#### **Important Dates Mark Your Calendars**

- July 19 Special **Breakfast**
- July 25 Members Orientation
- July 26th Annual Golf Clinic
- Members' News & **Events**
- **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, selfsufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.



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#### **July 2024**

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

Your Chamber has welcomed 20 new members this year!

#### **YOUR INQUIRIES**

Your Chamber's President Barãta Bey welcomes your inquiries regarding programming, membership, and general inquiries for the Chamber. Please direct your emails to: barata@aaccwp.com

Many thanks to the NASA representatives for a unique workshop on getting started on reviewing technologies now available for licensing.

Special thanks to Member Dr. Quintin Bullock for an exceptional PowerBreakfast Meeting presentation on CCAC and the opportunities available to Chamber Members to partner with the school.

Our Members Mixer was great fun at the Pop District.! This new new cultural & economic development project was spearheaded by the Andy Warhol Museum. Thanks to Sugar & Butter for the great refreshments, sponsored by Corporate Member Duquesne Light.

#### **SPECIAL BREAKFAST**

**MEETING** July 19th 7:30 a.m. **Rivers Club** 

#### **One Oxford Center**

Join us as we hear from The Honorable Sara Innamorato, our new Allegheny County Executive, who will update us on the economic health of the county and share her plans for Allegheny County. RSVP @ 412-392-0610 or at information@aaccwp.com

#### **MEMBERS' ORIENTATION** July 25th 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Virtual

This program is designed for new and existing members. Come learn what makes our organized body unique and the role you play as a Chamber member. There will be an overview of the Chamber and the Chamber Foundation, membership benefits, and the structure of programs offered to help you access business opportunities. This is a session you do not want to miss! RSVP by July 23rd at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

THERE'S STILL TIME!

#### African American Chamber **Annual Golf Clinic** Friday, July 26th **Bob O'Connor Golf Course Schenley Park**

There's still time to register for the Golf Clinic. Your Chamber will once again welcome PGA Master Professional Anthony Stepney for another

memorable golf clinic featuring a silent auction and group instructions. RSVP at information@aaccwp.com

#### Consider Sponsoring a **Chamber Program in 2024**

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

#### **Good News**

Your Chamber wants to share your 'Good News'. Has there been a major development at your company, are your sales up, are you expanding? We'd like to share your good news. Email your 'Good News' to barata@aaccwp.com or:

information@aaccwp.com.

#### **Members Events**

#### **Extended through August Liberty Magic Presents** Mr. Messado's **School of Magic** Sundays 12 Noon Now through August 25th 811 Liberty Ave. **Downtown**

This 60-minute show is full of stunning magic and hilarious comedy for the entire family, and every member of your party can actively participate in the show. Book your tickets now @: TrustArts.org/magic or call 412-456-6666.

#### September 11th - 29th <u>"Hamilton"</u>

#### Coming Back to Pittsburgh Benedum Center

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust has announced the return of the Broadway Hit as part of its 2024-2025 PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh season. If you missed it last time around, you won't want to miss it again. For more information go to:

www.trustarts.org

### The Pop District Is Up and Running

A new district for the people of Pittsburgh! Multiblock public art initiative. youth-focused, creative economy workforce program. flagship live event & performance venue. Treat vourself and the family to a transformation of Pittsburgh's eastern North Shore through the power of arts, creativity, and economic development – led by The Andy Warhol Museum. Learn all about it at: thepopdistrict.org and follow the Warhol: @warholmuseum

## Pittsburgh Public Theater "Summer Sessions" O'Reilly Theater Pittsburgh Cultural District 621 Penn Avenue

**R**egister now for fun for ages 5 through 105. Pittsburgh Public Theater is a project of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. Learn more at ppt.org

# July 27th Black Men's Wellness Day Westinghouse Park 7051 Thomas Blvd. Pittsburgh 15208 Wellness Screening 7AM 5K Walk & Run 9AM

Join Ambassador Leon Ford for this special event presented by the African American Male Wellness Agency.

