



Rivertowns Chamber of Commerce

Minutes for January 25, 2023 General Chamber Meeting

Guest Speakers

- County update from Shari Ascher
 - Program to have municipalities work with chambers; Funding for consultants for municipalities is available
 - Working on workforce development throughout the County with a series of job fairs targeting specific populations and industries, including disability job fairs.

Chamber Business

- Welcome new members
 - **Emily Wallace, LLC**/Hastings/Health and Wellness Coach
 - **Mathnasium**/Brigitte Tanner/Ardsley/Math Tutoring Center
 - **George Tsemberlis**/Mortgage Unlimited/Dobbs Ferry/Mortgage Services
 - **A D'Zine**/Melissa Panszi-Riebe/Dobbs Ferry/Jewelry Retailer
 - **Home Remedy Hudson Valley**/Stephanie Northrop/Ossining/Real Estate/Home Svcs
 - **Piccola Trattoria**/Sergio Pennacchio/Dobbs Ferry/Restaurant
 - **Irvington Shakespeare Co**/Kamra Saliani/Irvington/Not for profit Theatre Co
- 2023 Board seats open, please forward nominations: Treasurer, Secretary, Hasting Village Rep, Irvington Village Rep, Project Chair opportunities (non-voting)
 - Board meetings will be held remotely as needed. There will be one in September mtg formatted as an Open Forum, inviting all members to share feedback and ideas.
- 2023 Chamber Vision
 - Work more directly with downtown areas and support the creation of Downtown Advocate positions, such as the one that exists in Hastings
 - Looking to balance needs of brick and mortar businesses with those that are based at home or online
 - Increase Chamber networking and peer-to-peer opportunities, i.e business and educational workshops that are member-led
 - Expanded member marketing opportunities include both dedicated services such as sponsorships, email blasts, community calendar, chamber guides, patron recognition
- Village Meetings: look for dates to be announced
 - Change in Schedule: 2 villages/month; total of 3/year, via zoom
 - Attended by members of village admin, all welcome and encouraged to attend
- Next General Chamber Meeting: May 24, 2023 - Location TBD