



**HighlandGriffith**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Promoting Good Business

**MAY 2017**

# THE CHAMBER NEWS

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Diversified Marketing Strategies, Inc.**  
1330 Arrowhead Court, Crown Point  
Representative: John Brant, 226-0300  
jbrant@thinkdiversified.com  
www.thinkdiversified.com  
Category: Marketing

**Zuchez**  
211-213 N. Broad Street, Griffith  
Rep: Patricia Zuniga, 513-8815  
zunsan17@hotmail.com  
Category: Restaurant and Bar

**REGISTER for the upcoming  
Thriving Downtowns Networking Breakfast  
Thursday, May 18, 7:30 - 9:00 am  
Briar Ridge Country Club**

Sponsored by SCORE, Dyer, Schererville, St.  
John and HighlandGriffith Chambers.

Space is limited. Registration inside. Use the  
code SCORE310 to sign up. Call 923-3666  
(This event is in place of our May coffee hour)

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## TACO MEET & GREET

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

Taco Dinners by Asada Grill & Cantina  
Canine Demonstrations, Cash Bar  
219 Productions Mirrored Photo Booth  
Adults- \$12 Children (10 & under)- \$5

Tickets Sold in Advance at Chamber  
office and from Chamber Members

Raffle proceeds benefit the Griffith  
Animal Shelter



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**Tour de HighlandGriffith**  
www.highlandgriffithchamber.com  
**June 3, 2017 - 11 AM**



**Thanks to our Breakfast With the  
Easter Bunny Friends:** Elmo,  
Texas Corral Cowboy, Ollie the Owl  
from First Financial Bank, Shawn  
Graham, Edward Jones as the  
Easter Bunny, Pompy from Popa  
Heating & Cooling, Laney Anderson  
as Barbie, Shawn Graham, Jr. as  
the Griffith Panther, and Dora the  
Explorer.

**More pictures and thanks to all  
our Sponsors, Committee  
Members and Volunteers.  
for our annual event.**





**Thank You Sponsors** Aide Rentals & Sales, ATG Properties, BMO Harris Bank, Brightwood College, Centier Bank, CJ Printing & Shipping, Centsible Heating & Air Conditioning, Crestview Apartments, Paul Doherty, Edward Jones-Shawn Graham, Elegance Wedding & Evening Wear, Fair Haven Center for Women, First Financial Bank, First Merchants Bank, First Midwest Bank, Grindhouse Café, H&R Block, Highland Community Foundation, McDonald's, New Life Christian Reformed Church, Office Depot, Peoples Bank, Pepsi, Pleasant View Dairy, Popa Heating & Cooling, Region Signs, Regional Federal Credit Union, Spitz Miller White Havens Insurance, Strack & Van Til, Teachers Credit Union, Texas Corral, Tiger Plumbing, Timeless Images Photography, Vyto's Pharmacy, Walgreens, Young Living Essential Oils - Jill Kearns and Whole Foods Market Schererville.

**Thanks to our great Bunny Committee:** Chair Michelle Anderson, First Financial Bank; Joe Koranek, Gina Ribota, Mary Shelton and Bev Strickland, Centier Bank; Amy Conn, Crestview Apartments; Shawn Graham, Edward Jones Investments; Carmen Reynolds, H&R Block, Candice Logue-Kouras, Peoples Bank, Patricia Makarounas, Regional Federal Credit Union and Carrie Upchurch, Teachers Credit Union.

**Thanks to our great Volunteers:** Griffith National Honor Students, Highland Key Club Students, New Life Christian Reformed Church, Highland Public Works, Cheryl and Tom, HHS, and Walgreens photographers.



# Tour de HighlandGriffith



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June • 3 • 2017 • Wicker Park Pavilion • 11 AM

## A Family-Friendly Bicycle Ride through Highland & Griffith

**CHECK IN @ 10:30**

**BICYCLE RAFFLE TIX \$5**

**RIDE RAIN OR SHINE!**

*Chair Massages  
by Hall Chiropractic*

*Broad Street Water Stop  
by Edward Jones*

*Shawn Graham, Financial Advisor*

Sign up at the  
**HighlandGriffith Chamber Office**  
OR  
**signmeup.com /120090**

### REGISTER TO RIDE!

**EARLY** sign up thru May 30th

**\$15 per rider**

**\$5 Children age 10 & under**

Includes drawstring bag and lunch

**LATE** sign up May 30 - June 3\*

**\$20 per rider**

\*Drawstring bag available while supplies last

\*\*Tour de HighlandGriffith t-shirts will be available  
the day of the event for \$10.

