



November 2023

*Dear PACC Members,*

**NEW AND IMPROVED PACC WEBSITE** - The PACC Board of Directors are pleased to announce the launch of a new and improved PACC website, [www.poolesvillechamber.com](http://www.poolesvillechamber.com). Check it out. We are still working on some “kinks” but are pleased with the new, refreshed look and the addition of many new features to benefit members and our community. The additions include an online PACC map, digital PACC Community and Business Directory and new calendar to highlight PACC and area events. If you see corrections needed for your member listing, please send corrections to PACC Executive Secretary, Ann Ofsthun, at [info@poolesvillechamber.com](mailto:info@poolesvillechamber.com).

David Meyers of Rescue-One has joined the PACC Board as its newest Board Member, bringing the number of the Chamber Board to 10 members, with support by our part-time Executive Secretary, Ann Ofsthun. Your Chamber Board Members continue to volunteer their time and talents to making the PACC better and stronger, which in turn strengthens our community of businesses and the residents we serve.

### **UPCOMING PACC EVENTS**

**BUSINESS HELPING BUSINESS GROW** - Thursday, Nov. 2, 8 - 9:30 am at Locals. Breakfast provided by Locals, compliments of the PACC. November’s featured speaker will be Julie Kuhlman, Kuhlman Lawn Services.

**HAPPY HOUR AND RIBBON CUTTING** - Wednesday, Nov. 15, 5 - 7 pm at Bassett’s Restaurant. Free registration, cash bar, appetizers compliments of PACC (while they last). PACC will host a Ribbon Cutting at 5:45 pm to celebrate the recent reopening of Bassett’s. Sign up at [www.Poolesvillechamber.com](http://www.Poolesvillechamber.com).

**NON-PROFIT MEET AND GREET** - Thursday, Nov. 16, 6 - 8 pm at the Calleva Store located at 19936 Fisher Ave. The PACC is joining the Town of Poolesville and several non-profit groups to co-sponsor this event. This will be a unique opportunity for approximately 20 area non-profit groups to network and share ideas for improving the

services they provide. If interested in attending, please RSVP to Poolesville's Assistant Town Manager, Niles Anderegg at [anderegg@poolesvillemd.gov](mailto:anderegg@poolesvillemd.gov) .

**POOLESVILLE HOLIDAY LIGHTING** - Friday, Dec. 1, 6 - 9 pm at Whalen Commons. This yearly tradition features fun activities for the whole family, tree lighting, and a visit from Santa to name a few. The PACC is again hosting the "Holiday Market" in the Poolesville Town Hall where several PACC members will display their products for some local holiday shopping. Free spaces (8 ft by 8 ft) are now available for PACC members on a first come, first served basis. To request space, email the PACC Executive Secretary, Ann Ofsthun, at [info@poolesvillechamber.com](mailto:info@poolesvillechamber.com) . She will get back to you with details of set up and location. Space is limited so sign up now.

**GINGERBREAD COOKIE DECORATING** - Friday, Dec. 1, 6 - 9 pm at the Poolesville Museum (aka Old Town Hall) 19933 Fisher Ave. The PACC is happy to co-sponsor this fun kids' activity with the Historic Medley District. A fun bonus: Hitch a ride on the Calleva Holiday Wagon from Whalen Commons to the Poolesville Museum.

## **SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

The PACC Board of Directors is delighted to announce the 2024 PACC Annual Meeting, Happy Hour, and Dinner with Silent Auction at Crossvines on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, from 5 - 8:30 pm. Attendance at the Happy Hour (cash bar) and the Annual Business meeting will be free. The dinner immediately follows and will require a ticket purchase. PACC's 2023 Community Service Award winner will be announced that evening. The Silent Auction proceeds will help fund PACC operating expenses during the year. We have kept our dues at \$95 for years, so the additional revenue is needed as the PACC enters its 45th year. If you are approached to donate items for the Silent Auction, please help. More details and sign-up information will be available in the PACC December newsletter.

## **GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY**

The PACC continues to lend the voice of the local business community to ongoing efforts to reopen White's Ferry which is approaching the three-year anniversary of its closure. Board members working with Fair Access have attended various local and state government meetings to show support to reopen the Ferry. Although we have no news on a resolution to open the Ferry, the PACC will continue its efforts to support whatever solution can be worked out.

The Town of Poolesville is about to release the draft of the 10 Year Comprehensive Plan for the Town which will be the blueprint for the town for the next 10 years and beyond. There will be opportunity for public comment, and the PACC Board will be certain to speak up and

represent the Business community. I would encourage all PACC members to review the draft document. You are encouraged to provide comments (either written or in person) as the Plan moves toward adoption.

### **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY** - NOVEMBER 25

I will attend a Small Business Saturday County Proclamation event given by County Councilmember Marilyn Balcolmb on Tuesday, Nov. 14 to honor the nationwide program that encourages everyone to SHOP LOCAL on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Regards,

Tom Kettler  
President  
PACC Board of Directors

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### **2023 Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce Board Members**

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