



The CHAMBER



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



Executive Director

We are nearing spring and this marks the end of some things and the beginning of others. Winter weather notwithstanding. March 7 is the final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules in the 444th session of the General Assembly of Maryland. The Chamber has taken a new approach at keeping members updated on the legislative process this year with weekly updates, posting letters on our website, and making calls to action when a particular bill has potential to impact our business community. On March 3 and 4 a great number of us will be in Annapolis for the PACE reception and breakfast, as well as participating in meetings – in particular, we will attend a meeting with Department of Commerce Secretary Mike Gill, and MDOT SHA Administrator Tim Smith. Thank you to **The Greater Cumberland Committee** for making these important connections possible. The PACE Talking Points for this year are centered on outdoor recreation and were shared in our weekly update. You can also find them in this newsletter.

On March 8 and 9, the **Leadership Allegany! Class of 2021-2022** will be in Annapolis for the program's showcase of State Government. We have been fortunate that after many unknowns, things have opened up and we can provide the participants with a great experience. Thank you to **Stu Czapski, Class of 1999** and **Julie Westendorff, Class of 2019** for their help in this monumental planning process.

Hopefully you have received an email about our **6th Annual Golf Outing** to be held on Friday, May 6 at the Cumberland Country

Club. We have added some fun, new sponsorship opportunities, and even if you're not a golfer, maybe your business would consider a sponsorship for the event. Planning for the **Lucky Ladies Night Out** event is now underway, as well, scheduled for June 10 at the Shrine Club picnic grounds. Sponsorship opportunities will be open for this event, too. We will also be seeking out volunteers for both of these events in the coming weeks.

Like a Woman is set for Friday, March 18 and we sold out of seats for this prior to closing our early bird pricing. Thank you to **Allegany County Commissioners, First Energy, Rocky Gap Casino Resort** and **UPMC Western Maryland – Platinum; Sgaggero Event Planning – Gold; and ACT 1st Federal Credit Union & Coldwell Banker Professional Real Estate Services – Silver** for your generous sponsorships. With a keynote speaker, **Marjorie Gray**, bringing a globally recognized presentation to our doorstep, and a panel including **Kate Barnard, Kinfolk Counseling, Tifani Fisher, NAACP, Heather Lancaster, Spectrum Designs, Rev. Martha Macgill, Emmanuel Parish, and Michele Martz, UPMC Western Maryland**, moderated by **Jennifer Walsh, TGCC**, this is a powerhouse program for our community.

In reading this, it may seem as though we are heavily focused on events, but when I look back over the past month of our committee work, it is little wonder why I am exhausted. We successfully offered a leadership workshop thanks to **Dr. Bill Rocks** and **Chandler Sagal** of **Allegany College of Maryland**, and our **Leadership Allegany! Alumni** revisited broadband recently. It is important to me that the Chamber is well-rounded in offering a balance of programming, events, and workshops, all while keeping a strong foothold on our advocacy efforts. In an election year when we felt perhaps some of the big-impact bills would not pass, we are seeing that some have legs and are of great

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Bell Tower Building
Cumberland, MD 21502

March Calendar

All Meetings will be Hybrid unless otherwise stated.

March 2
8:00 am
Membership Committee Meeting

March 9
Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting

March 10
8:00 am
Education Committee Meeting

9:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Rising
Committee Meeting

March 14
Noon
Leadership Allegany! Alumni Mtg.

March 15
8:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Steering
Committee Meeting

March 16
8:00 am
Economic Development Com. Mtg.

Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting

5:30 – 7:30 pm
"Chamber After Hours"
Woman's Civic Club

March 18
10:30 am
Like A Woman Event
Rocky Gap Casino Resort

March 23
Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting

March 28
Noon
Marketing Committee Meeting

March 30
Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting

March 31
Noon
Board of Directors Meeting

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concern, but we will continue to serve as a voice for Allegany County.

One final note, the Chamber is seeking from its membership those who might have an interest in serving on an ad-hoc committee for the Bell Tower Building. With hidden gutter repair happening soon, there is still significant work that must be done to preserve the health and safety of the building. The committee will be responsible for looking at the needs, both urgent and long-term, as well as regular maintenance. If you or someone from your company has an interest, please contact the Chamber.

Juli McCoy
Executive Director

Don't Forget to Take Advantage of the Chamber's Website Features:

- Register and pay for Chamber events online
- Post your events on our Community Calendar
- Post Job Openings
- Post member to member discounts
- Update your company's representatives

Everything can be done through your "Member Login" portal. If you need assistance please contact the Chamber office 301-722-2820.

