



The Carbon Chamber Is Strength in Numbers...

If you own a business or are a business professional in Carbon County, the Carbon Chamber & Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) is the perfect business resource for you!

Our Mission: Our mission is to improve the economic climate and quality of life in Carbon County by providing services, information and advocacy for our members and the community.

Our Vision: Our vision is to bring our members together to continuously create cooperative and prosperous businesses to enhance our community.

The CCEDC is a member-centric organization. We are committed to providing our members with a STRONG Chamber and plenty of opportunities for networking as well as for business and community growth. The backbone of our organization is our leadership: board of directors, CCEDC staff and volunteer committee chairs; however, the true strength of the CCEDC comes from our volunteers, sponsors and members. In addition, we are also continuously partnering and collaborating with other like-minded organizations, such as: the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, The Pocono Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce to not only expand the reach and opportunities for our members but to also add to our organization's STRENGTH.

We encourage our CCEDC members to get involved, share their talents, lend their expertise and let their voices be heard. TOGETHER, we can remain STRONG, create positive change and achieve incredible things.

Economic Development

Maybe it's the outstanding quality of life in Carbon County that attracts so many businesses, or the educated workforce, or the opportunities for companies to thrive. If you're interested in learning more about doing business here, Carbon Chamber and Economic Development Corporation is the best place to start.

Our mission is straightforward: promote economic prosperity, and we do just that by providing...

- Company relocation and set up
- Dozens of financing programs and loans to help you retain and expand your business
- Site location assistance
- Access to state, county and municipal governments, combined with a wide range of business partners to streamline your relocation or expansion plans
- Economic research and workforce development

If you want to relocate, start or expand a business in Carbon County, come and talk to us first. Put our unmatched access and expertise to work for you.

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why the **CCEDC**?

A strong, healthy Chamber indicates one thing in a community – a strong, healthy business environment. Business owners may be attracted to Carbon County for its scenic beauty, recreation, close proximity to the largest population in the US, or maybe they were fortunate to grow up here. Whatever the reason, starting a business might sound easy, it’s keeping it growing and strong that’s a challenge.

And, that’s where we come in. We are all about you and the success of your business. It doesn’t matter what industry you are in, we are here for you. From start-up’s to multi-million dollar businesses in industries as diverse as elastomeric-urethane formliners to whitewater rafting, we support them all.

We consider ourselves a one-stop shop when it comes to business needs. We offer entrepreneurship training courses, job fairs, industry networking events, business expo’s, geographic-specific networking, regional networking and partnerships with other Chambers, low-interest loans, coaching programs and small business consulting services. Become a member TODAY and see how we can help you succeed!

our vision

The members of the Carbon County Chamber of Commerce are a catalyst for continuously creating cooperative and prosperous businesses to enhance our community.

our mission

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our board of directors

■ executive

President: Patricia Handwerk
The Harry Packer Mansion

Vice-President: Ronald Tirpak
Carbon Engineering

Treasurer: Patrick Reilly
Mauch Chunk Trust

Secretary: Jared McEvoy
The Equinox Agency

Immediate Past President:

Michael Harleman
First Northern Bank & Trust

Jane George
PPL Corporation

Mark Sverchek
Spott-Sverchek Insurance Agency

Joe Russo
PenTeleData

Maureen Donovan
Lehigh Carbon CC

Barbara Green
Blue Mountain Resort

Terrence Purcell
Lehigh Valley Health Network

John Nespoli
St. Luke’s Gnaden Huetten / Palmerton Campuses

Wayne Nothstein
Carbon County Commissioners

Girvin Janicki
Walmart

staff

Executive Director
Alice Wanamaker

Director of Economic Development:
Kathy Henderson

Assistant Vice-President
Kylie Adams

Exec. VP
Jessica O'Donnell

Administrative Assistant
Linda Rex

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Benefits that give you value for your money & meet a variety of business needs.

Visit the CCEDC website at CarbonCountyChamber.org/membership-info for full descriptions of each of the member benefits listed below.

