



MEET ME AT THE STATION

Wednesday, August 22, 2012

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Cedar Creek Park

\$20/person*

The MVRCC and the Citizens Advisory Board of the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Department are pleased to invite you to attend. Network and sample local wine on the beautiful Youghiogheny Riverfront at Cedar Creek Park's newest rental facility, Cedar Creek Station. (Rentals of this facility as low as \$75. For more information go to www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks).

Make your reservation today! Call 724-483-3507 or info@mvrchamber.org.

See insert for details!



*Current Member must be present to win!

A Chamber networking event held in partnership with the



CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

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August Member Spotlight CUPARI HOME IMPROVEMENT



Cupari Home Improvements has been honored with the August Member Spotlight. Seen here is the Cupari Home Improvement team: left to right, Lee Gauden, Sam Cupari, owner, Ethan Radomile, Terry Younkin, and Greg Flick.

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We regret any errors or omissions in this newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Are you a business, individual or
Nonprofit that has not joined the
Chamber of Commerce?

Call Deb Today at
724-483-3507!



August Member Spotlight **CUPARI HOME IMPROVEMENT**



Sam Cupari

Cupari Home Improvement has been chosen for the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Member Spotlight for the month of August. Sam Cupari, owner, started the company over 20 years ago and has a total of 30 years experience in the construction industry. The company not only will do a great job at any home improvement, addition, or renovation, but also has the ability to complete commercial projects, as well. New home construction is also one of the services offered by Cupari.

Cupari completed a major façade improvement for the Mon Valley Regional Chamber office building in Charleroi in 2011 and has maintained membership for twelve consecutive years. "We are so pleased to acknowledge, and also recommend Cupari Home Improvements," said Deb Keefer, Chamber Director. "Always call your local Chamber to get referrals of reputable contractors in our area."

CHAMBER NEWS

We Are “Chamber Proud” to Refer Our Home Builders, Contractors and Related Services



724-929-4414

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Asphalt paving.

724-747-9541

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Home improvements, construction, additions and renovations.

724-258-8571

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Heating and air conditioning.

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High-end residential HVAC, plumbing and piping

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Landscaping, maintenance & construction.

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Heating and air conditioning.

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Excavation and land clearing.

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www.slagleroofing.com

Slagle Roofing & Construction, Inc.

Roofing contractor.

724-483-1183

Villella Remodeling, LLC

Kitchen and bath remodeling, window and door installation.

724-258-9373

Yohe Roofing

Roofing contractor.

CHAMBER NEWS

4TH ANNUAL "EASY TO BE GREEN" DAY SET FOR AUGUST 15

The MVRCC will hold its 4th Annual "Easy to Be Green" Day on Wednesday, August 15 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Chamber building.



A green initiative of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

The following items will be collected: **Electronics**—by **Goodwill Industries of Southwestern PA**, **Clothing**—used clothing will be accepted by **Goodwill Industries of Southwestern PA**, **Eyeglasses**—used eyewear will be refit for people in need. (**Charleroi Lions Club**), **Paper**—available on "Green" day and EVERY DAY, and **Used Books**—collected for **JK Tener Library** in Charleroi for their "book store" or on the free shelf. Information will be available on recycling in Washington County.

Recycling takes little effort on your part, for a big difference to our world.

CHAMBER MAKESTOP 25 LIST

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is named as one of the Top 25 largest Chambers of Commerce in the Pittsburgh Region, after a survey conducted by the Pittsburgh Business Times. For 10 years running the MVRCC has been included in the list, and is one of nine Chambers in the 300+ member count. The largest Chamber is the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce with 2,000 members, and Washington County is No. 2 at 1,051 members. "We are so pleased to be able to grow our ranks each year," said Deb Keefer, Director. "Our growth rate is 2-3% per year, and we expect that to increase with the new industry that is coming into the Mid Mon Valley."



Membership is open to any individual, non-profit, or business. Current information on benefits and events can be found at www.mvrchamber.org and on the organization's FACEBOOK page or by calling 724-483-3507.

MVRCC TAKES TROPHY IN CHAMBER CHALLENGE AGAINST GRC

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Raiders and the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce Bulldogs played a first ever Softball Showdown at Charleroi Veteran's Memorial Field in Charleroi on July 25. The regional Chamber won the 7-inning game 18-15, winning a traveling "Chamber Pot" trophy to retain at Chamber offices until next year's Showdown.



Tom Villella (MVRCC) of Villella Home Remodeling and Robert Crall (GRC) of Valley First Credit Union served as team coach/players, and former BVA superintendent Steve Russell and Charleroi sports legend Jim "Mouse" Chacko served as umpires. Gene Turtzer was the official announcer for the game.

The game started in MVRCC's favor, immediately scoring and achieving a healthy lead by the third inning. However, tables turned in the 7th and final inning with a flurry of hits by Rostraver. With players on base, Kevin Lee backed up for an impressive catch in left field to end the Showdown with MVRCC leading by three runs. Larry Christinis of SPHS was credited with a home run for the Regional team. Frank Uglik of Waddell & Reed hit a homer for Rostraver.

MVRCC Roster:

Kevin Lee, Lee Supply, Mike Coury, River House Café, Linda Jack, PA CareerLink, Dena Mornak, Mornak Excavation, Ashley Fioravanti, Donora Lumber, Shawn Jurik, Southwest Training, Larry Christinis, SPHS, Dr. Michael Rupert, Rupert Chiropractic, Washington County Commissioner Harlan Shober, Bill Hanning, Waddell and Reed, Coach Tom Villella, Villella Remodeling, and Jerry Ritzer, Lee Supply.

