



## January 2023

### A Word from the President

Dear PACC Members,

Welcome to the New Year 2023. As I prepared to write this letter, I went back and looked at the January 2022 Newsletter and realized it was a tough year still coming out of Covid when we saw White's Ferry close down and the loss of several long time businesses, Bassetts Restaurant and BB ant T Bank. When I look back to 2022 and forward to 2023, I am very positive about all the exciting things going on in and around Poolesville. In 2022, the PACC hosted a record number of Ribbon Cuttings. We saw Bassetts reopen under the new ownership of Erika Meyers and our newest dining option, LOCALS, joined the scene offering a new vibe and has become a hot local gathering spot. Landmade Brewery opened and the PACC had its most successful event when we co-hosted a Happy Hour with our neighboring Gaithersburg/ Germantown Chamber of Commerce.

Poolesville High School's long overdue renovation is well underway thanks to the efforts of countless community leaders. I had the pleasure of joining a local group recently that toured the construction of the new Crossvines wine facility, event space and restaurant located adjacent to the Poolesville Golf Course. I was blown away by its scope and the potential for Crossvines to create a new draw to our area and boost our local economy. Check out Crossvines website at [Crossvines.com](http://Crossvines.com)

Speaking of attracting people to our area, we are still cut off from easy access to Virginia as we mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the closure of White's Ferry. The PACC co-hosted with Fair Access the "RALLY TO REOPEN WHITE'S FERRY" held the last week of December on 12/29. The impressive turnout of over 300 residents and business owners showed the many local and state politicians who attended that something needs to be done to reopen the Ferry. I was privileged to speak on behalf of the PACC about how vital it is to get the Ferry running again. Several print and TV stations covered the Rally and ran stories on their night newscasts. [CLICK HERE](#) to view WTOP Channel 9 coverage. You can also [click following link](#) to send emails to local officials to support reopening Ferry.

The PACC is continuing to add new members each month as we end 2022 with close to 150 members. Please renew your membership when you get renewal notices via email as dues make up a majority of our operating budget. Welcome to our newest members, Tony's Barbeque, Village Beer and Wine, and Tractor Supply.

The PACC Board is currently putting our 2023 Events and Activities calendar so keep looking out for updates as they come out. Mark your calendars for the next two events starting 2023.

PACC Annual Meeting announcing 2022 Community Service Award  
Thursday, February 23 from 5-6 pm  
Poolesville Town Hall- 19721 Elgin Road followed by  
AHOP Happy Hour/ Social Networking  
6-8 pm – Cash Bar and free light appetizers

Businesses Helping Businesses Grow  
February 2  
Speaker Stephen McDow of BlackRock Center for the Arts  
8:00am at Locals, 19929 Fisher Ave

The PACC is pleased to announce the addition of Jeff McCloskey, Truist Investment Services as our newest Board member. Join me in thanking Jim Brown, Turning Point Real Estate, who recently stepped down from the Board due to his varied community commitments including President of the Poolesville Commissioners.

Thank everyone for their continued support of the PACC in its work on behalf of the local business community started over 44 years ago.

Best Wishes for 2023 and beyond!

Regards,

Tom Kettler  
PACC President



PACC President Tom Kettler  
Addresses the Crowd at the Rally to  
Reopen Whites Ferry



Large Crowd in Support of  
Reopening the Ferry



Poolesville Town Commissioner,  
Jim Brown and the GRINCH!

## Upcoming Events Early 2023

### BUSINESSES HELPING BUSINESSES GROW NETWORKING BREAKFAST

February 2  
Speaker Stephen McDow of  
BlackRock Center for the Arts  
8:00am at Locals, 19929 Fisher  
Ave

March 2  
Speaker Kailee Perno of Healthy  
Hub  
8:00am at Healthy Hub, 19961  
Fisher Ave

### ANNUAL MEETING AND HAPPY HOUR

February 23  
5:00pm-6:00pm Annual Meeting at Town Hall  
6:00pm-8:00pm Happy Hour at House of  
Poolesville (AHOP)



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