

Thursday, February 20



Hoodie Hoo Happy Hour

5:00 PM—7:00 PM

REGO'S RESTAURANT

601 McKean Avenue, Charleroi

CASH BAR ♦ IT'S FUN AND IT'S FREE!

Please RSVP 724-483-3507

See page 7 for more information about Hoodie Hoo Day Activities.

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February Member Spotlight FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.



FairPoint Communications, Inc. is in the Member Spotlight for February. Pictured here is Walter Ziemba, Outside Plant Manager. See story on page 4.



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Executive Director: Debra Keefer
Financial Assistant: Donna Angelo

We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

Diane Bianchi

207 Lookout Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
Associate Member

Emergency Restoration Team

ACE Basin, LLC
Joseph Stalvey
PO Box 174, 402 Washington St.
Bentleyville, PA 15314
724-239-4911
www.911restorationteam.com
Contractor / Emergency Services

Timothy J. Solobay, State Senator

Canonsburg Borough Building
68 E. Pike Street, Room 205
Canonsburg, PA 15317
724-746-3762
www.senatorsolobay.com
Associate Member

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RENEWALS!

We appreciate your prompt payments of your 2014 renewals.

A **Member data sheet** was included in your December newsletter. Members are asked to please review all information listed on the Data Sheet and make any necessary changes to the information and return to the Chamber office by February 28 to ensure proper listing in the Chamber's Membership Directory and Resource Guide.

Attention Chamber Members:

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to **members@mvrchamber.org**

MEMBER RENEWALS*

92 Years

Zelenski's Bridal & Gown Shoppe

88 Years

The Valley Independent

76 Years

Authority of the Borough of Charleroi

65 Years and Over

Pierre A. Luti Advertising Co.
Model Cleaners & Uniforms

50 Years and Over

Bassi, Vreeland & Associates, PC
Bigi & Walsh
Charleroi Elks Club
Charleroi Federal Savings Bank
Interstate Paper Supply Company
Lions Club of Charleroi
Ruschak Insurance Associates
Van Beck Electric

*These renewals only reflect dues received as of January 31, 2014.
Renewals will continue to be acknowledged in upcoming issues of the
Regional Reporter.

MEMBER RENEWALS*-continued

40 Years and Over

Davies Ford of Charleroi
DeRienzo Family Practice
Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority
Shamrock Chemical/McGinley
Maintenance, Inc.

30 Years and Over

Charleroi Sweeper Center
Highway Appliance Company
Ronald Monack
Vanderman Law Offices

25 Years and Over

Armando's Pizza
Maple Creek Distributors
Marsh Tire
McKnight Medical
Richard Mudrick, Attorney-at-Law
George M. Toohey, Optometrist
Valley Tire Company
Kenneth Wiltz
Yohe Roofing

20 Years and Over

Charleroi Borough
Frank M. Godla Mechanical, Inc.
Vitale State Farm Insurance

10 Years and Over

Action Housing, Inc.
Ad Forms, LLC
Affordable Health Insurance
American Cancer Society
Audrey's Custom Draperies
Centimed, Inc.
Charleroi Fire Department
Chester Engineers
Community Action Southwest
Coulson's Sales & Service
Crystal Concepts
Vito Dentino Agency
Ductmate Industries, Inc. (Charleroi)
Dunlevy Gardens
FairPoint Communications
General Industries
Gosai & Gandhi, MD

10 Years and Over cont.

Handyman Matters
Junior Achievement
Milton Kubik
Gene Lofink Heating & Air Conditioning
LOGIX
Middle Monongahela Industrial
Development Association
Mon Valley Care Center
Mon Valley Community Federal Credit
Union
Monongahela Iron & Metal Co.
Mornak Excavation, Inc.
PA CareerLink, Mon Valley
Residence at Hilltop
Rotary Club of Charleroi
Rotolo Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram
Royal Order of Scotland
S.E. Technologies, LLC
Solomon Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ford
Southwest Training Services, Inc.
Speers Borough
Tregembo Motors
Vale-U-Health
Vilella Remodeling, LLC
William J. Worthington, Attorney-at-Law

5 Years and Over

Allenport Marina
Amcom Office Systems
Ashcraft Records Management & Storage
Belle Vernon Area School District
Best Western—Garden Inn
Business Clickers Printing
The Challenge Program
Corning Federal Credit Union
Douglas Education Center
Mary E. Ducato, DPM
Duwall Productions
Emerald Masonry & Construction, LLC
First Federal Savings Bank
Gene-N-Boots Candies, Inc.
Gentiva Hospice
Hampton Inn—Belle Vernon
Holiday Inn Express—Bentleyville
Keystone Bakery
Keystone Benefits Group, Inc.
Legal Shield

