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# Dear Chamber Members,

November is a time of being thankful and show ing our appreciation and gratitude. As alw ays, the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce is extremely thankful for each and every one of our Chamber members. We strive throughout the year to show our appreciation for our commerce community and do w hatever w e can to promote and support our members. You are not just a number with us, you are a business with a unique story that we treasure and hold dear.

We are thankful for you and look forw ard to many more years of calling you Chamber members and supporting you through multiple avenues.

Tenth Annual Grove City Chamber Awards Evening, A Red Carpet Event is Here!

### Monday, November 11, 2019



The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce will host the tenth annual Grove City Chamber Aw ards Evening, A Red Carpet Event at the Guthrie Theatre on Monday, November 11, 2019. Five prestigious aw ards will be presented to five deserving recipients as part of this celebration. This evening is all about celebrating this community and the vital role that commerce plays.

The evening begins at 7 p.m. with the "red carpet" arrival of guests, who will be photographed by the "paparazzi". Guests will enjoy the Red Carpet Reception from 7-8 PM as they visit various refreshment stations including heavy appetizers courtesy of Cannon's Chophouse and Palato's Pizza Pasta Pints, a tasting courtesy of MLH Distillery, and

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Meghan Bruno 113 N Broad Street Grove City, PA 16127 (P) 724-458-6777 Welcome New Chamber Members!

Amusement Park and Zoo Discount Tickets Available

### Full Chamber Membership Quarterly Meeting

### November 15, 2019

On a quarterly basis, the Grove City Chamber has a Full Chamber Membership meeting w here all Chamber members are invited and encouraged to attend. This meeting is held at 8 AM at beans on broad, located at 141 S Broad Street.

The Chamber provides coffee and breakfast pastries for all to enjoy. Attendees are asked to stand and introduce themselves and tell about their business or organization for w hich they ow n or represent. This offers everyone a great opportunity to promote w hile meeting and learning about others. Full Chamber Membership Quarterly Meeting

### Chamber Offers Marketing Help

### FREE to Members

The Marketing Committee of the Grove City Chamber is made up of people w ho are passionate about marketing and have professional experience in this area.

Members of the Marketing Committee serve as a Marketing Advisory Group for Chamber members. They are willing to meet with members free of charge, review their marketing plans or ideas and brainstorm with them. They can offer advice and serve as a sounding board. If you are interested in meeting with the Chamber's Marketing Advisory Group, you can schedule a confidential FREE meeting at your convenience. Check out the below flyer for more details.

Marketing Advisory Group

sweet treats courtesy of Shannon's Kandy Kitchen.

Beginning at 8 p.m. guests will choose their seats inside the theater as the presentation ceremonies begin. As the awards are given to the recipients, special videos depicting each winner will be played on the movie screen. The videos are being created by talented students from Pittsburgh Technical College and will tell the story of each winner. The awards are created especially for this evening with loving care by Wendell August Forge.

Tickets are available for \$25 each at the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce office, 119 S. Broad St., Grove City. Nominations were solicited from businesses in the community and a committee of past recipients chose this year's winners. Awards and recipients include:

Silver Spruce Aw ard: to recognize significant efforts to "spruce up" a business' building with work being completed during the past year. This year's recipient is The Guthrie Theatre. After Veritas Arts took ow nership of the Queen of Broad Street in 2019, they decided to restore her back to former glory. Spencer Folmar and Bill Grigsby have headed up a fundraising campaign to get the community involved and passionate about a face lift inside and out for The Guthrie Theatre. From new seats, to VIP seating in the balcony, to a liquor license, a new stage and lighting, to plans for live entertainment and film festivals, they truly are giving new life to this rare gem.

Best Marketing Effort of the Year: to recognize a business for its significant efforts to market its business and ultimately our community. Bashlin Industries is this year's recipient of Best Marketing Effort of the Year for their social media efforts. They are using Instagram to get people to not only know the name of their business, what they do, but also how their products are used. From giveaw ays to well taken pictures, they are taking their social media efforts to the next level.

