

7th ANNUAL  
**BEACH BASH**  
Wednesday, July 18, 2012  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Allenport Marina  
\$15/person\*

Games, music, door prizes, refreshing drinks, and snack buffet.

We will have 14 grounds passes to give away (\$25 value). Passes are for the Mylan Classic to be held August 27 through September 2 at the Southpointe Golf Club compliments of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Thank you sponsors: **Monongahela Valley Hospital, Highway Appliance Company, Epoch Sleep Disorders Center, and ChamberChoice®.**



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\*This event is not open to the public, however members are entitled and encouraged to bring a non-member as a guest.

\*Member must be present to win!



Mary Drelisak from The Challenge Program, Bernadette Rodgers and Kathy Luci from Corning Credit Union enjoy last year's event.

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*July Member Spotlight*  
**MIDDLE MONONGAHELA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**



**Middle Monongahela Industrial Development Association (MIDA)** was recently honored in the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Member Spotlight for July. Seen here at the Alta Vista Business Park entrance is Dennis Dachille, General Manager, Lue Ann Pawlick, Executive Director, and Kelly Ellin, Financial Administrator.



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We regret any errors or omissions in this newsletter

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## CHAMBER NEWS



*July Member Spotlight*  
**Middle Monongahela Industrial  
 Development Association**



**Middle Monongahela Industrial Development Association (MIDA)** was recently honored in the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Member Spotlight for July. MIDA has worked tirelessly to create and develop the Alta Vista Business Park, located in Fallowfield Township. The non-profit group has attracted world class companies to the location, including **Progeny Systems**, Gardner Denver Nash, and Weatherford.

More information about MIDA and their other facilities and projects can be found at [www.mmida.com](http://www.mmida.com).



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## CHAMBER NEWS

### SUMMER SOFTBALL SHOWDOWN

**Mon Valley Regional Chamber vs. Greater Rostraver Chamber**

**Wednesday, July 25th**

Veterans Field – Charleroi Trustees Park

5:30 PM Networking and Warm-ups

6:00 PM Game Time

***BYOC - Bring Your Own Cooler***

*Concession stand will be open—proceeds benefit American Legion Baseball.*

Sign up to play or just come to watch - it's going to be a good time!!



MVRCC Coach Tom Villella

MVRCC Roster includes:

Tom Villella, Villella Remodeling/Coach and 3<sup>rd</sup> Base

Jim Protin, Chester Engineers, 1<sup>st</sup> Base

Jerry Ritzer, Lee Supply, Shortstop

Bill Hanning, Waddell & Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base

Kevin Lee, Lee Supply, Left Field

Dr. Mike Rupert, Rupert Chiropractic, Center Field

Shawn Jurick, Southwest Training, Right Field

Michael Coury, Salatino's RiverHouse, Fielder

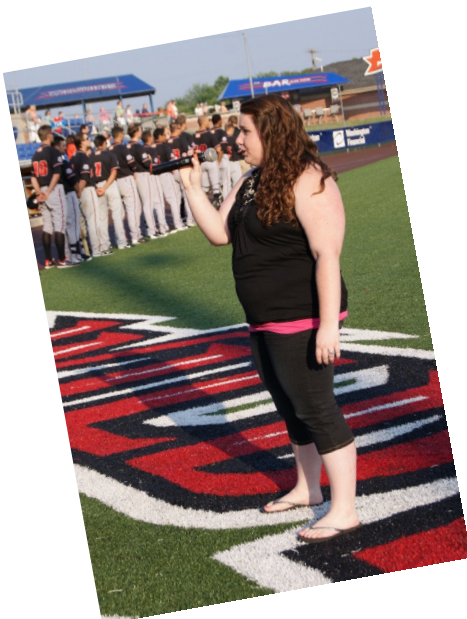
Dena Mornak, Mornak Excavation, Pitcher

Ashley Fioravanti, Donora Lumber, Catcher

Linda Jack, PA CareerLink, Mon Valley, Fielder and Infield

Home Plate Umpire, Steve Russell.

