



The CHAMBER



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



Executive Director

March 2nd is the final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules in the Maryland General Assembly. With just over a month remaining in the 441st session, March is a busy month with committee report and crossover deadlines quickly approaching. As of this writing, nearly 2,700 bills have been introduced, and as always, many have a potential effect on how we do business in Allegany County and the State. Arguably, the two biggest issues facing the General Assembly are SB1000 Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Implementation (Kirwan) and how “we” are going to pay for it. While there are a number of bills proposing fee and tax increases/additions or eliminating incentives and credits, we finally got our answer to the latter. HB1628 Sales and Use Tax – Rate Reduction and Services has been introduced. While the bill proposes a decrease in the sales tax rate from 6% to 5%, it proposes expanding sales tax to apply to a broad array of services currently not subject to sales tax. This action would increase sales tax revenue for the State by an estimated \$2.6 billion or roughly 50%. Proposed tax increases such as this will hit every consumer and will raise the cost of doing business in Maryland, again. Education and workforce development are a priority but there has to be a better way.

We're only a few weeks away from Saint Patrick's Day and the Chamber's **Lucky Ladies Night Out** on Friday, March 20. The Lucky Ladies Committee is currently accepting donations for gift baskets from Chamber members to be raffled off that

evening. Don't miss this opportunity to get your business or organization recognized at this fun event open to the public. Tickets are on sale and going quickly so get yours today as this event may sell out. **Lucky Ladies Night Out** is proudly sponsored by **Bella LLC, Hamilton Relay, Homespire**

Mortgage, Kristi Otto Allstate Agency and Uhl Enterprises/Queen City Motors. Thank you!

After taking February off, the “*Chamber After Hours*” program resumes with our March event on Wednesday, March 18 hosted by **Archway Station** at 45 Queen Street, Cumberland. “*Chamber After Hours*” are from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Chamber members must pre-register and be present at the time of the drawing with 2020 dues in good standing to be eligible for this month's \$1,500 Network & Win. The pre-registration deadline is March 12. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Chamber's **Fourth Annual Golf Outing** is right around the corner on Friday, May 1. This event is a great way to kick off the season by connecting with colleagues and enjoying the links at the Cumberland Country Club. Sponsorship opportunities are available and are already coming in. Get yours now to take full advantage of the benefits of sponsoring this popular outing. Thank you to **AES Warrior Run, Cintas, Rocky Gap Casino Resort** and **UPMC Western Maryland**.

Eighty percent of the Chamber's operating budget is funded by membership dues. Thank you to our members who have renewed or are renewing their membership for 2020. Your support allows your local Chamber to continue serving you and the community as it has for nearly 115 years. Please support our member businesses and organizations. They support our community.

Stu Czapski
Executive Director

MARCH 2020

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Bell Tower Building
Cumberland, MD 21502

March Calendar

March 4

8:00 am
Membership Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
9:00 am
Golf Outing Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

March 5

8:00 am
Education Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

March 11

Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

March 12

3:00 pm
Expo Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

March 16

8:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Alumni Mtg.
Chamber Boardroom

March 17

8:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Steering Mtg.
Chamber Boardroom

March 18

8:00 am
Economic Devel. Comm. Mtg.
Chamber Boardroom
Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
5:30 – 7:30 pm
“Chamber After Hours”
Archway Station

March 20

6:00 pm
Lucky Ladies Night Out
Ali Ghan Shrine Club

March 25

Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

March 26

Noon
Board of Directors Meeting
Chamber Boardroom



LUCKY
Ladies Night
OUT

Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce

Friday
MARCH
20

Ali Ghan Shrine Club

Event starts at
6:00 PM
Doors open at 5:30 PM

Cost: \$35.00
After March 6: \$40.00
\$225.00 for reserved table of 7

Hors d'oeuvres, beer/wine, raffles
One free raffle ticket for grand prize

The fifth annual **“Lucky Ladies Night Out”** will be held on Friday, March 20th at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club, Cumberland, Maryland. The event is proudly sponsored by **Bella, LLC, Hamilton Relay, Homespire Mortgage, Kristi Otto Allstate Agency and Uhl Enterprises/Queen City Motors.**

“Lucky Ladies Night Out” is a lively time of fun, laughter, food, drinks and chances to win fantastic prizes. Need a little pampering? Then this event is for YOU!! Enjoy some great food and then settle in and let our male volunteers replenish your drinks all night long. During the evening the volunteers will be visiting your table and displaying a wide variety of themed gift baskets, containing extraordinary gifts – just buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win. All the gift baskets will be raffled off before the evening ends; purchase just one raffle ticket or if you are feeling really lucky purchase a ticket for all the gift baskets being offered. Raffle tickets are just \$5.00 each. At the end of the evening you could walk away with some fabulous gifts.

