



# The CHAMBER



## ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



### Executive Director

Thanks to the 648 tickets purchased, corporate tents, and everyone who assisted in the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Crab Feast we had an outstanding event. Thank you to our sponsors: **AT&T, The Belt Group, Egle House Memory Care Assisted Living, First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union, and Maryland Broadband Cooperative.** Special thanks to Jeremy Irons, *Carl Belt, Inc.*, the Chamber's Peg McKenzie, and the *Shrine Motor Corps* for their careful planning and execution.

Included in this month's newsletter is an important step forward for our **Transportation Sub-Committee** – a survey that will help us build a business case for two nationally affiliated rideshare companies who have requested additional data after initial talks spurred their interest. We believe that our community is uniquely positioned with a robust population of students, tourists, and workforce, and that our rural setting should not be a deterrent. It is vital that we have a solid response from you – **our business community** – in order to present thorough data when we discuss our need for a transportation network that can truly serve everyone in Allegany County.

We shared a sub-committee update recently that included the full scope of work done since the first meeting in June. *The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12 at 9am and is open to all members; please contact our office if you would like meeting details.*

The Chamber recently hosted an Economic Outlook program featuring **Larry Boggs, Boggs & Company Wealth Management** and **Ed Huber, Huber Michaels & Co.** The session was a great resource tool that included historic determinants related to recession, inflation, and what those might mean as we approach the end of the year. The Membership Committee hosts its next workshop – *Time Management: A Mini-Coaching Session* – on Thursday, September 15 as a virtual lunch & learn, made possible by **Pam Twigg, Pamela Twigg Coaching.** A flyer with details is included in this newsletter.

Join us for our next *Chamber After Hours* at the Gordon Roberts House when the **Allegany County Historical Society** will host us on Wednesday, September 21 from 5:30-7:30pm. With a big winner of *Network & Win* in August, our pot resets to \$500. Remember to pre-register to be eligible to win.

The **Allegany County Local Business Showcase** is coming together with a limited number of spaces available, and we are excited to take this event to the Lane Center at Frostburg State University. Don't miss your chance to reserve your preferred space and remember that this also serves as our October *After Hours*. Thank you to our current **Platinum Sponsors: ACT 1<sup>st</sup> FCU and Dunkin.**

**Juli McCoy**  
Executive Director

### SEPTEMBER 2022

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Cumberland, MD 21502

### September Calendar

#### September 7

8:00 am  
Membership Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

#### September 8

8:00 am  
Education Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

#### September 12

Noon  
**Leadership Allegany**  
Alumni Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

3:00 pm  
Local Business Showcase  
Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

#### September 15

Noon  
Time Management Workshop  
Virtual

#### September 16

Noon  
Marketing Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

#### September 20

8:30 am  
**Leadership Allegany**  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

#### September 21

8:00 am  
Economic Development  
Committee Meeting  
Allegany College of Maryland

5:30 – 7:30 pm  
*"Chamber After Hours"*  
Allegany County Historical Society

#### September 28

3:00 pm  
Local Business Showcase  
Lane Center, FSU

#### September 29

Noon  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom



**Virtual Lunch and Learn  
"Time Management  
Workshop"**

Thursday  
September 15, 2022  
Noon

**Economic Development  
Committee Presentation  
"State of the County"**

Wednesday  
September 21, 2022  
8:00 am  
Allegany College of Maryland

**"Chamber After Hours"**

Wednesday  
September 21, 2022  
5:30 – 7:30 pm

Hosted by:  
Allegany County  
Historical Society

**Scenes from the August 5<sup>th</sup> Chamber Crab Feast**

*Special Thanks To Our Sponsors:*



**FREE FOR MEMBERS:  
A VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN**

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# **TIME MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

**This mini-coaching session  
will help identify techniques  
for time management in work  
and life.**

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**Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022 | 12-1pm**

**Virtual - register for access**

**To register: [andrea@alleganycountychamber.com](mailto:andrea@alleganycountychamber.com)  
301-722-2820 | or scan to register online**







# Economic Development Committee State of the County

*featuring*

Jason Bennett                      David Caporale  
County Administrator   County Commissioner

**Wednesday, September 21st  
8a.m.**

**Allegany College of Maryland Continuing  
Education 12-14**

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**CHAMBER**  
  
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Presents  
Chamber After Hours at the Gordon Roberts House

# *Where History is Coming Alive*

Wednesday, September 21, 2022  
5:30-7:30 PM

\$5.00 Registration Fee Collected at the Door

## **Network and Win \$500**

Must be 21 years of age. Must be pre-registered and present to win.

Enjoy history themed food and drink and Allegany County Historical Society door prizes. ACHS docents will be on hand to give free tours of the house and to share information about the unique Mamie Spear Muncaster photo collection now being curated by the society.

RSVP to [andrea@alleganycountychamber.com](mailto:andrea@alleganycountychamber.com) or  
call 301-722-2820 by Thursday, September 15th

Location: 218 Washington Street, Cumberland MD 21502





# Explore YOUR OPTIONS

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

THE ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ALLEGANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND ALLEGANY COUNTY GOVERNMENT, ARE SEEKING COMMUNITY INPUT ON TRANSPORTATION.