## Good Times and Wild Things at Mon Valley Community Night



The MVRCC and **Mon Valley YMCA** partnered for Mon Valley Community Night at the **Washington Wild Things** on June 20. Left: Briana Brickner, daughter of Trish Brickner, PA CareerLink-Mon Valley performs the National Anthem. Above: Donn Henderson, Charleroi Borough has some fun with the Washington Wild Thing. Right: Victoria Green, granddaughter of Margie Halkowitz, Ductmate Industries displays a foul ball she caught during the game.



## CHAMBER NEWS

### LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON COUNTY

Seeking applicants for Class of 2013

Through funds generated by the Melvin B. Bassi Golf Tournament, the MVRCC sends two qualified participants through the program each year.

Leadership Washington County is a year-long intensive program that develops effective leaders to help improve our communities. Through a day-long class each month, for nine months, combined with field trips and a class project, participants are guided to a better understanding of themselves, their community, and their role in making a positive impact in Washington County. Leadership Washington County is open to any citizen residing in or working in Washington County. It has been operating for 11 years, and the growing ranks of LWC alumni are a new resource for the many non-profits in the County looking for qualified individuals to serve on their Boards.

*Program tuition is \$950 per participant with the Chamber's scholarship in the amount of \$800. The remaining \$150 is paid by the participant or the participant's employer to demonstrate a commitment to the program.*

Interest forms will be accepted only from members in good standing by August 3, 4:00pm. Sorry, representatives from reciprocal organizations are not eligible for these scholarships.

For more information and a copy of the scholarship guidelines, call the Chamber office. Also visit [www.leadershipwashington.com](http://www.leadershipwashington.com) to learn more about Leadership Washington County.



### “MEET ME AT THE STATION” - CHAMBER HOSTS EVENT AT CEDAR CREEK STATION

The MVRCC will host a networking event at Cedar Creek Station on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, 5:30-7:30 pm. Cedar Creek Station, formerly a bicycle rental and refreshment center located on the river road at Cedar Creek Park, has recently been converted to a facility that can be rented by the public for a little as \$105/day. Amenities include a kitchen, restroom and seating for 60 inside. The adjoining riverfront deck seats an additional 40.

The Westmoreland County Parks Citizens Advisory Board is partnering with the Mon Valley Regional Chamber to bring awareness to the new rental and also to Cedar Creek Park itself. “Cedar Creek Park is an absolute treasure to our region,” said Deb Keefer, Chamber Director and Citizens Advisory Board member. “Our August 22 event will bring folks to the park to see what a wonderful recreational resource it is, only minutes from their front door.”

Two local wineries, Christian Klay Winery and Greenhouse Winery will be on hand to serve tastings and will also have wine available for purchase. A \$20 admission ticket will include a wine tasting glass and light fare (cheese, fruit, vegetable and cracker assortment by **Cedarbrook's Clubhouse Grille**) and chance to win door prizes.

Members of all local Chambers and the general public are invited to attend this event with a paid reservation. VISA, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. Space is limited so please make your reservation early. *See insert for details.*



### 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.

The following items will be collected: **Electronics**—computers, monitors, cell phones, digital cameras, chargers, adapters, televisions, microwaves, old radios etc. 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.

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



**A green initiative of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce**



## MEMBER NEWS

### 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.*



### DATE SET FOR ORANGE DUCOEUR BREAST CANCER WALK

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk will be held on Saturday, October 13 in downtown Charleroi. The 1 – 2 mile fun walk will begin at the Charleroi Market House with registration at 9:00 AM and the walk will commence at 10:00 AM. Everyone is encouraged to participate and all donations are welcome.



Proceeds benefit the Sweeney-Melenyzer Pavilion and Regional Cancer Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital and the PA Breast Cancer Coalition.

Sponsorships are available. *See insert for details!*

Additional information can be found at [www.teamcharleroi.org](http://www.teamcharleroi.org) or on FACEbook/Lois-Orange-Ducoeur-Breast-Cancer-Walk.



