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Chamber of Commerce

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## UPVCC Calendar

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### Annual Celebration

Thursday, November 9, 5:30-8pm  
The Loft at Sweet Water Country Club

### Joint Happy Hour with Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce

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Spinnerstown Hotel, Inc.

### Legislative Affairs Luncheon

Monday, November 27, 12-1:30pm  
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

### Holiday Happy Hour

Wednesday, December 7, 5-6:30pm  
Pizza Como PC Pub

### Holiday Breakfast

Wednesday, December 13, 8:30-10:30am  
Fredrick Living

### Holiday Movie Night

Thursday, December 14, 6:15-9pm  
The Grand Theater

## Welcome New Members



**Abella Specialties**, 222 Main St. in East Greenville. Abella Specialties is a Home Decor, Boutique and Gift store located on Main Street in East Greenville. We are family owned and operated, offering many unique decorative items made by us, as well as other trendy items, florals, snack foods and novelties. Abella Specialties is not an ordinary gift store. Our customers often tell us that our store feels like "home". We go the extra mile to provide advice and inspiration to help our customers decorate their homes and select thoughtful gifts for loved ones. *Chamber Representative: Tanya Impink, 215.679.2700, www.abellaspecialties.com*



**Apex Auto Care**, 993 Andrews Ln. in Pennsburg. Apex Auto Care is an all-inclusive paint protection and vehicle detailing company in Pennsburg, PA. Founded in 2022, we at Apex Auto Care have perfected company-wide customer service standards. Whether you are searching for the most lustrous paint finish with our ceramic coating packages, paint correction, complete interior and exterior vehicle detailing services, we do it all. *Chamber Representative: Adam Pedersen, 267.718.9752, www.apexautocareco.com*



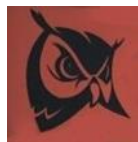
**Doughlicious**, 226 Main St. 1st Fl. in East Greenville. Doughlicious is a small batch bakery that provides home made from scratch items including sticky buns, iced cinnamon rolls, muffins, cookies, scones and other sweet treats. They also offer various homemade breads and rolls which have no preservatives. They offer a quaint environment with seating both inside and outdoors. They also take orders for larger quantities. *Chamber Representative: Kelly Kalb, 267.347.3760, www.facebook.com/profile.php?*



**East Penn Hill Lioness Lions Club**, 200 State Street in East Greenville. East Penn Hill Lioness Lions Club's mission is "We Serve". East Penn Hill Lioness Lions Club was formed in 2020. They are a group of leading citizens of men and women on the emphasis to help the less fortunate members of our community. *Chamber Representative: Mary Bonar, 610.608.3628*



**Java and Friends**, 254 Main St. in East Greenville. Java and Friends was founded in March of 2020. Java & Friends is a full service cafe that just doesn't know what it wants to be when it grows up. Currently, it is serving as a full-service coffee shop, cafe, breakfast/lunch spot, gift shop, bakery, and hang-out spot. They take great pride in our mission of providing world-class customer service and high quality, unmatched food and beverages, largely made from scratch, sourcing local ingredients where we can. They feel incredibly blessed to have become a pillar in our community, and are constantly looking for ways to give back. They look forward to meeting and serving you! *Chamber Representative: Andy Grossman, 267.644.8287, www.javagooddaycafe.com*



**Order of Owls Nest 1302**, 315 Main St. in East Greenville. Order of Owls Nest 1302 is a non-profit, private social club. 215.679.6118, [www.facebook.com/EastgreenvilleOwls](http://www.facebook.com/EastgreenvilleOwls)



**Upper Perkiomen Education Foundation**, 2229 E. Buck Rd. in Pennsburg. Upper Perkiomen Education Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 not for profit organization that serves as a fiscal intermediary between the private sector and the Upper Perkiomen School District. They are the only philanthropic organization that works directly with school leadership to align the investments of partners – private foundations, corporations and businesses, community organizations and individual donors – with the strategies that will impact the success of students attending our neighborhood public schools. Their mission is to provide supplemental funding for innovative educational programs and initiatives to enrich student learning. Their vision is to inspire excellence and innovation in the Upper Perkiomen School District. *Chamber Representative: Luanne Stauffer, upperperkfoundation.org*

## 23rd Annual Golf Outing

*Event recap & thank you to our committee, volunteers & sponsors*

Macoby Run Golf Course | September 21

### Golf Outing Winners

**1st Place:** Cory Burkhardt- Gillespie Electric Foursome  
**2nd Place:** Ron Exell- MCR, Stauffer Glove & Safety and PHI Consulting Foursome  
**3rd Place:** National Safety Apparel, Stauffer Glove & Safety and New Hudson Facades Foursome

