THE St. Mary's County Chamber OF COMMERCE

Chamber Events & News

Where Business and Community Meet…

April Events

Mark your calendars — we hope to see you at our upcoming events!

- April 8 - New Member Lunch - The Brass Tap
- April 10 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Home2 Suites Grand Reopening
- April 17 - Legislative Review Sponsorship Breakfast
- April 22 - Women's Business Lunch - Xella Winery
- April 23 - Business After Hours - First Command
- April 29 - M&T Bank Fraud Seminar
- May 6 - Beyond the Cap - Networking and Coffee at CSM
- May 13 - Chamber Awards Lunch

Chamber Events

New Member Lunch

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
The Brass Tap Craft Beer Bar & Kitchen
44940 St. Andrews Church Rd Suite A
California, MD 20619

Meet new Chamber members and Board members! Register here to let us know you are coming.

Come early at 11:30 to purchase your own lunch at the venue and mingle. Event starts at noon.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Home2 Suites Grand Reopening

Thursday, April 10, 2025
2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
22175 FDR Blvd.
Lexington Park, MD 20653

Support and celebrate fellow Chamber member Home2 Suites, on their Grand Reopening!

Register here.

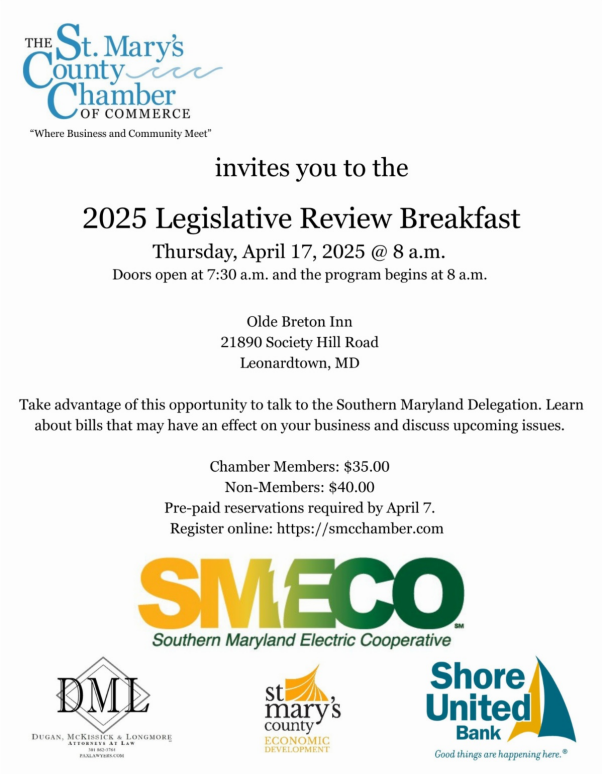
Legislative Review Breakfast

Thursday, April 17, 2025
8 - 9 a.m.
Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

Olde Breton Inn
21890 Society Hill Road
Leonardtown, MD 20650

Take advantage of this opportunity to listen to our St. Mary's Delegation members review the 2024 legislative session and engage in a moderated discussion about what to expect in the upcoming year.

Purchase tickets here by April 7th.
View sponsorship opportunities here.



Women's Business Lunch - Xella Winery

Tuesday, April 22, 2025
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
26781 Laurel Grove Road,
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Visit Xella Winery to learn about this family's winemaking process and their tasting and live music events!

Out of courtesy to our generous hosts, if you do register to attend and find that your plans have changed, please email or call the Chamber office as soon as possible so that we can let them know.

Please register here by April 15th!

Business After Hours - First Command

Wednesday, April 23, 2025
22289 Exploration Dr Ste 110
Lexington Park, MD 20653

Socialize with local business owners and meet representatives of First Command Financial Services.

Register here to let our host know you are coming.

Interested in Hosting Business After Hours? The BAH is a great way for members to learn about your business. Contact the Chamber to schedule your BAH today.