### Why?

To establish an interconnected, multi-modal, accessible transportation network that actively contributes to economic growth by connecting Allegany County residents to education, employment, and health & human services.

### Who?

The partners are working with two nationally-affiliated rideshare companies and believe that our community is positioned uniquely with a robust population of students, tourists, and a workforce that will assist us in building a business case.

### When?

Please complete the survey by noon on Friday, September 15th.  
**All individuals that complete the survey will be entered to win a Fire 7 Tablet!**



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# CYBERSECURITY

*coffee chat*

**A MUST ATTEND** for Small Business Owners

Did you know that the theft and destruction of digital information has become one of the most commonly reported crimes?

Join the IT Center to gain real time updates on the current cybersecurity environment and position your business to better mitigate and respond to cybersecurity incidents.

**...ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A BREACH?**

This FREE seminar includes a continental breakfast, but preregistration is required.

**WED., SEPT. 7, 2022 | 8:30 AM**  
**at Allegany College of Maryland**



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**New Venue!! — Mark Your Calendars!!**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**  
**from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

Frostburg State University Lane Center  
Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall (ARMAH)

Hosted by the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, **Local Business Showcase**, provides local businesses and organizations the opportunity to showcase their products and services in an informal setting. This year's event will be held at Frostburg State University in the Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall (ARMAH) from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The event is open to all Chamber members, guests and the general public. **Local Business Showcase** is the perfect outlet for attendees to gain knowledge of the best that Allegany County has to offer – learn about new products and services or simply exchange information and ideas as you browse the showcase exhibits.

The showcase also includes our October "Chamber After Hours" event. All "After Hours" rules and regulations will apply and you will need to pre-register to be eligible for the Network and Win drawing. A separate invitation for the "After Hours" will be sent by way of email.

Limited number of vendor spaces still available. Be sure to join us for this unique networking event. You don't want to miss out on the fun!! For sponsorship and registration forms please visit our website: [www.alleganycountychamber.com](http://www.alleganycountychamber.com). Be sure to reserve your vendor space today. For additional information contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820 or by email to [andrea@alleganycountychamber.com](mailto:andrea@alleganycountychamber.com).

## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce recently held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Ladybug Boutique and Gift Shop at their new location – 27 East Main Street, Suite B, Frostburg, Maryland. Ladybug Boutique features an eclectic mix of gift items, apparel, home décor and more often paired with charitable causes. To learn more please visit their website at: [www.ladybugboutiquefrostburg.com](http://www.ladybugboutiquefrostburg.com)

**Front Row – pictured left to right:**

**Delegate Michael McKay**, Maryland State House of Delegates

**Steve MacGray**, Charis Realty and Chamber Membership Committee member

**Brandi Rice**, First United Bank and Trust, Chamber Board of Director member

**Jennifer Holloway**, Owner, Ladybug Boutique and Gift Shop

**Juli McCoy**, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

**Nina Forsythe**, City of Frostburg Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation

**Nicole Wigfield**, Skypacket Networks, Chamber Board of Director Past Chairwoman

**Back Row – left to right:**

**Robert Flanigan**, Mayor – City of Frostburg

**Liz Stahlman**, City of Frostburg Administrator



**Robert Godfrey**, UPMC Western Maryland, Chamber Board of Director Chairman

**Kevin Grove**, City of Frostburg, Commissioner of Public Safety

**Parika Andreassen**, Hampton Inn Cumberland, Chamber Board of Director Second Vice Chairwoman

**Seth Sgaggero**, Sgaggero Event Planning, Chamber Membership Committee Chairman and member of the Chamber Board of Directors





## Board of Directors Seeking Nominations

**Do you want to become more involved?  
Do you know someone who is a member of  
the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce  
and would enjoy being more involved?**

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce is actively seeking individuals interested in being a member of our Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is composed of eighteen members, one third (*six members*) of whom are elected annually to serve for three years. Board members serve on a volunteer basis.

Each candidate must be willing to meet the following criteria to be considered:

- Be an active member in good standing with the Chamber
- Serve as a member of the Board of Directors for a period of three years
- Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings (*held the last Thursday of each month*, an Orientation (*held in December*) and Strategic Planning Session (*held in January*))
- Serve on at least one active standing committee
- Attend Chamber events, including *After Hours*, Local Business Showcase, Lucky Ladies Night Out, Golf Outing, Crab Feast, Ribbon Cuttings and Outstanding Recognition Reception
- Assist with Chamber events and fundraisers, as needed

At the September 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present to the Chairman of the Board Robert Godfrey a slate of at least six (6) nominees to serve three-year terms, to replace the Directors whose regular terms are expiring. Each candidate must be an active member in good standing and must have agreed to accept the responsibility of a directorship. Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report the Chamber membership will be notified as to the names of the individuals who have been nominated.

