



The CHAMBER



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



Executive Director

"There are three types of baseball players: Those who make it happen, those who watch it happen and those who wonder what happens." – *Tommy Lasorda*

Business owners take calculated risks based on the information, market conditions and rules available to them at the time. They develop business and marketing plans, acquire a business location, purchase equipment and supplies, hire employees, deliver a product or service and make decisions according to the laws handed down to them by our elected representatives. Whenever any of the conditions change, it causes uncertainty and is a time to reevaluate and adjust. This is especially evident during election years and when legislators are in session.

The events surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak are like a hundred legislative sessions rolled into one and then worse. There is little process for public input, no committee hearings and relatively no advance notice. Typically when laws are changed we at least have a few months or even years to plan and make adjustments to comply with new regulations. Not today. Change how you do business this week. Close your business and send your employees home next week. Is my business essential? We're going to make an important announcement in two days but we're not going to tell you what it is until then. How long is this going to last? We don't know but we'll let you know, sometime. It's safe to say the most used sentence these days is, "I don't know."

So what are we going to do about it? This isn't a big snow storm that we know is going

to melt in a few days or even a week and things instantly go back to normal. Is it going to be maybe a few weeks, months or even years? We can't control the hysteria but we can control how we react to it. One thing for sure is, though, throwing our hands up and doing nothing

is not an option. We need to make business happen today and plan, prepare and execute the gradual reopening. Some parts of the economy will recover sooner than others and there will be a spike of increased production soon but some impact will last for a much longer time. There is a heightened need for information, accurate information. The burden will likely fall on employers to comply with the rules for reopening. There is accurate reliable information out there and now is the time to rely on fellow Chamber members for help and support.

There is no playbook for this. We are all learning and adjusting at the same time. While it is an overused cliché, we are all in this together. Yes, it does mean we are all experiencing the same frustrations and you are not alone but it also means we all have a role to play in the recovery. As the Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery is rolled out, we need to help each other by sharing best practices and support local businesses. We need to make an effort to direct people to official information provided by our local, state and federal governments, not rumor or speculation. We need to be patient and understand that everyone is dealing with something none of us has ever experienced. Understand also that the economy needs to get moving again, though safely, as quickly as possible. We need to embrace the new normal and support our local economy. We all have a choice to make it happen, watch it happen or just wonder what happened.

Stu Czapski
Executive Director

MAY 2020

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Bell Tower Building
Cumberland, MD 21502



Rescheduled – Friday, June 5, 2020
6:00 pm • Ali Ghan Shrine Club

May Calendar

NOTE: *If social distancing guidelines continue as they are, committee meetings may be held via conference call as needed.*

May 6

8:00 am
Membership Committee Meeting
Conference Call

May 14

8:00 am
Education Committee Meeting
Pending

May 18

8:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Alumni Mtg.
Pending

May 19

8:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Steering
Committee Meeting
Conference Call

May 20

8:00 am
Economic Development
Committee Meeting
Pending

May 28

Noon
Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call

June 5

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

June 12

9:00 am
Golf Outing
Cumberland Country Club

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Business Resources



Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery
governor.maryland.gov/recovery

Maryland Business Express
businessexpress.maryland.gov

Maryland Business Relief Wizard
reliefwizard.net

Maryland COVID-19 Rumor Control
govstatus.egov.com/md-coronavirus-rumor-control

Maryland Department of Labor
dllr.state.md.us

Small Business Administration
sba.gov

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Resources
alleganycountychamber.com/covid-19-business-resources

While the Chamber Office is currently closed, we are still available to serve you.

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Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce
PRESENTS:

LUCKY *Ladies Night* OUT

Flare 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. 8TH - PRICE THEREAFTER IS \$40 PER TICKET OR \$260
FOR RESERVED TABLE OF 7.

