

# The BELLTOWER

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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*The*  
**CHAMBER**  
  
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



## FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

We are right in the middle of summer and it's been a busy few weeks here at the Chamber. We held Lucky Ladies Night Out on June 14 and featured more of our members than ever before. From donations to purchases, over 40 members were highlighted in our baskets and through sponsorships. A big thank you to John Jacobs for helping with volunteer coordination - it helped us so much to have a point person.

If you haven't gotten Crab Feast tickets yet, they are on early bird sale until July 19. Thank you to our sponsors **The Belt Group**, **Boggs & Company Wealth Management**, **Chessie FCU**, **Pinnacle Strategies, LLC**, **Maryland Department of Housing**, and **UPMC Western MD**.

Since our last newsletter, the deadline for Leadership Allegany Class of 2025 has passed. The Steering Committee's Selection Committee will be reviewing applications over the next few weeks. Thank you to all of our members who continue to offer this invaluable program to your employees.

The Chamber continues to welcome new members each month - please take a moment to view who they are and visit their websites and social media. Have a great summer and we'll see you in a few weeks at the Crab Feast! ...or before that! Maybe you should check out our Zoom info session about Ireland - you might just decide a trip next spring is just what you need!





*Thank You*  
Lucky Ladies Night Out Sponsors and Donors



**BELLA, LLC**



**Platinum Basket Sponsor**



**Gold Basket Sponsors**



**Silver Basket Sponsors**



**C&M Construction and Renovations LLC**

**Donations**

Allegany Communications  
Allegany County Fairgrounds  
Allegany Museum  
Altoona Curve  
Appalachian Hair  
BAM Fitness & Nutrition  
Cathy Carpenter - State Farm  
Charis Winery & Distillery  
Chick-fil-A - LaVale  
Chick-fil-A - Queen City Center  
City Lights: An American Grill and Bar  
City of Cumberland  
Cumberland Country Club  
Cumberland YMCA  
DelGrosso's & Laguna Splash  
Fore Axes  
Glickrist Gallery  
Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant  
Health Matters Urgent Care  
Karen Morgan Photography  
Ladybug Boutique  
Lifetime Dental Care  
Linn Family Dentistry  
Moriah K. Photography  
Mr. Toad's Pottery  
Oscar's Restaurant  
Puccini Restaurant  
Queen City Cravings  
Queen City Liquors  
Rocky Gap Casino, Resort & Golf  
Shine Studio  
Sleep Inn & Suites  
Smart Choice Computer Solutions  
Southern States  
Staples  
The Toasted Goat  
Timbrook Automotive  
Wanda's Trophies & True Patriot Customs  
Western Maryland Dermatology  
Western Maryland Jaycees

**KEEP IN MIND...**

Never underestimate the power of knowledge.

Being open to continuous learning is the gateway to success.

Stay curious!

# >>> New Members



**REV Renewables**  
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St. Louis, MO 63141  
Contact: Anthony Stegman  
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astegman@revrenewables.com



**Rocky Park Ventures**  
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Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
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bchiappa@rockyparkventures.com

**First General Services**  
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Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
Contact: Rebekah Duffy  
301-414-8320  
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**Department of Housing & Community Dev.**  
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Lanham, Maryland 20706  
Contact: Linette Harley  
443-571-9028  
linette.harley@maryland.gov



**SB Yoga**  
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LaVale, Maryland 21502  
Contact: Sera Beth Weaver  
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**Foxcraft Home Builders**  
12816 Winchester Road SW  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
Contact: Rebekah Duffy  
301-414-8320  
rduffy@firstgeneral.biz

**Dankmeyer, Inc.**  
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LaVale, Maryland 21502  
Contact: Amy Smith  
301-777-7010  
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# >>> Upcoming Events & Meetings