- CCEDC Website with Online Business Directory & Exclusive Member Information Center
- Welcome Packet with Membership Directory, Wooden Member Plaque, Exclusive Window Cling, Press Release Announcing Membership
- Small Business Lending Programs; PIDA, CCIDA Revolving Loan Fund, CCEDC Small Business Expansion Loan Fund
- Co-Op Advertising Opportunities with Times News
- FREE CCEDC Blog Submissions
- Eligible to serve on boards and committees
- Government Affairs/Public Advocacy
- Electronic Newsletter featuring member news, photos and more!
- Human Resources Support
- Affordable Certificates of Origin
- Preferential Referrals to/from members
- Discounted Networking Opportunities with E-Alerts and invitations
- Milestone Recognition at Annual Event and on Social Media (5, 10, 15 + years)
- Print Membership Directory & FREE Member Mailing List
- Priority Sponsorship Opportunities with VIP seating at events
- Press Release Assistance and Distribution
- Training & Support Entrepreneurial Workshops
- Proofreading / Marketing Assistance
- Constellation New Energy Discount Program
- Ground Breaking, Ribbon Cutting, Anniversary Celebrations
- Free Small Business Start-Up, Growth & Succession Planning - FIRST STEP with SBDC

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“business after hours” networking mixers

Solid business relationships are vital to growing and maintaining your business. Your Chamber gives you monthly opportunities to network with your Chamber membership, so you can make new contacts, find potential clients and develop valuable business relationships that can help strengthen your business now and in the future. Our “Business After Hours” events provide incredible opportunities to spread the word about your products and services, educate you about business as well as learn about what other businesses can offer you in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. During certain times of the year, your Chamber enables you to further expand your networking circle by partnering with other local area chambers to hold joint events.

A “Business After Hours” event can be hosted (venue location) and sponsored by two separate businesses or by just one. Those businesses that wish to host and/or sponsor one of our monthly events are able to spotlight and promote their business by giving a brief presentation at the event and also through the Chamber’s promotional efforts: press releases to local newspapers, media coverage, flyers, event eblasts to membership and mention in our Carbon eLink newsletter.

Cost to Host Event: Starting at \$150.00

2021 Event Schedule: Please consult the Chamber Events Calendar on our website for the most up-to-date information on upcoming events.

To host or sponsor a future “Business After Hours” event, please contact the Chamber office.

committees

Another great way to network with other CCEDC members, meet new business contacts, lend your talents and make a difference is to volunteer for one or more of our various CCEDC committees.

Visit www.carboncountychamber.org/committees for more information on all of our committees as well as committee chairperson contact information to join.

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What We Do

Our mission is straightforward: promote economic prosperity. We accomplish that by relocating companies and helping them set up shop. We work to retain and expand businesses with a direct pipeline to dozens of financing programs and loans. If you need real estate, we offer site location assistance. Our access to state, county and municipal governments, combined with a wide range of business partners streamlines your relocation or expansion plans. Other services include economic research and workforce development.

Business Resources

■ **FREE Small Business Support:** Wilkes University Small Business Development Center (SBDC)- A valuable benefit of your CCEDC Membership, individuals, who are either interested in starting or who own a small business, can obtain business advice from a SBDC business consultant by appointment at the CCEDC office in Lehigh. The SBDC can help with research, business plan writing, preparing financial projectings, inter-facing with government loan programs, environmental issues, licensing, registration and much more. Existing businesses can turn to the SBDC for guidance in marketing and sales strategies, additional research, environmental concerns, disaster preparedness and human resource issues. Learn more at:
www.carboncountychamber.org/wilkes-small-business-development-center

■ **Manufacturing Support-** The Carbon Chamber & Economic Development Corporation distributes a quarterly Manufacturer's Newsletter and also partners with the Northeast PA Alliance (NEPA) to offer connections to international company sales representatives and NEPA's PTAC department, which helps companies qualify and apply for government contracts. Learn more at:
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■ **Workforce Development-** Workforce development training is a crucial component of many business decisions. Please visit: carboncounty.ecdev.org/workforce for a list of available workforce development programs that are available for Carbon County, Pennsylvania sites.

■ **Business Financing-** A wide variety of financing assistance is available to help you start a new business, or expand an existing one in Carbon County, Pennsylvania. For more information and a list of available low-interest business loan programs, please visit:
www.carboncountychamber.org/small-business-loans.

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Contact Kathy Henderson, Director of Economic Development (CCEDC) at: 610-379-5000 or khenderson@carboncountychamber.org.

