

# **Allegany Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

## **ALLEGANY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL – CHRIS SLOAN/SANDI SAVILLE**

- The first Allegany National Photographic Competition and Exhibition got off to a great start with over 100 artists entering with almost 350 images by the March 6 deadline. 22 states were represented and two-thirds of the entries came from the Tri-State area. *National Geographic* photographer Kenneth Garrett will select 100 winning entries for the exhibition.
- The selection of artists for the 7th Annual Plein Air event is also complete. Among the 30 invitees are artists from 11 states and the District of Columbia.
- Both competitions were entered in record numbers.

## **CACIF – JEFF MCKENZIE**

- PACE wrap up meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

## **CITY OF CUMBERLAND – SHAWN HERSHBERGER**

- Cape Fear New Horizon, Inc. a co-work /incubation space has located at 111 South George Street.
- Liz and Shawn are traveling to Chicago for the SEDC Meet the Consultants Event and partnering with DBED to do site selector meetings prior to the conference.
- Conducted site selector meetings while in Atlanta for the SEDC board of directors meeting.
- Next round of meetings for the incubation program feasibility study will be next Thursday, March 26.

## **CUMBERLAND DDC – JENNIFER LIGHT/SANDI SAVILLE**

- Working with the City of Cumberland Police Department to provide hospitality training to the downtown Code Enforcement Officers.
- Implementing Downtown Pedestrian Wayfinding Signage through a SHA grant that will be completed by fall.
- The summer event series *Cumberland Comes Alive!* will be announced in April for all downtown events.

## **EDUCATION/WORKFORCE TRAINING - ONE STOP JOB -PAUL SMITH/ACM – BECKY RUPPERT**

- The Western Maryland Consortium/Allegany County One Stop Job Center, has expanded the working relationship with Allegany County Adult Education program to increase the participation rate of the GED and External Diploma Program candidates in Allegany County. The Adult Education staff visits the One Stop twice a month to conduct registration and orientation to their programs and services. The One Stop computer lab is available to GED candidates so that they may have access to the technology which is required in preparation for the on-line administration of the GED exam.
- Allegany College of Maryland is working with a group of Maryland community colleges to develop a proposal to submit to the Department of Labor for the upcoming American Apprenticeship Initiative grant. The partners will be coming together to develop the framework for training 1,000 apprentices throughout the state over the next five years.
- ACM Open House – Saturday, April 11 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

## **CITY OF FROSTBURG – LIZ STAHLMAN**

- St. Michael's Parish Hall Project documentation submitted to Maryland Historic Trust. A downtown parking lot will be constructed if an MOA with MHT can be achieved.
- Bid for construction of Braddock Road intersection improvement project anticipated in 2015 (pending FHWA and SHA approval)

## **HEALTHCARE/WELLNESS - BARRY RONAN (WMHS)/AMY SCHWAB-OWENS (LIFE FITNESS MANAGEMENT)**

- Three representatives from the Western Maryland Wheelmen, a local bike club, attended the Bike Maryland Symposium in Annapolis. Bike Maryland is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and improving cycling in Maryland. They promote safety and advocate for projects to expand cycling tourism and economic development in Maryland. The representatives met with regional delegates and senator George Edwards.
- What brings health, transportation and economic benefits to our community? On May 14th from 5:30-7pm, come and find out what brings our community all these benefits. Event being held in room 8 of Allegany College of Maryland's Center for Continuing Education.
- Chronic Disease Self-Management Program – free 6-week course designed for anyone who is living with a chronic condition and wants to meet others who have similar concerns and wish to improve their healthful behaviors, enhance communication skills with physicians and learn self-management skills. Each participant may bring a family member or friend to the class. Next class starts April 7<sup>th</sup> on Tuesdays 10am-Noon. For details, call 240-964-8424.
- Colorectal cancer is the 2nd leading cancer killer in the U.S., but it can be prevented. Learn more at the Colorectal Cancer Awareness Forum on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 (5:30-7:30pm) in the hospital auditorium.
- Transportation Workgroup expanding to explore options for worksites. If interested, call 240-964-8422 for details on next meeting.

## **TRAILS - BILL ATKINSON**

- Great Allegheny Passage: Trail still snow and ice covered in most places, hope this week's nice weather will clear the trail.
- Mountain Maryland Trails will be sending out newsletter to members with updates on accomplishments and planned activities for the coming year in April.
- If you would like to become a member and support the GAP contact Bill Atkinson at [baredsox@yahoo.com](mailto:baredsox@yahoo.com) GAP Clean up day set for March 21 contact Larry Brock for details at [cycling1945@mac.com](mailto:cycling1945@mac.com)
- RFP for improved signage at Canal Place, Cash Valley and Woodcock Hollow trail Heads has been released