



## CHAMBER NEWS and UPDATE

### Happy October!

You may be noticing some changes from the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce as we switch to more digital forms of communication. Over the next few weeks and months, we'll be reaching out to all members to be sure we have your most up to date list of representatives and contact information.

### Business After Hours

**Wednesday, October 26, 5pm**

**Williams, McClernan, & Stack LLC**. 22715 Washington Street, Suite 201, Leonardtown, MD 20650. 5:00pm-6:30pm. Register [here](#).

## MEMBER NEWS

### Career & Internship Fair at St. Mary's College of Maryland

**Tuesday, November 1 10am–2pm**

Hire for your open positions—including internships and jobs for graduating students—plus network with students exploring career paths and build awareness of your organization. Located at the Recreational Courts in the Athletics and Recreation Center. Admission is complimentary; optional boxed lunches are \$15 each. Advance registration is required by Tuesday, October 18 at 5pm. Contact: Melissa Golowski at [magolowski@smcm.edu](mailto:magolowski@smcm.edu) or 240-895-4203. [Register here](#).

### Halloween on the Square

Represent your business at the Third Annual Halloween on the Square on **Saturday, October 29, 1-4pm**. How can your business participate? That's easy (and free!).

- Sign up: First, [sign up](#) for a vendor spot.
- What to bring: You can bring a table, chairs, a tent, decorations... whatever makes your business stand out! You'll have roughly a 10x10 spot.
- Giveaways: Make sure to bring a giveaway for children (and maybe something for parents/guardians). This could be candy, toys, swag items, and other fun stuff.
- Dress to Impress: Come dressed in your best Halloween getup. The kids love it.

This event is organized by Reach Back and Lift 1, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to assist youth and young adults with professional, personal and leadership skills by providing training, programs and partnerships with local business leadership. Sponsorship checks can be made out to Reach Back & Lift 1. <https://rbal1.org>

### Healthy St. Mary's Partnership (HSMP) Food Security

The Healthy St. Mary's Partnership (HSMP) Food Security Subcommittee is assessing food

security in St. Mary's County and requesting input through a short survey on community members' ability to access and afford food locally. The survey is anonymous and takes less than two minutes to complete. Its responses will help develop local resources and programs to support our residents. [Click here](#) to access the online survey.

### **Maryland Women's Small Business Celebration 2022**

Maryland women business owners and entrepreneurs are invited to join First Lady Yumi Hogan for the Maryland Women's Small Business Celebration 2022. This event is being co-hosted by the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs and The Baltimore-Metro Women's Business Center. Business owners and entrepreneurs will gather on October 21st at the Morgan State University Student Center to honor the achievements of today's women-owned businesses. Following a special awards ceremony, guests will hear how women entrepreneurs can build a supportive business network and ecosystem from a panel of successful women business leaders. There is no cost to attend. Friday, October 21. Advance registration is required.

[Maryland Women's Small Business Celebration 2022](#)

### **St. Mary's Young Professionals**

SMYP's next event, in collaboration with the Young Professionals Network of Southern Maryland, will be on **Tuesday, October 25** at Above Par Golf in Leonardtown. [Information here.](#)

### **Live @ the Velocity Center: Celebrating Makers and Manufacturing**

**Oct 27 5:00 - 8:00 PM.** Does your company MANUFACTURE, ASSEMBLE, FABRICATE, PROTOTYPE, PROCESS, PRODUCE, or MAKE products by hand or by machine in a commercial or home-based setting? Do you have an idea or concept and want to manufacture it in Maryland? CONNECT, NETWORK, and LEARN about growing manufacturing businesses in MD. Register [here.](#)

### **COSMIC Symphony**

COSMIC Symphony is back from more than a 2-year COVID hiatus to present "A Haunting Return" concert full of triumphant and spooky classics. Join us on **Saturday October 29, 2022** at 3:00 PM at Patuxent Presbyterian Church, 23421 Kingston Creek Rd, California, MD 20619 and **Sunday October 30, 2022** 3:00 PM at St. John Vianney Family Life Center, 105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

### **The Patuxent Partnership**

**October 21, at 9am-10am.** "Reimagining Naval Power" with RADM Lorin Selby, Chief of Naval Research – SMART Building, USMSM. [Registration.](#)

**October 27, at 8:30 am - 9:30 am .** TPP 2022 ANNUAL MEETING "What's happening at AeroPark, USMSM, our Naval Heritage Designations and 2022 SOMD workforce? Paid Internships – Find out at The Annual Meeting." with speakers Mr. Chris Kaselemis, Director, St. Mary's County Dept of Economic Development; Dr. Eileen Abel, Executive Director at University System of Maryland in Southern Maryland (USMSM); Ms. Lucille Walker, Executive Director, Southern MD Heritage Area and Destination Southern MD at USMSM | Building 2, Center Hall. [Registration.](#)

**November 9, at 6pm -7pm.** TPP/CSD program with Greg Poling, Senior Fellow and Director, Southeast Asia Program and Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative, Center for Strategic & International Studies, and author of newly released book, "*On Dangerous Ground: America's Century in the South China Sea.*" NOTE: 5-6pm Reception | 6-7pm Talk | 7-7:30pm Book signing at Daugherty-Palmer Commons, St. Mary's College of Maryland. [Registration.](#)

### **Dream Queen Foundation**

The Dream Queen Foundation brings on the Second Annual Gals Lead Veterans Day Festival, Celebrating Today's Heroes and Tomorrow's Leaders. [Click for more details](#) about sponsorship or becoming a vendor.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **Cybersecurity Grant Program**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced a first-of-its-kind cybersecurity grant program especially for state, local and territorial (SLT) governments across the country. These grants will help SLT governments address cybersecurity risks and help them strengthen their cybersecurity posture to ensure resiliency in the current threat environment. For more information and helpful resources on the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP), visit CISA's webpage here [cisa.gov/cybergrants](https://cisa.gov/cybergrants).

#### **Maryland Producer Cold Storage Grant Program**

The Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) is offering a new Maryland Producer Cold Storage Grant Program - to assist farmers and watermen with purchasing cold storage equipment needed for their operations during the fall of 2022. Matching grants of up to \$1,000 are now available. Application forms are available on MARBIDCO's website: [www.marbidco.org](http://www.marbidco.org).

#### **Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Program**

MarylandSaves -- went into full effect on September 6. Are you fully informed? More information can be found at [marylandsaves.org](http://marylandsaves.org) and [marylandsaves.com](http://marylandsaves.com).

#### **Small Business Credit Initiative**

New funding to support Maryland small businesses, available through the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) program. Funds focus on businesses with limited opportunities for growth, including those in geographic areas with a high concentration of small, micro, and Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individual (SEDI) businesses. [More here](#).

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