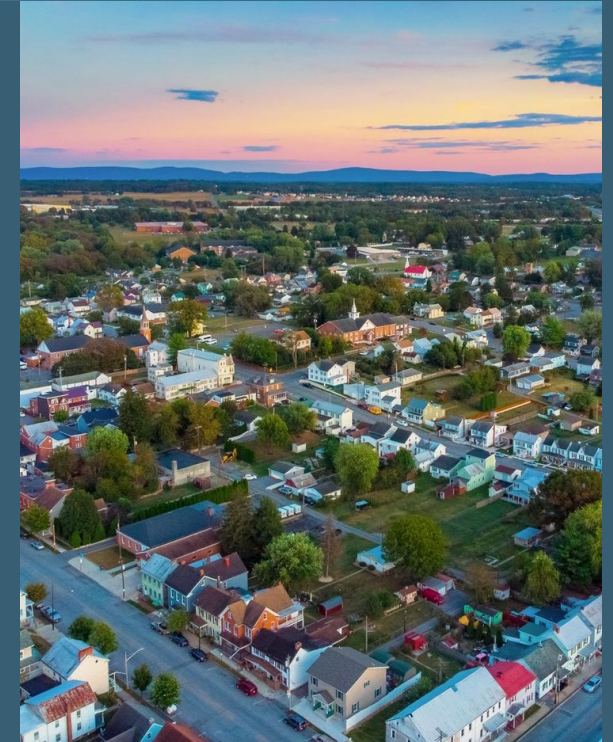




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Monthly Meeting February 2024

“Life in a Small Town” Panel Discussion with our Small Town Managers





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Welcome

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February 2024

BJ Goetz
GHC Chair



In Loving Memory



Harold L. Brake

April 7th, 1936 – January 6th, 2024

Please Welcome GHC's Newest Members



David Hess

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Please Welcome Prospective Members

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Please Welcome Today's Special Guest

A stylized illustration of a city street scene. In the foreground, there is a crosswalk on a sidewalk. A traffic light pole stands on the right side of the sidewalk. The background features several multi-story brick buildings with windows and satellite dishes. The sky is a light blue color.

WELCOME

We're Glad
You're Here

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Please Welcome Today's Panel

Washington County Town Managers and Representatives



BOONSBORO



Jared Schumacher
Town Manager



HANCOCK



Michael Faith
Town Manager



KEEDYSVILLE



Lisa Riner
Town Administrator



SMITHSBURG



Brian Brandt
Town Manager



WILLIAMSPORT



Chad Rooney
Town Manager

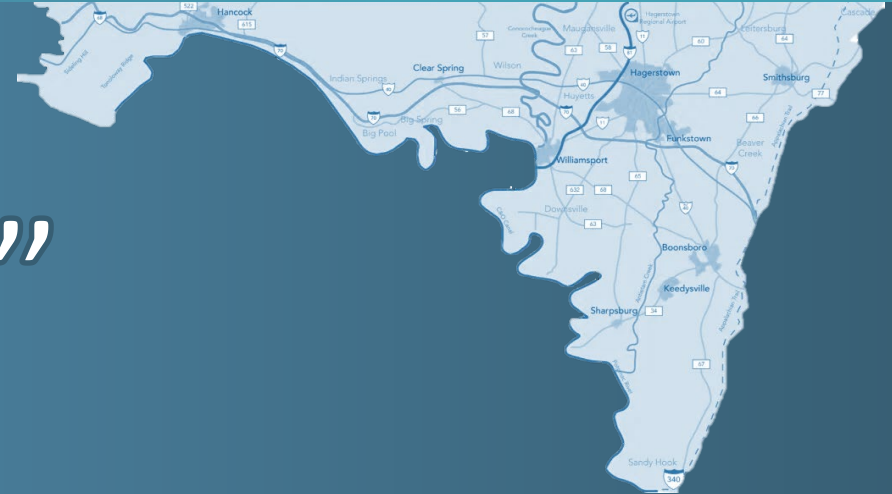
“Life in a Small Town”



Introductions:

How long have you served as
town manager?

