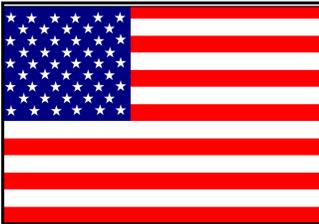


**Important Dates**

- Members' Events
- Virtual Annual Meeting June 19th
- Golf Clinic July 17th
- In the News
- Updates & resources available to small Businesses
- Mail-In Ballots extension
- Welcome New Members



**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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**June 2020**  
**This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA**

Governor Tom Wolf has announced that Allegheny County will be in the "Green Phase" of pandemic restrictions beginning June 5th. We urge you to continue to take precautions to remain safe: together we will get through this as we move through these uncertain times.

The Chamber office is planning to stagger employees returning to the office; however, we will continue to keep you informed on regulatory updates, procurement opportunities & resources available. Thank you to those who have reached out to express your support & the value the Chamber offers your firms.

As we receive information on business and membership related issues, we will continue to keep you informed on re-openings and schedule/ event changes.

**Alzheimer's Workshop Series**

Member Melita Terry & your Chamber are working on our next workshop. We hope to have it occur before Fall. Our uncertain times makes confirming a date tentative: we look forward to you joining us.

**Consumer Empowerment (B2C) Program**

As we gradually reopen our businesses & get back to new routines, your Chamber continues to work on rescheduling this & other important programs & events planned for 2020.

***We appreciate your patience. Continue to check your emails for updates!***

**We're Going Virtual June 19th Annual Meeting**

Your Chamber will hold the Annual Meeting for Chamber members virtually this year, and we are looking forward to seeing all of our members. To sign up, go to: [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com).

**Your Chamber Survey**

We appreciate everyone who took the time to complete the Chamber Survey. You will be pleased with the results which will be presented at our Annual Meeting.

**ANNUAL GOLF CLINIC**

**July 17th**  
**Bob O'Connor Golf Course**  
**Schenley Park**  
**Golf = Relationships**  
**Honorary Chairman**  
**Actor Glynn Turman**  
Plan join us as we once again welcome Golf Pro Anthony Stepney. Our Honorary Chairman adds a nice lift to the event, thanks

to Committee Chair Stephanie Turman! We will again have our C-suite players who you will be paired with to strengthen our theme 'Golf = Relationships'. Take a look at last year's video at the Chamber website: [aaccwp.com](http://aaccwp.com), put the cursor over 'Events', then click on the video: you may see yourself! It promises to be a great day, & we hope to see you there. To date, we wish to thank this year's Golf Clinic **Sponsors**

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- Highmark– ACE Sponsor
- Event Sponsors;**
- Allegheny Community Home Care
- Jacobs
- Merrill Lynch
- Koryak

We are accepting donations for the registration bag for each player: interested? Send us an email to [shawn@aaccwp.com](mailto:shawn@aaccwp.com).

**How Congress can support small businesses**

Small businesses employ 47% of private sector workers in the U.S., meaning nearly 60 million individuals depend on them to support themselves and their families. Learn more at: [thehill.com/opinion/finance/488565/7ways](http://thehill.com/opinion/finance/488565/7ways)

**OneStopPGH Delayed**

OneStopPGH applications have been delayed until further notice. Phase 4 will allow citizens, utility companies, and contractors to submit and pay for Right of Way Permits and Fire Permits online through the

OneStopPGH customer portal. These changes will significantly improve the customer experience & eliminate the need for applicants to go downtown to apply or pay for their applications. While it is unfortunate to delay these changes, it is in the best interest of the public health and safety. The City of Pittsburgh will update the public when the new deployment date has been set.

### **Mail-in Ballot Extension**

Governor Tom Wolf signed an executive order to extend the deadline for election offices in several of the state's most populous counties – Allegheny, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Montgomery and Philadelphia – to accept absentee or mail-in ballot by mail until June 9th at 5 P.M. Mailed ballots must be postmarked or hand-delivered to the county election office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, just like in the state's 61 other counties.