Friday

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

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

**RESCHEDULED
JUNE 5TH**

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE ALLEGANY COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
Fourth Annual Golf Outing
RESCHEDULED—Friday, June 12, 2020
Cumberland Country Club
Shotgun Start @ 9:00 am
Sponsored by:



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

To guarantee a slot for
your team please rsvp
by June 5, 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

Leadership *Allegany!* Rising Class of 2020 Holds Graduation Ceremony



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce **Leadership *Allegany!* Rising** Class of 2020 recently held graduation ceremonies for the nineteen participants who participated in this year's program. **Leadership *Allegany!* Rising**, which is modeled after the Chamber's very successful **Leadership *Allegany!*** program, is dedicated to providing positive change by creating a network of future leaders committed to impacting their community.

The participants, all high school juniors, were from Allegany High School, Calvary Christian Academy, the Center for Career and Technical Education, Fort Hill High School, and Mountain Ridge High School. In a forum of open discussion and interaction class members gained the knowledge and motivation to effect positive change within the region. Class members covered topics such as healthcare, social services, government, economic development, business careers and higher education.

Participating in the program were:

Ryann Bennett, *Fort Hill High School*
Zoey Blank, *Center for Career and Technical Education*
Cassandra Cessna, *Calvary Christian Academy*
Mac Cohen, *Fort Hill High School*
Karaline Crabtree, *Calvary Christian Academy*

Anna Cullen, *Mountain Ridge High School*
Madisen Dayton, *Calvary Christian Academy*
Atalie Dozart, *Center for Career and Technical Education*
Carl Eckard, *Fort Hill High School*
Rachel Jones, *Mountain Ridge High School*
Colby Mallery, *Calvary Christian Academy*
Elizabeth Marchbank, *Mountain Ridge High School*
Ashton McCusker, *Center for Career and Technical Education*
Olympia Miltenberger, *Allegany High School*
Toby Preaskorn, *Allegany High School*
Cameron Robertson, *Center for Career and Technical Education*
Rylan Sensabaugh, *Fort Hill High School*
Zoe Simon, *Allegany High School*
Brielle Windle, *Mountain Ridge High School*

The program is proudly sponsored by Allegany County Government, AT&T Service, Inc., **Leadership *Allegany!*** and Mr. James "Snake" Robertson.

For information about the program please contact the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce at 301-722-2820.



Member Profile: Toasted Goat Winery at Hotel Gunter

11 W. Main Street
Frostburg, Maryland 21532
240-558-9463
www.toastedgoatwinery.com



Toasted Goat's Tasting Room, Tap Room, and Restaurant are located in the Historic Hotel Gunter in the middle of the growing Arts and Entertainment District of Frostburg Maryland. Hotel Gunter has been a shining gem in Frostburg since it opened in 1897 and it remains so today.

The Hotel Gunter has had a rich history since its early days. It boasted 100 rooms, a barbershop and a cafe, along with tennis courts and a petting farm complete with a tame fawn. A fifth-floor observation deck offered majestic views of the town of Frostburg and the surrounding Allegheny Mountains.

The hotel offered even more intrigue during the early 20th century. Because federal agents were transporting prisoners from the Midwest to Washington, DC, Gunter built a jail cell in the basement. While not in use, the cell is still part of the hotel.

During Prohibition, one could find politicians and others local dignitaries at the speakeasy that doubled as a cockfighting arena.

Purchased by Donny and Kristan Carter in 2018, the Hotel Gunter is home to more than just hotel rooms. While the hotel offers 12 overnight rooms, it is also home to Toasted Goat Winery and Restaurant,

Gladstone Mercantile and most recently, Rt. 40 Distilling. Plans for a brewery are in the works.

Enjoy a delicious lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch or stop in for a glass or two of Toasted Goat's wines or Rt. 40's variety of distilled alcohol or locally crafted beers. It's the perfect place for weddings, parties, reunions and other special events. Or take some time and browse through Gladstone Mercantile stocked with clothing representing Maryland, Frostburg and, of course, Toasted Goat and Hotel Gunter; Toasted Goat Wines, a variety of Maryland products alcohols; and locally produced merchandise. History, style, and service are always in good taste at Hotel Gunter.

Leadership Allegany! Alumni Committee Update

When members of the **Leadership Allegany!** Class of 2020 graduate in June they will join the ranks of almost 545 individuals who have graduated from the leadership program. To allow graduates an opportunity to continue networking with fellow classmates and interact with other alumni graduates the Alumni Committee was created. On a monthly basis Alumni Committee members meet to develop social, networking and educational programs.

