THE St. Mary's County Chamber OF COMMERCE 50 anniversary

Chamber Events & News

Where Business and Community Meet…

The Chamber is Moving!

Be on the lookout for the announcement of our new location starting mid-July.

July Events

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

- July 23 - Women's Lunch Series — The Row House and Club Pilates
- July 24 - Business After Hours – Kneaded Baking Co. & The Salted Scoop
- August 28 - Business After Hours – Escape Rooms Southern Maryland
- September 10 - State of the County Luncheon
- September 24 - Women's Lunch Series – Askey, Askey and Assoc.
- September 25 - Business After Hours – St. Clement's Island Museum
- September 28 - Taste of St. Mary's
- October 9 - Golf Tournament
- October 22- Women's Lunch Series

Women's Lunch Series

This month is a double header, hosted by the Row House and Club Pilates, Lauren Shirley and Deanna Rothstein! Learn all that the Row House and Club Pilates have to offer to keep us in shape for the rest of summer while enjoying one of our newest member restaurants, The Brass Tap Craft Beer Bar and Kitchen.

ROW HOUSE

The Row House and Club Pilates will offer two raffles, one for The Row House and one for Club Pilates.

The Brass Tap
Tuesday, July 23 at 12:00 p.m.
44940 Saint Andrews Church Road
California, MD 20619

CLUB PILATES

Register

Business After Hours

Stop by Kneaded Baking Co. & The Salted Scoop on Wednesday, July 24 at 5:00 p.m. to enjoy light refreshments and meet new and returning Chamber members!

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Chamber Accomplishments & Member Recognition

Our Chamber in Review

Walk through the past six months with our Chamber and discover how membership can benefit you and your business through our leadership, education, advocacy, and networking events.

January

The Chamber welcomed new members and celebrated the opening of a new location for a returning member.

Thank you to Amy Scott of OE Realty for sponsoring January's Women's Lunch!

This month's Business After Hours was hosted by All in One Tag & Title.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies:

- All in One Tag & Title
- Sarah Weems - Edwards Jones - new venue

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for All in One Tag & Title, with previous Chair of the Board, Patrick Haley, and current Chair of the Board, Jimmy Hayden.

February

The Spirits of Maryland event, held at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, showcased Maryland distilleries and attracted enthusiastic visitors.

A Ribbon Cutting showcased the beautiful mural by the St. Mary's County Arts Council at the Health Hub.

We hosted a mid-session ZOOM call with our St. Mary's County Delegation in Annapolis.

Chamber members attended a Women's Lunch Series event with

Proud vendors and happy customers at the Spirits of Maryland.

guest speaker, Robbie Loker.

Members also attended Business After Hours hosted by Chesapeake Staging & Interiors, LLC.

AND, we hosted the State of the Schools with SMCPS!

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies:

- St. Mary's County Arts Council Health Mural

March

Beautiful place settings at the Chamber's 50th Anniversary Gala.

The community gathered to celebrate the Chamber's 50th anniversary with an elegant dinner and dance gala.

We held Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies for The Salted Scoop and Method Studio Members.

Thank you to Sue Ann Armitage for sharing information about our legal system at the March Women's Lunch!

Above Par Golf & Entertainment offered its facilities for a fun and engaging Business After Hours event.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies:

- Salted Scoop and Kneaded Baking Company
- Method Studio

April

Left to right: David Weigel, Del. Matt Morgan, Del. Todd Morgan, Patrick Haley, and Christine Bergmark.

Chamber members and staff attended the Legislative Review Breakfast. Our Government Affairs Commitee reviewed many bills and shared business positions with our delegation throughout the Maryland 2024 session.

St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen moved into its new location, courtesy of Bubby Knott!

We hosted a National Civics Bee that brought together bright young minds from all across Southern Maryland.

Thank you to Dr. Meena Brewster for highlighting our Public Health system at the April Women's Lunch!

St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen kindly hosted our April Business After Hours.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies:

- St. Mary's County Arts Council - gallery opening
- Mid Atlantic Skin Care
- Noble

May

The 1st Annual Kentucky Derby Watch Party successfully raised $6000 in funds to benefit charities.

Chamber members attended the annual Awards Luncheon to

recognize outstanding businesses and individuals in the community.

Theresa Jones, of the Maryland Comptroller's office shared much relevant information at our Women's Lunch.

Thank you to eMed Medical Supply for hosting Business After Hours!

The 2024 Business Award recipients were:

- Lighthouse: Personalized Therapy, LLC
- Beacon: Port of Leonardtown Winery
- Emerging: Sluss Hall/ Flagsin Group
- Community Service: Shore United Bank
- Bubby Knott Non-Profit of the Year: St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies:

- Educational Systems Federal Credit Union - new venue
- First Command Financial Planning
- St. Mary's County Arts Council
- Baddour Law Firm and Oak Wealth Partners

Derby Party attendees striking a pose.

Award recipients at the Awards Luncheon.

June

The Chamber congratulated the recipients of this year's Business People Awards and paid a special tribute to our County's First Responders.

Emily Johnson of First Home Mortgage hosted our Women's lunch.

Chamber members enjoyed a wonderful Business After Hours hosted by Corteau Vinyards.

The 2024 Membership Award recipients were:

- Public Servant: David Weiskopf, County Administrator
- Business Person of the Year: Chad Day, Servpro of St. Mary's & Calvert
- Bubby Knott Philanthropist of the Year: Mike Schwartz

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies:

- Your Dog's Bakery

Business Person of the Year, Chad Day, and family.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Your Dog's Bakery.

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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:

- Row House SOMD
- Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, Inc.
- The Brass Tap Craft Beer Bar and Kitchen

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

Croatia, the Pearl of the Adriatic Trip with the Chamber

The discount deadline has passed, but there is still time to join in on the fun!

Discover the stunning beauty of Croatia, the Pearl of the Adriatic, with C I Destinations. Experience 7 nights at a luxurious 4-star hotel, scenic tours, and more on October 16, 2024. For more information, don't hesitate to contact the Chamber at 301-737-3001. Take advantage of this fantastic opportunity! Airfare included.

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Community Events

Connect to Capital

Business Speed Lending and Regional Resource day will be held at the College of Southern Maryland in Prince Frederick.

Sign Up

Member News

Hundreds of New Laws Now in Effect

Maryland Matters Staff reported that hundreds of laws spanning a multitude of topics are now in effect. The article below outlines just a handful of them.

"More than 400 new laws took effect Monday, on everything from health care to housing and from natural psychedelics to contraception for community college students," (Maryland Matters Staff 2024).

Read Article

SMECO Power Incentive

SMECO is offering financial incentives for energy efficient projects in any non-residential setting. Projects will be funded through the EmPOWER MD programs.

Read More

The Time to Care Act

The Maryland General Assembly recently passed a bill making some changes to the Time to Care Act. There were many changes made, but the most significant were: the contribution period for the State Plan will now be July 1, 2025, and Benefits will now be available starting July 1, 2026.

TPP Youth Apprenticeship Program is Seeking Host Companies

The Apprenticeship Maryland Program/Tech Jobs Rule and the Dr. James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center are encouraging local companies to participate in this program which spans the 2024-2025 school year.

The Patuxent Partnership

Learn More

Maryland Heat & Stress Standard: Key Points

The Maryland Heat Stress Standard aims to protect employees from heat-related illnesses caused by heat stress in the workplace. Employers are expected to follow acclimatization and observation requirements outlined by the Heat & Stress Standard.

Applies to employers with employees exposed to a heat index of 80°F or higher.

Learn More

There's always something going on in Leonardtown!

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