

The BELL TOWER

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happy holidays

FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

The Chamber is busy wrapping up 2024 with our Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 5 at noon. We hope you plan to join us where you will get the opportunity to hear from Carl Anderton, Director of Rural Economic Strategy for the Department of Commerce. Attendees will also get a first look at our accomplishments from the year as we share our snapshot before it hits social media. We'll also welcome new Directors to the Board.

On Friday, December 6 we will host our local delegation for the Pre-Legislative Breakfast at Rocky Gap Casino Resort at 9am. Thank you to our sponsors **UPMC Western Maryland** and **Verizon**.

Last up for the year is our Holiday Reception with a delicious menu, fun games, and networking. Thank you to our sponsors **ABC Supply**, **Allegany Museum**, **Boggs & Company Wealth Management**, **First Peoples Community FCU**, **Rusco Home Improvement**, and **UPMC Western Maryland**.

On behalf of the staff here at the Chamber, we'd like to thank the Board of Directors and the many committee volunteers who make our work enjoyable. Balancing the Chamber as an association for the business community while representing business as a community partner is a rewarding opportunity. We had such a great time decorating and transforming the Bell Tower into a gingerbread house for the holiday season and thank **Robert and Jacob Westover**, **Eric Bowlus**, **Kristi Minnigh**, **Emily Harold**, and **Candace Snavely** for all of your assistance, and thank you to **M&T Bank** for sponsoring the decorations! We couldn't have done it without your help! Come take a look!





Recognition Reception November 7, 2024



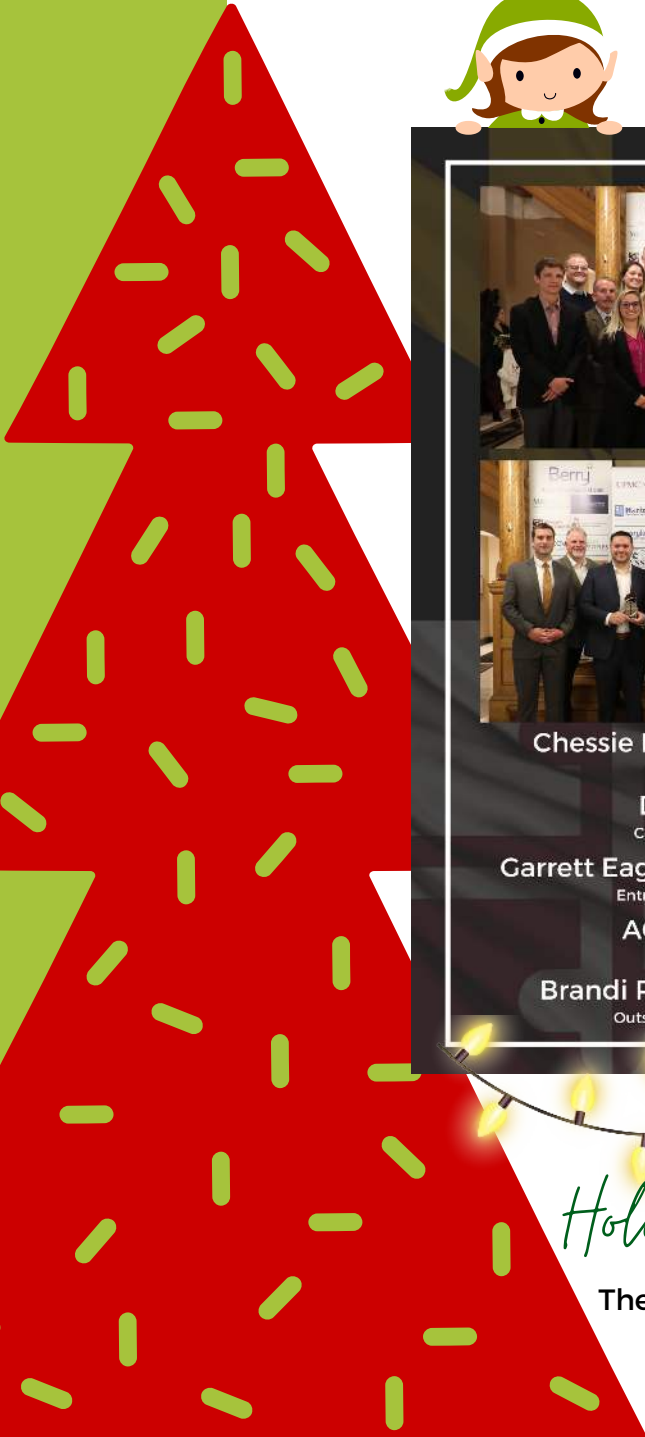
Chessie Federal Credit Union
Business of the Year

Dr. Artie Travis
Community Service Award

Garrett Eagan & Chris Hendershot
Entrepreneurial Spirit Award

ACM Foundation
Non-Profit of the Year

Brandi Rice, Jaycees Honoree
Outstanding Young Professional



Holiday Reception Sponsors Needed

The event will be held on Thursday, December 12th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Allegany Museum.



The reception is always well attended and provides a great opportunity to gain exposure for your business. There will be food, drink, and unlimited networking!

