



May - June 2020

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## UPVCC Calendar

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**QuickBooks Desktop Seminar**  
*Tuesday, May 5, 8:30-10:30am*

**VIRTUAL**

**May Happy Hour**  
*Thursday, May 7, 5-6pm*

**VIRTUAL**

**May Legislative Affairs Series Meeting**  
*Thursday, May 21, 12-1pm*

**VIRTUAL**

**May Happy Hour with Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce**  
*Thursday, May 28, 5-6pm*

**VIRTUAL**

## Community & Commerce Awards Celebration

Thursday, June 11 | **VIRTUAL** | 8-9am

The Community & Commerce Awards were developed in 1999 to acknowledge the valuable contribution of businesses, organizations and individuals within our community. Members have the opportunity to nominate an outstanding small business, an exceptional educator and distinguished leader and the selected recipients for each of the three awards are honored at this well-attended, uplifting event. While this year's ceremony will be different than years past, we hope you'll join us in celebrating these inspirational individuals and organizations, and the strength of our community and its citizens as we weather this unprecedented time together.

For more information and to register, please visit [bit.ly/communitycommercebreakfast2020](http://bit.ly/communitycommercebreakfast2020)

### Looking for Leaders, Motivators and Inspiring Individuals

A nomination form can be found on our website under the event.

The completed application should be emailed to [lbstauffer@upvchamber.org](mailto:lbstauffer@upvchamber.org) by May 4.

## News & Notes from UPV Chamber Board Chair Kim Detwiler, Penn Foundation

Charles Darwin said, "It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent. It is the one that is most adaptable to change." This quote offers us perspective during this uncertain time. As we move beyond just survival and begin to figure out how we can thrive as businesses and a community once again, I would add that resiliency is critical too.

The Upper Perkiomen Valley has shown both adaptability and resiliency in the last several weeks by coming together to support retailers offering curbside pickup, volunteering to sort and distribute food to children and families locally, donating meals and supplies to frontline workers, and reaching out to collaborate and determine how best to help one another. At the Chamber, we have been a part of many of these efforts. We've remained focused on connecting businesses with resources, collaborating with our municipal leaders, and promoting the creative ways our members have responded.

As we continue to navigate these challenging days, we want to assure you that we are here to support you. The Chamber has a COVID-19 resource page on its website that is regularly updated. Please continue to monitor this and continue to reach out to Luanne or any of the chamber staff if we can do something to help you or your business. Communicating your needs, reinforcing your current capabilities, or sharing your plans to reopen with us will enable the chamber to be responsive and proactive in sharing this news.

Recognizing that there is a difference between returning to work and resuming our normal business operations, the Chamber has made significant plans to adapt our upcoming events. We realize that it will take time for individuals to feel comfortable in large group settings. We also recognize that individuals may have less time and flexibility to be away from the office. As a result, we look forward to connecting in new ways in the coming weeks and months.

**Business Expo:** Superheroes of the Valley will be back on April 27, 2021. In place of this year's event, the Chamber is offering various marketing opportunities to promote your business. Don't miss your chance to be included!

**May & June Happy Hours:** These networking events will be held via Zoom. Specifics for each event can be found on the "Events Page" of the Chamber website.

**May Legislative Affairs Event:** Our PA legislators have agreed to participate in a Zoom meeting on May 21. While we won't gather for lunch, we will still have the opportunity to hear from the legislators. Members will have time to ask questions.

**Community & Commerce Awards Celebration:** Recognizing our leaders, especially now, is an important way for us to come together. We hope to have you join us for this Zoom event on June 11.

As we move forward, it's important for us to find new ways to still come together. We have all changed as a result of these past several weeks. We've learned new ways to work and likely learned more about ourselves and those with whom we work. These lessons will help shape our future as individuals and business professionals. While it may not be what it was, we are confident that better days are ahead.

Thank you for your partnership and please continue to stay safe and stay connected!

# Renewals & UPVCC Staff

## Member Renewals

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

Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Conference Center  
Blommer Chocolate Company  
Dale Nace Agency State Farm  
Douglas K. Atno, DMD  
Entrance Systems, Inc.  
Falk Funeral Homes and Crematory, Inc.  
Family Caregivers Network, Inc.  
Good Shepherd Physical Therapy

Hereford Estates Manufactured Home Community  
Hildenbrand Excavating, Inc.  
Horizon Engineering  
J. P. Goetz Collision Repair  
Lechner and Stauffer, Inc.  
Midgard Inc.  
Norris McLaughlin | P.A.  
Penn Foundation  
Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc.

PPL Electric Utilities  
Reed Sign Company, LLC  
Rotary Club of Upper Perk  
Scooty's Auto Service  
Tom's Help Desk, Inc.  
Upper Hanover Township  
Upper Perkiomen Community Church  
Upper Perkiomen Manor, Inc.  
Upper Perkiomen Youth Baseball Association  
US Tape Company

## The following members have generously donated to PerkUp

Blommer Chocolate Company  
Entrance Systems, Inc.