Emerging Leader of the Year: to recognize the significant efforts of an individual w ho is emerging in our community as a leader and is dedicated to strengthening our community for the future. Alyssa Messett is being recognized as this year's Emerging Leader of the Year. Alyssa is already a recognizable face in the community through jobs she has held, but her enthusiasm to jump start the Grove City Young Professionals (GCYP) and serve as the President for this group that had taken a few years hiatus, has been refreshing. Her desire to get young professionals netw orking and connected is easy to see through the events that area already planned with more on the horizon. Alyssa is also the new Fitness Director at Wise Strength and Fitness Center and has helped to energize their marketing efforts and membership base.

Business Leader of the Year: to recognize an individual who is a leader in the business community and has put significant effort into the betterment of our community during the past year. Timothy Bonner will be recognized as this year's Business Leader of the Year. Although he has served as an attorney for many years in the community which has led him to serve in various capacities, he is being recognized specifically for his role as chairman of the Grove City Medical Center Board of Directors. In 2019, he played a key part in the merger of Grove City Medical Center with Allegheny Health Netw ork to preserve community based health care here in Grove City.

Business of the Year: to recognize a business in our community that over the past year has exhibited a significant effort and commitment to our community. Keystone Safari is being recognized as the Business of the Year. Although they are new to the community, officially opening in 2019, they have made a large impact. They are a beautiful new attraction that has driven countless visitors to our area w ho are also enjoying other aspects of the community while they are here, like shopping, dining and lodging. The quality of the park is outstanding, and the animals are a treasure for young and old to enjoy and learn more about up close and personal.

We hope you will join us for this wonderful evening that celebrates our amazing commerce community. Don't delay, RSVP today! Red Carpet Aw ards Announcement

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Planned This Month For My CBD Store Grove City (F) 724-458-6751 https://www.allseasonstemps.com

All Seasons Temporaries is a locally owned small business with offices in Franklin and Grove City. We have 4 staff members. We have approximately 100 temporaries currently on assignment. We provide staffing services to 4 counties. We work for both our clients and our applicants to provide the proper match up with applicant and open positions. We believe in community and giving back.

# My CBD Store Grove City

Angela Smith 26 Pine Grove Village Drive Grove City, PA 16127 (P) (724) 235-7971

Rachael, Your CBD Store® founder. is one of many people who suffer from Crohn's Disease. When prescription medications didn't provide relief from the symptoms, a friend suggested she try CBD oil, which is a natural antiinflammatory agent. She did, and within a few weeks the symptoms were under control and she had regained her guality of life. That experience led to the founding of Your CBD Store® and a desire to help others find pain relief through the use of natural, hemp-derived products. My CBD Store Grove City is now open to help you.

### Amusement Park and Zoo Discount Tickets Available for Purchase

### Calling All Chamber Members and Their Employees

Discount tickets are still available for all Chamber members and their employees to the follow ing:

- Splash Lagoon
- Pittsburgh Zoo

Tickets to Pittsburgh Zoo are available at the Chamber office. Tickets to Splash Lagoon are available online. Please call the Chamber office with any questions. November 6, 2019



There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at noon on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 for My CBD Store Grove City. They are located at 26 Pine Grove Village Drive, Grove City, PA. Everyone is invited to attend and learn more about this new business.

Register today and help us welcome them to our community! My CBD Store Grove City Ribbon Cutting Invite

## Membership Mixer Planned to Honor New Chamber Members

November 6, 2019



In an effort to honor all of the new members who have joined the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce in 2019, we are having a Membership Mixer! All members should plan to attend and welcome all of our new members into the Chamber family.

This is a great opportunity for networking and meeting new people, so plan to attend on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM at MLH Distillery located at 107 Breckenridge Street, Unit 2, in Grove City. We will provide some light refreshments and appreciate RSVPs so we know how many to prepare for. All new members to the Chamber w ho joined in 2019 will receive a drink chip redeemable for one complimentary drink. Hope to see you!

