THE St. Mary's County Chamber OF COMMERCE

UPDATE

Issue 2, August 2020

"A Taste of St. Mary's" Cancelled

The Chamber has cancelled this year's "A Taste of St. Mary's" which was to have been held on Saturday, September 12th. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, we were concerned about being able to safely protect attendees, vendors, and volunteers.

We'll be back next year--join us on Saturday, September 11, 2021 on the Square in Historic Leonardtown.

State of the County

A State of the County virtual event is planned for Tuesday, September 22. The County Commissioner will give a presentation and there will be a video detailing activities of the various county government departments. More details will be forthcoming soon.

Chamnber Golf Outing

The Chamber's annual Golf Outing, postponed from June due to the pandemic shutdown, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the Breton Bay Golf & Country Club. Planning will soon be underway for a safe and socially distanced event. More details will be in the September newsletter.

Chamber Events This Month

Wednesday, August 26, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Business After Hours, hosted by the St. Mary's County Museum Division at the Old Town Jail, Leonardtown, MD

See flyer on page 12.

Events Next Month

Tuesday, September 22

State of the County
This will be a virtual event; time to be determined.

Wednesday, September 23, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Business After Hours
Details to be determined. If you would like to host this BAH, please email the Chamber: info@smcchamber.com

Business *After Hours*

Wednesday, August 26, 2020
5:00-6:30 p.m.

Hosted by the St. Mary's County Museum Division

Old Town Jail
41625 Courthouse Rd.
Leonardtown, MD

Limited tours of the jail will be given. Masks will be required.

Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, refreshments

Welcome to Our New Members

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Southern Maryland Community Resources, Inc.
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Waring-Ahearn Insurance Agency, Inc.
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Governor Hogan Announces Expanded Statewide Mask Order, Out-of-State Travel Advisory

ANNAPOLIS, July 29--Governor Larry Hogan today announced, based on the state's data-driven approach, the expansion of the statewide masking order and a public health advisory for all out-of-state travel. The governor also unveiled contact tracing data showing that family gatherings are the most common high-risk gathering and working outside the home is the most common high-risk location for COVID-19.

A recent increase in hospitalizations has triggered a 'stop sign' in the 'Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery,' calling for a pause in further reopening plans.

"We find ourselves at a fork in the road—a critical turning point where we could either continue making progress and continue heading in the right direction, or we could ignore the warnings and spike back up like much of the rest of the country," said Governor Hogan. "We are doing much better on our health metrics than most of the rest of the country, and we are doing much better on our economic recovery than most of the rest of the country, and we want to do what it takes to keep it that way. We have come too far together to lose the progress that we have made on the road to health and economic recovery here in Maryland."

EXPANDED MASKING ORDER. With the unanimous support of the Maryland Coronavirus Recovery Team, Governor Hogan is expanding the statewide masking order that has been in effect since April 18.

Under this order, which takes effect Friday, July 31 at 5:00 p.m., all Marylanders over the age of five are required to wear face coverings in the public spaces of all businesses across the state.

Face coverings will also be required in outdoor public areas, whenever it is not possible to maintain physical distancing. The expanded order continues to provide certain exceptions, including for medical conditions. Read the governor's order.

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL ADVISORY. Governor Hogan has directed the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to issue a public health advisory for out-of-state travel. Under this advisory, Marylanders are strongly advised against traveling to states with positivity rates of 10% or higher. Anyone traveling from these states should get tested and self-quarantine while awaiting results.

This public health advisory—which takes effect immediately—applies to personal, family, or business travel of any kind. Marylanders are advised to postpone or cancel travel to these areas until their positivity rates decline.

As of today, this advisory applies to Florida, Texas, Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona, Alabama, South Carolina, Nebraska, and Idaho. Read the travel advisory.

