



MENTOR AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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## Your Monthly News & Updates

Check out what's going on in March!

### Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting

See our scholarship winners presented with their awards!

Tuesday, March 28  
11:30a-1:00p  
Mentor High School Paradigm Building  
6477 Center St.  
Mentor



Sponsored by [Lakeland Community College - Holden University Center](#) & [CT Consultants](#)

[Register Here!](#)



### Coffee Contacts Decaf

Join us for free networking and coffee!

Thursday, March 16  
Classic Park  
35300 Vine St.  
Eastlake  
[Register Here!](#)

## Business After Hours at Brew Mentor

Join us for networking and fun at our first-ever game night!

Wednesday, March 22  
5:30pm-7:00pm  
[Register Here!](#)



Taste of Mentor 2017 is on April 19 at the Mentor Civic Ice Arena! Tickets are now on sale, so purchase yours today!  
[Click here!](#)



## Leadercast 2017

Friday, May 5  
8:00a-4:30p  
Holden University Center  
4242 State Rt. 306  
Kirtland  
[Register Here!](#)

## Be a Part of Our 51st Annual Golf Outing!

Join us on Friday, July 21 at Black Brook Golf Course in Mentor!

[Click here to learn how you can participate.](#)



## Lake County Small Business Expo

Friday, June 2  
8:00a-1:00p  
Lakeland Community College  
7700 Clocktower Dr.  
Kirtland

[Register Here!](#)

## Member News & Updates

• Home Energy Assistance Program Winter Crisis

- [Home Energy Assistance Program Winter Crisis Continues Through March 31](#)
- [37th Wildwood Fine arts & Wine Committee Seeking New Artists](#)
- [Huntington Bank Recognized for Excellence in Middle-Market and Small Business Banking](#)
- [Register for Trade and the Trump Factor](#)
- [Western Reserve Junior Service League to hold Open House for Prospective Members](#)
- [St. John Vianney to hold 14th Annual Celtic Weekend](#)



## Ohio's Proposed Budget 2018-19

On January 30, 2017 Governor Kasich unveiled his budget proposal for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. The highlights of the taxes in the draft budget are: A) a significant increase in the state base sales tax from 5.75% to 6.25%; B) an increase of the state's cigarette and other tobacco products tax to \$2.25 per pack; C) increase in the taxes on alcohol products; and D) a new application of the sales tax to a list of services that had not previously been taxed including: cable television services, lobbying services, repossession services, landscape design, interior design and decorating, travel agent and other travel services, and not medically required cosmetic surgery. It is unclear how the Governor arrived at this specific list of new services to tax.

[Read more here.](#)

Save the Date!



**HOME & Lifestyle EXPO**

**March 4 and 5, 2017  
at Great Lakes Mall**

Sponsor \$575  
Exhibitor \$325

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Saturday  
**MARCH 4**

Sunday  
**MARCH 5**

- Chance to Win \$500 Great Lakes Mall giftcard
- Live Demonstrations
- Remodeling Ideas
- FREE Gift Bag for the first 250 attendees each day

Hosted by: **LAKE COUNTY** Chambers of Commerce

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## RSVP to these Upcoming Meetings

### [Lake Kidz Biz](#)

Wednesday, April 5  
8:15a-9:30a

### [FUEL](#)

Thursday, March 16  
5:30p-7:30p  
Sol in Downtown Willoughby

### [Lake County Safety Council](#)

Friday, March 17  
11:30a-1:00p  
American Croatian Lodge



**Learn About COSE's New Health Benefit Option**



Health and Wellness Trust

The COSE Health and Wellness Trust is different from COSE's current health benefit options. [Learn what makes it unique](#) and why it might be a good fit for your small business.

## Reduce Your Energy Usage and Your Operating Expenses

COSE has teamed with FirstEnergy's Ohio Utilities to provide member businesses with an exclusive energy savings opportunity. The first step is a comprehensive assessment of how your facility uses power; gas, electric, even steam. The best part? There's no out of pocket expense! Read what Craig Wallace, CEO of PACE Engineering, Inc., learned from his energy audit with the COSE Energy Advisors.



"Every firm looks to lower their operating costs. Pace Engineering took advantage of the energy audit that COSE offered. Energy accounts for 4% of our costs from process gas and electricity used in our manufacturing to general uses heat and lighting. Most people view energy costs as fixed. The energy audit identified a number of projects that when implemented will reduce our energy costs more than 9%. We were surprised because five years ago, we spent more than \$250,000 on energy efficiency projects. From the COSE audit, we learned where our energy is consumed and have uncovered even more savings than were identified in the audit." - Craig Wallace, CEO PACE Engineering, Inc.

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