



## Meet the September 21st, 2024 WaterFire Orb Lighter: **Angela Palumbo**

*Board Chairman, Buhl Regional Health Foundation Board of Directors*

*"I have been in a position throughout my career and retirement to help people, my communities and loved ones. I am blessed beyond words to be involved as much as I am."*

Angela retired after 34 years of service with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry's employment services. When the State created their "one stop" for employment and training, a.k.a. Pennsylvania CareerLink, Angela along with many others created one of the most successful CareerLink's in the state. During that time Angela served on many boards throughout Mercer County. Those boards included the Workforce Investment Board of Lawrence and Mercer Counties, United Way of Mercer County, Shenango Valley Urban League, past president of the Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Greater Sharon Associates, Mercer County Career Center's Perkins Planning Committee, past chair of MCAR, Sharon Regional Hospital Board of Directors, Christian H. Buhl Legacy Trust, and Hermitage Community and Economic Development Committee. She continues to serve on the Hermitage Community and Economic Development Committee and MCAR Board of Directors.



Angela currently serves as the Board Chairman of Buhl Regional Health Foundation's Board of Directors. The private foundation, located in Hermitage, PA, proudly invests nearly \$2.4 million each year into the diverse health care needs of Mercer County's residents. Under Angela's leadership, the foundation has amplified their impact in the community through expanded grantmaking efforts, enhancements to their health career scholarship program, and the implementation of BRHF-led program development that addresses unmet health needs in the community. Angela's dedication, support and leadership drives the foundation's vision to forge a healthy and prosperous Mercer County.

Angela has been the recipient of many awards and acknowledgments including: The Disabled American Veterans Department of Pennsylvania "Excellence Award", multiple honors from PA Labor & Industry, Grand Marshal of the Hermitage Light Parade, Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce Leadership award, and the Penn Northwest Improvement Movement Award, Angela was the recipient of the "Woman of the Year" in Mercer County by the Mercer County Commission for Women after being nominated by Senator Bob Robbins whom she admired.

In her spare time, Angela serves on the Stone Ridge Condominium Board of Directors and manages the popular band 2nd Avenue Project.

Looking at the many organizations Angela has given her time and expertise to, it is easy to see why she was chosen to light the WaterFire Orb tonight. We are fortunate to have Angela in our community!

***WaterFire Sharon is honored to have Angela Palumbo light the WaterFire Orb tonight!***

**ART**

**MUSIC**

**DANCE**

**PERFORMANCES**

**FOOD**