


First Friday and the Summer Music Series



First Friday outdoor activities have returned! The Season will run through October, bringing music and vendors to Phoenixville’s downtown. As a reminder, Main Street will be closed May through September to provide a space for visitors to walk freely in the street, visit Main Street businesses, and chat with First Friday vendors. creating a different feel.

This summer will also bring the return of the summer music series! During Friday nights in June, July and August, musicians will entertain downtown. Just another excuse to come out and enjoy downtown Phoenixville!

We also encourage you to keep an eye on all other Community Events happening this year. In the coming months, look out for Blob Fest, the Blues Festival, parades and more! Phoenixville First and other community organizations are working hard to bring great events in Phoenixville.

Young Professionals Networking

The Chamber and the Phoenixville Jaycees came together over a year ago to bring the Young Professionals networking opportunity to the Phoenixville Community. We have had much success and have picked the dates and many locations for the remainder of the year.

We hope to see you there!

**All Events will be held from 6:00pm—8:00pm*


Tuesday, July 30th at Fitzwater Station

Tuesday, September 3rd at Iron Hill Brewery

Tuesday, October 15th at PJ Ryan’s Pub

Tuesday, November 19th at Molly Maguires Restaurant & Pub

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A Wrap on Spring Annual Events

Each Spring, the Chamber hosts three of our four Annual Events: The Annual Awards Dinner and Membership Meeting, the Golf Classic and the Chamber Night with the Reading Fightin’ Phils. Thank you to all sponsors of these great events!

Annual Dinner


The Chamber’s Annual Dinner was hosted at the Phoenixville Country Club on April 24th, and was a sell out event! As our annual membership meeting, this event is always a celebration of spirit and a great networking opportunity. Each Annual Dinner recognizes members of our community who dedicate themselves to countless hours of volunteerism and community improvements. Our engaging speaker, Kristen Hagopian, shared an enlightening presentation prior to our Awards Ceremony. Laughs, and some tears, filled the room in commendation of the award recipients. Kathy Dietrich of National Penn Bank was given the Merit Award for her acts in many organizations within our community. The Fenix Bar and Only Results Fitness won the Business Development awards this year for aesthetic improvements, increased sales and continued investment in doing business in Phoenixville. The Community Betterment award was provided to the Great Valley Nature Center for their works in the environmental education to people of all ages, and were also awarded a \$500.00 check from the Pheonixville Community Health Foundation to continue their work. Two new awards were created this year: The Chairman’s Award and the Legend Award. Board Chairman Stephen Giampietro awarded E. Jean Krack, Phoenixville Borough Manager, with the Chairman’s Award for his guidance and leadership in the Borough. The Legend Award went to Jaworski’s Music Centre, as they celebrated 55 years as a Chamber member. The evening’s most prestigious award, Outstanding Citizen of the Year, went to Dr. Karen Coldwell for her year’s of service to the education system, to the community, and to a number of non-profits over the years. Dr. Coldwell is the current President of the Phoenixville Soroptimist Club. The Chamber thanks not only our award recipients, but all other guests of the event for attending and supporting this celebration of spirit!

Golf Classic


Golfers enjoyed a beautiful day at RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve on Tuesday, May 21st. The day was filled with sun and fun, and followed up with an awards ceremony, with an open bar, door prizes for each player, and prizes. We thank all those who joined us to Golf!

Chamber Night with the Reading Fightin’ Phils

The 2nd annual Chamber Night with the Fightin’ Phils on May 22nd was a homerun! The Phils beat the Altoona Curve in the final stretch 7-5. Over 850 guests of the Chamber were thrilled to enjoy a beautiful night at the ball park.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!


(April—June 2013)

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The Chesco Grand Prix (Bike Race) returns to
Phoenixville July 11, 2013

As you have seen in recent emails and newsletters, the Chesco Grand Prix will be making its stop in Phoenixville on Thursday, July 11 from 5:00—9:00pm. The event will close Bridge and Church Streets, between Gay and Starr, and part of Starr and Gay Streets. Main Street will feature the Expo Area, and the Start/Finish line will be around Main and Bridge Streets. The criterium style race will be .81 miles/lap.

2013 marks the return of this high quality series of criteriums (spectator-friendly competitive cycling events) and cycling road races in towns, villages and the rural countryside of Chester County, Pennsylvania. The annual ten day festival celebrates cycling, showcases Chester County and promotes the National Velodrome being planned for Coatesville.

