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THE St. Mary's County Chamber OF COMMERCE

UPDATE

Save the Date

A Taste of St. Mary's

Saturday, September 11, 2021

On the Square in
Historic Leonardtown

Vendors will sell samples of their specialty items. This is a family event and there is no admission charge.

We hope to see you there!

Vendors and Sponsors are needed.
Contact the Chamber Office for info.

Chamber Events are Back!

We are excited that the state and the country are reopening! The Chamber is moving ahead with planning for all of the events that were cancelled during the pandemic, beginning with our June Business After Hours hosted by the beautiful Swanendele Inn. See page 5 for the event flyer.

Business After Hours hosting slots are filled through December of 2021. Hosts are needed in 2022 for the months of January, February, April, May, and June. Contact the Chamber office for more information.

The Taste of St. Mary's will be back on Saturday, September 11, and save the dates for the State of the County Luncheon on Tuesday, September 21 and our annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, October 19.

We are also bidding a fond farewell to our President/CEO, Rich Fleming, and our Office Manager, Donna Lange, both of whom are retiring at the end of this month. Lynn Mackerman, our current Administrative Assistant, will be assuming Donna's responsibilities. The Search Committee is currently interviewing candidates for President/CEO.

Business *After Hours*

Hosted by

Swanendele Inn

49946 Airedele Road
Ridge, MD

Wednesday, June 23, 2021
5:00-6:30 p.m.

Join us for an outdoor event on St. Jerome's Creek and the Chesapeake.

Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, refreshments

Register at https://smcchamber.com

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St. Mary's County Licensed Beverage Association
Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living
Staples, Inc.#1103
Taylor Gas Co., Inc.
Travel Leaders
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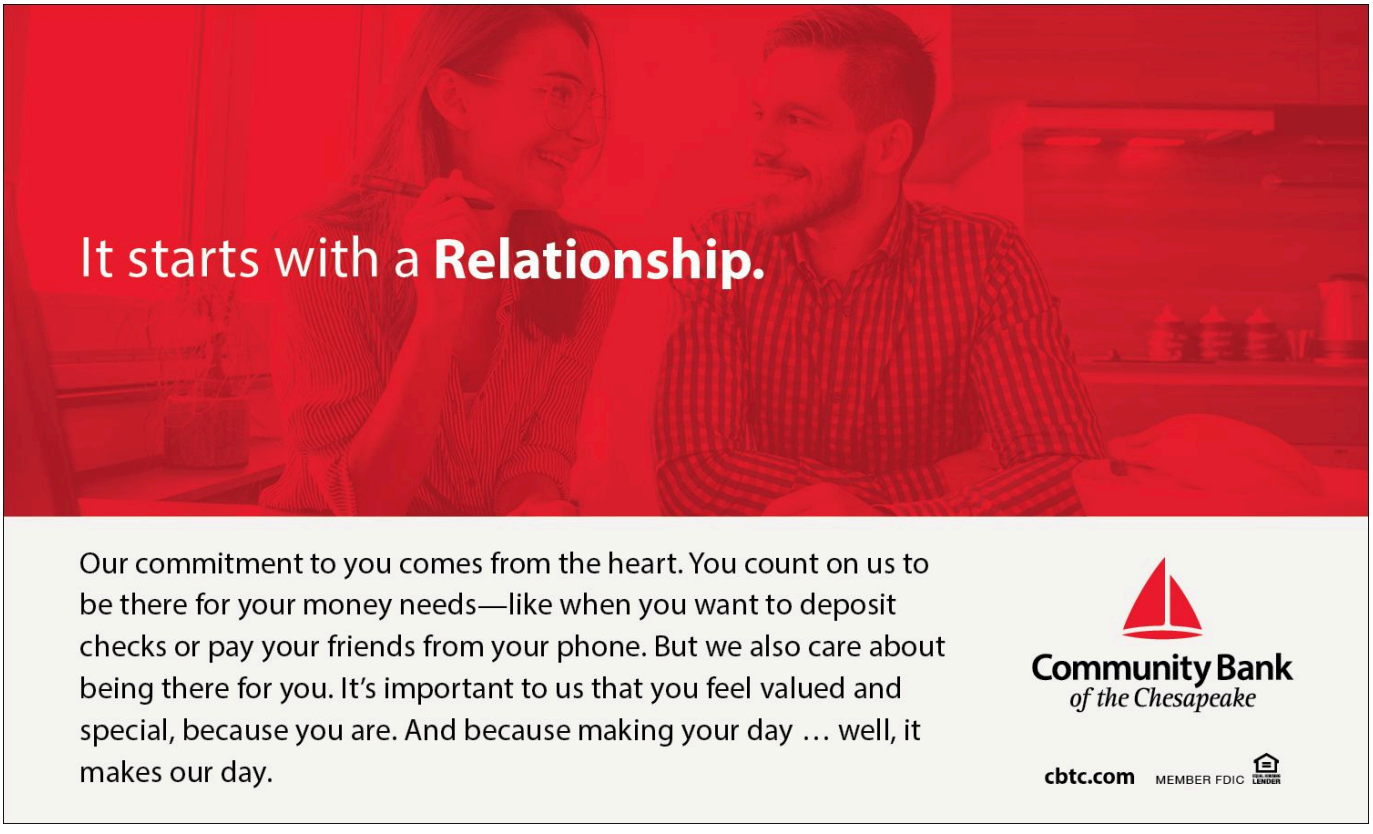
Conversations & A Cruise Series

