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May-June 2024

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Executive Director Note

The approach of warm weather brings a sense of excitement, especially as we reflect on the recent influx of new members to our Chamber. It was a pleasure to meet many of these new faces in person during our recent new member orientations. These new members are vital to expanding the UPV Chamber's network and we extend our gratitude to those who have referred their connections to us. Your support is instrumental as we work to strengthen and grow our membership.

As we transition into spring, the Chamber's calendar is filling up with engaging events that promise to keep us all active and connected. We're eagerly anticipating the return of First Fridays, our Annual Golf Outing, and the camaraderie of Morning Brew Crews.

Additionally, we are thrilled to announce that the Spring Edition of "Our Valley" Magazine has been printed and is ready for distribution. For those eager to get their hands on this exciting publication, you can stop by the Chamber office any time between Monday and Friday from 9am to 2pm to pick up your copy. We invite you to stay tuned for more updates and events as we continue to foster a thriving business community in the UPV.









Event Photos Recap of Events

February Luncheon: Economic Update

Carriage House Restaurant February 29

The February luncheon featured an Economic Update. Guest speakers Bill Van Sant from UNIVEST-Banking, Insurance, Investments. Chris Griffith from Tri County Area Federal Credit Union and Scott Little from Harleysville Bank spoke about current interest rates, commercial and residential mortgages, real estate investment market, SBA loans, Federal Reserve and commercial lending. Guests had the opportunity to ask questions and network with the financial experts and other business professionals.









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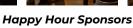


March Happy Hour with Greater **Reading Chamber Alliance & Northeast Berks Chamber**

Bear Creek Mountain Resort March 28

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our March Happy Hour. It was a great night catching up with old friends and forming new relationships. Thank you to Perkiomen Valley Printing for providing the door prize for this event.











Legislative Affairs Series Luncheon

Green Lane Fire House March 8

Featuring Montgomery County Commissioner, Thomas DiBello. This meeting was the first of three in the 2024 Legislative Affairs Series. The commissioner provided information on county happenings.







Morning Brew Crew Java & Friends | March 19 Speakeasy Coffee Company | April 16

We extend our gratitude to everyone who joined us for our first two Morning Brew Crews. These mornings were filled with opportunities to forge new connections. A special thank you goes out to Java & Friends and Speakeasy Coffee Company for hosting.







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Recap of Events

Eat. Drink. Explore Sands Ford Red Hill April 17

Thank you to everyone who participated and attended our EAT. DRINK. EXPLORE. Your Town. Your Taste. event! Guests were treated to a delightful evening filled with culinary delights and refreshing beverages sourced from local establishments. Capturing memorable moments, Big Laughs Photo Booth, LLC was on hand to provide fun photo opportunities with friends. Adding to the atmosphere, live entertainment by Ian Althouse kept spirits high, making it a night filled with laughter and enjoyment for all. Thank you Morgan Makes Cookies, Bear Creek Mountain Resort, Doan Distillery, Mama's Magik Kitchen, Raw Replenish, Red Hill Fire Social Club, Simple Days Brewery, Speakeasy Coffee Company, Spinnerstown Hotel, Inc., Tapped Out at Sweet Water, The Palm Tavern, Tosco's Brick Oven Pizza, Versante Italian Restaurant, Vino By Zzino and Yard's Flatbread Pizza for providing a tasting of what they have to offer. It was a night full of laughter and fun for everyone.











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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 GREEN LANE PARK SEATING OPENS AT 12PM, GAMES START AT IPM \$40 TICKET

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





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Rob Carpenter **Upper Perkiomen Valley YMCA**



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Calendar of Events





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



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



May Legislative Affairs Series Luncheon Featuring State Legislators Thursday, May 16, 2024, 12-1:30pm Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center



June Morning Brew Crew Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 7:30-9am Doughlicious



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



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



August Happy Hour with the Rotary Club of Upper Perk Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 5:30-7:30pm Carriage House Restaurant



Movie Under the Stars Friday, August 23, 2024, Movie starts @ 8pm Green Lane Park Amphitheater

PerkUp News



"PATHWAYS TO SUCESS" BUSINESS TOURS



One of the key initiatives within the PerkUp Community and Economic Development Plan is the Education initiative, which encompasses the "Pathways to Success" program. This program is a collaborative effort between businesses and educational partnerships, coordinated by the Upper Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce and PerkUp.

All 22 participating businesses diligently prepared for the visits, welcoming sophomore students from Upper Perkiomen High School. These visits included on-site tours, insights into the organizations, discussions about required skill sets, and information about career ladders and opportunities. The students actively engaged in the experience, gaining valuable career readiness skills, and some even established connections for potential summer employment opportunities. This initiative fosters mutual benefits for both businesses and students, enriching their understanding and experiences.

We extend our gratitude to all participating businesses and the Upper Perkiomen School District for their unwavering support and dedication to this program. Above all, thank you for investing in the future of our students.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please reach out to Erin Sweed at esweed@upvchamber.org.



Renewals



MEMBER RENEWALS

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

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The following members have generously donated to PerkUp :

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HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS LINE MAIN STREET

The Hometown Hero Banner program is a community-wide tribute honoring individuals with ties to the Upper Perkiomen Valley who are serving, or have served our country in the United States Armed Forces. The banners will be on display from Memorial Day until Veterans Day to celebrate and remind our community of their dedication to our country.

The banner program, which began with a pilot installation on Route 663 in 2017, is now in its sixth year with over 80 banners lining the primary roadways in the Upper Perkiomen Valley. Each banner will be on display for two installations.



As you drive past the banners, remember the sacrifices of those being honored and feel proud to live in a community committed to celebrating their service. 2024 Banners

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