### **What's Open In The "Green Phase"**

While city and county businesses reopen, gatherings for a planned or spontaneous events of greater than 250 individuals are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, a concert, festival, fair, sporting event, conference, theatre performance, or movie showing. Learn more about what's open in the "Green Phase" at: [visitpittsburgh.com](http://visitpittsburgh.com)

### **Leadership Pittsburgh**

Leadership Pittsburgh is now accepting applications for the 2020 - 2021 cohorts, Leadership Pittsburgh (for established leaders) and Leadership Development Initiatives (for high potential emerging leaders). Please consider donating @ [www.lpinc.org](http://www.lpinc.org) to support our scholarship program for stronger and more inclusive leadership.

### **Summer Concert Series**

The Allegheny County Summer Concert Series will be moving from the South Park &

Hartwood Acres Park amphitheaters to Pittsburgh's CW this year with BNY Mellon as its presenting sponsor. Performances by local musicians and artists will be televised from 7:00-8:00 pm every Sunday night on the CW.

### **A Record Breaking Grant**

The Forbes Funds, a supporting organization of The Pittsburgh Foundation, has received a \$700,000 grant from The Heinz Endowments to support leadership, adaptive management and organizational capacities of western Pennsylvanian nonprofit organizations. The Forbes Funds advances the well-being of our region by helping human services and nonprofits build capacity and increase the impact of their mission work. This is the second-largest grant the organization has received this year. In January, The Pittsburgh Foundation awarded \$400,000 in operating/ programmatic support.

### **TAX FILING DEADLINE**

The Treasury Department has moved the tax filing deadline to *July 15th!* This will allow you time to prepare & get your information in on time.

### **SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program This Program is Still Open**

The SBA will work directly with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest loans to small businesses and non-profits that have been severely impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. Learn more at: [SBA.gov/disaster](http://SBA.gov/disaster).

The SBA offers other loan programs for small businesses. Learn about what is available for you at:

[sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources](http://sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources)

***Be prepared to spend about 2 hours completing the application***

### **COVID-19 PA RESOURCES**

COVID-19 Resources are still available across the Commonwealth. Find resources to help individuals, families, and businesses do their part in PA. Go to [pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19](http://pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19) You can also learn about COVID-19 cases in PA at: [on.pa.gov/coronavirus](http://on.pa.gov/coronavirus).

### **Shop Local**

As we re-open, your Chamber encourages you to continue shopping local, and support local businesses.

### **COMPETEPA**

Learn about what's going on in Harrisburg that affects your businesses. Go to: [legis.state.pa.us](http://legis.state.pa.us), and [alleghenyconference.org](http://alleghenyconference.org)

### **Association for the Study of African American Life and History**

Jobs & RFPs are online now. Go to: <https://asalh.org>.

### **Farmers To Families**

Food Boxes are being given away weekly during all 412 Food Rescue events. Interviews are being conducted now. Call Lis Fetchin at 724-612-9921 or email: [liz@elmink.com](mailto:liz@elmink.com)

### **Congratulations**

Member Duquesne Light welcomes Shon Yates as the new Chief Procurement Officer.

### **Did You Know**

Zoom Video Communications, the company millions of Americans have become familiar with during the coronavirus outbreak via their online meeting service, is coming to Pittsburgh. The company announced that it plans to open research and development centers here and in Phoenix.

### **\$99.95M For Transit**

Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald recently announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation will provide \$99.95 million from the Federal Transit Administration for the Bus Rapid Transit project between Oakland and downtown Pittsburgh.

### **Combining Climate Action with Economic Recovery**

Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto recently spoke during the closing session of the United Nations Ministerial Dialogue with Local and Regional Governments On Combining Climate Action with Economic Recovery. The event brought together leaders from around the world to discuss commitments to the Paris Climate Accords and boosting economic activity and climate action in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Peduto was the sole North American speaker in the closing session and is represents the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and ICLEI -Local Governments for Sustainability.

### **Pittsburgh Public Schools**

A \$96M deficit by the end of 2020, according to PPS Superintendent Anthony Hamlet. Public schools will look a little different this school year; lots of laptops, iPads, and only one student per seat on the school buses.

### **IN THE NEWS**

#### **KDKA TV**

Member Mark Anthony, President, Pittsburgh Regional Alliance on 'Zoom coming to Pittsburgh'

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