

REGIONAL CHAMBER ROUNDUP

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SPRING-FORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Building a Better Community Through Business

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The Spring-Ford Chamber of Commerce is a community-focused business advocate. We strive to help our member businesses grow while improving the community in which we all live and work.

The Chamber consists of local businesses whose main objective is to run a successful business. We are a great resource for members, not only because we offer the opportunity to network and brainstorm with fellow members, but also to have exposure to the local community, your customer, through our continued involvement in community events and charitable endeavors. Visit

www.springfordchamber.com for Chamber Events, Press Releases, Online Newsletters and more!

UPCOMING EVENTS

RSVP for all events online at
www.springfordchamber.com

June 5, 2018 - Chamber Mixer

Sponsored by: Rick Clark
Raymour & Flanigan
300-A Water Loop Drive, Collegenille
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

June 12, 2018 - Network Before Work

Citadel Federal Credit Union
36 West Ridge Pike, Royersford
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Free for members/\$10 Non-members

June 14, 2018 - Chamber Breakfast

The Loft at Landis Creek
765 North Lewis Road, Royersford
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Topic: A Blueprint for your
Retirement Planning
Speaker: Rick Storms
\$25 Members/\$35 Non-members

June 21, 2018 - Shark Think Tank

Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
594 W. Ridge Pike, Limerick
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
\$25 - Business owners only*

CHAMBER NOTES

- Thank you to our Annual Sponsors: Patriot Pest Solutions, Pottstown Hospital/Tower Health and Tompkins VIST Bank
- Save the Dates for the following upcoming events:
 - Limerick Community Day: Saturday, August 18, 2018 Registration now open
 - SFCC Family Golf Outing for Education: Sunday, September 30, 2018 Registration now Open
- Thank you to the staff of Spring-Ford Country Club for a wonderful luncheon on Thursday, May 10th.
- Thank you to Senator, John Rafferty, Representative Thomas Quigley and Representative, Warren Kampf for attending and discussing the topics that effect our community at the May Luncheon.
- The Spring-Ford Chamber 2019-2020 Directory will be starting advertising sales on August 1, 2018.
- The Spring-Ford Chamber's official hours are Monday – Thursday 9am – 2pm; Friday by appointment
- Would you like to host a networking event this fall? Please contact the chamber office, dates are filling up quickly.
- Workshops dates for after July 1 are now open to any member who would like to operate a workshop for the Spring-Ford Chamber. Contact the Chamber office for more details.

WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Rob Theisen, New York Life
Patriot Land Transfer, Inc.



Mixer at Philadelphia Premium Outlets



Luncheon at Spring-Ford Country Club



Ribbon Cutting at Orange Theory Fitness

RAIL SERVICE TO PHOENIXVILLE

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Twenty-First Century commuting patterns and work locations are much more complicated and diverse. Bucolic fields throughout the outlying suburbs have turned from agricultural to commercial uses, although the former farm roads leading to them are little changed. As a result, roads that were never intended for heavy volumes of commuter traffic are choked with congestion, adding time, cost and frustration to Chester County residents. An additional consequence of the suburbanization of regional workplaces is the challenge employers face in reliably filling basic entry-level, service and administration positions. An extensive potential employment base resides in Philadelphia and suburban urban areas such as Phoenixville, drawn to affordable workforce housing options developed around past concentrations of industrial activity. The regional transit network, predominately a radial network oriented around the needs of a Center City commute, offers limited opportunities for suburb-bound commuters. A prolonged stop-and-go commute by automobile is the only viable mobility option for suburban workforce.

DeMutis led the **Citizens for the Train** effort a few years ago, which was unable to secure governmental support for the idea, but now is concentrating on the possibility of extending the Manyunk/Norristown Line. The original *greenline* using the Norfolk Southern Phoenixville Line (NS Line Segment 2588) is an un signaled, single-track industrial track through Eastern Chester County. It extends 10.8 miles from Perkiomen at Milepost HP 25 on the NS Harrisburg Line near Oaks in Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County, to terminate in an industrial park in Devault, East Whiteland Township, Chester County. The line parallels PA Route 29 for much of its length. The idea was to run the along the right of way on Route 29 to complete the line to Paoli.

The *greenline's* rights of way will be studied to determine if there is adequate right of way available to complete the line. Project Coordinator Barry Cassidy stated that he would hate to see the *greenline* project put on the shelf but indicated it could open other uses for the line if Norfolk Southern decides to sell the line. "I could see a project creating a direct vehicle expressway from Phoenixville to 422 in Oaks considering the bridge over the Schuylkill River exists on the Northside. "I think with the right of way you could go from the corner of Rts.113 and 23 to Rte 422 without a light, although I am sure everyone would be against that idea. But we will look at that option as well as other potential options as we assess the project alternatives."

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