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membership fees

Please contact **Alice Wanamaker, Executive Director & Member Relations** at (484) 274-2080 or alicew@carboncountychamber.org to discuss membership packages and your investment.

get started

- Go to www.CarbonCountyChamber.org and click on the Join Today! button on the left sidebar, at the top of any web page or click on the Membership Application link at the bottom of the Membership Information web page.
- Complete our Membership Application, submit and obtain your application number.
- Make your payment online (preferred) or by check made payable to: **Carbon Chamber & Economic Development** (include your application number on your check). Mail to our office address below.
- **Obtain your username and password from the CCEDC office and complete your company's online Member Profile:** The information that you provide on your Member Profile will be used for our online Business Directory search as well as to promote your products & services, hot deals, events, job openings in specific locations throughout the Chamber's web site as determined by your profile category selections and level of profile enhancement.
- **Consider and take advantage of opportunities to enhance your Member Profile,** become a Featured Business of the Month or advertise on our site with a banner ad.
- Get involved...join a committee, attend or sponsor an event, advertise, network, donate or contribute your talent and expertise.
- **Take advantage of the education, programs, resources, financial assistance and the numerous ways that your Chamber can help you promote your business.**

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stand out from your competition & promote your business for FREE on the CCEDC's Chamber & Tourism Website: www.CarbonCountyChamber.org.

As part of your CCEDC membership, enjoy these promotional opportunities that you can upload directly from your account in the Member Information Center...

- **Add your special event to our online [Community Events Calendar](#).** Post and manage your event from your account in the Member Information Center.
- **Upload your latest company news or event as a press release to our online [Press Release](#) page.** Your press release will also be shared on the CCEDC Facebook page and featured as Member News in an upcoming issue of Carbon eLink Newsletter. After you post your release, you can feel free to email it to: info@carboncountychamber.org, so we can send it out to the CCEDC's extensive Media List on your behalf.
- **Add your special discount promotion or package to our [Hot Deals](#) page.** Even if you offer a FREE consult or analysis, make sure you post it! Website visitors are able to see your HOT DEAL offer as a call out next to your company in a directory search and are also accessible from your member profile and Hot Deals page.
- **Add your member-to-member special discount promotion to our [Member-To-Member Deals](#) page.** See Hot Deals above for more details!
- **Post your "For Sale" classified ad on our [MarketSpace](#) page.** Examples of ads you can post are for the sale of office furniture, office supplies, event decorations and the like.
- **Post your job openings to our [Find a Job](#) page**
- **Become a guest blogger on our [DiscoverCarbon Blog](#) page.** Submit a 250-word blog post to us to ccedcweb@jumpsparkcreative.com along with your headshot and an (optional) illustrative image (that you own or have license to use). We will put your name and company in the by line and link to your website. You can submit as many blog articles as you wish. It is FREE!
- **Post interesting tidbits about your business, your industry or yourself on the [Welcome Wall of our Membership Information Center \(MIC\)](#).** This a great way to connect with other Chamber members!

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Your Chamber gives you plenty of cost-effective (paid) ways to advertise and promote your business to our membership and the general public.

■ event sponsorships & donations

Showcase your business and help your Chamber bring you more valuable programs and resources to help grow your business by hosting and/or sponsoring a "Business After Hours" networking event or by becoming a Signature Event sponsor, donor or advertiser. **Contact our Ambassador Events Committee or the Chamber office at 610-379-5000 to participate.**

■ print advertising in signature event programs

■ **co-op advertising:** chamber price-negotiated advertising in local and regional publications

■ online digital advertising

Nowadays, Online Digital Advertising is a very effective and affordable way to reach your target audience and promote your business. Normally when a consumer is looking for a specific business, he/she will either ask for peer recommendations or go online first to do research. With the abundance of content online, it is up to YOU to STAND OUT from your competition and motivate a prospective client to call. **We can help you do that with these CCEDC's Online Digital Advertising opportunities.**

- **Carbon eLink (Bi-Weekly Member eNewsletter):**
Paid Press Release, Business Spotlight or Display Ads
- E-Mail Marketing to CCEDC Members
- Featured Business of the Month
- **Gold Enhanced Member Profile & Priority Directory Listing**
- Banner Ads at Different Exposure Levels
- **Other Affordable Advertising Available- See our website for complete details!**