“Life in a Small Town”



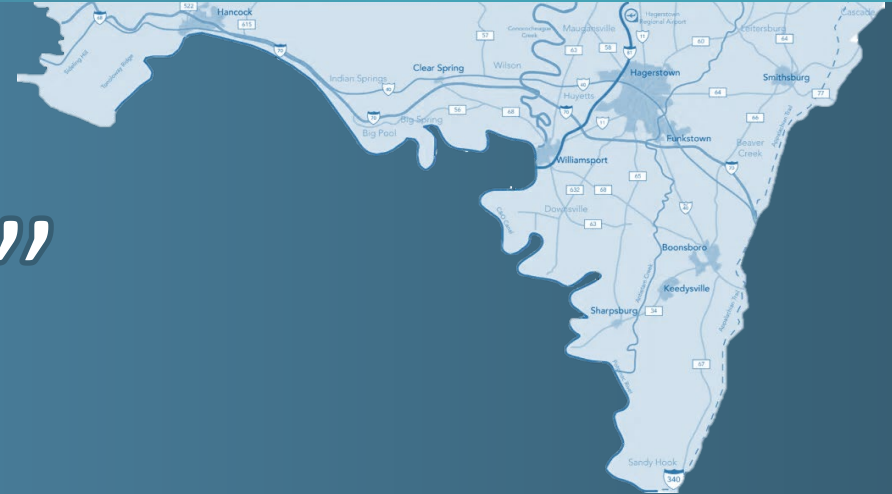
What are your Town’s biggest assets and what are some of the recent accomplishments in your town?

“Life in a Small Town”



What are the current, top priorities you are working on?

“Life in a Small Town”



What are the biggest challenges you are facing? (project needs, operational needs, growth challenges, etc.)

“Life in a Small Town”



Tell us about the type of growth you're seeing and describe the town's overall approach to new growth?

“Life in a Small Town”



How can the business community assist you as you grow and develop?



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Announcements and Upcoming GHC Events

Update on Advocacy Efforts:



After overcoming delays, MSO, GHC, and Chamber met with NPS for Salute to Independence discussions. New NPS policies for events on national park property will be officially implemented in January. While the meeting covered event components like logistics, portable bathrooms, and safety measures, specific NPS requirements remain unknown until MSO submits a formal application to hold the event at Antietam and NPS can review their request.

Notably, NPS will no longer cover event expenses, requiring MSO to cover or reimburse \$25-\$30k of in-kind support. Despite expressing commitment to a 2024 event, internal discussions suggest 2024 is unlikely due to logistical constraints and existing commitments with HCC. MSO plans to submit an application in the coming weeks and go through the NPS review process. Internal planning leans toward another year at HCC in 2024, with a potential return to the Battlefield in 2025, contingent on logistics and funding.

Visit: [Change.org/SaveOurSalute](https://www.change.org/saveoursalute)

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Update on Community Coalition Efforts:



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Upcoming Events:



Greater Hagerstown Committee

Dine Downtown

Date: Wednesday March 20th, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Happy Hour at Meinelschmidt Distillery

Dinner at Bulls & Bears



**Downtown Restaurant Week
March 17th to March 23rd**



Upcoming Events:

“Speed Mentoring” Event at HCC’s Incubator

What: GHC mentors will be stationed at individual tables for 5-minute conversations with Incubator members.

When:

Wednesday, March 13th, 2024
12:00pm – 1:30pm
Program begins at 12:30pm

Location:



Hagerstown Community College
Center for Business and
Entrepreneurial Studies
Fletcher Incubator + Labs

Lunch served at 12:15 pm, followed by a 45 min informal mentoring/networking session with local entrepreneurs.

Email Erin at GHCAdmin@greaterhagerstown.org
with your plans to participate!!

Call To ACTION:

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



7th Grade

Career Exploration Day

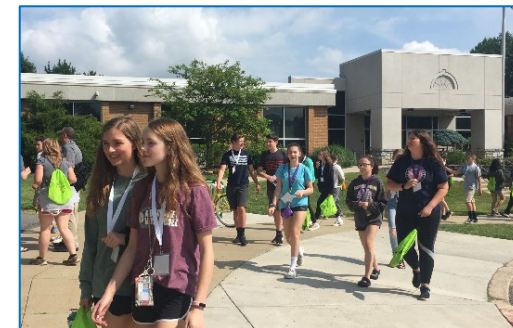
May 29th & May 30th, 2024



**It's Important
It's EASY
It's for the kids.**

Signup details will be emailed soon.

Sign up to be a Career Day Presenter and fill out a Speaker Survey for anyone in your company interested in talking to our 7th Graders



Upcoming Events:



When

Monday, May 20th-22nd, 2024

8:00am – 9:30am

Program begins at 8:30am

Location

Hagerstown Community College
Athletic, Recreation, and
Community Center (ARCC)

Hagerstown Startup Week is a free business conference for founders. Leaders in start-up companies, small businesses and social enterprises will learn from the best and brightest, build a culture of innovation and collaboration and collect local business development resources.

Reserve your lunch seat at

www.HagerstownStartupWeek.com

Limited Seating

Hosted by:

Hagerstown Community College
Washington County Chamber of Commerce
Washington County Business and Economic Development
City of Hagerstown Community and Economic Development
Greater Hagerstown Committee

Be on the lookout for an invitation in your Inbox



Adjourned



*Happy St.
Patrick's
Day!*