Raffle baskets this year include a wide variety of music festival packages, overnight accommoda-

tions, massages, manicures/pedicures, salon treatments, restaurant gift certificates, a magnificent Pot of Gold basket, and a Mystery Basket chock full of fabulous items.



Tickets can be ordered by contacting the Chamber office at 301-722-2820 or by emailing **krista@alleganycountychamber.com**.

Early-bird tickets are \$35.00 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, beer/wine/soft drinks, and a raffle ticket chance on the grand prize drawing. After March 6th tickets are \$40.00 per person. Make it a party – purchase, in advance, a reserved Lucky Table of 7 for only \$225.00; after March 6th tables are \$260.00. Doors open at 5:30 pm. You must be 21 years of age to attend – open to the public.

Men – we certainly don't want you to feel left out. Volunteer your time and join us for the fun. If you have an interest in helping out please give us a call (301-722-2820).



March 20, 2020 — 6:00 pm — Ali Ghan Shrine Club

Alleghany County Chamber of Commerce
PRESENTS:

LUCKY
Ladies Night
OUT

Hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine
♣ ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET FOR GRAND PRIZE ♣

ADDITIONAL RAFFLE DRAWINGS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING
(TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)

COST: EARLY BIRD PRICE IS \$35 PER TICKET OR \$225 FOR RESERVED TABLE OF 7
IF PURCHASED BY MAR. 6TH - PRICE THEREAFTER IS \$40 PER TICKET OR \$260
FOR RESERVED TABLE OF 7.

Friday
MARCH
20th

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

Ali Ghan Shrine Club
13100 ALI GHAN RD. NE
CUMBERLAND, MD
21502

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE ALLEGANY COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
KRISTA LLEWELLYN, 301-722-2820, krista@alleganycountychamber.com

SPONSORED BY:

Bella, LLC • Hamilton Relay • Homespire Mortgage
Kristi Otto Allstate Agency • Uhl Enterprises / Queen City Motors

THE ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Presents

"CHAMBER AFTER HOURS"

ARCHWAY STATION, INC.

45 Queen St, Cumberland, MD

Wednesday March 18, 2020

5:30 PM—7:30 PM

Wear your green!

Join us for networking, hors d'oeuvres, drinks and prizes!

Beer & wine sponsored by: Keller Stonebraker Insurance, Inc.

\$5.00 Registration fee collected at door—Must be 21 years of age to attend

Must be pre-registered and present to win

NETWORK & WIN \$1,500.00

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 12, 2020

Organization Name: _____

Member Name: _____

Member Guests: _____

Please return to:

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, 24 Frederick St, Cumberland, MD 21502

Phone: 301-722-2820/Fax: 301-722-5995/Email: Krista@alleganycountychamber.com



Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
Fourth Annual Golf Outing
Friday, May 1, 2020
Cumberland Country Club
Shotgun Start @ 9:00 am
Sponsored by:

UPMC
WESTERN
MARYLAND

CINTAS
READY FOR THE WORKDAY™

 **AES Warrior Run**
we are the energy


ROCKY GAP
CASINO • RESORT
CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

4 Person Team - \$400.00
Single Golfer - \$125.00

To guarantee a slot for
your team please rsvp
by April 24, 2020

Fun opportunity to enjoy a day on the links kicking off the golf season.

Putting Contest
Corn Hole
Hole in One Contest
Power Balls
50/50 Raffle

Sponsorships also available—please contact the Allegany County
Chamber of Commerce for details 301-722-2820 or by email
peg@alleganycountychamber.com or krista@alleganycountychamber.com

Member Profile: Cumberland Choral Society

P.O. Box 1011
Cumberland, MD 21501-1011
Dina Wilson, President
Judith Brown, Artistic Director



CUMBERLAND CHORAL SOCIETY is an amateur group of approximately 60 singers who meet on a weekly basis to rehearse and perform the world's great choral repertoire. They come together "for the purpose of performing and promoting the historical and current literature of choral music, including classical and related sacred and popular forms."

The Cumberland Choral Society, beginning its 80th Season in September 2020, comes together to sing all genres of music from classical to pop and Broadway. Judith Brown is the current Artistic Director and has been directing the group since September 2010. Past directors include Alfred Mudrich, George Ott, Craig Schultz and Karen Sarnaker. Their members include people from all walks of life including doctors, professors, teachers, lawyers, clergy, accountants, actors, former music majors. In short, people who love to sing. They rehearse diligently over many weeks and see this process as a journey towards expressing their best efforts to honor the composers' intentions. They perform with as many instruments as their budget allows, presenting their works as complete with choral and instrumental balance. They have presented the complete exhilarating story of Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn to an arrangement of Jingle Bells by Barbra Streisand to a gospel arrangement by Rollo Dilworth.

