

the Chamber

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Executive Director

March 4th is the final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules in the Maryland General Assembly. With just over a month remaining in the 439th session, March is a busy month with committee report and crossover deadlines looming. Thank you to those who took time away from their business to testify in person and/or write letters to legislators opposing the proposed minimum wage increase. As amendments are being introduced and votes taken, there is still a short window of time to voice your opinion on minimum wage and other issues affecting your business or organization. You make a difference.

Now more than ever lobbying and advocacy are vital to the democratic process as your voice and interest must be heard. To strengthen that voice we must continue to come together and focus as a group. There is power in numbers and the Chamber is working for its members and the community every day by advocating on your behalf. Take full advantage of the lobbying power of Chambers of Commerce and let your voice be heard. It is up to each of us to be part of the solution and move Allegany County forward. The Chamber is a force to bring about positive change. Let's do it together! Contact the Chamber office if you have questions or need assistance with having your voice heard.

Unfortunately, bad weather forced the cancellation of the February "Chamber After

Hours". Thankfully there was an opening in March for **Pivot Physical Therapy** who will now be hosting the March 20th "After

Hours" with the Network & Win cash pot at \$1,250. "Chamber After Hours" are from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and Chamber members must pre-register and be present at the time of the drawing with 2019 dues in good standing to be eligible for Network & Win. The pre-registration deadline for March's event is the 14th at 5:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

While it may not feel like spring is in sight just yet, the first day of spring is officially March 20th, only a few weeks away. With spring comes Saint Patrick's Day and the Chamber's **Lucky Ladies Night Out**. Spring also brings an early excuse to dust off your clubs and get together on April 26th for the Chamber's **Third Annual Golf Outing**. Please see details for both events in this newsletter. There's never a shortage of opportunities to network or entertain friends, associates and clients at the Chamber in Allegany County.

Eighty percent of the Chamber's operating budget is funded by membership dues. Thank you to our members who have renewed or are renewing their membership for 2019. Your support allows your local Chamber to continue serving you as it has for over 110 years. Please support our member businesses and organizations. They support our community.

Stu Czapski
Executive Director

March Calendar

- March 6**
Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- March 8**
5:30 pm
Lucky Ladies Night Out
Ali Ghan Shrine Club
- March 13**
Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- March 14**
8:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Rising
Graduation
Cumberland Country Club
3:00 pm
Expo Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- March 18**
8:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Alumni
Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
11:00 am
Golf Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- March 19**
8:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Steering
Committee Planning Meeting
Allegany College of Maryland
- March 20**
8:00 am
Economic Development Com. Mtg.
Chamber Boardroom
Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
5:30 – 7:30 pm
"Chamber After Hours"
Pivot Physical Therapy
- March 27**
Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- March 28**
Noon
Chamber Board of Directors Mtg.
Chamber Boardroom
- April 3**
Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

The third annual **"Lucky Ladies Night Out"** will be held on Friday, March 8th at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club, Cumberland, Maryland. The event is proudly sponsored by **Ali Ghan Shrine Club, Allegany College of Maryland, Bella, LLC, and Kristi Otto Allstate Agency.**



"Lucky Ladies Night Out"

is a lively time of fun, laughter, food and drinks with a chance to win fantastic prizes. Throughout the evening themed gift baskets will be displayed containing extraordinary gifts – raffle tickets are sold for a chance to win. All gift baskets will be raffled off before the evening ends. Raffle tickets can be purchased for just \$5.00 each. At the end of the evening some lucky ladies will walk away with some fabulous gifts.

Raffle baskets this year include a wide variety of music festival packages, overnight accommodations, golf, massages, manicures, salon treatments, auto detailing, restaurant gift certificates, tech savvy items, a magnificent Pot of Gold basket, a Mystery Basket chock full of fabulous items as well as great gifts for that special someone in your life.

Doors open at 5:30 pm. You must be 21 years of age to attend.

Men – we certainly don't want you to feel left out. Volunteer your time and join us for the fun.

If you have an interest in helping out please give us a call (301-722-2820).



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Charis Realty Group

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome Charis Realty Group to Allegany County and to the Chamber of Commerce. They are located at 12 Greene Street, Cumberland, Maryland. To learn more about them please visit their website at: www.charisrealtygroup.com.

