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CHAMBER CHATTER

The Official Newsletter of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce

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2018 Chamber Membership Renewals

It's that time of year again to renew your Greene County Chamber of Commerce membership! Don't forget to renew your membership with the Chamber in order to continue to receive the many benefits of being a member, including our weekly eBlast of upcoming events, monthly newsletters such as this one, advertising opportunities, and the chance to network at all of our events throughout the year. Thank you to those who have responded already! We are looking forward to working with all of you this upcoming year!



2018 Calendar of Events

January

Scholarship Committee Meeting - 25th- Noon/Chamber Office

Women In Business Committee Meeting - 31st -Noon/Chamber Office

B2B Social Planning Committee Meeting - 18th - Noon/Chamber Office

February

Fund Raising Committee Meeting - 21st - Noon/Chamber Office

Golf Outing Committee Meeting - 28th - 8:00 am/Airport Restaurant

March

General Membership Networking Luncheon - 28th - 11:30-1:00/location tba



Please note that all event committees are accepting new members!
Join us in planning and organizing the many events throughout the year.
Contact the Chamber office at 724-627-5926 or info@greenechamber.org to be added to a committee or for more details.

2017 Christmas Parade



2017 Christmas Parade Thank You!

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank the following businesses, groups and individuals for their efforts and contributions in making this year's parade a success

Corporate Sponsor – FirstEnergy Foundation

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Waynesburg Borough Street Crew and manager Bryan Cumberledge

Waynesburg Borough Manager-Mike Simms

Waynesburg Borough Police Force and Chief Robert Toth

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Greene County Sherriff Brian Tennant

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Greene Alliance for Development

Greene Community Church

R&D Watters Enterprises, Inc.

Rocky Ridge Acres - Fred Kiger

County of Greene – Jeff Marshall

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First United Methodist Church

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David Durbin - Santa

Waynesburg Volunteer Fire Department

Waynesburg University Television Crew and Bill Molzon

Jeanine Henry - Photographer

Line Up Volunteers and Judges - Jeanine Henry,

Michelle and Terry King, Lindsey & Zak Parks,

Wayne and Connie Hart, Don Chappel, Kim

Grimes, Cassie Teegarden, Janice Blair-Martin,

Caitlin Carlisle, Barb Wise, Brittaney Herrington

-Tubbs, Jeff McCracken, Elizabeth Menhart,

Bettie and David Stammerjohn, Alan Laick,

Emily Hughes, Sandy Wilson, JoAnne Marshal

and Danielle Shrader.

Greene County Business 2 Business Social

Our 2nd Annual Greene County Business 2 Business Social was held in November at the Pennsylvania Army National Guard Readiness Center. This event allowed business members to network and develop mutually-beneficial connections and partnerships with other businesses.





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Ophthalmology - Health Care

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Referred by Eric Moore

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This issue of the Chamber Chatter is the first issue to be published only electronically and delivered through email. With this change, we are accepting emails of individuals who are interested in receiving the Chamber Chatter through their email. Please contact the Chamber office to add any persons to our distribution list. If your business wishes to still receive a hard copy of the Chamber Chatter, please contact the Chamber office so arrangements can be made.

Member Updates

New Phone Number

Woodforest National Bank

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Fax: 724-819-3003

American Legion

Fax: 724-802-7165

New Email

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a.cree@smallbizpros.com

Microtel - Mrs. Lorinda Trovato

ltrovato@advantagehospitalitygroup.com

Wayne Lumber

Joe Headlee - waynelumberco@gmail.com

Grimes Law Office

jeff@grimeslaw.net

New Website

Bailey's Steel

www.baileysteel.co

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Fox Ford

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Travel Savers

Www.travelsaversvacation.com

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New Information

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New Representatives

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Bella Family Dentistry

info@bellafamilydentistry.com

Billie Burkholder

Amedisys Home Health & Hospice

Billie.burkholder@amedisys.com

Stephanie Wagoner, Planning & Marketing

Washington Health System

swagoner@whs.org

New Name

Lola Energy is now

Lola Energy Resources, LLC

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Canonsburg, Pa 15317

Physical: 375 Southpointe Blvd., Suite #430

Canonsburg, Pa 15317

Phone: 724-746-3000

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Greene Arc, Inc. Participation

Greene Arc, Inc. is currently providing the New Community Participation Supports services to individuals with disabilities in Greene and the surrounding counties. These services are paid for through the Office of Developmental programs waiver funding.

With this new service Greene Arc seeks to help our individuals achieve the following:

- Learn new skills and competencies necessary to pursue competitive integrated employment.
- Participate in community activities, organizations, groups, associations or clubs to develop their own social networks.
- Identify and participate in activities that provide purpose and responsibility.
- Fine and gross motor skill development and mobility.
- Participate in community opportunities related to the development of hobbies or leisure/cultural interests or to promote personal health and wellness (e.g. yoga class, hiking group, walking group, etc.)
- Participate in community adult learning opportunities, participating in volunteer opportunities.
- Opportunities focused on training and education for self-determination and self-advocacy.