**Longest Drive (men):** Matthew Seiple  
**Longest Drive (women):** Anna Marie Boland  
**Closest to the Pin:** Jim Ginetti  
**Straightest Drive:** Brian Gerhart  
**Putting Contest:** Kevin Stevens  
**On The Green:** Kirk Palermo  
**Mulligan Raffle:** Larry Howse

### PIP/Worldwide Golf Cornhole

**1st Place:** JR Koch  
**2nd Place:** Larry Stempel  
**3rd Place:** George Kinek

**Showa Apple Watch Raffle:** Nick Yelicanin  
**Dupont Hacker's FunPack Raffle:** MCR  
**VIP Raffle:** Joe Michelotti  
**Raffle:** JR Koch

### Event Day Volunteers

Alexa Harned – Blommer Chocolate Company  
Allyn Roche – Upper Perkiomen School District  
Amanda Fisher – US Tape Company  
Andy Pistoria – Tri County Area Federal Credit Union  
Arno Kott – Retired  
Beth Biehl – Tri County Area Federal Credit Union  
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Carol Kress – Lechner and Stauffer, Inc.  
Cathy Fitzgerald – Fitzgerald Maintenance Services  
Christi Smith – UNIVEST- Banking, Insurance, Investments  
Cole Speilman – Upper Perkiomen Valley YMCA  
Cory Burkhardt – Gillespie Electric, Inc.  
Danielle Kates – Design Intervention by Danielle, LLC  
Dave Czarnecki – S&W Performance Group  
Jane George – PPL Electric Utilities  
Jean Wieder – Harleysville Bank  
Jeannette Umstead – Blommer Chocolate Company  
Jillian Laudenslager – Grand View Health  
JoAnne Riley – Harleysville Bank  
John Bickel – Cradle of Liberty Council, BSA  
Julie Keely – Morgan's Magical Ears  
Kelly Stauffer – Stauffer Glove & Safety  
Kevin Brown – Keystone Tax Services of Pennsburg, LLC  
Lauren Seider – US Tape Company  
Luanne Stauffer – Retired  
Matt Compton – Blommer Chocolate Company  
Michael Tannous – Upper Perkiomen Valley YMCA  
Michelle Forsell – Wolf, Baldwin & Associates P.C.  
Missy Mieziotis – Iron Valley Real Estate  
Morgan Keely – Morgan's Magical Ears  
Rebecca Moyer – Allied Mortgage Group, Inc.  
Ryan Garner – Engle Garner Realty Associates  
Ryan Taylor – Ryan Taylor Graphics  
Sarah Fontanez – Allied Mortgage Company  
Sandy Shellaway – Stauffer Glove & Safety  
Scott Engle – Pro PDR, Inc. Paintless Dent Repair  
Scott Little – Harleysville Bank  
Sharon Shipe – Sharon Shipe Photography  
Stan Rothenberger – Brode & Brooks, Inc.  
Stephanie Rubilla – QNB Bank  
Steve Rothenberger – Brode & Brooks, Inc.  
Steve Weida – Retired  
Todd Frank – Retired  
Wendy Jones – Keystone Tax Services of Pennsburg, LLC

**Golf Outing Committee**  
**Chair:** Scott Orzechoski, QNB Bank

Harrison Kauffman, Lechner & Stauffer, Inc.  
Jake Engle, Engle Garner Realty Associates  
Jamie Frank, Lechner & Stauffer, Inc.  
John McClintock – Retired  
Randall Stauffer, Stauffer Glove & Safety



