



December 2022 CHAMBER CHATTER

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84TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE





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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Prosperity, PA 15329

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Catholic Charities

Gary Yaquinto - Program Director

72 East High Street

Waynesburg, PA 15370

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The Greene County Chamber of Commerce

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WINNER WINNER!

Congratulations to Robert Keller! He held the winning ticket for the Christmas Cash and Gift Card prize package. He picked up the ticket at 5 Kidz Kandy. A huge shout out to all our local merchants and business owners for participating. Robert can now "Shop Local" and "Shop Small" this Christmas!



Thank you to our outgoing board members!



Janice Blair-Martin



Mark Krupa



Liz Menhart



SPC recently made a slight change to their CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund plan. Clients can still use the funds to pay for operational working capital needs such as payroll, rent/mortgage, utilities, or inventory expenses, provided those clients can provide proof of hardship caused by the ongoing effects of the COVID pandemic. In addition to providing operational working capital, SPC's clients can now apply for a loan from our CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund to support traditional Economic Development projects.

This means that clients can use loan proceeds from our CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of purchasing buildings, land, machinery, or equipment. Some quick facts about the fund are below:

- Eligible uses of the loan proceeds include:
 - Traditional Economic Development projects (including the purchase of buildings, land, machinery, and equipment)
 - Operational Working Capital needs (provided proof of COVID-caused hardship)
 - Borrowers will be required to provide 50% private matching financing/equity in order to be eligible for the program
 - Maximum term on a building or land loan is 15 years
 - Maximum term on an equipment loan is 7-10 years
 - Maximum term on an operational working capital loan is 5 years
- Interest rate will be set at 75% of the prime interest rate, and will at no time be set at lower than 4%, or higher than 10%

Reverend Edward Pierce receiving the 25 years of membership in the chamber on behalf of the First Baptist Church.



Fall Business Bootcamp Series Part 2

Finishing up our Fall Business Bootcamp Series. Thank you Janice Crile for speaking, Zack Patton with the Small Business Development Center, and Washington County Council on Economic Development for sponsoring the lunch provided by Kiln to Table.





SMALL BUSINESS SEASON™

NOV 1 - DEC 31, 2022

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*for a great year supporting the
chamber. We look forward to
2023 with our office at full
operations!*

TOP 2023 100 PEOPLE

Pennsylvania Business Central to Publish “Top 100 People” Signature Edition in January!

TO MAKE YOUR NOMINATION, CLICK [HERE](#)!

Every year, Pennsylvania Business Central celebrates the New Year by highlighting the Top 100 People in business and economic development who have made a dynamic and significant impact on their organizations and communities. We are now seeking nominations for our 2023 Top 100 People edition which will be published in January. If you would like to nominate an individual who is making a difference in their work place or community, simply complete the nomination form by using the link above. Every year, our editorial board reaches out to executives, chambers of commerce, community leaders and readers to send in nominations for selection. We want to honor those individuals who have made a positive impact on the central Pennsylvania business community by consistently moving their business forward, adapting to major changes in their personal and professional life and giving back to the community through volunteering or mentoring. Nominations can be made anytime by using the link above, or by calling PBC Editor David Harry at 814-278-1323. Deadline for submitting nominations is December 30, 2022. Your input is vitally important to us. Help us honor those individuals who are leading the way in central Pennsylvania – make a nomination! We want to hear from you!

#GiveLocalSomeLove this Holiday Season

What a wonderful day to shop small in PA. When you shop small, you support a dream – and your community. For every \$100 spent at a small business, \$48 goes back into our local economy. If that same \$100 is spent at a big box store or national retailer, only \$14 makes it back to our local economy. This holiday season, shop small, keep your money local, and watch it make a real difference. It won't just put a smile on your face and brighten the day of the people working at the small business – it'll empower our community and everyone living within it. Together, let's #GiveLocalSomeLove.

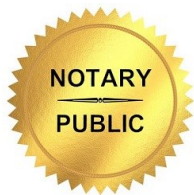


2022-2023 Funding Levels

Project Attributes	Whichever is less, up to:		
All Eligible Projects	50%	or	\$5,000
Eligible and located in Environmental Justice Area	65%	or	\$6,500
Eligible and significant environmental savings	65%	or	\$6,500
Eligible, located in Environmental Justice Area, and significant environmental savings	80%	or	\$8,000

The PA DEP Small Business Advantage Grant (SBAG) is Open for Applications

The SBAG provides reimbursement grants ranging from 50% to 80% of eligible project costs to Pennsylvania small businesses to improve energy efficiency or reduce pollution or waste by: upgrading or replacing equipment or supplies; improving processes; or reducing runoff into affected waterways. Maximum grant awards will be determined by project eligibility, project location (relating to Environmental Justice areas), and environmental impact. [Contact your regional PennTAP advisor](#) to start determining eligibility.



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- Supplemental Accident Insurance
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- Opportunity to Meet New People
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RSVP volunteers may serve as:

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