Once the slate of nominees has been released, additional names of candidates for directors can still be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signature of at least five (5) qualified members of the Chamber.

If you would like more information on the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors or the nomination and election process, please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820. The nominees will appear on the ballot to be voted on during the December 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting at the Cumberland Country Club.

**Apply Today!!**

## ALLEGANY COUNTY LOCAL BUSINESS SHOWCASE

### Sponsorship Profiles

Thank you to our Platinum sponsors:  
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**ACT1st Federal Credit Union** offers innovative products and services to create a diversified membership that provides for adequate; yet, controlled, future growth and development of assets, market share, loans, and net worth as we remain committed to the credit union movement.

Through employee growth, development, and empowerment, we create a team atmosphere that embraces "change" and seeks to efficiently execute that change supporting strategic and stable growth and development in the long-term.

As a team, we seek to be the primary financial institution of ALL of our members-owners by providing and cross-selling prompt, competitive, and high-quality financial services in a fair, friendly, and professional manner.

Founded in 1950, Dunkin' is America's favorite all-day, everyday stop for coffee and baked goods. Dunkin' is a market leader in the hot regular/decaf/ flavored coffee, iced regular/decaf/ flavored coffee, donut, bagel and muffin categories. Dunkin' has earned a No. 1 ranking for customer loyalty in the coffee category by Brand Keys for 14 years running. The company has more than 12,600 restaurants in 40 countries worldwide. Dunkin' is part of the Inspire Brands family of restaurants.



Since Dunkin' restaurants live at the heart of neighborhoods across the country, our goal is to make a long-lasting impact at the community level. We continued to reflect this in our grantmaking, working with Dunkin' franchisees and our local employees to identify the right programs to support in their backyards – from music therapy and in-hospital entertainment programs for pediatric patients, to Backpack programs and school pantries, camps for kids with illnesses, nutrition education programs and many others.



## New Members

*(patronize these members and welcome them to the Chamber)*

### **Anchor Bird Consulting, Inc.**

725 Park Street, PMB# 331, Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
240-313-6931

Contact: Alicia Willard, Director, Marketing and Communications  
E-mail: [alicia@anchorbirdconsulting.com](mailto:alicia@anchorbirdconsulting.com)  
Category: Marketing Consultants

### **Wade Foundation, A Career Development Firm**

924 Seneca Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502  
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Contact: Anne Brown, President/CEO  
E-mail: [annebrown@wadecareers.com](mailto:annebrown@wadecareers.com)  
Category: Employment and Training Services







## Alumni Spotlight



**Dr. Bill Rocks**  
**Class of 2012**

The **Leadership Allegany** Alumni Committee is proud to “spotlight” a **Leadership Allegany** alum quarterly in the Chamber e-newsletter. The alumni member is asked to answer a few questions about how their personal and/or professional life has been impacted by their **Leadership Allegany** experience.

The **Leadership Allegany** Alumni Spotlight series this quarter highlights the Class of 2002 and we are proud to introduce you to class member **Dr. Bill Rocks**.

**What is your current role/title?**

Bill Rocks  
*Dean of Career Education*  
Allegany College of Maryland

**What is your favorite memory from your Leadership Allegany experience?**

The first evening of orientation. I met so many awesome people from Allegany County. I knew a few; however, I enjoyed meeting the others and that is where the networking started. I remember the fun and laughter that we had as we were building our team.

**What advice would you have for future Leadership Allegany members?**

Come to every topic day with an open mind. Find out what is going on in our county and then develop your opinion. I have many friends that would say, “there is nothing happening in Allegany County.” Unfortunately, I had to correct them when they were saying something negative. There is plenty happening in our county, and we have so much to be proud of!

**What is the most important thing you learned from the Leadership Allegany program?**

I learned a great deal of information from attending **Leadership Allegany**. There is so much happening in our county that I was not aware of. At the time I was in LA, there were many residents that did not want the state or federal prisons or the casino in our county. However, if you look at where we are today, we have both prisons and a casino which provide jobs to our residents. I can remember working in teams to solve some of the county issues and sharing our recommendations with the county commissioners.

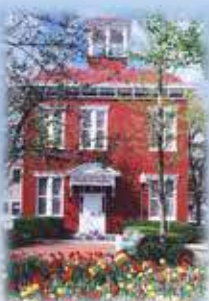
I enjoyed our trip to Annapolis and talking directly to the Speaker of the House Cas Taylor. I learned exactly what the state government’s job is compared to the county government’s job in getting businesses to relocate to our county.

**Do you have a motto or quote that inspires you?**

I love the quote from Margaret Mead, an American cultural anthropologist, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” This quote resonates leadership to me; “leadership equals change, positive change!”

**Anything else you would like to share regarding your career?**

I am planning on retiring in August 2024, after 40 years with Allegany College of Maryland. I thoroughly enjoy working at the college.



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**Second Vice Chairwoman: Parika M. Andreassen**

**Immediate Past Chairwoman: Nicole R. Wigfield**