancing.

Protect anyone with serious medical conditions at home by social distancing at home, wearing a mask, and using high levels of personal hygiene.

High-risk individuals should take extra precautions to limit the number of people they interact with.

Make the group of people you interact with most often as small as possible and make sure that they are taking appropriate COVID-19 precautions – even if you are just gathering with family friends or neighbors at your home.

#### **Current COVID-19 data**

As of Sunday, Aug. 2, there have been 93,031 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 3,529 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths according to ODH. A total of 10,900 people have been hospitalized, including 2,560 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

**According to ODH reports, as of Sunday, there had been 164 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 reported in Preble County, 24 hospitalizations and two deaths. ODH reported 103 cases were presumed recovered. According to data available in the ODH COVID-19 Dashboard, 137 of the cases in Preble County were confirmed cases, and of those, 79 are presumed recovered. (all 24 hospitalizations and both deaths were confirmed.) The remaining 27 cases are listed as "probable," with 24 of them "presumed recovered."**

## **Events this week: Register today!**



### **SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5: Recovery Amped**

Three opportunities to attend! Looking for a tool to help keep track of employee illness? Join us for one of three sessions presented by Recovery Amped. Recovery Amped was created in 2019 to help address mental health and substance abuse disorders, but is now an essential tool to virus tracking during the global pandemic, helpful in not only possibly saving lives, but also keeping the economy open. **This software automates the entire symptoms tracking and contact tracing process.** The software is built to help employers be more informed, make better decisions, and help predict the spread of COVID-19 or any other future outbreak in the workplace. Intrigued? Attend one

of three sessions on Wednesday, Aug. 5, giving you the opportunity to find a time which fits your schedule! Zoom links will be sent upon registration.

[Register for the 9 a.m. session HERE](#) [Register for the 11:30 a.m. session HERE.](#) [Register for the 4:30 p.m. session HERE.](#)



### **State of the Nation & More, Thursday, Aug. 6!**

Join us for this special two-for-one Breakfast Event, where U.S. Congressman Warren Davidson will discuss the State of the Nation, and stay for an introduction to the two new directors of the Preble County Historical Society and a tour! Enjoy a "takeout" breakfast in the outdoors at the Preble County Historical Society

Amphitheater... attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Registration is limited to ensure social distancing requirements. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved into the PCHS Exhibit Hall (first 35 registered.) Sponsored by Reid Health. Register online [HERE](#).

## **CARES Act funding via the Preble County Small Business Relief Program is available now!**

**Application packets for small  
businesses, and for  
individuals needing housing/  
utility assistance are  
available online [HERE](#).**

