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Chamber of Commerce

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March - April 2023

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UPVCC Calendar

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**Joint Happy Hour
with Greater Reading Chamber
Alliance & Northeast Berks
Chamber of Commerce**
*Thursday, March 23, 5-6:30pm
Bear Creek Mountain Resort &
Conference Center*

EAT. DRINK. EXPLORE
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*Wednesday, April 19, 5:30-8pm
Sands Ford of Red Hill*

**Joint Happy Hour with Indian
Valley Chamber of Commerce**
*Thursday, May 4, 5-6:30pm
Arbour Square of Harleysville*

Welcome New Members



Allied Mortgage Group, Inc., 5002 Hiffletrayer Rd. in Green Lane. Rebecca Moyer, is a local senior loan officer who cares about your goals and helping you achieve them. She is always available to listen and explore all options with you to make sure it is the right fit for you and your family. Connecting with people is her passion and she is honored with the opportunity to work with you on such a big life decision! *Chamber Representative: Rebecca Moyer, 610.660.4795, www.doylestown.alliedmg.com*



The Andrea Szlavik Team, Keller Williams Realty, 272 S Dietz Mill Rd. in Teleford. Andrea Szlavik Rothsching has worked in the local real estate industry for the past 22 years. She specializes in property management, residential, corporate relocation, new construction, commercial and land sales. She leads a team of top producing agents and also owns and manages several investment properties within the Upper Perkiomen Valley and neighboring school districts. She received a B.A. in International Relations and German language from the American University. Andrea is fluent in both German and French. *Chamber Representative: Andrea Szlavik Rothsching, 610.420.8353, www.a2zRealtorPA.com*



The Friends of Green Lane Park, 2144 Snyder Rd. In Green Lane. The Friends of Green Lane Park is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enhancement and promotion of the use and enjoyment of public open spaces within Green Lane Park. The Friends of Green Lane Park are committed to serving the diverse interests and recreational activities of park users and park stewards as well as the preservation and conservation of the park's unique natural, cultural and historical characteristics and resources. *Chamber Representative: Randall Thoren, 267.421.2221, www.facebook.com/Friendsofgreenlanepark.com*

THE UPV CHAMBER & PERKUP PRESENT DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Bingo & Bubbly



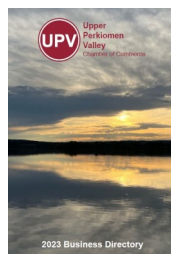
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

SEATING OPENS AT 12PM, GAMES START AT 1PM

\$40 TICKET

Join us for "Bingo & Bubbly" at the amphitheater overlooking Knight Lake in beautiful Green Lane Park. BYO beverages and snacks to enjoy with complimentary bubbly and chocolate.

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The 2023 Business Directory is now available!

Stop by the Chamber office to get your copy.

Recap of Events

January Legislative Affairs Series Luncheon

January 12 | Green Lane Fire Company

Featuring Montgomery County Commissioner, Joseph Gale, Director of Commerce, David Zeller and Deputy Director of Health and Human Services, Tamra Williams. This meeting was the first of three in the 2023 Legislative Affairs Series. The commissioner provided information on county happenings.



To view more photos from this event, please visit bit.ly/januarylacpictures2023

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New Member Welcome Reception

January 31 | UPVCC

The Chamber staff as well as representatives from Wolf, Baldwin & Associates, P.C. and the Upper Perkiomen School District met with our newest Chamber members Allied Mortgage Group, Inc., The Friends of Green Lane Park, Fitzgerald Maintenance Services, The Andrea Szlavik Team of Keller Williams Realty, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Selene Salt Spa Healing Sanctuary, SJS Business Services for a meet and greet to network and forge new relationships. We look forward to working with you all.



February Happy Hour

February 9 | Tosco's Pub & Grill

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first happy hour of 2023. 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: Jeanette Baringer, Baringer-Hartman Insurance Group & Real Estate Excel & Scott Engle, Pro PDR, Inc.



To view more photos from this event, please visit: bit.ly/februaryhhpictures2023

Happy Hour Sponsors



Recap of Events

February Luncheon - Working Through Addiction in the Workplace February 16 | Spinnerstown Hotel, Inc.

