



# the Chamber

# NEWS

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## Executive Director

Where do you get your information? In this time of information overload, biased media and fake news, it is a question of growing concern. Why take someone else's word for it? When it comes to local elections, go straight to the source. The Chamber will be hosting candidate forums for the upcoming November 6<sup>th</sup> Gubernatorial General Election. Two forums held on October 1<sup>st</sup> will include Allegany County Commissioner Candidates at 5:00 pm and Allegany County Board of Education Candidates at 7:00 pm. Two forums held on October 9<sup>th</sup> will include Maryland House of Delegates – District 1A, 1B & 1C Candidates at 5:00pm and Cumberland Mayor & City Council Candidates at 7:00 pm. The forums will be streamed live on the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and available for viewing after the event on Facebook and the Chamber's website. The forum will be held in the studios of WFWM Radio with video provided by Allegany College of Maryland. We believe these forums will be very important in educating the voters of Allegany County and help them make informed choices on Election Day.

An awesome opportunity to bring together a wide variety of interests in one place in a casual and fun atmosphere is **Chamber's Shake, Rattle & Roll Expo 2018**, sponsored by **ACT 1st Federal Credit Union**, **Rocky Gap Casino Resort** and **U.S. Cellular**. **Chamber's Shake, Rattle & Roll Expo 2018** is cruising into town on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Allegany College of

Maryland Gymnasium from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This free event is open to the public and highlights many of the positive aspects of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce and our community. A variety of over 30 local businesses, restaurants and non-profit organizations

will be showcasing their latest products and services. The Expo is a great opportunity to get to know key people in these organizations. With a 50's theme vendors will have the opportunity to use their imagination to decorate their booth after their favorite 50's scene or activity. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for the best decorated booths and everyone attending can vote for their favorite. In addition to 50's themed games, all who participate in "Bingo" will be eligible to win an iPad courtesy of **CBIZ**. There will be no shortage of fun and prize drawings for all who attend. Expo 2018 is one event you don't want to miss. If you haven't been to a Chamber Expo lately, you haven't been!

The Chamber's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Outstanding Business Recognition Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Frostburg State University Lane Center. The awardees are **Hampton Inn Cumberland**, *Business of the Year*, **Dr. Matthew J. Allaway**, *Entrepreneurial Spirit*, and **Larry D. Boggs**, *Community Service*. The 2018 Western Maryland Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) Outstanding Young Professional, **Dr. Teal L. Tritipoe**, will also be recognized at the dinner. Formal invitations are being mailed. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Chamber at 301-722-2820. Congratulations to all the award winners!

Thank you to the **Cumberland Theatre** for hosting the September "Chamber After Hours" and congratulations on celebrating your

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### Chamber's Shake Rattle and Roll Expo 2018

Thursday, October 11, 2018  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Allegany College of Maryland  
Gymnasium

## October Calendar

- October 4**  
8:00 am  
Membership Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom
- October 11**  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Chamber Expo — Shake Rattle and Roll  
Allegany College of MD Gym
- October 15**  
8:00 am  
**Leadership Allegany!**  
Alumni Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom
- October 16**  
8:00 am  
**Leadership Allegany!**  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom
- October 17**  
8:00 am  
Economic Development  
Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom  
5:30 – 7:30 pm  
"Chamber After Hours"  
First United Bank and Trust  
Center City Office
- October 18**  
7:30 am  
Education Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom
- October 25**  
Noon  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom
- November 1**  
6:00 pm  
Chamber Recognition Dinner  
FSU – Lane Center



**Thursday, October 11, 2018 – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
 Allegany College of Maryland Gymnasium

Join us for the **Chamber's Shake Rattle and Roll Expo 2018** sponsored by **ACT 1st Federal Credit Union, Rocky Gap Casino Resort and U. S. Cellular** with 30 local businesses, restaurants and non-profit organizations showcasing their latest products and services. Local Chamber member restaurants will be providing a "sampling" of their finest cuisine throughout the day. Play Bingo for a chance to win an iPad, courtesy of CBIZ.

