



The CHAMBER



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



Executive Director

The Chamber has long been vocal about issues in the community, specifically related to economic development, the business climate, and every other contributing factor of our economic strength. It made sense for the organization to have a committee dedicated to this for many years. Kim Leonard has led the Economic Development Committee for a great number of those years, and recently addressed the Board with a recommendation to pause the committee to allow a dedication of time and focus on regularly convening our economic development leadership in place of monthly updates. Since April, the Chamber has held several meetings with the **Cumberland Economic Development Corporation, Downtown Development Commission (Cumberland), Allegany County Department of Economic Development, City of Frostburg, and Frostburg First** in our office where an unofficial agenda of possible projects has been discussed. Although in its infancy, the group is working toward a joint focus that would help shape larger goals for our community. Thank you, Kim, for your continued leadership and advocating with me for the membership! Additionally, thank you to the Board who has continued to focus on our mission to *“serve as a valued investment and resource for the business community through leadership, advocacy, education, and networking.”*

We had a busy June, and although July serves as a breather before our Crab Feast, we'll be hosting our selection committee for the **Annual Recognition Reception** where selections will be made for Business of the Year, Entrepreneurial Spirit, Community Service, and a Nonprofit of the Year. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 9**

when we celebrate our honorees and find out who our Nonprofit of the Year is!

Leadership Allegany graduated 22 more community leaders on June 7 and closed out the application deadline for the Class of 2024. Thank you to **Dr. Sara Beth Bittinger**, *Frostburg State University* and **Robert Godfrey**,

UPMC Western Maryland for their continued leadership – the cycle is ongoing with this program. It's important to mention that the dedication of our alumni is vital to **Leadership Allegany** and the Steering Committee includes vast knowledge and experience that aids in building topic days and experiences for each class. It is also a volunteer committee of alumni that helps us select our next class, which is always a process of tough decisions. Thank you **Alumni**, for your continued support, which continues to be a valuable opportunity for so many people in Allegany County and beyond!

Thank you to **Pam Detrick** and everyone at **Chartwell's** who made for a great June *After Hours*! As usual, the food and fun drinks were a hit. We're keeping things interesting this summer – our July *After Hours* is a week later than usual on July 26th at **Turnbull, Hoover & Kahl, P.A.** We had another absent winner for Network & Win which means the pot of money is now at \$1,500! You must be pre-registered and present to win so get that online registration in before the deadline!

I briefly mentioned the Crab Feast, which will be held on Friday, August 4, and we have tickets! Only a few private tents remain available and can be reserved by contacting the Chamber office. Get them now! Thanks to our sponsors **The Belt Construction Group, First United Bank & Trust, WVU Medicine Garrett Regional Medical Center, and WVU Medicine Potomac Valley Hospital.**

Juli McCoy
Executive Director

JULY 2023

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Bell Tower Building
Cumberland, MD 21502

Chamber Crab Feast Friday, August 4, 2023



Ali Ghan Shrine
Picnic Grounds
6 – 9 pm

July Calendar

- July 5**
8:00 am
Membership Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- July 6**
11:00 am
Marketing Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- July 10**
9:00 am
Transportation Committee Mtg.
Chamber Boardroom

11:00 am
Local Business Showcase
Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

2:00 pm
Lucky Ladies Night Out
Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- July 18**
8:30 am
Leadership Allegany
Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- July 26**
5:30 – 7:30
“Chamber After Hours”
Hosted by Turnbull Hoover and
Kahl PA
- July 27**
Noon
Board of Directors Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- August 2**
8:00 am
Membership Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- August 4**
6:00 pm
Chamber Crab Feast
Ali Ghan Shrine Club Picnic
Grounds

“Chamber After Hours”

Wednesday, July 26, 2023
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Hosted by: Turnbull Hoover and Kahl PA

Chamber Crab Feast

Friday, August 4, 2023
6:00 to 9:00 pm

Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic Grounds



Crab Feast 2023

Sponsored by:



The 42nd Annual Chamber Crab Feast will be held on Friday, August 4th at the Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic Grounds from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and is open to Chamber members and guests. There is plenty of food for every taste bud — crabs, corn on the cob, hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled sausages, beer, soft drinks, bottled water, ice cream from the **Queen City Creamery** as well as **Susie Miller’s** super-secret recipe for Maryland Crab Soup.

