



The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce 2019 Committee List

Workforce Training & Education: Jefferson County's future hinges on being able to supply a quality, educated workforce for all employers, current and prospective. Programming beginning in local high schools or earlier and continuing through the county's community college or university is key to this success. This committee will gather educators, business leaders and all who play a role in creating, growing and educating a strong workforce.

Oil & Gas Committee: Helps chamber members and the local business community stay informed and up-to-speed on state and local oil and gas industry happenings. Be aware of job and business opportunities and work to help businesses and residents take advantage of them. Utilizes the Chamber's membership in the Ohio Oil & Gas Association to gather and disperse information.

Advocacy Committee: The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is the only entity in the county that represents businesses of all sizes, industries and stages of development. This committee ensures that the chamber is acting on behalf of its members and helps research and address issues with elected officials and key policy makers that may affect the local business climate.

Special Events Committee: Responsible for organizing and implementing the chamber's two largest fundraisers, the annual golf outing in May and the annual awards dinner in October. This is one of the longest running committees at the Chamber and its members put in long hours in the weeks leading up to these important events.

Retail & Restaurant Committee: Works to promote the local retail and dining community, develop programs to encourage local spending and prevent out-shopping and improve on local businesses' customer service. Be involved with and assist with chamber programming such as the "Shift Your Shopping" holiday programs and Small Business Saturday.

Veteran, Female & Minority Owned Business Committee: Addresses the challenges and opportunities that surround businesses that are veteran, female and/or minority owned. Stays informed on federal, state and local programming that may be available. Promotes awareness throughout the chamber membership and the local community.

Southern Business Committee: Addresses issues specific to businesses located in the southern part of the county including but not limited to Mingo Junction, Rayland, Tiltonsville, Yorkville, Mt. Pleasant and Adena. Promotes and informs the chamber membership and the local community about businesses in these areas through programs and outreach projects.

Northern Business Committee: Addresses issues specific to businesses located in the northern part of the county including but not limited to Toronto, Empire, Stratton and Richmond. Promotes and informs the chamber membership and local community about businesses in these areas through programs and outreach projects.

Ambassador Club: This volunteer arm of the Chamber supports programming and events through hands-on assistance in addition to working on membership retention and member recruitment. It also sponsors an annual scholarship funded by the Burger Bash, a favorite chamber summertime event and coordinates the Chamber's participation in local Christmas parades. Space is limited on the ambassador club roster and applications are accepted through the club chairperson.

Young Professionals: This "20's and 30's-ish" group will support and assist with chamber projects and initiatives as they network, grow and get involved in the local business community. Also an excellent way for those new to the area or recent grads to meet people their own age and with similar interests and goals. They will be a sounding board and resource for new ideas and projects as they help the chamber attract and retain new talent to the area. Members are sponsored by a chamber member business and pay an annual fee to participate. Space is limited with prospective members completing a short application and questionnaire.