

Taking the pulse of the Ravenna business community.

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## NEW BUSINESS NEWS

Business growth in downtown Ravenna is on the rise and we are actively working to bring in the amenities to support these businesses by creating more opportunities for retail and restaurant establishments. One of these opportunities is the former Oak Rubber building at 228 S. Sycamore St., which is being redeveloped into a mixed-use commercial space with apartments and space for seven restaurants or retail businesses with outdoor patio seating. As featured above, Heritage Ohio also is supporting Doug and Melissa Shelton's redevelopment of Riddle Block #9 with their first Save Ohio's Treasures grant. Additionally, street front space is currently available for commercial retailers to take advantage of downtown Ravenna's business growth. Contact Arasin Hughes at Main Street Ravenna to discuss spaces available downtown or [click here](#) to view available commercial real estate in Ravenna.

To aid in our efforts to bring better amenities and jobs to Ravenna, we have placed a [moratorium on self-storage units](#) from now until March of next year to allow us to assess zoning and explore other development plans for this land. Our goal is to prioritize more energetic business growth that provides better jobs and wages to our city's residents.

You can check out our weekly Economic Index Reports and Economic Overview Report prepared by economist Chmura Economics and Analytics to learn more about how the market is trending.

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Portage Development Board will be hosting the 2023 Locate. Stay. Grow. Awards on May 24th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the NEW Center at Northeast Ohio Medical University. The awards are to recognize past projects, investors, and resource partners. The City of Ravenna will have four projects highlighted at the awards ceremony.

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The City of Ravenna mayor, Frank Seman, presented the State of the City Address publicly on Monday, March 20th. To view the recorded presentation, please click below.

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**TURN-KEY RESTAURANT IN  
DOWNTOWN RAVENNA**  
161 N. CHESTNUT ST.

*Available for  
Lease!*



Available for lease and turn-key operation, this building in the heart of downtown Ravenna was the former well-known DelCielo's Restaurant and Lounge. This 4,405 sq. ft. building features two floors, an outdoor dining area and ample parking space. The first floor is a full-service restaurant and bar with all furniture, fixtures, equipment and two fireplaces. The second floor features two offices and two apartments.

Interested in 161 N. Chustnut St.? Please contact Jenna Tharp at [234-230-1776](tel:234-230-1776).

Check out all commercial real estate available in Ravenna, then let's start a conversation!

[SEE AVAILABILITY](#)



## COMMUNITY & CULTURE

Ravenna attracts many people to its downtown and area events. Small enough to preserve a hometown feel, but big enough to attract thousands to events, Ravenna offers the best of both community and culture.

### Eggstravaganza

Join us on Saturday, April 8th at Ravenna City Park! From 9:40 AM to 12:00 PM families can enjoy a variety of fun-filled events, including egg hunts, pictures with the Easter Bunny, games, prizes and more! [Click here for more details.](#)

### Main Street Ravenna Golf Outing

Help benefit Main Street Ravenna's annual Art on Main event by joining us for MSR Golf Outing 2023! Save the date for this community golf outing taking place on Friday, May 26th from 8AM-6PM at Windmill Lakes Golf Club.

### Ravenna Creates: Art on Main

Each June we celebrate creativity with our signature Art on Main – this year's event is on June 10th! Held on Main Street in beautiful historic downtown Ravenna, the annual Art on Main event is a celebration of talented student artists and local artisans from around northeast Ohio.



### History Lives

Portage County Regional Planning Commission created a Ravenna Historic Structures collection that showcases historical houses and buildings in Ravenna. [Visit this website](#) to explore Ravenna's historic structures through walking and driving tours or by architectural style. Pictured is Reed Memorial Library.



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