

# The BELLTOWER



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



Do I dare to believe that the coldest days are behind us? Either way, we take the warm days when we get them and are jumping into quarter two of 2026 feeling accomplished and proud of one of our biggest lifts to date - writing and producing our very own podcast that is built on the simple goal of giving our members a way to share their products and services, to tell their stories and offer their insights on doing business in Allegany County. With five segments recorded, and guests scheduled through the summer, Andrea has us on track to drop a new episode every two weeks. Our 2026 season has been made possible by **Founding Sponsor M&T Bank**, and **Supporting Sponsors ABC Supply, AT&T, Chessie Federal Credit Union, and UPMC Western MD**. You can tune in today on your favorite app - just search up **Chamber On Air**.

Next Friday, on April 10, we have an evening of basket raffles, music, food, and fun with **Ladies Night Out** at **Rocky Gap Casino Resort**. This event is one of our most challenging to arrange and we thank the many organizations who donate tickets to local festivals, events, and performances to build our baskets around all things Allegany County. The event is sold out! Thank you to our sponsors: **Entertainment: Grow West, Event: Rocky Gap Casino Resort, UPMC Western MD, Chessie Federal Credit Union, Wepco, Food: Bella, LLC and Allegany County Board of County Commissioners, Photo Booth: First Peoples Community FCU, Baskets: Novus Management Services, LLC, HRDC, R. H. Lapp & Sons, Inc., The Kristi Agency - Allstate Insurance, and Mountainside Home Realty. We'd love just a few more Basket Sponsors** so if you'd like to be featured, let us know before the end of this week (April 3).

Each month, the Chamber is provided a full page in the **Cumberland Times-News** to highlight our work and we're sharing it here, too! Check out page 2 and watch for our feature each month on the last Monday.



# Cumberland Times News Feature!

## ADVOCACY & INFLUENCE

We represent local interests at the state level through the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and maintain a dedicated Legislative Committee to monitor and respond to bills impacting employers. Allegany County is our home and we help shape economic development strategies for growth because we desire a bright and prosperous future for ourselves, our friends, our neighbors, and the generations who will carry us forward.



## MEMBERSHIP ROI & VALUE

We are a force multiplier for your business. Beyond networking, we strive to provide strategic value through sponsorships, affordable advertising, and more focus on spotlighting our members through our podcast while offering tangible benefits like discounts and energy savings.



## VISIBILITY & COMMUNICATION

We work to ensure our messaging stays focused on our mission while striving to follow important and current trends by never settling for just one way to tell the stories of our members and highlight the Chamber's work.



## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

A stronger business ecosystem starts with a growing economy and we support new and expanding businesses by offering Membership 101, hosting industry roundtables, and making deep connections in the community. We are committed to ensuring every business is represented.



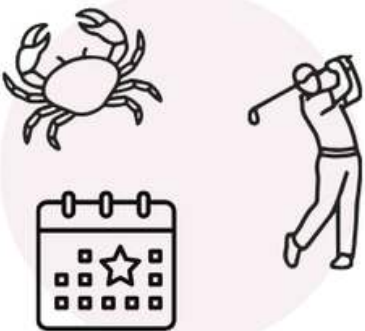
# Join the Chamber!

## PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION

The Chamber is the backbone to aligning economic development, education, and infrastructure partners for collaboration and shared goals. We know that we are stronger when we work together and in a rural Maryland community like Allegany County, it is the only way to positive growth.



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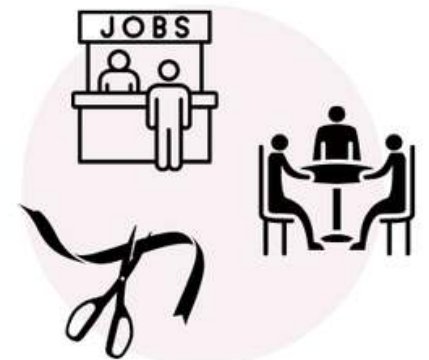
## PREMIERE NETWORKING

High-profile monthly and annual gatherings include the signature Crab Feast, now in its 45<sup>th</sup> year, Member Golf Tournament, Ladies Night Out, Like a Woman, collaborative programming, and monthly Chamber After Hours.