JULY

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Memberships Committee 9AM	Chamber Closed		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Chamber of Commerce Networking & Lunch 11:30AM - 1:00PM	Welcome to Ireland Lunch & Networking 12:00PM - 1:00PM		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Leadership Alliances Networking Committee 8:30 AM	Chamber of Commerce Networking & Lunch 11:30AM - 1:00PM			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Executive Committee 3PM			Board of Directors 12PM		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3



**Register  
Online**

*presents*

# CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

AT

UPMC WESTERN MARYLAND

*with*

THE MINERAL COUNTY CHAMBER

12500 WILLOWBROOK ROAD  
CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

JOIN US FOR DRINKS,  
REFRESHMENTS AND PRIZES

# NETWORK & WIN \$1,000!

MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED AND PRESENT TO WIN!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024

5:30-7:30PM

**RSVP  
by  
7/11**

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

ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
24 FREDERICK STREET | CUMBERLAND, MD 21502  
301-722-2820 [ANDREA@ALLEGANYCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM](mailto:ANDREA@ALLEGANYCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM)



Maryland Department of Labor

# Paid Family and Medical Leave

## Workshop for Employers & Employees

### What is FAMLI?

Family and medical leave insurance (FAMLI) will ensure eligible Maryland workers can take up to 12 weeks away from work to care for themselves or a family member and still receive income of up to \$1000 a week. This workshop will go over key dates, how and when benefits can be used, and what this means for your business and paycheck.



**Regan Vaughan**  
Director of Policy  
MD Dept. of Labor



**Stacey Jefferson**  
Community &  
Engagement Stakeholder  
Engagement Lead  
MD Dept. of Labor



Eligibility



Family  
Coverage



Contribution



Available  
Benefits

**Wednesday**  
**July 10, 2024**  
**10AM**

**Register by 7/5**



301-722-2820



ACM Continuing Education  
Room 12-14



[bit.ly/3XtKFfq](https://bit.ly/3XtKFfq)



# 43rd Annual Chamber Crab Feast

ALI GHAN SHRINE CLUB PICNIC GROUNDS

AUGUST 2, 2024

6:00 - 9:00 PM

**\$70.00 PER PERSON IF PURCHASED BY JULY 21ST**

**\$85.00 PER PERSON IF PURCHASED BEGINNING JULY 22ND**

*Must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchased in advance, none will be sold at the gate. Event is AYCE on premises with beverages included, no coolers or outside refreshments permitted. Crabs will be served by the Crab Corps.*

**The Chamber is offering members an opportunity to reserve their own corporate tent. Tent prices include the tent and tables and chairs only, they do not include tickets to the event. tickets must be purchased separately.**

10 x 10 Tent (Seats 12) **\$300.00**  
(Includes (2) rectangular tables, 12 chairs and corporate sign)

20 x 20 Tent (Seats 20) **\$550.00**  
(Includes (5) round tables, 20 chairs and corporate sign)

20 x 40 Tent (Seats 40) **SOLD OUT**  
(includes (10) round tables, 40 chairs and corporate sign)

**Tent quantities are limited; so please reserve early.**

The Chamber is also offering a limited number of corporate sponsorships for the event at a cost of \$500.00. As a sponsor your logo will be included on all correspondence and social media posts as well as the crab feast flyer that appears in our weekly and monthly newsletters and on a banner displayed at the event.



Sponsored  
By:

**For more info email [andrea@alleganycountychamber.com](mailto:andrea@alleganycountychamber.com) or call 301-722-2820**





# 2024 Annual Recognition Reception Nominations Now Open!

Business of the Year  
Entrepreneurial Spirit  
Community Service  
Nonprofit of the Year



## OYPA



OUTSTANDING YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

*Nominations now accepted as  
name and category - we'll do the  
rest! Self-nominations accepted.*

**Nominate Here**



Now through July 12



# Welcome to Ireland

THE BEST OF IRELAND | MARCH 2025 | FAILTE ROMHAT

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

*\*Only  
\$3699 if booked by  
June 30, 2024*

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