Membership Mixer Invite

# Help Leadership Grove City Raise Funds For Their Community Project - Adaptable Playground Equipment

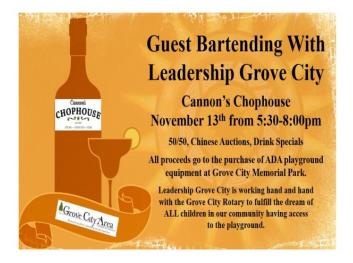
## November 13, 2019

Every Leadership Grove City class has to work on a project together during their time in the program. This project is something that will benefit the community. This year's class has chosen to focus their project on helping children. They are raising funds to add additional pieces of adaptable playground equipment to the handicap accessible playground at Memorial Park which was started by the Grove City Rotary Club. The class is very excited to see additional pieces of equipment get added so that the children have more options when playing at the playground.

You can help the class reach their fundraising goal and provide more fun for children by participating in their upcoming fundraisers! They have three fundraisers people can participate with:

They are currently seeking financial donations through sponsorship levels. More details here <u>Leadership GC Business Donation Letter</u>

They are also having a Guest Bartending Event at Cannon's Chophouse on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from 5:30 - 8 PM. Plan to come out and cheer the group on as they serve up drinks that evening and compete for who can collect the most tips!



The class also is currently selling raffle tickets now through our Chamber Annual Dinner in January for \$5 each. Raffle prizes include a chainsaw, a multi-course dinner at Cannon's Chophouse, and a handmade butcher's block. Try your luck at winning one of these fabulous prizes for a worthy cause!

# Eggs 'n Issues Set For November Dealing With New Overtime Regulations

### November 19, 2019



There is an informative Eggs 'n Issues event scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 8 - 9:30 AM at Grove City Medical Center in one of the conference rooms. "Pennsylvania Dept of L&I Overtime Rules and the New Salary Threshold" will be presented by Mark T. Wassell, Esq. of Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C.

At this event, Mark T. Wassell, Esq. will discuss the new overtime regulations issued by the PA Department of Labor & Industry, which become effective January 1, 2020 and affect private employers in

Pennsylvania. The seminar will address:

\* Differences between the updated regulations under the FLSA and the Pennsylvania Minimum Wage Act, including Pennsylvania's upcoming higher salary threshold

\* Tips on w hat employers need to do now to prepare for these changes;
\* A preview of future changes under the updated regulations.

Enjoy breakfast, networking and an educational presentation! Registration is only \$12 per person for members, and \$15 per person for non members of our Chamber. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity,

#### register today!

November 2019 Eggs 'n Issues Registration Form

# Community Service Award Nominations Are Being Sought

### Nominate Someone Today!

Each year, the Grove City Chamber seeks nominations for our Community Service Award. This award goes to a deserving recipient(s) who volunteers and serves their community selflessly.

Look around, think of the people w ho are doing great things in our community. Usually, these are the people w ho are doing so quietly and go unrecognized. It is time they are recognized and their good deeds are highlighted and celebrated.

Fill out the nomination form and return it to the Chamber office by November 27, 2019. Community Service Aw ard Nomination Form

# Eat Out for a Week Raffle

## Win Seven \$50 Gift Cards!



Do you love to eat out? Who doesn't? Several years ago the Grove City Chamber created our Eat Out For A Week Raffle. This raffle offers the winner the opportunity to eat out for an entire week! How ever, the winner doesn't actually have to use all of the gift cards that they win within a one week time frame. But that idea certainly sounds delicious!

Eat Out For A Week is a raffle drawing where one ticket is draw n and that person wins a total of seven \$50 gift cards to area restaurants. This year, the winner will receive the following:

- \$50 to Blackout Burger Bar
- \$50 to Cannon's Chophouse
- \$50 to Main Street Diner
- \$50 to Nonni's Corner Trattoria
- \$50 to Primanti Bros.
- \$50 to Springfield Restaurant Group
- \$50 to The Family Tradition

That is \$350 w orth of gift cards! Who w ouldn't w ant to w in this raffle? Tickets are available at the Grove City Chamber office. They are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held at the Chamber Board meeting on Friday, December 13, 2019 at noon. The w inner will be notified that afternoon. Try your luck, you just might find yourself getting to eat out a lot!

