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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



Today is the day! It's the 44th Annual Crab Feast and if you plan to attend we look forward to seeing you! Thank you to our sponsors: Chessie Federal Credit Union, The Belt Group, M&T Bank, AT&T, Pinnacle Strategies, and UPMC Western MD. A big thank you to Jeremy Irons and Andrea Kraft who make sure everything is in place for our largest networking event of the year.

We've been working to transform our expo/business showcase over the past few months and you will see a teaser for this in this edition of our newsletter. It is so important that we are able to offer this program, which brings together the benefits of showcasing your business and opportunities for learning. Mark your calendars for October 28, 8am - 1pm at Allegany College of Maryland for UpNext: A Business & Skills Exchange.

For just a few more weeks you can nominate a Chamber business for the Recognition Awards. With categories for small and large business, nonprofit, community service, and entrepreneurial spirit, we look forward to celebrating and honoring those who will be selected as our 2025 honorees on November 6 at the Lane Center. Invitations will be sent.

Please don't overlook the Energy Savings program we have scheduled for August 7. This is an important member resource that only ONE member is taking advantage of! Stop leaving money on the table and join us to hear how you could potentially cover the cost of your Chamber membership. We're signed up at The Bell Tower and have seen an annual savings of 15%! Register today!

Thank you Sponsors!

44TH ANNUAL CHAMBER CRAB FEAST

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Meet Alex!



WE'RE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE ALEX, **OUR NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR!** WITH A STRONG BACKGROUND IN ORGANIZATION AND TEAM SUPPORT, **ALEX IS ALREADY BRINGING ENERGY** AND EFFICIENCY TO OUR DAY-TO-DAY **OPERATIONS. FROM MANAGING** SCHEDULES TO KEEPING EVERYTHING **RUNNING SMOOTHLY BEHIND THE** SCENES, ALEX IS HERE TO HELP US STAY ON TRACK AND THRIVE. BE SURE TO STOP BY AND SAY HELLO!



CHECK-IN

What tools or resources do you wish the Chamber offered?

Click to tell us!



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Maconing Events & Meetings

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					CRAB FEAST	2
3	4	5	6 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE	7	8	9
10	11	12 MARKETING COMMITTEE SPM	13	14 EDUCATION COMMITTEE	15	16
17	18	LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY STEERING	CHAMBER AFTER HOURS 5-30 PM	8:30AM 21 SBDC OFFICE HOURS	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 9AM	4	5	6
7	8	MARKETING COMMITTEE 3 PM	10	EDUCATION COMMITTEE 8:30AM	12	13
14	15	LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY STEERING 9 AM	CHAMBER AFTER HOURS 5:30 PM	SBDC OFFICE HOURS	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4





JOIN US FOR DRINKS, REFRESHMENTS, & PRIZES

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 5:30pm - 7:30pm

One Baltimore Street, Cumberland MD

NETWORK & WIN \$500







MUST BE PRESENT & PRE-REGISTERED TO WIN!

\$5.00 REGISTRATION FEE (MEMBERS) \$15.00 REGISTRATION FEE (NON-MEMBERS) MUST BE 21 OR OVER TO ATTEND



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ENERGY SAVINGS

How much are you leaving on the table with this <u>one</u> member benefit?



Learn about the energy savings program through your Chamber membership

- Latest trends in the energy market
- Co-op opportunities exclusive to members
- Reduce energy costs

August 7 @ 12pm



Zoom Webinar



Register Here





2025 Annual Recognition Reception

Nominations Open!

Thursday, November 6, 2025



FSU Lane Center, 6 PM-8PM

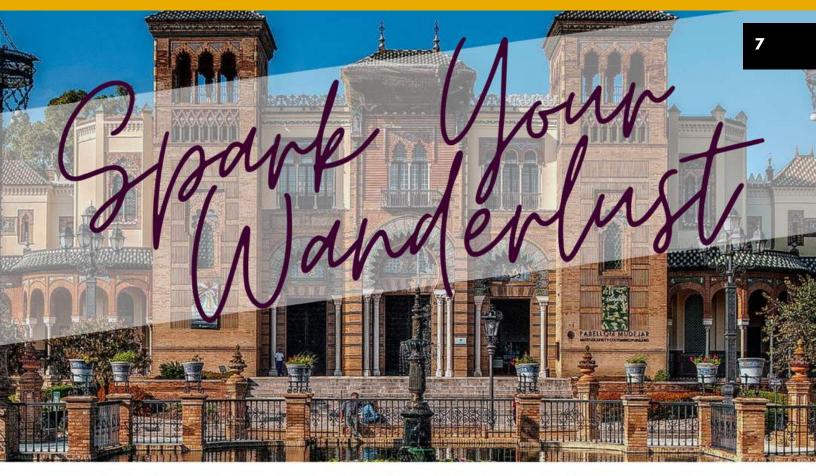


GRAND OPENING Pibbon Cutting

PINNACLE STRATEGIES, LLC
EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH
17 W. MAIN ST. FROSTBURG
9AM



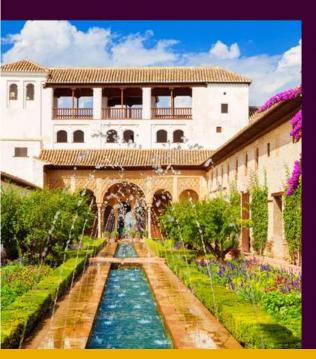


SPAIN & COSTA DEL SOL | MARCH 2026 | ENDLESS HORIZONS



C I Destinations presents

Spain & Sunny Costa del Sol Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Departing March 17, 2026



HIGHLIGHTS:

- □ Granada
- Alhambra Palace
- ☐ Generalife
- ☐ Mijas
- □ Seville
- □ Ronda
- and More!

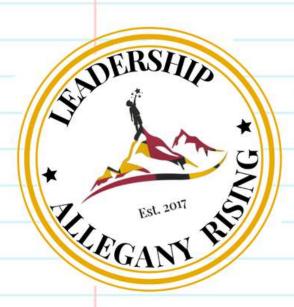


Please contact the chamber for more information at (301) 722-2820.



ATTENTION

INCOMING HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS!



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Leadership
Allegany Rising Program is dedicated to promoting
positive change by creating a network of future leaders
committed to impacting their community.

TOPIC DAYS INCLUDE:

- ORIENTATION & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- HEALTHCARE/SOCIAL SERVICES
- GOVERNMENT
- BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/CAREER
- HIGHER EDUCATION

BEGINS IN
SEPTEMBER!

Up to four high school Juniors will be chosen from each high school in Allegany County.



CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Leadership Allegany Voices



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD

Meet & Greet August 12 | Noon LaVale Library

The Leadership Allegany Alumni Group is Back!



Sign up today!

Save the Date!



Up Next: A Business & Skills Exchange

Tuesday, October 28th Allegany College of MD 8am-1pm

Leadership Allegany Alumni Scholarship

Supporting the growth and development of future leaders in Allegany County.

Reasons to give:

- Invest in the next generation of leaders.
- Break down financial barriers.
- Create a ripple effect of positive change.
- Honor the legacy of Leadership Allegany.
- Strengthen the local community.

