



The CHAMBER

ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



Executive Director

We are busy wrapping up the year as the Annual Meeting will be held next week on Thursday, December 7 at noon at the Cumberland Country Club. If you haven't yet registered, please do so today. You will have an opportunity to hear from our various committee leaders, to vote for our new Board of Directors candidates, and to hear from Maryland Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Mary Kane. The final Chamber event of the year will be the following week on Thursday, December 14 at the Allegany Museum when we host the Member Holiday Reception thanks to our sponsors: ABC Supply, AES, Allegany Museum, Long & Foster, R.H. Lapp, Rusco Home Improvement, State Farm – Cathy Carpenter and Denny Delaney, and UPMC Western Maryland.

Last year we skipped our December newsletter and replaced it with an annual report, but we didn't want to miss an opportunity to provide some important flyers for upcoming events and highlights from November. We will provide our annual report again this year in the days following our annual meeting and are excited to share a snapshot of our year through photos and stats. It's been a productive year!

Our work would not get done without the support and guidance of an engaged Board of Directors and I want to thank them for their involvement. It has been a year of change as we prepared for the departure of our longtime Executive Assistant Peg McKenzie and the Board has provided tremendous

support as we have worked through managing the Chamber with just two staff.

Congratulations to Andrea Kraft who will soon celebrate her second full year with us. Andrea was hired as an administrative assistant, knowing that her skillset far exceeded what was needed at the time, which quickly allowed us to enhance our communications and marketing. With the retirement of Peg, I asked Andrea to step into new responsibilities while maintaining her existing role and I'm pleased to announce her promotion to Communications Manager. Thank you, Andrea, for your dedication to the Chamber, to the members, and to getting all the work done – you have certainly earned this, and you are a great asset to us.

As I mentioned, it has been a challenge to continue to maintain our day-to-day with just two staff, and we appreciate your patience. I certainly look forward to having additional help and we will post in January the job opening for an Office Administrator.

Lastly, I am excited to provide to you the ability to schedule either an in-person or Zoom meeting with me directly through the below links:

In-Person: <https://calendly.com/juli-gly/member-meeting>

Zoom: <https://calendly.com/juli-gly/30min>

Please feel free to use these at any time.

Have a wonderful and blessed holiday season and I look forward to our continued work in 2024!

Juli McCoy
Executive Director

DECEMBER 2023

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Bell Tower Building
Cumberland, MD 21502

December Calendar

Friday, December 1

Pre-Legislative Breakfast
8:00 am
Cumberland Country Club

Ribbon Cutting at
Hamm & Glasbrenner, CPAs
Frostburg, MD

Wednesday, December 6

Membership Committee
9:00 am – Chamber Boardroom

Thursday, December 7

Annual Meeting
12:00 pm
Cumberland Country Club

Monday, December 11

Transportation Committee Mtg.
9:00 am – Chamber Boardroom

Wednesday, December 13

Leadership Allegany
Local Government Day

Thursday, December 14

Education & Workforce
Development Christmas Party
8:00 am – CCTE

Holiday Reception
4:00 pm – Allegany Museum

Wednesday, December 20

Marketing Committee Meeting
2:00 pm – Chamber Boardroom

Friday, December 22

Chamber Closed

Monday, December 25

Chamber Closed

Monday, January 1

Chamber Closed



Ribbon Cutting



State Farm – Julie McBee



Queen City Creamery – Production on Baltimore

Ribbon Cutting



Oakland Oil & Propane

Ribbon cuttings are a great way to celebrate grand openings, business expansions, new products or services and major milestones for your business. Chamber staff will invite guests and bring everything needed to celebrate – including confetti and big scissors!

Ribbon cuttings can be booked at any time by contacting the Chamber at info@alleganycountychamber.com or by calling **301-722-2820**.

You can include refreshments if you wish and you can make the ceremony part of a larger open house that is available throughout the day. It's your special day – we just kick it off! Your ribbon cutting video is added to the Chamber's social media stories, a photo is posted and tagged, it is featured in the next month's newsletter, and we share with local media.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**CUMBERLAND
COUNTRY
CLUB**

\$25/PERSON

**7
DEC
2023**

12PM



**BOARD OF DIRECTOR
CANDIDATES:**

**Kate Barnard
Patrick Buck
Kristan Carter
Rob Collette
Larry Jackson
John Short**

SPEAKER:



Mary Kane

President/CEO
Maryland Chamber



Holiday Reception

FOR OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS

Come Join the Holiday Cheer!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

4:00 TO 7:00PM

ALLEGANY MUSEUM
3 PERSHING STREET

COMPLIMENTARY
HORS D'OEUVRES & REFRESHMENTS

featuring
Giuseppe's Caribbean Christmas Menu

MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO ATTEND

RSVP ONLINE AT WWW.ALLEGANYCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM

GET READY
FOR
REINDEER
GAMES!