Eat Out For A Week Raffle Poster

## Christmas in the Park Starts This Month!

Setup Starts November 14, 2019



Christmas in the Park is a tradition that continues to grow every year. Taking place in Memorial Park, Christmas themed lighted displays are setup by area businesses, organizations, individuals and families under the organization and direction of the Grove City Chamber.

This is a wonderful tradition that many children look forw ard to visiting every year. If you are interested in having a display at Christmas in the Park, please see the below insert. This is a great opportunity to thank the community for their support while also doing some very affordable advertising that creates goodwill for your business or organization. The event is visited by thousands of people every year, including locals, those from surrounding areas, and tourists.

To have a display in this amazing event, fill out the registration form and return it to the Chamber office ASAP. This will reserve you a spot. All spots are assigned by the Chamber. Displays should be well made, well anchored to the ground, and maintained throughout the event. Fixing displays is not the responsibility of the Chamber.

The displays are lit nightly from 5-11 PM, seven days a week, from Black Friday through January 2nd. Christmas in the Park Registration Form

## Small Business Saturday

### Saturday, November 30, 2019



Mark your calendars now for SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY! This exciting day will occur on Saturday, November 30th this year.

This is a day when everyone is encouraged to shop or do business with a small, locally ow ned business. This promotes good sales for these businesses that are sometimes overlooked on Black Friday, the kick-off to the holiday shopping frenzy. When you spend money in locally ow ned small businesses, more of that money stays in your local community.

In an effort to encourage this, the Grove City Chamber will again be offering a \$100 gift card incentive. Anyone that spends at least \$100 at qualifying small Grove City area businesses on November 30th, can bring their dated receipts in to the Chamber office from 12/2 - 12/5/19 to have their name entered into a drawing where one person will win a \$100 prepaid gift card! Small Business Saturday SAVE THE DATE - Mixer Planned For December at Candlewood Suites

Wednesday, December 4, 2019



Mark your calendars now and save the date for a Business After Hours Mixer coming up in December! The Candlew ood Suites located just dow n the road from Grove City Premium Outlets at 37 Holiday Boulevard, Mercer, PA, will be hosting a Mixer on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 from 5 - 7 PM. This will be a fun-filled event with plenty of networking and refreshments. Join us for a great evening and plan to bring plenty of business cards to make lots of connections before the end of the year! Candlew ood Suites Business After Hours Mixer Invite

# The Great Balls of Fall Raffle Was a Ball!

Saturday, October 5, 2019



The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce w as pleased to present its annual The Great Balls of Fall Raffle as part of Grove Fest on Saturday, October 5, 2019 in Olde Tow n Grove City. Due to the venue change, our traditionally used obstacle course made for Memorial Park could no longer be used. Instead, w e had to create something new to funnel 1,000 golf balls through w hich could be contained within a 12' x 12' space. We are very proud to say w e accomplished this by creating a giant plinko like board that provided obstacles and a funneling system that allow ed balls to line up single file in the designated place markers at the finish line.

A special thank you to Turner Insurance Agency, Inc. and Erie Insurance for being the major sponsor of this event. The winning ball/ticket numbers were as follow s:

• First Place (\$500) - ball #3377 belonging to Madison and Landon

- Michael
- Second Place (\$250) ball #3636 belonging to Amy Foley
- Third Places (\$50 each)
  - ball #3045 belonging to Taylor Webb
  - ball #3285 belonging to Jeff Finch
  - ball #3726 belonging to Nicole Mathieson
  - ball #3746 belonging to Ann Osbun
  - ball #3509 belonging to Kevan Glenn

Pictured above are first place winners Madison and Landon Michael w ho w on \$500 since their ball w as the first to line up at the finish line in the designated and marked first place spot. Congratulations, Madison and Landon! This brother and sister duo generously decided to donate \$100 of their winnings back to our Chamber. What great kids!