<u>'Get In The Game'</u>
<u>at the</u>
<u>Heinz History Center</u>
<u>Sports Museum</u>
Daily

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

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

#### **DID YOU KNOW**

Beginning this month (July), the Department of Revenue will distribute over 442,000 rebates totaling \$266 million on property taxes and rent paid in 2023 to help ease the burden of rising costs for Pennsylvania seniors and people with disabilities. The deadline to apply for property tax/rent rebates has been extended to December 2024. Nearly 445,000 rebate applications have already been filed. Learn more at: pa.gov

**T**he PA Department of Aging has released a 10-year strategic plan on aging; *Aging Our Way, PA* designed to meet the needs of PA's senior population. Learn more at aging.pa.gov

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), passed in 2017, created the largest overhaul of tax code that the U.S. has seen in decades; several provisions are set to expire. Learn more @ us.tax.gov.

#### **FYI**

The Corporate Transparency Act - Preparing for the Federal Database of Beneficial Ownership Information. *This is* a must read! Learn more at americanbar.org

**M**ember UPMC has merged with Washington and Greene Hospitals.

**M**ember BNY Mellon has changed their name to BNY.

Allegheny County Executive Innamorato's Transition Team has published the results of the "All In Survey"; respondents represented all 130 municipalities in Allegheny County, and included representation from every race, age and household income level. See the full survey

results of All In Allegheny Action Plan @alleghenycounty.us/ government

Member Comcast
Business recently released
its 2024 Healthcare
Technology Trends
Report, which is designed
to help healthcare
organizations understand the
technological innovations
reshaping the industry. Read
the Report @
business.comcast.com

#### CONGRATULATIONS

**M**ember Mekael Teshome is back from the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's top Pittsburgh spot to the new PNC Financial Institutions Group as Vice President and Managing Director; Member Gwen's Girls and President Dr. Kathi Elliott on groundbreaking for their new Wilkinsburg facility; August Wilson Center on a successful 2024 Wilson Birthday Celebration Block Party; Stop the Violence Pittsburgh/President B. Marshall for a successful 8th Annual Black Tie Honors Gala; Dr. Margaret Pettigrew and Ardana Jefferson, honorees at the STVP 8th Annual Black Tie Honors Gala; Carlos Carter/Urban League of Pittsburgh for his Q&A regarding health in Allegheny County;

Congratulations to your newly appointed Chamber President Barãta Bey, named by the Business Times as a Top Exec, joining in that distinction are Member Nicholas Dragga, Executive Director/ Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Rich Fitzgerald, Executive Director/Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, Michael Lyons, President/ **PNC Financial Services** Group, William Oplinger, President and CEO/Alcoa. and James Sullivan, President and COO/Koppers.

#### KUDOS

Member Duquesne Light
Company and president Kevin
Walker on playing a vital role in
Southwestern Pennsylvania's
clean energy transition; Member
Pittsburgh Foundation on the
'Small and Mighty' grants
program; awarding \$480k to 12
organizations; the grant is
awarded to small community
based nonprofits.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Member University of Pitt is seeking a Research Security Program Manager. This position will oversee the development and implementation of a compliant research security program. Learn more at <a href="https://www.hr.pitt.edu">www.hr.pitt.edu</a>

Member Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh is recruiting Urban Seniors, 55+, previous work experience. Get paid while expanding your skills, Job Readiness, Computer Skills and Career Exploration. Call 412-325-3925 or email: ithomas@ulpgh.org.

1Hood Media is seeking to fill two positions: Deputy Director and Director of Development. For more information email: <a href="https://hreading.ncm/hreading-to-the-nation-natio

#### **In The News**

#### **New Pittsburgh Courier**

City of Pittsburgh awarded the 2026 NFL Draft;

<u>Health in Allegheny County</u> <u>Q&A:</u> Carlos Carter, Urban League of Pittsburgh

#### **Pittsburgh Business Times**

The Pittsburgh Symphony
Orchestra has had a \$125m
economic impact in on the City
of Pittsburgh

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