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#### DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER/TABLOID

Submit your news (anniversaries, achievements, etc.) to [info@mvrchamber.org](mailto:info@mvrchamber.org)

Deadline for Editorial/Advertising for August Tabloid: Tuesday, July 31. Tabloid—Publication date: Thursday, August 9, 2012.

## MEMBER NEWS

### DAVID DAVIS COMMUNICATIONS INC. NAMED ESI PLATINUM LEVEL QUALITY RESELLER

ESI an innovative designer and manufacturer of high-performance telephone systems for small to medium businesses and organizations has awarded David Davis Communications, Inc. the 2011 Platinum Level Reseller Quality Award for Excellence in Customer Service.

This is the third Platinum level award for David Davis Communications, headquartered in Finleyville, PA. The accolade is the highest recognition an ESI Reseller can receive under the manufacturer's Reseller Quality Program (RQP) which strives to maximize end user satisfaction and the highest standards of quality.

"This award from ESI reinforces our goal of working with customers from the beginning of our relationship to provide a communications solution and service offering that truly meets their needs," stated David Davis, president of David Davis Communications. "We are proud to be recognized for our dedication to our customers."

For more information about David Davis Communications and its products and services go to [www.ddc-inc.com](http://www.ddc-inc.com).



Welcome New Business  
**ANTHONY'S ON THE MON**



Anthony's on the Mon @ Smitty's Marina is now open for business. Located at 119 River Avenue in Lower Speers. Anthony's features fine seafood and steaks. They are open Tuesday thru Sunday for lunch and dinner. For more information go to [www.anthonysonthemon.com](http://www.anthonysonthemon.com) or call 724-565-5148.

Pictured (L-R): Mary Lou Lee, Anthony Hruska, Owner, Bill Lee, Speers Borough Mayor and Armand Ferrara, Chamber President.

### CHARLEROI FARMER'S MARKET NOW OPEN

Charleroi Farmer's Market is open Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm through October. The event is held at the Charleroi Market House at 423-427 McKean Avenue at the only covered market venue in the area.

Vendors to date include: Harden Farm, Plum Run Winery, Devigne's Delights Candles & Bath Products and Christian Klay Winery.

Thank you to our sponsors:

**Dee's Cricket**  
**Southwestern PA Human Services**

Those interested in becoming a vendor may contact the Chamber at 724-483-3507.



### CHAMBER'S CHARLEROI FAÇADE PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL

The Board of Directors of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce that \$47,000 has been approved or granted to property owners in the downtown Charleroi business district for façade improvement through funding from the 2010-2011 Local Share Account of Washington County's gaming revenue.

"I would like to thank John Mollenauer and his Design Committee for making this a rewarding and fair program," said Deb Keefer, who acted as the grant's administrator at the Chamber. "As the applicants are finishing up the final improvement projects, it gives us all great satisfaction that more than \$120,000 was invested in the business district," she added.

Applications are not being accepted at this time, however a waiting list is being created to support another application to replenish the fund in the fall. Commercial property owners may contact Deb Keefer at the Chamber at 724-483-3507. Those inquiring should have an estimated total project cost in mind, and a brief description of the project.



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**MVRCC vs. GRC**

July 25, 2012

Veterans Field

Charleroi Community Park

Chamber Plaza

*More information on page 4.*

## Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!

### July & August – Summer Break – No Board Meetings

**Thursdays, beginning July 12—thru October**—Charleroi Farmer's Market, Charleroi Market House, 3:00 PM—6:00 PM. [www.teamcharleroi.org](http://www.teamcharleroi.org)

**Wednesday, July 18** —7th Annual Beach BASH, Allenport Marina, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM.

**Wednesday, July 25** —Chamber Challenge Softball Game, MVRCC vs. GRC, Veteran's Field, Charleroi Community Park, 5:00 PM. *See story page 4.*

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

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**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.*

**Thursday, September 13** —Annual Awards Event, Monongahela Valley Hospital, 5:00 PM—8:00 PM.

**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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