## UPVCC Staff

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## DESIGNER BAG BINGO



**NEW EVENT DATE!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**EAST GREENVILLE FIRE COMPANY**

Join us for Designer Bag Bingo! Proceeds will fund the PerkUp 2021 Educational Scholarship and other education initiatives.

# Calendar of Events

Please note, Zoom meeting access link will be provided after registration for all virtual events listed below.

## 5.5 VIRTUAL QuickBooks Desktop Seminar

Presented by Jacqueline M. Gleason, CPA of  
J. Gleason Associates LLC  
Tuesday, May 5, 8:30-10:30am

## 5.7 VIRTUAL May Happy Hour

Thursday, May 7, 5-6pm  
**Sponsors:** 215Secure/CzarStar Security, Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc., Pro PDR, Inc. Paintless Dent Repair, QNB Bank, Valley Lock & Door (1 sponsorship available)

## 5.21 VIRTUAL May Legislative Affairs Series Meeting

Featuring Pennsylvania Legislators  
Thursday, May 21, 12-1pm  
**Series Sponsors:** Gillespie Electric, Inc., PPL  
**Sponsors:** Pennsburg Ace Hardware, Black Sea Jewelers, Penn Foundation

## 5.28 VIRTUAL May Happy Hour

with Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Thursday, May 28, 5-6pm  
Zoom link will be provided after registration is complete.  
**Sponsors:** 215Secure/CzarStar Security, Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc., Pro PDR, Inc. Paintless Dent Repair, QNB Bank, Valley Lock & Door (1 sponsorship available)

## 6.9 VIRTUAL June Happy Hour

Tuesday, June 9, 5-6pm  
**Sponsors:** 215Secure/CzarStar Security, Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc., Pro PDR, Inc. Paintless Dent Repair, QNB Bank, Valley Lock & Door (1 sponsorship available)

## 6.11 VIRTUAL Community & Commerce Awards Celebration

Thursday, June 11, 8-9am  
**Sponsors:** Gillespie Electric, Inc., QNB Bank, Upper Perkiomen Valley YMCA, Wells Fargo  
**Centerpiece Sponsor:** Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board

## SAVE THE DATE

20th Annual Golf Outing & Clambake  
September 17 | Macoby Run Golf Course

Platinum Sponsor



Sponsorships are now available. Email the Chamber office at [info@upvchamber.org](mailto:info@upvchamber.org) to discuss marketing opportunities.

## 8.12 August Happy Hour

with The Rotary Club of Upper Perk  
Wednesday, August 12, 5:30-7:30pm  
East Greenville Fire Company  
401 Washington St., East Greenville  
**Sponsors:** 215Secure/CzarStar Security, Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc., Pro PDR, Inc. Paintless Dent Repair, QNB Bank, Valley Lock & Door (1 sponsorship available)

## 8.25 August Legislative Affairs Series Breakfast

Featuring Pennsylvania Federal Legislators  
Tuesday, August 25, 8-9:30am  
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center  
105 Seminary St., Pennsburg  
**Series Sponsors:** Gillespie Electric, Inc., PPL  
**Sponsor:** The H&K Group

## 9.17 Annual Golf Outing

Thursday, September 17, 10:30am-5pm  
Macoby Run Golf Course  
5275 McLean Station Rd., Green Lane  
**Platinum Sponsor:** QNB Bank

## 9.17 Clambake

Thursday, September 17, 5-8pm  
Macoby Run Golf Course  
5275 McLean Station Rd., Green Lane  
**Sponsors:** Lechner and Stauffer, Inc., Perkiomen School (sponsorships available)



## VIRTUAL QUICKBOOKS DESKTOP SEMINAR

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 | 8:30-10:30am

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

Join us for a virtual seminar on QuickBooks and learn how your business can get the most out of this accounting software program that so many businesses use to manage sales and expenses and keep track of day to day business transactions. She will review the work processes for invoicing, receiving payments, tracking your accounts receivable and reconciling cash. There will be plenty of time for questions.

This will review the desktop version only.

For more information and to register, please visit [bit.ly/QBDesktop2020](https://bit.ly/QBDesktop2020)



## Do Something Today That Your Future Self Will Thank You For

- It's easy to respond to Census 2020 by phone, mail or on-line.
- Take a few minutes and you can check one one item off of your to-do list.
- Click for an update from the Census Bureau providing adjustments to some operations.

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## Upper Perkiomen Valley Office Here To Serve You!



Due to the COVID-19 crisis, drive-in service open normal hours. Our lobby is closed until further notice however, appointments for lobby visits are available by calling 800-491-9070 or 215-538-5805.



### Monday-Wednesday

Drive-in.....8:30am-5:00pm  
Lobby.....9:00am-5:00pm

### Friday

Drive-in.....8:30am-7:00pm  
Lobby.....9:00am-7:00pm

### Thursday

Drive-in.....8:30am-6:00pm  
Lobby.....9:00am-6:00pm

### Saturday

Drive-in.....8:30am-Noon  
Lobby.....9:00am-Noon

410 Pottstown Avenue, Pennsburg

