

Live and Learn . . .

Marty Chapman, President

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and we have a proud history of supporting new and expanding businesses that recognize Putnam County for its economic vitality. It is, however, important to note Putnam County's credibility as a business location generates first-rate growth in both residential development and higher education facilities – sectors that go hand in hand with economic vitality.

In May, Devonshire at Teays Valley invited the public to an open house and tour of the property development. Devonshire offers everything in an upscale residence whether it's an apartment, town home, condo or single family home. Additionally, residents receive membership to the Devonshire Club which features a 6,700 square foot Clubhouse with a Fitness Center, Movie Theater, Business Center, Resort Style Pool and more. Devonshire presents itself as a "perfectly planned community with luxury and amenity at your doorstep" and distinguishes Putnam County as the desirable place to live!

And this month, on Wednesday, June 17, Strayer University is hosting a grand opening luncheon to introduce their campus facility. For 117 years, Strayer University has been dedicated to educating working adults. With 65 campuses located in 14 states and Washington, D.C., Strayer is committed to helping build an educated workforce. I encourage you to attend the grand opening luncheon – discover how Strayer University is changing adult education, improving our community and helping to define Putnam County as the opportune place to learn!

Putnam County . . . your place to *Work, Live and Learn!*

Welcome New Members!

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Thank you to our Renewing Members for your continued support of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce! Your investment proves your willingness to support and build a better business climate to live, work and play in Putnam County.

Congratulations to Goin' Postal Chamber Business of the Month for June!

Putnam County Chamber is proud to salute **Goin' Postal** at 4000 State Route 34 as our Chamber Business of the Month for June 2009. Owner, Brian Woofter, a former Xerox Corporation Systems Analyst has owned the Goin' Postal franchise in Teays Valley for about three years. Brian finds the business climate in Teays Valley very healthy. He has developed a diverse customer base and has provided a wide variety of shipping services. "One of the most unique items shipped was a five-foot, hand-crafted, wooden model schooner, for which I built a custom shipping crate", says Brian. "I have also shipped artwork worth thousands of dollars and even shipped a two-foot powder blue stuffed bunny for Easter." An authorized shipper with UPS, FedEx and the USPS, Goin' Postal also provides:

- ✓ Packaging Service & Supplies
- ✓ Copying / Printing / Faxing / Laminating
- ✓ Mailbox Rental / Free Notary Service / Rush Passports & Passport Photos
- ✓ eBay Services
- ✓ Office Supplies, Printer Ink and Toner
- ✓ Leanin' Tree & Tickelopes Greeting Cards
- ✓ Crossroads Scented Candles, Candle Warmers & Diffusers

Of particular interest this time of year is Goin' Postal's *American Flag Replacement Project*. The over 300 family-owned stores in the Goin' Postal packing and shipping chain will be banding together as part of the chain's patriotic beautification plan to offer free replacement flags to anyone who brings in a tattered, torn or faded American Flag.

Owner Brian Woofter of Goin' Postal in Teays Valley will begin replacing flags on June 8th in preparation of Flag Day which is the following Sunday, June 14th. Bring your tattered, torn, or faded American Flag to Goin' Postal of Teays Valley starting June 8th to receive a FREE 3' x 5' American Flag, compliments of the owner. This is the third year Goin' Postal of Teays Valley has replaced flags. Brian estimates that he has replaced over 300 flags the past two years and has 200 new flags on hand for this year. As in the past, Brian will work with the local VFW and Boys Scouts to have the tattered flags disposed of properly. There is a limit of one per family per

physical address while supplies last; some restrictions and conditions apply. For more information on guidelines for the American Flag Replacement Project, please stop in and see Brian at 4000 State Route 34, Suite 2, Hurricane (next to Papa Johns) or call him at 304-201-1153.

Businesses selected for "Business of the Month" are drawn from the names of Chamber members attending Business After Hours.

LEADERSHIP PUTNAM COUNTY GRADUATION BREAKFAST
SLEEPY HOLLOW GOLF CLUB
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2009 * 8:30 AM

Chamber members, past graduates and class presenters are invited to attend a breakfast reception to recognize this year's graduates of Leadership Putnam County.

Addressing the graduates and guests will be the Honorable Judge O.C. Spaulding. There is a \$12 cost for the breakfast; reservations are requested by Wednesday, June 10. Please contact the Chamber by phone or email gwhite@putnamcounty.org

Member News!

Thank you to **Devonshire at Teays Valley; Sarah Smith, Project Manager** for hosting a very successful **Business After Hours** in **April!** Devonshire provided a wonderful atmosphere for networking; refreshments were catered by Wellington's! Congratulations to Steve Clark, City National Bank, he was the winner of a \$150 gift certificate for Laury's Restaurant, Charleston! The winner of the **Chase** Sponsored drawing valued at **\$400** was **H. Reid Pugh, Vimasco Corporation** had he been present!

