

Waldwick Chamber of Commerce
General Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2026 | 8:30 AM
Waldwick Public Library

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chamber President Stan Kowalski. Members and guests were welcomed, and introductions were made around the room.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes from the April 15, 2026 Chamber meeting. The motion was made by Giuseppe Cascio and seconded by Chuck Farricker. The minutes were approved.

Chamber Updates

The Chamber currently has 125 total members, including 103 for-profit businesses and 22 non-profit organizations. Of the current members, 81 are Waldwick-based businesses and 44 are located outside of Waldwick.

New Chamber Members

The Chamber welcomed the following new members:

- Y Stretch Studio, Waldwick
- Floor Coverings International, Upper Saddle River
- Home Helpers Home Care, Allendale

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Members were reminded to check the Chamber's weekly newsletter and website for updates on upcoming events, business promotions, and community activities.

Upcoming events and announcements included:

- **May 25, 2026:** Memorial Day. The Chamber honors and remembers the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.
- **June 1, 2026:** Saddle River Rotary installation event, BYOB, \$50 per person.
- **June 7, 2026:** 18th Annual Waldwick Community Alliance Car Show.
- **June 12, 2026:** Bergen Volunteers Paddles & Prosecco at Passion Pickleball.
- **June/July 2026:** Multi-Chamber Networking Event, with date and location to be announced.
- A summer networking event is being planned at Nellie's Place in Waldwick. The date is to be determined, and members should look for additional information soon.
- Bergen Networking will be hosting a free office event tomorrow evening.

Members were encouraged to notify the Chamber of any upcoming business events or promotions that should be shared.

Recent Event: 18th Annual Waldwick Chamber of Commerce 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk

Stan Kowalski provided an update on the 18th Annual Waldwick Chamber of Commerce 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk, held on May 3, 2026. This year's theme was **"Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom, Community, and Commerce."**

Event highlights included:

- 805 registered participants.
- 747 runners, walkers, and Bergen County Police Academy recruits crossed the finish line.
- \$3,303 was donated to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for pediatric cancer research.
- The Chamber anticipates donating approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000 to local charities from the 2026 W5K proceeds.
- The 2025 W5K donations to date total \$39,500, benefiting more than 40 organizations.

The Chamber expects to present local charitable donations at the June Chamber meeting.

Scholarship Presentation

On May 18, 2026, the Chamber presented four \$1,000 scholarships to Waldwick High School seniors at the school's scholarship awards ceremony.

The scholarship recipients were:

- Uma Bruenjes
- John DeKramer
- Ava Struz
- Emily Oddo

Congratulations were extended to all of the scholarship recipients. It was also noted that Waldwick High School seniors received approximately \$80,000 in scholarships from local donors at the recent awards ceremony.

Members and Guests in Attendance

The following members and guests attended the meeting:

Stan Kowalski, Chuck Farricker, Mary Beth Nappi, Amanda Krakowiak, Marjorie Brower, Giuseppe Cascio, Carol Cuttita, Jennifer Miano, Paige Mulvey, Marcel Ysern, Frederick Young, Greg Butler, Ushma, George Raskakis, Ernesto Enrique, Lori Quinn, Kristyn Madley, Natalia Arciszewski, Stella Osae-Twum, and Megan Becker

Next Meeting

The next Waldwick Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on: **Wednesday, June 17, 2026**

8:30 AM

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Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.