Council Connections

Bridging Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties
November 4, 2026



Western Maryland Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Presents
3 Locations, One Regional Vision: Join the Western Maryland Roadshow!

Over the past few months, we've been listening closely to local business owners, innovators, and leaders across Western Maryland to learn what it truly takes to start and scale a business here.

Now, we're taking our findings on the road and we want your perspective to help turn insight into action.

To make it convenient for founders, small business owners, and resource providers across the region, we are hosting **three Regional Roadshow stops**:

- 📍 **Allegany County** | Nov. 5, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, Allegany College of Maryland
- 📍 **Washington County** | Nov. 5, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, Public Safety Training Center
- 📍 **Garrett County** | Nov. 6, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, Garrett College

(All sessions are free to attend, with light refreshments provided!)

Three Ways to Get Involved:

1. Share Your Voice: Tell us directly about the challenges and growth opportunities in your local community.
2. Test New Tools: Get early access to regional resources and feedback platforms designed to support small businesses.
3. Shape the Regional Action Plan: Help align priorities and strategy across our shared business ecosystem.

Choose the location most convenient for you and join the conversation.

👉 **Register for Your Preferred Location Here**

Together, we can build a stronger, more connected Western Maryland.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Employers: Are you ready for FAMLI?



Need help with registering for FAMLI?

Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) is almost here. There are a few steps you need to take right away to make sure you're ready. Now's the time to prepare to bring this exciting new program to your workers.

Join us at the Cumberland AJC for in-person assistance with employer registration!

Thursday, November 12, 2026
9:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.

183 Baltimore Street, Suite 102
(McMullen Building)
Cumberland, MD 21502

What to bring:

- Your Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Legal name of the employer and "doing business as" (d/b/a) name
- NAICS code
- Physical business address
- Mailing address (if different from physical address)
- Business email address

Maryland Department of Labor | Maryland FAMLI Family and Medical Leave Insurance

Learn more at paidleave.maryland.gov

SAVE THE DATE:
January 21-22, 2027
Mountain Maryland PACE
The Westin Annapolis - Annapolis, MD

For ***FIVE*** decades, PACE has been the signature event showcasing the people, projects, and pride of **Allegany and Garrett Counties**. Each year, Mountain Marylanders gather with state and federal officials to discuss new initiatives, celebrate accomplishments, and advocate for the future of Western Maryland — all in a friendly, collaborative setting.

All event information, schedules, and details are available at www.mtmarylandpace.com.

Beyond the P&L: Practical Budgets & Models for Growing Businesses
November 9, 2026
11:00AM - 12:00PM
Cost: Free
For more details and to Register, follow this link.

Privacy & Data Collection for Small Businesses
November 12, 2026
10:00AM - 11:00AM
Cost: Free
For more details and to Register, follow this link.

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