The Crabby Parking Crew will be available to assist everyone with parking. Ticket prices for 2023 are **\$65.00 per person if purchased by July 21st** – after that the ticket price will be \$80.00 per person – tickets must be purchased in advance and **are non refundable – no tickets will be sold at the door.**

As a reminder we do have a 21 year and older policy for attendance, due to alcoholic beverages being served and the personal liability incurred with serving alcohol. No coolers or outside refreshments permitted.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Chamber is offering a limited number of corporate sponsorships for the Crab Feast at a cost of **\$500.00 per member business.** As a sponsor your logo will be included on all correspondence including the crab feast flyer that

appears in our weekly and monthly newsletters as well as a banner that will be displayed at the event. For additional information please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820.

For those wishing to reserve corporate seating a limited number of tents are still available. **They do not include tickets to the event – tickets must be purchased separately.**

Prices:

10 x 10 Tent (Seats 12) \$300.00
(includes (2) rectangular tables, 12 chairs and corporate sign)

20 x 20 Tent (Seats 20) \$550.00
(includes (5) round tables, 20 chairs and corporate sign)

To reserve your tent or order tickets for the 2023 Crab Feast, please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820 or e-mail to peg@alleganycountychamber.com.



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce presents

“Chamber After Hours”

hosted by:

Turnbull, Hoover & Kahl, P.A.

A full-service Certified Public Accounting firm

217 Glenn Street, Suite 200

Cumberland, MD 21502

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Network and Win \$1,500.00

Enjoy Hors d’oeuvres – Beer, Wine, and Western MD Lemonade



- **Must be pre-registered and present to win.**
- **Must be 21 years of age to attend.**
- **\$5.00 registration fee at door.**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Parking available in large adjacent lot.**

Please register online by July 20, 2023

*Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
24 Frederick Street, Cumberland, MD 21502
For questions, contact Andrea at 301-722-2820
andrea@alleganycountychamber.com*



42nd Annual Chamber Crab Feast

ALI GHAN SHRINE CLUB PICNIC GROUNDS

AUGUST 4, 2023

6:00 - 9:00 PM

\$65.00 PER PERSON IF PURCHASED BY JULY 21ST

\$80.00 PER PERSON IF PURCHASED BEGINNING JULY 22ND

Must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchased in advance, none will be sold at the gate. Event is AYCE on premises with beverages included, no coolers or outside refreshments permitted. Crabs will be served by the Crab Corps.

The Chamber is offering members an opportunity to reserve their own corporate tent. Tent prices include the tent and tables and chairs only, they do not include tickets to the event. tickets must be purchased separately.

10 x 10 Tent (Seats 12) \$300.00
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Tent quantities are limited; so please reserve early.

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State of THE COUNTY

FEATURING

JASON BENNETT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DAVID CAPORALE
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Why?

To provide an overview of departmental and budgetary updates, as well as, provide an outlook for the fiscal year.

Who?

Members: Free of Charge

Non-Members: \$10.00/Person

When?

Wednesday, August 9th at 9am

Allegany College of MD, Continuing Education Building Rm. 12-14

Pre-Registration is Required. To register, go to the Chamber website, click on Events Calendar, go to the date of the event and click. Follow the prompts to register and please contact the chamber office for assistance.





Member Profile: Bedford-Somerset Developmental and Behavioral Health Services (DBHS)

245 West Race Street
Somerset, PA 15501
814-443-4891

Contact: Jennifer Georg,
Human Resources Analyst
E-mail: Jennifer.Georg@dbhs.co



For 55 years, DBHS has been dedicated to being the leader in the administration, coordination and the delivery of services and support to individuals and family members.