Pictured left to right – First Row:

- Stu Czapski, *Executive Director, Allegany County Chamber of Commerce*
- Susan Reichel, *Branch Manager, Charis Realty Group*
- Christy Issler, *Owner, Principal Broker, Charis Realty Group*
- Steve MacGray, *Realtor, Charis Realty Group*
- Jennifer Alt, *Executive Assistant, Charis Realty Group*
- Terri Lowery, *President, Allegany County Habitat for Humanity*
- Sue MacGray
- Misty Raines, *Executive Director, CASA of Allegany County*
- Meg Romero, *Allegany Arts Council*
- Bob Ryan, *Pastor, New Day Church*



Back Row – left to right:

- Greg Hildreth, *Economic Development Specialist, Allegany County*
- The Honorable Ray Morriss, *Mayor, City of Cumberland*
- Jeff O'Neal, *Chamber Board of Director Second Vice Chair, Western Maryland Health System*

- Rod Barker, *Chamber Board of Director Member, Edward Jones Investments*
- Tracey Irving, *Chamber Board of Director Member, IBM Global Business Services*
- Andrew Sargent, *Senior Business Development Representative for Western Region, Maryland Department of Commerce*
- Matt Miller, *Economic Development Specialist, Cumberland Economic Development Corporation*
- David Ziler, *Pastor, Union Rescue Mission*

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce

PRESENTS

Chamber After Hours

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The Healthiness People

14302 Barton Blvd., Cumberland, MD 21502

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join Us for Networking, Hors D'oeuvres, Drinks & Prizes!

Network and Win - \$1,250 Drawing

Must be pre-registered and present at time of drawing to win.

Must be 21 years of age to attend.

\$5 Registration Fee Collected at the Door

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 14TH

Organization Name _____

Member Names _____

Member Guests _____

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce • 24 Frederick St. • Cumberland, MD 21502

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**Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce
Third Annual Golf Outing
Friday, April 26, 2019
Cumberland Country Club
Shotgun Start @ 9:00 am**

**4 Person Team - \$400.00
Single Golfer - \$125.00**



**To guarantee a slot for
your team please rsvp
by March 29, 2019**

Fun opportunity to enjoy a day on the links kicking off the golf season.

Putting Contest
Corn Hole
Hole in One Contest
Power Balls
50/50 Raffle

Sponsorships also available—please contact the Allegheny County
Chamber of Commerce for details 301-722-2820 or by email
peg@alleghenycountycommerce.com

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We want YOU to join First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union, and there's no better time than today! From now until March 31, when you become a member of First Peoples, you can earn up to \$350* by doing the following:

\$25

OPEN A CHECKING ACCOUNT¹

\$25

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\$50

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\$25

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\$25

GET AN FP CREDIT CARD⁵

\$50 / \$100

GET A HELOC³ OR MORTGAGE⁶

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- > VISIT FIRSTPEOPLES.COM
- > STOP BY A BRANCH

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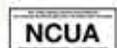
Our rates are typically lower than a bank's, and our earnings go back to you in the form of savings! If you have financial needs, we've got you covered:

 CHECKING ACCOUNTS	 SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	 DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS	 ONLINE & MOBILE BANKING
 LOW-RATE PERSONAL, AUTO & HOME LOANS	 FINANCIAL WELLNESS & EDUCATION TOOLS	 BUSINESS ACCOUNTS & LENDING	 AND MORE!



We are committed to you and to the community we share. Give us a call, stop by, or visit our website. We'd be thrilled to get to know you!

*Membership and credit eligibility required. Cash award will be credited no later than promo end date of 03/31/19. All offers not valid for existing First Peoples members. ¹Must have initial deposit of \$100 or greater. ²Certificates 21 months and greater, minimum of \$2,500. ³Minimum \$10,000 loan. ⁴Minimum \$2,500 loan. ⁵Minimum \$500 limit. ⁶Minimum \$40,000 loan.



Member Profile: Hampton Inn by Hilton Cumberland

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Parika Andreassen, General Manager
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Hampton Inn Cumberland opened in May of 2018 and has seventy-seven rooms overlooking the scenic mountains of rural Western Maryland. In addition to friendly service and value-packed amenities in every room (such as microwaves, refrigerators, 50" TVs with over 250 HD channels), Hampton Inn Cumberland also offers daily complimentary hot breakfast, complimentary Wi-Fi, an indoor heated saline pool, 24 hour fitness center, guest laundry area, meeting room, Rocky Gap Casino shuttle service, a partnership with the Cumberland YMCA for guest facility use, and more. The Hampton hotel also has digital key capability, which means that Hilton Honors rewards members can download the Hilton Honors app and use their phone to gain access to rooms in the hotel.

