



CONNECT - ENGAGE - IMPACT - THRIVE - LEAD

The U.S. Open has been around since 1895. Not only is it exciting for sports fans, but it puts a national spotlight on the region. Fortunately for us, Oakmont Country Club is a wonderful asset located in our area and has hosted 8 U.S. Opens and more USGA and PGA Championships than any other venue. Events like this raise a region's profile and can produce lasting economic benefits through the surge of visitors that come to the area which includes athletes, media and spectators. It creates enthusiasm and excitement throughout the local communities. As a regional chamber, the Alle Kiski Strong Chamber welcomes the U.S. Open's return to Oakmont this year.

The Alle Kiski Strong Chamber has a membership that covers approximate 70 municipalities in 3 counties which include Allegheny, Armstrong and Westmoreland Counties, as well as some other surrounding areas. Our goal is to **CONNECT** businesses, non-profits and communities through communication and events. **ENGAGE** its members, communities and elected officials in effective dialogue that result in needed actions. **IMPACT** our region by representing our communities with a strong voice regarding legislative actions, economic development, infrastructure and more. **THRIVE** by providing a business friendly climate in our area and giving businesses the tools needed to succeed. And finally, **LEAD** the charge in making the Alle Kiski Valley an area where people want to move to for residence and business.

On behalf of the chamber, we hope that the 2016 U.S. Open is a great success and wish prosperity and growth to the region.

Warmest Regards,

Colleen Felentzer, Executive Director & Chad McCutcheon, Chair