CONTACT TRACING DATA. In addition to identifying individuals who may have been infected with COVID-19, Maryland is now using contact tracing data to find patterns of behavior, and to identify where and how the virus is spreading. The governor announced the following findings based on recent interviews conducted with COVID-19 patients:

Higher-Risk Gatherings (Percentage of Interviewed Cases):

- Family Gatherings – 44%
- House Parties – 23%
- Outdoor Event – 21%

Higher-Risk Locations (Percentage of Interviewed Cases):

- Work Outside the Home – 54%
- Indoor/Retail Shopping – 39%
- Indoor Dining at Restaurant – 23%
- Outdoor Dining at Restaurant – 23%

Employment Information (Percentage of Interviewed Cases):

- Health care – 25%
- Other – Non-public Facing – 23%
- Other – Public Facing – 13%
- Restaurant/Food Service – 12%

New Maryland Employment Law- Effective Oct 1 2020 - House Bill 123 – Labor and Employment – Wage History and Wage Range

This law requires an employer to provide to a job applicant, on request, the wage range for the position for which the applicant applied. Further, an employer may not seek or rely on the wage history of an applicant when screening orconsidering the applicant for employment or determining the wages for the applicant. Read more here: https://www.nfib.com/content/nfib-in-my-state/maryland/new-md-laws-include-a-tax-break-for-pass-through-entities/

Jordan Research & Development, LLC Featured in TechPort

Jordan R&D is TechPort's featured Client of the Month for July 2020. Congratulations to Brian and Donna Jordan.

To read the article, go to: https://secureservercdn.net/50.62.88.95/u4r.cc9.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Jordan_ClientoftheMonth_July2020.pdf

Get Outside with Historic St. Mary's City 2020 Summer Camps

Historic St. Mary's City (HMSC) still has openings for 2020 outdoor summer day camps.

Originally scheduled for June, the Pick Your Own Adventure summer day camp will now be held in August. Each day is to be registered for separately, with the registration cost being $30 per program. Following the guidance of Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's Roadwork to Recovery program, the programs will be limited to ten campers or less.

August 11: Lifeways of Maryland's First People (ages 6-9) 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Lifeways will offer a full day of exploring the great outdoors at the Woodland Indian Hamlet. Through demonstrations and discussions, campers will learn about Maryland's Yaocomoaco people and learn the importance of the natural environment.

August 13: Homespun (ages 8-12) 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
For campers who enjoy sewing and fashion design! Explore the world of natural fibers and learn the 17th-century methods of working with textiles. Homespun will give each camper their own pre-packaged kit with for use during the day camp. Limited to five campers.

August 14: Colonial kids (ages 6-10) 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
Colonial Kids challenges students' imagination to journey back in time to experience life of the 1600s. Designed for children who love history, this will give attendees the opportunity to explore all four outdoor living history areas and participate in age-appropriate activities that are educational and fun.

Also on the schedule for summer 2020 are Earning the Badge day camps, designed for Girl and Boy scouts. Each day camp will be limited to 10 campers.

In an archery program, HSMC will provide scouts with a thorough and hands-on understanding of archery fundamentals. Scouts will learn about safety on the archery range and archery equipment. Scouts will also learn about proper form when shooting a bow, led by a certified archery instructor. Both the Girl and Boy scout archery camps will cost $15 per scout.

August 20: Girl Scout Cadet Archery, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

August 20: Boy Scout Archery, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Historic St. Mary's City will also be offering a Girl Scout Maryland Heritage day program on August 21, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m for only $10. Registration is limited to 10 campers.

All camps take place rain or shine. Those looking to register, or for more information, may contact Programs@DigsHistory.org or call 240-895-4980.

Leadership Southern Maryland (LSM) is currently accepting nominations and applications for the 2021 class of the LSM Emerging Leaders Program (LEAP).

This program provides leadership development opportunities to **new or emerging leaders** in our region. Through a series of six "experiences", the participants facilitate, foster, and refine their individual leadership understanding and abilities via a structured course curriculum and a focus on self-discovery, teamwork, and networking.

Eligible candidates should live OR work in Calvert, Charles, or St. Mary's County and:

- Be 21 years old or over
- Have a minimum of three years of work experience
- Demonstrate a level of community involvement
- Have full support of the organization the applicant represents

More information can be found on the LSM website (https://www.leadershipsomd.org/programs/leap/) or at our virtual information sessions on 18 August, 26 August, and 1 September. Registration for these information sessions is also on the LSM website or on the LSM Facebook page.

Please contact Erin Melanson (erin@leadershipsomd.org) for any questions!

For Immediate Release
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St. Mary's County Library Announces Limited Public Opening of Libraries

July 27, 2020 – Leonardtown, Md. – St. Mary's County Library is pleased to announce that we will be welcoming customers back into the Library buildings starting Monday, August 3, 2020. This initial phase of opening to the public will be limited and will maximize safety for both staff and customers.