With a 5 star rating on TripAdvisor already, Hampton Inn Cumberland is quickly climbing to the top of Cumberland's preferred

hotels. Hamptonality brand culture also contributes to their immediate success. All of their employees bring their own individual strengths and personalities to work. Their employees go above and beyond in finding ways to be friendly, authentic, caring, and thoughtful to their guests.

The exceptional guest service experience doesn't stop at Hampton Inn Cumberland. They have two more outstanding properties in their portfolio which are also located in Allegany County. They have another Hampton Inn property in Frostburg, MD that is ranked the #1 hotel in the Frostburg area by TripAdvisor.

In addition to their Hampton properties, they also have their platinum award winning Comfort Inn & Suites in LaVale. This hotel has been deemed platinum award winning for 10 consecutive years

and is ranked #12 out of all Comfort Inn hotels in the country. Some property amenities of this hotel include an indoor heated pool and whirlpool, multiple meeting rooms, and more. This hotel has the only executive suites in the area and is also ranked number one in the LaVale, MD area by TripAdvisor.

At all three of their hotels, they strive to deliver the ultimate travel experience. Regardless of which property you're traveling to, their hotels are dedicated to providing guests with a warm and welcoming home away from home. 

New Members

(patronize these members and welcome them to the Chamber)

All Seasons Air Conditioning and Heating

11900 McMullen Highway
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
301-777-8007

Contact: Phillip Peer, Owner
E-mail: phillipallseasons@atlanticbnn.net

Category: Air Conditioning/Heating Refrigeration

Description: *Locally owned and operated air conditioning, heating and refrigeration company. Service residential and commercial areas for all needs and also have 24-hour service for customers.*

Charis Realty Group

12 Greene Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
240-801-5011

www.charisrealtygroup.com
Contact: Steve MacGray, Realtor
E-mail: steve@charisrealty.com
Category: Real Estate

Description: *Providing a collaborative atmosphere, attracting some of the best and brightest agents in the industry. Have a deep*

desire at the heart of the company and its agents to make the community a better place. Charis agents go "above expectations and beyond the transaction" – making the world a better place – one home at a time!

Holy Grounds Coffee & Bagel Shop

1223 A National Highway
LaVale, Maryland 21502
240-362-7549

www.holygroundscoffeebagel.com
Contact: Paulette Porter, President and CEO

E-mail: info@holygroundscoffeebagel.com

Category: Restaurant
Coffee and Bagel Shop

Description: *Coffee and Bagel shop, serving coffee, espresso and specialty drinks, breakfast, lunch, desserts, drinks. Christian theme – locally owned and operated.*

Homespire Mortgage

111 South George Street, Suite 3
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
240-362-7418

Contact: Jody Emerick, Personal Loan Consultant

E-mail: jemerick@homespiremortgage.com

Category: Mortgage Lending Lenders

Description: *Mortgage company specializing in VA, USDA, FHA and conventional loan financing*

Sprint

12101 Winchester Road – Spc2
LaVale, Maryland 21502
301-798-9662

www.nuwavewireless.com
Contact: Derek Boring, District Manager
Email: derek.boring@nuwavewireless.com

Category: Retail
Description: *Sprint authorized retailer offering wireless solutions that fit each customers lifestyle.*

Valentine Rentals

12601 Evitts Creek Drive
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
301-268-1598

Contact: Bill Valentine, President
Email: bill@valentineplumbing.com
Category: Individual 

The Third Annual Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing will be held on **Friday, April 26, 2019** at the Cumberland Country Club. The outing begins with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. This event is a great way to kick off golf season by enjoying a day on the links while connecting and networking with business friends and colleagues.

The Golf Outing features a traditional scramble format with a shotgun start. There will be interactive contests throughout the day including a putting contest, corn hole, power balls, 50/50 raffles and a hole in one contest. Lunch will be served following the outing.

Whether playing as a foursome or as a single golfer you are sure to have a fun-filled day. With so many great sponsorship opportunities there are many ways to get involved.



Save the Date April 26, 2019

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Third Annual Golf Outing Cumberland Country Club

Go to www.alleganycountychamber.com
for details

Sponsorship opportunities include:

- Gold Sponsor – \$1,000
- Silver Sponsor – \$500.00
- Bronze Sponsor – \$250.00
- Tent Sponsor – \$250.00
- Tee Sponsor – \$100.00

- Four person team – \$400.00
- Single Player – \$125.00

For more information on this event please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820.

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Hosted by
Pivot Physical Therapy

Inclement Weather Policy

If you are wondering if a committee meeting or Chamber event will be held during inclement weather, please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820. The Chamber’s voice mail will be programmed to include details of any cancellation or time change that may be necessary due to snow or inclement weather conditions.



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