



# THE CHAMBER NEWS



**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND FRIENDS**  
**Saturday, April 8, 2017**  
**Highland High School Cafeteria**  
**8:30 and 10:00 Seatings**  
**Tickets \$6, includes McDonald's Happy Meal Coupon**  
**Walgreens will take photos**  
**Basket Raffles available**

Thank you to our Bunny Committee for all their help and our generous Sponsors.

## **THRIVING DOWNTOWNS NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

The HighlandGriffith Chamber is partnering with SCORE and the Dyer, Schererville and St. John Chambers to present a networking breakfast on Thursday, May 18, 7:30 - 9:00 am, at Briar Ridge Country Club. Advance Tickets \$7. Flyer inside to Register. Use the coupon code **SCORE310** to get the \$7 discount.

Panelists include our Chamber Members -  
**Griffith Downtown**

Valerie Gonzalez, Charcuterie

Gabe Mauch, Grindhouse Café

Patti Haugh, Lady's Gourmet Popcorn

Robyn Pokropinski, Pokro Brewery

### **Highland Downtown**

Jimmy Kendrick, Growlers

Jodi Pesich, HGS Music

Pat Popa, Popa Heating & Cooling

Najeb Arifee, Vyto's Pharmacy

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

**REGION HOME BUYERS**  
**3145 - 45th Street, Highland**  
**Representative: Adrien Chabot**  
**adrien@regionhomebuyers.com**  
**www.regionhomebuyers.com**  
**Category: Real Estate**



Pictured (left-right) at the Chamber March Meeting: Sherri Ziller, Regional Development Authority, Heather Ennis, NWI Forum, Chamber Director Mary Luptak and Chamber President Susie Pollard, Centsible Heating & Air Conditioning.

## **TACO MEET & GREET**

**Friday, May 12, 5 - 8 pm, Griffith YMCA**

**Tickets sold in advance - Chamber office**

**Adults \$12 Children (10 & under) \$5**

**Raffle proceeds benefit Griffith Animal Shelter.**



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## **TACO MEET & GREET**

**Friday, May 12**  
**5:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**Griffith YMCA**  
**201 N. Griffith Blvd.**

Taco Dinners by Asada Grill & Cantina  
Canine Demonstrations, DJ-219 Productions,  
Cash Bar

Adults - \$12 Children (10 & under) - \$5

Tickets Sold in Advance at  
Chamber office, 923-3666  
and from Chamber Members



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## CHAMBER MEMBER HAPPENINGS

**Frank J. Mrvan, North Township Trustee - 11th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** - Sat. April 8, 9 am at Wicker Memorial Park Pavilion. FREE open to North Township children ages 1 to 10 years old.

**NorthShore Health Centers - 4th Annual Easter Egg-stravaganza** - Sat. April 8, 1 to 4 pm at the Boys & Girls Club, 5895 Evergreen Avenue in Portage. Contact Martin at 764-5396.

**American Legion Post 180 - Breakfast Buffet with the Easter Bunny and 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt** - Sun. April 9, 8 am to 1 pm. Breakfast \$6.00 per person; kids 5 & under eat free. Free Egg Hunt and activities for ages 12 & under.

**Respite Care Services, Inc. - Five Guys Fundraiser** - Mon. April 10, during all hours of operation, Five Guys will donate 20% of fundraiser sales and an additional \$1 for every shake. Notify the cashier you are attending the Fundraiser and make sure "Fundraiser" is on the receipt for Respite to receive credit. Contact 972-8172.

**Fair Haven Center for Women - 14th Annual Walk In The Park** - Sat. April 22 at Wicker Memorial Park. Sign-in 9:30 AM and Walk 10 am to 12 pm. Contact 961-4357.

**Planting Possibilities - Brewing Possibilities** - Sat. April 22, 7:30 to 10 pm at ByWay Brewing 2825 Carlson Drive, Hammond. Tickets at [brewingpossibilities.eventbrite.com](http://brewingpossibilities.eventbrite.com) or [plantingpossibilities.org](http://plantingpossibilities.org).

**tradewinds - 50 Years Anniversary Gala** - Sat. April 29, 6 PM, The Venue Horshoe, 777 Casino Center Dr., Hammond. Individual ticket for \$150, Table of 8 Sponsor for \$1,500. **RSVP by April 14th** at [www.gala24.gesture.com](http://www.gala24.gesture.com). Black tie attire. For more info contact Deb Kiefer at 219.945.0100 ext. 318.

