

Monthly Meetings

The Walton NY Chamber of Commerce meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Walton Town Hall, 129 North Street.

Officers & Directors

Annual election held in December.

President – Maureen Wacha
Vice President – Keath Davis
Secretary – Patricia Breakey
Treasurer – Tim Gutliph

Directors:

Arlene Bradtke
Dave Cornwell
Mike Donofrio
Dick Dumond, Jr.
Kathleen Hayek
Carole Raymundo
Elaine Reuthe
Don Smith
Bob Vitti

Member Directory

Don't forget to check your member listing on our website at waltonchamber.com/member-directory; send any updates to chamber-info@waltonchamber.com

Ongoing Events

Check our calendar regularly for upcoming events in the area at waltonchamber.com/calendar

January 2017

Officers and Directors assume responsibilities per election at the December meeting.

The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce Director Ray Pucci instituted monthly meetings of representatives of local chambers for networking and information sharing. Two members of the Walton chamber attend.

Band recruitment for the annual "Night of Entertainment" began. We

strive to offer new performers for the popular event, requiring a lot of talent scouting.

The Walton village's controversial biodigester project and its potential financial impact on taxpayers was an ongoing topic of discussion. Chamber representatives attended numerous village board meetings to gather information and submitted a letter outlining the Chamber's concerns.

February 2017

Vote was taken to continue providing a \$200 scholarship to a graduating senior for community service work.

Chamber representatives attended meetings on the property revaluation planned for all village and town properties.

March 2017

Candidates for village elections ran unopposed so no Meet the Candidates forum was held.

The Chamber applied for a grant through The Community Foundation of Southern New York. The Paul G. & Miriam B. Mattern Fund provides grants geared to cultural improvements. If approved, our grant can help fund the Concerts in the Park and purchase additional flower barrels for the business district.

April 2017

The April meeting was held at Feather & Stone Restaurant for chamber members to preview the "Walton Lifestyles" video. The \$5,200 cost of the production was covered by a grant. Approximately 60 Chamber members attended the viewing and enjoyed a complimentary buffet.

Twelve resumes were received from high school students vying for the Community Service Reward. Jacob Hanley was chosen as the recipient.

May 2017

The May meeting was held at Delaware Valley Hospital and included a tour of the hospital, the physical therapy unit and the pharmacy – very impressive. Paul Somers and Dottie Kruppo hosted.

The Delaware County Chamber held the annual awards dinner at the Castle on the Delaware – the first time Walton was chosen as the location for the county-wide event. Several Walton chamber officers and directors attended. Thank you, Ray Pucci!

Chamber voted to switch the phone service from Frontier to Magic Jack after the treasurer's research revealed the possible cost savings.

June 2017

The Chamber sponsored the Annual Community Lawn Sales event to attract visitors from out of the area to benefit local merchants. The Chamber prepared location maps and paid all costs related to the two-day event.

The first free "Concert in the Park" was held on June 12 and featured music by "Joint Effort." Over 100 residents enjoyed the performance at Bassett Park.

The annual fund-raising effort began with raffle ticket distribution to chamber members and ticket sales at Big M Supermarket. Thanks to Jim Groff for allowing the Chamber to use his property. Proceeds from the fund-raising provide the means to sponsor many community events. Drawings for the cash prizes were held at the Walton

Theatre during the 15th Annual “Night of Entertainment” in October.

The Chamber hosted a public information meeting on the “Enhanced Vision for Delaware Street. Representatives from the Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Delaware County Planning Department explained proposed upgrades to the river front property to make the area more appealing and to provide recreational opportunities.

July 2017

July’s “Concert in the Park” featured “Country Express.” More than 125 people attended including local residents and neighbors from surrounding communities.

August 2017

The Walton Chamber booth at the Delaware County Fair provided an opportunity to meet visitors and distribute information about our community. The ‘early bird’ drawing took place on Saturday. Chamber members staffed the booth from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. throughout the fair.

The Chamber sponsored a “Meet the Candidates” forum at the Walton Fire Hall on Aug. 30 for the town candidates for supervisor and council seats. Lillian Browne moderated and approximately 65 residents attended.

The last free “Concert in the Park” was held Aug. 21 and featured “The Last Episode.” Uncertain weather conditions hampered attendance. Requests were made for another concert in September, but early darkness hampered the proposal.

September 2017

The bio-digester project was abandoned by the village, leaving an unpaid engineering bill of \$500,000. Chamber members were vigilant in attending meetings throughout the year to stay informed. Thanks go to members Frank Wood and Paul Wood for the countless hours of research on the project.

The Chamber’s “Marketing Committee” was formed and is comprised of several of our most tech-savvy members. The committee will market Walton events to a larger demographic and will work to incorporate local business members into the Chamber’s Facebook page. A budget was approved to finance “bumps” on the Chamber’s Facebook page.

An “All Seasons Sportsmen’s Expo” is planned for May 5 on the Delaware County Fairgrounds. The event will highlight a variety of sports including hunting, fishing, canoeing, snowmobiling, archery, hiking, camping, etc. The event is expected to attract many sports-minded people to Walton. The venue was met with great enthusiasm because there hasn’t been a sports show in our area in many years.

October 2017

The Annual Night of Entertainment was held at the Walton Theatre on Oct. 6 – and the theater was almost full! Performances included the Community Band, the Round House Rockers, Jason Wicks band and a “Tribute to Elvis.” Lots of happy people won cash prizes and generous gift certificates donated by local businesses. Thanks to all Chamber members who sold tickets.

November 2017

A legal advertisement was placed in *The Reporter* and e-mailed to members concerning Chamber elections of officers and directors.

The annual “Spend the Day in Walton” and Christmas parade took place on Nov. 25. The planning committee began meeting in September to prepare brochures. The parade route was altered and now ends at Veteran’s Plaza. The Chamber hangs Christmas decorations in the Delaware Street business district. Not a lot of fun up in that bucket truck!

December 2017

The Village of Walton applied for a grant through the “Restore New York” program. The Chamber was asked to provide a letter of support, which was supplied to Mayor Ed Snow. The target property is the former bowling alley, Loft Restaurant and the connected retail stores, now all vacant. Grant funding would restore the complex and return the property to the tax rolls, create employment opportunities and would be a major step on our road to recovery after two major floods. Grants could be approved as early as the first quarter of 2018.

The annual elections of officers and directors took place on Dec. 18. Officers had no challengers; directors Donna Bundy and Helen McLean chose not to seek re-election and were thanked for their service. Arlene Bradtke and Kathleen Hayek were approved to fill the empty positions.

The Marketing Committee reported that over 7,000 people were reached on social media and there were 96 Facebook page views.