June 12; July 17; August 14
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
St. Clement's Island Museum
38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626
Phone: 301-769-2222
Web: Facebook.com/SCIMuseum

Enjoy summer breezes on a fun, educational and family-friendly morning of cruising on the St. Clement's Island Water Taxi during this series of themed cruises throughout the season! $15 for adults, $10 for kids, kids under 2 are free. Call to book.



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Cedar Point Federal Credit Union employee named to Forbes Council

BJ Sievers, Chief Information Officer at Cedar Point Federal Credit Union in Lexington Park was recently named to the Forbes Technology Council. This invitation-only organization counts among its members some of the most innovative and forward-thinking tech leaders across the country.

"We were thrilled when he was chosen, but we weren't surprised," said Chief Marketing Officer Kristin Kauffman. "His work ethic and advocacy efforts make him quite an asset to the credit union." Sievers' most recent high-visibility technology implementation at the credit union involved advocating for, building and installing biometric palm vein scanners for member identification. "Bringing this kind of innovation to the credit union was a huge undertaking, and BJ's vision made it happen," said Kauffman.

On the Forbes Technology Council, Sievers, a lifelong Southern Maryland resident, will be collaborating with other experts in the technology field to share expertise, expand their knowledge base and further develop leadership opportunities.

"I'm enjoying the challenge" Sievers said of his work thus far on the Council. He recently collaborated on an article with other Council members to help small businesses understand the advantages of a well-functioning mobile app.

Cedar Point Federal Credit Union would like to congratulate BJ Sievers on his appointment to this prestigious council. His efforts have helped to guide the long-term strategy of the credit union, bolster its reputation and strengthen its ties to the community in Southern Maryland.

July 19 – 22, 2021, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Piney Point Lighthouse Museum
44720 Lighthouse Road, Piney Point, MD 20674
Phone: 301-994-1471
Facebook.com/1836Light

Kids are invited to enjoy a STEAM oriented program at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum focused on outdoor science and exploration. Every day will have a different nature theme filled with tons of fun crafts and activities. Kids can explore the nature at Piney Point while having fun. This is an in-person program that will follow all COVID safe protocols. Throughout this 4-day week, participants will create their very own Field Journal based on their findings. During our adventures, kids will make lots of exploration materials that they can take home and continue exploring. $40 per child for all 4 days. Call to book.

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st mary's county ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ST. MARY'S COUNTY FINANCING FORUM

An event for local financial institutions. Entrepreneurs also welcome.

Wednesday, July 13, 2021 @ 9:00AM - 11:00AM

St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development (DED) would like to invite you to our Financing Forum. We are working to connect the local banking and financing community with various state programs to support our business community.

The purpose is to educate St. Mary's County Financial Institutions about the following:

- The various programs available by the state,
- How you can partner w/ these programs, and
- How to refer small businesses who do not qualify for traditional lending programs to alternate programs.

We will have representation from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Meridian Management, Maryland Department of Commerce, & Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD). There will be time for Q&A.

DHCD Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
Maryland DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AMERICA'S SBDC ACCREDITED MEMBER MARYLAND —SOUTHERN REGION—
MMG MERIDIAN MANAGEMENT GROUP INC

Register to attend via zoom

The Chamber thanks all of our loyal members for your support since March 2020. We know that it has been a difficult time for everyone.

Please make a note of our upcoming events in 2021. We hope to see you there!

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.

Participating Chamber Member Businesses

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