## LEADERSHIP

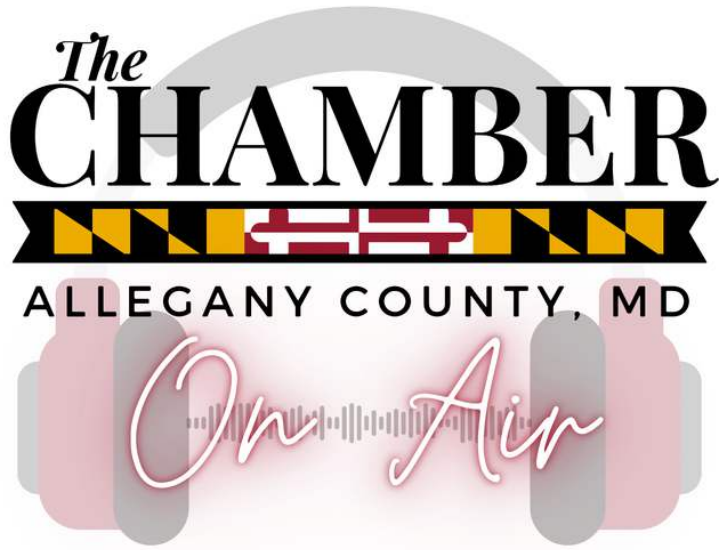
Leadership Allegany and Leadership Allegany Rising are cornerstone programs that develop leaders through immersive education, coalition building, and community awareness for adults and high school juniors.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Frequent engagement opportunities provided through ribbon cuttings, partner and community collaboration, job fairs, committees, and roundtables.

# Chamber On Air Episode 1



## New Members

### Varsity Travel

220 Imboden Drive

Winchester, VA 22603

Phone: (540)678-2871

Contact: Krista Hoffman

Email: [krista@travelvarsity.com](mailto:krista@travelvarsity.com)



### Walk by Faith Bakery

39 S Broadway

Frostburg, MD 21532

Phone: (667)520-2264

Contact: Karisa Ross



# Upcoming Events

## APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 9AM	2 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 12P	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 EDUCATION COMMITTEE 4:30A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 12P	10 LADIES NIGHT OUT 6PM	11
12	13	14 MARKETING COMMITTEE 3PM	15 CHAMBER AFTER HOURS @ ENERGY SELECT	16 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 12P	17	18
19	20	21 LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY STEERING 9AM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 3PM	29	30 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 12PM	1	2

ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*presents*

# CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

**Register  
Online**

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Cumberland, MD 21502



**WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 15TH  
5:30 - 7:30PM**

**RSVP  
BY  
4/9**

**NETWORK & WIN \$1,750!**

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

24 Frederick Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
andrea@alleganycountychamber.com  
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# Ladies *Night Out*

Friday, April 10th | 6-11pm

Rocky Gap Casino Resort

## *Sponsors Needed!*

*Event* **SOLD OUT** \$ 500

*Entertainment* **SOLD OUT** *sponsor* \$1,000

*Photo* **SOLD OUT** *sponsor* \$1,300

*Food Sponsor* **NEED 1 MORE!** \$ 500

*Basket Sponsor* \$ 500

**NEED 2 MORE!**

**FINAL SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED BY 4/3!** \$ 250

# CASINO





# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

## MAY 1, 2026

### ROCKY GAP CASINO RESORT

#### 8:00AM - 3:00PM

**Team of Four**  
*(Members Only)*  
**\$600**

*Event Sponsor*

**\$2,000**

**Double the FUN!**

- 2 teams & 2 tee signs
- 2 months of e-news advertising
- Verbal recognition at event
- Sponsor recognition on advertising

*Eagle Sponsor*

**\$1,350**

**SOLD OUT**

- 1 tee sign
- 2 months of e-news advertising
- Verbal recognition at event
- Sponsor recognition on advertising

*Food & Beverage Sponsor*

**\$1,000**

**Split this with another business!**

- Sticker on lunch boxes
- Verbal recognition at event
- Sponsor recognition on advertising

*Bottle Bonanza Sponsor*

**\$1,000**

**SOLD OUT**

- Table on green (#1 canopy)
- Verbal recognition at event
- Sponsor recognition on advertising

*Hole In One Trip Sponsor*

**\$600** (Member each)

**SOLD OUT**

- 1 month of e-news advertising
- Verbal recognition at event
- Logo on Signage\*\*

*Hole In One Car Sponsor*

Sponsor Pays Insurance

**SOLD OUT**

- 1 month of e-news advertising
- Verbal recognition at event
- Logo on Signage\*\*

*Coffee Sponsor*

**SOLD OUT**

Logo on Signage\*\*

*Tent Sponsor*

**\$250**

Tent on Field

*Scratch Off Sponsor*

**SOLD OUT**

Logo on Scratch Off Cards

*Tee Sign Sponsors*

**\$100.00**

**Make sure your logo is seen!**

**Deadline for Team Registration and Sponsorships is April 17, 2026**

# 2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship and event purchases will be available **Monday, January 5, 2026 at 11am.**  
All are first come, first served with a credit card purchase or invoice.

