



December 2022

A Word from the President

Dear PACC members,

One of my earliest memories of Poolesville was driving down Fisher Ave. in December and seeing all the wonderful holiday lights zig zagging overhead. Every year, thanks to the hard-working Town of Poolesville crews, the Town becomes magical with all the lights and decorations. The lights get turned on this Friday, December 2 from 6-9 pm as the Town hosts the Annual Holiday Tree lighting and assorted activities on Whalen Commons. The PACC is once again happy to provide the Artisan's Market in Town Hall for members to display their wares and gives residents a chance to SHOP LOCAL for some holiday gifts. In addition, the PACC in cooperation with Historic Medley District is sponsoring the Annual Cookie Decorating at the Poolesville Museum (aka Old Town Hall). Kids (and adults) can come by and decorate gingerbread cookies to eat or take home. Calleva will be providing trolley rides back and forth from Whalen Commons.

January 5th at 8 am will be the first Business Helping Business Grow (BHBG) event for the New Year. Katie Longbrake will be speaking about the growth and development of WUMCO at their new headquarters, at 17821 Elgin Rd. Free breakfast and coffee will be provided compliments of the PACC. On behalf of the PACC, I would like to recognize and thank Gail Lee and Jeff Stempler for organizing and continuing to run BHBG for over 10 years providing monthly opportunity for networking and giving businesses a chance to highlight their work. BHBG continues to rebuild after the Pandemic and I encourage you to take an hour once a month and take advantage of this great PACC benefit.

The PACC continues to support efforts to get White's Ferry reopened. It has been 2 years since that vital transportation link to our region and Virginia was shutdown. The PACC is working with the Fair Access Committee to press local governments on both sides of the river to prioritize getting the Ferry reopened and work creatively for a solution. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 28 at 2 pm to come down to Whites Ferry. The Fair Access Committee and PACC are inviting all to come out for a RALLY to show support to reopen the Ferry on the 2nd anniversary of its closing. We expect media coverage so please come out and join us- there is strength in numbers- the more the better!

Finally, as 2022 winds down, I want to recognize the PACC Board of Director members (past and present) for their continued volunteer service to the PACC which continues to grow as we approach the 150 member mark. We volunteer because we are passionate about the importance of the Business community to the fabric of our area and strive on behalf of our members to move the PACC forward as we enter the 44th year of service to the Western Montgomery County community.

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season,

Regards,

Tom Kettler

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Friday, December 2

Holiday Lighting Ceremony and PACC Artisan Vendor Market

6-9 pm- Poolesville Historic District and Whalen Commons

Send email to secretary@poolesvillechamber.com to reserve a booth

Wednesday, December 28

Rally to Reopen White's Ferry
2 pm with the PACC and Fair Access Committee

Thursday, January 5

Businesses Helping Businesses Grow (BHBG)
8 am- WUMCO Inc. Headquarters, 17821 Elgin Rd.
Guest speaker- Katie Longbrake of WUMCO
Breakfast and Coffee Provided

Thursday, January 26

Murder Mystery Party
6-9pm- Kettler Model Home
Tickets Available Soon

Thursday, February 23

Annual Meeting
Details to be announced

Notes from the Secretary

Happy December! I have enjoyed getting to meet some of you over the past 6 months as the PACC's Executive Secretary. I would like to share some updates that are coming your way in the next few months.

We are migrating our membership data to QuickBooks, so look out for membership renewals via QuickBooks invoices in the upcoming weeks and months.

An updated Poolesville Town Map is currently being recreated. We will be adding a new section for Wineries and Breweries, in addition to updating current businesses and their descriptions.



[Gail Lee and Jeff Stempler leading the December Businesses Helping Businesses Grow meeting.]



[Rande Davis of the Monocacy Monocle, December's Guest Speaker]



[The BHBG monthly breakfast is a great way to meet and get advice from other local Poolesville businesses!]

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