### **Ribbon Cutting Held For Katie's Hair Design**

### Tuesday, October 15, 2019



The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Katie's Hair Design on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, in honor of the one year anniversary of this business. Pictured left to right: Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Beth Black; Jill New comer, Gannon University Small Business Development Center (SBDC); representing Katie's Hair Design: Cassie Dosch, Ow ner Katie Erdley (holding scissors), Jessica Teets, and Jessica Lucas (holding Liberty Erdley); Olde Tow n Grove City Manager Anne Marie O'Rourke; PA State Representative Tedd Nesbit; and Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Amy Molloy, S.R. Law . Katie's Hair Design is located at 135 S Center Street, Grove City, PA.

# Meet-N-Move Luncheon - a Networking Success



### Wednesday, October 16, 2019

On Wednesday, October 16, 2019 from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, there w as a Meet-n-Move Luncheon at Rathburn Hall at Grove City College. The luncheon brought together members from the Butler County and Grove City Area Chambers and the Slippery Rock Business Association. Organized by the Butler County Chamber, this w as a fun event that enabled attendees to get the optimal amount of networking out of their

time together.

# Ribbon Cutting Held For Cannon's Chophouse

### Thursday, October 17, 2019



The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Cannon's Chophouse on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 5 PM, to mark the successful opening of this new restaurant in our community. Pictured left to right: Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Beth Black; representing PA State Representative Tedd Nesbit: Shelli Oakes and Laura Moore; Mercer County Commissioner Scott Boyd; representing Cannon's Chophouse: Robin Street (holding scissors), Ow ners Tanya & Charlie Bish (back row ), Megan DeMaison, and Derrick Orndorff; and Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Amy Molloy, S.R. Law . Cannon's Chophouse is located at 105 Springfield Commons Blvd., Mercer, PA 16127.

# **Ribbon Cutting Held For Click Chiropractic**

### Saturday, October 19, 2019



The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Click Chiropractic on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 10 AM, to celebrate an expansion to their business and as a part of their patient appreciation festivities. Pictured left to right: Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Beth Black; representing Click Chiropractic are family members including Jude Click (holding scissors) w ho cut the ribbon for his dad, Dr. Josh Click, w ho had to miss the photo, Josh's wife Natalie Click holding their son Parker Click, her grandmother and mother (w ho w as holding Josh Click Jr.), with Saul Click standing in front; and Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Amy Molloy, S.R. Law. Click Chiropractic is located at 507 Mercer Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057.

# Leadership Grove City Class of 2019

### **October Sessions**



Our Leadership Grove City Class of 2019 completed sessions 3 and 4 during the month of October. On October 10th, they met at the Borough Building in Grove City where they heard from speakers regarding local, county, state and federal government, and Police Chief Dean Osborne w ho spoke about public safety and the Grove City Police Department. Their afternoon w as spent learning about Robert's Rules of Order from Jeff Black of the Grove Manor Corporation. The class is pictured above w ith PA State Senator Michele Brooks w ho spoke about state government.



Session 4 w as held on October 24th at the Holiday Inn Express w here the group heard about local business, industry and economic development. They also heard about local and county tourism. Follow ing these presentations, they headed to Mystery Mayhem Escapes for some team building fun w here they completed casino themed escape room (pictured above) and then took turns axe throw ing and having a lively competition. It w as a great day!



# **Grove City Young Professionals**

### **New Members Welcome**

The Grove City Young Professionals is a subsidiary of the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce. This organization is geared tow ards professionals w ho live and/or w ork in the the Grove City area w ho are young or young at heart. The group has recently become active again and w ill soon meet regularly in social gatherings, philanthropic activities and netw orking events.



If you, a cow orker or employee are interested in joining the Grove City Young Professionals, please contact the Chamber office. Membership is only \$25 per year for those w ho w ork for a member of the Chamber and \$30 for those not affiliated with the Chamber. This is a great investment in the future of the commerce community. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend an event and see w hat the group is about and see for themselves how netw orking with the Young Professionals will benefit their business!

President- Alyssa Messett, Wise Strength and Fitness Center / Wise Physical Therapy Group Vice President- William Grigsby, Veritas Arts / The Guthrie Theater Secretary/Treasurer- Sharena Williams

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