



The CHAMBER



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



Executive Director

For a year that we “can’t do anything”, it sure has been a busy one and has seemingly flown by. The fall brings a new flurry of events and yes, they are indeed happening. October brings candidate forums and **Market Place Expo 2020 – A Chamber “After Hours” for Everyone**. In November we recognize the best of 2020 at the Chamber’s 33rd Annual Outstanding Business Recognition Dinner and December brings the Chamber’s Annual Meeting and Holiday Reception. That, of course, is in addition to committee work including the **Leadership Allegany!** and **Leadership Allegany! Rising** programs now underway. As always, one key consideration for fall is turning our focus to the upcoming Maryland General Assembly Session. As with everything else this year, the upcoming session should prove to be a challenging one. With restricted access to House and Senate office buildings, we need to take full advantage of what other resources are made available to the public to make sure our voices are heard. I expect that picture to get clearer as we get closer to session and the Chamber is planning its Annual Pre-Legislative Breakfast that typically happens in December each year. We cannot let up. “Show me someone who has done something worthwhile, and I’ll show you someone who has overcome adversity.” — *Lou Holtz*

An awesome opportunity to bring together a wide variety of interests in one place in a casual and fun atmosphere is **Market Place Expo 2020 – A Chamber “After Hours” for Everyone** on Wednesday, October 21

at Rocky Gap Casino Resort from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This premier event is free and 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. This year our popular “*After Hours*” program is being incorporated into the event with a cash bar available for the public. All the member benefits of an “*After Hours*” will be in place for Chamber members attending including the Network & Win drawing. What’s not to like? **Expo 2020** is proudly sponsored by Platinum Sponsors: **ACT 1st Federal Credit Union, M&T Bank, Rocky Gap Casino Resort**, and Gold Sponsors: **Allegany Coal and Land Company, Positive Transitions, LLC** and **UPMC Western Maryland**. This event continues to get better and is once again an event you don’t want to miss. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Chamber’s 33rd Annual Outstanding Business Recognition Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 10 in the Ali Ghan Shrine Club Ballroom. The awardees are **UPMC Western Maryland, Business of the Year, Donny & Kristan Carter, Entrepreneurial Spirit**, and **DelFest LLC, Community Service**. The 2020 Western Maryland Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) Outstanding Young Professional, **Andrea S. Lowery**, will also be recognized at the dinner. Formal invitations are being mailed. With capacity restrictions, be sure to secure your tickets early as attendance will be limited. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Chamber at 301-722-2820. Congratulations to all the award winners!

Stu Czapski
Executive Director

OCTOBER 2020

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Bell Tower Building
Cumberland, MD 21502

“Chamber After Hours”

Wednesday, October 21, 2020
4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Hosted by: Allegany County
Marketplace Expo 2020

Annual Business Recognition Dinner

Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Cocktails: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm
Ali Ghan Shrine Club

October Calendar

NOTE: *If social distancing guidelines continue as they are, committee meetings will be held via Zoom as needed.*

October 6

8:00 am
Membership Committee Meeting
Zoom Conference

October 8

8:00 am
Education Committee Meeting
Zoom Conference

October 19

8:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Alumni Mtg.
Zoom Conference

October 20

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

October 21

8:00 am
Economic Development Com. Mtg.
Zoom Conference

4:30 – 7:30 pm
Allegany County Marketplace Expo
Rocky Gap Casino Resort

October 29

11:30 am
Board of Directors Meeting
Zoom Conference

November 5

8:00 am
Membership Committee Meeting
Zoom Conference

ALLEGANY COUNTY
**MARKETPLACE
 EXPO 2020**
 A CHAMBER "AFTER HOURS" FOR EVERYONE

Wednesday, October 21, 2020
 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
 Rocky Gap Casino Resort • Allegheny Event Center



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 Maryland
 Mountain Laurel Medical Center
 The Children's League

FOOD SPONSORS:

Little Caesars
 Shooters Neighborhood Bar and Grill

The Allegany County Chamber of
 Commerce Marketplace Expo 2020 is
Free and Open to the Public.
 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. The October
 "Chamber After Hours" event is being
 incorporated with our Marketplace Expo
 2020. Be sure to register, in advance,
 for the After Hours to be eligible for the
 \$1,750.00 Network and Win drawing.

Open to the Public
 – **FREE Admission** – **Lots of Giveaways**

**You don't want to miss this
 opportunity! Join us on Wednesday,
 October 21st from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
 at Rocky Gap Casino Resort for this
 unique premier networking event.**

New Members – *(Patronize these members and welcome them to the Chamber)*

Craft Table

11 South Liberty Street, Cumberland, Maryland 21502
 240-642-8828
 Contact: Chris Myers, Owner
 E-mail: craft.table21502@gmail.com
 Category: Retail/Specialty
 Description: *Local owned small business specializing in
 homemade wreaths, centerpieces and gifts for the
 office and home décor. Special orders are welcome
 for your unique seasonal needs.*

StartUp Portal

532 Baltimore Blvd, Suite 107, Westminster, MD 21157
 443-821-7445
 www.startupportal.com
 Contact: Rick Leimbach, Principal and CFO Advisor
 Email: rick@startupportal.com
 Category: Business/Development Consultants
 Accounting – Certified – Public
 Description: *Cloud-based platform for entrepreneurs, startups
 and crowdfunding ventures designed to take your
 business from plan to profit*