### Golf Outing Sponsors

**Platinum:** QNB Bank  
**Venue:** DuPont Company  
**A Round of Golf:** 3M  
**Patron Sponsor:** St. Luke's University Health Network - Quakertown | Upper Bucks Campus  
**Golf Cart:** Valley Lock & Door  
**Eagle:**  
Entrance Systems, Inc.  
Gillespie Electric, Inc.  
PRO PDR, Inc., Paintless Dent Repair  
Stauffer Glove & Safety  
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**Golf Cornhole:** PIP/Worldwide  
**Raffle:** Showa  
**Clam Chowder Station:** Mann-Slonaker  
**Clambake:**  
Dale Nace Agency State Farm  
ELIR Electrical Controls LLC  
Lechner & Stauffer  
Perkiomen School  
**Beer Station:** Keystone Tax Service of Pennsburg, LLC  
**Beverage Cart:**  
Blommer Chocolate Company  
Brode & Brooks, Inc., Realtors  
Harleysville Bank  
**Birdie:**  
Baringer-Hartman Insurance Group & Real Estate Excel  
J.P. Goetz Collision Repair  
Perkiomen Animal Hospital  
Perkiomen School  
Tri County Area Federal Credit Union  
Wolf, Baldwin & Associates P.C.  
**Commemorative Photo:** Grand View Health  
**Registration Beverage/Snack Station:**  
Upper Perkiomen Valley YMCA  
MCR  
**Beverage Station:**  
Engle Garner Realty Associates  
**Snack Station:**  
Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc.  
US Tape Company  
**Straightest Drive:** Artisan Display, Inc.  
**Closest to the Pin:** Ryan Taylor Graphics  
**Hole-in-One:** Sands Ford of Red Hill  
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Horizon Engineering  
Macoby Self Storage  
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Morgan's Magical Ears  
Moyer's Services Group, Inc.  
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Young's Home Comfort

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# Recap of Events



For more photos of this event, please visit <https://bit.ly/23golfoutingclambake>

## Golf Outing & Clambake

Macoby Run Golf Course | September 21

Thank you for supporting the golf outing through silent auction and spirit pull donations:

Bear Creek Mountain Resort &  
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Marsh Creek Water Sports  
Master Supply Line  
MillerKnoll  
Montgomery County Parks, Trails &  
Historic Sites  
Peg Pennepacker  
Perkiomen School

Pro PDR, Inc. - Scott Engle  
Red Hill Dental Office  
Samuel Adams Pennsylvania Brewery  
Sands Ford of Red Hill  
Sharon Shipe Photography  
SJC Business Services, LLC  
Stauffer Glove & Safety  
The Valley Café

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Very special thanks for your support and services:

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Alan Kern, Sodexo - Perkiomen School  
Back Home Butcher Shop  
Boyd's Cardinal Hollow Winery  
Celtic Spirit  
Country Creek Winery  
Macoby Run Golf Course, Inc.

Pepsi Co.  
Pizza Como PC Pub  
Samuel Adams Pennsylvania Brewery  
Shane Thrush, Upper Perkiomen High School  
Spinnerstown Hotel, Inc.  
Steve Pestrock Photography  
The Loft at Sweet Water Country Club

The Valley Café  
Tosco's Brick Oven Pizza & Restaurant  
Tosco's Italian Delight  
Tosco's Pub & Grill  
UPVCC Board  
Wawa, Pennsburg  
Weis Markets





# Recap of Events

## UPV First Friday

September 1 and October 6 | East Greenville

The Upper Perkiomen Valley's First Friday events were a huge success. There were plenty of vendors lining Third, Bank and Main Street, offering handcrafted treasures, while others marketed their local businesses. Laughter and music intertwined, filling the evening with a sense of unity and celebration, showing a thriving community coming together. We look forward to hosting again May– October, 2024.



For more photos of this event, please visit <https://bit.ly/2023SepFirstFriday> and <https://bit.ly/2023OctFirstFriday>

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### Executive Director Note

We were gifted with beautiful weather for our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing. Golfers were treated to stations on the course and gift cards were purchased from local establishments in appreciation of their participation. The day would not be a success without our committee, generous sponsors and volunteers who help year after year.

Just a few weeks later, we held our Bingo & Bubbly event for PerkUp's Education Initiatives. With strong sponsorships and participants, Designer Bag Bingo was once again a huge success!

As the year winds down, we have a few events remaining on our calendar. We are excited to be hosting our Holiday Breakfast for the first time since 2019! Please join us and gather to share a holiday meal and enjoy music by the Uptones.

With the holiday season approaching, I encourage you to shop local and support your community.

I'd like to thank everyone for the support and warm welcome this past year in my new position. It is amazing what our Chamber members and our community can accomplish by working together. Wishing you and your family health, happiness and prosperity this holiday season and in the coming New Year.