Precautions have been put in place that we ask all customers to respect. Travel and community spread can still cause spikes in the COVID-19 virus and we are taking the safety of our staff and customers very seriously. Due to the uncertain nature of the pandemic, there is always a possibility that the St. Mary's County Library will return to only curbside service or close one or all branches once again for an extended period (such actions may be necessary if any of our employees contract the virus or if other circumstances make these actions our safest course forward.)

What restrictions will be in place?

- Masks are required in the building for both staff and customers over the age of two.
- All customers are asked to maintain a social distance of 6' between one another. Our buildings have been prepared to accommodate social distancing. Some computers have been taken offline, some seating has been removed or otherwise covered, and there are marked waiting points for our customers in line to check out materials. Customers entering with children are asked to stay together, and please make sure to help children maintain social distance from other customers.
- Wipes will be available for customers to use in sanitizing and plastic wrap will be used to protect public keyboards.
- Computer assistance from staff will be limited due to the need for physical distancing. In some interactions, staff may use laser pointers or assist customers via online chat help. Employees are not to come within 6 feet of customers.
- Due to the Health Department's guidelines, the number of visitors to our buildings will be limited. We have followed Health Department guidelines to determine how many customers and staff can be in a building while ensuring physical distancing. The following person limits apply: Charlotte Hall Library will allow 10 to 12; Leonardtown and Lexington Park will allow 20

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- City tour of Barcelona
- Visit La Sagrada Familia
- Remainder of the day at leisure

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- Breakfast at your hotel
- Day at leisure
- Flamenco Dinner Show

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- Breakfast at your hotel
- Half-day Montserrat Tour
- Remainder of the day at leisure

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- Breakfast at your hotel
- Train to Zaragoza & city tour on arrival
- Train to Madrid

DAY 7
- Breakfast at your hotel
- City tour of Madrid
- Visit Prado Museum

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Maryland SBDC Welcomes New Southern Region Director

The Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is pleased to announce that Wynne Briscoe has been appointed Director for the Southern Maryland regional office. The Southern Region SBDC is hosted by the College of Southern Maryland and provides free, confidential business consulting and low-cost business training to aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners in Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties.

Briscoe previously served as SBDC Business, Management, Technology & Manufacturing Consultant. She has received several awards in recognition of her exemplary performance and commitment to small businesses: the 2017 Maryland Governor's Citation in Recognizing Small, Minority and Women-Owned Businesses, the 2019 ASBDC State Star (Maryland), and the 2019 St. Mary's County Commissioners' Small Business Proclamation.

"I am forever grateful for the opportunity to serve as the new Director for the SBDC Southern Region," said Briscoe. "My longstanding passion to empower individuals to live their dreams while providing a livelihood for themselves and their community has been my greatest joy."

Wynne Briscoe is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Minor in Business and Concentration in Business Law. She has over 30 years of entrepreneurship and business ownership experience to include retail, professional services, technology and manufacturing. Since 2001, Briscoe has successfully consulted and advised entrepreneurs, businesses, and non-profit organizations. She is known for her creativity and innovation in the development of new businesses by offering in-depth experience and assisting them from concept to profitability to exit strategy. Briscoe has a passion to work with Young Entrepreneurs. She enjoys coaching and mentoring youth towards years of success, while helping them realize business ownership and self-employment as a viable career option. She is also highly engaged in the Southern Maryland community and the Maryland Small Business Eco-System.

"I am looking forward to carrying on the great legacy of my mentor and former SBDC Director, Ellen Flowers-Fields," said Briscoe. "SBDC is such an impactful resource in our community and we will continue collaborations with our regional stakeholders, community organizations and entrepreneurs help create a more thriving and prosperous Southern Maryland."

The Maryland SBDC provides a wide range of low-cost training and no-cost business counseling services to new and existing small businesses throughout Maryland. For more information on the Maryland SBDC program and its services, please visit www.marylandsbdc.org.

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Old Jail Museum
41625 Courthouse Road
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August 26

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

This event will be on the lawn, with tours of the Old Jail Museum available.
Masks are required.

Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, refreshments

The Chamber's Member Discount Program

Thank you to our Chamber members listed below who are already participating in the Member Discount Program. If your company would like to participate, please contact the Chamber office at 301-737-3001 or send us an email to info@smcchamber.com. Current available discounts are listed on the Chamber's website: https://smcchamber.com.

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