

September 10, 2019

## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



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#### TCCWMD Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 11  
5:00pm

Nick's Airport Inn  
Hagerstown, Maryland

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## State Announces Partnership with Maryland Casinos to Promote Small Business Opportunities



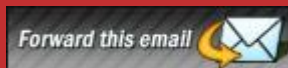
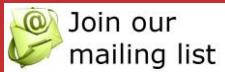
### GOVERNOR'S COORDINATING OFFICES

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**Annapolis, MD** - The Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs recently announced multiple small business outreach events in partnership with three Maryland casinos. Beginning on September 11 and continuing through the month, small business owners and certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) firms will have the opportunity to learn how to do business with Rocky Gap Casino and Resort in Cumberland, Hollywood Casino in Perryville, and Ocean Downs Casino in Ocean City.

Outreach events are open to all small business owners and will be held on three consecutive Wednesdays in September. The first will take place at **Rocky Gap Casino & Resort on September 11, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Advance registration is preferred.

Maryland Department of  
Commerce



### Notice of Funding Availability

#### Program Supports Local Food Efforts

Local Foods, Local Places helps cities and towns across the country protect the environment and human health by engaging with local partners to reinvest in existing neighborhoods as they develop local food systems. Previously supported efforts include downtown markets, cooperative groceries, community kitchens, and community and school gardens.

**Application Deadline  
is September 30, 2019.**

To view the full schedule and register, visit the Governors' Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs [events page](#).

View the full release by following [this link](#).

## TECH AT THE GAP ELEVATING INTELLIGENCE '19

**Thursday, October 10, 2019  
Rocky Gap Casino Resort**

Tech at the Gap is a one-day conference for web developers, digital marketing professionals, network and security specialists, managers, and anyone else who works in the tech industry.

Tech at the Gap is presented by The Western Maryland IT Center of Excellence. The Center is funded in part by the State of Maryland's EARN Maryland Grant Program, administered by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. EARN Maryland focuses on industry-led partnerships to bridge Maryland's skills gap and drive growth.

Follow [this link](#) for complete details and registration.



U.S. Small Business  
Administration

### 3 Simple Things to Protect Against Cyberattacks

There were nearly 42,000 online security incidents around the world over the past year. And about 43 percent of those targeted small businesses. That means that small businesses are more likely than any other entity to fall victim to data breaches and cyber attacks.

Read more by following [this link](#).