Leadership *Allegany!* Class of 2021

The **Leadership *Allegany!*** Class of 2021 recently held their Orientation Retreat, which kicked off the twenty-fourth 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:



Pictured left to right:

Front Row:

Matt Ryan, *Progressive Physical Therapy*

Tina Fazenbaker, *Allegany County Department of Social Services*

Second Row:

Christa McGee, *Historic Highlands Association of Realtors*

Jason Merritt, *DISG, LLC*

Mark Gandolfi, *City of Cumberland*

Allison Layton, *City of Cumberland*

Sabrina DeWitt, *Allegany County Department of Social Services*

Trish Tichnell, *IBM Global Services*

Savannah Kenney, *UPMC Western Maryland*

Back Row:

Robert Giffin, *Cintas Corporation*

Bret McHenry, *First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union*

Seth Sgaggero, *Sgaggero Event Planning, LLC*

Bobby Alkire, *WEPCO Federal Credit Union*

Kim Greist, *Allegany County Tourism*

Daniel Gilpin, *Allegany County Sheriff's Office*

Jonathan Frye, *Jonathan Frye State Farm Insurance*

Tiras Jordan, *First Jordan Logistics, LLC*



Mountain Maryland PACE Cancels Annual Event

The 2021 reception and breakfast in Annapolis is canceled due to COVID concerns.

The Mountain Maryland PACE committee is regretful to announce the cancellation of their annual event in Annapolis, previously scheduled for January of 2021. Due to concerns surrounding COVID, including ever-changing gathering size restrictions and travel concerns, the decision was made to err on the side of caution.

"The PACE committee has been committed to the promotion of Allegany and Garrett Counties in Annapolis for 45 years. After weighing the benefits, risks, and costs surrounding our annual event, we decided to proceed with an early cancellation

in order to devote more time into developing an alternate plan," says PACE Co-Chair, Jeremy Irons. "Though our in-person event is canceled, the work of the PACE committee will continue on. The Maryland General Assembly will still go in to session and we are committed to finding innovative ways to promote our region and shine a spotlight on the unique assets and challenges of Mountain Maryland."

Plans for the return of an in-person event in 2022 are already underway. To keep informed of PACE happenings, visit us online at www.mtmarylandpace.com or find us on Facebook.

THE ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
“CHAMBER AFTER HOURS”

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Join Us for Networking, Hors D'oeuvres and Drinks!

\$5.00 registration fee collected at door - Must be 21 years of age to attend

NETWORK AND WIN - \$1,750.00

Must be pre-registered and present to win

Please RSVP by Thursday, October 15, 2020

Organization Name: _____

Member Names: _____

Please return to:

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, 24 Frederick Street, Cumberland MD 21502

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

Sgaggero Event Planning LLC



Sgaggero Event Planning has a variety of options to assist in making your event as perfect as you have imagined it! Whether assisting with decor, full planning or consulting, we customize our packages to your needs. Let us help you so that you can enjoy your event! We travel and are not limited to just the Tri-State area. We are happy to come to you! Sgaggero Event Planning is fully equipped to handle **Holiday Parties, Retirement Parties, Weddings, Corporate Events, Birthday Parties** and much more! In order to plan events that are inclusive of the growing diversity, it is necessary to go beyond simply accommodating or acknowledging people's differences, and instead, creating universally designed and accessible events for everyone.



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and have us plan the event of your dreams!**

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, September 18, 2020 for Horizon Goodwill Industries to celebrate the grand opening of their new Thrift Shop located at 1236 National Highway, Suite 4, LaVale, Maryland. Horizon Goodwill Industries is a long-standing nonprofit chain with a range of pre-owned clothing, furniture, electronics, housewares, toys and more. The new store will feature Horizon Goodwill's new mission-related branding and graphics. To learn more about them visit their website at: www.horizongoodwill.org.

Picture Left to Right Front Row:

Chris Kackley, *Director of Retail*, Horizon Goodwill
Ron Bowers, *Board Member*, Horizon Goodwill
Sharon Ahrens, *Chief Business Officer*, Horizon Goodwill

David Shuster, Ed.D., *Chief Executive Officer*, Horizon Goodwill
Troy Brant, *Workforce Development Coordinator*, Horizon Goodwill
Delegate Michael McKay, *Maryland House of Delegates, District 1C*
Dwayne Olden, *LaVale Store Manager*, Horizon Goodwill
Christian Wright, *Board of Directors Vice-Chair*, Horizon Goodwill
Dawn Lewis, *M & T Bank, Chamber Membership Committee member*
Kristi Otto, *Kristi Otto Allstate Agency, Chamber Board of Director Member and Marketing Committee Chair*
Amy Shillingburg, *Rusco Home Improvement, Chamber Membership Committee member*
Heather Hurst, *Board Member*, Horizon Goodwill
Steve MacGray, *Charis Realty, Chamber Board of Director Member*
Greg Hildreth, *Allegany County Economic Development Office*



Annual Membership Meeting Write-in Candidates

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2020 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 **Karen Johnson**, *UPMC Western Maryland* at 1-240-964-8060. Candidate names will appear on the ballot to be voted on during the December 3rd Annual Meeting at the Cumberland Country Club. Thank you.

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 10th** 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

2019 Sponsors:



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



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Allegany County Chamber of Commerce 2020 Officers

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First Vice Chairman: **Jeffery D. O'Neal**

Second Vice Chairman: **Robert A. Godfrey**

Immediate Past Chairman: **Scott C. Pfeiffer**