5 Years and Over cont.

Mar-Bill Diamonds & Jewelry
Mary, Mother of the Church
Mon Valley Progress Council
Morgan Excavating, LP
My Girls Restaurant, Inc.
Reliance Business Solutions
Riverside Dental
Riverside Place
Rupert Chiropractic Clinic
The Salon & Spa by Chaney's Natural, LLC
Sam's Club
Snapshot 47 Photos
Southwestern PA Human Services, Inc.
Transitional Employment Consultants
Washington County Community
Foundation

All other Renewals

Advanced Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation
Anova Home Healthcare Services, Inc.
Badzik Printing Service, Inc.
Bill's Feed & Garden Center
Fayette Waste, LLC
Foundation for Free Enterprise Education
Frick Tri-County Federal Credit Union
Garrow Canine Training
Hawthorne Ventures, LLC
Jefferson Regional Medical Center
Laschen's Lawn Care & Landscaping
Lesleh Precision
Lowe's Home Improvement
Mon Valley Initiative
Monessen Public Library
New Dawn—Thorpe's Personal Care, LLC
Pennatronics Corporation
Prima Diva Boutique
Rental Car Momma
Harlan G. Shober, Washington County
Commissioner
Sierra Connectivity Services, Inc.
Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Inc.
Studio K Nail Salon/Day Spa
Triple B Farms, LLC
Valley 1st Community Federal Credit
Union
Washington County Council on Economic
Development



February Member Spotlight FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

FairPoint Communications, Inc.

is a leading communications provider of broadband Internet access, local and long-distance phone, television and other high-capacity data services to customers in communities across 17 states. Through its fast, reliable fiber network, FairPoint delivers high-quality data and voice networking communications solutions to residential, business and wholesale customers. FairPoint delivers Internet services through its resilient IP-based network in northern New England. This state-of-the-art fiber network provides carrier Ethernet connections to support the surging bandwidth and performance requirements for cloud-based applications like network storage, disaster recovery, distance learning, medical imaging, video conferencing and CAD/CAM along with traditional voice, VoIP, video and Internet access solutions. FairPoint products and services are available in most of the Bentleyville, Ellsworth, Scenery Hill and Marianna areas. Contact FairPoint today for your communication needs at 1-800-400-5568 or www.fairpoint.com.



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MVRCC MARCH LUNCHEON FEATURES RIVERTOWN PROGRAM

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at the Monongahela Valley Country Club, 1188 Country Club Road, Monongahela, PA. Registration begins for the event at 11:45 and the program will conclude promptly at 1:00 pm. The keynote speaker will be **Catherine McCollum, Director of the River Town Program.**



The River Town Program, a project of Pennsylvania Environmental Council, helps communities to recognize the river as an asset around which potential community and economic development can occur, and thus a resource worthy of protection. For PEC, this program serves as a model for implementing collaborative solutions to environmental protection and restoration. Success is built from the work of partners that recognize the inextricable links between the environment, the economy, and quality of life. Cathy McCollum, who serves as Director of the River Towns Program, has 30 years of experience in creating successful community and development programs in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

"We were so proud that the Monongahela River was named as the "2013 River of the Year," said Deb Keefer, Chamber Director. "We are pleased that our Mid Mon Valley towns are seeing the benefits of the River Towns Program and are looking forward to an update from Cathy."

More information on the program is available at www.rivertownspa.org and www.pecpa.org.

Reservations are required and the cost is \$15.00/person, non-members, \$18.00/person and may be made by calling the Chamber office at 724-483-3507, e-mail at members@mvrchamber.org. See insert for details!

In the case of severe weather call the Chamber office or watch for a posting on the Chamber Facebook page. VISA, MasterCard and Discover are accepted and on-line registration is available at www.mvrchamber.org.

CHAMBER NEWS

PA SECRETARY OF DCED C. ALAN WALKER FEATURED AT APRIL LUNCHEON

An event hosted by the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce and Mon Valley Progress Council, will host the **Secretary of the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), C. Alan Walker** on April 8 at the Willow Room in Rostraver Township. Registration and networking begins at 11:30 am, and lunch will be served promptly at noon.

