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## The Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce's State of the Schools Luncheon was a huge success!

Attendees were privileged to hear from each of our superintendents who updated us on the schools' progress over the past year. Each school offered a PowerPoint presentation showing financial status, how they are updating their facilities, their programs, and even their technology.

The most special part of the afternoon was spent listening to each of our scholarship winners read the essay they submitted. The recipients, David Harvan, Victoria Eder and Alyssa Synek, sound very dedicated to their futures and eager to continue on their path of learning as they head off to college in the fall. They also received proclamations from their city's Mayor with warm wishes on their future - one even got a job offer! We wish them all success and know they will accomplish great things!

A special thank you to Eileen Hawkins for her service as Executive Director. We wish her luck in her future endeavors and welcome her as a board member. A big thank you to Emerald Group Credit Union and the Cleveland Clinic for sponsoring this year's State of the School's Luncheon - without great help from sponsors like you, these events wouldn't be as wonderful.



# 2013 Calendar of Events



Subject to Change.

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RSVP to 216-573-2707  
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## THURSDAY

**August 29, 2013**

### Annual Picnic

Location: Kiwanis Pavilion  
Elmwood Park, Independence, Ohio  
11:30am-1:30pm  
Catered by Mavis Winkle's Irish Pub  
Paddy Wagon  
\$20/member \$25/non-member  
Bring a Door Prize and  
speak about your business!

## FRIDAY

**September 13, 2013**

### Chamber Golf Outing

Location: Astorhurst Country Club  
Shotgun Start: 10:00am  
\$100 - includes 18 holes of golf,  
breakfast, lunch & dinner  
\$50 - Dinner only, no golf  
Sponsorships:  
\$500 Platinum  
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\$100 Hole Sponsor

## THURSDAY

**September 26, 2013**

### Young Professionals

Location: Mad Tex Burgers N' Mex  
6901 Rockside Road, Independence  
5:00-7:00pm  
FREE • Cash Bar  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

## TUESDAY

**October 22, 2013**

### Area Chamber Networking Breakfast

Location: Cuyahoga Valley Career Center  
Valley Inn Restaurant  
7:30-9:00am  
\$5.00  
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## News of Note...

Chamber President **Charlene Paparizos**, from CMP Communications, was invited to be one of twenty-six women from Northeast Ohio at the Female Entrepreneurs Summit on April 24. Congratulations Charlene - this is a very prestigious event and we are very proud of you!

**Melissa LaPorta**, from DigiCom Printing, recently had her logo design chosen to represent the City of Independence's Bicentennial Celebration. Keep an eye out for this logo to appear on the City's future publications!



The **City of Independence** is excited to celebrate their Bicentennial in 2014. They are expected to have a year long celebration to commemorate this momentous occasion. Some of the events so far include: a Bicentennial Ball, "Taste of Independence", Hemlock Cemetery Scavenger Hunt, Historical Tours, Square Dance, Wine Train on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, "Run21" Border to Border Run/Walk, Fireworks and Concerts. A Legacy Project includes the building of a Bicentennial Clock Tower/Plaza on the southwest corner of Selig Drive. We look forward to celebrating with you Independence!

We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to **Eileen Hawkins** for carrying our chamber to new heights as the Executive Director. She has left very large shoes to fill, but we know she will still do great things as one of our board members!

*Amazing!* **WOW!**  
**GREAT JOB!**  
*Congratulations!*

One of our NEW MEMBERS, **The Image Group**, recently had their Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at their office on Valley Belt Parkway June 25. Congratulations on your new location and welcome to the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce!



We want to hear from you! If you are a chamber member, feel free to submit your good news to [cvcc@cuyahogavalleychamber.org](mailto:cvcc@cuyahogavalleychamber.org) for possible publication in an upcoming *Chamber Focus* newsletter.

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### Camp Heroes

Inner City Day Camp for ages 8-17  
Boys and Girls Club: Broadway  
Location  
8AM - 4PM  
July 15-19

### Camp Erin

Overnight Camp  
for ages 8-17  
Mareno, OH  
August 9-11

For more information or questions please contact:  
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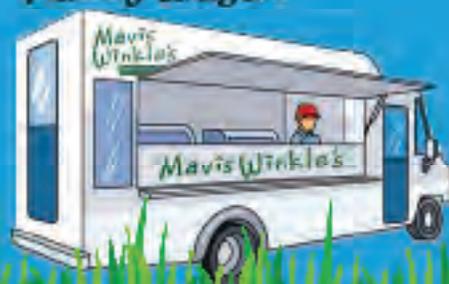
# Annual Picnic

Thursday, August 29, 2013

11:30am - 1:30pm

Kiwanis Pavilion, Elmwood Park  
Independence, Ohio

Catered by: **Mavis Winkles**  
fresh pasta  
paddy wagon



Bring a **Door Prize** & get a minute to speak about your business!

Cost: \$20/Member \$25/Non-Member

Contact: (216) 573-2707 or [cuyahogavalleychamber@aol.com](mailto:cuyahogavalleychamber@aol.com)  
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4th Annual



# GOLF OUTING

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### Games of Skill

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### Hole in One Prizes

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### Door Prizes

Friday, September 13, 2013

Astorhurst Golf Course

7000 Durham Road | Walton Hills, Ohio

Shotgun Start at 10:00am

Awards Program / Dinner at 4:00pm

### \$100 Golf Package: (per golfer)

- 98 Holes with Cart
- Par 3 Ring Drill
- Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
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- Dinner
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# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Thursday, September 26  
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Mad Tex Burgers N' Mex  
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## ALL ARE WELCOME!

FREE ADMISSION

Come network with the emerging leaders of the Cuyahoga Valley region at the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce's NEW Young Professionals events. Throughout the year, we will have various events and programs specifically for those young adults that are working hard to network, increase business, or just want time to relax and enjoy the company of their peers.

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7:30-9:00AM

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COST IS \$5.00

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# A Message from...



## *our President*

Charlene Paparizos, CMP Communications

Dear Chamber Members:

Summer is here and your chamber board is already busy planning for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing as well as great fall and winter programming. We also have some administration changes to share with you. Our executive director, Eileen Hawkins, resigned her position as of the end of May. Eileen was incredibly instrumental over the past three years in growing and taking our chamber to a higher level. We thank her for her hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Cuyahoga Valley region. We are delighted that she is now a board member, serving on our executive committee.

Our new executive director is Nancy Prucha. Nancy has been with our chamber since its beginnings as the Independence Chamber of Commerce. Most recently, she has served on our executive committee as secretary. Nancy is the owner of Digicom Printing in Independence. We also now have an assistant executive director, Melissa LaPorta. Melissa is a familiar face to our chamber as she is the amazing and talented graphic designer who does such a wonderful job on all of our flyers, newsletters, and overall

branding. She works at Digicom Printing as well. This dynamic duo looks forward to taking our chamber to even greater places and I am confident that they will maintain the excellence we all have come to expect from our chamber.

Lynn Mizanin, campus director of Miami Jacobs Career College and chamber board member, is our new secretary. We thank Lynn for stepping up to the plate and her increased role with the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce.

As you can see, there are many exciting changes and although our next chamber function is not until August 29—our annual picnic—we promise to stay in touch with you through email and as always, feel free to call the chamber office with any questions, ideas, or suggestions you may have.

Have a wonderful summer!

*Charlene Paparizos*  
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