Sponsorships are \$500 and are limited to just 3 more. Please contact the Chamber office if you have an interest or would like more information.
301-722-2820



KEEP IN MIND...

Your investment in the Chamber is not only an investment in your business - it supports opportunities for new businesses, too! Thank you for choosing to make the Chamber part of your work!



2023 Sponsors

New Members

Nextera

700 Universal Blvd.

Juno, Florida 33408

Contact: Jacob Crim



Upcoming Events & Meetings

DECEMBER

2024

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | | Golf Committee 9am | Membership Committee 9am | Annual Meeting 11pm | Pre-Legislative Breakfast 9am | |
| | | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | | Marketing Committee 3pm | Education Committee 1:30pm | Holiday Reception 8-11pm | | Winter Festival 5pm |
| | | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | | LA Steering Committee 9am | | | Membership 101 10am | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Limited Hours | MERRY Christmas | | | | | |
| | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | Chamber Open 8am-12pm | Chamber Closed | Happy New Year | | | |



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Cumberland
Country Club**

\$25/person

**5
Dec
2024**

12PM



BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES:

Brandon Hillegas, M & T Bank
Julie Westendorff, Allegany Arts Council
Autumn Becker, Allegany College of MD
Marisa Miller, Pillar Innovations
James Sulima, Rocky Gap Casino Resort
Scott Perrin, UPMC Western Maryland

SPEAKER:

Carl Anderton, Jr.



Director,
Rural Economic Strategy
Department of Commerce

**24 Frederick Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
301-722-2820
R.S.V.P Online**





presents

Pre-Legislative Breakfast

Sponsored by:



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024
9:00AM
ROCKY GAP CASINO RESORT
\$25 PER PERSON**

**A PREVIEW OF THE
2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Featuring

SENATOR MIKE MCKAY

Delegates

**TERRY BAKER
JASON BUCKEL
JIM HINEBAUGH**



ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED



**TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS OR TOPICS OF DISCUSSION
EMAIL: INFO@ALLEGANYCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM**



Holiday Reception

FOR OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS

Come Join the Holiday Cheer!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024
4:00 TO 7:00PM

ALLEGANY MUSEUM
3 PERSHING STREET

COMPLIMENTARY
HORS D'OEUVRES & REFRESHMENTS

featuring
Giuseppe's

Winter Holiday on the Streets of Tijuana

MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO ATTEND

RSVP ONLINE AT WWW.ALLEGANYCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM



PHOTOS
WITH SANTA
AND THEMED
BACKDROP!



GET READY
FOR FUN &
GAMES!

BE SURE TO
WEAR YOUR
UGLIEST
SWEATER!





Small Business Direct Install

Bring energy savings to your business with an on-site assessment, upgrades and incentives.

Potomac Edison's Small Business Direct Install Program provides energy-saving improvements for non-residential buildings with average annual **demand of 100 kW or under**. This includes commercial businesses, industrial, government, institutional and nonprofits. From HVAC tune-ups and refrigeration upgrades to LED lighting and efficient cooling, the team is here to help you save.

Sample Upgrades Include:

- HVAC controls to optimize rooftop units and air handlers
- Variable frequency drives (VFDs) for fans and pumps up to 40 hp
- Refrigeration controls for evaporator fans and door heaters
- LED lighting and controls
- Dual enthalpy economizers for HVAC
- Other program-eligible improvements

Benefits to Your Business

The program offers incentives that can cover **up to 75%** of installed eligible equipment upgrades and an **assessment at no additional cost**.



5,000 kWh

average savings



15,000 kWh

average savings



17,000 kWh

average savings

Customer Eligibility

- The Small Business Direct Install Program is available for non-residential customers with average annual demand of 100 kW or under.
- If you are Small Business customer, upgrading more than one measure, you may qualify for our Building Tune-up Program.
- Project types can include commercial, institutional, industrial, religious and multifamily common areas.
- Requires that improvements be installed by our Closed Network Providers.
- Closed Network Providers include KW Efficiency, HBS Solutions, Inc., National Resource Management, Willdan Lighting & Electric and Aircon Engineering, Inc.

Business Types



Offices



Schools and Higher Education



Police and Fire Stations



Grocery and Convenience



Liquor Stores



Hotels



Churches



Small Retail



Multifamily Common Areas



Warehouse and Industrial



Auto Repair



Health Care

More Ways to Save

See additional offerings and energy-saving resources at energysaveMD-bizsolutions.com

- Energy Solutions for Business
- Commercial New Construction
- Building Tune-up and Retro-commissioning
- Energy Advisor Support
- Instant Discounts for Lighting and HVAC
- Building Operator Training

Let's Talk

Contact us with any questions and get started with the Small Business Direct Install Program.



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EmPOWER Maryland programs are funded by a charge on your electric bill. EmPOWER programs can help you reduce your electricity consumption and save you money. Go to energysaveMD.com to learn more about EmPOWER and how you can participate.

By participating in these energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs, customers agree to allow their utility to retain ownership of all Capacity Rights which refers to the demand reduction associated with any energy efficiency and peak demand reduction measure for which incentives were provided by the Company. Your utility will aggregate these energy efficiency demand reduction attributes into the PJM capacity market with proceeds being used to offset the program costs.