BE SURE TO
WEAR YOUR
UGLIEST
SWEATER!

PHOTOS WITH
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Shop Small, Win Big

We're giving away \$1,000 in cash prizes!

Rediscover our charming downtowns and the many locally-owned small businesses that are the perfect place for one-of-a-kind gifts.

Plus, when you shop small this season, you are not only keeping your dollars local, but you are also supporting local businesses, their owners, their employees... your neighbors.

And, because we want to give back too – when you shop at our participating small businesses between November 24 – December 20, 2023, each purchase you make will qualify you to enter into our weekly drawings for \$50 VISA gift cards and our \$550 VISA gift card grand prize! Cash that we hope you will put back into our local economy.

Enter for your chance to win big by visiting
mdmountainside.com/shopentry





Calling All Middle School Students!

Share your ideas and show off your civics skills in the National Civics Bee.

LOCAL

\$500
cash prize
FIRST PLACE

\$250
cash prize
SECOND PLACE

\$125
cash prize
THIRD PLACE

STATE

\$1,000
cash prize
FIRST PLACE

\$500
cash prize
SECOND PLACE

\$250
cash prize
THIRD PLACE

NATIONAL

State Finalists who advance to the national competition will compete for prizes worth more than **\$50,000**.

About the Bee

The National Civics Bee is an annual competition that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. In the first round of the contest, students will participate in an essay competition. Judges will then select 20 finalists to participate in the final round: a live quiz event testing civics knowledge.

How to Enter

If you are a 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student with an idea about using civics to solve a problem in your community, review the rules and guidelines on this page:

alleganycountychamber.com/civics-bee/
(case sensitive)

Next, complete the online submission form, including contact information for your parent or guardian, and upload (preferred method) or mail your 500-word essay.

DEADLINE: Essays must be received by
January 8, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. EST

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
24 Frederick Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
info@alleganycountychamber.com

The National Civics Bee is presented by the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, with support from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

ALLEGANY AND GARRETT COUNTIES PRESENT

MOUNTAIN MARYLAND P A C E

TOURISM · COMMERCE · PARTNERSHIPS
POSITIVE ATTITUDES CHANGE EVERYTHING



Mountain Maryland PACE 2024 www.mtmarylandpace.com

The Cumberland/Allegany County Industrial Foundation, Inc. (CACIF) and the Garrett County Development Corporation have proudly hosted PACE since 1977 in Annapolis. The 47th PACE Reception will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at the Westin Annapolis followed by breakfast on Friday morning.

The cooperative effort is an opportunity to showcase and advance the communities of Mountain Maryland through education and discussion with state legislators and officials on local perspectives and issues.

You can display at PACE where there is limited available space to showcase businesses, attractions, educational institutions, organizations, and more. A display is a productive way to highlight your products, programs, and services while networking with officials in a friendly setting. Interactive displays are encouraged.

Sponsorship at PACE is another opportunity to showcase your business investments in Mountain Maryland. All sponsorships help to underwrite the event costs and are utilized to host the Governor's office, Cabinet members, General Assembly members, and state and federal officials.

Visit the PACE website for more information, to register, and for display and sponsorship opportunities.

Welcome New Members

(patronize these members and welcome them to the Chamber)

Beginnings Montessori

15 N. Smallwood Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
240-313-6931

www.beginningsmontessori.com

Contact: Jaclyn Sagal, Elementary Head
of School, Lower Elementary
Lead Guide

E-mail: beginningsm@gmail.com

Category: Education

Frost Bite Freeze Dried Treats

20 Green Street
Frostburg, MD 21532
301-697-7961

www.frostbitemd.com

Contact: Vanessa Butts, Owner

E-mail: hello@frostbitemd.com

Category: Startup Allegany

C&M Construction and Renovations, LLC

14923 Winchester Road
Cresaptown, MD 21502
301-707-7572

www.candmconstructionandrenovations.com

Contact: Kritinia Nolan, Office Manager

Category: Construction

Sunhe Price

Encore Corporate Living

Category: Remote Worker



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Juli R. McCoy, Executive Director

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce 2023 Officers

Chairman: Patrick W. Buck

First Vice Chairwoman: Parika M. Andreassen

Second Vice Chairman: Robert W. Collette, Jr.

Immediate Past Chairman: Robert A. Godfrey