Their vision is that every person and family that they serve will have a network of family, friends, advocates and supportive services to provide assistance in living a full and productive life in the community. As we all know, health is absolutely important to the quality of life we enjoy. It has an impact on everyone's well-being. At DBHS, they believe that developmental and behavioral health challenges and conditions can be successfully addressed so that each person has the opportunity to live a healthy and full life.

Their mission is to ensure that services are high quality, cost-effective, timely and accessible. They promote family centered

services in their early intervention program, recovery and resiliency in their mental health program, and self-determination in their intellectual disabilities program.

They encourage the well-being of the community through consultation and education programs, mental health awareness events and the availability of crisis intervention services as needed.

They are pleased to be the 2022 Winner of the "Daily American's Best Counseling Center in Somerset County"!

Please visit their website at www.dbhs.co to find out more about what their agency can do to assist you and/or your family member.

Bedford-Somerset DBHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Somerset Office – The Bennett Building
245 West Race Street
Somerset, PA 15501
814-443-4891 – Toll Free (877-814-4891)

Bedford Office
1243 Shed Road
Bedford, PA 15522
(814) 623-5166 – Toll Free (877) 814-5166

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce recently held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to welcome Hamm & Glasbrenner, CPAs to the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. Their office is located at 16210 McMullen Highway SW, Cumberland, Maryland. They are a team of tax professionals aimed at helping their clients with full servicing accounting and small business financial needs. Hamm & Glasbrenner CPAs are a locally owned business with more than 30 years of experience in tax services.



Pictured left to right (Front Row):

State Senator Michael McKay

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

Gabrielle Lord, Hamm & Glasbrenner, CPAs

Colten Winner, Hamm & Glasbrenner, CPAs

Regina Hamm, Hamm & Glasbrenner, CPAs

Steven Glasbrenner, Hamm & Glasbrenner, CPAs

Rebecca Gordon, Hamm & Glasbrenner, CPAs

Steve MacGray, *Charis Realty Group*, Chamber Membership Committee Co-Chair

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

Andrew DeWitt, Hamm & Glasbrenner, CPAs

Back Row: **Cherie Robosson**, *ACT Personnel Service*, Chamber Membership Committee member

Allegany County Commissioner William Atkinson

Don Watson, *Cumberland Times News*

Trevor DeVore, *M & T Bank*, Chamber of Commerce member

Eric Bowlus, *Chew On This – Jerky*, Chamber Membership Committee Co-Chair

Chad Sindy, Hamm & Glasbrenner, CPAs

Robert Godfrey, *UPMC Western Maryland*, Chamber Past Chairman of the Board

Michelle Marker, Hamm & Glasbrenner, CPAs

Emily O'Neal, Hamm & Glasbrenner, CPAs



Leadership Allegany Class of 2023 Graduates



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce **Leadership Allegany** program recently held graduation ceremonies at the Cumberland Country Club for the Class of 2023. Dr. Sara-Beth Bittinger, **Leadership Allegany** Chair, served as master of ceremonies with assistance provided by Mrs. Juli McCoy, Chamber Executive Director. Graduation diplomas were presented by Mrs. Parika Andreassen, First Vice Chairwoman of the Chamber's Board of Directors and Dr. Sara-Beth Bittinger.

Mr. Joseph Brewer, Allegany County Board of Education, who was elected by the class to serve as valedictorian, also provided comments.

Standing left to right (1st row): **Kaetie Markley**, *Aircon Engineering*, **Sara Kight**, *First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union*, **Nicole McDonald**, *Frostburg State University*, **Kate Barnard**, *Kinfolk Counseling*, **Melinda Kelleher**, *City of Cumberland – Downtown Development Commission*, **Kristi Liller**, *Allegany County*, **Ruth Davis-Rogers**, *City of Cumberland*, **Bernard Wynder**, *Archway Station*, **Trevor DeVore**, *M & T Bank*, **Amy Clise**, *First United Bank and Trust*, and **Veronica Cosby**, *Allegany County HRDC*.

