

The BELLTOWER

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



Today is the day! It's the 44th Annual Crab Feast and if you plan to attend we look forward to seeing you! **Thank you to our sponsors: Chessie Federal Credit Union, The Belt Group, M&T Bank, AT&T, Pinnacle Strategies, and UPMC Western MD.** A big thank you to Jeremy Irons and Andrea Kraft who make sure everything is in place for our largest networking event of the year.

We've been working to transform our expo/business showcase over the past few months and you will see a teaser for this in this edition of our newsletter. It is so important that we are able to offer this program, which brings together the benefits of showcasing your business and opportunities for learning. Mark your calendars for October 28, 8am - 1pm at Allegany College of Maryland for UpNext: A Business & Skills Exchange.

For just a few more weeks you can nominate a Chamber business for the Recognition Awards. With categories for small and large business, nonprofit, community service, and entrepreneurial spirit, we look forward to celebrating and honoring those who will be selected as our 2025 honorees on November 6 at the Lane Center. Invitations will be sent.

Please don't overlook the Energy Savings program we have scheduled for August 7. This is an important member resource that only ONE member is taking advantage of! Stop leaving money on the table and join us to hear how you could potentially cover the cost of your Chamber membership. We're signed up at The Bell Tower and have seen an annual savings of 15%! Register today!



Thank you Sponsors!

44TH ANNUAL CHAMBER CRAB FEAST 2025

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Meet Alex!



WE'RE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE ALEX, OUR NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR! WITH A STRONG BACKGROUND IN ORGANIZATION AND TEAM SUPPORT, ALEX IS ALREADY BRINGING ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY TO OUR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS. FROM MANAGING SCHEDULES TO KEEPING EVERYTHING RUNNING SMOOTHLY BEHIND THE SCENES, ALEX IS HERE TO HELP US STAY ON TRACK AND THRIVE. BE SURE TO STOP BY AND SAY HELLO!



MEMBER CHECK-IN

What tools or resources do you wish the Chamber offered?

[Click to tell us!](#)

 New Members

Coldwell Banker
131 N Centre Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
Phone: (301) 777-3380
Contact: Harry Yazbek
Email: harryyazbek@premiermove.com

TPG Home Inspections, LLC.
204 Virginia Avenue
Cumberland, MD 21502
Phone: 202-868-7290
Contact: Iring Thomas
Email: tpghomeinsp@gmail.com

Rural King
1262 Vocke Drive
LaVale, MD 21502
Phone: 304-312-8954
Contact: Marty Medovic
Email: store152mgr@ruralking.com

 Upcoming Events & Meetings

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 CRAB FEAST	2
3	4	5	6 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 9AM	7	8	9
10	11	12 MARKETING COMMITTEE 3 PM	13	14 EDUCATION COMMITTEE 8:30AM	15	16
17	18	19 LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY STEERING 9 AM	20 CHAMBER AFTER HOURS 5:30 PM	21 SBDC OFFICE HOURS 9AM	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

September²⁰²⁵

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31	1	2	3 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 9AM	4	5	6
7	8	9 MARKETING COMMITTEE 3 PM	10	11 EDUCATION COMMITTEE 8:30AM	12	13
14	15	16 LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY STEERING 9 AM	17 CHAMBER AFTER HOURS 5:30 PM	18 SBDC OFFICE HOURS 9AM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

August²⁰²⁵

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
presents
Chamber After Hours



JOIN US FOR DRINKS, REFRESHMENTS, & PRIZES
Wednesday, August 20, 2025 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm

One Baltimore Street, Cumberland MD

NETWORK & WIN \$500

RSVP
BY
6/12



Leadership Allegany
Classes of 2007 & 2017

REGISTER
ONLINE

MUST BE PRESENT & PRE-REGISTERED TO WIN!

\$5.00 REGISTRATION FEE (MEMBERS)

\$15.00 REGISTRATION FEE (NON-MEMBERS)

MUST BE 21 OR OVER TO ATTEND



24 Frederick Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
andrea@alleganycountychamber.com
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The Kensington
Senior Living Community
by Agemark Senior Living

ENERGY SAVINGS

*How much are you leaving
on the table with this one
member benefit?*



**Learn about the energy savings program
through your Chamber membership**

- ✓ Latest trends in the energy market
- ✓ Co-op opportunities exclusive to members
- ✓ Reduce energy costs

August 7 @ 12pm



Zoom Webinar



Register Here



2025 *Annual Recognition Reception* Nominations Open!

Thursday, November 6, 2025



FSU Lane Center, 6 PM-8PM



GRAND OPENING

Ribbon Cutting



PINNACLE STRATEGIES, LLC
EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH
17 W. MAIN ST. FROSTBURG
9AM



Spark Your Wanderlust

SPAIN & COSTA DEL SOL | MARCH 2026 | ENDLESS HORIZONS



CI Destinations presents

Spain & Sunny Costa del Sol
Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
Departing March 17, 2026

Only \$3599 if
deposited by
Sept 31, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Granada
- Alhambra Palace
- Generalife
- Mijas
- Seville
- Ronda
- and More!

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

The
CHAMBER
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



ATTENTION

INCOMING HIGH SCHOOL **JUNIORS!**



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Allegany Rising Program is dedicated to promoting positive change by creating a network of future leaders committed to impacting their community.

TOPIC DAYS INCLUDE:

- **ORIENTATION & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**
- **HEALTHCARE/SOCIAL SERVICES**
- **GOVERNMENT**
- **BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/CAREER**
- **HIGHER EDUCATION**

**BEGINS IN
SEPTEMBER!**

Up to four high school Juniors will be chosen from each high school in Allegany County.



CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Leadership Allegany Voices

The
CHAMBER



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD

**Meet & Greet
August 12 | Noon
LaVale Library**

**The Leadership Allegany
Alumni Group is Back!**



Sign up today!

Save the Date!

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UpNext:

A Business & Skills Exchange

Tuesday, October 28th
Allegany College of MD
8am-1pm

Leadership Allegany Alumni Scholarship

Supporting the growth and development of future leaders in Allegany County.



Reasons to give:

- ✓ Invest in the next generation of leaders.
- ✓ Break down financial barriers.
- ✓ Create a ripple effect of positive change.
- ✓ Honor the legacy of Leadership Allegany.
- ✓ Strengthen the local community.



**Over 600 graduates
spanning 27 years!**