## APRIL CHAMBER CALENDAR

- 4 Chamber Board Meeting, 8:30 am  
Hampton In Highland Apartments
- 4 Taco Meet & Greet Meeting, 9:00 am  
Hampton In Highland Apartments
- 8 Chamber Bunny Breakfast, HHS  
8:30 and 10:00 Seatings, Tickets \$6
- 11 Membership Meeting - Lincoln Center  
Welcome New Member Presentations
- 16 HAPPY EASTER
- 20 Chamber Coffee Hour, 8 am,  
Grindhouse Café, 146 N. Broad



## APRIL TOWN NEWS AND CALENDAR

**Animal Control Adoption Days**, Treasured Friends/Animal Control at PetSmart - 711 US Hwy 41 in Schererville from 12 pm - 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

**Griffith Lions Club Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 15, 10 am, Central Park, for Ages 3-9.

**Highland Park Pride Day** - April 22, 9-12  
Contact 838-0114

## CHAMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2017

- Chamber Bunny Breakfast - April 8, HHS
- Taco Meet & Greet - May 18, Griffith YMCA
- Tour de HighlandGriffith - June 3, Wicker Park
- Golf Outing - July 21, Wicker Park
- Griffith Pub Crawl - October
- Highland Pub Crawl - November

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

We welcome our New Members to present a 2-3 minute presentation at our April 11 Membership Meeting. A display table will be available for brochures, flyers or promotional items.

Please RSVP to reserve your spotlight to the Chamber office at 923-3666 or [info@highlandgriffithchamber.com](mailto:info@highlandgriffithchamber.com).

## CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday, April 11**  
**Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln Street**  
**Catered by Dickey's Barbecue Pit**  
**11:30 Networking 12-1 Lunch**

## NEW MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

**Please RSVP to the Chamber office**  
**[info@highlandgriffithchamber.com](mailto:info@highlandgriffithchamber.com)**

## 2017 HIGHLAND/GRIFFITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Susie Pollard, Centsible Heating & Air Conditioning  
Vice President: Patricia Makarounas, Regional Federal Credit Union  
Secretary: Shawn Graham, Edward Jones Investments  
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Rich Miller, Spitz & Miller White & Havens Insurance  
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Kathleen Reed, First Midwest Bank  
Cindy Rivera, North Township Trustee Frank Mrvan  
Joe Starkey, Oak Partners  
Sylvia Torbica, United Federal Credit Union  
Sue Woodall, Chicago Title Insurance

### The HighlandGriffith Chamber offers many advertising opportunities:

**NEWSLETTER:** Business Card Ads are \$30/month, and must include 3 months or more. Our Newsletter is emailed to over 350 Chamber Members each month.

**FEATURE FRIDAY FLYERS:** Send out a flyer for your business, upcoming event or advertised special for \$50, and receive a Facebook post from the Chamber promoting your flyer. FFF are emailed to over 350 Chamber Members.

**CHAMBER EVENT CALENDAR:** Weekly email to Chamber Members announcing Ribbon Cuttings, Grand Openings, Coffee Hour, Membership Meetings and Business Opportunities.

**CHAMBER MEMBER HAPPENINGS:** Weekly email to Chamber Members announcing non-profit events or free seminars from Chamber Members.

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# THRIVING DOWNTOWNS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

We cordially invite you to attend our networking breakfast on May 18, 2017 at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, Indiana. Our breakfast will start with check in and networking from 7:30am – 8:00am. At that time we will commence with breakfast to present a panel of local business owners from the Griffith and Highland Downtown areas. These well-known business owners will share some inspiration and wisdom about how they helped to create a new wave of business momentum in what was once a fading downtown area.

**May 18, 2017**

**Networking at 7:30am**

**Breakfast Commences at 8:00am**

**Briar Ridge Country Club, 123 Country Club Drive, Schererville, IN 46375**

**Tickets purchased by May 12, 2017 - \$7**

**Tickets sold after May 12 - \$10**

**Tickets may be purchased at the door**

For questions please contact your local chamber office or email: [gina.fezler@bankatfirst.com](mailto:gina.fezler@bankatfirst.com)

THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU  
BY THE FOLLOWING  
ORGANIZATIONS:



0310 NW Indiana Chapter



**RSVP TODAY**

CLICK RSVP TODAY TO COMPLETE  
YOUR REGISTRATION



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# Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!

Saturday,  
**APRIL 8, 2017**

Only **\$6!**



Continental Breakfast includes:  
Donuts, granola bar or rice krispie treat,  
bananas, grapes, milk, juice, coffee

Children receive a McDonalds coupon  
and pinwheel

## Highland High School Cafeteria

### 8:30 am Seating

Drawing for bunny basket - 9:00

### 10:00am Seating

Drawing for bunny basket - 10:30  
Winner must be present!

Walgreens will take pictures or  
you may take your own.

Basket raffles sponsored by  
Chamber Members

## LIMITED TICKETS SOLD ONLY IN ADVANCE AT:

Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln, 838-0114

**Highland Griffith Chamber office**  
8536 Kennedy, 923-3666

**Centier Bank Locations**  
500 N. Broad Street, Griffith  
9701 and 9102 Indianapolis, Highland

**First Financial Bank Locations**  
2611 Highway Avenue, 2750 - 45th Street

You may also order tickets online:  
[highlandgriffithchamber.com/payment/](http://highlandgriffithchamber.com/payment/)

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