M&T Bank Fraud Seminar

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Program duration 12 - 1 p.m.

St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce
21487 Great Mills Road, Suite A
Lexington Park, MD 20653

Learn valuable skills from M&T Bank that can help you and your business avoid and prevent fraud.

Pre-registration is required. As we often have a waiting list for events, if you register to attend and find that your plans have changed, please email or call the Chamber office as soon as possible so that we may open your seat (s) to others.

Register here by April 24th to let our host know you are coming.

Awards Luncheon - Save the Date!

Tuesday, May 13, 2025
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Bay District Volunteer Fire Department

The Chamber's Awards Luncheon and Annual Dinner will be combined into one special event this year. Join us as we celebrate the achievements of outstanding local businesses and thank our out-going Board members.

Keynote speaker: Glen Ives

Business Award categories are Annual Beacon, Annual Lighthouse, Emerging Business, and Community Service. Additional awards will be given to the Business Person of the Year, the Bubby Knott Non-Profit of the Year Award, and the Bubby Knott Philanthropist of the Year Award.

Seating is extremely limited. Reservations will be processed on a first-come, first-paid basis and accommodated until maximum capacity is reached. No tickets will be purchased at the door. Register by May 1st.

Group ticket sponsorships are available under Business Awards Luncheon Sponsorship.

Register

Today

Beyond the Cap: Networking and Coffee

Tuesday, May 6
9:00 - 10:30 am
CSM Leonardtown Campus, C Building, Room 216

Join the local county Chambers and CSM's Center for Career Development and Success during graduation week for a special informal networking event.

The St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce and the College of Southern Maryland event will take place on Tuesday, May 6 at the CSM Leonardtown Campus. This event is a wonderful opportunity for businesses to connect with talented graduates who are eager to enter the workforce.

Whether your business is looking to fill summer positions or seeking full-time employees, this event provides a space to meet and engage with potential candidates. CSM graduates come equipped with the skills and knowledge to make a positive contribution to your business.

This informal event is designed to foster business and student conversations. We encourage all businesses, especially those with hiring needs, to attend and take advantage of this networking opportunity. Your participation will not only help you find the right talent but also support our community by providing valuable employment opportunities to recent graduates.

Please register here by April 30 if you would like to attend

Taste of St. Mary's - Save the Date!

Saturday, September 27, 2025
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
AeroPark Innovation District
St. Mary's County Regional Airport

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where ideas take flight

Mark your calendars! This year's Taste of St. Mary's will be on Saturday, September 27, 2025. Enjoy great food, refreshing beverages, *and* a special aircraft demonstration!

Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are already available. Be sure to register by August 20 to guarantee a sign and your logo on promotional materials.

Vendors register here

Sponsors register here

Annual Golf Tournament - Save the Date!

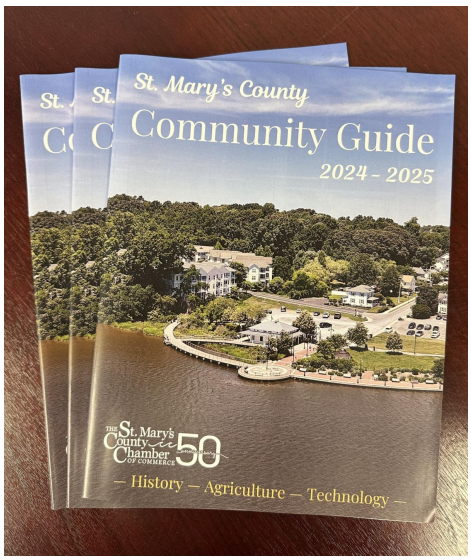
Thursday, October 9, 2025
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wicomico Shores Golf Course

Register for one of our many sponsorship opportunities to promote your business at this highly anticipated annual event!

View Details Online

Chamber News

Advertise Your Business in our 2025-2026 Community Guide and Business Directory!



