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State of the County Event Returns to Pike

Business, economic development groups partner with county for dinner

October 12, 2022 – Pike County will once again bring together leaders in business, local government and across the region to highlight successes and challenges facing the area at the State of the County Dinner on November 17, 2022 at the <u>Best Western Inn at Hunt's Landing</u> in Matamoras.

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce, Pike County Economic Development Authority and the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau (PMVB) have worked to plan the evening of networking, business and government updates as well as keynote speaker Jesse Ergott, President & CEO of NeighborWorks of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The event will be held from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. and include speakers from each organization including all three Pike County Commissioners. Dinner is included in the \$50 price per ticket for the event and sponsorships are still available. Registration is required at PikeChamber.com. Register here.

The theme of the event is: **Inspire. Educate. Collaborate.** Each organization and the commissioners intend to update attendees on where the business climate stands and what factors require collaboration to build on Pike County's success. Ergott's keynote will take an honest approach to the obstacles the region faces, instilling a sense of the possible and build momentum for what the next steps may require from everyone involved in Pike County's future

Ergott has served in the community development field for close to 20 years. During this time, he has used his community planning background on many different types of initiatives, including environmental & conservation projects, educational programming, historic preservation efforts, and the promotion of tourism in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Since joining NeighborWorks in late 2007, Ergott has focused his efforts on promoting homeownership and quality housing as a key tool for increasing the financial stability of families, helping seniors to age in their homes with dignity, and strengthening the neighborhoods we call home. He has also taken a lead role in the region's response to foreclosures and their compounding effects on families, communities and local government.

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce, Pike County Economic Development Authority and the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau are proud to partner with the Pike government to bring this event back to the county. Thanks to event sponsors including the PMVB, Pike County Light & Power, Twin Cedar Senior Living, Belle Reve Senior Living and other sponsors for making the State of the County Dinner possible.

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