Summer is approaching, a time when the **American Red Cross** historically experiences a decline in blood donations, even though medical treatments requiring transfusions continue at the same rate. The Red Cross is extending an invitation to you and your organization to have a heart and give the gift of life. Help hospital patients by donating blood, sponsoring a blood drive, volunteering your time at drives or promoting the need for blood donations throughout your organization. For information on donating blood or to schedule appointments call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or www.redcrosslife.org. For information on sponsoring your own blood drive contact Retha Meek, 304-638-0522 or meekr@usa.redcross.org.

An Open House will be held at the Teays Valley Campus of **Strayer University**, 100 Corporate Center Drive, Scott Depot, June 17, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Keynote speaker will be First Lady Gayle Manchin. For more information you may contact Jane Burdette at Strayer University (304) 760-1711 or jane.burdette@strayer.edu.

West Virginia State Community & Technical College is offering a **Heavy Equipment Operators Training**: Training for men and women who want to learn the basics of heavy

equipment operation. This training is designed for beginners as well as for persons with limited experience who need additional training for entry-level employment. Training sessions will be June 22 – July 17 and August 3 – September 4. In the five weeks of training, students can obtain the knowledge and skills needed to operate on a bulldozer, excavator, tractor-loader-backhoe, and front end loader. To register on-line www.wvsctc.edu/ContEd.htm. For information call 304-766-5113 or e-mail nielsenL@wvsctc.edu

Business After Hours

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

3780 Sleepy Hollow Drive



Wednesday, June 24, 2009

5 pm–7 pm, Cost \$10

Business After Hours is open to members and their guests.

RSVP to 304-757-6510 or [chamber @putnamcounty.org](mailto:chamber@putnamcounty.org)

The **CHASE** sponsored drawing will be given away!

You must be present to win!

PUTNAM CHAMBER NOW (Network of Women) ANNOUNCES JUNE WELLNESS SERIES ACTIVITY

Putnam Chamber NOW (Network of Women) is hosting a wellness seminar on Tuesday, June 30 from 3-5 pm at Putnam County Public Library. The topic is the Blossom Program presented by Ursulette Huntley. Blossom is a program designed to empower women to change their lives through improving self-awareness, developing a positive self-image and learning the power of positive thoughts and words. If success, happiness and peace of mind are what you desire, then Blossom is the program to help enhance your journey toward self-fulfillment and success.

There is no charge to attend; however, participation is limited to women working for or with a Putnam County Chamber member in good standing. Reservations are

requested by June 26; please contact the Chamber by phone or email
chamber@putnamcounty.org

Putnam Chamber NOW conducts regular meetings the 3rd Thursday of each month and plans activities on an every-other-month basis. The mission of NOW is to be a resource for women in the business community. All women of the Chamber are welcome to participate.

Devonshire Grand Opening

An Exclusive Grand Opening Event was held Friday, May 15, 2009 at Devonshire from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The official opening of the 110-acre project, which is projected to include 534 apartments, 174 townhouses, 70 condominiums and 59 single-family lots, has been in the making for six years. Cathcart Properties of Charlottesville, Va., broke ground on the project in 2008 and is expected to continue in at least four phases over the next decade. Rip Cathcart, founder and CEO of Cathcart Properties, said the development offers a different type of lifestyle for Putnam County. The property's 6,700-square-foot clubhouse has a fitness center, club room, wide-screen movie theater, business center, billiards parlor, relaxation area for massage and tanning, resort-style pool, hot tub, tennis court, sport court and tot lot. Walking trails throughout the property will also be created. To learn more about the property, contact Alice Townson at 304-881-7185, Sarah Smith, property manager, at 304-757-1270, or go online at www.liveatdevonshire.com.

25th Chamber Annual Golf Tournament Major Sponsors

AEP John Amos, City National Bank & Verizon Wireless

AEP John Amos Plant, City National Bank and Verizon Wireless are major sponsors for the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament, which will take place on **Monday, July 13** at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club. The Chamber is also pleased to announce Eagle Research and Toyota Motor Manufacturing WV as Dinner Sponsors; Triad Engineering as Breakfast Sponsor; Diamond Electric, Parkline, Inc. and Pray Construction as Associate Sponsors. Registration for this scramble format tournament will begin at **9:00 AM and tee time will be 10:00 AM**. Take your clients or associates to enjoy a day of golf and fun. This annual event has been sold out the last several years, registration is now being accepted. The day will conclude with a dinner and awards reception.

We are accepting teams, hole sponsorships and prize donations at this time. Team sponsorships will be \$600 for members, \$675 for non-members and \$175 for a single player. Confirmation numbers will be assigned upon receipt of registration to the chamber. This confirmation number will be needed to register your team the day of the tournament.

Hole sponsors are \$175 for members, \$200 for non-members, and are a great marketing tool for any company to consider. Businesses choosing to take advantage of hole sponsors or door prize donations will be listed in the official tournament program. These gifts provide an excellent means for area businesses to showcase their products without being present. For more information, please contact gwhite@putnamcounty.org or 304.757.6510.

