

# The Tri State Regional Economy

Panel Discussion on Regional Economic Development with Directors from Chambersburg, Martinsburg, and Winchester











## Welcome

GHC Monthly Meeting March 2024

Julie Rohm GHC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair

### Please Welcome GHC's Newest Members



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## Please Welcome Prospective Members

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### Please Welcome Today's Special Guest



### Please Welcome Today's Panel

#### **Tri State Region Economic Development Representatives**



Mike Ross
President
Franklin County Area
Development Corporation





Shane Farthing
City of Martinsburg, WV
Director of Economic and
Community Development





Jill Thompson
City of Hagerstown, MD
Director of Community and
Economic Development





Jonathan Horowitz

Washington County

Director of Business and
Economic Development



### Please Welcome Additional Guests - Assist with Q&A

#### **Tri State Region Economic Development Representatives**



Machelle Dwyer
Washington County
Business Leader



Linda Spence
City of Hagerstown, MD
Business Specialist



Doug Reaser
City of Hagerstown, MD
Economic Dev. Manager



Andrew Sargent
MD Dept. of Commerce
Senior Business Development
Representative for Western MD











## "Tri State Regional Economy"



## Introductions:

How long have you been with your community?





## "Tri State Regional Economy"



What are your community's biggest assets and what are some of the recent accomplishments in your region?



## "Tri State Regional Economy"



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





## "Tri State Regional Economy"



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



# "Tri State Regional Economy"



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



# "Tri State Regional Economy"



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



## **Economic Development Activities in 2023 (Morgan County)**

## Infrastructure Projects

- \$100 million U.S. 522 bypass project is well underway.
- \$6 million water and sewer line extension project along U.S. 522 south will begin in 2024.



#### **Business Attraction & Expansion**

Caperton Furnitureworks/Gat Creek Project

- \$7.5 million expansion completed
- Added 40,000-square-feet of manufacturing space
- Adding 50+ new jobs
- New Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Regional Office opened in 2023.
- Berkeley Springs KOA Campground, which will have 178 sites for RVs, cabins, tents, etc., is being planned for a 48-acre site near Great Cacapon.



#### **Other Projects**

- \$3.5 million in federal and state funding has been obtained to build an additional 35 miles of mountain bike trails at Cacapon State Park.
- \$1.9 million North Berkeley Rail Trail construction will begin soon.
- Interior renovations to Town of Bath Train Depot have been completed.
- \$200,000 Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant has been obtained for a study to improve access along US 522 commercial route through Town of Bath and C&O Canal



## Announcements and Upcoming GHC Events

## Call To ACTION:

We Need 40
Business Presenters
Each Day







Signup details have been emailed

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









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## **Upcoming Events:**

## **Annual Meeting**

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 12:00pm



## This will be our Annual Corporate Meeting Votes required for:

Bylaws, officers, budget, calendar of events, and strategic plan



(the Corporation) shall be State 601, The Professional Arts Building, 5 Public Square, Hagerstown, Maryland, 21740.

Section 2. OTHER OFFICES. The Corporation may also have an office or offices in such other

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Section 1. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP. The Corporation shall have those classes o membership: Active Members, Ex-Officio Members, and Retired Members. The Active Members the Ex-Officio Members and the Retired Members are called ounceiness breafter the Members. The

- a. ACTIVE MEMBERS. An Active Member shall hold a leadership position in a business, professoroul, industrial, or community organization with an office in Washington County, Maryland or be an individual who has demonstrated an interest and concern for the Greater Hagerstown Region. An Active Member may send a delegate in has or her place to meetings, if such delegate on.
- EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS. The Executive Committee may, from time to time, designate cert position holders in the County as Ex-Officio Members.
- d. PERSONS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE MEMBERS. A person who is elected to a public office is no eligible to be a Member. If a Member is elected to public office that person's membership in the Corporation shall terminate automatically whom that Member it around into public office.





## **Upcoming Events:**



Best Seats

## Join us for OPENING DAY in York, PA

**Bus Trip and Picnic in the Diamond Deck Behind Home Plate** 

Thursday, April 25th, 2024, from 3:45PM – 10:45PM

Bus Departs from HCC Parking Lot L at 4:00PM

Limited Seating and Tickets (40) - \$50 pp





## GHC Member Picnic at Meritus Park Flying Boxcars Home Game

Hagerstown Flying Boxcars vs. the Southern MD Blue Crabs



## **Upcoming Events:**



#### When

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 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