Members of the Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce are encouraged to attend this important informational meeting featuring one of the Commonwealth's top officials.

Please call the MVRCC at 724-483-3507 to make early reservations. Members and guests of any Chamber of Commerce may attend at the member price of \$15.00/person. Non-members attend at \$18.00/person.



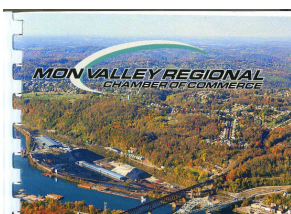
Secretary Alan Walker
PA Department of
Community & Economic
Development

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON FEATURED UPDATES FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



The MVRCC held a panel discussion with the Washington County Commissioners at the February 11 luncheon at the Charleroi Elks Club. Pictured here are Commissioners Harlan Shober, Diana Irey-Vaughan and Larry Maggi with Chamber Director Deb Keefer. Thank you to Jeff Kotula, President of Washington County Chamber who served as moderator.

**Great Rates
on Advertising!**



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Advertising in the **2014-2015 Membership Directory & Resource Guide** will put your business in front of thousands of targeted clients! Capitalize on your investment with the Chamber by utilizing this valuable tool to increase your current market growth and reach new customers.

- ◆ Full Page Ads—\$300
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- ◆ 1/8 Page Ads—\$75

See Insert for Details and
Call Donna at 724-483-3507 TODAY!
Deadline for Ad Submission is April 1st.

All ads subject to approval by the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

MEMBER NEWS

KEYMARKET RADIO WELCOMES PHIL "THE KIELBASA KID" KIRZYC TO PICKLE 99.3 CLASSIC HITS

Phil Kirzyc is a long-time veteran of the Pittsburgh market and the management at KeyMarket, LLC feel very fortunate he has joined the Pickle!



His personality and showmanship along with the station format will make waking up to Classic Hits 99 the Pickle your morning listening destination! Listen to Phil weekday mornings from 6-10 am! "It's great to be a part of the Pickle crew and I look forward to meeting all our Pickle listeners on the road"— Phil "The Kielbasa Kid" Kirzyc.

FEBRUARY HEART HEALTH MONTH AT THE MON VALLEY YMCA

Monongahela Valley Hospital will hold a "Healthy Heart" Fair on Thursday, February 27 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the **Mon Valley YMCA**. Kathy Guy, certified diabetes educator and registered dietitian from Mon Valley Hospital will be available to answer questions. Light refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration is advised by calling 724-483-8077 or in person. The YMCA encourages everyone to be physically active to help reduce stress and control weight. Physical activity also helps reduce your chances of developing conditions that may put a strain on your heart, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes, which can be a factor in heart disease.

Your heart is a vital organ it needs care for life. Everyone can do something to have a healthier heart. Even people who already have coronary heart disease or other heart problems can take positive steps to improve their heart health and reduce their risk of further heart problems.

For more information contact the YMCA at 724-483-8077.

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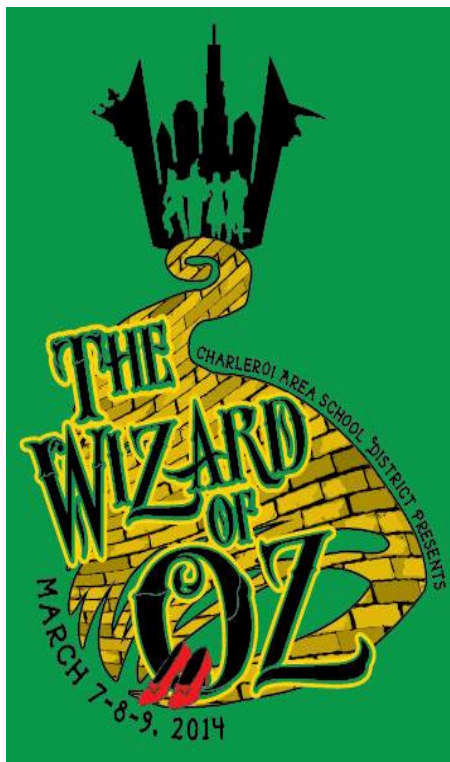
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10% off any service or repair for all Chamber members and their employees. Local pick up and delivery available with appointment. Not valid with any other coupon or offer. Please call for an appointment.

For a complete listing of current Member to Member Discounts go to www.mvrchamber.org

Have a discount to offer fellow Chamber Members?