It is that time of year again! We are beginning work on the Chamber's 2025 Community Guide and Business Directory, which will represent you, your business, and St. Mary's County. Your business listing is a free benefit to all members!

The Chamber's goal is to produce the finest, most complete, and accurate publication possible.

2025 Features:
• The directory will be printed magazine style on all glossy paper.
• The digital PDF version of the directory that is on the Chamber's website, every ad will be clickable directly linked to your website.
• The digital directory will be launched to over 67,000 business owners, employers and residents in St. Mary's County and surrounding areas. Business listings will be updated three times a year.

Be sure to check your business profile and update if needed by May 5!

COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2025
RATE SHEET/AD ORDER FORM

ADVERTISING RATES

Color Advertising:

Premium Pages (8.625" x 11.25" bleed)

Full Page $2,129
Back Page $3,931
Half $1,202
Inside Front Cover $2,977
Half Page $1,149
Inside Back Cover $2,500
Quarter Page $725
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(Right of first refusal goes to last year's advertisers who confirm before May 12.)

AD SIZES:

Full Page 7.25" x 9.75"
Half Page 7.25" x 4.75"
Half Page 3.5" x 9.75"
1/4 Page 7.25" x 2.25"
1/4 Page 3.5" x 4.75"

Production Requirements:

All ads must be submitted as they will appear. Ads will **only** be accepted in PDF or jpg file formats at 300 dpi. **MS Word & Publisher files are not acceptable.** If you do not have your ad in one of the above formats please call the office to discuss other options of sending your ad to us. All ads can be emailed to info@smcchamber.com.

Policies:

- The St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to reject any advertising.
- Ad position is at the discretion of the publisher.
- The Chamber will not be held responsible for distortion in the size and shape of ads that were not sent in the specified size and format.
- This form must be signed by an authorized company representative to reserve ad space.
- **Ad files are due by May 18, 2025.**

2025 National Civics Bee - Congratulations Winners!

Over the weekend, middle schoolers from across Southern Maryland, Prince George's, Howard and Frederick County were quizzed on their civics knowledge and spoke about their unique ideas for their communities.

Harper C., Ella M., and Katia S. took home the top three spots after passing two rounds of quizzes about civics and an opportunity to speak about their essays to the judges. They now move up to compete at the state level. Congratulations and best of luck during the next round!

Many thanks to our Sponsors: The Center for the Study of Democracy at SMCM (Venue and Lunch), WesBanco (Technology), Educational Systems Federal Credit Union (Event), and Dugan, McKissick & Longmore, Great Mills Trading Post, and Notarize Today.

We extend deep appreciation to our Essay Judges: Sue Ann Armitage, Michael Blackwell, Kelsey Bush, Chris Davies, and Live Event Judges who also reviewed essays: Sybol Anderson, Kevin Hill, Judges Antonio Ugues, Samuel Wiest, and Marsha Williams.

Give the Gift of Shopping Local!

Need a gift for Mother's Day or graduation? Look no further than the Chamber's *Love St. Mary's* digital gift card!

Click here to view all participating Chamber members that accept The *Love St. Mary's* gift card!

Not a Chamber member? Join today!

New Advertising Opportunity for Chamber Members - feature your business or community event!

Share your events in an eblast that uniquely features only your business or community event and is no longer buried in our newsletter!

Send a jpeg or png file to info@smcchamber.com along with a sentence or two about your event. Add a link if you like. Use the subject line: eblast ad for (your organization's name).

This unique eblast will go out to over 1200+ emails.

We will try to accommodate your scheduling request on a first-come, first-serve basis and send only one, with a maximum of two, per day.

This also frees up our newsletter to feature only Chamber news and pertinent information.

E-Blasts - are $50.00 per blast.

Email blasts are a powerful tool for keeping Chamber members informed and engaged. These emails are designed to:

- Advertise and promote your business and community events
- Ensure that members are always in the loop and can take full advantage of their chamber membership.

