

# THE CHAMBER NEWS



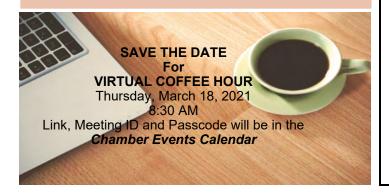
The Chamber would like to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication that Mary has provided to the Chamber! During our Membership Meeting on Tuesday, February 9th, we honored outgoing Executive Director, Mary Luptak, and welcomed our new Executive Director, Melina Frazier. We wish Mary all the best on her new journey to retirement!

## Who is the new Executive Director?

Hello! My name is Melina Frazier. I am excited to be the new Executive Director for the HighlandGriffith Chamber I am an ambitious professional, with 11 years of strong customer service skills. Well-versed in identifying and matching member needs while keeping operational objectives at the forefront. I have a passion for innovation through teamwork and the knowledge to tackle problems that come my way.

I look forward to meeting everyone and working together on our committees! Please do not hesitate to contact the office with any questions.

melina@highlandgriffithchamber.com



# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

# **Home Inspector Consultants**

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### Humana

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# Due to current gathering restrictions, we will not be hosting our Annual

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!



# CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 12:00 - 1:00 PM SPEAKER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81009632594? pwd=UnJJVmVYb1RBNTlyK1c5bDNBa09hZz09

> Meeting ID: 810 0963 2594 Passcode: 101516

# SAVE THE DATE FOR 2021 CHAMBER EVENTS







The Chamber's annual Bunny Breakfast will now be a Back to School Breakfast in August. Sponsorship and basket raffle opportunities will be available.

### CHAMBER MEMBER HAPPENINGS

**Garfield Masonic Lodge #569** - <u>10th Annual Irish Dinner</u> - Sat., Mar. 6th, 3 PM - 6 PM, Carry-out ONLY, \$10 per meal, First come First Served, 2234 Martha St., Highland.

**Food Bank of Northwest Indiana** - <u>Pack To Give Back - Corporate</u> - our corporate team will have an opportunity to sort and pack food boxes that will later be distributed during special "Mobile Market Distributions serving approximately 1,000 families. Thur., Mar. 18th, 9 AM – 11 AM, contact Allyson Vaulx, avaulx@foodbanknwi.org, 219-980-1777, ext. 314

<u>Slam Dunk Hunger</u> - Fri., Mar. 19th, 4 PM – 6 PM, Watch the first and second rounds of the March Madness tournament while supporting hunger relief in Northwest Indiana. Your \$10 admission includes appetizers and 1 drink ticket, contact Amy McDunn at 219.980.1777, ext 313 or amcdunn@foodbanknwi.org

Highland Parks and Recreation Dept. - 2450 Lincoln St., Highland.

Blood Drive - Tue., Mar. 2nd, 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM,

Beach Glass Art Class - Thur., Mar. 11th, 6:30 PM -9 PM, Fee: \$30 res. / \$35 non-res.

Jr. Canvas Paint - Thur., Mar. 18, 5 PM - 6:30 PM, 15 residents/\$18 non-res.

**Humane Indiana Resale** - *Indoor Yard Sale* - Fri., Mar. 12th, 10 AM – 6 PM, 8149 Kennedy Ave., Highland. *Bird of Prey Bowl (Main Office)* - Sat., Mar. 13th, 11 AM – 12 PM, Tickets at humaneindiana.org/events *Spring Break Camp (Ages 6-11)* - Mon., Mar. 22nd, 9 AM – 2 PM, humaneindiana.org/events/2021/3/22/ spring-break-camp. Check their Facebook Events for additional dates.

**Griffith Indiana Animal Control** - <u>Raise the Roof Fundraiser</u> - \$10.00 per calendar, available for purchase at Centsible Heating and Air, 403 N. Griffith Blvd. and Baxter Printing, 311 N. Broad Street, Griffith.

**Treasured Friends Animal Rescue** - <u>Mother's Day Raffle Sponsored by Albert's Jewelers</u> - send a facebook message or email treasuredfriendsrescue@gmail.com and we can schedule a day for pick-up! Tickets are \$10.00 ea. Drawing on May 1st at Albert's. Winner doesn't need to be present, they will be contacted by Treasured Friends.

**Highland Redevelopment Commission** - <u>Downtown Restaurant Crawl</u> - SAVE THE DATE - Tues., Mar. 30th. Details to follow.

# Are you using these benefits?



# Shop Chamber!

You may join this group with your business page and upload your sales, events or promotions. **You may NOT share NON-Member posts or tag non-members in your posts.** Posts in violations of the rules will be removed and the original poster will be notified. This is the group we will promote to the public. Non-members will be allowed to join the group so they may follow it but will NOT be able to post.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/422922004911101



HighlandGriffith Chamber of Commerce Member to Member Networking Group

You may join this group with either your business page or your personal profile. **This group is a private Chamber Member only group.** This group is where you may solicit fellow Members for Sponsorships or offer a **MEMBER ONLY** benefit from your business. **This group will NOT be promoted to the public.** 

https://www.facebook.com/groups/940207942792909



## Chamber Member Happenings

If possible, send your flier at least 2 weeks in advance. Include 'Member Happenings' in the subject line of your email. Member Happenings will go out weekly on Monday. The flier must advertise and event or Chamber Member benefit, NOT a sale or product. Benefits, seminars, events or open houses are acceptable. Advertising a product or listing sales advertisements is to be done in Shop Chamber! Fliers requesting sponsorships are to be done in Member to Member.

Submissions must be sent to the office at info@highlandgriffithchamber.com.

### 2021 HIGHLAND/GRIFFITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Christie DeHaan, Zamudio Law Professionals Vice President: Shawn Cornett, Griffith First Christian Church Secretary: Gina Ribota, Edward Jones investments Treasurer: Bobby Hall, Hall Chiropractic Pain Relief Center Past President: Kimberly Blaesing, Tiger Plumbing

Michelle Anderson, First Financial Bank Amy Conn-Kile, Crestview Apartments Shawn Graham, Graham Financial & Wealth Management Drew Halliar, Spitz & Miller Insurance Agency Amy Lopez-Taylor, Centier Bank Patricia Makarounas, Regional Federal Credit Union Gabe Mauch, Grindhouse Cafe Susie Pollard, Centsible Heating & Air Conditioning Kathleen Reed, Peoples Bank Sylvia Torbica, United Federal Credit Union

Chamber Executive Director: Melina Frazier

Chamber Administrative Assistant: Tammy Williams

# 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.