In an effort to make all this possible we have begun working with local agencies, businesses and groups to find, volunteer activities and projects we can assist or participate. To date we have been able to assist St. Ann's Church with their Good Neighbor lunches every Monday and Thursday. The individuals love helping in the kitchen and even doing the dishes. We have



been helping the Salvation Army with the Produce to People distribution once a month. We also recently volunteered at the Greene County Chamber of Commerce; we helped with preparing envelopes and flyers for a bulk mailing.

If your business, agency or group would like assistance with an upcoming event please consider Greene Arc individuals. Also, Greene

Arc is seeking activities that are low cost or free. All activities must occur Monday- Friday between 9:30am-2:30pm. Please follow us on the Greene Arc Facebook page to see pictures of our many community outings and volunteer experiences. For more information Carolyn Brown @ 724-627- 5511 ext.119.



Christmas Gift Card Raffle Winner - Keith Herrington

Keith Herrington of Northwood Realty, was the lucky winner of the Christmas Gift Card Raffle! Keith walked away with \$1,735 in gift cards! Many thanks to all who made a donation, purchased tickets, and/or helped sell tickets. Your support is much appreciated.



Chamber Seeking Luncheon Sponsors

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the 2018 General Membership Networking Lunches. This year's lunches will be held on the following dates (locations to be determined):

March 28th
May 30th
June 27th
July 25th
August 22
September 26th



Sponsorship is \$500 per meeting and includes the following:

- Name/Logo will appear in the Chamber eNewsletter promoting the Luncheon
- Name will appear in the Chamber eBlasts promoting the Luncheon
- Name/Logo will appear in the following month's Chamber eNewsletter with event photos.
- Name/Logo will appear on the Chamber's Facebook page promoting the event
- Napkin wraps for the event will be printed with the Sponsor Name/Logo
- An exhibit area of one eight foot table and two chairs
- Two free meals/admissions to the Luncheon
- Brochure placement at each place setting
- Fifteen minutes at the podium to present information regarding your business

Contact the Chamber today to be a luncheon sponsor.

EQT Completes Acquisition of Rice Energy



On November 13, 2017, EQT Corporation acquired Rice Energy Inc. and all related assets, which include existing leases and pipeline assets held by the company in Pennsylvania and Ohio. As a valued member of the community, we are pleased to announce this acquisition has enhanced our operations in your area and we look forward to strengthening our relationship with your organization.

Our commitment to you, as a community member in our operating area, is to remain diligent in our safe and environmentally responsible operations. Safety is EQT's number one priority and we will never compromise the safety of our employees, contractors, or the communities where we operate to gain a business advantage.

Although you may be familiar with our organization, we are always proud to say that EQT has a long-standing history of good

corporate citizenship in the region, and nearly 130 years of experience in the natural gas industry. EQT continues to be a leader in the use of advanced horizontal drilling technology – designed to minimize the potential impact of drilling-related activities and reduce the overall environmental footprint. We have been and continue to be a leading producer of natural gas in the Appalachian Basin, and we are now the largest natural gas producer in the United States.

For more information on EQT, please visit our website: www.eqt.com, and to learn more about our sustainability efforts, please visit <https://csr.eqt.com>.

EQT Corporation is dedicated to the safe, responsible, and environmentally conscious production, gathering, and transmission of natural gas, and we look forward to continuing our engagement with you as a respected community member.



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Just a few changes to be aware of for 2018:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Mileage rate for business miles:	54.5 cents/ mile	53.5 cents/ mile
Mileage rate for medical/moving expenses:	18 cents/ mile	17 cents/ mile
Mileage rate for charitable contributions:	14 cents/ mile	14 cents/ mile
Social Security Cap:	\$128,400	\$127,200
Social Security employer rate (employee rate also 6.2%)	6.2%	6.2%
Medicare employer rate (employee rate also 1.45%)	1.45%	1.45%
PA Unemployment – Employer Wage Cap	\$10,000	\$9,750
PA Unemployment – Employee Contribution: (No wage limit)	.06%	.07%
Annual Gift Tax Exclusion:	\$15,000	\$14,000
Lifetime Gift Tax/Estate Tax Exclusion:	\$5,600,000	\$5,490,000
IRA Contribution by April 17 (Traditional or Roth) / <i>(Income Limits Your Contribution)</i>		
\$5,500 2018 Tax Year - under age 50	\$5,500 2017 Tax Year - under age 50	
\$6,500 2018 Tax Year - age 50 & over	\$6,500 2017 Tax Year - age 50 & over	

Minimum wage

Rates are effective as of dates listed below:

- \$7.25 per hour effective July 24, 2009

Training wage for employees under 20 years old:

- No longer allowed after July 23, 2009

Tipped employees:

- An employer may pay a minimum of \$2.83 per hour
- The employer must make up the difference if the tips and \$2.83 do not meet the regular Pennsylvania minimum wage

Make sure that your mandatory posters are up to date
and posted in your workplace!!!!!!

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Have a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!