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

FRIDAY MAY 6, 2022

**Go to www.alleganycountychamber.com
for details**

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Sixth Annual Golf Outing will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022 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, mulligans, power balls, and 50/50 raffles. **New this year we are offering multiple hole in one contests.** An awards ceremony will be held at the conclusion of the outing. Whether playing as a foursome for \$400.00 or as a single golfer for \$125.00 you are sure to have a fun-filled day.

Again this year we are offering our traditional sponsorship opportunities:

Gold Sponsor - \$1,000.00

Silver Sponsor - \$500.00

Putting Contest Sponsor - \$400.00

Bronze Sponsor - \$250.00

Tent Sponsor - \$250.00

Tee Sign Sponsor - \$100.00

NEW this year we are also offering several exclusive sponsorships that provide you with an opportunity to showcase your business:

Burgers and Dogs Sponsor - \$500.00

Awards and Social Sponsor - \$500.00

Hole In One Trip/Closest to Pin Sponsor - \$500.00

Coffee Bar Sponsor - \$200.00

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

New Members

(patronize these members and welcome them to the Chamber)

Mountain City Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing

48 Tarn Terrace
Frostburg, Maryland 21532
301-689-1391 – Fax: 301-689-6251
www.mountaincityrehab.com
Contact: Michele Magnus, Administrator
E-mail: mmagnus@mountaincityrehab.com
Category: Skilled nursing home

Mountainside Home Realty

28 Washington Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
301-268-7504 – Fax: 301-722-0190
www.mdmountainshomes.com
Contact: Ally Litten, Broker/Owner
E-mail: alittenmd@gmail.com
Category: Real Estate – Commercial and Residential

Ocean Hill Equity Partners, LLC

924 Seton Drive
Suite 1
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
301-759-9090
Contact: Edward Crossland, Owner
E-mail: oceanhillequity@gmail.com
Category: Investor

Wheelzup Adventures

86 Baltimore Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
240-362-7021 – Fax: 301-367-6577
www.wheelzupadventures.com
Contact: Mandela Echefu, Owner
E-mail: echefumu@upmc.edu
Category: Retail-Specialty

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
Presents

"CHAMBER AFTER HOURS"

SPONSORED BY
THE WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB
515 WASHINGTON ST
CUMBERLAND MD 21502

JOIN US FOR NETWORKING, HORS D'OEUVRES,
DRINKS & PRIZES!

\$5.00 REGISTRATION FEE
MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD TO ATTEND

Network & Win \$3250.00

Must be pre-registered & present to win!
RSVP by Thursday, March 10!

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Organization Name

Member Names

Member Guest



Our Business Lending Team!

SCOTT
DUCKWORTH



JESSIE
WOODS



"Chamber After Hours"

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Hosted by Woman's Civic Club



2022 PACE Talking Points

The Outdoor Economy

Home to 158,000 acres of public land (31% of the entire state's owned acreage), Allegany and Garrett counties in Western Maryland are gateway communities to a large number of nature-based assets and four seasons of outdoor recreation opportunities. With over 500 miles of developed trail systems, one national park, three state forests, 11 state parks, and 27 public water assets, our mountainous counties offer access to outdoor recreation, thus providing a unique value that differentiates us from the rest of the state while generating important and sustainable economic and community development.

According to the Maryland Outdoor Recreation Economic (MORE) Commission, which was released in December of 2019, outdoor recreation-related expenditures generated \$14 billion in annual consumer spending and 109,000 direct jobs in Maryland. Nationwide, the outdoor economy numbers are equally as impressive with \$787.6 billion in consumer spending; \$5.2 million jobs; and \$125 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

Western Maryland is well positioned to continue the tradition of collaboration to leverage a regional approach to the outdoors for economic growth, job creation, and tourism initiatives. Allegany and Garrett counties understand maximizing their close proximity to major metropolitan and consumer centers, four-season outdoor recreation experiences, rich quality of life assets, and the infrastructure that will attract and retain full-time residents and will result in the highest quality of life to live, work, and play.

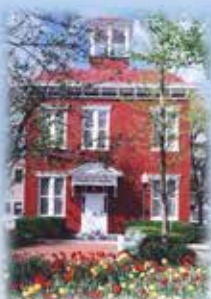
www.mtmarylandpace.com

Save the Date!!



The seventh annual "Lucky Ladies Night Out" will be held on Friday, June 10th at the Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic Grounds, Cumberland, Maryland.

The event is open to all Chamber members and their guests as well as the general public. "Lucky Ladies Night Out" is a lively time of fun, laughter, food, drinks and chances to win fantastic prizes. Stay tuned for more details next month.



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