

The BELLTOWER

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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The
CHAMBER

ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Happy Crab Feast Week! We are just one day from crabs, corn on the cob, crab soup, burgers and more...and cool custard! With eight tents, the Crab Shack and hundreds under the pavilion, you're bound to bump into someone you know, which is what it's all about. Thank you to Jeremy Irons - who has served as Chair for the Crab Feast longer than we can remember - his guidance and knowledge have been invaluable over the past few weeks of planning. Additionally, thank you to Andrea Kraft for organizing and managing every intricate detail. Finally, a big thank you to our sponsors **The Belt Group, Boggs & Company Wealth Management, Chessie FCU, Delfest, LLC, Pinnacle Strategies, LLC, Maryland Department of Housing, and UPMC Western MD.**

Volunteers from our Membership Committee helped us at the Levitt AMP Music Series in July where we set up as a community partner and enjoyed a fun evening of music - thank you to the Allegany Arts Council for thinking of us!

Our FAMILI workshop was well-attended, and although many questions and doubts remain regarding the implementation of the program, it is still full-speed ahead for the the Department of Labor to begin payroll deductions next July. We have voiced our concerns to the Maryland Chamber regarding education and information for businesses to share with employees, and they are working to develop flyers and other materials to help you prepare your workers for what's to come.

See you at the Crab Feast!



43RD ANNUAL CRAB FEAST



Thank You!

KEEP IN MIND...

Consider your comfort zone and find ways to challenge yourself to think beyond your boundaries.

Breakthroughs happen with an open mind!





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>>> Upcoming Events & Meetings

AUGUST

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
					Crab Feast 	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Membership Committee 9AM	Education & Workforce Development Committee 8:30AM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Leadership Allowing Steering Committee 8:30 AM				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Executive Committee 3PM		Board of Directors 12PM		



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CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

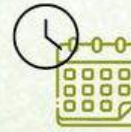
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FROSTBURG
Dining 

RSVP BY
8/15

REGISTER
ONLINE

JOIN US FOR DRINKS, REFRESHMENTS, AND
PRIZES.



WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST, 21ST
5:30-7:30PM

WATCH COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS, ENJOY
LOCAL PRODUCE, AND TAKE A TOUR OF THE
NEW EDUCATION & HEALTH SCIENCES
BUILDING.



101 BRADDOCK ROAD
FROSTBURG, MD 21532
LANE UNIVERSITY
CENTER
ATKINSON ROOM

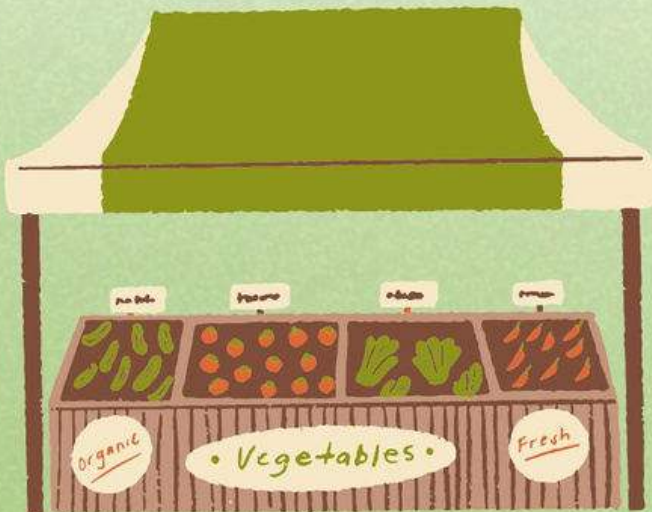
NETWORK AND WIN \$1,250
MUST BE PRESENT AND PRE-REGISTERED TO WIN.

\$5 REGISTRATION FEE - MUST BE 21 OR OVER TO ATTEND

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SHOP SMALL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:

Elf on the Shelf Social Media Promo & Daily Drawings

This is a **special invitation to Chamber members** to participate in a fun holiday promotion encouraging our community to SHOP LOCAL this Holiday Season!

We are placing our **Elf on the Shelf, Frederick, and his friend Belle** in up to 20 local businesses November 30th (Shop Small Saturday) thru December 23rd. Then, we'll promote shopping, eating and entertaining local each day with fun holiday clues on the Chamber Facebook & Instagram pages featuring photos of **Frederick** and **Belle** in local businesses.

Those who guess the **Chamber Elves'** location correctly in the comments below the photos will be entered into the daily drawing consisting of products, prizes and gift cards provided by participating businesses. Daily winners will be announced on social media and may pick up their prizes at the Chamber office.

Participating businesses are asked to provide a prize or gift card from another Chamber member with a retail value of \$25 to be presented to your day's winner. Also, consider ways that your prize can **benefit your business**: for example, donate 5-\$10 gift cards that must be used one at a time - drawing someone into your business for multiple visits.

Use your imagination!

You don't have to be a retail member to take part - all businesses are welcome to support the BUY LOCAL message and take part in this promotion! Dates will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis, so act soon to get your top choice!

To participate, call Andrea at the Chamber office at 301-722-2820 or email andrea@alleganycountychamber.com.

Welcome to Ireland

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CI Destinations presents

the Best of Ireland

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
Departing March 25, 2025



HIGHLIGHTS:

- ☐ 7 Nights at 4 Star Hotels
- ☐ Muckrose House
- ☐ Cliffs of Moher
- ☐ St. Patricks Cathedral
- ☐ Wicklow National Park
- ☐ Adare Village
- ☐ Blarney Castle
- ☐ Trinity College
- ☐ Book of Kells
- ☐ Old James Whiskey Distillery

**STILL TIME TO BOOK FOR
JUST \$3,799**

\$550 RESERVES YOUR SPOT

**DUE IN FULL 120 DAYS
BEFORE TRIP**

*Please contact the
chamber for more
information at
(301) 722-2820.*

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