# Upcoming Events | UPVCC



## 11.9 Annual Celebration

Thursday, November 9, 5:30– 8pm  
The Loft at Sweet Water Country Club  
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## 11.16 Joint Happy Hour with Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, November 16, 4:30-6:30pm  
Spinnerstown Hotel, Inc.  
**Happy Hour Sponsors:** Design Intervention by Danielle, LLC, Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc., Pro PDR, Inc. Paintless Dent Repair, QNB Bank, Valley Lock & Door



## 11.27 Legislative Affairs Luncheon

Monday, November 27, 8:30-10:30am  
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center  
**Series Sponsors:** Gillespie Electric, Inc., PPL Electric



## 12.7 Holiday Happy Hour

Thursday, December 7, 5-6:30pm  
Pizza Como PC Pub  
**Sponsors:** Design Intervention by Danielle, LLC, Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc., Pro PDR, Inc. Paintless Dent Repair, QNB Bank, Valley Lock & Door



## 12.13 Holiday Breakfast

Wednesday, December 13, 8:30-10:30am  
Frederick Living  
**Sponsors:** Frederick Living, Gillespie Electric, Inc., The Grand Theater, Grand View Health, Stauffer Glove & Safety



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# Designer Bag Bingo

## Designer Bag Bingo & Bubbly

Green Lane Park | October 15

It was a beautiful fall day at Green Lane Park for the Chamber and PerkUp's Bingo & Bubbly. Participants enjoyed a complimentary split of bubbly and Lindt Chocolate as they tried their luck at Designer Bag Bingo and raffles. Beautiful weather and an energetic Bingo caller added to the fun of the day. Thank you to all participants,



For more photos please visit, <https://bit.ly/2023DesignerBagBingo>

### Very Special Thanks

Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Conference Center  
 Friends of UPVCC & PerkUp  
 The Grand Theater  
 Green Lane Park (Montgomery County Parks, Trails & Historic Sites)  
 MillerKnoll

Samuel Adams Pennsylvania Brewery  
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 St. Luke's University Health Network - Quakertown | Upper Bucks Campus  
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### Special Thanks to our Event Sponsors:

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## Welcome New Staff Member Chelsea Carver Event Coordinator



Chelsea is a graduate of Boyertown High School and Eastern University. She lives in Barto with her family. She enjoys hiking, being out in nature and helping out at her Church. This summer she went to Montana on a week long Missions Trip, where she was a camp counselor. She's excited about this new journey and looks forward to being part of the Chamber team.

## Welcome UPV Chamber Community Service Student Ava Fox



Ava is a senior at the Upper Perkiomen High School. She is involved in Leo's Club at the school. She races sled dogs and competes in national competitions. Ava has been playing piano for 10 years. In the future she will be going to college to get her masters in Accounting.

### Member Renewals

The following members recently celebrated a membership anniversary and renewed their investment in the UPV Chamber:

Black Sea Jewelers  
Bless Precision Tool, Inc.  
Dan Rhoads Health & Wealth  
Goschenhoppen Historians,  
Inc.  
Hampton Inn - Quakertown  
In The Mix Light and Sound  
LLC  
Kiwanis Club of the Upper

Perkiomen Valley  
Dr. David McSurdy & Staff  
Dave Moser Painting  
Sharon Shipe Photography  
SJC Business Services, LLC  
Sodexo - Perkiomen School  
Town and Country Newspaper  
Young's Home Comfort

The following members have generously donated to the PerkUp Scholarship Fund:

Dan Rhoads Health & Wealth  
Stauffer Glove and Safety  
Verizon



### Holiday Hours

The UPV Chamber office will be closed November 23 & 24 and December 25 to January 1. Happy Holidays!

### Inclement Weather Policy

UPV Chamber meetings and events will be cancelled if the UPSD cancels school. If the school day opening is delayed, afternoon meetings and events will be held as scheduled.

### Sponsorships for 2024 are now available!

In keeping with the practice of reserving the right of first refusal for previous sponsors, we're currently confirming our 2024 schedule of events. Please contact the Chamber if you're interested or want to know more about the benefits of sponsorship.



# Pathways to Success




The PerkUp Education Advisory is currently working on the 2023/2024 PerkUp "Pathways to Success" program.

In the fall, Upper Perkiomen high school students will attend both "Ace the Interview" and "Soft Skills" presentations. In the spring 2024, the on-site business tours will be held in April.

Approximately 250 sophomore students will visit two local business. The students will gain career readiness knowledge as the businesses provide insight to their organization and discuss skill set requirements, career ladders, opportunities and much more. Soon we will be reaching out to businesses to host on-site tours.

If you would like to learn more about these programs, host an on-site tour or be part of our Education Advisory, please reach out to Erin Sweed at [esweed@upvchamber.org](mailto:esweed@upvchamber.org)

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# Holiday Breakfast

Wednesday, December 13 | 8-10am  
Frederick Living



An elegant breakfast will be followed by a choral concert by the Upper Perkiomen High School Uptones.

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