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**Free Admission • Lots of Giveaways • Door Prizes**



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**AL'S DINER SPONSORS**

Buffalo Wild Wings  
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The event is an excellent opportunity for local businesses and organizations to showcase their products and services and a perfect outlet for attendees to gain knowledge of the wide array of services Chamber members offer.

**Open to the Public – FREE Admission, Lots of Giveaways, Door Prizes, 50's Themed Games, AND a Chance to Win an iPad** (courtesy of CBIZ). Where else can you go and get all of this? **See you there!!**

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce presents

# Chamber After Hours

Hosted by



**First United**  
Bank & Trust

**Wednesday, October 17, 2018**

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | First United Center City Community Office  
115 West Harrison Street, Cumberland, MD

Tour our state-of-the art, newly renovated office on Harrison Street. We want to celebrate our **new look** and our **renewed** passion for customers by providing unique, customized solutions at our Center City Community Office. Stop in and take a tour of the new office.

**Hors d'oeuvres • Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks • Network & Win \$500**

- Must be pre-registered and present at time of drawing to win • Must be 21 years of age to attend • \$5.00 registration fee collected at the door

**Return to:**

**Allegany County Chamber of Commerce,  
Bell Tower Building, 24 Frederick Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502**

**Phone: 301-722-2820**

**Fax: 301-722-5995**

**Email:**

**memry@alleganycountychamber.com**

**Registration Information:**

Organization Name:

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Member Names:

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Member Guests:

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**Please respond by**

**October 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

**MyBank.com**

ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

CHAMBER'S

*Shake, Rattle  
and Roll*

EXPO

2018

*Thursday, October 11, 2018*

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Allegheny College of Maryland Gymnasium

*Free Admission - Open To The Public*

- ✦ Networking & Giveaways
- ✦ Chance to win an iPad
- ✦ Local Business & Food Exhibitors



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FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL 301-722-2820  
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## Member Profile: **Advanced Mobility, LLC**

16107 McMullen Highway  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
240-362-7307 – Fax: 240-362-7345  
www.advancedmobilityllc.com  
Aaron Becker, Co-Owner  
Email address: abecker0@gmail.com



Advanced Mobility was founded in 2016 by Aaron Becker and Shane Mathews. With a combined 25 years in orthopedic sales, both Aaron and Shane recognized the need for a reliable durable medical equipment supplier to service the tri-state area. Advanced Mobility provides durable medical equipment (DME) to patients who live in Allegany and Garrett counties in Maryland, Mineral, Grant, and Hampshire counties in West Virginia, as well as Somerset and Bedford counties in Pennsylvania. Advanced Mobility strives to meet the needs of the patient populations by providing services that no other DME suppliers offer. They are currently the only provider of Continuous Passive Motion (CPM) machines within at least a 50-mile radius of their service area. In addition to

CPM machines, they also provide wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, roll-about knee scooters, canes, crutches, off-the-shelf bracing, bathroom accessories, lymphedema pumps and compression garments, Freedom Alert and Guardian Alert Pendants, CPAP, BiPAP, respiratory supplies, and are an authorized provider of Pride lift chairs and scooters as well as Acorn stair lifts. Advanced Mobility offers Care Credit to ease the financial burden of DME that is not billable to insurance.

Advanced Mobility takes pride in providing customer service that exceeds the standards of other DME providers. Advanced Mobility employs professionally trained staff that can deliver the equipment directly to the patient's home and provide necessary education to

the patient to ensure its proper use. It is their belief that positive patient outcomes increase when patients fully understand the application and use of their DME. Their store is open Monday through Thursday 9 am – 4 pm and Friday 9 am – 2 pm and is staffed with professionals trained to assist patients with finding the DME that will best suit their needs.

Advanced Mobility is located at 16107 McMullen Highway SW, Cumberland, MD 21502 in the Bel Air Shopping Plaza. Call them today for all of your DME needs 240.362.7307.