## LUNCH PROVIDED BY Texas Corral



## THANK YOU!

### TOUR DE HIGHLANDGRIFFITH SPONSORS

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### HIGHLANDGRIFFITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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[highlandgriffithchamber.com](http://highlandgriffithchamber.com)



## CHAMBER MEMBER HAPPENINGS

**Brightwood College - Career Fair** - Thur., May 11, 11 AM - 2 PM, 7833 Indianapolis Blvd., Hammond, On campus recruiting event. For more info call the Career Development Team at 219.989.5070.

**American Legion Post 180 - Mother's Day Breakfast** - Sun., May 14, 8 AM - 11 AM, 2703 Jewett Ave., Highland. \$6 per person. For more info call: 219.972.3948 or 219.671.1208.

**Girls on the Run - Highland Spring 5K** - Sat., May 20, 8 AM, Highland High School, 9135 Erie St., Highland. Register or volunteer at [www.gotrofnwi.org](http://www.gotrofnwi.org).

**Planting Possibilities - Spring Plant Sale** - Sat., May 20, 9 AM - 2 PM, Sarkey's Florist, 8944 Erie Street, Highland

**Girls on the Run - Chesterton Spring 5K** - Sat., May 21, 1 PM, Chesterton High School, 2125 S. 11th St., Chesterton. Register or volunteer at [www.gotrofnwi.org](http://www.gotrofnwi.org).

**NWI Parkinsons - 2017 Annual Dinner Style Show** - Thur., May 25 at The Avalon Manor, Merrillville. For tickets or info call 219.237.2342 or stop by the office at 2927 Jewett Ave., Highland.

**Treasured Friends Animal Adoption & Rescue - In need of Kitten fosters!** If you are interested in helping out please fill out the Foster Application and bring it to the Schererville PetSmart during adoption events: Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4:00 excluding holiday weekends. [http://www.treasuredfriendsrescue.org/fosterapp\[1\]\[1\].pdf](http://www.treasuredfriendsrescue.org/fosterapp[1][1].pdf)

**Lakeshore Community Concerts - 2017-2018 Season** - Tickets are now available. For more info go to [www.LakeshoreConcerts.org](http://www.LakeshoreConcerts.org).

## MAY CHAMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Chamber Board Meeting, 8:30 am  
Mansards Apartments, Griffith
- 9 Membership Meeting - Bridges  
Speaker: Lorri Feldt, SBDC
- 12 Taco Meet & Greet, 5-8 pm, Griffith YMCA  
Tickets Adults \$12, Children \$5
- 14 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
- 17 Tour de HighlandGriffith Meeting  
9:30 am, Chamber office, Call 923-3666
- 18 Thriving Downtowns Networking Breakfast  
Briar Ridge Country Club, 7:30 - 9:00
- 29 Memorial Day - office closed

## MAY TOWN NEWS AND CALENDAR

**Griffith Central Market** - Every Friday starting May 12, from 3-9, Central Park. Food, Music, Vendors

**Griffith Town Clean Up** - Saturday, May 13

**Highland Spring Clean Up Day** - Tuesday, May 9

**Highland Midweek Music & Market** - Wednesdays  
May 31 - Sept. 27. Main Square Park. 838-0114.

## CHAMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2017

**Taco Meet & Greet - May 12, Griffith YMCA**  
**Tour de HighlandGriffith - June 3, Wicker Park**  
**Golf Outing - July 21, Wicker Park**  
**Night Bike Ride - September, wicker Park**  
**Griffith Pub Crawl - October**  
**Highland Pub Crawl - November**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS

**Town Club Steak & Seafood Restaurant** is celebrating 70 years in business this year. Visit their location at 2904 - 45th Street in Highland. Contact Mark Hines at 924-5227. Follow them on Facebook for specials.

**Grindhouse Café** is celebrating their 5 year anniversary on May 26, 27 and 28 with live music at Space Revival, 132 N. Broad Street, Griffith. Contact Grindhouse Café at 595-5678.

## CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday, May 9**  
**Bridges Scoreboard Restaurant**  
**121 N. Griffith Boulevard**  
**11:30 Networking 12-1 Lunch**

**SPEAKER: Lorri Feldt**  
**Small Business Development Center**

**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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### 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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**2017 GOLF OUTING**

Friday, July 21, 2017  
NOON SHOTGUN START, Wicker Park

\$100 to Golf \$150 for Hole Sponsorships



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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)

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0310 NW Indiana Chapter



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CLICK RSVP TODAY TO COMPLETE  
YOUR REGISTRATION