



Council Connections

Bridging Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties
August 13, 2026

TECH AT THE GAP AGE OF DISRUPTION

October 15, 2026

7:30am - 4:30am

Rocky Gap Casino Resort

Take Advantage of Tier 1 Pricing

Secure your seat by August 31 to receive this special rate!

Click the image below for Registration and Conference Details





In the Region

Appalachian Leadership Institute Graduates 40 Fellows

Since 2019, nearly 240 Appalachians have graduated from ARC's Appalachian Leadership Institute. After traveling the region, learning important capacity building skills and getting to know fellow Appalachians, these leaders will continue to take lessons learned back to their communities to strengthen Appalachia.

"Congratulations to the Appalachian Leadership Institute Class of 2026! The dedication these fellows have demonstrated by actively participating in the institute will no doubt lead to stronger communities and a stronger Appalachian economy as a whole," said **ARC Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin**. "I look forward to seeing these graduates draw from their experiences at ALI as they continue to drive positive change in our region."

Read the Full [Press Release](#) and View Members of the Class of 2026
includes Allegany and Garrett county participants

Tri County Council for Western Maryland's Revolving Loan Fund Small Business Lending Can be Simply Summarized: Create or Retain Jobs

In an effort to focus on keeping strong small businesses going and growing in our community and to retain jobs, Tri County Council is pleased to be supporting the **SBDC Legacy Series**, an excellent educational opportunity for business owners planning for the next generation of their business. This program provides valuable information from industry experts at an excellent value. For Western Marylander's it will culminate with a ½ day in person seminar, featuring real world success stories from the region.

Tri County Council is pleased to partner with SBDC, and all three Chambers of Commerce in Western Maryland to bring this series to fruition, because we all recognize the importance of retaining the longstanding businesses in our part of the state.

If you—or someone you know—could benefit, we encourage you to review the information below, register, and share this opportunity with others.



Maryland Small Business Development Center

Legacy Planning For Your Business Series (Virtual)

**September 2 - October 28, 2026; Wednesdays at 3PM
(With the Exception of October 14)**

**Cost: \$79 Tuition Reduced Due To Partial Sponsorship by
Tri-County Council, Allegany County, MD**

Secure Your Legacy with Business Transition Planning

The Legacy Planning For Your Business Program, through a series of trainings presented by professionals who are subject matter experts in the areas listed below, will assist you through the important and crucial steps to begin planning your business transition.

**To register, scan code or visit
<https://mdsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/18598>**



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