The Greenhouse, Inc. Ribbon Cutting

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ceremonial ribbon cutting for **The Greenhouse of Teays Valley** on Tuesday, May 19 at 2:00pm. The Greenhouse is located on 3554 Teays Valley Road, Mid Valley Square plaza. Owner Eric Reckard credits the idea of opening the new store to his sister Kaki, who started the business concept in St.Marys, WV. The Greenhouse has a Denmark based line of collectible charm-style beads that can be strung into bracelets and necklaces. They also showcase various other items from Blue Smoke and Paula Deen food, sauce and seasoning lines, a serenity center with candles and scents, handbags, floral arrangements and other home décor. The shop also offers a small conference room as a public resource and a small group gathering area with lite catering options available with use of the room. For more information about The Greenhouse of Teays Valley, call 304-397-6316.

Community News

Putnam County Rotary Club

Do you believe that you what you think, say or do should: be the **Truth**? Be **Fair to all Concerned**? Build **Goodwill and Better Friendships**? Be **Beneficial to all Concerned**?

If your answers are yes, then the **Putnam County Rotary Club** may be the place for you! The above Rotary 4-Way Test is the most printed and quoted statement of business ethics in the world.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **First:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **Second:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **Third:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **Fourth:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

If you are a business or community leader and live or work in Putnam County and believe in the ideal of service, then join us every Tuesday at noon at Wellingtons in Poca. To learn more, visit our Award Winning website at www.putnamrotary.com , where you'll find information about upcoming programs and speakers and learn about the many local, state and international projects that the Putnam County Rotary Club has been a part of. Contact Randy Lucas at 304-757-7665 or randy@wvsmallbizpros.com to find out more about attending a meeting or to get a membership application.

Digital TV (DTV) Transition

Currently, many over-the-air stations are broadcasting in both analog and digital TV formats. By June 12, 2009, all full-power TV stations will broadcast only in digital. The DTV transition will affect those who watch free over-the-air television (through a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears"). If you watch over-the-air programs on an analog TV, you must take action now. Why Are Broadcast Stations Switching to Digital? Federal law requires the switch, which will free up the airwaves for police, fire, and emergency rescue communications, allow broadcasters to offer programming with better picture and sound quality and offer more programming choices, and allow for advanced wireless services for consumers.

What Should I Do to Be Ready? You have three choices:

Connect your analog TV to a digital-to-analog converter box. Your local broadcasters may make the transition before the June 12th deadline, and some already have. So be ready. Digital-to-analog converter boxes are in stores and have a one-time cost of \$40-\$70. To help you pay for the boxes, the U.S. Government is offering two \$40 coupons per household. (Please note that these coupons will expire 90 days after mailing). For more information on the coupons, visit www.DTV2009.gov, or call 1-888-388-2009 (voice) or 1-877-530-2634 (TTY). Plus, you should not need a new antenna if you get good quality reception on analog channels 2-51 with your existing antenna. Or Buy a digital television (a TV with a built-in digital tuner). You do not need a High Definition TV (HDTV) to watch digital broadcast television. You only need a digital TV (or an analog TV connected to a digital-to-analog converter box). Plus, you should not need a new antenna if you get good quality reception on analog channels 2-51 with your existing antenna. Or Subscribe to a paid TV service. If your TV set receives local broadcast stations through a paid provider such as cable or satellite TV, it is already prepared for the DTV transition. Cable companies are not required to transition or switch any of their channels to digital. However, if you have an analog TV that does not receive local broadcast stations through your paid provider, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to watch digital broadcasts on that TV.

For More Information: DTV.gov; 1-888-CALL-FCC (Voice); 1-888-TELL-FCC (TTY)

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Calendar of Events for June 2009

Wednesday, June 3

Leadership Putnam County; 8:30–11:30 am, YMCA, Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, June 10

Education Committee; Noon, Chamber Office

Friday, June 12

Leadership Putnam County Graduation; 8:30 am, Sleepy Hollow Golf Club; Guest Speaker Judge O.C. Spaulding; RSVP required - Cost \$12 person, Breakfast buffet

Monday, June 15

Membership Committee Meeting; 4:00, Chamber Office

Tuesday, June 17

Strayer University Grand Opening, 100 Corporate Centre Drive, Scott Depot; First Lady Gayle Manchin, Keynote Speaker; 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Thursday, June 18

Putnam County Chamber NOW (Network of Women); 8 am, Chamber Office

Wednesday, June 24

Business After Hours; 5–7 pm; Sponsored by Sleepy Hollow Golf Club; RSVP Required – Cost \$10 per person

Tuesday, June 30

Putnam County Chamber NOW (Network of Women); The Blossom Program; 3pm-5pm, RSVP required; Putnam County Library

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