Call Donna or Deb today at 724-483-3507 to participate in this **FREE** program!



Charleroi Area
Students present the
Charleroi High School
Musical

"The Wizard of Oz"

March 7-8-9

Charleroi High School
Auditorium

Tickets are \$8.00/Adults
\$5.00/Students
And are available at the
door.

MEMBER NEWS

FIRST EVER CHARLEROI HOODIE HOO! THE MID MON VALLEY IS INVITED DAY

FEBRUARY 20

**11:30 AM
FESTIVITIES START**

Magic City Square, Fifth and McKean Avenue, Charleroi

**EXACTLY 12:00 NOON
HOODIE HOO SHOUT**



MUSIC BY DJ. DONN HENDERSON

**PRIZES AND TROPHIES FOR BEST
HOODIE HOO-ERS**

HOT CHOCOLATE

DOWNTOWN PROMOTIONS

**CHAMBER HAPPY HOUR,
5PM AT REGO'S**

AND MORE!

**MON VALLEY
REGIONAL
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HOODIE HOO
HAPPY HOUR
AT REGO'S
RESTAURANT**

5-7PM

PLEASE RSVP 724-483-3507

CASH BAR



**It's fun and it's a free! Please
direct your questions and
ideas to DEB KEEFER AT
THE MON VALLEY
REGIONAL CHAMBER
724-483-3507**

February 20 is the date set aside in the Northern Hemisphere for humans to unite and chase winter away. Everyone is encouraged to follow the simple steps required on February 20 at exactly 12:00 noon and shout at the sky, "hoodie-hoo" three times. Brightly colored clothing, and noisemaking has been known to be effective in bringing attention to our wishes for cold, snowy and bitter weather to move on!



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TICKETS ONLY \$5

FAT TUESDAY

Sweets & Treats

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014
4 - 9 P.M.**



BENEFITS J.K. TENER LIBRARY

4 - 6:30 P.M. Registration at Library

4 - 8 P.M. Business Crawl

7 - 9 P.M. Prize Party & \$5 Dessert Bar at River House

8:30 P.M. Prize Drawings *Must be present for Grand Prize*

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Gene & Boots • Maple Creek Distributors Audrey's Draperies • Charleroi Lanes
Fields of Heather • 4th Street BBQ • Uniquely Yours • My Girls

Go to www.CharleroiBoro.org for more details!

MARCH FOR PARKS

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Cedar Creek Park

Check-In begins at 9:00 AM

March starts at 10:30 AM

For information go to

www.co.westmoreland.pa.us

*Team Packets/ Brochures available
at the Chamber Office.*





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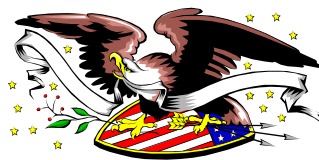
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Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!*

Wednesday, February 19 — Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Building, 8:00 AM.

Thursday, February 20—1st Annual Hoodie Hoo Day, Downtown Charleroi, 12:00 Noon. www.facebook.com/CharleroiHoodieHoo *More information on page 7.*

Thursday, February 20 — Chamber's Hoodie Hoo Happy Hour, Rego's Restaurant, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM.

Tuesday, March 4 — Fat Tuesday/Sweets & Treats, Downtown Charleroi, 4:00 PM—8:00 PM.
www.charleroiiboro.org

March 7-9—CHS Musical "The Wizard of Oz," Charleroi High School Auditorium. Show times: Friday & Saturday—7:30 PM, Sunday—2:00 PM.

Tuesday, March 11 — Chamber Luncheon, Mon Valley Country Club, 11:45 AM—1:00 PM. *See insert for details.*

Wednesday, March 19 — Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Building, 8:00 AM.

Saturday, March 29 — "March for Parks," Cedar Creek Park, registration 9:00 AM, March starts 10:30 AM.
www.co.westmoreland.pa.us

Tuesday, April 8— Joint Chamber Luncheon with Mon Yough Chamber, The Willow Room, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM.

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

www.mvrchamber.org

*** Winter Weather Cancellation Policy**

If inclement weather causes a 2 hour delay or cancellation in the Charleroi Area School District, please consider the Chamber morning meetings or events cancelled. You can get the information on WTAE Channel 4 TV beginning at 5:00 AM or on their website

www.thepittsburghchannel.com.

For Chamber luncheon meetings or afternoon events please call the Chamber office at 724-483-3507, or watch for notice on the Chamber Face book pages. *Thank you!*