



Election of 2022 Board of Directors

The following persons have been nominated to serve as members of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors. Newly elected Chamber Board Members serve for an initial one (1) year term and re-elected Chamber Board Members serve for a three (3) year term.

Please vote for the candidates below. There are NINE (9) seats up for election, six (6) directors are running for re-election to their seat and there are three (3) empty seats to be filled. ***For more information on each candidate please read the brief candidate biographies on page 2 of this ballot.***

Return the ballot to Greene County Chamber of Commerce by Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 12PM via mail, fax or email.

Vote for ANY NINE (9) candidates: (check box next to each name of candidate to register vote)

- Anthony DeSantis**, *NY Properties ADS – Windham*
- Chris Gerken**, *Matt's Cycle Center – Coxsackie*
- Ryan Hastie**, *Pardee's Agency – Jewett – Chamber Board Member 2018-2021*
- Rhonda Makoske**, *Columbia Memorial Health – New Baltimore/Catskill – Chamber Board Member 2021*
- Geri Marino**, *Snow Bird Ski Shops – Hunter – Chamber Board Member 2021*
- Florence Ohle**, *Community Action of Greene County – Catskill – Chamber Board Member 2015-2021*
- Rachel Puckett**, *Mid-Hudson Cable – Catskill – Chamber Board Member 2021*
- Randy Squier**, *Coxsackie-Athens Central School District – Coxsackie - Chamber Board Member 2018-2021*
- Caitlin Van Valkenburg**, *Empire Merchants North – Coxsackie*

Authorization of Proxy for Voting

The Member Business completing this form authorizes the GCCC Board of Directors, to vote on the absent Member Business's behalf.

I, (printed name) _____, representing

(member business name) _____ certify that I am a member in good standing of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce.

I hereby give my proxy to the Greene County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and authorize them to vote on my behalf on any item or issue arising at the GCCC Annual meeting on November 3, 2021. This proxy designation is only valid on November 3, 2021 and will no longer be valid once the GCCC Annual Meeting has been concluded.

This proxy form replaces any and all proxy's I may have issued prior to the date this proxy was signed.

Authorized Signature of Chamber Member _____

Return this ballot to:

Greene County Chamber of Commerce, 327 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414
or Fax: 518.751.2267 or Email: jeff@greenecountychamber.com



GREENE COUNTY
Chamber of Commerce

Candidate Biographies

- **Anthony DeSantis** – Seeking election to his first term on the Chamber Board. Anthony is the owner of NY Properties ADS in Windham, NY. His company owns residential properties across the county. He has been a resident of Greene County for 18 years. Anthony is very involved in the community serving currently as President of the Catskill Rotary as well as a volunteer at both Greene County DHS Senior Meals Delivery and Community Action of Greene County. He is also currently under consideration to join the board of the Columbia-Greene College Foundation. Anthony is also a past member of the board of the Screen Actors Guild. Anthony is an active and vocal advocate for Greene County businesses, landlords and communities.
- **Chris Gerken**- Seeking election to his first term on the Chamber Board. Chris is the owner of Matt’s Cycle Center in Coxsackie, NY. He is a 11-year resident of Greene County. Chris has served on the board of Cobleskill Community Child Care. Chris is an active supporter of local community organizations and events.
- **Ryan Hastie** - Elected to the Chamber Board of Directors in 2017, completing his fourth year on the Board. He serves as the Chamber’s Treasurer as well as a member of the Governance and Finance Committees. Ryan is a property and casualty representative for Pardee’s Agency, Inc. in East Jewett, NY. Ryan is a 7- year resident of Greene County. He is a past President and Vice President of the Kingston BNI Chapter. He is a member of the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce Events Committee and has been a part of numerous fundraisers for Love Holds Life, Ulster County SPCA, and the American Cancer Society. Ryan is an active supporter of local businesses and community organizations.
- **Rhonda Makoske** - Appointed to the Chamber Board of Directors in 2021, completing her first year on the Board. She serves on the Chamber’s Marketing and Legislative Committees. Rhonda is the Director of Medical Imaging and Patient Safety and Compliance Officer at Columbia Memorial Health in Catskill and Hudson, NY. She is a 9-year resident of Greene County. Rhonda is a volunteer tutor for Literacy Connections and an advocate and supporter for numerous health events in Greene and Columbia Counties.
- **Geri Marino** – Elected to the Chamber Board of Directors in 2021, completing her first year on the Chamber Board. She serves on the Chamber’s Membership and Events Committees. Geri is the 3rd generation owner of Snow Bird Ski Shops in Hunter, NY. Geri is a lifelong resident of Hunter, NY and a former Trustee on the Village of Hunter Board. She is currently a board member of the Hunter Chamber of Commerce. Geri devotes a lot time assisting numerous mountaintop businesses each week and wants to continue to help Greene County grow through working on the Chamber Board.
- **Florence Ohle**- Elected to Chamber Board of Directors in 2014, completing her seventh year on the Chamber Board. Florence is the Immediate Past Chairperson of the Chamber Board of Directors and serves on the Chamber’s Executive, Events and Finance Committees. Florence is the Executive Director of Community Action of Greene County in Catskill, NY, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to address and alleviate the causes and consequences of poverty in Greene and surrounding counties. She has served as chair of the Greene County Community Services Board, is currently Vice Chair of the Columbia Greene Housing Coalition, Treasurer of the Greene County Rural Health Network, Secretary of the Greene County Human Services (Dept. of Aging) Advisory Council, and member of the Columbia Greene Workforce Development Board. Florence resides in Durham, NY.
- **Rachel Puckett**- Appointed to the Chamber Board of Directors in 2021, completing her first year on the Chamber Board. She serves on the Chamber’s Governance and Business Education Committees. Rachel is Director of Human Resources for Mid-Hudson Cable in Catskill, NY. She is a lifelong resident of Columbia and Greene Counties, residing in Greene County for the last 13 years. She is a SUNY Empire State graduate with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management and Economics and is currently working towards her MBA. Rachel is a 2016-2017 graduate of the Chamber’s Columbia-Greene Leadership Program and is presently serving on the Chamber’s Leadership Program Committee. She is a member of the Catskill Community Center Board of Directors serving as its Secretary. She is always seeking ways to be more involved in the community and expanding her involvement and knowledge in the business community.
- **Randy Squier**- Elected to Chamber Board of Directors in 2018, completing his fourth year on the Chamber Board, he presently serves on the Chamber’s Business Education and Legislative Committees. Randy is the Superintendent of Schools for Coxsackie-Athens Central School District. He is also a member of the Coxsackie-Athens Rotary and C-A Foundation for Education.
- **Caitlin Van Valkenburg**- Seeking election to her first term on the Chamber Board, she is a past Chamber Board member who served in 2016. Caitlin is the Fine Wine Business Manager for Empire Merchants North in West Coxsackie, NY. She is a lifelong Greene County resident. Caitlin is a current member of the Village of Athens Cannabis Legalization Review Committee and is in the process of starting a new 4-H Club. She is active in the community and eager to work to help businesses grow and thrive in the county.