GRC Roster: Robert Crall, Gina C. Lynn, Keith Peer, Frank Uglik, Ann McKnight, Kate Crawford, Jim Ritter, Todd Sauter, Tanya and Mike Chaney (Maks too), Haley and Natalie Bashada, Samantha Peer, Sam Robbins, Ruth & Joe Cialone, with Mascot Samson. Scorekeeper, Skip Pirilla.

Both Chamber organizations extended appreciation to Charleroi Community Park for donating the facility for the game, and to Ed Uhutch for preparing the field for softball and providing a concession stand throughout the game.

Scenes from the 1st Annual Chamber Challenge Softball Game - MVRCC vs. GRC



It was a beautiful evening for softball on July 25th—pictured clockwise from above: MVRCC poses with “Chamber Pot” trophy, Coaches Robert Crall and Tom Villella, the home team crowd enjoys the game, Ashley Fioravanti and Bill Hanning run home, Umpires Steve Russell and Jim “Mouse” Chacko, and Kevin Lee. More photos can be found on the Chamber FACEbook page. *Photos by Wayne Ray, Jennifer Codeluppi and Donna Angelo.*



CHAMBER ANNOUNCES AWARDEES

2012 Chamber Awards Event!

Thursday, September 13, 2012

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Anthony M. Lombardi
Education Conference Center
Monongahela Valley Hospital



Excellence in Business:
KEYSTONE BAKERY



Outstanding Business Development:
LACARTE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.

*Special Recognition: GARDNER DENVER NASH
AND WEATHERFORD*



Shining Star Award:
ATTORNEY RICHARD MUDRICK



Regional Service Award:
MONVALLEY INITIATIVE

*Local Community Development Partners in
GREATER CHARLEROI, MONESSEN AND WEST NEWTON*



MEMBER NEWS

FIRST ANNUAL MON VALLEY PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE SUMMIT

The Practice of K. Gosai, MD & A.J. Gandhi, MD are sponsoring the First Annual Drug Abuse Summit on Wednesday, September 26.

The event will be held at the Charleroi Area High School. The Drug Enforcement Administration, the Washington County DA's office and other federal and local agencies will be co-sponsoring the event.

Three sessions will be offered:

The morning session will be for students and faculty, afternoon session will be for healthcare professionals and law enforcement officials. The medical community and law enforcement will examine the breadth and severity of the prescription drug problem and will feature panel discussions led by experts in health care, mental health, addition and law enforcement who will share their experiences in combating the damaging effects of prescription drug abuse and trafficking.

The evening session will be open to the community. This session will help parents, educators and concerned citizens understand the effect of prescription drugs on the brain and society. Participants will also hear firsthand accounts from those who have experienced the tragedy of prescription drug addiction.

For more information or to participate, please call: 724-483-6300.

HEALTH CARE REFORM UPDATE ON AUGUST 16

CSC Insurance Options and Waddell & Reed, Inc. will sponsor a Health Care Reform Update on Thursday, August 16 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Willow Room in Rostraver Township. The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce are supporting the event to help analyze the recent legislation in the health care fields.



The agenda for the evening will include refreshments, an update presentation by Highmark BC/BS, guest speaker Congressman Tim Murphy and networking.

There is no registration cost for the event, however those wishing to attend must make a reservation with the Greater Rostraver Chamber at 724-929-3329 or Mon Valley Regional Chamber at 724-483-3507. *Please see insert for more information.*

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER/TABLOID

Submit your news (anniversaries, achievements, etc.) to info@mvrchamber.org

Deadline for Editorial/Advertising for September Tabloid: Tuesday, September 4. Tabloid—Publication date: Thursday, September 13, 2012.

CHARLEROI FARMER'S MARKET

Thursdays through October

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Charleroi Market House

423-427 McKean Avenue

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**Charleroi Federal Little
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Saturday

September 8, 2012

www.littlegreatrace.com

Attention Downtown Charleroi Businesses:

Fallowfield and McKean Avenue will be closed from
8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on race day.

Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!

August – Summer Break – No Board Meeting

Thursdays thru October—Charleroi Farmer's Market, Charleroi Market House, 3:00 PM—6:00 PM.
www.teamcharleroi.org

Wednesday, August 15—4th Annual "Easy to be Green" Day, Chamber Building, 10:00 AM—3:00 PM. *More information on page 5.*

Thursday, August 16—Health Care Reform Update, Willow Room, 6:00 PM—8:30 PM, Sponsored by CSC Insurance Options and Waddell & Reed, Inc. *See insert for details.*

Wednesday, August 22—"Meet Me at the Station" Networking Event, Cedar Creek Park, 5:30 PM—7:30 PM. *See story on page 5 and insert for details.*

Saturday, September 8—26th Annual Charleroi Federal Little Great Race, Downtown Charleroi, 8:15 AM.
www.littlegreatrace.com

Thursday, September 13—Annual Awards Event, Monongahela Valley Hospital, 5:00 PM—8:00 PM. *Watch the mail for your invitation. Sponsorships available see insert for details!*

Wednesday, September 19—Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Board Room, 8:00 AM.

Watch the mail, e-mail, FACEbook and website for more information on all upcoming events!

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