The February luncheon featuring a panel discussion on working through addiction in the workplace. Guest speakers Amy Maurizio from St. Luke's Penn Foundation, David Stone from Professional Pharmacy and Christie Cozzie-Nester from Project Live shared information on how to help employees navigate substance use disorder, as well as share personal stories surrounding this topic.



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Soft Skills & ACE the Interview Presentations Upper Perkiomen High School

The freshmen learned about essential "Soft Skills" that today's employers are seeking, while sophomores learned the fundamental techniques to "ACE the Interview". Thank you to Suzanne Weisberg, QNB Bank Human Resource Officer for participating in these presentations.



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PerkUp News

PerkUp “Pathways to Success”

The Pathways to Success Program is a PerkUp education initiative that introduces high school students to career opportunities. One component of the program includes on-site tours of local businesses. The tours include an overview of the business with a focus on the variety of employment positions, employment expectations, benefits, career ladder considerations and required education/training. The program also delivers “Ace The Interview” and “Soft Skills” presentations to Upper Perkiomen High School students.

This valuable experience provides firsthand exposure to career possibilities in various business sectors. Students are encouraged to research the businesses beforehand and prepare questions for the visit. In addition to learning about the local job market, students have learned about the diversity of businesses in their community.

The 2021/2022 program was funded through a grant provided by Verizon. Verizon has continued its support of the PerkUp education initiative in 2022/2023 and has provided PerkUp Corporation with a grant in the amount of \$10,000.

We truly appreciate the support of Verizon and our education partners: Upper Perkiomen School District, Upper Perkiomen High School, Montgomery County Community College, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit/ MontcoWorks Now, Perkiomen School and Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center. If you are interested in being a part of this growing program by hosting a tour in 2023 (April 4 and 5), please contact PerkUp Project Coordinator, Kasey Schultz at schultzk@upvchamber.org.

2023 Hometown Hero Banner Program Opportunities



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 2023 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 2023 installation and are expected to fill quickly.** Applications can be found on the Chamber’s website at www.upvchamber.org/hometownheroes



Calendar of Events

3.23 Joint Happy Hour with Greater Reading Chamber Alliance and Northeast Berks Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, March 23, 5-6:30pm
 Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Conference Center
Sponsors: Design Intervention by Danielle, LLC, Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc., Pro PDR, Inc., QNB Bank, Valley Lock & Door

5.4 Joint Happy Hour with Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, May 4, 5-6:30pm
 Arbour Square of Harleysville
Sponsors: Design Intervention by Danielle, LLC, Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc., Pro PDR, Inc., QNB Bank, Valley Lock & Door

5.9 QuickBooks Desktop Seminar

Tuesday, May 9, 8:30-10:30am
 UPVCC Conference Room
Seminar Sponsor: QNB Bank

5.23 QuickBooks Online Seminar

Tuesday, May 23, 8:30-10:30am
 UPVCC Conference Room
Seminar Sponsor: QNB Bank

4.19 EAT.DRINK.EXPLORE. Your Town. Your Taste.

Wednesday, April 19, 5:30-8pm
 Sands Ford of Red Hill
Platinum Sponsor: PPL Electric Utilities
 Sponsorships still available



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Your town. Your taste.

Wednesday, April 19 | 5:30-8pm

Sands Ford of Red Hill

602 Main St., Red Hill



Member Fee - \$45
 Non-member Fee - \$60

Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Conference Center
 Giacomo's Italian Market
 Java & Friends
 M&J Gourmet

Morgan Makes Cookies
 The Palm Tavern
 Raw Replenish
 Sammy's Bullfrog Café
 Speakeasy Coffee Company, LLC

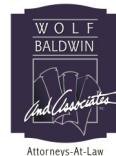
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 Wetlands Bar & Restaurant



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Chamber News

News & Notes from UPV Chamber Executive Director

As we enter Spring 2023, we are looking forward to a new event, EAT.DRINK.EXPLORE. Your town. Your taste. at Sands Ford of Red Hill. Join us for a relaxing evening featuring delicious food, drinks and live entertainment by Gabe Delp. Bring clients, co-workers, family and friends. In addition, we are hosting Movie Under the Stars, another new event taking place on August 19th at the beautiful Green Lane Park. Save the date and help us promote both of these events by liking and sharing our social media posts and encouraging others to attend. After much deliberation and consideration, the chamber has decided that we will not be hosting our Business Expo in 2023 but are excited to host a Job Fair this fall.

