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March-April 2024

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Mer's Mutts: Pet Sitting & Dog Walking, in East Greenville. Mer's Mutts specializes in dog walking and drop-in style pet sitting. She takes on pets of any nature whether they're exotic, large breed, reactive or fosters! She is fully insured and first aid/CPR certified for dogs. Let her be your pet's second best friend! Chamber Representative: Leeanne Johnson, 267.416.2679 www.mersmutts.com



Perkiomen Valley Brewery, 101 Walnut Street in Green Lane. Perkiomen Valley Brewery is a small batched brewery, foraged, trail & traditional brews, cozy taproom, accessible, autism-family owned. Chamber Representative: Tom Weiss, 215.872.6424, www.perkiomenvalleybrewery.com



Root to Recovery LLC, 80 Gravel Pike in Red Hill. Root to Recovery is a therapeutic group practice specializing in mental health, addictions and perinatal mental health. They provide individual therapy, family therapy, couples therapy, group therapy and interventions. Root to Recovery is the brainchild of Christina Snyder, a licensed professional counselor who is passionate about providing mental healing and wellness to her community. Their goal is to save lives through connection and reconnection with loved ones and the community. Chamber Representative: Christina Snyder, 267.529.6907, www.roottorecoveryllc.com



Simply Sweet Bake Shop, 2072 Morgan Hill Drive in Pennsburg. Simply Sweet Bake Shop is a local bakery that makes custom cookies and cakes for all occasions. Chamber Representative: Heather Gloria, 631.882.6220



Reflexology by Ann, 422 Washington Street in Pennsburg. Reflexology by Ann is an independent reflexologist. She works at several local wellness centers and she offers travel options where she can offer services at your place or hers. She is a graduate of Essential Connections School of Reflexology. Chamber Representative: Ann Campbell, 215.527.9869



Renee Pratt Real Estate and Design - eXp Realtor, 2101 Bridgeport Avenue in Pennsburg. As a real estate professional, Renee strives to provide her clients with the best possible service and experience. With over 20 years experience in Interior Design and construction, she has established herself as an expert when it comes to finding properties that meet all of her client's needs.. Chamber Representative: Renee Pratt, 215.353.1772, www.renee.pratt@exprealty.com



Keller Williams Realty Group - Shelby Leight, 431 S West End Boulevard in Quakertown. Shelby Leight is a dedicated realtor. Helping clients navigate their way through all aspects of buying, selling or investing in real estate. Chamber Representative: Shelby Leight 267.733.0777, www.shelbysellshomespa.com



The 2024 Business Directory is now available!

Stop by the Chamber office to get your copy.

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm Friday: 9am-1pm

Recap of Events

New Member Reception

Upper Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce February 6, 2024

The Chamber staff as well as representatives from Edward Jones, Sarah Fontanez and Ryan Taylor Graphics, Ryan Taylor met with our newest Chamber members Bike & Sol, Boyertown Multi-Service, Happy Dog Trails, LLC, M2 Communications, Mer's Mutts: Pet Sitting & Dog Walking, Perkiomen Valley Brewery, Renee Pratt Real Estate and Design, Root to Recovery LLC, Simply Sweet Bake Shop, Upper Perkiomen Education Foundation for a meet and greet to network and forge new relationships. We look forward to working with you all



February Happy Hour

Tosco's Pub & Grill February 8

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first happy hour of 2024. It was a great night for meeting new people and reconnecting with old friends. Thank you to Tosco's Pub & Grill for hosting the event. Congratulations to our door prize winners: Chris Fuhry; M2 Communications, Beth Ann Bittner Mazza; Senator Tracy Pennycuick's Office, Dan Rhoads; Dan Rhoads Health & Wealth, Tina Thomas, Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc.

Happy Hour Sponsors



























Scan Here for More Event Photos From All of our Events



Chamber News

The UPV Chamber is proud to announce the start of our semi-annual

"Our Valley Magazine"

This is a resource for anyone who visits, works, lives or spends time in the Upper Perkiomen Valley. The magazine features historical and practical information about our community as well as a complete business directory. The magazine highlights the benefits of living in a small community as well as the many hidden treasures the Valley has to offer.

OUR VALLEY

Advertising starts at \$200 Artwork deadline 3/4/2024

Please send artwork to info@upvchamber.org



If you have any questions please contact the Chamber office at 215.679.3336 or email info@upvchamber.org









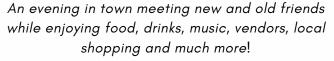






Friday, May 3rd from 5:30-8pm

200-300 Block of Main Street East Greenville Third & Bank Street CLOSED for vendors!

























Chamber News

Now accepting nominations for our Community & Commerce Awards Celebration

Thursday, June 13 | Perkiomen School

Wallace H. Bieler Award for Distinguished Leadership | Outstanding Small Business | PerkUp Award for Education









The Community & Commerce Awards were developed in 1999 to acknowledge the valuable contribution of businesses, organizations and individuals within our community. Nominations for an Outstanding Small Business, the PerkUp Award for Education and the Wallace H. Bieler Award for Distinguished Leadership are collected. If you know someone who you would like to nominate, please scan the QR Code above to download the form. If you have any questions, please call the Chamber office at 215.679.3336.