20x40 Tent + 40 Tickets - \$3,800  
20x20 Tent + 20 Tickets - \$2000  
10x10 Tent + 10 Tickets - \$1,000

Crab Shack + 40 Tickets \$4,000

**Like A Woman - March 27, 2026**

Event Sponsorship: \$500  
Ticket Price: \$25\*

**Crab Feast - August 7, 2026**

Event Sponsorship: \$500  
Ticket Price: \$70/\$85\*

**Ladies Night Out - April 2026**

Basket Sponsorship: \$100- \$500 Event Sponsorship: \$500  
Ticket Price: \$45\*

**Recognition Reception- November 5, 2026**

Event Sponsorship: \$500 - Limit of 3  
Ticket Price: \$65\*

**Legislative Wrap-Up - April 2026**

Event Sponsorship: \$500

**Pre-Legislative Program - December 2026**

Event Sponsorship: \$500

**Outstanding Business Student - May 2026**

Event Sponsorship: \$500

**Holiday Reception - December 10, 2026**

Event Sponsorship: \$500

**Chamber Golf Tournament - May 1, 2026**

Sponsorship: \$500-\$2000

**Leadership Allegany Rising - Class of 2027**

Sponsorship: \$500

## Chamber Ambassador Sponsorship Package • \$10,000

**Ladies Night Out**  
\$500 Event Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks  
Includes 1 ticket

**Recognition Reception**  
\$500 event sponsor- Limit of 3  
All sponsorship perks  
Includes 2 tickets

**Legislative Wrap Up**  
\$500 Event Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks  
Includes 1 ticket

**Pre-Legislative Program**  
\$500 Event Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks  
Includes 1 ticket

**Outstanding Business Student**  
\$500 Event Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks  
Includes 1 ticket

**Holiday Reception**  
\$500 Event Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks

**Chamber Golf Tournament**  
\$1350 Eagle Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks  
Includes: Team of 4, 2 tee Signs

**Leadership Allegany Rising Class of 2027**  
\$500 Class Sponsor

**Crab Feast**  
\$4,300 Sponsorship  
All sponsorship perks  
Includes: Event sponsor, 20x40 tent and 40 tickets

NEW!

**Chamber Podcast Sponsor**  
\$250 Supporting Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks

Plus  
Annual Meeting  
Includes 2 tickets

Mentioned  
at all Chamber  
events!

Logo  
on event and  
programming  
materials, social  
media & MORE!

## Chamber Investor Sponsorship Package • \$5,000

Plus  
Annual Meeting  
Includes 2 tickets

**Outstanding Business Student**  
\$500 Event Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks  
Includes 1 ticket

**Chamber Golf Tournament**  
\$1350 Eagle Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks

### YOU PICK ONE

**Ladies Night Out**  
\$500 Basket Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks

**Leadership Allegany Rising Class of 2027**  
\$500 Class Sponsor

NEW!

**Chamber Podcast Sponsor**  
\$250 Supporting Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks

**Crab Feast**  
\$1500 Event Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks  
Includes: tent and 10 tickets

**Legislative Program**  
\$500 Event Sponsor  
All sponsorship perks

**Banner Ad**  
\$500 Banner Spot

E-news Advertising  
**\$30-\$75**

Newsletter Advertising  
**\$50**

Banner Ads  
**\$250-\$1,000**

\*Sponsorship & ticket pricing may change based on program and event costs. Please contact our office with questions.

# Empowering local businesses

## Marketing strategies & entrepreneurial support in Allegany County

Join local business leaders, entrepreneurs, and resource partners for a high-value session featuring **Ardon Hall, Allegany County's Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR)**.

Walk away with practical marketing strategies, new connections, and a better understanding of the free support available to help your business grow.

### Why attend

- Get marketing ideas you can use right away
- Meet your local Entrepreneur-in-Residence, Ardon Hall
- Learn about free support for strategy, growth, and funding
- Connect with fellow entrepreneurs, business owners, and community partners
- Discover resources designed to support businesses in our region

### Event details

**April 21, 2026 | Incubator Space, 20 E. Main Street, Frostburg, MD 21532**

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Networking Lunch (lunch provided)

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Program

Connect over lunch, gain practical marketing insights, and discover free one-on-one support through the EIR Program.

### Register now

[mdsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/18557](https://mdsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/18557)

### About TEDCO

Technology Development Corporation supports Maryland entrepreneurs and small businesses through funding, mentorship, and resources.

### Meet your local EIR



#### Ardon Hall

TEDCO EIR for Allegany County

The EIR Program connects local business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs to experienced support across Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties.

Ardon Hall serves as Allegany County's representative, working with the SBDC and TEDCO to help businesses grow, solve challenges, and seize new opportunities.



# Join Us BUS TRIP DAYTON OH

Explore Dayton's Five Rivers Metropark. Five Rivers is an exceptional river park offering robust trails, waterways, beautiful gardens, parks, and outdoor entertaining space. Come see what a river park can do for the economy in a small town!.

\$130 pp includes travel to and from Dayton on a charter bus. Lunch provided upon arrival. Tour the facilities and hear about the impacts of the Metroparks and how they transformed Dayton.

Breakfast and dinner stops will be made. (Not included in price)



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