To assist future class members the **Leadership Allegany!** Scholarship Fund was created to make the program available to individuals whose financial resources may prohibit or restrict their involvement. Small business owners, non-profit agencies, and

interested individuals are the primary target group for the scholarship fund, but funds are available to everyone. To date, 82 individuals have accessed over \$32,000.00 from the scholarship fund from the first Class of 1998 through the current Class of 2020. 16% of the **Leadership Allegany!** alumni have been given an otherwise unavailable opportunity to learn about our region, develop their leadership skills, and make a positive impact in our county and communities through the Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund covers up to 50% of the tuition. We hope you will consider contributing to the scholarship fund as we continue to provide educational and leadership opportunities to all members of our region.

We extend special thanks to members of the Alumni Association for their contributions, time, and energy in keeping the **Leadership Allegany!** experience alive and for building opportunities for other leaders.

Alumni members are notified of upcoming events by way of e-mail. If you are not receiving emails please contact the Chamber office with your updated information. Stay Involved – Your **Leadership Allegany!** adventure does not have to end at graduation!

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

RESCHEDULED – JUNE 12, 2020



The Chamber's **Fourth Annual Member/Guest Golf Outing** has been rescheduled for Friday, June 12th at the Cumberland Country Club with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. This event is a fun opportunity to enjoy a day on the links kicking off the golf season while networking and connecting with business friends and colleagues.

The outing features a traditional scramble format with contests throughout the day including a putting contest, corn hole, power balls, 50/50 raffles and a hole in one contest.

A four-person team is \$400.00; a single player is \$125.00. Sponsorship opportunities are also available and include:

Gold Sponsor – \$1,000

- Team of (4) four players
- (2) Tee Signs
- (2) Fliers in the Chamber E-newsletter or (2) months advertising in the weekly E-news
- Business member mailing list on CD
- Opportunity to distribute info at registration table
- Logo on advertising material
- Verbal recognition at event
- Logo on all carts (or scorecard)

Silver Sponsor – \$500.00

- (1) Tee Sign
- (1) Flier in the Chamber E-newsletter or (1) month advertising in the weekly E-news
- Business member mailing list on CD
- Name on advertising material
- Verbal recognition at event

Bronze Sponsor – \$250.00

- (1) Tee Sign
- (1) Flier in Chamber newsletter
- Verbal recognition at event

Tent Sponsor – \$250.00

- Opportunity to display on the course to showcase a product or service to all players; sponsor is responsible for providing tent

Tee Sponsor – \$100.00

Whether playing as a foursome or as a single golfer this will be a fun and exciting day. There are many ways to get involved. To guarantee a slot for your team please respond as soon as possible; for tee sign sponsorships please respond by Friday, May 29th. For more information on this event please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820.





The fifth annual **"Lucky Ladies Night Out"** has been rescheduled for **Friday, June 5th** at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club, Cumberland, Maryland. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, beer/wine/soft drinks, and a raffle ticket chance on a grand prize drawing. Doors open at 5:30 pm. You must be 21 years of age to attend – open to the public. Tickets can be ordered by contacting the Chamber office at 301-722-2820 or by emailing krista@alleganycountychamber.com or peg@alleganycountychamber.com.

"Lucky Ladies Night Out" is a fun evening with your friends. Baskets will be raffled off throughout the evening; purchase just one ticket or if you are feeling really lucky purchase tickets for all the baskets being offered. There is no limit to the number of raffle tickets you can purchase. Raffle tickets are just \$5.00 each.

"Lucky Ladies Night Out" is proudly sponsored by **Bella LLC, CBIZ Insurance Services, Inc., Hamilton Relay, Homespire Mortgage, Kristi Otto Allstate Agency and Uhl Enterprises/Queen City Motors.**

SAVE THE DATE Chamber Crab Feast



Friday, August 7, 2020
Ali Ghan Shrine
Picnic Grounds
6:00 – 9:00 pm

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



Rescheduled
JUNE 12, 2020

Rescheduled for Friday, June 12, 2020
9:00 am Shotgun Start
Cumberland Country Club



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