We had the pleasure of visiting our five local fire companies and the UPV Ambulance. It was nice meeting some of the volunteers and thanking them for their dedication to our community. We presented them with a check from the funds raised at the UPV Winter Tree Light Festival & Holiday Movie Night. Thank you everyone who generously donated!

Calendar of Events



March Happy Hour w/GRCA & NE Berks Thursday, March 28, 2024, 5-6:30pm Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Conference Center



April Morning Brew Crew Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 8:00-9:30am Speakeasy Coffee Company



Eat. Drink. Explore Wednesday, April 17, 2024 5:30-8pm Sands Ford Red Hill



Joint Happy Hour with Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce Thursday, May 2, 2024, 5-6:30pm **Arbour Square**



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First Friday Friday, May 3, 2024, 5:30-8pm 200-300 Block, East Greenville



Online Quickbooks Seminar Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 8:30-10:30am UPV Chamber Conference Room



May Legislative Affairs Series Luncheon Featuring an Economic Update Thursday, May 16, 2024, 12-1:30pm Schwenkfelder Library



First Friday Friday, June 7, 2024, 5:30-8pm 200-300 Block, East Greenville



Community & Commerce Awards Thursday, June 13, 2024, 7:30-9am Perkiomen School



Online Quickbooks Seminar Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 8:30-10:30am **UPV Chamber Conference Room**



June Morning Brew Crew Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 7:30-9am Doughlicious



First Friday Friday, July 5, 2024, 5:30-8pm 200-300 Block, East Greenville



First Friday Friday, August 2, 2024, 5:30-8pm 200-300 Block, East Greenville

PerkUp News



WHAT IS PERKUP?

PerkUp is a 501c3 of the Upper Perkiomen Chamber of Commerce. It began as an informal private and public partnership of community leaders working together to develop a plan for economic growth and community development in the Upper Perkiomen Valley. The PerkUp plan identified overarching goals and a broad scope of community and economic development objectives within this region. PerkUp has strategically and successfully addressed the initial goals, expanded the education programs, and broadened the focus of community development.

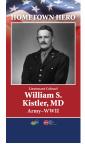
The Pathways to Success program is a collaboration of business and education partnerships coordinated by the PerkUp Education Advisory. One of the many highlights is on-site tours introducing students to businesses in their communities. This program also offers Soft Skills presentations as well as ACE the Interview. The Pathways to Success program is funded through a \$10,000 grant provided by Verizon.



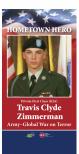


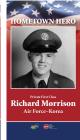














The Hometown Hero Banner Program offers members of the community the opportunity to honor a military veteran with a recognition banner to be displayed on poles along Main Street through East Greenville, Pennsburg, Red Hill Boroughs and Upper Hanover Township. Installation of the 2024 series of the Hometown Hero Banner Program will be completed by Memorial Day and will remain on display through Veterans Day. Locations are still available for the 2024 installation. Applications can be found on the Chamber's website at www.upvchamber.org/hometownheroes

Renewals

Welcome UPV Chamber Community Service Student Emma Kelley



I am a senior at Upper Perkiomen High School and my future plans are to sell real estate while maintaining a successful marketing campaign. I have been involved in marketing and communications through school clubs and classes my senior year. When I heard about the opportunity to do community service for UPV Chamber of Commerce I reached out immediately. Thanks to the welcoming staff here who are willing to mentor me this semester. I am very excited to work hard for my community and learn useful skills for my future plans.

Interested in joining a **UPVCC** committee?

Your contributions make the difference in serving our members and community throughout our events over the year. By meeting and working together, we ask that you help us help you! Your assistance in making the community a better place would be greatly appreciated!

For more information, please contact Leanne Engle at lengle@upvchamber.org or call the Chamber office at 215.679.3336.



MEMBER RENEWALS

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

Advanced Motion Rehabilitation, LLC The Barndt Agency, Inc.

Bracalente Manufacturing Co. Inc. Design Intervention by Danielle, LLC East Greenville Borough

Engle Garner Realty Associates

Gerhart, Hartman and Ritner, LTD Gorski Engineering, Inc.

Grand Realty G. Hager, Inc.

Hall Family Chiropractic, Inc.

Harlevsville Bank

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Irick, Eberhardt & Mientus, Inc.

Iron Valley Real Estate - Missy Miezitis

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Pennsburg, LLC

Logan's Heroes Animal Rescue, Inc.

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Marlborough Township

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ St. Luke's University Health Network -

Nexzest, Inc.-Upper Perk

The Open Link

Perkiomen Animal Hospital

Pizza Como PC Pub

Project Live Upper Perk

ONB Bank

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Reed Sign Company, LLC Rotary Club of Upper Perk

Sands Ford of Red Hill

Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

SSMCreative

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

St. Luke's Penn Foundation

Quakertown | Upper Bucks Campus

Stauffer Glove & Safety Stifel

Tosco's Pub & Grill

UNIVEST-Banking, Insurance, Investments Upper Perk Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab

Valley Choral Society

Vecchione Veterinary Equine Mobile Services

Wolf, Baldwin & Associates P.C.

The following members have generously donated to PerkUp:

East Greenville Borough Stauffer Glove & Safety **QNB** Bank













Join us for a fun filled evening featuring delicious food from local restaurants, drinks and live music! Bring clients, co-workers, family and friends to this signature event combining restaurant samples, networking and the discovery of what our town has to offer.





























