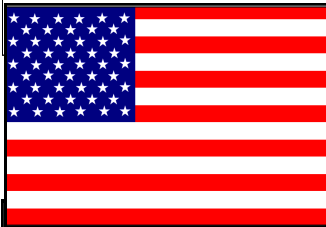


Important Dates
Mark Your Calendars

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- October 19th - Candidates Forum
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously improve business opportunities for African American businesses and professionals throughout the region. Guided by the core values of equity in opportunity, economic advancement, self-sufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.

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October 2023
This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for Members, Supporters & Sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA

*The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania has welcomed **34 New Members in 2023.***

How To Do Business with PennDot Virtual Workshop
October 17th

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join your Chamber as we welcome Lori H. Miles, Construction Support Services Manager with the PA Department of Transportation. Miles will discuss the steps to register as a Business Partner, the pre-qualification application process and how to view projects available for bid at PennDot. RSVP by October 17th at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

Candidates Forum

October 19th
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Rivers Club
One Oxford Centre
301 Grant Street
Downtown

Join us and moderator Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier for this interactive session with candidates for the Allegheny County Chief Executive and County Council District 10. Come prepared with questions concerning small business advancement and

economic development for our region. RSVP at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

PowerBreakfast Meeting

October 20th
7:30 a.m.

Rivers Club
Oxford Center
Downtown

Guest Speaker
Matt Smith

Chief Growth Officer

Allegheny Conference on Community Development

Join your Chamber to learn about Matt Smith's new role as Chief Growth Officer with the Conference, and the efforts to focus on the growth of our regional economy through the attraction and retention of investment and talent. RSVP at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

Members' Mixer

October 26th
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fogo De Chao
525 Smithfield Street
Downtown

It will be an evening of authentic Brazilian culture and cuisine in the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh. Come armed with your business cards and ready to network with **Members**. RSVP at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

Special thanks to **Member T.J. Bogdewic, President and CEO, Bridgeway Capital**

for a great presentation on the new program to assist small and minority businesses during the Chamber's September PowerBreakfast Meeting. Thanks to our **Members** and guests who joined us.

The City of Pittsburgh procurement team did an excellent presentation on doing business with the City. Thanks to the team and our **Members** and guests.

Dr. Gretchen Generett, Dean, Duquesne University School of Education held a candid and valuable discussion on options for growing your business through the many educational programs available to small business owners and professionals. Thanks to **Dr. Generett** and our **Members** and guests.

Thanks to **Faith Collins/SPC** for giving **Members** and guests an in-depth and well received introduction to government contracting for small business owners and professionals.

Interested in Sponsoring a Chamber Program?

Members interested in sponsoring a Chamber Business Institute program or series of programs can learn more about this opportunity at 412-392-0610 or email your Chamber office at: information@aaccwp.com

Members' News & Events

Carnegie Science Center
Science on the Road

In-person and virtual assemblies and STEM programs are available to groups and schools. Whether you're looking to engage students in-person or virtually, Science on the Road has exciting programs designed to support your curriculum while making science FUN for students of all ages!
Learn more at: carnegiesciencecenter.org/groups-and-schools

The Pop District Is Coming

This major new cultural and economic development project, spearheaded by the Andy Warhol Museum, that intends to transform a six-block section of the museum's neighborhood on Pittsburgh's North Shore into a thriving hub for expansive cultural programming, creative workforce development, and ultimately a new and enhanced cultural tourism destination. Learn all about it at: thepopdistrict.org

Get In The Game at the Heinz History Center Sports Museum Daily

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Heinz History Center
1212 Smallman St.
Strip District

The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum tells the stories of Pittsburghers who became champions and champions who became Pittsburghers. Take a look at what's happening at the History Center. Go to: heinzhistorycenter.org

Entrepreneurial Fellows Class 2024 Enrollment Now Open

The University of Pittsburgh Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence EFC is advanced and continued business education to help you reach organizational goals. For information on the program and application process contact Rhonda Carson Leach at rleach@innovation.pitt.edu

October 5th

"It's Almost Time"

Your support of this event will allow **Member Peoples Oakland** to continue providing vital services to Allegheny County residents living with chronic and severe mental illness. Register for the event at www.peoplesoakland.org

Registration Opens October 21st Pittsburgh Step-Out Walk with the American Diabetes Association

Register now to participate in the walk and learn about sponsorships. Contact Chelsea Musial at: cschaffer@diabetes.org

FYI

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce has introduced its Washington Forward agenda, a collaborative policy road map that is designed to underscore the ongoing significance of economic, workforce and community development priorities in the county.

Your African American Chamber of Commerce offers its members access to My Benefit Advisor as a solution for employee benefits, including voluntary offerings, Flexible Work Arrangements, Paid Parental Leave, On-Site or Subsidized Childcare, Elder Care Support, Work-Life Balance Programs and Resources. For more information about My Benefit Advisor, visit our website at aacc.mybenefitadvisor.com or contact Craig Pritts at (800) 377-3539.

STAY IN COMPLIANCE Attention Small Businesses

Stay In Compliance - Check out Resources for Employers at: dol.gov

The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and the Treasury recently published mental health parity enforcement guidance, including new proposed rules for compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 ("MHPAEA"). *Stay in*

compliance - learn more at mybenefitadvisor.com/articles/compliance

Did You Know

Pittsburgh native and Broadway star Billy Porter is teaming up with Food Network star Rachael Ray to make a bid to purchase the Homewood Coliseum. It's being considered by the URA.

Member Citizens Bank is closing 2 more local branches in Allegheny County; Lincoln Avenue in Bellevue and McKnight Road in Wexford bringing the total closures to 15.

Welcome Lawrence County to Pittsburgh's Metro Region. For the first time since 2003, the Pittsburgh metro has expanded its territory, as the federal government definition of the MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) added Lawrence County.

Member Pittsburgh Pirates have the 5th lowest cost for a family of four to catch a game - \$215.70!

CONGRATULATIONS

Member Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh on the \$50M grant awarded for the rehabilitation of Bedford Dwellings, the largest public housing development in Allegheny County; **Member Pittsburgh Cultural Trust** on the appointment of Kendra Whitlock as new President and CEO; **Member Peoples Oakland** on their 16th Annual Mental Health Recovery Gala Benefit, "Building a Community of Hope"! **Member Alcoa** has named William Oplinger new President and CEO.

Our prayers on healing the crisis in Israel..

KUDOS

The Ahmad Jamal Performance Hall is coming to the East End in 2026. The Afro-American Music Institute has announced plans to expand the Institute, located in Homewood,

with a space that will hold 200 - paying tribute to the Pittsburgh native and graduate of Westinghouse High School.

CAREERS

Member CCAC is seeking an *Executive Director of Sponsored Programs* - Office of College Services. Learn about this and more career opportunities at: ccacjobs.com

Member Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is seeking applicants for full and part time positions. For more information and to apply go to: wpcjobs@paconserve.org

In The News

Pittsburgh Business Times Philanthropy for the future, Chris DeCardy is serving in his first year as president of The Heinz Endowments

Banks face challenges from Fed's Rate Moves.

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Rev Maureen Cross Bolden & Rev James Harris
St. James Impact Community Center

Jennifer Grippo
Original Oyster House

K. Chase Patterson
Urban Academy of Greater Pittsburgh

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