

GREATER NILES
Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER CURRENTS

A monthly newsletter from the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce

What is the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce?

The [Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce](#) was created to be an advocate for the business community, to promote and raise the profile of the community, and to drive economic growth in the service area. The Chamber was founded in 1919 by a group of Niles business owners and consists of more than 380-member businesses. The organization serves the communities of the City of Niles, Niles Charter Township, Bertrand Township, Buchanan, Galien, Three Oaks, and Cass County. The Chamber's three primary focus areas are economic development, business advocacy, and member services.



State of the Economy Breakfast to be held on October 23

The Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce is proud to present to you the State of the Economy Breakfast, to take place on Wednesday, October 23 from 8:00 until 9:30 a.m. at [The Supper Club by The Morris Estate](#).

This breakfast will be the premier Economic Development event of the season and will provide an opportunity for area leaders to be empowered by current trends in our regional business community. Guests will enjoy breakfast with the Chamber while learning about the latest projects, movements, and innovations that are influencing the greater Niles area.

Space is limited, reserve your seat today!

[Register](#)

M51/US12 Project Update

The construction taking place across M51 has been a bittersweet trial for Niles, Michigan, as we eagerly await a beautiful new road and yet struggle through the ongoing traffic delays and tribulations.

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, barring no government shutdown, the final repavement will be completed by Friday, October 4, allowing for final touches to take place the following week, and the first phase of this overhaul to be completed by Friday, October 11.

This will complete the M51/US12 progress marked for 2019. The rest of the project, including the changes to the US12 overpass, is projected to take place in 2023.

The Chamber's Mission

Serving businesses and our members by providing products, programs, and services that drive company and community growth.



Photo Courtesy of Leader Publications.

French Paper Company Acquired by Finch Paper Holdings

In August, the iconic French Paper Company was purchased by the New York based, Finch Paper Holdings.

French Paper Company was founded in 1871, and for the last 148 years has stood as a pillar within the Niles business community as a distinguished manufacturer of specialty un-coated colored paper, colored envelopes, specialty gifts, and more.

Finch Paper Holdings is part of a \$4 billion holding company that operates as an integrated paper manufacturing business. The company produces a variety of paper products that are manufactured fully within their company including the forestry, pulp making, and paper making process.

Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Brian French, told Leader Publications that there will be no changes in management, employment numbers, or, for the time being, their products and services. French Paper will continue to be managed by the French family, while ownership will now belong to Finch Paper Holdings.

For more information:

[Leader Publications Article](#)

[Moody on the Market Article](#)

The Chamber's Vision

To be a trusted source of information, an effective resource, and an influential advocate for the business community in the greater Niles area.



Bobcat of Michiana

October 4 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Bobcat of Michiana
2622 S 11th St
Niles, MI 49120

Join the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce as we welcome [Bobcat of Michiana](#) to the greater Niles business community.

Culver's

October 7 | 9:30-10:00 AM

Culver's Niles
1420 S 11th St
Niles, MI 49120

Join the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce as we welcome [Culver's](#) to the greater Niles business community.

Circle Credit Union

October 17 | 11:30 AM-12:00 PM

Circle Credit Union
507 E Main St
Niles, MI 49120

The [Greater Niles Community Federal Credit Union](#) is changing their name to Circle Federal Credit Union! In celebration of this change, Circle Federal Credit Union and the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce will be commemorating this event with a ribbon cutting.



Business After Hours : The Salvation Army

November 7 | 5:30-7:00 PM

Salvation Army Niles
424 N 15th St
Niles, MI 49120

Join the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce and the [Niles Salvation Army](#) for the November Business After Hours! The event will offer attendees the opportunity to gather with fellow business professionals and community leaders after work in a relaxed, mixer environment.

[Register](#)

Welcome our New Members!

Please give a warm welcome to Goosehead Insurance and Culver's, the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce's newest members.

[Goosehead Insurance's](#), Chris Hammermeister, is one of the newest additions to our Niles business community. Chris works diligently to assist his clients to make the best decisions when it comes to auto, home, or life insurance. Reach out and say "hello" to Chris and ask about how Goosehead Insurance can assist you with all of your insurance needs.

[More Info](#)

[Culver's](#) is famous for their butter burgers and frozen custard, and as of Monday, October 7, these delicious items will be on the menu in Niles. Visit 1420 S. 11th Street on this date to indulge in your Culver's cravings.

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