

The CHAMBER



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



Executive Director

“Don’t find fault, find a remedy.”

— Henry Ford

Unfortunately, it wasn’t hard to think of a topic of discussion this month. Obviously, COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and its impacts are on the top of everyone’s minds. Finding solutions to the specific problems this virus is causing at so many different levels is our highest priority. Productive work is being done by many despite the panic, inaccurate information, finger pointing, criticism, politicizing, and grandstanding by a few. Very good business resources are being developed and shared by federal, state and local officials every day. Are the solutions perfect? No, not yet, but the right people are willing to listen and take appropriate action. Economic development entities, business organizations, regional groups, tourism officials, the SBA, the Maryland Department of Commerce, and federal and state elected officials and their field reps are communicating, sharing and advocating on behalf of our local business community and their employees. As this situation constantly changes, the work adjusts and is continuous.

How can we help you find a solution? We are here for you. Your Chamber has made it a priority to sort through and share appropriate valuable business resources with our members and the community. While we are not in the office, we are available and communicating by telephone and email to address your concerns and specific questions, connecting you with an answer, resource or directly to the right person who can help. That will not change. We continue to advocate on your behalf daily, sharing your specific issues with those that can do something about it. In addition, discussions are

already in process regarding ways to help you get your customers back as quickly as possible when we come out of this. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your concerns, questions or ideas. You may contact me directly by email at stu@alleganycounty.com or by cell at 301-707-6759.

The Chamber committees are continuing to meet by conference call with few exceptions. Legislatively, the Maryland General Assembly adjourned early on March 18 and crammed a number of bills through in the process, some without a hearing. The Legislative Committee is reviewing the disposition of bills of particular interest to the business community as they are updated by Legislative Services in Annapolis. We are also discussing options for our annual Legislative Wrap-Up Breakfast under the circumstances. Also pending are candidate forums for the Allegany County Board of Education primary election and Frostburg City elections. The Chamber’s Education Committee is working on the Outstanding Business Student Awards in partnership with the Cumberland Rotary Club, the Frostburg State Student Salute Scholarship Awards and recognition of the Allegany County Teacher of the Year.

The next “Chamber After Hours”, hosted by **Archway Station**, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, Lucky Ladies Night Out was rescheduled to Friday, April 24 and the Chamber’s Fourth Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, May 1. Obviously, all events are subject to the status of social distancing guidelines and will be rescheduled if at all possible if necessary. Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support.

It is critical to emphasize the importance of supporting local now more than ever. Some businesses and organizations may not make it through this if we don’t. We all want to look forward to the day soon when we can gladly shout, “Get back to work, all of you!”.

Stu Czapski
Executive Director

APRIL 2020

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Bell Tower Building
Cumberland, MD 21502

April Calendar

NOTE: *If social distancing guidelines continue as they are, committee meetings may be held via conference call as needed.*

April 1

8:30 am
Membership Committee Meeting
Conference Call

9:00 am
Golf Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

April 9

8:00 am
Education Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

April 15

8:00 am
Economic Development
Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

5:30 – 7:30 pm
“Chamber After Hours”
Archway Station

April 20

8:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Alumni Mtg.
Chamber Boardroom

April 21

8:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Steering
Committee Meeting
Conference Call

April 24

6:00 pm
Lucky Ladies Night Out
Ali Ghan Shrine Club

April 30

Noon
Board of Directors Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

May 1

9:00 am
Golf Outing
Cumberland Country Club

Allegany County Chamber Contact Information

While the Chamber Office is currently closed, we are still available to serve you.

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301-722-2820

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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Business Resources

Maryland Business Express
businessexpress.maryland.gov

Internal Revenue Service
irs.gov

Maryland Department of Labor
dllr.state.md.us

Comptroller of Maryland
marylandtaxes.gov

Small Business Administration
sba.gov

Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention
cdc.gov

Allegany County Tourism
mdmountainside.com

Allegany County Health Department
health.maryland.gov/Allegany

Allegany County Government
alleganygov.org

UPMC Western Maryland
wmhs.com

United States Government
usa.gov

THE ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Presents

“CHAMBER AFTER HOURS”

ARCHWAY STATION, INC.

Rescheduled for:

Wednesday April 15, 2020

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

45 Queen St, Cumberland, MD

Join us for networking, hors d'oeuvres, drinks and prizes!

Beer & wine sponsored by: Keller Stonebraker Insurance, Inc.