New Member Highlight

The Chamber would like to acknowledge our newest members and say thank you for your partnership! Click on each name for more information about their businesses.

Welcome to:

- La Quinta Inn & Suites Lexington Park

- Zen Well Studio
- Sherri Bowen Mortgage Lending Team
- Capt. Pats @ Dennis Point
- Canvas

Want to see your business here?

Register Today

Interested in Joining the Chamber?

Just some of the benefits from our Chamber membership:

- Contribute to a vibrant community of business owners and entrepreneurs who are dedicated to improving our local economy and community life
- Grow your business and make meaningful connections
- Enhance your community presence and expand your professional relationships through unparalleled networking opportunities that connect you with other local business leaders and potential customers
- Gain increased visibility through our various promotional platforms, including our Community Guide and Business directory and social media channels
- Ensure that your voice is heard in local and regional economic policy and development discussions through our Advocacy work
- Become informed through communication and collaboration with leaders to share expertise and leadership.

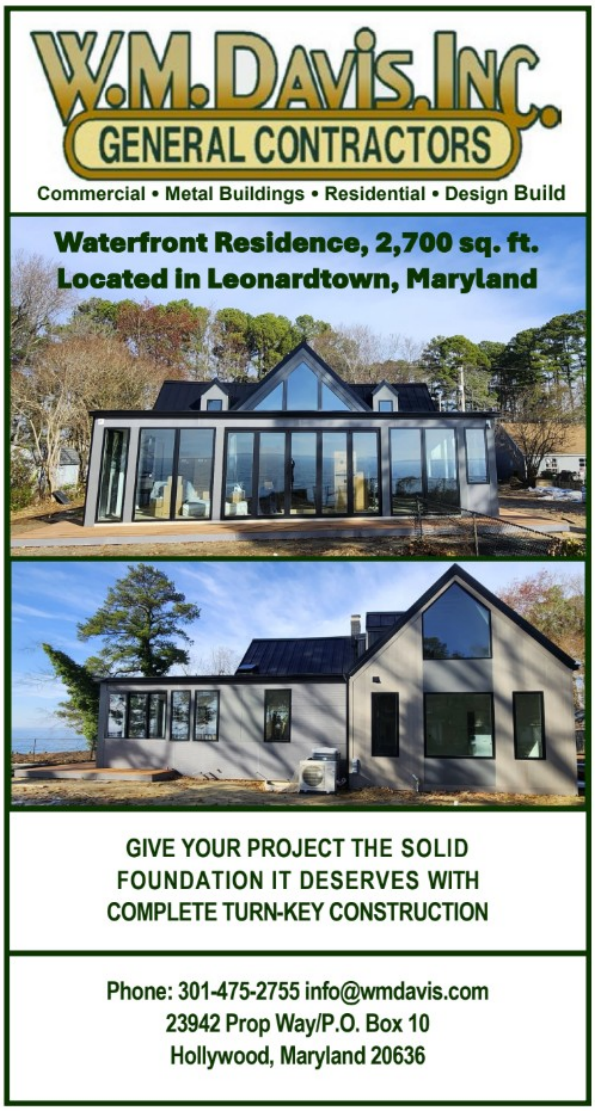
Learn More

Pay It Forward Partnership with the Chamber

The “Pay It Forward Partnership” initiative simplifies offers with a one-time annual payment, making it easier to budget and support promotional benefits for the Chamber’s regular annual events, and it includes annual dues. You can choose which events you would like to sponsor and have your name associated with, and you always have the option to sponsor any event you prefer.

- **Platinum Partner** $10,000 Annual Investment
- **Gold Partner** $7,500 Annual Investment
- **Silver Partner** $5,000 Annual Investment
- **Bronze Partner** $2,500 Annual Investment

Learn more here.



Thank you to our Pay It Forward Partners!

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