

# DUANESBURG BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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## Mission Statement

The Duanesburg Business Association facilitates a healthy climate for businesses in the Town of Duanesburg and surrounding areas. The association provides an opportunity for business owners to exchange ideas and services and encourages networking, teamwork and collective problem solving. The association supports community events that bring businesses and the community together.

## New Website

Gus Geidel of ConnX IT Consulting in Duanesburg is updating the DBA website. The new and improved website will feature sections on the Member of the Month, new members, business announcements, current events, community events, classifieds and more. You can submit all your business announcements and news to Judy Hebert at [secretary@duanesburgbusinessassociation.org](mailto:secretary@duanesburgbusinessassociation.org) or call 895-9066.

## Welcome a New Neighbor

Tech Home Electric, LLC has moved to a new location in downtown Duanesburg. Mike Hebert, owner of Tech Home Electric a full service electrical contracting business is excited to have a presence in Duanesburg after working out of his home office since 1995. Mike offers residential and commercial services that include electrical repair, new construction, electrical energy audits, whole house lighting, solar and wind power and automatic standby generators. Contact Mike at 895-9066 or [Mike@TechHomeElectric.com](mailto:Mike@TechHomeElectric.com).

## Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Keep your purchases and services local and you'll help to save the environment. Support local business.

## Member of the Month

Gus Geidel  
ConnX IT Consulting

ConnX offers beginning to end solutions for all your IT needs in the office or at home. ConnX will consult with you regarding your needs, decide with you what solutions are best and then implement these solutions in a manner that works best for you.

For more information on website design or IT solutions contact Gus at 895-2149 or [hgeidel@connxyou.com](mailto:hgeidel@connxyou.com).

## Member of the Month

DBA members are invited to be featured as Member of the Month. You will be featured on our website and in our newsletter. In addition, you will have the opportunity to explain your products and services at a monthly meeting. Contact Bonnie Keller of NBT Bank at [treasurer@duanesburgbusinessassociation.org](mailto:treasurer@duanesburgbusinessassociation.org).

## Welcome New Members

Chris Magil  
Duanesburg Physical Therapy  
Route 7, Duanesburg  
895-8500

Chris offers outpatient physical therapy and specializes in general orthopedic and sports physical therapy.

Janet Acker, LCSW-R and  
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## DBA Meetings:

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 6pm at the DACC. No membership is required to attend. Please join us.

## Facade Grant Program

The Duanesburg Business Association is excited to participate with the Chamber of Schenectady County's Corridor Façade Program. This program is funded by the Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority and provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants for improvements to the exterior of commercial buildings in our area. The program typically assists with projects ranging from \$6,000 to \$60,000. In addition to the dollar-for-dollar matching grant, the program provides architectural services for the project including design, bidding, contracting and construction management. These architectural services are generally provided at no cost to the applicant. So this is a great deal for small businesses!

Century 21 and the adjacent building owned by Dr. Ze'ev Weitz will be the first two projects in Duanesburg to go through this program. We expect to be completing designs this winter in time to have the work done as soon as the weather warms up.

The program is administered by Anne Savage of River Street Planning & Development. Contact her with questions at 522-6494 or [asavage@riverstreet.org](mailto:asavage@riverstreet.org), or check in with Randy Passonno at 365-6379 or [randyp@collarcityauctions.com](mailto:randyp@collarcityauctions.com)

## Contractors Needed

The DBA will submit a list of licensed and insured member contractors to Schenectady Chamber Façade Program. These contractors will bid on façade applicant's jobs. This is a great opportunity for our local member contractors.

## Membership Drive

The DBA has sent out membership application packets to all our members and prospective businesses. **Please take the time to update your business listing.** This listing is used on our website, in our newsletter and press releases. As well, consider offering a member to member discount. If you did not receive a packet, contact Ed Greiner, Greiner Home Improvements at 875-6497 or email Ed at [egreiner1@yahoo.com](mailto:egreiner1@yahoo.com).

## DBA Survey

The Membership Committee wants to hear from you. A survey to better improve the DBA's programs and services is included in the membership packet. Please take the time to fill out and return. We want to serve the local

businesses to the best of our ability. Thank you!

## Fundraising

The DBA must raise money throughout the year to support Duanesburg's Independence Day Event. Our community enjoys this wonderful family and community event. The costs are enormous. If you have ideas about how to fundraise for this event and to support our organization, please contact Randy Passonno at 895-8150 or email [randyp@collarcityauctions.com](mailto:randyp@collarcityauctions.com)

## Retired?

The DBA is looking for retired professionals that can assist the DBA in offering programs and services to their members. If interested, please contact Pat Ciraulo at 895-9500 or [Pciraulo@dacc.info](mailto:Pciraulo@dacc.info).

## March Events

Duanesburg Days - March 28  
Contact Jeanne Beach for more information at 895-5350 x241

## DBA Benefits:

1. **Membership** in a local association that connects community and business professionals, all with your best interests in mind.
2. **Education** through an array of speakers.
3. **Fellowship** with local business professionals like yourself, through networking events and community events.
4. **Publications** - A description of your products and services listed on the DBA website. A monthly newsletter filled with tips, information and features.
5. **Stewardship** of our business community and support for local programs.
6. **Networking** through our monthly meetings, website and newsletter and email list serve.
7. **Member to Member Discounts** through a variety of options; bartering, percent discounts and more.
8. **Referral Source** for community residents looking for respected and trustworthy business professionals.
9. **Preferred Vendor** at DBA events.
10. **Recognition** for community involvement.

## DBA COMMITTEES

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Please submit articles for the DBA Newsletter by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month. We welcome your businesses news/announcements. Post your "Business-to-Business" classifieds here! Send to [Secretary@DuanesburgBusinessAssociation.org](mailto:Secretary@DuanesburgBusinessAssociation.org)