\$5.00 Registration fee collected at door—Must be 21 years of age to attend
Must be pre-registered and present to win

NETWORK & WIN \$1,500.00

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 9, 2020

Organization Name: _____

Member Name: _____

Member Guests: _____

Please return to:

Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce, 24 Frederick St, Cumberland, MD 21502

Phone: 301-722-2820/Fax: 301-722-5995/Email: Krista@alleganycountychamber.com



Archway Station
Providing hope for the future



Alleghany County Chamber of Commerce
PRESENTS:

LUCKY
Ladies Night
OUT

Hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine
ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET FOR GRAND PRIZE

ADDITIONAL RAFFLE DRAWINGS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING
(TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)

COST: EARLY BIRD PRICE IS \$35 PER TICKET OR \$225 FOR RESERVED TABLE OF 7
IF PURCHASED BY MAR. 6TH - PRICE THEREAFTER IS \$40 PER TICKET OR \$260
FOR RESERVED TABLE OF 7.

Friday
APRIL
24th

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

Ali Ghan Shrine Club
13100 ALI GHAN RD. NE
CUMBERLAND, MD
21502

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE ALLEGANY COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
KRISTA LLEWELLYN, 301-722-2820, krista@alleganycountychamber.com

SPONSORED BY:

Bella, LLC • CBIZ Insurances Services Inc. • Hamilton Relay • Homespire Mortgage
Kristi Otto Allstate Agency • Uhl Enterprises / Queen City Motors

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
Fourth Annual Golf Outing
Friday, May 1, 2020
Cumberland Country Club
Shotgun Start @ 9:00 am
Sponsored by:

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READY FOR THE WORKDAY™

 **AES Warrior Run**
we are the energy


ROCKY GAP
CASINO • RESORT
CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

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

To guarantee a slot for
your team please rsvp
by April 24, 2020

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 Allegany County
Chamber of Commerce for details 301-722-2820 or by email
peg@alleganycountychamber.com or krista@alleganycountychamber.com

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The Chamber's **Fourth Annual Member/Guest Golf Outing** will be held on Friday, May 1st at the Cumberland Country Club with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. This event is a fun opportunity to enjoy a day on the links kicking off the golf season while networking and connecting with business friends and colleagues.

The outing features a traditional scramble format with contests throughout the day including a putting contest, corn hole, power balls, 50/50 raffles and a hole in one contest.

A four-person team is \$400.00; a single player is \$125.00. Sponsorship opportunities are also available and include:

Gold Sponsor - \$1,000

- Team of (4) four players
- (2) Tee Signs
- (2) Fliers in the Chamber E-newsletter or (2) months advertising in the weekly E-news
- Business member mailing list on CD
- Opportunity to distribute info at registration table
- Logo on advertising material
- Verbal recognition at event
- Logo on all carts (or scorecard)

Silver Sponsor - \$500.00

- Tee Sign
- (1) Flier in the Chamber E-newsletter or (1) month advertising in the weekly E-news
- Business member mailing list on CD
- Name on advertising material
- Verbal recognition at event

Bronze Sponsor - \$250.00

- Tee Sign
- Flier in Chamber newsletter
- Verbal recognition at event

Tent Sponsor - \$250.00

- Opportunity to display on the course to showcase a product or service to all players; sponsor is responsible for providing tent

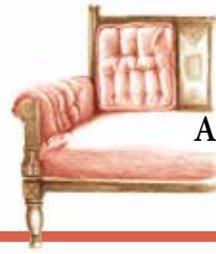
Tee Sponsor - \$100.00

Whether playing as a foursome or as a single golfer this will be a fun and exciting day. There are many ways to get involved. To guarantee a slot for your team please respond as soon as possible; for tee sign sponsorships please respond by Friday, April 17th. For more information on this event please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820.



Member Profile: Appalachian Upholstery

10310 Columbus Avenue NE
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
301-697-7170
www.auchair.com
Email: darrellcspence@yahoo.com



APPALACHIAN UPHOLSTERY
Personal and Professional Upholstery

Appalachian Upholstery – AU was started by Darrell Spence after realizing a need to provide local businesses and residents with affordable upholstery! AU has been in business since 1998, starting out working with local gyms and small businesses in the early days. Since that time, AU has expanded to cover a larger geographical area and a broader scope of work, that includes optometrist chairs, dental chairs, surgical tables, restaurant booths, office chairs, church chairs and benches, couches, arm chairs, antiques and heirloom furniture, outside cushions, and much more!

Appalachian Upholstery services include pick up and delivery and weekend work around most any business schedule. Custom work can also be provided. For

example, custom straps were needed for the local veteran's cemetery to lower vaults into the ground. AU made custom straps to fill that need.

AU provides a wide variety of services to residential and commercial clients from complete furniture upholstery to minor repairs. Quality is important to them, so they guarantee all work for craftsmanship for one year. Making your furniture look good is what they are all about.

Call Darrell today for a written quote. See more of AU at www.auchair.com.