## New Member

*(patronize this member and welcome them to the Chamber)*

### **Mr. Ray Morriss – Associate/Retired Member**

914 Camden Avenue  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
301-759-6336

Contact: Mr. Ray Morriss  
Email: raymorriss@mac.com  
Category: Associate

### **Stifel Financial**

130 Greene Street  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
240-362-7175  
Fax: 240-362-7187

Contact: Lisa Peskin, Representative  
E-mail: peskin1@stifel.com  
Category: Investment Counselors  
Retirement Planning  
Brokerage

Description: *Financial advice, investments, retirement planning, home loans and refinancing and education planning. They are a full-service financial services firm.*



## CANDIDATE FORUMS



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Committee, in partnership with **WFWM and Allegany College of Maryland**, will be holding a series of Candidate Forums on Monday, October 1, and Tuesday, October 9, 2018. The October 1st forum will include Allegany County Commissioner candidates at 5:00 pm and Allegany County Board of Education candidates at 7:00 pm. The October 9th forum will include House of Delegates 1A, 1B and 1C candidates at 5:00 pm and Cumberland Mayor and City Council candidates at 7:00 pm.

All four forums will be streamed live on Facebook and available on the Chamber's Facebook page and website after the event. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. We hope you will be able to view the forums to learn more about the candidates prior to the election.

# Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Bell Tower Building Rededication

The exterior of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Bell Tower Building has been given new life and has returned to its splendor as one of the iconic faces in the community. The building needed a lot of maintenance and repair – repointing of bricks, repair and replacement of all woodwork, gutters and downspouts repaired or replaced and painting from top to bottom. To celebrate a rededication, a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on Thursday, August 30, 2018. Attending the ribbon cutting ceremony were current Chamber Board of Director members, Chamber Past Presidents/Chairmen and staff.

On hand for the ceremony – pictured left to right:

## First Row:

Steve MacGray, *Chamber Board of Director member*

Peg McKenzie, *Executive Assistant, Chamber of Commerce*

Charles Croft, *Chairman of the Board of Directors*

Stu Czapski, *Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce*

Jeremy Irons, *Past Chairman of the Board of Directors*

Jeffery O'Neal, *Chamber Board of Director member*

## Second Row:

Barbara Buehl, *Past Chairman of the Board of Directors and former Executive Director*

Dr. Cynthia Bambara, *Chamber Board of Director member*



## Third Row:

Troy Raines, *Chamber Board of Director member*

Renee Adams, *Chamber Board of Director member*

James Stahl, *Past Chairman of the Board of Directors*

Mark Widmyer, *Past Chairman of the Board of Directors*

Bill Boyer, *Chamber Board of Director member*

Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, *Chamber Board of Director member*

James "Snake" Robertson, *Past Chairman of the Board of Directors*

Peter Bajc, *Chamber Board of Director member*

## Leadership Allegany! Class of 2019

The **Leadership Allegany!** Class of 2019 recently held their Orientation Retreat, which kicked off the twenty-second year of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce's program of developing emerging leaders. The program is dedicated to promoting positive change by creating a network of leaders with a clear understanding of the community and a commitment to its advancement within and beyond Mountain Maryland. Members of the class include:

### Front Row (left to right)

Zac Barton, *CBIZ*

Michelle Stahlman-Twigg, *AES Warrior Run*

Ember Ball, *Friends Aware*

Andrea Lowery, *Western MD Jaycees/Friends Aware*

Bobby Smith, *City of Cumberland*

Sam Shipley, *First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union*

Nicole Whetzel, *MedExpress Urgent Care*

### Second Row (left to right)

Christie Clark, *ACT 1<sup>st</sup> Federal Credit Union*

Kate Donaghy, *Western Maryland Health System*

Whitney Daugherty, *Allegany County*

Dr. Liz Throop, *Frostburg State University*

Renee Kniseley, *Local Management Board*

Scott Duckworth, *Chessie Federal Credit Union*

Tonya Smiley, *WEPCO Federal Credit Union*



Tracy Greely, *Rehab 1<sup>st</sup>*

Erin Mathews, *Turnbull Hoover and Kahl*

### Third Row (left to right)

Dr. Kurt Hoffman, *Allegany College of Maryland*

Alisha Clark, *First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union*

Chrissy Ruhl, *Western Maryland Health System*

Patrick Buck, *CBIZ*

Emily Miller, *Allegany County Department of Social Services*

Wendolyn McKenzie, *Allegany County HRDC*

Julie Westendorff, *Allegany Arts Council*

Jeffrey Fenlason, *Crucible Solutions Group*

Eric Lawrence, *Progressive Physical Therapy*

Jennifer Saeler, *Allegany County Department of Social Services*



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30<sup>th</sup> year. A wonderful evening of great food and hospitality was enjoyed by the over 100 in attendance. **Edward Jones Investments** was drawn for the \$1,500 Network & Win cash drawing and, yes, they were a winner! The cash prize now resets to \$500 for our next "Chamber After Hours" at **First United Bank and Trust** on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Are you interested in hosting a "Chamber After Hours"? Opportunities exist in early 2019. Contact the Chamber office for more information.

**Stu Czapski**  
Executive Director



## Annual Membership Meeting Write-in Candidates

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at noon at the Cumberland Country Club. During the meeting the Chamber membership will have an opportunity to elect six members to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is composed of eighteen members, one third (six members) of whom are elected annually to serve for three years.

Candidates for directors may be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signature of at least (5) qualified members of the Chamber. Each candidate must be willing to meet the following criteria in order to serve:

- Be an active member in good standing with the Chamber
- Serve as a member of the Board of Directors for a period of three years
- Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings (*held the last Thursday of each month*) and an Orientation and Strategic Planning Session (*held in January*)
- Serve on at least one active standing committee
- Attend Chamber events, including *After Hours*, Golf Outing, Expo, Lucky Ladies Night Out, Holiday Reception, Crab Feast, Ribbon Cuttings, and Recognition Dinner
- Assist with Chamber events and fundraisers

If you or a member you know has an interest in serving on the Chamber Board of Directors please contact Nominating Committee Chair **Jeremy Irons, Carl Belt, Inc.** at **301-729-8900**. Candidate names will appear on the ballot to be voted on during the December 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the Cumberland Country Club. Thank you.

## "Chamber After Hours"

Wednesday  
October 17, 2018  
5:30 to 7:30 pm

Hosted by:  
**First United Bank  
and Trust  
Center City Office**

## Annual Business Recognition Dinner

Thursday  
November 1, 2018  
Cocktails 6:00 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm  
**Frostburg State  
University – Lane Center**

## Chamber Holiday Reception Sponsorship Opportunity

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce is looking for sponsors for our **Annual Holiday Reception**. The event will be held on **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** from **4:00 pm to 7:00 pm** at the Allegany Museum, 3 Pershing Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

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

Sponsorship at a cost of \$500.00 provides the following:

- Company logo in monthly newsletter
- Company logo in weekly enews
- Company logo on flier advertising the event
- Table tent card with your company name displayed throughout the event
- Company name on sign at entrance to event
- Photo in the January newsletter and on the Chamber website
- Photo in the next edition of the Chamber's membership directory

### 2017 Sponsors:



Please contact the Chamber office if you have an interest in sponsoring the Chamber's Holiday Reception at 301-722-2820.



## the Chamber

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**Stuart C. Czapski**, Executive Director

**Allegany County Chamber of Commerce 2018 Officers**

*Chair:* **Charles L. Croft, Jr.**

*First Vice Chair:* **Scott C. Pfeiffer**

*Second Vice Chair:* **Nicole R. D'Atri**

*Immediate Past Chair:* **Jeremy G. Irons**