Please visit: www.carboncountychamber.org/market-your-business for more information about CCEDC's Online Digital Advertising opportunities, packages and pricing. **Or, contact the CCEDC at 610-379-5000 or at info@carboncountychamber.org for more information or to place your order.**

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Member Profiles AT A GLANCE: Basic vs. Enhanced Gold

Basic Profile: FREE

Enhanced Gold: \$200 total/1 year

According to our research... Businesses that enhance their Member Profiles and Directory Listings see a major improvement compared to other members in the same category:

- 400% increase in category listing views.
- 1300% increase in Customized Webpage views.
- 200% increase in times your business is mapped.
- 400% increase in visitors to your website.

| What You Get... | Basic Profile | Enhanced Gold Profile |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Member Profile Page: | | |
| Contact info | X | X |
| Social Media Buttons | X | X |
| 200 Character Description | X | |
| Expanded 1,600 Character Description | | X |
| Logo/Image Next to Company Information | | X |
| Profile Header Image | | X |
| Hyperlinked Bulleted Highlights of Products or Services | | X |
| Additional Web Site Links | | X |
| Slideshow of additional photos or video | | X |
| Personalized Keywords | X | X |
| Driving Directions | X | X |
| Enhanced Maps Features: picture/logo, contact info, description, web link, e-mail, directions link | | X |
| Search Results Listing: | | |
| Random Placement below priority placement listings | X | |
| Basic Business Info: name address, phone, web site link | X | X |
| Priority Placement over basic listings | | X |
| Logo/Image next to listing | X | X |
| 200 Character Description under company name on search results | | X |
| Web Site Link above phone number on search results | | X |
| Bonus: | | |
| Priority Placement in rotation of purchased banner ads | | X |

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Reach Your Target Audience, Promote Your Business, Register for Events, Pay Invoices
 Via the CCEDC Web Site & Member Information Center (MIC)

- **Get Access to the Member Information Center (MIC):** Contact the CCEDC Webmaster at 570-722-3751 or e-mail: ccedcweb@jumpsparkcreative.com and request access to this Members Only area (the login link is at the top right of any CCEDC web page). You will receive an e-mail prompt with a link to create a password. Your username is the e-mail used on your MIC account, which is initially set up by CCEDC staff or the Webmaster. Both your username (e-mail) and password can be changed through the MIC dashboard. If you forget your already-created password, please contact the CCEDC office or the Webmaster for a password reset.
- **Update Your Member Profile (FREE Basic or PAID Gold Enhanced):** There are two components to the Member Profile: the Personal Profile (each representative on your account has their own) and the Company Profile (any representative on your account has access and can change if they have the security permission to do so, which most reps do). To update, start with your personal profile (accessible at the top right corner of the page near your photo box or on the left-hand navigation). Follow the prompts to complete each profile. (Note that you can control who sees your profiles through the dashboard- you can choose to make your personal profile seen by no one, members or the public.) It is very important to update your member profile, especially your company profile, to make sure that it is accurate. This helps to maintain the integrity of the CCEDC Business Directory and also helps customers find and contact you. (Note: Become familiar with what you get with a FREE Basic Member Profile vs. a PAID Enhanced Gold. Only Enhanced Gold Profiles have photos and video that are visible to the public.)
- **Utilize FREE Tools:** Stand out and promote your business for FREE by posting your Events, Hot Deals, Member-To-Member Deals, Job Postings, Classified Business Ads to MarketSpace, and Press Releases for Member Viewing, via the MIC dashboard. (Please note allow up to 48 hours for your postings to be approved by the Webmaster during normal business hours.)
- **Share company announcements, news, promotions, and even hobbies on your MIC Welcome Wall, so that other CCEDC Members can get to know you.** (TIP: Be sure to upload a photo of yourself for your Personal Profile, so that other CCEDC Members can put a face with a name, which helps create that personal touch and establish a good business relationship.)
- **Check for Important CCEDC Information & Download Your CCEDC Member Web Badge for Your Web Site under the RESOURCES Tab in the MIC (Instructions are included with the download).**
- **NEED HELP?** Attend our periodic live trainings or simply watch the MIC video tutorials. Access the videos under RESOURCES in the MIC or under The Chamber dropdown menu on the CCEDC web site.

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