LUCKY LADIES NIGHT OUT
Ali Ghan Shrine Club
Friday
Event starts at 6:00 PM
Doors open at 5:30 PM
Cost: \$35.00
After March 6: \$40.00
\$225.00 for reserved table of 7
Hors d'oeuvres, beer/wine, raffles
One free raffle ticket for grand prize
Rescheduled April 24
Allegany County Chamber of Commerce

The fifth annual **"Lucky Ladies Night Out"** will be held on **Friday, April 24th** at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club, Cumberland, Maryland. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, beer/wine/soft drinks, and a raffle ticket chance on a grand prize drawing. Doors open at 5:30 pm. You must be 21 years of age to attend – open to the public. Tickets can be ordered by contacting the Chamber office at 301-722-2820 or by emailing krista@alleganycountychamber.com or peg@alleganycountychamber.com.

"Lucky Ladies Night Out" is a fun evening with your friends. Enjoy some food and then browse the extraordinary themed gift

baskets on display. The baskets will be raffled off throughout the evening; purchase just one ticket or if you are feeling really lucky purchase tickets for all the baskets being offered. There is no limit to the number of raffle tickets you can purchase. Raffle tickets are just \$5.00 each. At the end of the evening you could walk away with some fabulous gifts including music festival tickets, salon treatments, overnight accommodations, massages, automotive detailing and more. Throughout the event we will have male volunteers who will replenish your drinks so you can sit back and enjoy the evening without missing all the fun. During the night we will also offer fun games that you can choose to participate in

or if you prefer just sit back and watch.

Raffle baskets this year include a wide variety of music festival packages, overnight accommodations, massages, manicures/pedicures, spa treatments, restaurant gift certificates, a magnificent Pot of Gold basket, and a Mystery Basket chock full of fabulous items.

"Lucky Ladies Night Out" is proudly sponsored by **Bella LLC, CBIZ Insurance Services, Inc., Hamilton Relay, Homespire Mortgage, Kristi Otto Allstate Agency** and **Uhl Enterprises/Queen City Motors**.

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

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce recently held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the new location of Smart Choice Computer Solutions located at 1206 Park Avenue, LaVale, Maryland. Smart Choice is the area leader in computer solution sales and service, in shop, in home or office. Their skilled technicians can complete various repairs on a variety of devices, including Apple products. They offer drop off service as well as coming to your home or business. To learn more about them visit their website at: www.smartchoicepc.com.



Picture Left to Right Front Row:

Stu Czapski, Executive Director, Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
 Steve MacGray, Charis Realty, Chamber Board of Director Member
 Daniel Imes, IT Technician, Smart Choice Computer Solutions
 Jennifer Keidel, Customer Service Associate, Smart Choice Computer Solutions
 Wayne Snyder, President, Smart Choice Computer Solutions
 Sheri Snyder, Smart Choice Computer Solutions
 Jeff Hedrick, Director of Sales and Marketing, Smart Choice Computer Solutions
 Dawn Lewis, M & T Bank, Chamber Membership Committee member
 Parika Andreassen, Hampton Inn Cumberland, Chamber Board of Director member
 Nicole D'Atri, Skypacket Networks, Chamber Chairwoman of the Board of Directors

Second Row:

Rachel Adams, Hyndman Area Health Center

Caleb Snyder, Commercial On-Site Technician, Smart Choice Computer Solutions
 Kyle Niland, IT Technician, Smart Choice Computer Solutions
 Wade Chapman, Chapman Family Health
 Brandon Fisher, Director of Operations, Smart Choice Computer Solutions
 Rick Bennett, In-Shop Service Manager, Smart Choice Computer Solutions
 Nick Phillips, In-Shop Technician, Smart Choice Computer Solutions
 Jeff O'Neal, UPMC Western Maryland, Chamber First Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors
 James Crowder, FirstEnergy Corporation, Chamber Board of Director member
 Robert Godfrey, Friends Aware, Chamber Second Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors
 Elizabeth Rhodes, President, Coldwell Banker Professional Real Estate Services
 Pastor Adam Everly, Central Assembly of God
 Joe Caporale, Allegany Radio Corporation

New Member

(Patronize this member and welcome them to the Chamber)

Stoner Quality Water, Inc.

dba Culligan Water
 12820 Ellerslie Road
 Corriganville, MD 21524
www.stonerqualitywater.com
 301-777-3611 • Fax: 301-777-8915
 Contact: Lance Salley, Vice President
 E-mail: lsalley@stonerqualitywater.com
 Category: Water Treatment
 Description: *Sell and service Culligan Water treatment equipment, bottled water and salt delivery and spa sales.*

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Wednesday, April 15, 2020

5:30 to 7:30 pm

Hosted by Archway Station



Friday, April 24, 2020

6:00 pm

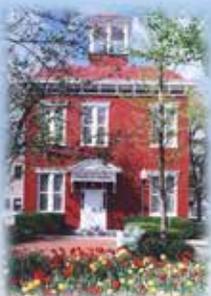
Ali Ghan Shrine Club



Golf Outing

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9:00 am Shotgun Start
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