

September 8, 2016

## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



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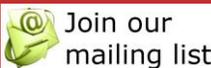
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### Dates to Remember

**Thursday, September 29**  
Tour of EDA and ARC Projects  
Washington County, MD  
Click [here](#) for tour locations



**Notice of Funding Availability**



## Get Onboard the Startup Bus!

**17<sup>th</sup> September → 2 - 5 PM**

Have a great business idea?

The bus will be waiting for you at **Frostburg State University!** Come pitch your plan to potential investors and help us grow the entrepreneurial community in Allegany County.

Reserve your time by contacting Matt Miller:  
[matt.miller@choosecumberland.org](mailto:matt.miller@choosecumberland.org)

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### **Grants Promote K-12 School Gardens**

The Whole Kids Foundation is dedicated to supporting schools and inspiring families to improve children's nutrition and wellness. The Foundation's School Garden Grant Program provides support for edible gardens at K-12 schools in the U.S. and Canada.

These grants of \$2,000 are awarded to schools as well as nonprofit organizations working in partnership with schools.

### **Funds Available for Research on Arts Impact**

National Endowment for the Arts

ArtWorks program supports research that investigates the value or impact of the arts. This year support is offered in two areas: Value and Impact and Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Designs.

### **ADVANCE Maryland**

In partnership with the National Center for Economic Gardening, is a program for second-stage entrepreneurs that helps businesses address their unique challenges and identify new opportunities. Economic Gardening is a "grow from within" strategy targeting existing growth companies and offering them critical strategic information customized to their needs. This information can be key to propelling the company to its next phase of growth.

Power Quality, Advanced Manufacturing &  
Improving Efficiency

Tuesday, October 18, 2016



## **Potomac Edison/FirstEnergy/EPRI/ Hagerstown Community College Workshop-Keeping Industrial & Manufacturing Facilities Competitive & Productive**

### **Save The Date!!!**

Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 8:00AM - 4:00PM  
Hagerstown Community College, Elliott Conference  
Center, Room 211 & 213,  
11400 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD

Plan to join Potomac Edison for a workshop on power quality and advanced manufacturing presented by experts from the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).

The objective of this workshop is to provide manufacturing and industrial customers with potential solutions to improve their competitiveness through low-cost power quality (PQ) solutions, efficiency applications and advanced manufacturing technologies. The event will conclude with optional tours of HCC's STEM Building, Technical Innovation Center and Manufacturing Classrooms.

Additional details and seminar registration information will be provided in the coming weeks.