The nine event series will begin on July 4th with the return of the popular Chesco Road Race and holiday barbeque at historic Brooklawn in Unionville horse country and will end on Sunday, July 14 with the Chesco Tour for recreational cyclists.

The downtown criterium series will run daily from Sunday, July 7 and conclude with the popular Kennett Square finals on Saturday, July 13. Each criterium will feature a card of exciting afternoon and evening races for amateurs, elite women and professionals, mostly held on downtown circuits of one mile or less. Designed to bring people into town on a summer evening, the entertaining 4 to 5 hour criteriums will again include music, professional announcing, celebrity appearances, youth races and more.

PHOENIXVILLE RACE SCHEDULE

4:00PM	Roads will begin to close
5:00PM	Women's Race
5:50PM	Kid's Race, ages 4-5. 100 Yards
5:55PM	Kid's Race, ages 6-7. 100 Yards
6:00PM	Amateur Cat. 3 Race, 24 Miles (30 laps)
6:55PM	Kid's Race, ages 8-10. 200 Yards

OPENING CEREMONIES FOR FEATURE RACE

7:10PM	Pro 1/2 Men, 41 Miles (50 laps)
8:45PM	Awards Ceremony
9:00PM	Approximate time, Re-opening of Bridge Street

*Information largely provided by the Chesco Grand Prix website

Best of the Main Line

Main Line Today Magazine recently released their list of the “Best of the Main Line & Western Suburbs”, and we had several members who made the list! Congratulations to Bistro on Bridge, Black Walnut Winery, Browns Cow, and Soltane Breads and Spreads. Keep up the great work!

Phoenixville Hospital Opens New Rehab Center

The Chamber recently performed a Ribbon Cutting for the Phoenixville Hospital’s new acute Rehab Center. The \$4 Million Dollar project officially opens to patients July 1st, 2013, and will bring jobs and positive tax dollars into the region.

According to the Phoenixville Hospital’s website, the mission of the Regional Rehab Center at Phoenixville Hospital is to use a collaborative, individualized approach to help individuals impaired by accident, illness, injury or disease return to their highest level of independence by optimizing skills and activities used in everyday life.

The Regional Rehab Center is a 14-bed unit staffed by experienced, caring rehabilitative professionals. The center features large, bright private rooms, a rehab gym with ADL suite and exercise equipment all designed to help patients who have suffered loss of function due to:

- Stroke
- Brain injury
- Neurological diseases (exacerbation of multiple sclerosis, Parkinson’s disease, etc.)
- Spinal cord dysfunction
- Complicated orthopedic conditions
- Hip fractures
- Multiple trauma
- Amputations
- Other disabling conditions

*Cite: Phoenixville Hospital Website, www.phoenixvillehospital.com

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County Commissioners and Rep. Kampf Join
Chamber Membership Meeting

Don’t miss an opportunity to hear from your Chester County Commissioners and State Representative Warren Kampf! The Chamber’s Monthly Membership Meeting on Tuesday, July 9th will feature Commissioners Costello, Cozzone, and Farrell discussing the issues and opportunities for Chester County.

Also, State Representative Warren Kampf will join us to speak on the Governor’s budget and other state-wide updates.

This is a great opportunity to meet and talk with your local elected officials and voices!

Date: Tuesday, July 9th
Time: 3:00—5:00pm

Location: Franklin Commons, 400 Franklin Avenue, Phoenixville

SCORE Seminars:

A year of education to strengthen your business

In our Winter newsletter, we announced our partnership with the Phoenixville Public Library and Chester County SCORE to bring seminars focused on today’s business owners, including information on creating a business plan as a working documents, marketing, and the legality of business. Below is a list of the dates of seminars for the remainder of the year.

Cost: \$10, **Location:** Phoenixville Public Library

Thursday, September 19th—Emerging Trends in Business

Thursday, November 7th—Sales and Marketing in Today’s Business Environment

Monthly Membership Meeting Schedule

As announced earlier this year, we have made changes to the monthly meetings this year. In May, we are beginning a whole new time of day for membership meetings. In the Fall, we will be back to the breakfast time frame.

May - August: Afternoon, 3:00 - 5:00pm

September - December: Breakfast, 7:15 - 9:00am
(Sept.—Dec. Meetings will be held at Valley Forge Christian College)