They give two main concerts every year, a Holiday concert in December, given two times, and a Spring concert, also given twice. They also travelled to the Highland Arts unlimited series in Keyser this past December as well as performed some of their Holiday selections at Life Fitness in LaVale and the Allegany Arts Council open houses. Interest in belonging to CCS has remained constant, averaging between 45 to 60 singers. They ask anyone interested in joining to come for a short simple audition consisting of singing a simple song, matching pitch, ear testing and finding out about past choral experience.

The group is funded totally by donor support, ticket proceeds and partial grants from the Halmos Community Fund through the Community Trust Foundation and Allegany Arts Council. Ticket proceeds make up for only a small fraction of our overall cost.

In this world of division and partisanship music is a force that can unite us. It can cross all barriers and divisions. The vibrations created when we make music can physically alter our physical and emotional outlook. And when that music-making is in a GROUP setting such as a choral group, the benefit is exponentially greater than the individual

part. A successful performance produces a "high" and joy that nothing else can match.

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

BEETHOVEN MASS IN C MAJOR, HAYDN TE DEUM performed jointly with Cumberland Choral Society and the Frostburg University Chorale – Saturday, May 2nd at 7:30 pm in Pealer Hall, Frostburg State University and Sunday, May 3rd at 2:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church, Cumberland, Maryland.

80th ANNIVERSARY YEAR HOLIDAY CONCERTS – Friday, December 11th at 7:30 pm, Sunday, December 13th at 7:30 pm, Friday, May 14, 2021 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 2:30 pm @ First Presbyterian Church, 11 Washington Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

For further information please contact Judith Brown, Artistic Director, at brojuda49@verizon.net or 240-920-7157 or 240-522-5070 or Dina Wilson, President, dwilson@timbrook.com or 301-707-2315.

Welcome New Members

(Patronize these members and welcome them to the Chamber)

Division of Rehabilitation Services – Cumberland

138 Baltimore Street
McMullen Bldg., Suite 201
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
301-777-2119
Fax: 301-777-2056
www.dors.maryland.gov
Contact: Erin Shahan, VR Supervisor
Email: erin.shahan@maryland.gov
Category: Government
Description: *To provide support in promoting employment, economic self-sufficiency and independence to individuals with disabilities*

Heart of the Earth Sanctuary and Rescue, Inc.

13311 S. Cresap Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
240-979-6400
Fax: 303-460-4143
www.hotesanctuaryandrescue.com
Contact: Kerry Weide, President and Operations Director
E-mail: heartoftheearthrescue@gmail.com
Category: Non-Profit
Description: *Provide and find homes for abandoned sick, and special needs animals. Advocacy and education.*

The Toasted Goat Winery

11 West Main Street
Frostburg, Maryland 21532
240-558-9463
Fax: 888-485-0138
www.toastedgoatwinery.com
Contact: Kristan Carter, Owner
E-mail: kristan@hotelgunter.com
Category: Winery Restaurant
Description: *Tasting and tap room located in downtown Frostburg offering some of your local favorite spirits and food*

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Fourth Annual Golf Outing Cumberland Country Club



May 1, 2020

The Fourth Annual Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing will be held on Friday, May 1, 2020 at the Cumberland Country Club. The outing begins with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. This event is a great way to kick off golf season by enjoying a day on the links while connecting and networking with business friends and colleagues.

The Golf Outing features a traditional scramble format with a shot-gun start. There will be interactive contests throughout the day including a putting contest, corn hole, power balls, 50/50 raffles and a hole in one contest. Lunch will be served following the outing.

Whether playing as a foursome or as a single golfer you are sure to have a fun-filled day. With so many great sponsorship opportunities there are many ways to get involved.

Sponsorship opportunities include:

- Gold Sponsor - \$1,000**
- Silver Sponsor - \$500.00**
- Bronze Sponsor - \$250.00**
- Tent Sponsor - \$250.00**
- Tee Sign Sponsor - \$100.00**
- Four Person Team - \$400.00**
- Single Player - \$125.00**

For more information on this event please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820.



"Chamber After Hours"

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020
5:30 to 7:30 pm**

***Hosted by
Archway Station***

Inclement Weather Policy

If you are wondering if a committee meeting or Chamber event will be held during inclement weather, please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820. The Chamber's voice mail will be programmed to include details of any cancellation or time change that may be necessary due to snow or inclement weather conditions.



**Friday, March 20, 2020
6:00 pm
Ali Ghan Shrine Club**



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Second Vice Chairman: Robert A. Godfrey

Immediate Past Chairman: Scott C. Pfeiffer