As we prepare for the annual Community & Commerce Awards celebration in June, we encourage you to use the enclosed form to nominate individuals that stand out for their hard work and excellence in our community. Awards for leadership, education and small business will be presented at the event on June 15th.

If you have any questions, please give us a call,



QUICKBOOKS DESKTOP SEMINAR

Presented by **Jacqueline M. Gleason**
CPA, J. Gleason Associates LLC



Tuesday, May 9 | 8:30-10:30am
UPVCC Conference Room

Members - \$30
Non-members - \$45



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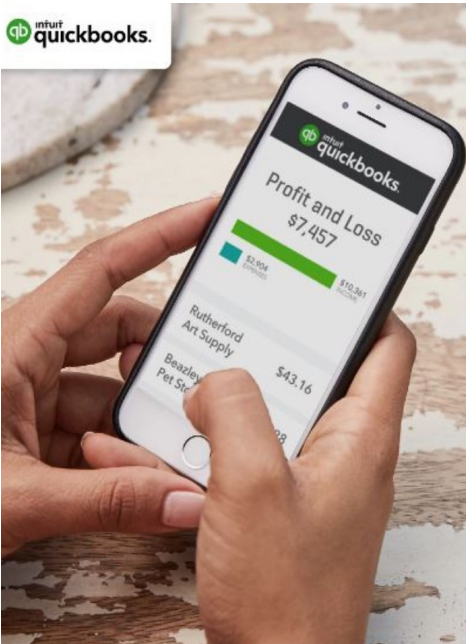



Welcome UPV Chamber Community Service Student Alayna Phillips



Hello! My name is Alayna Phillips, I am a senior at the Upper Perkiomen High School. In school, I am involved in girls tennis, Future Business Leaders of America and student council. Shortly after graduation, I will be attending Shippensburg University to study Marketing Management and Digital Marketing.

Renewals




**QUICKBOOKS
ONLINE SEMINAR**


Tuesday, May 23 | 8:30-10:30am
UPVCC Conference Room

Presented by
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CPA, J. Gleason Associates LLC

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Member Renewals

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

ALPHA Contracting and Trades, LLC
Aqua Pennsylvania
Arbour Square of Harleysville
The Barndt Agency, Inc.
Black Sea Jewelers
Design Intervention by Danielle, LLC
Durn & Bieler Insurance Agency
East Greenville Borough
Gerhart, Hartman and Ritner, LTD
The Globe Inn
Grand Realty
Green Lane Park
G. Hager, Inc.
Harleysville Bank
Hereford Township
Highway Materials Inc., Perkiomenville Quarry

Horizon Engineering
Horizon Signs, LLC
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Lam & Associates
Logan's Heroes Animal Rescue, Inc.
McDonald's
Moyer's Services Group, Inc.
Perkiomen Animal Hospital
Perkiomen Tours & Travel
Project Live Upper Perk
QNB Bank
Raw Replenish
Red Hill Borough
Reed Sign Company, LLC
Sands Ford of Red Hill
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

SJC Business Services, LLC
Speakeasy Coffee Company, LLC
St. Luke's Penn Foundation
St. Luke's University Health Network -
Quakertown | Upper Bucks Campus
Stauffer Glove & Safety
Stifel
Tosco's Pub & Grill
Tri County Area Federal Credit Union
Trinity Generator & Electrical, Inc.
UNIVEST-Banking, Insurance, Investments
The Upper Hanover Authority
Upper Perk Family Dental
Upper Perkiomen Valley Library
The Valley Café
Vecchione Veterinary Equine Mobile Services
The Walters Group, LLC
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The following members have generously donated
to the PerkUp Scholarship Fund:

East Greenville Borough
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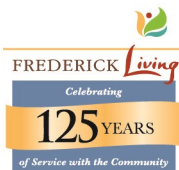
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Interested in joining a UPVCC committee?



As we head into the new year, we're searching for member participation in our committees! By meeting and discussing the details with more involvement, our events will be better than ever. Please consider joining a UPVCC committee to help us help you!

For more information on our committees or how to join, please contact Leanne Engle at lengle@upvchamber.org or call the Chamber office at 215.679.3336.

Upcoming meetings.....

Program Development:
Tuesday, April 4 | 8:30-9:30am
Tuesday, May 2 | 8:30-9:30am

Golf Committee:
Wednesday, April 12 | 12-1pm
Wednesday, May 10 | 12-1pm