## Important Dates

#### Mark Your Calendars

- September 11th How To Do Business With The City of Pittsburgh
- September 20th -Powerbreakfast Meeting with Lt. Governor Austin Davis
- September 25th -Business Institute Workshop with Senator Wayne Fontana
- Members' News & Events
- Welcome New
  Members

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the African American **Chamber of Commerce** of Western Pennsvlvania 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.

# AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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September 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 **24** new members this year!

#### UPCOMING ELECTION Monday, October 21st is the last day to register for the November 5th Election. Find out how to register at: vote.gov

#### **YOUR INQUIRIES**

**Q**uestions regarding programming, special events, membership, or general inquiries should be directed to our Chamber President Barãta Bey at: <u>barata@aaccwp.com</u>

## How To Do Business

#### <u>With</u> <u>The City of Pittsburgh</u> September 11th 11:00 AM—12:00 PM Webinar

Join your Chamber as we introduce you to the City of Pittsburgh's procurement team, and the process of building relationships with key decision makers. This Webinar is for <u>CHAMBER</u> <u>MEMBERS ONLY.</u> RSVP by September 9th at 412-392-0610 or information @aaccwp.com

PowerBreakfast Meeting Lt. Governor Austin Davis September 20th 7:30 a.m. Rivers Club The Honorable Lieutenant Governor Davis will provide an update on current activities in the Lieutenant Governor's office, the Commonwealth's economic health, and preparations for the November election. RSVP by September 18th to 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com.

#### Business Institute Workshop September 25th 11:00 AM—12:00 PM PA State Senator Wayne Fontana

Your Chamber will host the Honorable Wayne Fontana for this virtual workshop. The Senator will give us an update on current Senate activity and the strategic role he performs in representing Western PA's 42nd District.

#### April 5th - 13th, 2025 <u>We're On Our Way</u>



Join us for this exciting trip with Citslinc International. 9-Day Excursion to Rome, Vatican, Florence, Siena, Pisa, Venice, and Milan Package Rate for just \$3,299. Includes Roundtrip international airfare & tax, 4 & 5-star hotel accommodations, breakfast & lunch, deluxe bus transportation, Fluent English-speaking tour guides and entrance fees to attractions. Email us for the flyer and registration form @ information@aaccwp.com

#### Put Your Business "In The Spotlight"

Learn more about this opportunity to showcase your business by sponsoring a Chamber Business Institute Program. Sponsorships are available for the upcoming Fall and Winter seasons. Learn more at 412-392-0610 or email us at:

information@aaccwp.com

#### Share Your 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? Email your 'Good News' to barata@aaccwp.com or: information@aaccwp.com .

#### Members Events

#### 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 info, go to: www.trustarts.org

The Pop District Is Up and Running A new district for the people of Pittsburgh! Multiblock public art initiative,

vouth-focused, creative economy workforce program, flagship live event & performance venue. Learn all about it 19th century. at: thepopdistrict.org and follow the Warhol: @warholmuseum

Now thru October 24th **BNY Mellon** Presents Jazz Live Tuesdays 5PM - 7PM The Lounge **Greer Cabaret** 655 Penn Avenue Downtown

Learn more at: trustarts.org Presented by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust in partnership with MCG Jazz.

#### September 19th - 22nd Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival

Come celebrate The Homecoming return to the Cultural District featuring a free celebration along Liberty Avenue. View the full lineup at: pittsburghjazzfest.org

#### September 20th Sip & Swirl! Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium

Join Member Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium for this event featuring wines from regional and national vineyards, sample hors d'oeuvres, and enjoy live music - all while supporting the Zoo's local and international conservation programs. There will be an auction of art created by resident animals! This is a 21+ years of age event. For tickets go to: pghzoo.tickeapp.org/portal/

product/77

September 25th Martin R. Delany Symposium: Women **During The Era of Delaney Heinz History Center** 1212 Smallman St. Strip District 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**T**his symposium is being presented in Association with the Smithsonian Institution African American Program. Featured will be presentations and panels that address women's writings and political work during the

era of Martin R. Delany, one of the nation's most influential African American leaders in the

## FYI

#### New and Existing Businesses STAY CURRENT, AND **READY TO DO BUSINESS!**

Be prepared for existing and upcoming supplier diversity opportunities.

#### Diversity Certification Types

-MBE/Certification of Minorityowned Businesses (Pennsvlvania - DBE **Certification Management** System) Go to: paucp.dbesystem.com

-WBE/Certification for Womenowned Businesses (Pennsylvania - DBE Certification Management System) Go to: paucp.dbesystem.com

-MWBE/Certification for Minority & Women-owned **Business Enterprise** Pennsylvania - DBE **Certification Management** System) Go to: paucp.dbesystem.com

-DBE/Certification for **Disadvantaged Business** Enterprise (Pennsylvania - DBE **Certification Management** System) Go to:

paucp.dbesvstem.com

-WBENC/Women's Business Enterprise National Council; Go to: www.wbenc.org

-NMSDC/National Minority Supplier Diversity Council; Go to: www.nmsdc.org

-EMSDC/Eastern Minority Supplier Diversity Council; Go to: emsdc.org

-DGS/Pennsylvania's Department of General Services; Go to: dgs.pa.gov

-City of Pittsburgh; Go to: pittsburghpa.gov

-Allegheny County; Go to: www.alleghenycounty.us

#### **PROPERTY TAX REBATES** STILL AVAILABLE

**D**epartment of Revenue rebates on property taxes and rent paid in 2023 to help ease the burden of rising costs for

seniors and people with disabilities. Application deadline is extended until December 2024. Learn more at: pa.gov

## **DID YOU KNOW**

**C**onsol Energy and Arch Resources are merging to create Core Natural Resources, a mining company with a focus on global markets. The merger is expected to close early 2025.

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

### A NEW PLAN IN THE WORKS FOR DOWNTOWN

**C**onnective corridors may soon be coming to downtown. A new plan, proposed by the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny Conference on Community **Development and Allegheny** County is designed to convert downtown Pittsburgh into a live-work-play destination including a possible renovation of Market Square.

## **Employee Demographics**

- For possibly the first time in history, there can be five different generations in the workplace.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Member Richard** Witherspoon/Hill District Federal Credit Union for being a recipient of the NeighborWorks America "Visionary Leader in Community Development" award; great job Member!

## KUDOS

Member PNC ranked in the top 10 nationally by American Opportunity Index, Best Places to Work, and one of the best Places to Work for Women and Diverse Managers.

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Member University of Pitt is seeking to fill several positions including: HCM Solutions Benefits Analyst, Physical Therapist, Civil Rights and Advocacy Response Manager, and Investigator. For more information contact Andrea Horton-Mericli, Talent Acquisition Diversity Specialist @: adh194@pitt.edu

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.

## In The News

Pittsburah Business Times On The Right Track. Led by CEO Leroy Ball and president James Sullivan, Koppers has gained strength in the market after restructuring.

Huntington's Pittsburgh regional Headquarters to relocate to the Strip District.

## New Members

Regular Members

Shaquaya Lucas SELF RE

Gene Walker **Tickets for Kids Charities** 

Jeff Yukevich The Challenge Program

Is your Chamber Membership up for renewal? **Renew Your** Membership Now at: information@aaccwp.com!

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Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

