



President's Corner

Members,

It has taken a while, but we are starting to get back to a sense of normalcy. We have begun holding grand openings, our first Leads to Success Munch & Mingle, and we are continuing to work on upcoming events and programs.

Up first is our Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet on Tuesday, June 15 at the Serbian Picnic Grounds. This year, we're doing things a bit different by having a casual, outdoor get together. We'll have great food, drinks and music. It's a chance for the membership to finally come together in an open environment while still social distancing. We thank and appreciate our sponsors.....Gold Sponsor, Trinity Health System; Silver Sponsors, Steel & Wolfe Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc and Southwestern Energy; our Bronze Sponsors, Apollo Restoration, Eastern Gateway Community College, Franciscan University, Frankovitch, Anetakis, Simon, Decapio & Pearl, LLP, Frontier Group of Companies, Ridgefield Group and West Virginia Northern Community College.

Our 6th Annual Christmas In July Golf Scramble will take place on July 22 at Mountaineer's Woodview Golf Course. We have several new sponsorship opportunities available. If you are interested in a sponsorship or registering a team to play, the information will be out and available by the end of the month.

Our Youth Leadership Class will be selected and start in September. Our Leadership Ohio Valley Class is already coming together even though it doesn't begin until late fall.

Don't forget about our new Digital GoGuide Directory. It is going to

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showcase our community. If you haven't placed an ad as yet, please consider doing so. Just go to our website and click on the Digital Directory Advertising Opportunities button at the top of the homepage, or use this link: <http://www.lcdprocessing.com/the-weirton-area-chamber/>.

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Welcome New Members

- Pryme Canna
- Workscape, Inc.
- Grammy Pammy Sweetery
- Giometti's Catering



Events

- Tuesday, June 15: Annual Membership Meeting & Get Together, Serbian Picnic Grounds. See insert for more information.
- Ohhhh...and stay tuned for a new fun event that we will be announcing soon.



Inserts in this Issue

- 2021 Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet





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Chamber Business Spotlight

Starting this April, is Hancock County Parks & Rec 1st Annual Open-Air Markets, which will run April thru October and occur on the second Sunday of each month, with the third being a rain-day. These events will take place from 12-5 p.m. at our Gas Valley location in New Cumberland. Open-Air markets will feature a variety of vendors, local businesses, food options, raffles, and door prizes for certain months. We are fortunate to be able to provide the space for local business owners and entrepreneurs to safely conduct business outside to support their families, as well as providing the opportunity for our community to get outside, shop, and support their neighbors as we hopefully near the end of this pandemic, which caused many vendors to suffer as events were canceled, businesses closed, and lives shattered.

We have space for 100 vendors at this location, and no deadline was set this year, so there is still time and space to reserve a table at any of our markets this year. The cost is \$35 for one month or all seven months for a total of \$210 (tables, tents, and chairs not provided). The vendor application can be found at www.hancockcountyparks.com. The confirmed vendors for each market are in the discussion on our events page.

Hancock County Parks & Recreation is also very excited to announce that we have begun the process of certifying Hancock County as a Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation. This process will entail creating and preserving wildlife habitats at three of our park locations, Cove Valley, Gas Valley, and Lawrenceville Park. The plan is still in the works, but we will include multiple raised garden beds to grow vegetables, plant fruit trees, and wildflowers, and create spaces for wildlife to live and raise their young. We will also include rain barrels to practice water conservation and eventually, these spaces will be used for educational classes for our youth and a safe place to earn community service hours, all while learning how to care for and respect nature.

Hancock County Parks & Recreation is requesting that businesses and individuals who wish to donate contact us via email at hancockcountyparks@comcast.net or on our Facebook page, Hancock County Parks & Recreation. There are several options of ways that you can contribute to the Hancock County Community Wildlife Project. These include purchasing items off our wish list on Amazon, which is located on our Facebook page, requesting via email a cash donation/ annual sponsorship agreement, or donating items that we will raffle off at our monthly "Open-Air" markets this year. If submitting a vendor contract or a donation/annual sponsorship agreement, please make checks or money orders payable to Hancock County Parks & Recreation and mail to 689 Gas Valley Road, New Cumberland, WV 26047.

Thank you in advance, we are so appreciative of all the support we have received thus far, and we are excited to continue this process. We will need the community members to help either with donations or volunteering to complete these projects. We would greatly appreciate your help to support our cause of certifying Hancock County as a Wildlife Habitat as every little bit adds to a whole lot of good, thank you all, and we hope to see you at the parks soon!