Standing left to right back row: **Adam Strott**, *Allegany County*, **Lee Beeman**, *Allegany County*, **Amanda Divelbiss**, *Allegany County Department of Social Services*, **Jennifer Evans**, *First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union*, **Michelle McElwain**, *WEPCO Federal Credit Union*, **Lisa Wolford**, *Wolford Photography*, **Joseph Brewer**, *Allegany County Board of Education*, **Edward DeWitt**, *UPMC*

Western Maryland, **Jessica Clark**, *Plamondon Hospitality Partners*, **Dr. Artie Travis**, *Frostburg State University* and **Dustin Hillebrecht**, *Allegany County Sheriff's Office*.

Leadership Allegany is a nine-month program dedicated to promoting positive change by creating a network of leaders with a clear understanding of the community and a commitment to its advancement. In a forum of open discussion and interaction, class members acquire a deeper understanding of the issues endemic to the region by observing and hearing the views of others and gain an understanding of the public and private operations within Allegany County and the state of Maryland. Educational programs engineered for class participation and dialogue cover topics such as Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health Care, Local and State Government, Human Services and Arts and Entertainment. The program provides an opportunity for individuals to become acquainted with the processes, programs and challenges that exist in the region.

The Class of 2023 joined the ranks of over 580 **Leadership Allegany** alumni who have completed the program. The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce believes that a strong community is tied to leadership and the more informed and involved the citizens of a community become, the brighter the future for everyone.

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

New Members

(patronize these members and welcome them to the Chamber)

Beitzel Corporation

333 Corporate Drive
Grantsville, Maryland 21536
301-245-4107

www.beitzelcorp.com

Contact: Shawn Bender, President/CEO
Marisa Miller, Senior TA &
Community Engagement
Liaison

E-mail: shawnbender@beitzelcorp.com

Category: Contractors-Mechanical

Hamm and Glasbrenner CPA's

16210 McMullen Highway SW
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
301-729-4721

www.hgcpa.tax

Contact: Steven Glasbrenner, Owner

E-mail: steven@hgcpa.tax

Category: Accounting/Tax

Description: *Assist the local community with tax, accounting, book-keeping and payroll needs.*

Pillar Innovations

92 Corporate Drive
Grantsville, Maryland 21536
301-245-4007

Fax: 301-245-4009

www.pillarinnovations.com

Contact: Marisa Miller, Senior TA &
Community Engagement
Liaison

E-mail: marisamiller@beitzelcs.com

Category: Contractor



Alumni Spotlight



Kerri Caporale
Class of 2006

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 2006, and we are proud to introduce you to class member **Kerri Caporale**.

What is your current role/title?

Kerri Caporale
Owner/Operator, The Caporale Group

What is your favorite memory from your Leadership Allegany experience?

I remember how surprised I was to learn so much from every session. No matter what organization, landmark, or business we visited, even as a lifelong resident of Allegany County, I always learned something new and interesting.

How did Leadership Allegany impact you professionally or personally?

In 2005-2006, I was one of the youngest members of my class and pretty new to the professional world. I was also

a lifetime resident of Allegany County. Many of the other members of my class had lived elsewhere and had a great deal more life and professional experience. I enjoyed hearing their perspectives and learned from both the formal class discussion and our individual conversations. Having the opportunity to pick the brains of more seasoned professionals at that point in my career was something I wouldn't have experienced outside of **Leadership Allegany**.

Describe a rewarding moment in your career?

Starting my own business was a real leap of faith. At the time I was considering it, I was happy, successful and established professionally with another local company, but personally had some big changes going on. It was one of those pivotal moments people talk about – a now or never thing. Eight years later, I'm proud to have taken the risk. My business not only survived the pandemic but is going strong. **Leadership Allegany** is one of the experiences that gave me the skills and confidence to go for it!



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First Vice Chairwoman: Parika M. Andreassen

Second Vice Chairman: Robert W. Collette, Jr.

Immediate Past Chairman: Robert A. Godfrey